#### PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Mize Mark

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[HK]

(Middle)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

10% Owner

1000 LOUISIANA, SUITE 5600

08/01/2008

EVP - CFO, Treasurer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) Code V Amount (D)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 08/01/2008 Stock

Price  $F^{(1)}$ 1,762 D 32.54

69,351

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mize Mark 1000 LOUISIANA SUITE 5600 HOUSTON, TX 77002

EVP - CFO, Treasurer

# **Signatures**

David S. Elkouri, Attorney in Fact 08/05/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents shares withheld to satisfy withholding taxes applicable upon vesting of restricted stock grants.

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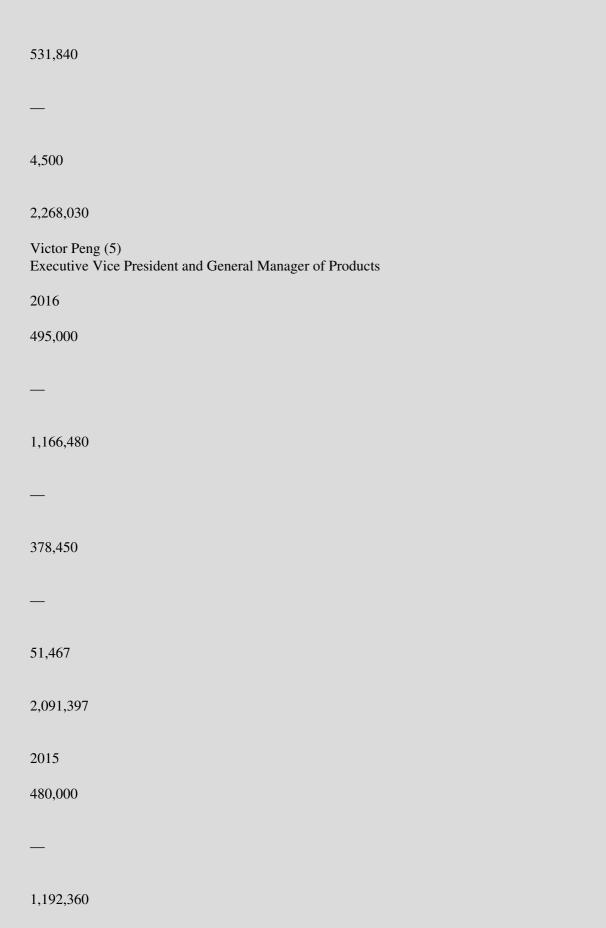
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Reporting Owners 2

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Jon A. Olson (4)(5) Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
2016
495,000
1,166,480

388,450		
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78,444		
2,128,374		
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362,400
4,893
2,039,653
2014
477,500
1,251,690
528,960
3,979
2,262,129
Krishna Rangasayee (6) Senior Vice President and General Manager, Global Sales and Markets
2016
395,000
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833,200		
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213,932		
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71,606		
1,513,738		
2015		
370,417		
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871,340		
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205,730		
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5,087		
1,452,574		

Vincent L. Tong (7) Executive Vice President, Global Operations and Quality
2016
405,000
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833,200
245,916
235,544
1,719,660
2015
381,667
871,340

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247,460		
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356,577		
1,857,044		
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370,000		
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853,425		
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421,800		
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291,989		
1,937,214		

Amounts shown reflect salaries earned in fiscal 2016, which for Messrs. Olson and Peng are less than the increased (1) base salaries approved by the Compensation Committee during fiscal 2016, because the salary increases were

approved after the beginning of the fiscal year.

(2) Amounts shown do not reflect compensation actually received by the named executive officer. Instead, the amounts shown reflect the grant date fair value for stock awards as determined pursuant to FASB ASC Topic 718. The assumptions used to calculate the value of the awards are set forth in Note 6 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2016 filed with the SEC on May 17, 2016. These compensation costs as they relate to stock awards reflect costs associated with stock awards granted in fiscal 2016. For fiscal 2016, this includes the following number of performance-based RSUs based on achievement at 100% of target level performance: Mr. Gavrielov, 100,000 shares; Mr. Olson, 28,000 shares; Mr. Peng, 28,000

shares; Mr. Rangasayee, 20,000 shares; and Mr. Tong, 20,000 shares. The maximum number of performance-based RSUs that could be earned by these named executive officers based on achievement at 165% of target level performance is as follows: Mr. Gavrielov, 165,000 shares; Mr. Olson, 46,200 shares; Mr. Peng, 46,200 shares; Mr. Rangasayee, 33,000; and Mr. Tong, 33,000 shares.

During fiscal 2016, the Company changed its policy to no longer allow executives and certain other employees to accrue vacation time, resulting in a payout of existing accrued vacation for the named executive officers as follows: Mr. Gavrielov (\$58,590); Mr. Olson (\$73,391); Mr. Peng (\$46,683); Mr. Rangasayee (\$66,844); and Mr. Tong

- (3)(\$66,581). In addition, for each named executive officer the amount in this column includes \$420 for an entertainment event, which amount is inclusive of \$204 for tax reimbursement payments, except for Mr. Rangasayee, whose amount includes \$210 for the entertainment event, which is inclusive of \$108 for tax reimbursement payments.
- Mr. Olson stepped down as Chief Financial Officer effective on May 19, 2016, and will fully retire on July 15, 2016.
- (5) Named executive officer participates in the Company's non-qualified deferred compensation plan. For more information about this plan see the section below entitled "Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan."
- (6) Because Mr. Rangasayee first became a named executive officer in fiscal 2015, information for fiscal 2014 is not included.
  - In addition to Mr. Tong's role as Executive Vice President, Global Operations and Quality, Mr. Tong currently serves as the Company's executive leader for the Asia Pacific region. In this role, Mr. Tong's charter is to expand the Company's presence and accelerate business development in the region. In connection with his service in this role, the Company leases an apartment and automobile for Mr. Tong, and reimburses certain costs incurred by Mr.
- (7) Tong as a direct result of his work in the Asia Pacific region. Specifically, in connection with Mr. Tong's Asia Pacific assignment, in fiscal year 2016 the Company paid \$51,836 for the lease of an apartment and other housing-related expenses; \$27,262 for the lease of an automobile and other transportation-related expenses; \$46,660 for a cost of living allowance; \$3,000 for home leave expenses, such as airfare and transportation; and \$39,243 for foreign tax payments and tax-related services associated with his service abroad.

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Grants of Plan-Based Awards for Fiscal 2016

The following table provides information on equity and non-equity awards granted to our named executive officers during fiscal 2016.

Ü				Estimated Under Nor Plan Awar	n-Equity In		Estimated Under Equ Plan Awar	ity Incen	•	All Other	All Other
Name	Type	Grant Date	Approval Date	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximu (#)	Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)
Moshe N. Gavrielov	RSU	7/1/2015	5/13/2015	_	_	_	_	100,000	165,000	_	_
	EIP	_	5/13/2015	_	1,200,000	2,160,000	_	_	_	_	
Jon A. Olson	RSU	7/1/2015	5/13/2015	_	_	_	_	28,000	46,200	_	_
	EIP	_	5/13/2015	_	495,000	891,000	_	_	_	_	_
Victor Peng	RSU	7/1/2015			_	_	_	28,000	46,200	_	
	EIP	—	5/13/2015	_	495,000	891,000	_	_	_	_	
Krishna Rangasayee	RSU	7/1/2015	5/13/2015	_	_	_	_	20,000	33,000	_	_
	EIP	_	5/13/2015	_	316,000	568,800	_	_	_	_	_
Vincent L. Tong	RSU	7/1/2015	5/13/2015	_	_	_	_	20,000	33,000	_	_
10116	EIP	_	5/13/2015	_	324,000	583,200	_	_	_	_	_

Actual payouts have been made under the fiscal 2016 Incentive Plan, as disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table in the column entitled "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation."

Represents performance-based RSU awards granted in fiscal 2016, which became earned based on performance in fiscal 2016. These columns show the number of performance-based RSU awards that may become earned at threshold, target, and maximum levels of performance. In May 2016, the Compensation Committee determined the

<sup>(2)</sup> actual number of RSUs earned based on performance for fiscal 2016 was 98.75% of the number of target RSU shares listed for each named executive officer. These RSUs are subject to further time-based vesting, as described above under "EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION—Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation—Performance-Based RSUs." The awards were granted under our 2007 Equity Plan. Amounts in this column represent the grant date fair value of RSUs granted in fiscal 2016 calculated in accordance

<sup>(3)</sup> with FASB ASC Topic 718. The assumptions used to calculate the value of the awards are set forth in Note 6 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2016 filed with the SEC on May 17, 2016.

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Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End 2016

The following table provides information on outstanding stock options and RSUs held by the named executive officers as of April 2, 2016.

	Option Awar	rds				Stock Aw	ards	Equity
Name	Underlying Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	orities Number erlying of	: Option Exercise es Price ing(\$)	e Grant Date	Option Expiration Date	NMinister of Statese oof Ushitsres ofor Statick Historick Historick Historick Véstated (#\$)	Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units	of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That
Moshe N. Gavrielov	26,000 —	_	25.39	7/6/2010	7/6/2017 (3	)—	_	— —
Gavilelov		_	_	7/1/2013	_		60,126	2,863,200
		_	_	7/1/2014 7/1/2015	_		55,477 100,000	2,641,815
Jon A. Olson		_	_	7/1/2013	_		17,876	4,762,000 851,255
Jon A. Olson				7/1/2013			15,427	734,634
		_	_	7/1/2015	_		28,000	1,333,360
Victor Peng		_	_	7/1/2013	_		17,876	851,255
		_	_	7/1/2014	_		15,427	734,634
		_	_	7/1/2015	_		28,000	1,333,360
Krishna Rangasayee		_	_	7/1/2013	_		12,188	580,393
<b>S</b> mou) ••		_	_	7/1/2014 7/1/2015	_		11,274	536,868
Vincent L. Tong	— — 80,000 —	_	<u></u>	7/6/2010	— 7/6/2017 (3		20,000	952,400
vincent L. Tong				7/1/2013			12,188	580,393
				7/1/2013			11,274	536,868
		_	_	7/1/2015	_		20,000	952,400
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<sup>(1)</sup> Performance-based RSUs vest 33.3% on the first anniversary of the date of grant, and then 33.3% on each anniversary date thereafter, subject to continued employment with the Company. The number of shares subject to RSUs in this column is based on the number of performance-based RSUs that were earned based on actual performance achievement, except for those awarded in fiscal 2016. For the performance-based RSUs awarded in fiscal 2016, this column represents the number of RSU shares assuming achievement at 100% of target level performance. In May 2016, the Compensation Committee determined that the following number of performance-based RSUs were earned based on actual performance achievement: Mr. Gavrielov, 98,750 shares;

- Mr. Olson, 27,650 shares; Mr. Peng, 27,650 shares; Mr. Rangasayee, 19,750 shares; and Mr. Tong, 19,750 shares. Market value is computed by multiplying the closing price of the Company's stock on the last trading day of the
- (2) fiscal year by the number of shares reported in the adjacent column. The closing price of the Company's stock on April 1, 2016 (the last trading day of our fiscal year) was \$47.62.
  - The stock option vests and becomes exercisable over a period of four years in equal monthly installments
- (3) beginning on the first monthly anniversary of the date of grant, subject to continued employment with the Company.

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Option Exercises and Stock Vested for Fiscal 2016

The following table provides information on stock option exercises and the value realized upon exercise, and all stock awards vested and the value realized upon vesting, by the named executive officers during fiscal 2016.

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	Option A	Awards	Stock A	wards
Name	Number Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized don Exercise (1)		of Shares dValue Realized on Vesting (2) (\$)
Moshe N. Gavrielov	11,500	203,895	150,763	6,632,294
Jon A. Olson	290,000	6,464,073	49,212	2,164,107
Victor Peng	95,000	2,027,751	49,212	2,164,107
Krishna Rangasayee	75,000	1,533,007	35,227	1,547,848
Vincent L. Tong	50,000	1,363,140	33,977	1,494,186

The value realized upon exercise is the product realized by multiplying the number of shares of stock by the

<sup>(1)</sup> difference between the market value of the underlying shares on the exercise date and the exercise price applicable to the stock options.

The value realized upon vesting is the product realized by multiplying the number of shares of stock by the market value of the underlying shares on the vesting date.

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#### Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan

The Company maintains an unfunded, nonqualified deferred compensation plan which allows our employees in director-level and above positions, including our named executive officers, as well as our directors, to voluntarily defer receipt of a portion or all of their salary, cash bonus payment and/or sales incentive payment or directorship fees, as the case may be, until the earliest "distribution event" (e.g., specific date, termination of employment, death or change of control) elected by the participants or provided for by the plan, thereby allowing the participating employees and directors to defer taxation on such amounts. Distributions may be made in a lump sum payment or in installments (not to exceed 15 years). This deferred compensation plan is offered in order to allow participants to defer more compensation than they would otherwise be permitted to defer under a tax-qualified retirement plan, such as our 401(k) Plan. Further, we offer the deferred compensation plan as a competitive practice to enable us to attract and retain top talent by providing employees with an opportunity to save in a tax efficient manner.

Amounts credited to the deferred compensation plan consist only of cash compensation that has been earned and payment of which has been timely and properly deferred by the participant. Under the deferred compensation plan, the Company is obligated to deliver on a future date the deferred compensation credited to the relevant participant's account, adjusted for any positive or negative notional investment results from hypothetical investment alternatives selected by the participant under the deferred compensation plan (Obligations). The Obligations are unsecured general obligations of the Company and rank in parity with other unsecured and subordinated indebtedness of the Company. In addition, the Company, acting through the Board, may make discretionary contributions to the accounts of one or more deferred compensation plan participants. In fiscal 2016, there were no discretionary contributions made by the Company to the deferred compensation plan accounts, and we do not guarantee minimum returns to any participant in the deferred compensation plan. We incur only limited administration expenses to maintain the deferred compensation plan. The deferred compensation plan is evaluated for competitiveness in the marketplace from time to time, but the level of benefits provided is not typically taken into account in determining an executive's overall compensation package for a particular year.

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation for Fiscal 2016

The following table provides information on non-qualified deferred compensation for the named executive officers during fiscal 2016.

Name	Executive Contributions in Last FY (\$)	Registrant Contributions in Last FY (\$)	Aggregate Earnings in Last FY (\$)		
Moshe N. Gavrielov	_	_	_	_	_
Jon A. Olson (1)	188,025	_	(2,735)	_	3,520,070
Victor Peng (2)	489,437	_	(50,900 )	_	1,908,105
Krishna Rangasayee	_	_	_	_	_
Vincent Tong	_	_	_	_	_

- (1) Mr. Olson's contribution consists of compensation earned during fiscal 2016, which is also reported in the applicable columns in the Summary Compensation Table.
- Mr. Peng's contribution consists of compensation earned during fiscal 2016, which is also reported in the applicable columns in the Summary Compensation Table.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

The members of the Compensation Committee are J. Michael Patterson, Ronald S. Jankov, Marshall C. Turner, and Elizabeth W. Vanderslice. No member of the Compensation Committee is, or was during fiscal 2016, an officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or was formerly an officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries. No member of the Compensation Committee is, or was during fiscal 2016, an executive officer of another company whose board of directors has a comparable committee on which one of the Company's executive officers serves. For further discussion regarding transactions with related parties, see the section above entitled "DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE—Board Independence."

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#### RELATED TRANSACTIONS

Our Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving all related party transactions. Related parties include any of our directors or executive officers, certain of our stockholders and their immediate family members. This obligation is set forth in writing in the Audit Committee charter. The Audit Committee reviews related party transactions due to the potential for a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest arises when an individual's personal interest interferes with the Company's interests. All transactions identified through our disclosure controls and procedures as potential related party transactions, or transactions that may create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest, are brought to the attention of the Audit Committee for its review. In reviewing related party transactions, the Audit Committee applies the standards set forth in the Company's Code of Conduct and the Directors' Code of Ethics which provide that directors, officers and employees are to avoid any activity, investment or association that would cause or even appear to cause a conflict of interest. Copies of the Audit Committee Charter, the Code of Conduct and the Directors' Code of Ethics are available on our website at http://www.investor.xilinx.com under "Corporate Governance." For further discussion regarding transactions with related parties, see the section above entitled "DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE—Board Independence."

In fiscal 2011, our Audit Committee pre-approved our engagement of BlackRock, Inc. (BlackRock) as an investment manager. At the time we entered into this engagement, BlackRock was the beneficial owner of more than five percent of our outstanding common stock and is currently a beneficial owner of more than five percent of our outstanding common stock. Xilinx paid BlackRock \$410,332 in management fees during fiscal 2016.

## SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of the Company's equity securities, to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership of such securities with the SEC. Officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial owners are required by applicable regulations to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. To the Company's knowledge, based solely upon a review of the copies of such reports furnished to the Company, and written representations from certain reporting persons that no other reports were required, the Company believes that its officers, directors and greater-than-10% stockholders complied with all Section 16(a) filing requirements during the 2016 fiscal year.

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#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K with the management of the Company and, based on such review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement and, through incorporation by reference from this proxy statement, the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 2, 2016.

The Compensation Committee

- —J. Michael Patterson, Chairman
- —Ronald S. Jankov
- —Marshall C. Turner
- -Elizabeth W. Vanderslice

The foregoing Report of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors is not "soliciting material," is not deemed "filed" with the SEC and is not to be incorporated by reference in any filing of Xilinx under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or under the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date of this proxy statement and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any such filing.

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#### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee oversees the Company's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board. It assists the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities to the stockholders relating to the Company's financial statements and the financial reporting process, the systems of internal accounting and financial controls, and the audit process. While the Audit Committee sets the overall corporate tone for quality financial reporting, management has the primary responsibility for the preparation, presentation and integrity of the Company's financial statements and implementation of the reporting process including the systems of internal controls and procedures designed to reasonably assure compliance with accounting standards, applicable laws and regulations. In accordance with the law, the Audit Committee has ultimate authority and responsibility to select, compensate, evaluate, and, when appropriate, replace the Company's independent auditors. The Charter of the Audit Committee can be found at www.investor.xilinx.com under "Corporate Governance."

The Company's external auditors, Ernst & Young LLP, are responsible for performing an independent audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and expressing opinions on the conformity of the Company's audited financial statements to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Audit Committee has the power to retain outside counsel or other experts and is empowered to investigate any matter with full access to all books, records, facilities, and personnel of the Company. The Audit Committee members are not currently practicing accountants or auditors, and their functions are not intended to duplicate or certify the activities of management and the independent auditors.

In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviewed the audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended April 2, 2016, with management and Ernst & Young LLP, including a discussion of the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant judgments, and the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements. The Audit Committee also discussed with Ernst & Young LLP, matters required to be discussed under standards published by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), including, among other things, matters related to the conduct of the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements and other required communications with audit committees. In addition, the Audit Committee has received and reviewed the written disclosures and the letter from Ernst & Young LLP required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent accountant's communications with the audit committee concerning independence, and has discussed with them their independence from the Company and its management.

The Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with management its assessment and report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of April 2, 2016. The Audit Committee has also reviewed and discussed with Ernst & Young LLP its audit of and report on the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The Company published these reports in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 2, 2016.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 2, 2016 for filing with the SEC.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors

- —Albert A. Pimentel, Chairman
- —J. Michael Patterson
- -Marshall C. Turner

The foregoing Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is not "soliciting material," is not deemed "filed" with the SEC and is not to be incorporated by reference in any filing of Xilinx under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or under the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date of this proxy statement and

irrespective of any general incorporation language in any such filing.

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#### PROPOSAL ONE

## **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Nominees

As recommended by the Nominating and Governance Committee, the Board of Directors' nominees for election by the stockholders are the following nine members of the Board of Directors: Mr. Dennis Segers, Mr. Moshe N. Gavrielov, Mr. Saar Gillai, Mr. Ronald S. Jankov, Dr. Thomas H. Lee, Mr. J. Michael Patterson, Mr. Albert A. Pimentel, Mr. Marshall C. Turner, and Ms. Elizabeth W. Vanderslice.

Unless otherwise indicated, the proxy in the form enclosed will be voted FOR the election of the nominees for election as directors to the Board of Directors. If any of the nominees should be unwilling or unable to serve as of the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for the election of such other person as the Board of Directors may designated, if any, in place of such nominee.

# Required Vote

Each nominee receiving more votes "FOR" than "AGAINST" shall be elected as a Director. If you do not wish your shares to be voted with respect to a nominee, you may "ABSTAIN," in which case your shares will have no effect on the election of that nominee. Broker non-votes will also have no effect on the outcome of this Proposal.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE DIRECTOR NOMINEES.

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#### PROPOSAL TWO

## APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 2007 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

The Board believes that participation in the 2007 Equity Plan by our employees, consultants, and non-employee directors promotes the success of the Company's business by providing them with an incentive to exert their maximum effort toward achieving that success. We have long recognized that having an ownership interest in the company is critical to aligning the financial interests of our employees with the interests of our stockholders. In addition, the Board believes it prudent to establish a reasonable limit on the value of awards that may be granted to non-employee directors under the 2007 Equity Plan. Therefore, the Board unanimously adopted on May 12, 2016, subject to stockholder approval, amendments to increase the maximum number of shares of Common Stock authorized under the 2007 Equity Plan by 2,500,000 to ensure that the Company will continue to have available a reasonable number of shares for its equity award program and to limit to \$750,000 (less cash fees received) the aggregate grant date fair value of awards that may be granted under the 2007 Equity Plan in any fiscal year to any non-employee director. Proposal

At the Annual Meeting, the stockholders are requested to approve amendments to our 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (2007 Equity Plan) to increase by 2,500,000 the number of shares of Common Stock authorized for issuance under the 2007 Equity Plan and to establish a limit of \$750,000 on the grant date fair value of awards that may be granted under the 2007 Equity Plan in any fiscal year to any non-employee member of the Board of Directors, reduced by the amount of cash fees paid to that director during that year.

We generally grant equity incentive awards to newly hired or promoted employees and in connection with our annual "Focal Review," in which we evaluate the performance of each employee and make appropriate compensation adjustments. These compensation adjustments are typically made in July of each year and include additional equity incentive awards. We will have completed two Focal Review cycles, with associated equity incentive grants, before having the opportunity at our next annual meeting to request stockholder approval of an additional share authorization under the 2007 Equity Plan. Accordingly, the Board has determined it appropriate to request stockholder approval of an increase in the 2007 Equity Plan's share authorization at this time.

While the 2007 Equity Plan currently limits the numbers of shares for which equity incentive awards may be granted to any participant in a calendar year, the Board of Directors has determined it prudent to establish and seek approval from our stockholders for an additional restriction on the value of equity awards that may be granted to any non-employee member of the Board in any fiscal year. Subject to stockholder approval, the 2007 Equity Plan will be amended to provide that the aggregate grant date fair value of awards that may be granted under the 2007 Equity Plan to any non-employee director in any fiscal year, together with cash fees paid to the director during the same fiscal year, may not exceed \$750,000.

The 2007 Equity Plan was adopted by the Board on May 3, 2006, approved by stockholders at the annual meeting in July 2006, and became effective on January 1, 2007. At their annual meeting in August 2014, our stockholders approved an extension of the 2007 Equity Plan's initial seven-year term until December 31, 2023. Summaries of the key terms and metrics of the 2007 Equity Plan follow.

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Key Terms of the 2007 Equity Plan

Plan Term: January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2023.

Eligible

Participants:

Employees, consultants and non-employee directors of Xilinx and its subsidiaries.

Shares Authorized:

Currently, a total of 41,500,000 shares of Common Stock are authorized for issuance under the 2007 Equity Plan, of which approximately 12,946,261 remained available for future grant as of April 2, 2016. If the stockholders approve this proposal, an additional 2,500,000 shares will become available for future grants, subject to adjustment to reflect stock splits and similar events.

Awards Authorized: Non-qualified and incentive stock options

Restricted stock awards

Restricted stock units (RSUs)

Stock appreciation rights (SARs)

Award Limits: A participant may receive in any calendar year:

No more than 4,000,000 shares subject to options or SARs

No more than 2,000,000 shares subject to awards other than options and SARs

No more than \$6,000,000 subject to awards that may be settled in cash

Non-Employee Director Award Limit: If the stockholders approve this proposal, no non-employee director may receive in any fiscal year awards having an aggregate grant date fair value that, when taken together with any cash

fees paid to the director in the same fiscal year, exceeds \$750,000.

Award Term: Stock options and SARs must expire no more than seven years from the date of grant.

Exercise Price: The per share exercise price of stock options or SARs may not be less than 100% of the fair

market value of a share of our Common Stock on the date of grant.

Repricing Restricted:

Repricing of out-of-the-money options or SARs, whether by directly lowering the exercise price, by canceling an option or SAR in exchange for a new option or SAR having a lower exercise price, or by substituting a full value award in place of the option or SAR is not permitted without

stockholder approval.

Key 2007 Equity Plan Metrics

Share Usage

We have granted equity incentive awards for an average of 3.2 million shares in each of the last three fiscal years. As of April 2, 2016, approximately 12,946,261 shares remained available for grant under the 2007 Equity Plan. We are seeking stockholder approval for authorization of an additional 2,500,000 shares. Had these shares been authorized on April 2, 2016, we would have had available for future grant under the 2007 Equity Plan a total of 15,446,261 shares. We believe this number of shares would be sufficient to permit the continuation of a reasonable equity incentive program, including the equity awards that will have been authorized prior to the Annual Meeting in connection with

our July 2016 Focal Review.

Dilution

We are committed to effectively managing the Company's equity compensation program while minimizing stockholder dilution. For this reason, we carefully manage the Company's use of shares of Common Stock available for equity-based compensation each year and aim to keep dilution from our stock plans for employees below industry standards. The requested share increase represents approximately 1% of the weighted average outstanding shares of the Company as of April 2, 2016. Because this share reserve increase does not contemplate the amount or timing of specific equity awards in the future, it is not possible to calculate with certainty the amount of subsequent dilution that may ultimately result from such awards. In evaluating the share reserve

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increase, the Company also considered the guidelines of a leading proxy advisory firm, as well as the guidelines of our major institutional shareholders.

Equity Utilization Rate

Over the past three fiscal years, our average annual equity utilization rate determined under the methodology prescribed by Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. (ISS), a proxy advisory firm, sometimes also referred to as a "burn rate," has been approximately 3.44%. This three-year average burn rate is well below the burn rate benchmark established by ISS for our industry.

The following table shows key equity award metrics:

# **Key Metrics**

Shares subject to awards granted (1)

Gross burn rate (2)

ISS adjusted burn rate (3)

Potential dilution at fiscal year end (4)

Overhang at fiscal year end (5)

Total weighted-average number of shares outstanding during

applicable period

ISS full value award multiplier

Reflects the total

number of shares

subject to equity

awards granted

(1) during fiscal 2016, 2015, 2014,

and the average

for the three fiscal

years ending with

fiscal 2016.

Reflects the total

number of shares

subject to equity

awards granted

during the

applicable period

(2) divided by the

total

weighted-average

number of shares

outstanding

during the

applicable period.

(3) Calculated in

accordance with

ISS prescribed

methodology by

dividing the total

number of shares

subject to equity

FY2016	FY2015	5FY2014	3-Year
			Average(FY2014-2016)
3.1	3.2	3.3	3.2
million	million	million	million
<b>%</b> 20	<b>%</b> 21	<b>%</b> 24	<b>%21</b>
<b>%</b> 00	<b>%</b> 62	<b>%</b> 71	<i>%</i> 244
<b>%</b> 11	<b>%</b> 60	<b>%</b> 0.22	<b>%</b> 31
<b>%</b> 09	<b>%</b> 81	<b>%</b> 57	<b>%</b> 82
257.2	265.5	266.4	263.0
million	million	million	million
2.5	3.0	3.0	2.8

awards granted during the applicable period, adjusted by a premium applied to full value awards, by the total weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the applicable period. The ISS full value award multipliers applied are 3.0 for fiscal 2014, 3.0 for fiscal 2015, and 2.5 for fiscal 2016. Represents potential dilution calculated by dividing the sum of (x) the number of shares subject to equity awards outstanding at the end of the applicable period and (y) the number of shares (4) available for the

- future grant of equity awards under the 2007 Equity Plan as of the end of the applicable period, by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the applicable period.
- (5) Calculated by dividing the number of shares subject to equity awards outstanding at the

end of the applicable period by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the applicable period.

Our 2007 Equity Plan, which is the sole equity compensation plan under which we currently grant equity awards, has 41,500,000 shares currently authorized for issuance with approximately 12,946,261 shares available for grant as of April 2, 2016. All of our employees, consultants, and directors were eligible to participate in the 2007 Equity Plan and we intend to grant awards with respect to approximately 6.5 to 8 million shares over the course of this fiscal year and next fiscal year before we will have an opportunity to return to stockholders in August of 2017. If stockholders do not approve the amendment of the 2007 Equity Plan, the shares available for equity awards may be quickly depleted, and we may lose our ability to use equity awards for our compensation programs and as a retention tool. We consider awards of shares of our common stock a major part of long-term incentive program for our employees, consultants, and directors. The Board anticipates that the additional shares requested will enable us to fund our current equity compensation program through at least the next year, accommodating anticipated grants related to the hiring, retention, and promotion of employees.

In its determination to approve the amendment of the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, the Board reviewed the burn rates disclosed in the section titled "Key Metrics" table above. In addition, the Compensation Committee sought the advice of Semler Brossy, its independent compensation consultant, in relation to the proposed increase in the share reserve by 2.5 million shares and in Semler Brossy's opinion, the amount of the proposed increase is reasonable.

We believe strongly that the approval of the amendment of the 2007 Equity Plan is essential to our success. Awards such as those provided under the 2007 Equity Plan constitute an important incentive for our key employees and other service providers and help us to attract, retain, and motivate people whose skills and performance are critical to our success. Our employees are our most

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valuable asset. We strongly believe that the amendment of the 2007 Equity Plan is essential for us to compete for talent in the challenging labor markets in which we operate.

Summary of the 2007 Equity Plan, as Amended

A summary of the material terms of the 2007 Equity Plan, as amended, is set forth below and is qualified, in its entirety, by the full text of the 2007 Equity Plan set forth in Appendix A to our 2016 proxy statement as filed with the SEC and available for viewing without charge at its website at www.sec.gov. A copy of the 2007 Equity Plan can be obtained from us at no charge upon request.

#### Purpose

The purposes of the 2007 Equity Plan are to attract and retain the services of employees, consultants, and non-employee directors of the Company and its subsidiaries, and to provide them with a proprietary interest in the Company.

## Administration

The Compensation Committee of the Board administers the 2007 Equity Plan, unless otherwise determined by the Board. The Compensation Committee interprets the 2007 Equity Plan and prescribes any rules necessary or appropriate for its administration, including the creation of sub-plans to take advantage of favorable tax-treatment, comply with local law, or reduce administrative burdens for grants of awards in non-U.S. jurisdictions. Eligibility

The Compensation Committee determines the employees, consultants, and non-employee directors of the Company or a subsidiary who are eligible to receive awards under the 2007 Equity Plan. As of April 2, 2016, there were 3,458 employees, including seven (7) current executive officers, 50 consultants, and seven (7) non-employee directors eligible to participate in the 2007 Equity Plan.

# **Authorized Shares**

Subject to adjustment in the event of certain corporate events (as described below), the maximum number of shares of the Company's Common Stock currently authorized under the 2007 Equity Plan is 41,500,000, of which approximately 12,946,261 remained available for future issuance as of April 2, 2016, all of which may be granted under the terms of the 2007 Equity Plan as incentive stock options. The Board has amended the 2007 Equity Plan, subject to stockholder approval, to authorize an additional 2,500,000 shares, which would result in a cumulative total of 44,000,000 authorized shares, of which approximately 15,446,261 shares would remain available for future grants as of April 2, 2016 had this increased authorization been in effect on that date. If any award granted under the 2007 Equity Plan expires or otherwise terminates for any reason, or if shares issued pursuant to an award are forfeited or otherwise reacquired by the Company, any such shares subject to a terminated award or reacquired by the Company will again become available for issuance under the 2007 Equity Plan. Shares will not be treated as having been issued under the 2007 Equity Plan to the extent an award is settled in cash. The Compensation Committee is authorized to adopt such procedures for counting shares against the maximum number authorized as it deems appropriate. Types of Awards

The 2007 Equity Plan allows the Compensation Committee to grant incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, RSUs, restricted stock and SARs. Subject to the limits set forth in the 2007 Equity Plan, the Compensation Committee has the discretionary authority to determine the amount and terms of awards granted under the 2007 Equity Plan.

Automatic Non-employee Director Awards

The 2007 Equity Plan provides for the periodic automatic grant of RSU awards on the date of each annual meeting of stockholders to non-employee directors continuing in office. On the date of the 2016 Annual Meeting, the award will be determined by dividing \$200,000 by the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on the grant date. These awards vest in full on the day immediately preceding the subsequent annual meeting. A non-employee director joining the Board between annual meetings of stockholders will receive a prorated RSU award on or about the tenth day of the month following the director's initial appointment or election to the Board. The Compensation Committee may change the terms of this automatic grant program from time to time, subject to the proposed annual limit on the value of equity awards that may be granted to non-employee directors described below and for which stockholder approval is sought by this proposal.

# Limitations on Awards

The exercise price per share subject to an option or a SAR cannot be less than 100% of the fair market value of share of our Common Stock on the date of grant of the award.

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Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code requires, among other things, that the maximum number of shares for which an award may be granted or the maximum amount of compensation that could be paid to an individual during a specified period must be set forth in the plan and approved by stockholders in order for the awards to be eligible for treatment as performance-based compensation that will not be subject to the \$1,000,000 limitation on tax deductibility for compensation paid to each "covered employee." Covered employees are the Company's chief executive officer and its three highest compensated executive officers (excluding the chief executive and chief financial officers) holding office on the last day of the Company's taxable year. Accordingly, the 2007 Equity Plan limits awards granted to an individual participant in any calendar year. The aggregate awards granted under the 2007 Equity Plan to any participant during any calendar year may not exceed (i) 4,000,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock subject to stock options or SARs and (ii) 2,000,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock subject to awards other than stock options and SARs. In addition, no participant may receive during any calendar year an award under the 2007 Equity Plan settled in cash exceeding \$6,000,000 in the aggregate.

The 2007 Equity Plan currently contains no limit on the aggregate size or value of equity awards that may be granted to non-employee members of the Board of Directors in any year, other than the limits applicable to all participants described in the preceding paragraph. The Board of Directors believes it is prudent to establish an additional reasonable limit on the value of equity awards that may be granted to any non-employee director in any fiscal year. Accordingly, the Board has amended the 2007 Equity Plan, subject to stockholder approval of this Proposal, to provide that no non-employee director may be granted in any fiscal year awards under the 2007 Equity Plan having an aggregate grant date fair value that, when taken together with any cash fees paid to the director in the same fiscal year, exceeds \$750,000. Grant date fair value will be determined for this purpose in accordance with applicable financial accounting rules.

Without stockholder approval, the Company cannot reprice options or SARs, whether by directly lowering the exercise price, through cancellation of the option or SAR in exchange for a new option or SAR having a lower exercise price, or by the replacement of the option or SAR with a full value award (e.g., an award of restricted stock or RSUs).

#### Performance Goals

The Compensation Committee has the sole discretion to condition awards granted to those employees subject to Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code on the attainment of objective performance goals. The Compensation Committee will establish the performance goals in writing based on one or more or on a combination of the following criteria in either absolute or relative terms: (i) increased revenue; (ii) net income measures (including, but not limited to, income after capital costs and income before or after any one or more of the share-based compensation expense, interest, taxes, appreciation or amortization); (iii) stock price measures (including, but not limited to, growth measures and total stockholder return); (iv) market segment share; (v) earnings per share (actual or targeted growth); (vi) cash flow measures (including, but not limited to, net cash flow and net cash flow before financing activities); (vii) return measures (including, but not limited to, return on equity, return on average assets, return on capital, risk-adjusted return on capital, return on investors' capital and return on average equity); (viii) operating measures (including operating income, gross margin, operating margin, funds from operations, cash from operations, after-tax operating income, sales volumes, production volumes and production efficiency); (ix) expense measures (including, but not limited to, overhead cost, research and development expense and general and administrative expense); (x) product technology leadership metrics; and (xi) product quality leadership metrics.

Under plans, such as the 2007 Equity Plan, where the Compensation Committee has the authority to establish individual award performance goal targets after initial stockholder approval of the material terms of the performance goals, reapproval of the performance goals by the stockholders at least every five years is required to continue to preserve the exemption from the federal income tax deduction limit under Section 162(m) for performance-based compensation. Our stockholders last approved the material terms of the performance goals under the 2007 Equity Plan at the 2011 annual meeting. To continue to preserve this exemption following the Annual Meeting, Proposal Three of this proxy statement requests our stockholders to again approve the material terms of the performance goals under the 2007 Equity Plan.

Transferability

Awards granted under the 2007 Equity Plan may not be transferred other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and may be exercised during the lifetime of a participant only by the participant or the participant's legally authorized representative. However, the Compensation Committee may allow for the transfer or assignment of a U.S. resident participant's award pursuant to a divorce decree or domestic relations order. Adjustments upon Changes in Capitalization

If any change is made in the Company's capitalization pursuant to a stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization or any other increase or decrease in the Company's shares effected without receipt of consideration by the Company, equitable adjustments will be made to the number of shares of Common Stock available for grant under the 2007 Equity Plan, the exercise price of options and SARs,

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and the number of shares underlying outstanding awards.

# Merger or Change of Control

In the event of a merger, consolidation, or share exchange pursuant to which the Company is not the surviving or resulting corporation: (i) the shares or equivalent cash or property of the surviving or resulting corporation may be substituted for any unexercised portions of outstanding awards under the 2007 Equity Plan; or (ii) all or any portions of awards may be canceled by the Company immediately prior to the effective date of such event and each award holder may be permitted to purchase all or any portion of the shares of Common Stock underlying his or her vested and unvested award(s) within 30 days before such effective date. In the event of a change in control of the Company, among other actions, the Compensation Committee may provide that the vesting and exercisability of all or any portion of the outstanding awards will be accelerated.

## Amendment or Termination

The Board may at any time amend, alter, revise, suspend or terminate the 2007 Equity Plan, subject to the written consent of any participant whose rights would be adversely affected. Unless sooner terminated by the Board, the 2007 Equity Plan will terminate on December 31, 2023. Without stockholder approval, the Board may not amend the 2007 Equity Plan in any manner that would require stockholder approval under applicable law.

#### Federal Tax Information

The following summary of the effect of United States federal income taxation upon participation in the 2007 Equity Plan does not purport to be complete and reference should be made to the applicable provisions of the Tax Code. In addition, this summary does not discuss the provisions of the income tax laws of any municipality, state or foreign country in which the participant may reside.

## **Incentive Stock Options**

An individual granted an incentive stock option is not taxed on the date of grant or vesting of the option. If the shares underlying the option are held for at least two years from the date of grant and at least one year from the date of exercise of the option (the "holding periods"), then upon the sale of the shares the individual will generally recognize a long-term capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the exercise price of the option and the fair market value of the Common Stock underlying the option on the date of sale. If either of the holding periods is not satisfied, the individual will generally recognize as ordinary income on the date of the disposition (a "disqualifying disposition") of the shares an amount equal to the difference between the option's exercise price and the fair market value of the Common Stock underlying the option determined as of the date of exercise (not to exceed the gain realized upon the disposition if the disposition is a transaction with respect to which a loss, if sustained, would be recognized). Any further gain or loss upon the disqualifying disposition of the shares constitutes a capital gain or loss.

In general, the difference between the option exercise price and the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise of an incentive stock option is treated as an adjustment in computing the participant's alternative minimum taxable income and may be subject to an alternative minimum tax which is paid if such tax exceeds the regular tax for the year. Special rules may apply with respect to certain subsequent sales of the shares in a disqualifying disposition, certain basis adjustments for purposes of computing the alternative minimum taxable income on a subsequent sale of the shares and certain tax credits which may arise with respect to participants subject to the alternative minimum tax.

# Non-Qualified Stock Options

An individual granted a non-qualified stock option generally is not taxed on the date of grant or vesting of the option. Rather, the individual will generally recognize as ordinary income on the date of option exercise an amount equal to the difference between the option's exercise price and the fair market value of the stock underlying the option on the date of exercise. Any further gain or loss upon the subsequent sale or disposition of the shares underlying the option constitutes a capital gain or loss.

# Stock Appreciation Rights

An individual granted a SAR will generally recognize ordinary income on the date the SAR is exercised in an amount equal to the difference between the SAR's exercise price and the fair market value of the shares underlying the SAR on the date of exercise.

Restricted Stock

Unless an individual makes a timely election under Section 83(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, an individual will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the restricted stock on the date of vesting of the shares over the purchase price, if any, paid for the shares. Any further gain or loss from the subsequent sale of such restricted stock

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constitutes capital gain or loss. If the individual makes a timely election under Section 83(b), the individual is taxed, at ordinary income rates, on the excess of the fair market value of the restricted stock on the date of grant over the purchase price, if any, paid for the shares, and any further gain or loss on the subsequent sale of the stock constitutes a capital gain or loss.

## Restricted Stock Units

An individual generally will recognize no income upon the receipt of an award of RSUs. Upon the settlement of RSUs, the participant generally will recognize ordinary income in the year of receipt in an amount equal to the cash received and/or the fair market value of any substantially vested shares received in respect of vested RSUs. If the participant receives shares of restricted stock, the participant generally will be taxed in the same manner as described above under "Restricted Stock." Any further gain or loss on a subsequent sale of any shares received will be taxed as capital gain or loss.

In general, the Company is entitled to a deduction in an amount equal to the ordinary income recognized by the individual.

#### Plan Benefits

With the exception of the RSUs to be granted automatically to non-employee directors (see "Automatic Non-employee Director Awards" above), awards under the 2007 Equity Plan will be granted at the discretion of the Compensation Committee or the Board of Directors, and accordingly cannot be determined at this time. The table below sets forth the RSU awards that will be granted under the "Automatic Non-employee Director Awards" component of the 2007 Equity Plan on the date of the Annual Meeting to certain individuals and groups.

Name and Position	Dollar Value (\$)	Number of Units
Moshe N. Gavrielov	<del>_</del>	_
President and Chief Executive Officer		
Jon A. Olson	_	_
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer		
Victor Peng	_	_
Executive Vice President and General Manager of Products		
Krishna Rangasayee	_	_
Senior Vice President and General Manager, Global Sales and Markets		
Vincent L. Tong	_	_
Executive Vice President, Global Operations and Quality		
All current executive officers, as a group	_	_
All current directors who are not executive officers, as a group	<b>—</b> (1)	<b>—</b> (1)
All employees who are not executive officers, as a group	_	_

On the date of the 2016 Annual Meeting, each non-employee director continuing in office following the meeting (1) automatically will be granted a number of RSUs determined by dividing \$200,000 by the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on that date.

# Options Granted to Certain Persons

The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock subject to options granted to certain persons under the 2007 Equity Plan since its inception is set forth in the table below. Since its inception, no option has been granted under the 2007 Equity Plan to any nominee for election as a director, or any associate of any director, nominee, or executive officer, and no other person has been granted 5% or more of the total amount of options granted under the 2007 Equity Plan.

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	Amount
Name and Position	of
	Options
Moshe N. Gavrielov	1,450,000
President and Chief Executive Officer	
Jon A. Olson	326,250
Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer	
Victor Peng	355,000
Executive Vice President and General Manager of Products	
Krishna Rangasayee	137,500
Senior Vice President and General Manager, Global Sales and Markets	
Vincent L. Tong	246,250
Executive Vice President, Global Operations and Quality	
All current executive officers, as a group	2,792,000
All current directors who are not executive officers, as a group	90,000
All employees who are not executive officers, as a group	3,348,459

Certain Interests of Directors: In considering the recommendation of our Board of Directors with respect to the approval of the 2007 Equity Plan, stockholders should be aware that members of our Board of Directors have certain interests that may present them with conflicts of interest in connection with this proposal. As discussed above, directors are eligible to receive awards under the 2007 Equity Plan. For more information about the compensation we pay to our directors, see "DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE—Compensation of Directors." Our Board of Directors recognizes that approval of this proposal may benefit our directors and their successors.

## Required Vote

Affirmative votes constituting a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on this proposal will be required to approve this proposal. Abstentions will have the same effect as a negative vote, while broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPANY'S 2007 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK RESERVED FOR ISSUANCE THEREUNDER BY 2,500,000 SHARES AND TO ESTABLISH A LIMIT ON THE MAXIMUM VALUE OF AWARDS THAT MAY BE GRANTED TO ANY NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR IN ANY FISCAL YEAR.

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#### PROPOSAL THREE

## APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE 2007 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

In addition to the proposed amendments to the 2007 Equity Plan described in Proposal Two—Approval of Amendments to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, stockholders are being asked to separately approve certain provisions of the 2007 Equity Plan solely for the purpose of preserving our ability to deduct in full for federal income tax purposes the compensation recognized by certain of our executive officers in connection with certain awards that may be granted in the future under the 2007 Equity Plan.

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code limits a corporation's income tax deduction for compensation paid to certain executive officers who are "covered employees" within the meaning of Section 162(m) to \$1,000,000 per person per year unless the compensation qualifies as "performance-based compensation." In general, for compensation under the 2007 Equity Plan to qualify as "performance-based compensation," certain material terms of the 2007 Equity Plan must have been approved by our stockholders in a separate vote. Where, as in the case of the 2007 Equity Plan, the Compensation Committee has the authority to establish individual award performance goal targets after initial stockholder approval of the material terms of the performance goals, reapproval of the performance goals by the stockholders at least every five years is required to continue to preserve the exemption from the federal income tax deduction limit under Section 162(m) for performance-based compensation. Our stockholders last approved the material terms of the performance goals under the 2007 Equity Plan at the 2011 annual meeting. To continue to preserve this exemption following the Annual Meeting, we are requesting our stockholders to again approve the material terms of the performance goals under the 2007 Equity Plan.

The Board of Directors believes that it is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to continue to preserve the ability of the Company to deduct in full compensation related to stock options, stock appreciation rights, and other performance-based awards granted under the 2007 Equity Plan. Therefore, solely for the purpose of qualifying such compensation as performance-based under Section 162(m), the stockholders are asked to approve the following provisions of the 2007 Equity Plan (Section 162(m) Qualifying Provisions):

All employees of the Company and any parent or subsidiary corporation of the Company are eligible to be granted stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, and restricted stock units under the 2007 Equity Plan. No participant may receive in any fiscal year under the 2007 Equity Plan an aggregate of more than 4,000,000 shares subject to options or SARs, provided that this limit will be appropriately adjusted for stock splits, stock dividends, and similar changes to the Company's capital structure.

No participant may receive in any fiscal year under the 2007 Equity Plan an aggregate of more than 2,000,000 shares subject to awards other than options and SARs, provided that this limit will be appropriately adjusted for stock splits, stock dividends, and similar changes to the Company's capital structure.

No participant may receive in any fiscal year under the 2007 Equity Plan awards that are to be settled in cash for an aggregate of more than \$6,000,000.

The vesting of certain awards intended to qualify as "performance-based" may be made subject to the attainment of performance goals established in writing by the Compensation Committee relating to one or more of the following performance measures, either individually, alternatively or in any combination, applied to either the Company as a whole or to a subsidiary, either individually, alternatively or in any combination, and measured over a performance period specified by the Compensation Committee: (a) increased revenue; (b) net income measures (including, but not limited to, income after capital costs and income before or after any one or more of the share-based compensation expense, interest, taxes, appreciation or amortization); (c) stock price measures (including, but not limited to, growth measures and total stockholder return); (d) market segment share; (e) earnings per share (actual or targeted growth); (f) cash flow measures (including, but not limited to, net cash flow and net cash flow before financing activities); (g) return measures (including, but not limited to, return on equity, return on average assets, return on capital, risk-adjusted return on capital, return on investors' capital and return on average equity); (h) operating measures (including operating income, gross margin, operating margin, funds from operations, cash from operations, after-tax operating income, sales volumes, production volumes and production efficiency); (i) expense measures (including, but not limited to, overhead cost, research and development expense and general and administrative expense); (j) product technology leadership metrics; and (k) product quality leadership metrics.

While we believe that compensation provided by such awards under the 2007 Equity Plan generally will be deductible by the Company for federal income tax purposes, under certain circumstances, such as a change in control of the Company, compensation paid in settlement of certain awards may not qualify as performance-based.

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Certain Interests of Directors: In considering the recommendation of our Board of Directors with respect to the approval of the 2007 Equity Plan, stockholders should be aware that members of our Board of Directors have certain interests that may present them with conflicts of interest in connection with this proposal. As discussed above, directors are eligible to receive awards under the 2007 Equity Plan. For more information about the compensation we pay to our directors, see the section entitled "DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE—Compensation of Directors." Our Board of Directors recognizes that approval of this proposal may benefit our directors and their successors.

Summary of the 2007 Equity Plan, as Amended

For a summary of material terms of the 2007 Equity Plan, please see Proposal Two—Approval of Amendments to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan. The summary of the 2007 Equity Plan is qualified in its entirety by the specific language of the 2007 Equity Plan, set forth in Appendix A to our 2016 proxy statement as filed with the SEC and available for viewing without charge at its website at www.sec.gov. A copy of the 2007 Equity Plan can be obtained from us at no charge upon request.

Federal Income Tax Aspects of the 2007 Equity Plan

For a summary of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of participation in the 2007 Equity Plan, please see Proposal Two—Approval of Amendments to the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan.

Required Vote

Affirmative votes constituting a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on this proposal will be required to approve this proposal. Abstentions will have the same effect as a negative vote, while broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this vote.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE 2007 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN.

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### PROPOSAL FOUR

### ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (Dodd-Frank Act) enables our stockholders to vote to approve, on an advisory (non-binding) basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement in accordance with SEC rules.

Our executive officer compensation program is designed to attract and retain talented and qualified senior executives to manage and lead our Company and to motivate them to pursue and meet our corporate objectives. Under this program, our named executive officers are rewarded for individual and collective contributions to our success consistent with our "pay for performance" orientation. Furthermore, the executive officer total compensation program is aligned with the nature and dynamics of our business, which focuses management on achieving the Company's annual and long-term business strategies and objectives. Additional details about our executive compensation programs are described under the section titled "EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION—Compensation Discussion and Analysis."

Our Compensation Committee regularly reviews the executive officer compensation program to ensure that it achieves the desired goals of emphasizing long-term value creation and aligning the interests of management and stockholders through the use of equity-based awards.

We are asking our stockholders to indicate their support for our named executive officer compensation as described in this proxy statement. This proposal, commonly known as a "say-on-pay" proposal, gives our stockholders the opportunity to express their views on our named executive officers' compensation. This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our named executive officers and the philosophy, policies, and practices described in this proxy statement. Accordingly, we ask our stockholders to vote "FOR" the following resolution at the Annual Meeting:

"RESOLVED, that the Company's stockholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company's proxy statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the Summary Compensation Table and the other related tables and disclosure."

Required Vote

The "say-on-pay" vote is advisory, and therefore not binding on the Company, the Compensation Committee, or our Board of Directors. However, the affirmative vote a majority of the shares present and entitled to vote either in person or by proxy for this Proposal would indicate stockholder approval of the resolution. Abstentions will have the same effect on the outcome of this Proposal as a vote "AGAINST." Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this Proposal. Our Board of Directors and our Compensation Committee value the opinions of our stockholders and to the extent there is any significant vote against the named executive officer compensation as disclosed in this proxy statement, we will consider our stockholders' concerns and the Compensation Committee will evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address those concerns.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL OF THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, AS DESCRIBED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO THE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE RULES OF THE SEC.

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#### PROPOSAL FIVE

# RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The Audit Committee has selected Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, to audit the consolidated financial statements of Xilinx for the fiscal year ending April 1, 2017 and recommends that stockholders vote for ratification of such appointment. Although we are not required to submit to a vote of the stockholders the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, the Company, the Board, and the Audit Committee, as a matter of good corporate governance, have determined to ask the stockholders to ratify the appointment. If the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP is not ratified, the Audit Committee will take the vote under advisement in evaluating whether to retain Ernst & Young LLP.

Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP attend meetings of the Audit Committee of the Board including executive sessions of the Audit Committee at which no members of Xilinx management are present. Ernst & Young LLP has audited the Company's financial statements for each fiscal year since the fiscal year ended March 31, 1984. Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting. In addition, they will have an opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so, and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders.

Fees Paid to Ernst & Young LLP

The following table shows the fees billed or to be billed for audit and other services provided by Ernst & Young LLP for fiscal 2016 and 2015.

2016 2015

Audit Fees \$2,653,761 \$2,640,578

Audit-Related Fees — —

Tax Fees \$109,000 \$315,195

All Other Fees — —

Total \$2,762,761 \$2,955,773

**Audit Fees** 

This category includes fees for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements and internal control over financial reporting, review of the Company's interim financial statements on Form 10-Q and services that are typically provided by the independent registered public accounting firm in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for those fiscal years. This category also includes, but is not limited to, statutory audits required by non-U.S. jurisdictions, consultation, and advice on new accounting pronouncements, technical advice on various accounting matters related to the consolidated financial statements or statutory financial statements that are required to be filed by non-U.S. jurisdictions and comfort letters and consents issued in connection with SEC filings.

# Audit-Related Fees

This category consists of assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the annual audit or interim financial statement review and are not reported under "Audit Fees." No such services were provided by Ernst & Young LLP during fiscal 2016 and fiscal 2015.

Tax Fees

This category consists of fees for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning services, including preparation of tax returns and assistance and representation in connection with tax audits and appeals.

#### All Other Fees

This category consists of services that are not included in the category descriptions defined above under "Audit Fees," "Audit-Related Fees," or "Tax Fees." No such services were provided by Ernst & Young LLP during fiscal 2016 and fiscal 2015.

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Audit Committee's Pre-approval Policy and Procedures

The Audit Committee has adopted policies and procedures for approval of financial audit (and audit-related), non-financial audit, tax consulting and other work performed by Ernst & Young LLP. Pursuant to its charter and those policies, the policy of the Audit Committee is that any and all services to be provided to the Company by Ernst & Young LLP are subject to pre-approval by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee pre-approves annual audit fees, quarterly reviews and tax compliance fees at the beginning of the fiscal year. In its review of non-financial audit, tax consulting and other services, the Audit Committee considers whether the provision of such services is consistent with SEC guidance, and whether the service facilitates the performance of the financial audit, improves the Company's financial reporting process, and is otherwise in the Company's best interests and compatible with maintaining Ernst & Young LLP's independence.

The Audit Committee did not waive its pre-approval policies and procedures during the fiscal year ended April 2, 2016.

All of the services described in the fee table above were approved pursuant to the Audit Committee's pre-approval policy.

Required Vote

Approval of this proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present and entitled to vote either in person or by proxy. Abstentions will be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum and will be counted as "AGAINST" votes with respect to the proposal.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS THE COMPANY'S EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR FISCAL 2016.

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# **OTHER MATTERS**

The Company knows of no other matters to be submitted to the meeting. If any other matters properly come before the meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed proxy card to vote the shares they represent as the Board may recommend.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dated: June 30, 2016

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#### APPENDIX A

# 2007 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

This Xilinx, Inc. 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (hereinafter called the "Plan") was adopted by the Board of Directors of Xilinx, Inc., a Delaware corporation (hereinafter called the "Company") on May 3, 2006, and approved by the Company's stockholders at its annual meeting on July 26, 2006. The Plan became effective as of January 1, 2007 with an initial term of seven (7) years until December 31, 2013. The term of the Plan was extended by the stockholders at the 2013 annual meeting for an additional ten (10) years from December 31, 2013, and the Plan terminates on December 31, 2023.

### ARTICLE 1

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Plan is to attract and retain the services of able persons as Employees, Consultants, and Non-Employee Directors of the Company and its Subsidiaries, to provide such persons with a proprietary interest in the Company through the granting of Options, SARs, Restricted Stock, and RSUs, whether granted singly, or in combination, or in tandem, that will (a) increase the interest of such persons in the Company's welfare, and (b) furnish an incentive to such persons to continue their services for the Company and/or Subsidiary.

#### **ARTICLE 2**

### **DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of the Plan, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

- 2.1 "Award" means the grant of any Incentive Stock Option, Non-qualified Stock Option, SAR, Restricted Stock, or Restricted Stock Unit, whether granted singly, in combination or in tandem.
- 2.2 "Award Agreement" means a written or electronic agreement between a Participant and the Company, which sets out the terms of the grant of an Award.
- 2.3 "Award Period" means the period during which one or more Awards granted under an Award Agreement may be exercised or earned.
  - 2.4 "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- 2.5 "Cause" shall mean: (i) engaging in financial fraud; (ii) embezzling property of the Company and/or any Subsidiary; (iii) non-payment of an obligation owed to the Company; (iv) breach of fiduciary duty or deliberate disregard of Company rules, code of conduct or policies resulting in loss, damage or injury to the Company; (v) engaging in any activity for, or affiliating with, any competitor of the Company and/or any Subsidiary; (vi) theft of trade secrets or unauthorized disclosure of any confidential information or trade secret of the Company and/or any Subsidiary; or (vii) engaging in conduct that is a violation of securities laws, antitrust and unfair competition laws, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, other laws, or which conduct puts the Company and/or any Subsidiary at substantial risk of violating such laws. The Committee, in its sole discretion, shall determine if a Participant's termination of employment or cessation of services is for "Cause."
  - 2.6 "Change of Control." A Change of Control shall occur if:
- (a) Any Person, or more than one Person acting as a group, acquires ownership of Shares of the Company that, together with stock held by such Person or group, constitutes more than 50% of the total Fair Market Value or total voting power of the Shares of the Company. However, if any one Person or more than one Person acting as a group, is considered to own more than 50% of the total Fair Market Value or total voting power of the Shares of the Company, the acquisition of additional Shares by the same Person or Persons is not considered to cause a Change in Control;
- (b) A majority of members of the Board of Directors of the Company are replaced during any 12-month period by directors whose appointment or election is not endorsed by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Company prior to the date of the appointment or election; or
- (c) Any one Person, or more than one Person acting as a group, acquires (or has acquired during the 12-month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition by such Person or Persons) all or substantially all the assets of the Company.
- 2.7 "Code" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, together with the published rulings, regulations, and interpretations duly promulgated thereunder.

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- 2.8 "Committee" means the Compensation Committee of the Board or such other Committee appointed or designated by the Board to administer the Plan.
  - 2.9 "Company" means Xilinx, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and any successor entity.
- 2.10 "Consultant" means each individual who performs services for the Company and/or any Subsidiary, and who is determined by the Committee to be a consultant to the Company and/or Subsidiary.
- 2.11 "Covered Participant" means a Participant who is a "covered employee" as defined in Section 162(m)(3) of the Code, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and any individual the Committee determines should be treated as such a covered employee.
- 2.12 "Date of Grant" means "date of grant" as determined by the Committee consistent with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 123(R).
  - 2.13 "Director" means a member of the Board or the board of directors of any Subsidiary.
- 2.14 "Disability" means total and permanent disability of a Participant as described in Section 22(e)(3) of the Code.
- 2.15 "Employee" means each individual treated as an employee in the records of the Company and/or any Subsidiary. The Company shall determine in good faith and in the exercise of its discretion whether an individual has become or has ceased to be an Employee and the effective date of such individual's employment or termination of employment, as the case may be.
  - 2.16 "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 2.17 "Exercise Date" means the date specified in the Participant's Exercise Notice, on which the Participant seeks to exercise an Option or SAR.
- 2.18 "Exercise Notice" means the electronic or written notice from the Participant to the Company (or to a designated broker acting as agent for the Company) notifying the Company or designated broker, as applicable, that the Participant seeks to exercise an Option or SAR.
  - 2.19 "Fair Market Value" of a Share means:
- (a) If the Share is listed on any established stock exchange or a national market system, including, without limitation, the Nasdaq Global Market or The Nasdaq SmallCap Market of The Nasdaq Stock Market, its Fair Market Value shall be its closing sales price (or the closing bid, if no sales were reported) as quoted on such exchange or system for the date of determination, as reported in The Wall Street Journal or such other source as the Committee deems reliable:
- (b) If the Share is regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer but selling prices are not reported, the Fair Market Value of a Share shall be the mean between the high bid and low asked prices for the Share on the date of determination, as reported in The Wall Street Journal or such other source as the Committee deems reliable; or
- (c) In the absence of an established market for the Share, the Fair Market Value shall be determined in good faith by the Committee.
- 2.20 "Good Reason" means the assignment to the Participant of duties that result in a material diminution of the Participant's duties and responsibilities. The Committee, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether a Participant's termination from employment or cessation of services is for "Good Reason."
- 2.21 "Incentive Stock Option" or "ISO" means an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, granted pursuant to this Plan.
- 2.22 "Non-Employee Director" means a member of the Board or the board of directors of any Subsidiary who is not an Employee.
- 2.23 "Non-qualified Stock Option" or "NQSO" means a stock option, granted pursuant to this Plan that is not intended to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 422 of the Code.
  - 2.24 "Option" means either an ISO or NQSO.

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- 2.25 "Option Price" means the price which must be paid by a Participant upon exercise of an Option to purchase a Share.
- 2.26 "Participant" shall mean an Employee, Consultant, or Non-Employee Director to whom an Award is granted under this Plan.
- 2.27 "Performance Goal" means the performance goals or objectives established by the Committee as a condition precedent to the vesting of an Award. The Performance Goals related to a Covered Participant are listed in Article 10 of this Plan. The Performance Goals related to a Participant who is not a Covered Participant shall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.
- 2.28 "Performance Period" means the time period designated by the Committee during which Performance Goals must be met.
- 2.29 "Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or political subdivision thereof or other entity.
  - 2.30 "Plan" means this Xilinx, Inc. 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.
- 2.31 "Restricted Stock" means Shares issued or transferred to a Participant pursuant to Section 6.5 of this Plan which are subject to restrictions or limitations set forth in this Plan and in the related Award Agreement.
- 2.32 "Restricted Stock Unit" or "RSU" means a unit denominating a Share that gives the right to receive a payment in cash and/or Shares, and which is subject to restrictions, as described under Section 6.5 of the Plan and in the related Award Agreement.
- 2.33 "SAR" or "Stock Appreciation Right" means the right to receive a payment, in cash and/or Shares, equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of a specified number of Shares on the date the SAR is exercised over the SAR Price for such Shares.
- 2.34" SAR Price" means the Fair Market Value of each Share covered by a SAR on the Date of Grant of such SAR.
  - 2.35 "SEC" shall mean the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 2.36 "Section 16 Insider" means an officer or Director of the Company or any other Participant whose transactions in Shares are subject to the short-swing profit liabilities of Section 16 of the Exchange Act.
- 2.37 "Service" means a Participant's employment or service with the Company or its Subsidiaries whether in the capacity of an Employee, Director or Consultant. A Participant's Service shall not be deemed to have terminated merely because of a change in the capacity in which the Participant renders such Service.
  - 2.38 "Shares" means the Company's common stock.
  - 2.39 "Subsidiary" means a "subsidiary corporation," as defined under Section 424(f) of the Code.

# ARTICLE 3

### **ADMINISTRATION**

- 3.1 The Committee shall administer the Plan unless otherwise determined by the Board. However, any Awards granted to members of the Committee (other than pursuant to the automatic grant program under Article 11) must be authorized by a disinterested majority of the Board. The Board may, in its discretion and in accordance with applicable law, delegate authority to one or more elected officers of the Company to grant Awards to Participants who are not Section 16 Insiders. In that event, the applicable provisions of the Plan will be interpreted to permit such officers to take the actions otherwise conferred on the Committee to the extent necessary or appropriate to implement such delegation.
- 3.2 Members of the Committee shall serve for such period of time as the Board may determine and may be removed by the Board at any time. The Board may also at any time terminate the functions delegated to any officer pursuant to Section 3.1, and reassume all powers and authority previously delegated to such officer.
- 3.3 The Committee shall determine and designate from time to time the eligible persons to whom Awards will be granted and shall set forth in each related Award Agreement the Award Period, the Date of Grant, and such other terms, provisions, limitations, and Performance Goals, as are approved by the Committee, but not inconsistent with the Plan, including, but not limited to, any rights of the Committee to cancel or rescind any such Award.

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- 3.4 The Committee, in its discretion, shall (i) interpret the Plan, (ii) prescribe, amend, and rescind any rules and regulations necessary or appropriate for the administration of the Plan, and (iii) make such other determinations and take such other action as it deems necessary or advisable in the administration of the Plan, including, but not limited to, creating sub-plans to take advantage of favorable tax-treatment, or otherwise provide for grants of Awards to Employees, Consultants, or Non-Employee Directors of the Company and/or any Subsidiary residing in non-U.S. jurisdictions. Any interpretation, determination, or other action made or taken by the Committee shall be final, binding and conclusive on all interested parties.
- 3.5 With respect to restrictions in the Plan that are based on the requirements of Section 422 of the Code, Section 162(m) of the Code, the rules of any exchange or inter-dealer quotation system upon which the Company's securities are listed or quoted, or any other applicable law, rule or restriction (collectively, "applicable law"), to the extent that any such restrictions are no longer required by applicable law, the Committee shall have the sole discretion and authority to grant Awards that are not subject to such mandated restrictions and/or to waive any such mandated restrictions with respect to outstanding Awards.

# **ARTICLE 4**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Committee, upon its own action, may grant, but shall not be required to grant, an Award to any Employee, Consultant, or Non-Employee Director. Awards may be granted by the Committee at any time and from time to time to new Participants, or to then Participants, or to a greater or lesser number of Participants, and may include or exclude previous Participants, as the Committee shall determine. Except as required by this Plan, different Awards need not contain similar provisions. The Committee's determinations under the Plan (including, without limitation, the determination of the individual who is to receive an Award, the form, amount and timing of such Award, and the terms and provisions of such Award and the agreements evidencing the same) need not be uniform and may be made by it selectively among Employees, Consultants, or Non-Employee Directors who receive, or are eligible to receive, Awards under the Plan.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### SHARES SUBJECT TO PLAN

- 5.1 Total Shares Available. Subject to adjustment as provided in Articles 14 and 15, the maximum number of Shares that may be delivered pursuant to Awards granted under the Plan is 44,000,000, all of which may be granted as Incentive Stock Options.
- 5.2 Source of Shares. Shares to be issued may be made available from authorized but unissued Shares, Shares held by the Company in its treasury, or Shares purchased by the Company on the open market or otherwise. During the term of this Plan, the Company will at all times reserve and keep available a number of Shares that shall be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of this Plan.
- 5.3 Restoration and Retention of Shares. If any Shares subject to an Award shall not be issued or transferred to a Participant and shall cease to be issuable or transferable to a Participant because of the forfeiture, termination, expiration or cancellation, in whole or in part, of such Award or for any other reason, or if any such Shares shall, after issuance or transfer, be reacquired by the Company because of the Participant's failure to comply with the terms and conditions of an Award or for any other reason, the Shares not so issued or transferred, or the Shares so reacquired by the Company, as the case may be, shall no longer be charged against the limitation provided for in Section 5.1 and may be used thereafter for additional Awards under the Plan. To the extent an Award under the Plan is settled or paid in cash, Shares subject to such Award will not be considered to have been issued and will not be applied against the maximum number of Shares provided for in Section 5.1. If an Award may be settled in Shares or cash, such Shares shall be deemed issued only when and to the extent that settlement or payment is actually made in Shares. To the extent an Award is settled or paid in cash, and not Shares, any Shares previously reserved for issuance or transfer pursuant to such Award will again be deemed available for issuance or transfer under the Plan, and the maximum number of Shares that may be issued or transferred under the Plan shall be reduced only by the number of Shares actually issued and transferred to the Participant. The Committee may, from time to time, adopt and observe such procedures concerning the counting of Shares against the Plan maximum as it may deem appropriate.

ARTICLE 6

# **GRANT OF AWARDS**

6.1 Award Agreement. The grant of an Award shall be authorized by the Committee and may be evidenced by an Award Agreement setting forth the term of the Award, including the total number of Shares subject to the Award, the Option Price (if applicable), the Award Period, the Date of Grant, and such other terms, provisions, limitations, and Performance Goals, as are approved by the Committee, but not inconsistent with the Plan. The Company may execute an Award Agreement with a Participant after the Committee approves the issuance of an Award. The grant of an Award to a Participant shall not be deemed either to entitle the Participant to, or to disqualify the Participant from, the receipt of any other Award under the Plan.

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- 6.2 Limitations on Awards. The Plan is subject to the following limitations:
- (a) Options. The Option Price cannot be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of the Share(s) underlying the Option on the Date of Grant of such Option.
- (b) SARs. The SAR Price of a SAR cannot be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of the Share(s) underlying the SAR on the Date of Grant of such SAR.
- (c) Calendar Year Share Limit. Subject to the adjustments as provided in Articles 14 and 15, the aggregate Awards granted under the Plan to any Participant during any calendar year shall not exceed:
  - (i) 4,000,000 Shares subject to Options, SARs or a combination of the foregoing; and
  - (ii) 2,000,000 Shares subject to Awards other than Options or SARs.
- (d) Calendar Year Cash Limit. No Participant may receive during any calendar year Awards under the Plan that are to be settled in cash covering an aggregate of more than \$6,000,000.
- (e) Non-Employee Director Annual Award Limit. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, the aggregate grant date fair value (computed as of the Date of Grant in accordance with applicable financial accounting rules) of all Awards granted to any Non-Employee Director during any single fiscal year, taken together with any cash fees paid to such Non-Employee Director during such fiscal year, shall not exceed \$750,000.
  - (f) Term. The term of Awards may not exceed seven (7) years.
- (g) Repricing. The Committee shall not reprice an Option or SAR, whether by directly lowering the exercise price, through the cancellation of an Option or SAR in exchange for a new Option or SAR having a lower exercise price, or by substituting Restricted Stock or RSU awards in place of the Option or SAR, without stockholder approval.
- 6.3 Rights as Stockholder. Until the issuance of the Shares (as evidenced by the appropriate entry on the books of the Company or any authorized transfer agent of the Company), no right to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a stockholder of the Company shall exist with respect to such Shares, notwithstanding the exercise of any Award. No adjustment will be made for a dividend or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date Shares are issued.
  - 6.4 Options.
- (a) In General. The Committee may grant Options under the Plan. ISOs may be granted only to Employees. NQSOs may be granted to Employees, Consultants, and Non-Employee Directors. With respect to each Option, the Committee shall determine the number of Shares subject to the Option, the Option Price, the term of the Option, the time or times at which the Option may be exercised and whether the Option is an ISO or an NQSO.
- (b) Vesting. Subject to Article 15 of the Plan, Options shall vest upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Award Agreement. Such conditions may provide for vesting based on (i) length of continuous service, (ii) achievement of specific business objectives, (iii) increases in specified indices, (iv) attainment of specified growth rates, or (v) other Performance Goals, as may be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.
- (c) Special Rule for ISOs. If the aggregate Fair Market Value of Shares (determined as of the Date of Grant) underlying ISOs that first become exercisable during any calendar year exceeds \$100,000, the portion of the Option or Options not exceeding \$100,000, to the extent of whole Shares, will be treated as an ISO and the remaining portion of the Option or Options will be treated as an NQSO. The preceding sentence will be applied by taking Options into account in the order in which they were granted.
- 6.5 Restricted Stock/Restricted Stock Units. If Restricted Stock and/or Restricted Stock Units are granted to a Participant under an Award, the Committee shall establish: (i) the number of Shares of Restricted Stock and/or the number of Restricted Stock Units awarded, (ii) the price, if any, to be paid by the Participant for such Restricted Stock and/or Restricted Stock Units, (iii) the time or times within which such Award may be subject to forfeiture, (iv) Performance Goals of the Company, a Subsidiary, any division thereof or any group of Employees of the Company, or other criteria, if any, which the Committee determines must be met in order to remove any restrictions (including vesting) on such Award, and (v) all other terms, limitations, restrictions, and conditions of the Restricted Stock and/or Restricted Stock Units, which shall be consistent with this Plan. The provisions of Restricted Stock and/or Restricted Stock Units need not be the same with respect to each Participant.

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- (a) Legend on Shares. Each Participant who is awarded Restricted Stock shall be issued the number of Shares specified in the Award Agreement for such Restricted Stock, and such Shares shall be recorded in the Share transfer records of the Company and ownership of such Shares shall be evidenced by a certificate or book entry notation in the Share transfer records of the Company. Such Shares shall be registered in the name of the Participant, and shall bear or be subject to an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions and restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock. The Committee may require that the Share certificates or other evidence of ownership of the Shares of Restricted Stock be held in custody by the Company until the restrictions thereon shall have lapsed, and that the Participant deliver to the Committee a share power or share powers, endorsed in blank, relating to the Shares of Restricted Stock.
- (b) Restrictions and Conditions. Shares of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units shall be subject to the following restrictions and conditions:
- (i) Subject to the other provisions of this Plan and the terms of the particular Award Agreements, during such period as may be determined by the Committee commencing on the Date of Grant (the "Restriction Period"), the Participant shall not be permitted to sell, transfer, pledge or assign Shares of Restricted Stock and/or Restricted Stock Units.
- (ii) Except as provided in subparagraph (i) above and subject to the terms of a Participant's Award Agreement, the Participant shall have, with respect to his or her Restricted Stock, all of the rights of a stockholder of the Company, including the right to vote the Shares, and the right to receive any dividends thereon. Certificates or evidence of ownership of Shares free of restriction under this Plan shall be delivered to the Participant promptly after, and only after, the Restriction Period shall expire without forfeiture in respect of such Shares. Certificates for the Shares forfeited under the provisions of the Plan shall be promptly returned to the Company by the forfeiting Participant. Each Participant, by his or her acceptance of Restricted Stock, shall irrevocably grant to the Company a power of attorney to transfer any Shares so forfeited to the Company and agrees to execute any documents requested by the Company in connection with such forfeiture and transfer.
- (iii) The Restriction Period of Restricted Stock and/or Restricted Stock Units shall commence on the Date of Grant and, subject to Article 15 of the Plan, shall expire upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Award Agreement; such conditions may provide for vesting based on (i) length of continuous service, (ii) achievement of specific business objectives, (iii) increases in specified indices, (iv) attainment of specified growth rates, or (v) other Performance Goals, as may be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

# 6.6 SARs.

- (a) In General. A SAR shall entitle the Participant to surrender to the Company the SAR, or a portion thereof, as the Participant shall choose, and to receive from the Company in exchange therefore cash or Shares in an amount equal to the excess (if any) of the Fair Market Value (as of the date of the exercise of the SAR) per Share over the SAR Price per Share specified in such SAR, multiplied by the total number of Shares of the SAR being surrendered. In the discretion of the Committee, the Company may satisfy its obligation upon exercise of a SAR by the distribution of that number of Shares having an aggregate Fair Market Value (as of the date of the exercise of the SAR) equal to the amount of cash otherwise payable to the Participant, with a cash settlement to be made for any fractional Shares, or the Company may settle such obligation in part with Shares and in part with cash.
- (b) Vesting. Subject to Article 15 of the Plan, SARs shall vest upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Award Agreement; such conditions may provide for vesting based on (i) length of continuous service, (ii) achievement of specific business objectives, (iii) increases in specified indices, (iv) attainment of specified growth rates, or (v) other Performance Goals, as may be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

  ARTICLE 7

# AWARD PERIOD; VESTING

The Committee, in its sole discretion, may determine that an Award will be immediately exercisable or vested, in whole or in part, or that all or any portion may not be exercised or vest until a date, or dates, subsequent to its Date of Grant, or until the occurrence of one or more specified events, subject in any case to the terms of the Plan. If the Committee imposes conditions upon exercise or vesting, then subsequent to the Date of Grant, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, accelerate the date on which all or any portion of the Award may be exercised or vested.

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# **ARTICLE 8**

# TERMINATION OF SERVICE

The provisions of this Article 8 shall apply to each Award granted under the Plan other than an Outside Director RSU Award granted pursuant to Article 11, unless otherwise provided in an applicable Award Agreement.

- 8.1 In General. If a Participant's Service is terminated or ceases, other than for Good Reason, Cause, or by reason of death or Disability, then the portion of any Award that is not vested as of the date of such termination or cessation shall automatically lapse and be forfeited. The portion, if any, of any Option or SAR that is vested as of the date of such termination or cessation shall automatically lapse and be forfeited at the close of business on the 30th day following the date of such Participant's termination or cessation (or if earlier, upon the expiration of the term of the Option or SAR), subject to Section 8.6 and 8.7 below, to the extent applicable.
- 8.2 Death or Disability. If a Participant's employment as an Employee, or service as a Consultant or Non-Employee Director is terminated by reason of Disability, then the portion of any Award that is not vested as of the date of such termination shall automatically lapse and be forfeited. The portion, if any, of any Option or SAR that is vested as of the date of such termination shall automatically lapse and be forfeited at the close of business on the 12-month anniversary of the date of such Participant's termination (or if earlier, upon the expiration of the option term). If a Participant's employment as an Employee, or service as a Consultant or Non-Employee Director is terminated by reason of death, vesting of the unvested portion of any Award shall be accelerated on the date of such termination so that the Participant's Award shall vest with respect to an additional number of Shares in which the Participant would have vested if the Participant had remained in employment or service for a period of 12 months following such termination. Any such vested Award shall automatically lapse and be forfeited at the close of business on the 12-month anniversary of the date of such Participant's death (or if earlier, upon the expiration of the term of the Option or SAR).
- 8.3 Suspension or Termination for Cause. If at any time (including after a notice of exercise has been delivered) the Committee reasonably believes that a Participant has committed an act of misconduct as described in Section 2.5, the Committee or an officer of the Company authorized by the Committee may suspend the Participant's right to receive the benefit of any Award pending a determination by the Committee of whether an act of misconduct amounting to Cause has been committed. If at any time a Participant's employment as an Employee, or service as a Consultant or Non-Employee Director is terminated by the Company for Cause, the Participant's entire Award, whether vested or unvested, shall automatically lapse and be forfeited on the date of such termination. Any determination by the Committee with regard to the foregoing shall be final, conclusive and binding on all interested parties. For any Participant who is an "executive officer" for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, the determination of the Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 8.4 Termination for Good Reason. If a Participant's employment as an Employee, or service as a Consultant or Non-Employee Director is terminated for Good Reason, the portion of any Award that is not vested as of the date of such termination shall automatically lapse and be forfeited. The portion, if any, of any Option or SAR that is vested as of the date of such termination shall automatically lapse and be forfeited at the close of business on the 12-month anniversary of the date of such Participant's termination (or if earlier, upon the expiration of the term of the Option or SAR).
- 8.5 Leave of Absence; Transfer. For purposes of this Plan, a Participant shall not be deemed to have a termination of employment or a cessation of services, if the Participant is either on a leave of absence approved by the Company or any Subsidiary, or the Participant transfers between locations of the Company or any Subsidiary. Notwithstanding the above, vesting of Awards shall cease while a Participant is on a leave of absence unless the Committee or applicable laws and regulations determine(s) otherwise.
- 8.6 Extension if Exercise is Prevented by Law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the exercise of an Option or SAR within the applicable periods set forth in this Article 8 is prevented by the provisions of Section 18.6, the Option or SAR shall remain exercisable until 30 days after the date the Participant is notified by the Company that the Option or SAR is exercisable, but in any event, no later than the expiration of the term of the Option or SAR.
- 8.7 Extension if Participant is a Section 16 Insider. Notwithstanding the foregoing, other than termination for Good Reason, Cause or by reason of death or Disability, if the Participant is a Section 16 Insider at the time of termination

or cessation of Service, then the portion of any Award that is not vested as of the date of such termination or cessation shall automatically lapse and be forfeited. The portion, if any, of any Option or SAR that is vested as of the date of such termination or cessation of Service shall automatically lapse and be forfeited at the close of business on the last business day of the seventh month following the date of Participant's termination or cessation of Service (or if earlier, upon the expiration of the term of the Option or SAR).

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#### **ARTICLE 9**

### **EXERCISE OF AWARD**

- 9.1 In General.
- (a) A vested Award may be exercised at such times and in such amounts as provided in this Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, subject to the terms, conditions, and restrictions of the Plan.
- (b) In no event may an Award be exercised or Shares be issued pursuant to an Award if a necessary listing or quotation of the Shares on a stock exchange or inter-dealer quotation system or any registration under, or compliance with, any laws required under the circumstances has not been accomplished. No Award may be exercised for a fractional Share.
  - 9.2 Stock Options.
- (a) Subject to such administrative regulations as the Committee may from time to time adopt, an Option may be exercised by the delivery of the Exercise Notice to the Company (or designated broker, as agent for the Company). On the Exercise Date, the Participant shall deliver to the Company (or designated broker, as agent for the Company) consideration with a value equal to the total Option Price of the Shares to be purchased. The acceptable form(s) of consideration for the total Option Price shall be specified in the Award Agreement. Such consideration may include the following: (i) cash, check, bank draft, or money order payable to the order of the Company, (ii)Shares owned by the Participant on the Exercise Date, valued at their Fair Market Value on the Exercise Date, (iii) by delivery (including by fax) to the Company (or designated broker, as agent for the Company) of an executed irrevocable option exercise form together with irrevocable instructions from the Participant to a broker or dealer, reasonably acceptable to the Company, to sell certain of the Shares purchased upon exercise of the Option and promptly deliver to the Company the amount of sale proceeds necessary to pay such purchase price, (iv) a "cashless exercise" mechanism approved by the Committee, and/or (v) in any other form of valid consideration that is acceptable to the Company in its sole discretion.
- (b) Upon payment of all amounts due from the Participant, the Company shall cause Shares then being purchased to be delivered as directed by the Participant (or the person exercising the Participant's Option in the event of his death) at its principal business office promptly after the Exercise Date; provided that if the Participant has exercised an ISO, the Company may, at its option, retain possession of the Shares acquired upon exercise until the expiration of the holding periods described in Section 422(a)(1) of the Code. The obligation of the Company to deliver Shares shall, however, be subject to the condition that if at any time the Committee shall determine in its discretion that the listing, registration, or qualification of the Option or the Shares upon any securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system or under any state or federal law, or the consent or approval of any governmental regulatory body, is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, the Option or the issuance or purchase of Shares thereunder, the Option may not be exercised in whole or in part unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent, or approval shall have been effected or obtained free of any conditions not acceptable to the Committee.
- (c) If the Participant fails to pay for any of the Shares specified in such notice or fails to accept delivery thereof, the Participant's right to purchase such Shares may be terminated by the Company.
- 9.3 SARs. Subject to the conditions of this Section and such administrative regulations as the Committee may, from time to time, adopt, a SAR may be exercised by the delivery of the Exercise Notice to the Company (or designated broker, as agent for the Company). On the Exercise Date, the Participant shall receive from the Company in exchange for cash in an amount equal to the excess (if any) of the Fair Market Value (as of the date of the exercise of the SAR) per Share over the SAR Price per Share specified in such SAR, multiplied by the total number of Shares of the SAR being surrendered. In the discretion of the Committee, the Company may satisfy its obligation upon exercise of a SAR by the distribution of that number of Shares having an aggregate Fair Market Value (as of the date of the exercise of the SAR) equal to the amount of cash otherwise payable to the Participant, with a cash settlement to be made for any fractional Shares, or the Company may settle such obligation in part with Shares and in part with cash.
- 9.4 Tax Withholding. The Company or any Subsidiary (as applicable) is hereby authorized to withhold from any Award, from any payment due or transfer made under any Award or under the Plan or from any compensation or other amount owing to a Participant the amount (in cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property) of

any applicable withholding taxes with respect to an Award, its exercise, the lapse of restrictions thereon, payment or transfer under an Award or under the Plan, and to take any other action necessary in the opinion of the Company to satisfy all obligations for the payment of the taxes. Such payments shall be required to be made prior to the delivery of any Shares. Such payment may be made in cash, by check, or through the delivery of Shares owned by the Participant (which may be effected by the actual delivery of Shares by the

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Participant or by the Company's withholding a number of Shares to be issued upon the exercise of a Share, if applicable), or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 10

### SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO COVERED PARTICIPANTS

Awards subject to Performance Goals paid to Covered Participants under this Plan shall be governed by the provisions of this Article 10 in addition to the requirements of Article 6. Should the provisions set forth under this Article 10 conflict with the requirements of Article 6, the provisions of this Article 10 shall prevail.

- 10.1 Establishment of Performance Goals. All Performance Goals, relating to Covered Participants for a relevant Performance Period shall be established by the Committee in writing prior to the beginning of the Performance Period, or by such other later date for the Performance Period as may be permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code. The Performance Goals may be identical for all Participants or, at the discretion of the Committee, may be different to reflect more appropriate measures of individual performance.
- 10.2 Performance Goals. The Committee shall establish the Performance Goals relating to Covered Participants for a Performance Period in writing. Performance Goals may include alternative and multiple Performance Goals and may be based on one or more business and/or financial criteria. In establishing the Performance Goals for the Performance Period, the Committee, in its discretion, may include one or any combination of the following criteria in either absolute or relative terms, for the Company or any Subsidiary, without excluding other criteria:
  - (a) Increased revenue;
- (b) Net income measures (including, but not limited to, income after capital costs and income before or after any one or more of the share-based compensation expenses, interest, taxes, appreciation or amortization);
  - (c) Stock price measures (including, but not limited to, growth measures and total stockholder return);
  - (d) Market segment share;
  - (e) Earnings per Share (actual or targeted growth);
- (f) Cash flow measures (including, but not limited to, net cash flow and net cash flow before financing activities);
- (g) Return measures (including, but not limited to, return on equity, return on average assets, return on capital, risk-adjusted return on capital, return on investors' capital and return on average equity);
- (h) Operating measures (including operating income, gross margin, operating margin, funds from operations, cash from operations, after-tax operating income, sales volumes, production volumes and production efficiency);
- (i) Expense measures (including, but not limited to, overhead cost, research and development expenses and general and administrative expense);
  - (j) Product technology leadership metrics; and
  - (k) Product quality leadership metrics.
- 10.3 Compliance with Section 162(m). The Performance Goals must be objective and must satisfy third party "objectivity" standards under Section 162(m) of the Code, and the regulations promulgated thereunder. In interpreting Plan provisions relating to Awards subject to Performance Goals paid to Covered Participants, it is the intent of the Plan to conform with the standards of Section 162(m) of the Code and Treasury Regulation §1.162-27(e)(2)(i), and the Committee in establishing such goals and interpreting the Plan shall be guided by such provisions.
- 10.4 Adjustments. The Committee is authorized to make adjustments in the method of calculating attainment of Performance Goals in recognition of: (i) unusual or infrequently occurring event or transaction FASB Update 2015-01. Effective years beginning after 12/15/2015, concept of "extraordinary item" eliminated and replaced by exclusion from "income from continuing operations" of "unusual or infrequently occurring items.", (ii) changes in tax laws, (iii) changes in generally accepted accounting principles, (iv) charges related to restructured or discontinued operations, (v) restatement of prior period financial results, and (vi) any other unusual or infrequently occurring gain or loss that is separately identified and quantified in the Company's financial statements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, reduce the performance results upon which Awards are based under the Plan, to offset any unintended result(s) arising from

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events not anticipated when the Performance Goals were established, or for any other purpose, provided that such adjustment is permitted by Section 162(m) of the Code.

- 10.5 Discretionary Adjustments. The Performance Goals shall not allow for any discretion by the Committee as to an increase in any Award, but discretion to lower an Award is permissible.
- 10.6 Certification. The Award and payment of any Award under this Plan to a Covered Participant with respect to a relevant Performance Period shall be contingent upon the attainment of the Performance Goals that are applicable to such Covered Participant. The Committee shall certify in writing prior to payment of any such Award that such applicable Performance Goals relating to the Award are satisfied. Approved minutes of the Committee may be used for this purpose.
- 10.7 Other Considerations. All Awards to Covered Participants under this Plan shall be further subject to such other conditions, restrictions and requirements as the Committee may determine to be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Article 10.

#### **ARTICLE 11**

## AUTOMATIC OUTSIDE DIRECTOR RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARDS

The Committee may from time to time establish an automatic grant program for Non-Employee Directors who are members of the Board (each an "Outside Director"). Unless and until otherwise determined by the Committee, Awards of Restricted Stock Units (each an "Outside Director RSU Award") shall be granted automatically without any further action of the Committee and without payment of any monetary consideration by an Outside Director as follows:

- 11.1 Initial Grants. Each individual who is first elected or appointed as an Outside Director at any time on or after August 10, 2016 and who has not previously been an employee member of the Board shall be granted automatically, on the first trading day occurring on or after the 10th day of the month next following the date of such initial election or appointment, an Outside Director RSU Award consisting of a whole number of Restricted Stock Units (rounded to the nearest unit) determined by multiplying (a) the quotient of \$200,000.00 and the Fair Market Value of a Share on the grant date by (b) the ratio of (i) the difference between 365 and the number of days elapsed between the date of the most recent annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company and the date of such initial election or appointment, to (ii) 365. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an individual who is first elected or appointed as an Outside Director on the date of an annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company shall be granted an initial Outside Director RSU Award in the manner described in Section 11.2.
- 11.2 Annual Grants. On the date of the 2016 annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company and on the date of each subsequent annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company, each Outside Director continuing in office following such meeting shall be granted automatically an Outside Director RSU Award consisting of a whole number of Restricted Stock Units (rounded to the nearest unit) determined by the quotient of \$200,000.00 and the Fair Market Value of a Share on the grant date.
- 11.3 Terms of Outside Director RSU Awards. The terms of the Outside Director RSU Awards shall be as follows:
- (a) Vesting; Termination of Service. Subject to Section 15.4, each Outside Director RSU Award granted on or after May 12, 2010 shall vest in full and the Restriction Period shall lapse on the day immediately preceding the day of the next annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company following the grant date, provided that the Outside Director's Service has continued through such vesting date. In the event of an Outside Director's death, the vesting of such individual's Outside Director RSU Awards shall be accelerated on the date of death so that such Awards shall be vested to the extent they would have vested if the Outside Director had remained in Service for a period of 12 months following death. Any portion of an Outside Director RSU Award which remains unvested following the Outside Director's termination of Service shall automatically lapse and be forfeited.
- (b) Settlement. Outside Director RSU Awards shall be settled by the issuance to the Participant of Shares on the date which is the later of (i) the date on which such Award vests or (ii) a deferred settlement date elected in accordance with Section 11.3(c).
- (c) Deferred Settlement Election. On or before the last day of each calendar year, each Outside Director who is then in office shall be entitled to make a deferred settlement election that will apply to each Outside Director RSU Award granted to such Outside Director in the following calendar year. Each such deferred settlement election shall be

subject to such conditions and shall be made in accordance with such procedures as shall be established from time to time by the Committee, and shall in all respects comply with the applicable requirements of Section 18.1 of the Plan and Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder.

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#### **ARTICLE 12**

# AMENDMENT OR DISCONTINUANCE

Subject to the limitations set forth in this Article 12, the Board may, at any time and from time to time, without the consent of the Participants, alter, amend, revise, suspend, or discontinue the Plan, in whole or in part; provided, however, that no amendment which requires stockholder approval under the rules of the national exchange on which Shares are listed (or in order for the Plan and Awards awarded under the Plan to comply with Section 422 or Section 162(m) of the Code, including any successors to such sections), shall be effective unless such amendment shall be approved by the requisite vote of the stockholders of the Company entitled to vote thereon; and, provided further, that, subject to Section 18.1, no amendment shall adversely affect any rights of Participants or obligations of the Company to Participants with respect to any Award theretofore granted under the Plan without the written consent of the affected Participant.

## **ARTICLE 13**

### EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

The Plan was effective as of January 1, 2007 and had an initial term of seven (7) years from its effective date until December 31, 2013. At the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the stockholders approved an extension of the term of the Plan for an addition ten (10) years from December 31, 2013. Accordingly, subject to earlier termination pursuant to Article 11, the Plan shall have an additional term of ten (10) years from December 31, 2013 and will terminate on December 31, 2023. After termination of the Plan, no future Awards may be made. However, any Awards granted before that date will continue to be effective in accordance with their terms and conditions. ARTICLE 14

## **CAPITAL ADJUSTMENTS**

- 14.1 In General. If at any time while the Plan is in effect, or Awards are outstanding, there shall be any increase or decrease in the number of issued and outstanding Shares resulting from (1) the declaration or payment of a stock dividend, (2) any recapitalization resulting in a stock split-up, combination, or exchange of Shares, or (3) other increase or decrease in such Shares effected without receipt of consideration by the Company, then:
- (a) An equitable adjustment shall be made in the maximum number of Shares then subject to being awarded under the Plan and in the maximum number of Shares that may be awarded to a Participant to the extent that the same proportion of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares shall continue to be subject to being so awarded.
- (b) Equitable adjustments shall be made in the number of Shares and the Option Price thereof then subject to purchase pursuant to each such Option previously granted and unexercised, to the extent that the same proportion of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares in each such instance shall remain subject to purchase at the same aggregate Option Price.
- (c) Equitable adjustments shall be made in the number of SARs and the SAR Price thereof then subject to exercise pursuant to each such SAR previously granted and unexercised, to the extent that the same proportion of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares in each instance shall remain subject to exercise at the same aggregate SAR Price.
- (d) Equitable adjustments shall be made in the number of outstanding Shares of Restricted Stock and the number of Restricted Stock Units with respect to which restrictions have not yet lapsed prior to any such change.
- 14.2 Issuance of Shares or Other Convertible Securities. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the issuance by the Company of Shares of any class, or securities convertible into Shares of any class, either in connection with direct sale or upon the exercise of rights or warrants to subscribe therefor, or upon conversion of Shares or obligations of the Company convertible into such Shares or other securities, shall not affect, and no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to (i) the number of or Option Price of Shares then subject to outstanding Options granted under the Plan, (ii) the number of or SAR Price or SARs then subject to outstanding SARs granted under the Plan, (iii) the number of outstanding Shares of Restricted Stock, or (iv) the number of outstanding Restricted Stock Units.
- 14.3 Notification. Upon the occurrence of each event requiring an adjustment with respect to any Award, the Company shall notify each affected Participant of its computation of such adjustment, which shall be conclusive and shall be binding upon each such Participant.

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#### **ARTICLE 15**

# RECAPITALIZATION; CHANGE OF CONTROL

- 15.1 Adjustments, Recapitalizations, Reorganizations, or Other Adjustments. The existence of this Plan and Awards granted hereunder shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company or its stockholders to make or authorize any or all adjustments, recapitalizations, reorganizations, or other changes in the Company's capital structure and its business, or any merger or consolidation of the Company, or any issue of bonds, debentures, preferred or preference stocks ranking prior to or otherwise affecting the Shares or the rights thereof (or any rights, options, or warrants to purchase same), or the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar character or otherwise.
- 15.2 Acquiring Entity. Subject to any required action by the stockholders, if the Company shall be the surviving or resulting corporation in any merger, consolidation or Share exchange, any Award granted hereunder shall pertain to and apply to the securities or rights (including cash, property, or assets) to which a Participant would have been entitled had the Participant been a stockholder of the Company immediately prior to such transaction.
- 15.3 Acquired Entity. In the event of any merger, consolidation or Share exchange pursuant to which the Company is not the surviving or resulting corporation, there shall be substituted for each or any Share subject to the unexercised portions of such outstanding Award, that number of Shares of each class of stock or other securities or that amount of cash, property, or assets of the surviving, resulting or consolidated company which were distributed or distributable to the stockholders of the Company in respect to each or any Share held by them, such outstanding Awards to be thereafter exercisable or settled for such stock, securities, cash, or property in accordance with their terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, all or any portion of Awards may be canceled by the Company immediately prior to the effective date of any such reorganization, merger, consolidation, Share exchange or any dissolution or liquidation of the Company by giving notice to each holder thereof or his or her personal representative of its intention to do so and by permitting the purchase during the 30 day period next preceding such effective date of all or any portion of the Shares subject to such outstanding Awards whether or not such Awards are then vested or exercisable.
- 15.4 Change of Control. In the event of a Change of Control, notwithstanding any other provision in this Plan to the contrary, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, and to such extent, if any, as it shall determine, provide that the vesting and exercisability of all or any portion of Awards outstanding and not otherwise canceled in accordance with Section 15.3 above shall be accelerated and all or any Restriction Periods applicable to Restricted Stock and/or Restricted Stock Units shall lapse and expire.

# ARTICLE 16

### LIQUIDATION OR DISSOLUTION

In case the Company sells all or substantially all of its property, or dissolves, liquidates, or winds up its affairs (each, a "Dissolution Event"), the Participant shall receive, to the extent the participant is vested in an Award, the same kind and amount of any securities or assets as may be issuable, distributable, or payable upon any such sale, dissolution, liquidation, or winding up with respect to each Share of the Company.

### **ARTICLE 17**

# ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEE

In addition to the Committee's authority set forth elsewhere, in order to maintain a Participant's rights in the event of any Change of Control or Dissolution Event described under Articles 15 and 16, the Committee, as constituted before the Change of Control or Dissolution Event, is hereby authorized, and has sole discretion, as to any Award, either at the time the Award is made hereunder or any time thereafter, to take any one or more of the following actions:

- (a) provide for the acceleration of any time periods relating to the vesting, exercise or realization of the Award so that the Award may be exercised or realized in full on or before a date fixed by the Committee;
- (b) provide for the purchase of any Award, upon the Participant's request, for an amount of cash equal to the amount that could have been attained upon the exercise of the Award or realization of the Participant's rights in the Award had the Award been currently exercisable or payable;

- (c) adjust any outstanding Award as the Committee deems appropriate to reflect the Change of Control or Dissolution Event;
- (d) cause any outstanding Award to be assumed, or new rights substituted therefor, by the acquiring or surviving corporation after a Change of Control or successor following a Dissolution Event; or

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(e) the Committee may, in its discretion, include other provisions and limitations in any Award Agreement as it may deem equitable and in the best interests of the Company.

### **ARTICLE 18**

### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 18.1 Code Section 409A. The Company intends that Awards granted pursuant to the Plan shall either be exempt from or comply with Code Section 409A and related regulations and U.S. Treasury pronouncements ("Section 409A"), and the Plan shall be so construed. Any Award or portion thereof that constitutes or provides for payment of deferred compensation subject to and not exempted from the requirements of Section 409A ("Section 409A Deferred Compensation") shall comply with the following:
- (a) Each compensation deferral election (and subsequent deferral election, if any) and each payment election with respect to Section 409A Deferred Compensation shall be made in writing and shall comply in all respects with the requirements of Section 409A and such conditions and procedures as established from time to time by the Committee.
- (b) Each payment of Section 409A Deferred Compensation shall be made only upon the occurrence of one or more of the permissible payment events or times complying with the requirements of Section 409A.
- (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan or an Award Agreement to the contrary, except as otherwise permitted by Section 409A, no payment of Section 409A Deferred Compensation may be made to a Participant who is a "specified employee" (as defined by Section 409A) as of the date of the Participant's "separation from service" (as defined by Section 409A) before the date (the "Delayed Payment Date") that is six (6) months after the date of such Participant's separation from service, or, if earlier, the date of the Participant's death. All such amounts that would, but for this paragraph, become payable prior to the Delayed Payment Date shall be accumulated and paid on the Delayed Payment Date.

Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, if any Plan provision or Award under the Plan would result in the imposition of an applicable tax under Section 409A, that Plan provision or Award may be reformed to avoid imposition of the applicable tax and no action taken to comply with Section 409A shall be deemed to adversely affect the Participant's rights to an Award.

- 18.2 Investment Intent. The Company may require that there be presented to and filed with it by any Participant under the Plan, such evidence as it may deem necessary to establish that the Awards granted or the Shares to be purchased or transferred are being acquired for investment and not with a view to their distribution.
- 18.3 No Right to Continued Employment. Neither the Plan nor any Award granted under the Plan shall confer upon any Participant any right with respect to continuance of employment or service with the Company or any Subsidiary.
- 18.4 Indemnification of Board and Committee. No member of the Board of Directors of the Company or the Committee, nor any officer or employee of the Company acting on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company or the Committee, shall be personally liable for any action, determination, or interpretation taken or made in good faith with respect to the Plan, and all members of the Board of Directors of the Company or the Committee and each and any officer or employee of the Company acting on their behalf shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be fully indemnified and protected by the Company in respect of any such action, determination, or interpretation.
- 18.5 Effect of the Plan. Neither the adoption of this Plan nor any action of the Board or the Committee shall be deemed to give any person any right to be granted an Award or any other rights except as may be evidenced by an Award Agreement, or any amendment thereto, duly authorized by the Committee and executed on behalf of the Company, and then only to the extent and upon the terms and conditions expressly set forth therein.
- 18.6 Compliance with Laws and Regulations. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Company shall not be required to sell or issue Shares under any Award if the issuance thereof would constitute a violation by the Participant or the Company of any provisions of any law or regulation of any governmental authority or any national securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system or other forum in which Shares are quoted or traded (including, without limitation, Sections 162(m) and 409A or 422 of the Code), and, as a condition of any sale or issuance of Shares under an Award, the Committee may require such agreements or undertakings, if any, as the Committee may deem necessary or advisable to assure compliance with any such law or regulation. The Plan, the

grant and exercise of Awards hereunder, and the obligation of the Company to sell and deliver Shares, shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations and to such approvals by any government or regulatory agency as may be required.

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- 18.7 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 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 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.
- 18.8 Assignability. Awards may not be transferred or assigned other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution and may be exercised during the lifetime of the Participant only by the Participant or the Participant's legally authorized representative, and each Award Agreement in respect of an Award shall so provide. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may allow for the transfer or assignment of a Participant's Award pursuant to a divorce decree or a domestic relations order, but only if such Participant is a U.S. resident.
- 18.9 No Trust or Fund Created. Neither the Plan nor any Award shall create or be construed to create a trust or separate fund of any kind or any fiduciary relationship between the Company or any affiliate and a Participant or any other Person. To the extent that any Person acquires a right to receive payments from the Company or any affiliate pursuant to an Award, such right shall be no greater than the right of any unsecured general creditor of the Company or any affiliate.
- 18.10 Use of Proceeds. Proceeds from the sale of Shares pursuant to Awards granted under this Plan shall constitute general funds of the Company.
- 18.11 Governing Law. The validity, construction and effect of the Plan and any actions taken or relating to the Plan shall be determined in accordance with the laws of Delaware without giving effect to its choice of law provisions.
- 18.12 No Fractional Shares. No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award, and the Committee shall determine whether cash, other securities, or other property shall be paid or transferred in lieu of any fractional Shares or whether fractional Shares or any rights thereto shall be canceled, terminated, or otherwise eliminated.
- 18.13 Headings. Headings are given to the sections and subsections of the Plan solely as a convenience to facilitate reference. The headings shall not be deemed in any way material or relevant to the construction or interpretation of the Plan or any provision thereof.
- 18.14 Construction. Use of the term "including" in this Plan shall be construed to mean "including, but not limited to."

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