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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 16, 2026

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**EQUIFAX INC.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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Georgia  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

001-06605  
(Commission  
File Number)

58-0401110  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1550 Peachtree Street, N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

30309  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (404) 885-8000

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$1.25 par value per share	EFX	New York Stock Exchange

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

Emerging growth company

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

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

On June 16, 2026, the Board of Directors of Equifax Inc. (the “Company”) approved amendments to the Company’s Amended and Restated Bylaws (the “Bylaws”), effective immediately. The amendments to the Bylaws revise the requirements for shareholders to request a special meeting by providing that a special meeting of the shareholders may be called by the Secretary of the Company upon the proper request of one or more shareholders owning at least 25% of the voting power of all shares of stock of the Company issued and outstanding for at least one year as of the date of the request, subject to compliance with the procedural requirements set forth in the amendments. The amendments also include certain other ministerial clarifications and updates.

A copy of the Bylaws, including the amendments referenced above, is included as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1	<a href="#"><u>Amended and Restated Bylaws of Equifax Inc., effective as of June 16, 2026.</u></a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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**SIGNATURE**

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

**EQUIFAX INC.**

By: /s/ Julia A. Houston  
Name: Julia A. Houston  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer  
Date: June 16, 2026

**EQUIFAX INC.**  
**AMENDED AND RESTATED**  
**BYLAWS**

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Effective: June 16, 2026

AMENDED AND RESTATED

BYLAWS

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**ARTICLE ONE**  
**MEETINGS OF THE SHAREHOLDERS**

Section 1.1 Annual Meeting. The Company shall hold a meeting of shareholders annually at such time and place, within or without the State of Georgia, as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

Section 1.2 Special Meetings.

(a) Special meetings of the Shareholders may be held at the principal office of the Company in the State of Georgia or at such other place, within or without the State of Georgia, as may be named in the call therefor. Such special meetings may be called by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Lead Independent Director, the Chief Executive Officer or the Board of Directors by vote at a meeting, a majority of the Directors in writing without a meeting, or, subject to the requirements of this Section 1.2 and such other sections of these Bylaws as applicable, by the Secretary of the Company upon written request to the Secretary of the Company (each such request, a "Special Meeting Request" and such meeting a "Shareholder Requested Special Meeting") of the holders of record of, individually or in the aggregate, at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting power of all shares of stock of the Company issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at such meeting, which shares are determined to be "owned" (as defined in Section 1.13(d)) (the "Requisite Percentage") (each such holder, a "Requesting Shareholder"), who each (A) have owned such shares continuously for at least one (1) year (such period, the "One-Year Period") as of the date (the "Request Date") such Special Meeting Request is received by the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive office of the Company in accordance with this Section 1.2, (B) continue to own the Requisite Percentage through such Shareholder Requested Special Meeting date, and (C) satisfy all other requirements of, and comply with all applicable procedures set forth in, this Section 1.2. Only such business as is specified in the Company's notice of any special meeting of shareholders shall come before such meeting; provided, that the Board of Directors shall have the authority in its discretion to submit additional matters to the shareholders and to cause other business to be transacted pursuant to the Company's notice of meeting for any Shareholder Requested Special Meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, Section 1.2 shall govern exclusively with respect to any Shareholder Requested Special Meeting, and no shareholder may bring any business, proposal or nomination before such meeting except the business specified in a valid Special Meeting Request and any additional matters that the Board of Directors elects to submit to shareholders in the Company's notice of meeting.

(b) The date of any Shareholder Requested Special Meeting shall be no fewer than thirty (30) calendar days and no more than ninety (90) calendar days from the date a Special Meeting Request(s) satisfying the requirements set forth in these Bylaws is received by the Secretary of the Company (or, in the case of any litigation related to the validity of the Special Meeting Request(s), ninety

(90) calendar days after the resolution of such litigation); provided, further, that the Board of Directors shall have the discretion to cancel any Shareholder Requested Special Meeting that has been called but not yet held for any of the reasons set forth in Section 1.2(e) below. Except in accordance with this Section 1.2, shareholders shall not be permitted to propose business to be brought before a special meeting of the shareholders.

(c) To be in proper written form and valid, a Special Meeting Request must be signed by the holders of the Requisite Percentage (or their duly authorized agents), be delivered to or mailed to and received by the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive office of the Company and shall (i) set forth a statement of the specific purpose or purposes of the special meeting and the matters proposed to be acted on at such special meeting (including the text of any resolutions proposed for consideration and, if such business includes a proposal to amend the bylaws, the language of the proposed amendment), (ii) bear the date of signature of each shareholder (or duly authorized agent) signing the request, (iii) include: (A) the name and address, as they appear in the Company's books (if they so appear), of each shareholder signing such request (or on whose behalf the request is signed); (B) the number of shares "owned" by each such shareholder; (C) one or more written statements from the record holders of the shares (and from each intermediary through which the shares are or have been held during the One-Year Period) verifying that, as of a date within seven (7) calendar days prior to the Request Date, the Requesting Shareholders own in the aggregate the Requisite Percentage and that each Requesting Shareholder has owned continuously for the One-Year Period the applicable number of shares; and (D) a certification from the shareholder submitting the request that the shareholders signing the request in the aggregate satisfy the Requisite Percentage, (iv) describe any material interest of each such shareholder in the specific purpose or purposes of the special meeting, (v) contain any other information that would be required to be provided by a shareholder seeking to nominate directors or bring an item of business before an annual meeting of shareholders pursuant to Section 1.12, (vi) include an acknowledgment by each shareholder and any duly authorized agent that any reduction in shares "owned" by such shareholder as of the date of delivery of the Special Meeting Request shall be deemed to be a revocation of such Special Meeting Request to the extent such reduction causes the Requisite Percentage to no longer be reached, (vii) include an agreement by each shareholder and any duly authorized agent to continue to satisfy the Requisite Percentage through the date of the Shareholder Requested Special Meeting and to notify the Company promptly in the event of any decrease in shares "owned" by such shareholder following the delivery of the Special Meeting Request, and (viii) include an agreement by each shareholder and any duly authorized agent to update the information provided to the Company to ensure that it is true and correct as of the record date for the Shareholder Requested Special Meeting and as of the date that is five (5) business days prior to the Shareholder Requested Special Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof, and such update shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive office of the Company

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not later than five (5) business days after the record date for the Shareholder Requested Special Meeting in the case of the update required to be made as of the record date, and not later than three (3) business days prior to the date of the Shareholder Requested Special Meeting or, if practicable, any adjournment or postponement thereof (and, if not practicable, on the first practicable date prior to the date to which the Shareholder Requested Special Meeting has been adjourned or postponed) in the case of the update required to be made as of five (5) business days prior to the Shareholder Requested Special Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. In addition, the shareholder and any duly authorized agent shall promptly provide any other information reasonably requested by the Company. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that the Requesting Shareholder consists of a group of shareholders, the requirements and obligations applicable to an individual Requesting Shareholder that are set forth in these Bylaws, including the One-Year Period, shall apply to each member of such group individually; provided, however, that the Requisite Percentage shall apply to the continuous ownership of the eligible group in the aggregate.

(d) In determining whether a special meeting of shareholders has been requested by the record holders of shares representing in the aggregate at least the Requisite Percentage who have owned such shares continuously for the One-Year Period, multiple Special Meeting Requests delivered to the Secretary of the Company will be considered together only if (i) each Special Meeting Request identifies substantially the same purpose or purposes of the special meeting and substantially the same matters proposed to be acted on at the special meeting, in each case as determined by the Board of Directors (which, if such purpose is the nominating of a person or persons for election to the Board of Directors, will mean that the exact same person or persons are nominated in each relevant Special Meeting Request), and (ii) such Special Meeting Requests have been dated and delivered to the Secretary of the Company within sixty (60) calendar days of the earliest dated Special Meeting Request. A shareholder may revoke a Special Meeting Request at any time by written revocation delivered to the Secretary of the Company. If, following such revocation, there are unrevoked requests from shareholders representing in the aggregate less than the Requisite Percentage, the Board of Directors, in its discretion, may cancel the special meeting.

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 1.2, a Shareholder Requested Special Meeting shall not be held if (i) the Special Meeting Request does not comply with these Bylaws, (ii) the business specified in the Special Meeting Request is not a proper subject for shareholder action under applicable law, (iii) the Board of Directors has called or calls for an annual or special meeting of shareholders to be held within ninety (90) calendar days after the Secretary of the Company receives the Special Meeting Request and the Board of Directors determines that the business of such meeting includes (among any other matters properly brought before the annual or special meeting) the business specified in the Special Meeting Request, (iv) the Special Meeting

Request is received by the Secretary of the Company during the period commencing ninety (90) calendar days prior to the anniversary date of the prior year's annual meeting of shareholders and ending on the date of the final adjournment of the next annual meeting of shareholders, (v) an identical or substantially similar item (a "Similar Item") was presented at any meeting of shareholders held within ninety (90) calendar days prior to receipt by the Secretary of the Company of the Special Meeting Request (and, for purposes of this clause (v), the nomination, election or removal of directors shall be deemed a "Similar Item" with respect to all items of business involving the nomination, election or removal of directors, the changing of the size of the Board of Directors and the filling of vacancies and/or newly created directorships), or (vi) the Special Meeting Request was made in a manner that involved a violation of Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or other applicable law.

(f) Except to the extent previously determined by the Board of Directors in connection with a Special Meeting Request, the chairperson of the Shareholder Requested Special Meeting shall determine at such meeting whether any proposed business or other matter to be transacted by the shareholders has not been properly brought before the special meeting and, if he or she should so determine, the chairperson shall declare that such proposed business or other matter was not properly brought before the meeting and such business or other matter shall not be presented for shareholder action at the meeting. In addition, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 1.2, unless otherwise required by law, if none of the Requesting Shareholders (or a qualified representative of the shareholder) appear at the Shareholder Requested Special Meeting to present a nomination or other proposed business, such nomination shall be disregarded and such proposed business shall not be transacted, notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such vote may have been received by the Company.

Section 1.3 Notice of Meetings. Unless waived in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code as amended from time to time (the "Code"), a notice of each meeting of Shareholders stating the date, time and place of the meeting shall be given not less than 10 days nor more than 60 days before the date thereof to each Shareholder entitled to vote at that meeting. In the case of an Annual Meeting, the notice need not state the purpose or purposes of the meeting unless the Articles of Incorporation or the Code requires the purpose or purposes to be stated in the notice of the meeting. Any irregularity in such notice shall not affect the validity of the Annual Meeting or any action taken at such meeting. In the case of a special meeting of the Shareholders, the notice of meeting shall state the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, and only business within the purpose or purposes described in such notice may be conducted at the meeting.

Section 1.4 Voting Groups. "Voting group" as used in these Bylaws means all shares of one or more classes or series that are entitled to vote and be counted together collectively on a matter at a meeting of Shareholders. All shares entitled to vote generally on the matter are, for that purpose, a single voting group.

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Section 1.5 Quorum. With respect to shares entitled to vote as a separate voting group on a matter at a meeting of Shareholders, the presence, in person or by proxy, of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter by the voting group shall constitute a quorum of that voting group for action on that matter unless the Articles of Incorporation or the Code provides otherwise. Once a share is represented for any purpose at a meeting, other than solely to object to holding the meeting or to transacting business at the meeting, it is deemed present for quorum purposes for the remainder of the meeting and for any adjournment of the meeting unless a new record date is or must be set for the adjourned meeting pursuant to Section 1.11 of these Bylaws.

Section 1.6 Vote Required for Action. If a quorum exists, action on a matter (other than the election of Directors) is approved if the votes cast favoring the action exceed the votes cast opposing the action, unless the Articles of Incorporation, provisions of these Bylaws validly adopted by the Shareholders, or the Code requires a greater number of affirmative votes. If the Articles of Incorporation or the Code provide for voting by two or more voting groups on a matter, action on that matter is taken only when voted upon by each of those voting groups counted separately.

Section 1.7 Adjournments. Whether or not a quorum is present to organize a meeting, any meeting of Shareholders (including an adjourned meeting) may be adjourned by the holders of a majority of the voting shares represented at the meeting to reconvene at a specific time and place, but no later than 120 days after the date fixed for the original meeting unless the requirements of the Code concerning the selection of a new record date have been met.

Section 1.8 Presiding Officer. The Chairman of the Board shall call the meeting of the Shareholders to order and shall act as chairman of such meeting. In the absence of the Chairman of the Board, the meeting shall be called to order by any one of the following officers or Directors then present, in the following order: the Lead Independent Director, the Chief Executive Officer, or Corporate Vice President by seniority in title, who shall act as chairman of the meeting. The Secretary of the Company shall act as secretary of the meeting of the Shareholders. In the absence of the Secretary, at any meeting of the Shareholders, the presiding officer may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting.

Section 1.9 Voting of Shares. Unless the Articles of Incorporation or the Code provides otherwise, each outstanding share having voting rights shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of Shareholders.

Section 1.10 Proxies. A Shareholder entitled to vote pursuant to Section 1.9 may vote in person or by proxy pursuant to an appointment of proxy executed by the Shareholder either in writing or pursuant to an electronic or telephonic transmission, provided that the transmission contains or is accompanied by information from which it can be determined that the Shareholder authorized the transmission. An appointment of proxy shall be valid for only one meeting to be specified therein, and any adjournments of such meeting, but shall not be valid for more than eleven months unless expressly provided therein. Appointments of proxy shall be dated and filed with the records of the meeting to which they relate. If the validity of any appointment of proxy is questioned, it must be submitted for examination to the Secretary of the Company or to a proxy officer or committee appointed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary or, if

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appointed by the Board of Directors, the proxy officer, inspector of election or committee shall determine the validity or invalidity of any appointment of proxy submitted, and reference by the Secretary in the minutes of the meeting to the regularity of an appointment of proxy shall be received as prima facie evidence of the facts stated for the purpose of establishing the presence of a quorum at the meeting and for all other purposes.

Section 1.11 Record Date. For the purpose of determining Shareholders entitled to notice of a meeting of the Shareholders, to demand a special meeting, to vote, or to take any other action, the Board of Directors may fix a future date as the record date, which date shall be not more than 70 days prior to the date on which the particular action, requiring a determination of the Shareholders, is to be taken. A determination of the Shareholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of the Shareholders is effective for any adjournment of the meeting unless the Board of Directors fixes a new record date, which it must do if the meeting is adjourned to a date more than 120 days after the date fixed for the original meeting. If no record date is fixed by the Board of Directors, the 70th day preceding the date on which the particular action, requiring a determination of the Shareholders, is to be taken shall be the record date for that purpose.

Section 1.12 Shareholder Proposals and Nominations.

(a) Notwithstanding Section 1.13, no proposal for a Shareholder vote shall be submitted by a Shareholder (a "Shareholder Proposal") to the Company's Shareholders unless the Shareholder submitting such proposal (the "Proponent") shall have filed a written notice setting forth with particularity (i) the names and business addresses of the Proponent and all natural persons, corporations, partnerships, trusts or any other type of legal entity or recognized ownership vehicle (collectively, a "Person") acting in concert with the Proponent; (ii) the name and address of the Proponent and the Persons identified in clause (i), as they appear on the Company's books (if they so appear); (iii) the class and number of shares of the Company beneficially owned by the Proponent and by each Person identified in clause (i); (iv) a description of the Shareholder Proposal containing all material information relating thereto; (v) for proposals sought to be included in the Company's proxy statement, any other information required by Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act; and (vi) such other information as the Board of Directors reasonably determines is necessary or appropriate to enable the Board of Directors and Shareholders of the Company to consider the Shareholder Proposal. The presiding officer at any meeting of the Shareholders may determine that any Shareholder Proposal was not made in accordance with the procedures prescribed in these Bylaws or is otherwise not in accordance with law, and if it is so determined, such officer shall so declare at the meeting and the Shareholder Proposal shall be disregarded.

(b) Only persons who are selected and recommended by the Board of Directors or the committee of the Board of Directors designated to make nominations, or who are nominated by Shareholders in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 1.12 or Section 1.13, shall be eligible for election, or qualified to serve, as Directors. Nominations of individuals for election to the Board of Directors of the Company at any Annual Meeting or any

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special meeting of Shareholders at which Directors are to be elected may be made by any Shareholder of the Company entitled to vote for the election of Directors at that meeting by compliance with the procedures set forth in this Section 1.12 or Section 1.13. Nominations by Shareholders pursuant to this Section 1.12 shall be made by written notice (a "Nomination Notice"), which shall set forth (i) as to each individual nominated, (A) the name, date of birth, business address and residence address of such individual; (B) the business experience during the past five years of such nominee, including his or her principal occupations and employment during such period, the name and principal business of any corporation or other organization in which such occupations and employment were carried on, and such other information as to the nature of his or her responsibilities and level of professional competence as may be sufficient to permit assessment of such prior business experience; (C) whether the nominee is or has ever been at any time a director, officer or owner of five percent or more of any class of capital stock, partnership interests or other equity interest of any corporation, partnership or other entity; (D) any directorships held by such nominee in any company with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, or subject to the requirements of Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act or any company registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; (E) whether such nominee has ever been convicted in a criminal proceeding or has ever been subject to a judgment, order, finding or decree of any federal, state or other governmental entity, concerning any violation of federal, state or other law, or any proceeding in bankruptcy, which conviction, order, finding, decree or proceeding may be material to an evaluation of the ability or integrity of the nominee; and (F) all other information relating to such individual that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of Directors in a contested election (as defined below), or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act; and (ii) as to the Person submitting the Nomination Notice and any Person acting in concert with such Person, (V) the name and business address of such Person, (W) the name and address of such Person as they appear on the Company's books (if they so appear), (X) the class and number of shares of the Company that are beneficially owned by such Person, (Y) a description of any agreements, arrangements or understandings with respect to the nomination or proposal among such Person and/or such beneficial owner and any other Person acting in concert, including the nominee, and (Z) a description of any agreements, arrangements or understandings (including any derivative or short positions, profit interests, options, warrants, convertible securities, stock appreciation or similar rights, hedging transactions, and borrowed or loaned shares) that have been entered into as of the date of the Nomination Notice by, or on behalf of, the Person submitting the Nomination Notice, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss to, manage risk or benefit of share price changes for, or increase or decrease the voting power of, such Person or such beneficial owner, with respect to securities of the Company. At the request of the Company, the nominee must submit a completed and signed questionnaire (which questionnaire shall be provided by the Secretary) and provide such other information as the Company

may reasonably request. A written consent to being named in a proxy statement as a nominee, and to serve as a Director if elected, signed by the nominee, shall be filed with any Nomination Notice, together with evidence satisfactory to the Company that such nominee has no interests that would limit his or her ability to fulfill his or her duties of office. If the presiding officer at any meeting of the Shareholders determines that a nomination was not made in accordance with the procedures prescribed by these Bylaws, such officer shall so declare to the meeting and the defective nomination shall be disregarded.

(c) If a Shareholder Proposal or Nomination Notice pursuant to this Section 1.12 is to be submitted at an Annual Meeting, it shall be delivered to or be mailed and received by the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive office of the Company not less than 120 days nor more than 150 days before the first anniversary of the date that the Company's proxy statement was released to Shareholders in connection with the previous year's Annual Meeting (the "Anniversary"). However, if no Annual Meeting was held in the previous year or if the date of the Annual Meeting has been changed by more than 30 days from the date contemplated at the time of the previous year's proxy statement, the notice shall be delivered to or be mailed and received by the Secretary at the principal executive office of the Company not later than the last to occur of (i) the date that is 150 days prior to the date of the contemplated Annual Meeting or (ii) the date that is 10 days after the date of the first public announcement or other notification to the Shareholders of the date of the contemplated Annual Meeting. Subject to Section 1.3 as to matters that may be acted upon at a special meeting of the Shareholders, if a Shareholder Proposal or Nomination Notice is to be submitted at a special meeting of the Shareholders (other than a Shareholder Requested Special Meeting, as to which Section 1.2 shall govern exclusively), it shall be delivered to or be mailed and received by the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive office of the Company no later than the close of business on the earlier of (i) the 30th day following the public announcement that a matter will be submitted to a vote of the Shareholders at a special meeting, or (ii) the 10th day following the day on which notice of the special meeting was given. In addition, if a Shareholder intends to solicit proxies from the Shareholders of the Company for any meeting of the Shareholders, such Shareholder shall notify the Company of this intent.

#### Section 1.13 Proxy Access.

(a) Whenever the Board of Directors solicits proxies with respect to the election of Directors at an Annual Meeting, subject to the provisions of this Section 1.13, the Company shall include in its proxy statement for such Annual Meeting, in addition to any persons nominated for election by or at the direction of the Board of Directors (or any duly authorized committee thereof), the name, together with the Required Information (as defined below), of any person nominated for election (the "Shareholder Nominee") to the Board of Directors by a Shareholder or group of no more than twenty (20) Shareholders (counting as one Shareholder, for this purpose, (i) any funds under common management

and investment control, (ii) any funds under common management and funded primarily by the same employer or (iii) a “group of investment companies,” as defined in Section 12(d)(1)(G)(ii) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (or any successor rule)) that satisfies the requirements of this Section 1.13 (such Shareholder or group of Shareholders, the “Eligible Shareholder”) and that expressly elects at the time of providing the notice required by this Section 1.13 to have such nominee included in the Company’s proxy materials pursuant to this Section 1.13. For purposes of this Section 1.13, the “Required Information” that the Company will include in its proxy statement is (i) the information required in a Nomination Notice set forth in Section 1.12(b) concerning the Shareholder Nominee, (ii) information concerning the Eligible Shareholder that the Company determines is required to be disclosed in the Company’s proxy statement pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and (iii) if the Eligible Shareholder so elects, a Supporting Statement (as defined in Section 1.13(g) hereof). Subject to the provisions of this Section 1.13, the name of any Shareholder Nominee included in the Company’s proxy statement for an Annual Meeting shall also be set forth on the form of proxy distributed by the Company in connection with such Annual Meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, and any other provision of these Bylaws notwithstanding, the Company may in its sole discretion solicit against, and include in the proxy statement its own statements or other information relating to, any Eligible Shareholder and/or Shareholder Nominee. This Section 1.13, together with Section 1.12, provides the exclusive methods for a Shareholder to include nominees for election to the Board of Directors in the Company’s proxy materials.

(b) In addition to any other applicable requirements, for a Shareholder Nominee to be eligible for inclusion in the Company’s proxy materials pursuant to this Section 1.13, the Eligible Shareholder must give timely notice of such nomination (the “Notice of Proxy Access Nomination”) in proper written form to the Secretary of the Company. To be timely, the Notice of Proxy Access Nomination must be delivered to or be mailed and received by the Secretary at the principal executive office of the Company not less than 120 nor more than 150 days prior to the Anniversary; provided, however, that, if no Annual Meeting was held in the previous year or if the date of the Annual Meeting has been changed by more than 30 days from the date contemplated at the time of the previous year’s proxy statement, notice by the Eligible Shareholder to be timely must be so received not later than the last to occur of (i) the date that is 150 days prior to the date of the contemplated Annual Meeting or (ii) the date that is 10 days after the date of the first public announcement or other notification to the Shareholders of the date of the contemplated Annual Meeting. In no event shall an adjournment of an Annual Meeting, or the postponement of an Annual Meeting for which notice has been given, commence a new time period for the giving of an Eligible Shareholder’s Notice of Proxy Access Nomination pursuant to this Section 1.13.

(c) The maximum number of Shareholder Nominees nominated by all Eligible Shareholders that will be included in the Company's proxy materials with respect to an Annual Meeting shall be the greater of (i) two (2) or (ii) twenty percent (20%) of the number of Directors in office as of the last day on which a Notice of Proxy Access Nomination may be delivered pursuant to and in accordance with this Section 1.13 (the "Final Proxy Access Nomination Date") or, if such amount is not a whole number, the closest whole number below twenty percent (20%) (such number, as it may be adjusted pursuant to this Section 1.13(e), the "Permitted Number"). In the event that one or more vacancies occurs on the Board of Directors for any reason after the Final Proxy Access Nomination Date but on or before the date of the Annual Meeting and the Board of Directors resolves to reduce the number of Directors on the Board of Directors in connection therewith, the Permitted Number shall be calculated based on the number of Directors on the Board of Directors as so reduced. The Permitted Number shall also be reduced by: (i) the number of individuals nominated by an Eligible Shareholder for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials pursuant to this Section 1.13 whose nomination is subsequently withdrawn, (ii) the number of individuals nominated by an Eligible Shareholder for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials pursuant to this Section 1.13 whom the Board of Directors decides to nominate for election to the Board of Directors, (iii) the number of individuals for which the Secretary of the Company has received notice that any Shareholder proposes to nominate for election to the Board of Directors pursuant to the advance notice requirements for nominations by Shareholders set forth in Section 1.12; provided, that the Permitted Number after such reduction with respect to this clause (iii) will in no event be less than one, (iv) the number of nominees recommended by the Board of Directors who will be included in the Company's proxy materials pursuant to an agreement, arrangement or other understanding with a Shareholder or group of Shareholders (other than any such agreement, arrangement or understanding entered into in connection with an acquisition of stock from the Company by such Shareholder or group of Shareholders); provided, that the Permitted Number after such reduction with respect to this clause (iv) will in no event be less than one; and (v) the number of Directors on the Board of Directors as of the Final Proxy Access Nomination Date who was included in the Company's proxy materials as a Shareholder Nominee for any of the two (2) preceding Annual Meetings (including any individual counted as a Shareholder Nominee pursuant to the preceding clause (ii)) and whom the Board of Directors decides to nominate for re-election to the Board of Directors. Any Eligible Shareholder submitting more than one Shareholder Nominee for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials pursuant to this Section 1.13 shall rank such Shareholder Nominees based on the order in which the Eligible Shareholder desires such Shareholder Nominees to be selected for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials in the event that the total number of Shareholder Nominees submitted by Eligible Shareholders pursuant to this Section 1.13 exceeds the Permitted Number. In the event that the number of Shareholder Nominees submitted by Eligible Shareholders pursuant to this Section 1.13 exceeds the Permitted Number, the highest ranking Shareholder Nominee who meets the requirements

of this Section 1.13 from each Eligible Shareholder will be selected for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials until the Permitted Number is reached, going in order of the amount (largest to smallest) of shares of capital stock of the Company entitled to vote at any meeting for the election of Directors ("Voting Stock") each Eligible Shareholder disclosed as owned in its Notice of Proxy Access Nomination. If the Permitted Number is not reached after the highest ranking Shareholder Nominee who meets the requirements of this Section 1.13 from each Eligible Shareholder has been selected, then the next highest ranking Shareholder Nominee who meets the requirements of this Section 1.13 from each Eligible Shareholder will be selected for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials, and this process will continue as many times as necessary, following the same order each time, until the Permitted Number is reached.

(d) In order to make a nomination pursuant to this Section 1.13, an Eligible Shareholder must have owned (as defined below) at least three percent (3%) of the outstanding shares of Voting Stock (the "Required Shares") continuously for at least three (3) years (the "Minimum Holding Period") as of both the date the Notice of Proxy Access Nomination is delivered to or mailed and received by the Secretary of the Company in accordance with this Section 1.13 and the record date for the determination of Shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, and must continue to own the Required Shares through the date of the Annual Meeting. For purposes of this Section 1.13, an Eligible Shareholder shall be deemed to "own" only those outstanding shares of Voting Stock as to which the Eligible Shareholder possesses both (i) the full voting and investment rights pertaining to the shares and (ii) the full economic interest in (including the opportunity for profit from and risk of loss on) such shares; provided that the number of shares calculated in accordance with clauses (i) and (ii) shall not include any shares (x) sold by such Shareholder or any of its affiliates in any transaction that has not been settled or closed, (y) borrowed by such Shareholder or any of its affiliates for any purposes or purchased by such Shareholder or any of its affiliates pursuant to an agreement to resell or (z) subject to any option, warrant, forward contract, swap, contract of sale, other derivative or similar instrument or agreement entered into by such Shareholder or any of its affiliates, whether any such instrument or agreement is to be settled with shares or with cash based on the notional amount or value of outstanding shares of Voting Stock, in any such case which instrument or agreement has, or is intended to have, the purpose or effect of (1) reducing in any manner, to any extent or at any time in the future, such Shareholder's or its affiliates' full right to vote or direct the voting of any such shares or (2) hedging, offsetting or altering to any degree any gain or loss realized or realizable from maintaining the full economic ownership of such shares by such Shareholder or affiliate, but not including any hedging across a broad multi-industry investment portfolio solely with respect to currency risk, interest-rate risk or, using a broad index-based hedge, equity risk. A Shareholder shall "own" shares held in the name of a nominee or other intermediary so long as the Shareholder retains the right to instruct how the shares are voted with respect to the election of Directors and possesses the full economic interest in the shares. A Shareholder's ownership of shares shall be

deemed to continue during any period in which (i) the Shareholder has loaned such shares; provided that the Shareholder has the power to recall such loaned shares on five (5) business days' notice and includes in its Notice of Proxy Access Nomination an agreement that it will continue to hold such shares through the date of the Annual Meeting or (ii) the Shareholder has delegated any voting power by means of a proxy, power of attorney or other instrument or arrangement that is revocable at any time by the Shareholder. The terms "owned," "owning" and other variations of the word "own" shall have correlative meanings. For purposes of this Section 1.13, the term "affiliate" or "affiliates" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto under Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

(e) To be in proper written form for purposes of this Section 1.13, the Notice of Proxy Access Nomination must include or be accompanied by the following:

- (i) a written statement by the Eligible Shareholder certifying as to the number of shares it owns and has owned (as defined in Section 1.13(d) hereof) continuously during the Minimum Holding Period;
- (ii) one or more written statements from the record holder(s) of the Required Shares (and from each intermediary through which the Required Shares are or have been held during the Minimum Holding Period) verifying that, as of a date within seven (7) days prior to the date the Notice of Proxy Access Nomination is delivered to or mailed and received by the Secretary of the Company, the Eligible Shareholder owns, and has owned continuously for the Minimum Holding Period, the Required Shares, and the Eligible Shareholder's agreement to provide to the Secretary of the Company (1) not later than ten (10) days after the record date for the determination of Shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, one or more written statements from the record holder(s) and such intermediaries verifying the Eligible Shareholder's continuous ownership of the Required Shares through the record date and (2) immediate notice if the Eligible Shareholder ceases to own less than the Required Shares prior to the date of the Annual Meeting;
- (iii) a copy of the Schedule 14N that has been or is concurrently being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as required by Rule 14a-18 under the Exchange Act;
- (iv) the information and consent that would be required to be set forth in a Nomination Notice pursuant to Section 1.12 of these Bylaws, together with the written consent of each Shareholder Nominee to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a Director, if elected;

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- (v) a representation that the Eligible Shareholder (1) will continue to hold the Required Shares through the date of the Annual Meeting, (2) acquired the Required Shares in the ordinary course of business and neither acquired, nor owns, any shares of Voting Stock for the purpose or with the effect of influencing or changing control of the Company, (3) has not nominated and will not nominate for election to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting any person other than the Shareholder Nominee(s) it is nominating pursuant to this Section 1.13, (4) has not engaged and will not engage in, and has not and will not be a “participant” in another person’s, “solicitation” within the meaning of Rule 14a-1(l) under the Exchange Act (or any successor rules) in support of the election of any person as a Director at the Annual Meeting other than its Shareholder Nominee(s) or a nominee of the Board of Directors, (5) has not distributed and will not distribute to any Shareholder of the Company any form of proxy for the Annual Meeting other than the form distributed by the Company, (6) has complied and will comply with all laws and regulations applicable to solicitations and the use, if any, of soliciting material in connection with the Annual Meeting, (7) has provided and will provide facts, statements and other information in all communications with the Company and its Shareholders that are or will be true and correct in all material respects and do not and will not omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and (8) meets the eligibility requirements of an Eligible Shareholder set forth in these Bylaws;
- (vi) an undertaking that the Eligible Shareholder agrees to (1) assume all liability resulting from any legal or regulatory violation arising out of the Eligible Shareholder’s communications with the Shareholders of the Company or relating to the information that the Eligible Shareholder provided to the Company, (2) indemnify and hold harmless (jointly with all other group members, in the case of a group member) the Company and each of its Directors, officers and employees individually against any liability, loss or damages in connection with any threatened or pending action, suit or proceeding, whether legal, administrative or investigative, against the Company or any of its Directors, officers or employees arising out of any nomination submitted by the Eligible Shareholder pursuant to this Section 1.13 or any activity by the Eligible Shareholder in connection with the Annual Meeting or that would otherwise require filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission as provided by clause (3) below, and (3) file with the Securities and Exchange Commission any solicitation with the Shareholders of the Company relating to

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(A) the Shareholder Nominee(s), (B) the meeting at which its Shareholder Nominee(s) will be nominated, (C) any other nominee nominated for election to the Board of Directors or (D) the Company (to the extent occurring on or after the date of the Notice of Proxy Access Nomination), in each case, regardless of whether any such filing is required under Regulation 14A of the Exchange Act or whether any exemption from filing is available for such solicitation under Regulation 14A of the Exchange Act;

- (vii) in the case of a nomination by a group of Shareholders together constituting an Eligible Shareholder, the designation by all group members of one member of the group that is authorized to receive communications, notices and inquiries from the Company and subject to Section 1.13(k) to act on behalf of all members of the group with respect to all matters relating to the nomination under this Section 1.13 (including withdrawal of the nomination);
- (viii) in the case of a nomination by a group of Shareholders together constituting an Eligible Shareholder pursuant to Section 1.13(a) are counted as one Shareholder for purposes of qualifying as an Eligible Shareholder, documentation reasonably satisfactory to the Company that demonstrates that the funds are either (1) under common management and investment control, (2) under common management and funded primarily by the same employer or (3) qualify as “group of investment companies,” as applicable;
- (ix) a written representation, along with information as necessary to permit the Board of Directors to determine that the Shareholder Nominee is independent (including with respect to all committees of the Board of Directors) under the applicable listing standards, any applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Corporate Governance Guidelines of the Company and any publicly disclosed standards used by the Board of Directors (collectively, the “Independence Standards”) to determine and disclose the independence of the Company’s Directors;
- (x) a written representation and agreement, in the form required by the Secretary of the Company, that the Shareholder Nominee meets the Director qualifications set forth in these Bylaws and will comply, in his or her individual capacity and on behalf of any person or entity on whose behalf the nomination is being made, if elected as a Director, with the Company’s Corporate Governance Guidelines, corporate policies, corporate directives, and policies and guidelines regarding conflicts of interest, confidentiality, mandatory retirement age, stock ownership and trading, any other codes of conduct, codes of ethics, policies and guidelines of the Company or any rules, regulations and listing standards, in each case as applicable to the Company’s Directors;

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- (xi) a written representation and agreement that the Shareholder Nominee is not and will not become a party to (1) any agreement, arrangement or understanding with, and has not given any commitment or assurance to, any person or entity as to how such person, if elected as a Director of the Company, will act or vote on any issue or question, (2) any agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the Company with respect to any direct or indirect compensation, reimbursement or indemnification in connection with service or action as a Director, in each case, unless the terms of such agreement, arrangement or understanding has been disclosed to the Company or (3) any voting commitment that could limit or interfere with such person's ability to comply, if elected as a Director of the Company, with such person's fiduciary duties under applicable law;
  - (xii) a description of all agreements, arrangements or understandings between the Eligible Shareholder and each Shareholder Nominee and any other person or persons, including the Shareholder Nominee, such beneficial owners and control persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by the Eligible Shareholder or that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404 promulgated under Regulation S-K of the Exchange Act if the Eligible Shareholder making the nomination and any beneficial owner or control person on whose behalf the nomination is made, if any, or any affiliate or associate thereof or person acting in concert therewith, were the "registrant" for purposes of such rule and the Shareholder Nominee were a Director or executive officer of such registrant;
  - (xiii) any information as may be requested by the Company of its Directors in a written questionnaire, in the form provided by the Secretary of the Company upon written request, with such completed questionnaire signed by the Shareholder Nominee; and
  - (xiv) an irrevocable letter of resignation signed by the Shareholder Nominee providing that such resignation shall become effective upon a determination by the Board of Directors or any committee thereof that (1) the information provided to the Company or its Shareholders with respect to such Shareholder Nominee or the Eligible Shareholder that nominated such Shareholder Nominee pursuant to this Section 1.13(e) was untrue in any material respect or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to

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make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or (2) such Shareholder Nominee, or the Eligible Shareholder who nominated such Shareholder Nominee, failed to comply with any obligation owed to the Company or breached any representation made under or pursuant to these Bylaws.

(f) In addition to the information required pursuant to Section 1.13(e) or any other provision of these Bylaws, the Company may require (i) any proposed Shareholder Nominee to furnish any other information (x) that may reasonably be required by the Company to determine that the Shareholder Nominee would be independent under the Independence Standards, (y) that could be material to a reasonable Shareholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such Shareholder Nominee or (z) that may reasonably be required by the Company to determine the eligibility of such Shareholder Nominee to serve as a Director of the Company and (ii) the Eligible Shareholder to furnish any other information that may reasonably be required by the Company to verify the Eligible Shareholder's continuous ownership of the Required Shares for the Minimum Holding Period and through the date of the Annual Meeting.

(g) The Eligible Shareholder (including collectively any group of Shareholders together constituting an Eligible Shareholder) may, at its option, provide to the Secretary of the Company, at the time the Notice of Proxy Access Nomination is provided, a written statement, not to exceed five hundred (500) words per nominee, in support of the Shareholder Nominee(s)' candidacy (a "Supporting Statement") for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials for the Annual Meeting. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 1.13, the Company may omit from its proxy materials any information or Supporting Statement (or portion thereof) that it, in good faith, believes is materially false or misleading, omits to state any material fact, or would violate any applicable law or regulation.

(h) In the event any information or communications provided by an Eligible Shareholder or a Shareholder Nominee to the Company or its Shareholders ceases to be true and correct in all material respects or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, such Eligible Shareholder or Shareholder Nominee, as the case may be, shall promptly notify the Secretary of the Company of any defect in such previously provided information and of the information that is required to correct any such defect. In addition, any person providing any information to the Company pursuant to this Section 1.13 shall further update and supplement such information, if necessary, so that all such information shall be true and correct as of the record date for the determination of Shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and as of the date of the Annual Meeting, and such update and supplement shall be delivered to or be mailed and received by the Secretary at the principal executive office of the Company not later than ten (10) days after the record date for the determination of Shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

(i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 1.13, the Company shall not be required to include, pursuant to this Section 1.13, a Shareholder Nominee in its proxy materials, or, if the proxy statement has already been filed, to allow the nomination of a Shareholder Nominee, notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such vote have been received by the Company: (i) for any Annual Meeting for which the Secretary of the Company receives notice (whether or not subsequently withdrawn) that the Eligible Shareholder proposes to nominate one or more persons for election to the Board of Directors pursuant to the advance notice requirements for nominations by Shareholders set forth in Section 1.12, (ii) if the Eligible Shareholder who has nominated such Shareholder Nominee has engaged in or is currently engaged in, or has been or is a “participant” in another person’s, “solicitation” within the meaning of Rule 14a-1(l) under the Exchange Act in support of the election of any person as a Director at the Annual Meeting other than its Shareholder Nominee(s) or a nominee of the Board of Directors, (iii) who would not be an independent Director under the Independence Standards, (iv) whose election as a member of the Board of Directors would cause the Company to be in violation of these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, the rules and listing standards of the principal United States securities exchanges upon which the Company’s shares are listed or traded, or any applicable state or federal law, rule or regulation, (v) who was nominated for election to the Board of Directors pursuant to this Section 1.13 at any one of the Company’s two (2) preceding Annual Meetings and either withdrew or became ineligible or unavailable or did not receive a number of affirmative votes cast in favor of his or her election at least equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the votes cast at such Annual Meeting, (vi) who is or has been, within the three (3) years preceding the date on which the Notice of Proxy Access Nomination is delivered, an officer or Director of a competitor, as defined in Section 8 of the Clayton Antitrust Act of 1914, (vii) who is a named subject of a pending criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses) or has been convicted in such a criminal proceeding within the ten (10) years preceding the date on which the Notice of Proxy Access Nomination is delivered to or mailed and received by the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive office of the Company, (viii) who is subject to any order of the type specified in Rule 506(d) of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (ix) if such Shareholder Nominee or the applicable Eligible Shareholder shall have provided any information to the Company or its Shareholders in respect of the nomination that was untrue in any material respect or that omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading, (x) if such Shareholder Nominee or the applicable Eligible Shareholder otherwise breaches or fails to comply with any of the agreements or representations made by such Shareholder Nominee or Eligible Shareholder or fails to comply with its obligations under this Section 1.13, or (xi) if the Eligible Shareholder ceases to be an Eligible Shareholder for any reason, including but not limited to not owning the Required Shares through the date of the Annual Meeting.

(j) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, if (i) a Shareholder Nominee or the applicable Eligible Shareholder breaches or fails to comply with any of its or their obligations, agreements or representations under this Section 1.13 or (ii) a Shareholder Nominee otherwise becomes ineligible for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials pursuant to this Section 1.13 or dies or otherwise becomes ineligible or unavailable for election at the Annual Meeting, (x) the Company may omit or, to the extent feasible, remove the information concerning such Shareholder Nominee and the related Supporting Statement from its proxy materials and/or otherwise communicate to its Shareholders that such Shareholder Nominee will not be eligible for election at the Annual Meeting, (y) the Company shall not be required to include in its proxy materials any successor or replacement nominee proposed by the applicable Eligible Shareholder or any other Eligible Shareholder, and (z) the Board of Directors or the presiding officer of the Annual Meeting shall declare such nomination to be invalid and such nomination shall be disregarded notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such vote may have been received by the Company. In addition, if the Eligible Shareholder (or a representative thereof) does not appear at the Annual Meeting to present any nomination pursuant to this Section 1.13, such nomination shall be declared invalid and disregarded as provided in clause (z) above.

(k) Whenever the Eligible Shareholder consists of a group of Shareholders (as set forth in Section 1.13(a)), (i) each provision in this Section 1.13 that requires the Eligible Shareholder to provide any written statements, representations, undertakings, agreements or other instruments or to meet any other conditions shall be deemed to require each Shareholder (including each individual fund) that is a member of such group to provide such statements, representations, undertakings, agreements or other instruments and to meet such other conditions (except that the members of such group may aggregate their shares in order to meet the three percent (3%) ownership requirement of the "Required Shares" definition) and (ii) a breach of, or failure to comply with, any obligation, agreement or representation under this Section 1.13 by any member of such group shall be deemed a breach by the Eligible Shareholder. No person may be a member of more than one group of Shareholders constituting an Eligible Shareholder with respect to any Annual Meeting.

(l) Any Shareholder Nominee who is included in the Company's proxy materials for a particular Annual Meeting but withdraws from or becomes ineligible or unavailable for election at the Annual Meeting will be ineligible to be a Shareholder Nominee pursuant to this Section 1.13 for the next two (2) Annual Meetings. For the avoidance of doubt, the immediately preceding sentence shall not prevent any Shareholder from nominating any person to the Board of Directors pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1.12.

(m) The Board of Directors (and any other person or body authorized by the Board of Directors) shall have the power and authority to interpret this Section 1.13 and Section 1.12 and to make any and all determinations necessary or advisable to apply such sections to any persons, facts or circumstances, including, without limitation, the power to determine (i) whether a person or group of persons qualifies as an Eligible Shareholder; (ii) whether outstanding shares of the Company's Voting Stock are "owned" for the purposes of meeting the ownership requirements of this Section 1.13; (iii) whether a Nomination Notice, Notice of Proxy Access Nomination and Supporting Statement complies with the requirements of this Section 1.13 and Section 1.12; (iv) whether a person satisfies the qualifications and requirements imposed by this Section 1.13 to be a Shareholder Nominee; (v) whether the inclusion of the Required Information in the Company's proxy statement is consistent with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and listing standards; and (vi) whether any and all requirements of this Section 1.13 and Section 1.12 have been satisfied. Any such interpretation or determination adopted in good faith by the Board of Directors (or any other person or body authorized by the Board of Directors) shall be binding on all persons, including the Company and all record or beneficial owners of shares of capital stock of the Company.

Section 1.14 Place of Shareholders' Meeting. For any meeting of shareholders as described in Article One, the Board of Directors, may, in its sole discretion, determine that any meeting of shareholders may be held solely or partially by means of remote communication in lieu of holding the meeting at a designated physical place, in any manner and to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the State of Georgia. A shareholder participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

## **ARTICLE TWO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 2.1 General. Subject to the Articles of Incorporation, all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Company shall be managed by or under the direction, and subject to oversight of, the Board of Directors. In addition to the powers and authority expressly conferred upon it by these Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors may exercise all such lawful acts and things as are not by law, by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws directed or required to be exercised or done by the Shareholders.

Section 2.2 Number of Directors and Term of Office. The number of Directors constituting the Board of Directors shall be consistent with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors. A Director may resign from the Board of Directors at any time by delivering notice in writing or by electronic transmission to the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board or the Secretary on behalf of the Company. Such resignation shall be effective on such later date or upon the happening of an event as is specified therein (or, if no such date or event is specified, upon delivery); provided, that, if so specified in such resignation or so provided by the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines or other Board of Directors-adopted policy in effect from time to time, the effectiveness of a Director's resignation may be conditioned upon its

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acceptance by the Board of Directors or upon the happening of another event, and the effective date thereof may be determined by the happening of such event. A resignation that is conditioned upon the happening of an event may provide that it is irrevocable. Directors shall have terms of office as provided in the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 2.3 Election of Directors. Except as provided in Section 2.4 of these Bylaws or by applicable law, each Director shall be elected by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast by the holders of all then outstanding shares of Voting Stock voting together as a single class with respect to the Director at any meeting for the election of Directors at which a quorum is present, provided that, if as of a date that is ten (10) days in advance of the date the Company files its definitive proxy statement (regardless of whether or not thereafter revised or supplemented) with the Securities and Exchange Commission the number of nominees exceeds the number of Directors to be elected in such election (a "contested election"), the Directors shall be elected by the vote of a plurality of the votes cast by the shares represented in person or by proxy at any such meeting and entitled to vote on the election of Directors. For purposes of this Section 2.3, a majority of the votes cast means that the number of shares voted "for" a Director must exceed the number of votes cast "against" that Director. If Directors are to be elected by a plurality of the votes cast in a contested election, Shareholders shall not be permitted to vote against a nominee. The Governance Committee of the Board of Directors shall establish and submit to the Board of Directors for approval policies pursuant to which any incumbent Director who is not re-elected by a majority of the votes cast in an election in which such majority is required shall offer his or her resignation to the Board of Directors. The Governance Committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors on whether or not to accept or reject the resignation, or whether other action should be taken. The Board of Directors will act on the Governance Committee's recommendation and publicly disclose its decision and the rationale behind it within 90 days from the date of certification of the election results. If, for any cause, and except as provided in Section 2.4 of these Bylaws or by applicable law, Directors shall not have been elected at an Annual Meeting, they may be elected as soon thereafter as convenient at a special meeting of the Shareholders called for that purpose in the manner provided in these Bylaws.

Section 2.4 Vacancies. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors that results from an increase in the number of Directors or from prior death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office of a Director shall be filled by a majority of the Board of Directors then in office, though less than a quorum, or by the sole remaining Director. Any Director elected to fill a vacancy resulting from an increase in the number of Directors or from the death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office of a Director shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting and until the Director's successor has been duly elected and qualified. No decrease in the number of authorized Directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent Director.

Section 2.5 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time.

Section 2.6 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the direction of the Chairman of the Board, the Lead Independent Director, or the Chief Executive Officer. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may also be called by one-third of the Directors then in office. Unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof, any and all business of the Company may be transacted at any special meeting of the Board of Directors.

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Section 2.7 Notice of Meetings. Unless waived in accordance with the Code, notice of each regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, stating the date, time and place of the meeting, shall be given not less than two days before the date thereof to each Director.

Section 2.8 Quorum; Adjournments. Unless the Code, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws provide for a different number, a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Whether or not a quorum is present to organize a meeting, any meeting of Directors (including a reconvened meeting) may be adjourned by a majority of the Directors present, to reconvene at a specific time and place. At any adjourned meeting, any business may be transacted that could have been transacted at the meeting prior to adjournment. If notice of the original meeting was properly given, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of the adjourned meeting or of the business to be transacted if the date, time and place of the adjourned meeting are announced at the meeting prior to adjournment.

Section 2.9 Vote Required for Action. If a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of Directors present is the act of the Board of Directors unless the Code, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws provide for the vote of a different number of Directors or of specific Directors.

Section 2.10 Action by Directors Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or any meeting of the non-employee Directors or any action that may be taken at a meeting of a committee of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by all the members of the Board of Directors, all the non-employee Directors, or all the members of the committee, as the case may be. The action must be evidenced by one or more written consents describing the action taken, signed by each Director, each non-employee Director or each Director serving on the committee, as the case may be, and delivered to the Company for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records or evidenced in any other manner effective under the Code.

Section 2.11 Compensation of Directors. Directors who are salaried officers or employees of the Company shall receive no additional compensation for service as a Director or as a member of a committee of the Board of Directors. Each Director who is not a salaried officer or employee of the Company shall be compensated as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.12 Lead Independent Director. If the Chairman of the Board is not independent under the Independence Standards (“independent director”), then an independent director shall be named as the Lead Independent Director. The Lead Independent Director will preside over each executive session of the independent directors. In addition to the powers and duties specified herein, the Lead Independent Director shall have the powers and duties assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors.

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**ARTICLE THREE**  
**COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 3.1 Standing Committees and Membership. The standing committees of the Board of Directors shall be the Executive Committee, Audit Committee, Compensation, Human Resources & Management Succession Committee, Governance Committee, and Technology Committee, each of which shall have and may exercise the powers and authority of the Board of Directors to the extent provided in the charters of each committee adopted by the Board of Directors in one or more resolutions except as prohibited by the Code. Subject to these Bylaws, the number of members of each committee shall be fixed by the Board of Directors from time to time by resolution. The members of each such committee shall be elected by the Board of Directors from among the members of the Board of Directors. A director may concurrently serve on more than one of such committees. Only an independent director shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Audit Committee, the Compensation, Human Resources & Management Succession Committee or the Governance Committee.

Section 3.2 Selection; Term; Removal. The members of each of the standing committees of the Board of Directors and the chairperson thereof shall be elected at the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors, or at such other time as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors, and shall hold office until the next such annual meeting of the Board of Directors and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified; provided, however, that vacancies during the year on any standing committee may be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.3 Meetings; Quorum; Minutes. Each standing committee of the Board of Directors shall from time to time meet at such time and place as shall be directed by the chairperson of each committee and, in his or her absence, by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, or in his or her absence, by the Chief Executive Officer. A majority of all the members of each such committee shall constitute a quorum for that committee meeting. Each committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings and actions and shall submit a report thereto at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 3.4 Authority of Committees. No committee shall have authority to perform any act which may not be delegated to a committee under the Code. If the Board of Directors has given general authorization for the issuance of stock providing for or establishing a method or procedure for determining the maximum number of shares to be issued, a committee of the Board of Directors, in accordance with that general authorization or any stock option or other plan or program adopted by the Board of Directors, may fix the terms of stock subject to classification or reclassification and the terms on which any stock may be issued, including all terms and conditions required to be established by the Board of Directors under Sections 14-2-602 and 14-2-825 of the Code. The Board of Directors shall have the power at any time to change the members of any committee so designated, to fill vacancies or to dissolve any such committee.

Section 3.5 Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of not less than three directors nor more than five directors, a majority of which shall be independent directors, and shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as may be directed or delegated by the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board or Lead Independent Director shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee, as determined by the independent directors. Between meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee may exercise any and all powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the

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Company with the same effect as if exercised by the Board of Directors. All actions by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision or alteration by the Board of Directors, provided that no rights or interests of third parties shall be affected by any such revision or alteration.

Section 3.6 Other Committees. The powers and duties of committees other than the Executive Committee shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR OFFICERS**

Section 4.1 Officers. The elected officers of the Company shall include the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, such Corporate Vice Presidents and other Vice Presidents as the Board of Directors shall from time to time elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers or assistant officers as the Board of Directors or the Chairman of the Board shall from time to time appoint or elect with such powers and duties as the Chairman of the Board or the Board of Directors may deem necessary or appropriate. In addition, the Chief Executive Officer may appoint as officers of the Company employees with executive authority within an operating or support division of the Company and may designate for such officers titles that appropriately reflect their positions and responsibilities.

Section 4.2 Election and Qualification. At the first Board of Directors meeting after each Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall elect the officers of the Company. From time to time, the Board of Directors may elect other officers. Any two or more of the offices may be filled by the same person.

Section 4.3 Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Shareholders, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, subject to the role of the Lead Independent Director as provided in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines. Except where by law the signature of the Chief Executive Officer is required, the Chairman of the Board shall have the same power as the Chief Executive Officer to sign all authorized certificates, contracts, bonds, deeds, mortgages, and other instruments. The Chairman of the Board shall have such other powers and duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 4.4 Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer shall direct the business and policies of the Company and shall have such other powers and duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairman of the Board or during the absence or disability of the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer shall have all of the rights, powers and authority given hereunder to the Chairman of the Board. The Chief Executive Officer, in the absence of the Chairman of the Board, shall preside at meetings of the Shareholders, at meetings of the Directors and at meetings of the Executive Committee, subject to the role of the Lead Independent Director as provided in Sections 1.8 and 2.12 hereof. In general, the Chief Executive Officer shall have the usual powers and duties incident to the office of a Chief Executive Officer of a corporation and such other powers and duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or a committee thereof.

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Section 4.5 Corporate Vice Presidents. Each Corporate Vice President shall perform such duties and have such authority as shall be assigned to him or her by the Chief Executive Officer, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 4.6 Secretary. The Secretary shall issue or cause to be issued notices for all meetings of the Shareholders or Board of Directors and its committees and shall keep minutes of such meetings and have charge of the seal and corporate books and records. In the absence of the Secretary from any meetings of the Shareholders or Board of Directors, the record of the proceedings shall be kept and authenticated by such person as may be appointed for that purpose by the chairman of the meeting. The Secretary shall perform such other duties and have such authority as may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board or the Chief Executive Officer.

Section 4.7 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of the funds, securities and other valuable effects of the Company (including its subsidiaries and affiliates) and shall keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys to the credit of the Company in such banks or depositories as he or she shall designate subject to control of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall cause disbursement of the funds of the Company as may be required in the conduct of business. Whenever required to do so, the Treasurer shall render an account of his or her transactions as Treasurer of the Company. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties and have such authority as may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board or the Chief Executive Officer.

Section 4.8 Other Duties and Authority. Each officer, employee and agent of the Company shall have such other duties and authority as may be conferred upon him or her by the Board of Directors or delegated to him or her by the Chief Executive Officer.

Section 4.9 Staff and Divisional Titles. The Chief Executive Officer may appoint at his or her discretion such divisional presidents, senior vice presidents, vice presidents or other similar designation as he or she deems appropriate. Such persons shall not be elected officers of the Company and shall retain such title at the sole discretion of the Chief Executive Officer who may from time to time change such designations.

Section 4.10 Resignation and Removal of Officers. Any officer of the Company may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Any officer, however elected or appointed, may be removed with or without cause at any time by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, or other committee appointed by the Board of Directors for this purpose, and any officer appointed by another officer may also be removed, with or without cause, by the appointing officer or any officer senior to the appointing officer.

Section 4.11 Compensation. The compensation of officers shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors, the Compensation, Human Resources & Management Succession Committee or other committee appointed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors or the Compensation, Human Resources & Management Succession Committee of the Board of Directors may authorize and empower the Chief Executive Officer to fix the compensation of all officers of the Company who are not designated by the Board of Directors as Section 16 reporting officers under the Exchange Act. No officer shall be prevented from receiving compensation from the Company by reason of the fact that he or she is also a Director of the Company.

Section 4.12 Voting of Stock. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, any Corporate Vice President, or the Secretary of the Company, or the designees of any such officer pursuant to a written delegation of authority, shall have full power and authority on behalf of the Company to attend and to act and to vote at any meetings of shareholders of any corporation in which the Company may hold stock, and at such meetings may possess and shall exercise any and all rights and powers incident to the ownership of such stock exercisable at such meetings. The Board of Directors or Executive Committee, by resolution from time to time, may confer like powers upon any other person or persons.

## **ARTICLE FIVE INDEMNIFICATION**

Section 5.1 Definitions. As used in this Article, the term:

(a) “Company” includes any domestic or foreign predecessor entity of the Company in a merger or other transaction in which the predecessor’s existence ceased upon consummation of the transaction.

(b) “Director” or “Officer” means an individual who is or was a member of the Board of Directors or an officer elected by the Board of Directors, respectively, or who, while a member of the Board of Directors or an officer of the Company, is or was serving at the Company’s request as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another domestic or foreign corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other entity. An individual is considered to be serving an employee benefit plan at the Company’s request if his or her duties to the Company also impose duties on, or otherwise involve services by, the individual to the plan or to participants in or beneficiaries of the plan. “Director” or “Officer” includes, unless the context otherwise requires, the estate or personal representative of a Director or Officer.

(c) “Disinterested Director” or “Disinterested Officer” means a Director or Officer, respectively, who at the time of an evaluation referred to in subsection 5.5(b) is not:

(1) A Party to the Proceeding; or

(2) An individual having a familial, financial, professional, or employment relationship with the person whose advance for Expenses is the subject of the decision being made with respect to the Proceeding, which relationship would, in the circumstances, reasonably be expected to exert an influence on the Director’s or Officer’s judgment when voting on the decision being made.

(d) "Expenses" means the reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, consulting and testifying expert fees and expenses, e-discovery consultant services and premiums for any appeal bond, attachment bond or similar bond arising out of a judgment.

(e) "Liability" means the obligation to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine (including an excise tax assessed with respect to an employee benefit plan), and reasonable Expenses incurred with respect to a Proceeding.

(f) "Party" includes an individual who was, is, or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in a Proceeding.

(g) "Proceeding" means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitral or investigative and whether formal or informal.

(h) "Reviewing Party" shall mean the person or persons making the determination as to reasonableness of Expenses pursuant to Section 5.5 of this Article, and shall not include a court making any determination under this Article or otherwise.

Section 5.2 Basic Indemnification Arrangement.

(a) The Company shall indemnify an individual who is a Party to a Proceeding because he or she is or was a Director or Officer against Liability incurred in the Proceeding; provided, however, that the Company shall not indemnify a Director or Officer under this Article for any Liability incurred in a Proceeding in which the Director or Officer is adjudged liable to the Company or is subjected to injunctive relief in favor of the Company:

(1) For any appropriation, in violation of his or her duties, of any business opportunity of the Company;

(2) For acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;

(3) For the types of liability set forth in Section 14-2-832 of the Code; or

(4) For any transaction from which he or she received an improper personal benefit.

(b) If any person is entitled under any provision of this Article to indemnification by the Company for some portion of Liability incurred, but not the total amount thereof, the Company shall indemnify such person for the portion of such Liability to which such person is entitled.

Section 5.3 Advances for Expenses.

(a) The Company shall, before final disposition of a Proceeding, advance funds to pay for or reimburse the reasonable Expenses incurred by a Director or Officer who is a Party to a Proceeding because he or she is a Director or Officer if he or she delivers to the Company:

(1) A written affirmation of his or her good faith belief that his or her conduct does not constitute behavior of the kind described in subsection 5.2(a) above; and

(2) His or her written undertaking (meeting the qualifications set forth below in subsection 5.3(b)) to repay any funds advanced if it is ultimately determined by a final court determination that he or she is not entitled to indemnification, as to which all rights of appeal have been exhausted or have expired that he or she is not entitled to indemnification under this Article or the Code.

(b) The undertaking required by subsection 5.3(a)(2) above must be an unlimited general obligation of the proposed indemnitee but need not be secured and shall be accepted without reference to the financial ability of the proposed indemnitee to make repayment. If a Director or Officer seeks to enforce his or her rights to indemnification in a court pursuant to Section 5.4 below, such undertaking to repay shall not be applicable or enforceable unless and until there is a final court determination that he or she is not entitled to indemnification, as to which all rights of appeal have been exhausted or have expired.

Section 5.4 Court-Ordered Indemnification and Advances for Expenses. A Director or Officer who is a Party to a Proceeding shall have the rights to court-ordered indemnification and advances for expenses as provided in the Code.

Section 5.5 Determination of Reasonableness of Expenses.

(a) The Company acknowledges that indemnification of, and advance for expenses to, a Director or Officer under Section 5.2 has been pre-authorized by the Company as permitted by Section 14-2-859(a) of the Code, and that pursuant to the authority exercised under Section 14-2-856 of the Code, no determination need be made for a specific Proceeding that such indemnification of or advances of expenses to the Director or Officer is permissible in the circumstances because he or she has met a particular standard of conduct. Nevertheless, except as set forth in subsection 5.5(b) below, evaluation as to reasonableness of Expenses of a Director or Officer for a specific Proceeding shall be made as follows:

(1) If there are two or more Disinterested Directors, by the Board of Directors of the Company by a majority vote of all Disinterested Directors (a majority of whom shall for such purpose constitute a quorum) or by a majority of the members of a committee of two or more Disinterested Directors appointed by such a vote; or

(2) If there are fewer than two Disinterested Directors, by the Board of Directors (in which determination Directors who do not qualify as Disinterested Directors may participate); or

(3) By the Shareholders, but shares owned by or voted under the control of a Director or Officer who at the time does not qualify as a Disinterested Director or Disinterested Officer may not be voted on the determination.

(b) Notwithstanding the requirement under subsection 5.5(a) that the Reviewing Party evaluate the reasonableness of Expenses claimed by the proposed indemnitee, any Expenses claimed by the proposed indemnitee shall be deemed reasonable if the Reviewing Party fails to make the evaluation required by subsection 5.5(a) within sixty (60) days following the later of:

(1) The Company's receipt of the affirmative undertaking required by Section 5.3(a); or

(2) The Company's receipt of invoices for specific Expenses to be reimbursed or advanced.

Section 5.6 Time for Payment; Enforcement. Any indemnification, or payment of Expenses in advance of the final disposition of any Proceeding, shall be made promptly and in any event within 60 days, upon the written request of the Director or Officer entitled to indemnification (the "Indemnified Party"). The right to indemnification and advance of Expenses hereunder shall be enforceable by the Indemnified Party in any court of competent jurisdiction, if (i) the Company denies such request, in whole or in part, or (ii) no disposition thereof is made within 60 days. The Indemnified Party's Expenses incurred in connection with successfully establishing his or her right to indemnification, in whole or in part, in any such action shall also be indemnified by the Company.

Section 5.7 Indemnification of Employees and Agents. The Company may indemnify and advance Expenses under this Article to an employee or agent of the Company who is not a Director or Officer to the same extent and subject to the same conditions that a Georgia corporation could, without shareholder approval under Section 14-2-856 of the Code, indemnify and advance Expenses to a Director, or to any lesser extent (or greater extent if permitted by law) determined by the Board of Directors or Chief Executive Officer, in each case consistent with public policy.

Section 5.8 Liability Insurance. The Company may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual who is a Director, Officer, employee or agent of the Company or who, while a Director, Officer, employee or agent of the Company, is or was serving at the Company's request as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another domestic or foreign corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other entity against Liability asserted against or incurred by him or her in that capacity or arising from his or her status as a Director, Officer, employee, or agent, whether or not the corporation would have power to indemnify or advance Expenses to him or her against the same Liability under this Article or the Code.

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Section 5.9 Witness Fees. Nothing in this Article shall limit the Company's power to pay or reimburse Expenses incurred by a person in connection with his or her appearance as a witness in a Proceeding at a time when he or she is not a Party.

Section 5.10 Report to Shareholders. To the extent and in the manner required by the Code from time to time, if the Company indemnifies or advances Expenses to a Director or Officer in connection with a Proceeding by or in the right of the Company, the Company shall report the indemnification or advance to the Shareholders.

Section 5.11 No Duplication of Payments; Nonexclusive. The Company shall not be liable under this Article to make any payment to a person hereunder to the extent such person has otherwise actually received payment (under any insurance policy, agreement or otherwise) of the amounts otherwise payable hereunder. The rights of a Director or Officer hereunder shall be in addition to any other rights with respect to indemnification, advancement of expenses or otherwise that he or she may have under contract or the Code or otherwise.

Section 5.12 Subrogation. In the event of payment under this Article, the Company shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all of the rights of recovery of the indemnitee, who shall execute all papers required and shall do everything that may be necessary to secure such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable the Company effectively to bring suit to enforce such rights.

Section 5.13 Contract Rights. The right to indemnification and advancement of Expenses conferred hereunder to Directors and Officers shall be a contract right and shall not be affected adversely as to any Director or Officer by any amendment of these Bylaws with respect to any action or inaction occurring prior to such amendment; provided, however, that this provision shall not confer upon any indemnitee or potential indemnitee (in his or her capacity as such) the right to consent or object to any subsequent amendment of these Bylaws.

Section 5.14 Amendments. It is the intent of the Company to indemnify and advance Expenses to its Directors and Officers to the full extent permitted by the Code, as amended from time to time. To the extent that the Code is hereafter amended to permit a Georgia business corporation to provide to its directors or officers greater rights to indemnification or advancement of Expenses than those specifically set forth hereinabove, this Article shall be deemed amended to require such greater indemnification or more liberal advancement of Expenses to the Company's Directors and Officers, in each case consistent with the Code as so amended from time to time. No amendment, modification or rescission of this Article, or any provision hereof, the effect of which would diminish the rights to indemnification or advancement of Expenses as set forth herein shall be effective as to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted by such person prior to such amendment, modification or rescission.

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**ARTICLE SIX**  
**CAPITAL STOCK**

Section 6.1 Issue of Certificates and Uncertificated Stock. Shares of the capital stock of the Company shall be represented by certificates or uncertificated and shall be in such forms as shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Share certificates shall be numbered consecutively, shall be in registered form, shall indicate the date of issuance, the name of the Company and that it is organized under the laws of the State of Georgia, the name of the Shareholder, and the number and class of shares and the designation of the series, if any, represented by the certificate. Each certificate shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or a Vice President and also by the Secretary or may be signed with the facsimile signatures of the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or a Vice President and of the Secretary, and in all cases a stock certificate signed in facsimile must also be countersigned by the transfer agent for the stock. The corporate seal need not be affixed.

Section 6.2 Transfer of Stock. The Board of Directors shall have authority to appoint a transfer agent and/or a registrar for the shares of its capital stock, and to empower them or either of them in such manner and to such extent as it may deem best, and to remove such agent or agents from time to time, and to appoint another agent or other agents. Transfers of shares shall be made upon the transfer books of the Company, kept at the office of the transfer agent designated to transfer the shares, only upon direction of the registered owner, or by an attorney lawfully constituted in writing. With respect to certificated shares, before a new certificate is issued, the old certificate shall be surrendered for cancellation or, in the case of a certificate alleged to have been lost, stolen, or destroyed, the requirements of Section 6.5 of these Bylaws shall have been met. Upon transfer of uncertificated shares, the record of such person's stock shall be cancelled and shares shall be transferred to the person entitled thereto upon the issuance of a certificate or electronic transfer of such shares. Transfer of shares shall be in accordance with such reasonable rules and regulations as may be made from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 6.3 Duty of Company to Register Transfer. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Section 6.2 of these Bylaws, the Company is under a duty to register the transfer of its shares only if:

- (a) the certificate or transfer instruction is endorsed by the appropriate person or persons; and
- (b) reasonable assurance is given that the endorsement or affidavit is genuine and effective; and
- (c) the Company either has no duty to inquire into adverse claims or has discharged that duty; and
- (d) the requirements of any applicable law relating to the collection of taxes have been met; and
- (e) the transfer in fact is rightful or is to a bona fide purchaser.

Section 6.4 Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Certificates. Any person claiming a share certificate to be lost, stolen or destroyed shall make an affidavit or affirmation of the fact in the manner required by the Company and, if the Company requires, shall give the Company a bond of indemnity in form and amount, and with one or more sureties satisfactory to the Company, as the Company may require, whereupon an appropriate new certificate may be issued in lieu of the one alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed.

Section 6.5 Authorization to Issue Shares and Regulations Regarding Transfer and Registration. The Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and any other committee of the Board of Directors so authorized by it shall have power and authority to issue shares of capital stock of the Company and to make all such rules and regulations as, respectively, they may deem expedient concerning the transfer and registration of shares of the capital stock of the Company.

Section 6.6 Authorization or Declaration of Distributions or Dividends. Unless the Articles of Incorporation provide otherwise, the Board of Directors from time to time in its discretion may authorize or declare distributions or share dividends in accordance with the Code.

Section 6.7 Record Date with Regard to Distributions and Share Dividends. For the purpose of determining Shareholders entitled to a distribution (other than one involving a purchase, redemption, or other reacquisition of the Company's shares) or a share dividend, the Board of Directors may fix a date as the record date. If no record date is fixed by the Board of Directors, the record date shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Code.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN DEPOSITORIES AND SIGNATURE**

Section 7.1 Depositories. All funds of the Company shall be deposited in the name of the Company in such bank, banks, or other financial institutions and depositories as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate and shall be drawn out on checks, drafts or other orders signed on behalf of the Company by such person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

Section 7.2 Execution of Instruments. All bills, notes, drafts and checks, and other instruments for the payment of money, all agreements, indentures, guaranties, indemnities, mortgages, deeds, conveyances, transfers, certificates, declarations, receipts, discharges, releases, satisfactions, petitions, schedules, accounts, affidavits, bonds, undertakings, proxies, powers of attorney, and other instruments or documents may be signed, executed, acknowledged, verified, delivered, or accepted on behalf of the Company by the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, Corporate Vice President, Vice President, the Secretary or the Treasurer. Any such instruments may also be signed, executed, acknowledged, verified, delivered or accepted on behalf of the Company in such manner and by such other officers, employees or agents of the Company as the Board of Directors may from time to time direct.

## **ARTICLE EIGHT MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 8.1 Corporate Seal. The corporate seal of the Company shall be in such form as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. If at any time it is inconvenient to use the corporate seal of the Company, the signature or name of the Company followed by or used in conjunction with the words "Corporate Seal" or "Seal" or words of similar import shall be deemed the seal of the Company.

Section 8.2 Inspection of Books and Records. The Board of Directors shall have power to determine which accounts, books and records of the Company shall be opened to the inspection of Shareholders, except those as may by law specifically be made open to inspection, and shall have power to fix reasonable rules and regulations not in conflict with the applicable law for the inspection of accounts, books and records which by law or by determination of the Board of Directors shall be open to inspection. Without the prior approval of the Board of Directors in its discretion, the right of inspection set forth in Section 14-2-1602(c) of the Code shall not be available to any Shareholder owning two percent or less of the shares outstanding.

Section 8.3 Conflict with Articles of Incorporation or Code. To the extent that any provision of these Bylaws conflicts with any provision of the Articles of Incorporation, such provision of the Articles of Incorporation shall govern. To the extent that any provision of these Bylaws conflicts with any non-discretionary provision of the Code, such provision of the Code shall govern.

Section 8.4 Severability. In the event that any of the provisions of these Bylaws (including any provision within a single section, subsection, division or sentence) is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions of these Bylaws shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### **ARTICLE NINE AMENDMENTS**

Section 9.1 Amendments. Subject, in each case, to the Articles of Incorporation:

- (a) the Board of Directors shall have power to alter, amend or repeal these Bylaws or adopt new Bylaws; and
- (b) any Bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors may be altered, amended or repealed, and new Bylaws may be adopted, by the Shareholders, as provided by the Code; and
- (c) Articles Ten and Eleven of these Bylaws shall be amended only in the manner provided by relevant provisions of the Code.

#### **ARTICLE TEN FAIR PRICE REQUIREMENTS**

Section 10.1 Fair Price Requirements. All of the requirements of Article 11, Part 2, of the Code, included in Sections 14-2-1110 through 1113 (and any successor provisions thereto), shall be applicable to the Company in connection with any business combination, as defined therein, with any interested shareholder, as defined therein.

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**ARTICLE ELEVEN  
BUSINESS COMBINATIONS**

Section 11.1 Business Combinations. All of the requirements of Article 11, Part 3, of the Code, included in Sections 14-2-1131 through 1133 (and any successor provisions thereto), shall be applicable to the Company in connection with any business combination, as defined therein, with any interested shareholder, as defined therein.

**ARTICLE TWELVE  
EMERGENCY BYLAWS**

Section 12.1 Emergency Bylaws. This Article shall be operative during an emergency resulting from some catastrophic event as referred to in Section 14-2-303 of the Code that prevents a quorum of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof from being readily assembled (an "emergency"), notwithstanding any different or conflicting provisions set forth elsewhere in these Bylaws or in the Articles of Incorporation. To the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article, the Bylaws set forth elsewhere herein and the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation shall remain in effect during such emergency and upon termination of such emergency, the provisions of this Article shall cease to be operative.

Section 12.2 Meetings. During an emergency, a meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may be called by any Director, or by the Chief Executive Officer, any Corporate Vice President, the Secretary or the Treasurer (the "Designated Officers") of the Company. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be given by any available means of communication by the person calling the meeting to such of the Directors and/or Designated Officers as may be feasible to reach. Such notice shall be given at such time in advance of the meeting as, in the judgment of the person calling the meeting, circumstances permit.

Section 12.3 Quorum. At any meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof called in accordance with this Article, the presence or participation of two Directors, one Director and a Designated Officer, or two Designated Officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 12.4 Bylaws. At any meeting called in accordance with this Article, the Board of Directors or committee thereof, as the case may be, may modify, amend or add to the provisions of this Article so as to make any provision that may be practical or necessary for the circumstance of the emergency.

Section 12.5 Liability. Corporate action taken in good faith in accordance with the emergency bylaws may not be used to impose liability on a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Company.

Section 12.6 Repeal or Change. The provisions of this Article shall be subject to repeal or change by further action of the Board of Directors or by action of Shareholders, but no such repeal or change shall modify the provisions of the immediately preceding section of this Article with regard to action taken prior to the time of such repeal or change.