Composition of the Board of Directors

It is the policy of the Board of Directors that the Board at all times reflect the following characteristics.

Each Director shall at all times represent the interests of the stockholders of the Company.

Each Director shall at all times exhibit high standards of integrity, commitment and independence of thought and judgment.

Each Director shall dedicate sufficient time, energy and attention to ensure the diligent performance of his or her duties, including by attending stockholder meetings and meetings of the Board and Committees of which he or she is a member, and by reviewing in advance all meeting materials.

The Board shall meet the standards of independence from the Company and its management set forth under “Director Independence” below.

The Board shall encompass a range of talent, skill and expertise sufficient to provide sound and prudent guidance with respect to all of the Company’s operations and interests.

Functions of the Board of Directors

The responsibility of the Board of Directors is to supervise and direct the management of the Company in the interest and for the benefit of the Company’s stockholders. To that end, the Board of Directors shall, acting directly or through Committees, have the following duties:

(1) overseeing the conduct of the Company’s business to evaluate whether the business is being properly managed;

(2) reviewing and, where appropriate, approving the Company’s major financial objectives, plans and actions;

(3) reviewing and, where appropriate, approving major changes in, and determinations of other major issues respecting, the appropriate auditing and accounting principles and practices to be used in the preparation of the Company’s financial statements;

(4) assessing major risk factors relating to the Company and its performance, and reviewing measures to address and mitigate such risks;

(5) regularly evaluating the performance and approving the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and, with the advice of the Chief Executive Officer, regularly evaluating the performance of the Company’s executive officers; and

(6) planning for succession with respect to the position of Chief Executive Officer and monitoring management’s succession planning for other key executives.

The Board of Directors has delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, working with the other executive officers of the Company, the authority and responsibility for managing the business of the Company in accordance with any specific plans, instructions or directions of the Board.

The Chief Executive Officer shall seek the advice and, in appropriate situations, the approval of the Board with respect to extraordinary actions to be undertaken by the Company, including those that would make a significant change in the financial structure or control of the Company, the acquisition or disposition of any significant business or the entry of the Company into a major new line of business.

Director Independence

It is the policy of the Board of Directors that a substantial majority of Directors be independent of the Company and of the Company’s management. For a Director to be deemed “independent,” the Board shall affirmatively determine that the Director has no material relationship with the Company or its affiliates or any member of the senior management of the Company or his or her affiliates. In making this determination, the Board shall apply the following standards:
• A Director who is, or has been within the last three years, an employee of the Company, or whose immediate family member is, or has been within the last three years an executive officer, of the Company may not be deemed independent. Employment as an interim Chairman or Chief Executive Officer will not disqualify a Director from being considered independent following that employment.

• A Director who has received, or who has an immediate family member who has received, during any twelve-month period within the last three years, more than $25,000 in direct compensation from the Company, other than director and committee fees or other forms of deferred compensation for prior service (provided such compensation is not contingent in any way on continued service), may not be deemed independent. Compensation received by a Director for former service as an interim Chairman or Chief Executive Officer and compensation received by an immediate family member for service as a non-executive employee of the Company will not be considered in determining independence under this test.

• (A) A Director who is, or whose immediate family member is, a current partner of a firm that is the Company’s external auditor; (B) a Director who is a current employee of such a firm; (C) a Director who has an immediate family member who is a current employee of such a firm and who participates in the firm’s audit, assurance or tax compliance (but not tax planning) practice; or (D) a Director who was, or whose immediate family member was, within the last three years (but is no longer) a partner or employee of such a firm and personally worked on the Company’s audit within that time may not be deemed independent.

• A Director who is, or whose immediate family member is, or has been within the last three years, employed as an executive officer of another company where any of the Company’s present executive officers at the time serves or served on that company’s compensation committee may not be deemed independent.

• A Director who is a current employee or general partner, or whose immediate family member is a current executive officer or general partner, of an entity that has made payments to, or received payments from, the Company for property or services in an amount which, in any of the last three fiscal years, exceeds the greater of $1 million or 2% of such other entity’s consolidated gross revenues, may not be deemed independent.

• Further to the provision above that applies to goods and services generally, a Director who is, or whose immediate family member is, an executive officer, general partner or significant equity holder (i.e., in excess of 10%) of an entity that is a paid provider of professional services to the Company, any of its affiliates, any executive officer or any affiliate of an executive officer, and which received payments with respect to such services in an amount which, in the preceding twelve months, exceeds $60,000 (but does not exceed the greater of $1 million or 2% of such other entity’s consolidated gross revenues) may not be deemed independent.

• A Director who is, or whose immediate family member is, affiliated with or employed by a tax-exempt entity that received significant contributions (i.e., more than 2% of the annual contributions received by the entity or more than $200,000 in a single fiscal year, whichever amount is lower) from the Company, any of its affiliates, any executive officer or any affiliate of an executive officer within the preceding twelve-month period may not be deemed independent, unless the contribution was approved in advance by the Board of Directors.

For purposes of these Guidelines, the terms:

• “affiliate” means any consolidated subsidiary of the Company and any other company or entity that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the Company, as evidenced by the power to elect a majority of the board of directors or comparable governing body of such entity;

• “executive officer” means an “officer” within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

• “immediate family” means spouse, parents, children, siblings, mothers- and fathers-in-law, sons- and daughters-in-law, brothers- and sisters-in-law and anyone (other than employees) sharing a person’s home, but excluding any person who is no longer an immediate family member as a result of legal separation or divorce, or death or incapacitation.

The Board shall undertake an annual review of the independence of all non-employee Directors. In advance of the meeting at which this review occurs, each non-employee Director shall be asked to provide the Board with full information regarding the Director’s business and other relationships with the Company and its affiliates and with senior management and their affiliates to enable the Board to evaluate the Director’s independence.

Directors have an affirmative obligation to inform the Board of any material changes in their circumstances or relationships that may impact their designation by the Board as “independent.” This obligation includes all business relationships between, on the one hand Directors or members of their immediate family, and, on the other hand, the Company and its affiliates or members of senior
management and their affiliates, whether or not such business relationships are subject to the approval requirement set forth in the following provision.

**Business Relationships with Directors**

For the purpose of minimizing the risk of actual or perceived conflicts of interest (but without affecting any determination of Director independence pursuant to the preceding provisions), any monetary arrangement between a Director (including any member of a Director’s immediate family) and the Company or any of its affiliates or members of senior management or their affiliates for goods or services shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors as a whole. Such approval shall not be required where:

(a) the Director’s sole interest in the arrangement is by virtue of his or her status as a director, executive officer and/or holder of a less than 10% equity interest (other than a general partnership interest) in an entity with which the Company or any of its affiliates has concluded such an arrangement; and

(b) the arrangement involves payments to or from the entity that constitute less than 2% of the entity’s annual gross revenues; and

(c) the Director is not personally involved in (i) the negotiation and execution of the arrangement, (ii) performance of the services or provision of the goods or (iii) the monetary arrangement.