

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
May 2, 2024 (May 1, 2024)



(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-02217 (Commission File Number)	58-0628465 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
One Coca-Cola Plaza Atlanta, Georgia (Address of principal executive offices)		30313 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (404) 676-2121

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:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ 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:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$0.25 Par Value	KO	New York Stock Exchange
1.875% Notes Due 2026	KO26	New York Stock Exchange
0.750% Notes Due 2026	KO26C	New York Stock Exchange
1.125% Notes Due 2027	KO27	New York Stock Exchange
0.125% Notes Due 2029	KO29A	New York Stock Exchange
0.125% Notes Due 2029	KO29B	New York Stock Exchange
0.400% Notes Due 2030	KO30B	New York Stock Exchange
1.250% Notes Due 2031	KO31	New York Stock Exchange
0.375% Notes Due 2033	KO33	New York Stock Exchange
0.500% Notes Due 2033	KO33A	New York Stock Exchange
1.625% Notes Due 2035	KO35	New York Stock Exchange
1.100% Notes Due 2036	KO36	New York Stock Exchange
0.950% Notes Due 2036	KO36A	New York Stock Exchange
0.800% Notes Due 2040	KO40B	New York Stock Exchange
1.000% Notes Due 2041	KO41	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. ☐

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

**5.02(b) and (c)**

On May 2, 2024, The Coca-Cola Company (the “Company”) announced that Erin “Ellie” May, currently Senior Vice President and Controller, was appointed to the additional role of Chief Accounting Officer, the Company’s Principal Accounting Officer, effective June 1, 2024.

Mark Randazza, currently Senior Vice President, Assistant Controller and Chief Accounting Officer, who has been the Company’s Principal Accounting Officer since May 2017, will continue to serve in that role until the effective date of Ms. May’s appointment, and then will continue his role as Senior Vice President and Assistant Controller.

Ms. May, age 45, has been Senior Vice President since January 1, 2024 and Controller since she joined the Company on May 1, 2023, and served as Vice President from May 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Prior to joining the Company, Ms. May held various positions at Ernst & Young LLP (“EY”) for more than 20 years, including as an audit partner serving companies in the retail and consumer products industries, in EY’s National Accounting practice in New York and in the capital markets and audit practices in Europe, where, among other responsibilities, she oversaw the global audits of large multinational companies.

On May 1, 2024, the Company provided Ms. May with a letter confirming her new position and setting forth the primary compensation elements that will be effective commencing June 1, 2024. Pursuant to the letter, Ms. May’s base salary will be \$470,000. Ms. May will continue to be eligible to participate in the Company’s annual and long-term incentive programs and will continue to be subject to the Company’s share ownership guidelines. The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the letter to Ms. May, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The selection of Ms. May to serve as Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer) was not pursuant to any arrangement or understanding between her and any other person. Ms. May has no family relationship with any director or executive officer of the Company, and she has no direct or indirect material interest in any transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**5.02(e)**

As described in Item 5.07 below, at the Company’s 2024 Annual Meeting of Shareowners, the Company’s shareowners approved The Coca-Cola Company 2024 Equity Plan (the “2024 Plan”). On February 14, 2024, the Talent and Compensation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors (the “Board”) adopt the 2024 Plan, and on February 15, 2024, the Board adopted the 2024 Plan, subject to shareowner approval at the 2024 Annual Meeting of Shareowners. The effective date of the 2024 Plan is May 1, 2024.

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The 2024 Plan will be administered by the Talent and Compensation Committee of the Board, which is comprised of independent Directors. The 2024 Plan authorizes the following types of awards to be made to employees, officers or Directors of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, as designated by the Talent and Compensation Committee: (1) stock options, (2) stock appreciation rights (“SARs”), (3) restricted stock and restricted stock units, (4) performance awards, and (5) other stock-based awards, in the discretion of the Talent and Compensation Committee, including unrestricted stock grants.

Subject to adjustment as provided in the 2024 Plan, the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock reserved and available for issuance pursuant to awards granted under the 2024 Plan is 240,000,000 plus any shares of Common Stock that are returned to the 2024 Plan share reserve under its provisions allowing shares to be reused for new grants. Each share issued pursuant to a stock option or SAR will reduce the number of shares available under the 2024 Plan by one share, and each share issued pursuant to awards other than stock options and SARs will reduce the number of shares available by three shares.

Additional details of the 2024 Plan are included in the Company’s 2024 Proxy Statement, under the heading “Item 3 – Approval of The Coca-Cola Company 2024 Equity Plan.” The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the 2024 Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

- (a) The 2024 Annual Meeting of Shareowners of the Company was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. The results of the matters submitted to a vote of the shareowners at the meeting are set forth below. Pursuant to Delaware law and the Company’s By-Laws, abstentions and broker non-votes are not considered votes cast and do not affect the outcome of the votes. Therefore, only votes for and against each matter are included in the percentages below.
- (b) Item 1. Election of Directors. Shareowners elected each of the persons named below as Directors to serve until the 2025 annual meeting of shareowners as follows:

	FOR	% FOR	AGAINST	% AGAINST	ABSTENTIONS	BROKER NON-VOTES
Herb Allen	2,946,949,883	98.81	35,535,355	1.19	6,505,906	479,751,711
Marc Bolland	2,958,710,280	99.22	23,153,093	0.78	7,127,699	479,751,711
Ana Botín	2,898,159,178	97.16	84,826,586	2.84	6,005,380	479,751,711
Christopher C. Davis	2,816,096,648	94.42	166,283,471	5.58	6,611,025	479,751,711
Barry Diller	2,298,697,883	77.07	683,721,471	22.93	6,571,754	479,751,711
Carolyn Everson	2,946,011,274	98.77	36,696,949	1.23	6,282,825	479,751,711
Helene D. Gayle	2,847,529,761	95.46	135,347,945	4.54	6,113,342	479,751,711
Thomas S. Gayner	1,820,311,313	61.10	1,159,148,721	38.90	9,530,972	479,751,711
Alexis M. Herman	2,862,855,200	95.98	120,048,491	4.02	6,087,315	479,751,711
Maria Elena Lagomasino	2,792,641,505	93.63	189,846,544	6.37	6,502,921	479,751,711
Amity Milhiser	2,973,139,033	99.68	9,482,255	0.32	6,369,719	479,751,711
James Quincey	2,793,833,703	93.93	180,487,697	6.07	14,669,606	479,751,711
Caroline J. Tsay	2,957,752,170	99.17	24,715,567	0.83	6,523,269	479,751,711
David B. Weinberg	2,919,337,060	97.89	62,793,363	2.11	6,853,072	479,751,711

Item 2. Advisory Vote to Approve Executive Compensation. Votes regarding this advisory proposal were as follows:

Votes Cast For:	2,651,576,766	89.11%
Votes Cast Against:	323,955,555	10.89%
Abstentions:	13,458,823	
Broker Non-Votes:	479,751,711	

Item 3. Approval of The Coca-Cola Company 2024 Equity Plan. Votes regarding this proposal were as follows:

Votes Cast For:	2,851,323,033	95.74%
Votes Cast Against:	126,906,154	4.26%
Abstentions:	10,761,957	
Broker Non-Votes:	479,751,711	

Item 4. Approval of The Coca-Cola Company Global Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Votes regarding this proposal were as follows:

Votes Cast For:	2,961,048,409	99.32%
Votes Cast Against:	20,221,600	0.68%
Abstentions:	7,721,135	
Broker Non-Votes:	479,751,711	

Item 5. Ratification of the Appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Independent Auditors. Votes regarding this proposal were as follows:

Votes Cast For:	3,290,550,913	95.06%
Votes Cast Against:	170,919,427	4.94%
Abstentions:	7,265,004	
Broker Non-Votes:	N/A	

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Item 6. Shareowner Proposal Requesting a Report on Risks Created by the Company’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Efforts. Votes regarding this proposal were as follows:

Votes Cast For:	46,488,037	1.57%
Votes Cast Against:	2,916,756,647	98.43%
Abstentions:	25,746,451	
Broker Non-Votes:	479,751,711	

Item 7. Shareowner Proposal Requesting a Report on Non-Sugar Sweeteners. Votes regarding this proposal were as follows:

Votes Cast For:	314,970,229	10.65%
Votes Cast Against:	2,641,778,772	89.35%
Abstentions:	32,242,143	
Broker Non-Votes:	479,751,711	

Item 8. Shareowner Proposal Requesting a Report on Risks Caused by the Decline in the Quality of Accessible Medical Care. Votes regarding this proposal were as follows:

Votes Cast For:	274,870,581	9.33%
Votes Cast Against:	2,671,833,124	90.67%
Abstentions:	42,287,439	
Broker Non-Votes:	479,751,711	

**Item 9.01(d). Financial Statements and Exhibits**

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
Exhibit 10.1	<a href="#">Letter, dated May 1, 2024, from the Company to Erin “Ellie” May.</a>
Exhibit 10.2	<a href="#">The Coca-Cola Company 2024 Equity Plan.</a>
Exhibit 104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the iXBRL document).

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## SIGNATURES

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, thereunto duly authorized.

### **THE COCA-COLA COMPANY (REGISTRANT)**

Date: May 2, 2024

By: /s/ Monica Howard Douglas

Monica Howard Douglas

Executive Vice President and Global General Counsel

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May 1, 2024

Ellie May

Dear Ellie,

I am delighted to offer you the position of Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer, with an effective date of June 1, 2024. You will continue to report to me. The information contained in this letter provides the terms and compensation details of this position. All payments set forth below are subject to tax and withholding.

- Your principal place of assignment will continue to be Atlanta, Georgia.
- Your annual base pay will be USD 470,000. Your next base salary review will be in April 2025.
- You will continue to be eligible to participate in the Annual Incentive Plan. This is an important, variable element of your total compensation. Your incentive opportunity will range from 0 – 150% of your annual base pay, with the reference value equal to 75% for this role. Any payment will depend on both the business performance and your personal contributions. Awards are made at the discretion of the Talent and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors based upon recommendations by Senior Management. As a discretionary program, the performance factors, eligibility criteria, payment frequency, award opportunity levels and other provisions are variable. The plan may be modified from time to time.
- You will continue to be eligible to participate in The Coca-Cola Company's Long-Term Incentive (LTI) program. Awards are made at the discretion of the Talent and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors based upon recommendations by Senior Management. You will be eligible to receive LTI awards within guidelines for your position and based upon your leadership potential to impact the Company's future growth. As a discretionary program, eligibility criteria, award opportunity levels, the award timing, frequency, size and mix of award vehicles are variable.
- You will continue to be expected to acquire and maintain share ownership at a level equal to two times your base pay. As part of the Company's ownership expectations, you will continue to have until December 31, 2028, to comply with this requirement. You will be asked to provide information in December each year on your progress toward your ownership goal, and that information will be reviewed with the Talent and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors the following February.
- This letter is provided as information and does not constitute an employment contract.

Ellie, I feel certain that you will continue to find challenge, satisfaction, and opportunity in this role and as we continue our journey during this important time.

Sincerely,

**/s/ John Murphy**

John Murphy  
President and Chief Financial Officer

cc:

Carl Saunders  
Executive Compensation  
Advanced Care

I, Ellie May, accept this offer.

Signature: /s/ Ellie May

Date: 5/1/2024

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THE COCA-COLA COMPANY 2024  
EQUITY PLAN

ARTICLE 1  
PURPOSE

1.1. GENERAL. The purpose of The Coca-Cola Company 2024 Equity Plan is to promote the success and enhance the value of The Coca-Cola Company by linking the personal interests of employees, officers, and directors of the Company to those of Company shareowners and by providing such persons with an incentive for outstanding performance. The Plan is further intended to provide flexibility to the Company in its ability to motivate, attract, and retain the services of employees, officers and directors upon whose judgment, interest, and special effort the successful conduct of the Company's operation is largely dependent.

ARTICLE 2  
DEFINITIONS

2.1. DEFINITIONS. As used in this plan, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

"Affiliate" means any entity:

- i) in which the Company owns, directly or indirectly, 20% or more of the voting stock or capital at the relevant time,
- ii) that has an ongoing contractual relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary that provides such entity the rights to
  - (a) manufacture, prepare, package, and/or distribute, and
  - (b) sell to customers or consumers beverages/brands for which the trademark is owned by the Company or a Subsidiary, or
- iii) that is approved by the Committee as an Affiliate based on its relationship with the Company or its Subsidiaries.

"Award" means an award of Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Awards, Other Stock-Based Awards, or any other right or interest relating to Stock or cash, made to an Eligible Participant under the Plan.

"Award Agreement" means a written document, in such form as the Committee prescribes from time to time, setting forth the terms and conditions of an Award. The Committee may provide for the use of electronic, internet or other non-paper Award Agreements, and the use of electronic, internet or other non-paper means for the acceptance thereof and actions thereunder by a Participant.

"Award Date" of an Award means the first date on which all necessary corporate action has been taken to approve the grant of the Award as provided in the Plan, or such later date as is determined and specified as part of that authorization process.

"Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

“Change in Control” means a change in control of a nature that would be required to be reported in response to Item 6(e) of Schedule 14A of Regulation 14A under the 1934 Act, provided that such a change in control shall be deemed to have occurred at such time as (i) any person, is or becomes the “beneficial owner” (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the 1934 Act) directly or indirectly, of securities representing 20% or more of the combined voting power for election of directors of the then outstanding securities of the Company or any successor of the Company; (ii) during any period of two consecutive years or less, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the Board cease, for any reason, to constitute at least a majority of the Board, unless the election or nomination for election of each new director was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who were directors at the beginning of the period; (iii) the shareowners of the Company approve any merger or consolidation as a result of which the Stock shall be changed, converted or exchanged (other than a merger with a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company) or any liquidation of the Company or any sale or other disposition of 50% or more of the assets or earning power of the Company, and such merger, consolidation, liquidation or sale is completed; or (iv) the shareowners of the Company approve any merger or consolidation to which the Company is a party as a result of which the persons who were shareowners of the Company immediately prior to the effective date of the merger or consolidation shall have beneficial ownership of less than 50% of the combined voting power for election of directors of the surviving corporation following the effective date of such merger or consolidation, and such merger or consolidation is completed; provided, however, that no Change in Control shall be deemed to have occurred if, prior to such times as a Change in Control would otherwise be deemed to have occurred, the Board determines otherwise. Additionally, no Change in Control will be deemed to have occurred under clause (i) if, subsequent to such time as a Change in Control would otherwise be deemed to have occurred, a majority of the Board in office prior to the acquisition of the securities by such person determines otherwise.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time. For purposes of this Plan, references to sections of the Code shall be deemed to include references to any applicable regulations thereunder and any successor or similar provision.

“Committee” means the Talent and Compensation Committee of the Board.

“Company” means The Coca-Cola Company, a Delaware corporation, and its successors.

“Continuous Service” means the absence of any interruption or termination of service as an employee, officer or director of the Company or any Affiliate, as applicable; Continuous Service will not be interrupted under any of the following cases:

- (i) a Participant transfers employment, without interruption, between the Company and an Affiliate or between Affiliates,
- (ii) in the case of a spin-off, sale, or disposition of the Participant’s employer from the Company or any Subsidiary, but only if the Committee determines before the transaction closes that it will not result in an interruption of service; or
- (iii) the Participant is granted an unpaid leave of absence authorized in writing by the Company prior to its commencement that does not exceed twelve months. The Committee has final and conclusive authority to determine whether any other leave of absence constitutes a termination of Continuous Service. Any other leave of absence granted to a Participant must constitute a “bona fide leave of absence” under Treas. Reg. Section 1.409A-1(h) if the Participant’s Award is subject to Code Section 409A.

“Disability” means a condition for which the Participant becomes eligible for a disability benefit under the long-term disability insurance policy issued to the Company providing basic long-term disability insurance benefits pursuant to The Coca-Cola Company Health and Welfare Benefits Plan, or under any other long-term disability plan that hereafter may be maintained by the Company, whether or not the Participant is covered by such plan. In the event of a dispute, the determination of whether a Participant has incurred a Disability will be made by the Committee and may be supported by the advice of a physician competent in the area to which such Disability relates.

“Dividend Equivalent” means a right to receive an amount equal to any dividends or other distributions declared and paid on an equal number of outstanding shares of Stock that would have been received had the shares been held by the Participant on the dividend record date.

“Effective Date” has the meaning assigned such term in Section 3.1.

“Eligible Participant” means an employee, officer or director of the Company or any Subsidiary.

“Exchange” means the New York Stock Exchange, or if the Stock is no longer listed on the New York Stock Exchange, any national securities exchange on which the Stock may from time to time be listed.

“Fair Market Value,” on any date, means (i) the average of the high and low market prices at which a share of Stock shall have been sold on the date of the Award, or on the next preceding trading day if such date was not a trading date, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Transactions listing, or (ii) if the Stock is not listed on the New York Stock Exchange, Fair Market Value will be determined by such other method as the Committee determines in good faith to be reasonable and in compliance with Code Section 409A. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of determining the tax withholding obligation of the Company or any Affiliate with respect to an Award, or for such other purposes as the Committee deems appropriate, the Committee may determine the Fair Market Value of the Stock by using any method it determines in good faith to be reasonable and consistent with applicable provisions of the Code.

“Full-Value Award” means an Award, other than in the form of an Option or SAR, that is settled by the issuance of Stock (or at the discretion of the Committee, settled in cash valued by reference to Stock value).

“Independent Directors” means those members of the Board who qualify at any given time as (i) an “independent” director under the applicable rules of the Exchange, and (ii) a “non-employee” director under Rule 16b-3 of the 1934 Act.

“Non-Employee Director” means a director of the Company who is not a common law employee of the Company or a Subsidiary.

“Option” means a right granted to a Participant under Article 7 of the Plan to purchase Stock at a specified price during specified time periods.

“Other Stock-Based Award” means a right granted to a Participant under Article 11 that relates to or is valued by reference to Stock or other Awards relating to Stock.

“Participant” means an individual to whom an Award has been made under the Plan. “Performance Award” means any award made under the Plan pursuant to Article 10.

“Plan” means The Coca-Cola Company 2024 Equity Plan, as amended from time to time.

“Prior Plans” means The Coca-Cola Company 2008 Stock Option Plan, The Coca-Cola Company 1989 Restricted Stock Plan, and The Coca-Cola Company 2014 Equity Plan.

“Restricted Stock” means Stock granted to a Participant under Article 9 that is subject to certain restrictions and to risk of forfeiture.

“Restricted Stock Unit” means the right granted to a Participant under Article 9 to receive shares of Stock (or the equivalent value in cash subject to 12.2) in the future, which right is subject to certain restrictions and to risk of forfeiture.

“Shares” means shares of the Stock. If there has been an adjustment or substitution with respect to the Shares (whether or not pursuant to Article 13), the term “Shares” shall also include any shares of stock or other securities that are substituted for Shares or into which Shares are adjusted.

“Stock” means the \$0.25 par value common stock of the Company and such other securities of the Company as may be substituted for Stock pursuant to Article 13.

“Stock Appreciation Right” or “SAR” means a right granted to a Participant under Article 8 to receive a payment equal to the difference between the Fair Market Value of a Share as of the date of exercise of the SAR over the base price of the SAR, all as determined pursuant to Article 8.

“Subsidiary” means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other entity, of which 50% or more of the outstanding voting stock or voting power is beneficially owned directly or indirectly by the Company.

“Substitute Award” means an Award under Section 12.9 of the Plan.

“Unvested Dividends” means dividends (whether paid in cash, stock, or property) declared and paid by the Company with respect to Shares of Restricted Stock.

“1933 Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time.

“1934 Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time.

### ARTICLE 3 EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM OF PLAN

3.1. EFFECTIVE DATE. The Plan will become effective on May 1, 2024 (the “Effective Date”), based on the approval of the Plan by the Company’s shareowners.

This Plan does not apply to Awards granted under Prior Plans. Such Awards are governed solely by the applicable Prior Plan and Award Agreement under which each Award was granted. Any Prior Plan Awards that qualified for grandfather treatment under the 2017 amendments to Code Section 162(m) continue to be grandfathered.

3.2. TERMINATION OF PLAN. Unless earlier terminated as provided herein, the Plan shall continue in effect until the date of the Company’s 2034 annual shareowners’ meeting or, if the shareowners approve an amendment to the Plan that increases the number of Shares subject to the Plan, the tenth anniversary of the date of such approval. The termination of the Plan on such date shall not affect the validity of any Award outstanding on the date of termination, which shall continue to be governed by the applicable terms and conditions of the Plan.

### ARTICLE 4 ADMINISTRATION

4.1. COMMITTEE. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. It is intended that at least two of the directors appointed to serve on the Committee shall be Independent Directors and that any such members of the Committee who do not so qualify shall abstain from participating in any decision to make or administer Awards that are made to Eligible Participants who at the time of consideration for such Award are persons subject to the short-swing profit rules of Section 16 of the 1934 Act. However, the mere fact that a Committee member fails to qualify as an Independent Director or fails to abstain from such action shall not invalidate any Award made by the Committee if the Award is otherwise validly made under the Plan.

4.2. ACTION AND INTERPRETATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE. The Committee may from time to time adopt rules, regulations, guidelines, and procedures for carrying out the provisions and purposes of the Plan and make such other determinations, not inconsistent with the Plan, as the Committee may deem appropriate. The Committee may correct any defect, supply any omission, or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or in any Award in the manner and to the extent it deems necessary to carry out the intent of the Plan. The Committee’s interpretation of the Plan, any Awards made under the Plan, any Award Agreement and all decisions and determinations by the Committee with respect to the Plan are final, binding, and conclusive on all parties. No member of the Committee will be liable for any good faith determination, act, or omission in connection with the Plan or any Award.

4.3. AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEE. Except as provided in Section 4.1 and 4.4 hereof, the Committee has the exclusive power, authority, and discretion to:

- (i) Make Awards;
- (ii) Designate Participants;
- (iii) Determine the type or types of Awards to be made to each Participant;
- (iv) Determine the number of Awards to be made and the number of Shares or dollar amount to which an Award will relate;
- (v) Determine the terms and conditions of any Award made under the Plan;
- (vi) Prescribe the form of each Award Agreement, which need not be identical for each Participant;
- (vii) Decide all other matters that must be determined in connection with an Award;

- (viii) Establish, adopt, or revise any rules, regulations, guidelines, or procedures as it may deem necessary or advisable to administer the Plan;
- (ix) Make all other decisions and determinations that may be required under the Plan or as the Committee deems necessary or advisable to administer the Plan;
- (x) Amend the Plan or any Award Agreement as provided herein; and
- (xi) Adopt such modifications, procedures, and subplans as may be necessary or desirable to comply with provisions of the laws of the United States or any non-U.S. jurisdictions in which the Company or any Affiliate may operate, in order to assure the viability of the benefits of Awards made to Participants located in the United States or such other jurisdictions and to further the objectives of the Plan.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, Awards made to Non-Employee Directors hereunder shall (i) be subject to the applicable award limits set forth in Section 5.4 hereof, and (ii) be made only in accordance with the terms, conditions and parameters of a plan, program, or policy for the compensation of Non-Employee Directors as in effect from time to time that is approved and administered by a committee of the Board consisting solely of Independent Directors. The Committee may not make other discretionary grants hereunder to Non-Employee Directors.

#### 4.4. DELEGATION.

- (i) Administrative Duties. The Committee may delegate to one or more of its members or to one or more officers of the Company or to one or more agents or advisors such administrative duties or powers as it may deem advisable, and the Committee or any individuals to whom it has delegated duties or powers as aforesaid may employ one or more individuals to render advice with respect to any responsibility the Committee or such individuals may have under this Plan.
- (ii) Special Committee. The Committee may delegate to a special committee, consisting of one or more Independent Directors, the authority, within specified parameters as to the number and terms of Awards, to make Awards under this Plan, including to (i) designate officers and/or employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to be recipients of Awards under the Plan, and (ii) to determine the number of such Awards to be received by any such Participants; provided, however, that such delegation of duties and responsibilities may not be made with respect to the Awards made to Eligible Participants who are subject to Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act at the Award Date. The acts of such delegates shall be treated hereunder as acts of the Committee and such delegates shall report regularly to the Committee regarding the delegated duties and responsibilities and any Awards so granted.

### ARTICLE 5 SHARES SUBJECT TO THE PLAN

5.1. NUMBER OF SHARES. Subject to adjustment as provided in Sections 5.2 and Section 13.1, the aggregate number of Shares reserved and available for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under the Plan shall be 240,000,000, which includes 240,000,000 Shares that were available for future grant under The Coca-Cola Company 2014 Equity Plan as of the Effective Date. After the Effective Date, no further awards shall be made under the Prior Plans and the Prior Plans shall remain in effect only so long as awards made thereunder shall remain outstanding.

5.2. SHARE COUNTING. Shares covered by an Award shall be subtracted from the Plan share reserve as of the Award Date as provided in subsection (a) below, but they shall be added back to the Plan share reserve or otherwise treated in accordance with subsections (b) through (h) of this Section 5.2.

- (a) Awards of Options and Stock Appreciation Rights shall count against the number of Shares remaining available for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under the Plan as one Share for each Share covered by such Awards, and Full Value Awards shall count against the number of Shares remaining available for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under the Plan as three Shares for each Share covered by such Awards.

- (b) The full number of Shares subject to an Option shall count against the number of Shares remaining available for issuance pursuant to Awards made under the Plan, even if the exercise price of an Option is satisfied through net-settlement or by delivering Shares to the Company (by either actual delivery or attestation).
- (c) Upon exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights that are settled in Shares, the full number of Stock Appreciation Rights (rather than the net number of Shares actually delivered upon exercise) shall count against the number of Shares remaining available for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under the Plan.
- (d) Shares withheld from an Award, other than an Option or Stock Appreciation Right, to satisfy tax withholding requirements shall not count against the number of Shares remaining available for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under the Plan, and Shares delivered by a Participant to satisfy tax withholding requirements on an Award, other than an Option or Stock Appreciation Right, shall be added to the Plan share reserve.
- (e) Shares repurchased on the open market with the proceeds from the exercise of an Option shall not again be made available for issuance under the Plan.
- (f) To the extent that all or a portion of any Full-Value Award under The Coca-Cola Company 2014 Equity Plan or the Plan is canceled, terminates, expires, is forfeited or lapses for any reason, including by reason of failure to meet time-based vesting requirements or to achieve performance goals, any unissued or forfeited Shares subject to the Award will be added back to the Plan share reserve and again be available for issuance pursuant to Awards made under the Plan.
- (g) Shares subject to Awards under the 2014 Equity Plan or the Plan settled in cash will be added back to the Plan share reserve and again be available for issuance under the Plan.
- (h) Substitute Awards made pursuant to Section 12.9 of the Plan shall not count against the Shares otherwise available for issuance under the Plan under Section 5.1.
- (i) Subject to applicable Exchange requirements, shares available under a shareholder-approved plan of a company acquired by the Company (as appropriately adjusted to Shares to reflect the transaction) may be issued under the Plan pursuant to Awards made to individuals who were not employees of the Company or its Subsidiaries immediately before such transaction and will not count against the maximum share limitation specified in Section 5.1.

5.3. STOCK DISTRIBUTED. Any Stock distributed pursuant to an Award may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued Stock, treasury Stock or Stock purchased on the open market and may be subject to restrictions deemed appropriate by the Committee.

5.4. LIMITATION ON AWARDS. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary (but subject to adjustment as provided in Article 13):

- (a) Options. The maximum number of Options granted under the Plan in any calendar year to any one Participant shall not exceed 3,000,000 Shares.
- (b) SARs. The maximum number of Stock Appreciation Rights granted under the Plan in any calendar year to any one Participant shall not exceed 3,000,000 Shares, to the extent the Stock Appreciation Rights are settled in Shares.
- (c) Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units. The maximum number of Shares of Restricted Stock granted under the Plan in any calendar year to any one Participant shall not exceed 1,000,000 Shares and the maximum number of Restricted Stock Units granted under the Plan in any calendar year to any one Participant shall not exceed 1,000,000 Shares, to the extent the Restricted Stock Units are settled in Shares.

- (d) Performance Awards. With respect to any one calendar year (i) the maximum amount that may be paid to any one Participant for Performance Awards payable in cash or property other than Shares shall not exceed \$20,000,000, and (ii) the maximum number of Shares that may be paid to any one Participant for Performance Awards payable in Stock shall not exceed 1,000,000 Shares. For purposes of applying these limits in the case of multi-year performance periods, the amount of cash or property or number of Shares deemed paid with respect to any one calendar year is the total amount payable or Shares earned for the performance period divided by the number of calendar years in the performance period.
- (e) Awards to Non-Employee Directors. The maximum aggregate value of Awards (calculated based on grant date fair value for financial reporting purposes) granted under the Plan in any one calendar year to any one Non-Employee Director for services as a director shall not exceed \$500,000.

5.5. SHARE CARVEOUT. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, any share-based Award granted under the Plan shall include vesting schedule that provide that no portion of such Award shall vest earlier than one year from the date of grant; provided, however, with respect to the aggregate number of Shares reserved and available for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under the Plan, the Committee reserves the right to grant Awards to Eligible Participants with immediate vesting or a vesting period of less than 12 months that account for up to 5% of the reserved and available shares.

## ARTICLE 6 ELIGIBILITY

6.1. GENERAL. Awards may be granted only to Eligible Participants who are providing services to the Company or a Subsidiary.

## ARTICLE 7 STOCK OPTIONS

7.1. GENERAL. The Committee is authorized to grant Options to Eligible Participants on the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Exercise Price. The exercise price per Share under an Option shall be determined by the Committee, provided that the exercise price for any Option (other than an Option issued as a substitute Award pursuant to Section 12.9) shall not be less than the Fair Market Value as of the Award Date.
- (b) Prohibition on Repricing. Except as otherwise provided in Article 13, without the prior approval of the shareowners of the Company: (i) the exercise price of an Option may not be reduced, directly or indirectly, (ii) an Option may not be cancelled in exchange for cash, other Awards, or Options or SARs with an exercise or base price that is less than the exercise price of the original Option, or otherwise, and (iii) the Company may not repurchase an Option for value (in cash, substitutions, cash buyouts, or otherwise) from a Participant if the current Fair Market Value of the Shares underlying the Option is lower than the exercise price per share of the Option.
- (c) Time and Conditions of Exercise. The Committee shall determine the time or times at which an Option may be exercised in whole or in part, subject to Section 7.1(e); provided, however, that, except in the event of a Change in Control, Disability or death of the Participant, no award shall provide that an Option shall be exercisable in whole or in part for a period of twelve months from the Award Date. The Committee shall also determine the performance or other conditions, if any, that must be satisfied before all, or part of an Option may be exercised or vested.

- (d) Payment. The Committee shall determine the methods by which the exercise price of an Option may be paid, the form of payment, and the methods by which Shares shall be delivered or deemed to be delivered to Participants. As determined by the Committee at or after the Award Date, payment of the exercise price of an Option may be made, in whole or in part, in the form of (i) cash or cash equivalents, (ii) delivery (by either actual delivery or attestation) of previously-acquired Shares based on the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the date the Option is exercised, (iii) withholding of Shares from the Option based on the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the date the Option is exercised, (iv) broker-assisted market sales, or (v) any other “cashless exercise” arrangement.
- (e) Exercise Term. No Option granted under the Plan shall be exercisable for more than ten years from the Award Date.
- (f) No Deferral Feature. No Option shall provide for any feature for the deferral of compensation other than the deferral of recognition of income until the exercise or disposition of the Option.
- (g) No Dividend Equivalents. No Option shall provide for the payment or accrual of Dividend Equivalents.
- (h) No Reload Rights. No Option granted under the Plan shall contain any provision entitling the Participant to the automatic grant of additional Options in connection with any exercise of the original Option.

## ARTICLE 8 STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS

8.1. STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS. The Committee is authorized to grant Stock Appreciation Rights to Eligible Participants on the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Right to Payment. Upon the exercise of a SAR, the Participant has the right to receive, for each Share with respect to which the SAR is being exercised, the excess, if any, of:
  - (1) The Fair Market Value of one Share on the date of exercise; over
  - (2) The base price of the SAR as determined by the Committee and set forth in the Award Agreement, which shall not be less than the Fair Market Value of one Share on the Award Date.
- (b) Prohibition on Repricing. Except as otherwise provided in Article 13, without the prior approval of the shareowners of the Company: (i) the base price of a SAR may not be reduced, directly or indirectly, (ii) a SAR may not be cancelled in exchange for cash, other Awards, or Options or SARs with an exercise or base price that is less than the base price of the original SAR, and (iii) the Company may not repurchase a SAR for value (in cash, substitutions, cash buyouts, or otherwise) from a Participant if the current Fair Market Value of the Shares underlying the SAR is lower than the base price per share of the SAR.
- (c) Time and Conditions of Exercise. The Committee shall determine the time or times at which a SAR may be exercised in whole or in part. Except in the event of a Change in Control, Disability or death of the Participant, no award shall provide that a SAR shall vest in whole or in part for a period of twelve months from the Award Date. No SAR shall be exercisable for more than ten years from the Award Date.
- (d) No Deferral Feature. No SAR shall provide for any feature for the deferral of compensation other than the deferral of recognition of income until the exercise or disposition of the SAR.
- (e) No Dividend Equivalents. No SAR shall provide for the payment or accrual of Dividend Equivalents.



- (f) No Reload SARs. No SAR granted under the Plan shall contain any provision entitling the Participant to the automatic grant of additional SARs in connection with any exercise of the original SAR.

## ARTICLE 9 RESTRICTED STOCK AND STOCK UNITS

- 9.1. RESTRICTED STOCK AND STOCK UNITS. The Committee is authorized to make Awards of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units to Eligible Participants in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions as may be selected by the Committee.
- 9.2. ISSUANCE AND RESTRICTIONS. Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units shall be subject to such restrictions on transferability and other restrictions as the Committee may impose. These restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such times, under such circumstances, in such installments, upon the satisfaction of performance goals or otherwise, as the Committee determines at the time of the grant of the Award or thereafter; provided that, except in the event of a Change in Control, Disability or death of the Participant, no Award of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall provide that restrictions on such Award shall lapse in whole or in part for a period of twelve months from the Award Date. Except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement or any special Plan document governing an Award, a Participant shall have none of the rights of a shareowner with respect to Restricted Stock Units until Shares of Stock are released in settlement of such Awards.
- 9.3. DIVIDENDS ON RESTRICTED STOCK. Any Unvested Dividends shall be paid to the Participant only if and when such shares become free from the restrictions on transferability and forfeitability that apply to such shares. Each payment of Unvested Dividends will be made no later than the end of the calendar year in which the dividends are paid to stockholders of that class of stock or, if later, the 15th day of the third month following the lapsing of the restrictions on transferability and the forfeitability provisions applicable to the underlying shares of Restricted Stock. No interest will be paid on Unvested Dividends.
- 9.4. DIVIDEND EQUIVALENTS ON RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS. An Award of Restricted Stock Units may provide the holder thereof with the right to receive Dividend Equivalents. Dividend Equivalents may be credited to an account for the Participant and may be settled in cash and/or Shares, in each case to the extent provided in the applicable Award agreement. Dividend Equivalents with respect to Restricted Stock Units will be subject to the same restrictions on transfer and forfeitability as the Restricted Stock Units with respect to which paid. No interest will be paid on Dividend Equivalents.
- 9.4. FORFEITURE. Subject to the terms of the Award Agreement and except as otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of the grant of the Award or thereafter, upon termination of Continuous Service during the applicable restriction period or upon failure to satisfy a performance goal during the applicable restriction period, Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units that are at that time subject to restrictions shall be forfeited.
- 9.5. DELIVERY OF RESTRICTED STOCK. Shares of Restricted Stock shall be delivered to the Participant at the Award Date either by book-entry registration or by delivering to the Participant, or a custodian or escrow agent (including, without limitation, the Company or one or more of its employees) designated by the Committee, a stock certificate or certificates registered in the name of the Participant. If physical certificates representing shares of Restricted Stock are registered in the name of the Participant, such certificates must bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions, and restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock.

## ARTICLE 10 PERFORMANCE AWARDS

- 10.1. PERFORMANCE AWARDS. The Committee is authorized to make any Award under this Plan, including cash-based Awards, with performance-based vesting criteria, on such terms and conditions as may be selected by the Committee. Any such Awards with performance-based vesting criteria are referred to herein as Performance Awards. The Committee shall have the complete discretion to determine the number of Performance Awards made to each Eligible Participant, subject to Section 5.4, and to designate the provisions of such Performance Awards as provided in Section 4.3. All Performance Awards shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement, or a written program established by the Committee, pursuant to which Performance Awards are awarded under the Plan under uniform terms, conditions and restrictions set forth in such written program.

10.2. PERFORMANCE GOALS. The Committee may establish performance goals for Performance Awards that may be based on any criteria selected by the Committee. Such performance goals may be described in terms of Company-wide objectives or in terms of objectives that relate to the performance of the Participant, a Subsidiary or a division, region, department or function within the Company or a Subsidiary. If the Committee determines that a change in the business, operations, corporate structure or capital structure of the Company or the manner in which the Company or a Subsidiary conducts its business, or other events or circumstances render performance goals to be unsuitable, the Committee may modify such performance goals in whole or in part, as the Committee deems appropriate. If a Participant is promoted, demoted or transferred to a different business unit or function during a performance period, the Committee may determine that the performance goals or performance period are no longer appropriate and may (i) adjust, change or eliminate the performance goals or the applicable performance period as it deems appropriate to make such goals and period comparable to the initial goals and period, or (ii) make a cash payment to the Participant in an amount determined by the Committee.

10.3. CERTIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE GOALS. Any payment of a Performance Award granted with performance goals pursuant to Section 10.2 above shall be conditioned on the written certification of the Committee in each case that the performance goals and any other material conditions were satisfied.

10.4. DIVIDEND EQUIVALENTS ON PERFORMANCE AWARDS. A Performance Award may provide the holder thereof with the right to receive Dividend Equivalents. Dividend Equivalents may be credited to an account for the Participant and may be settled in cash and/or Shares, in each case to the extent provided in the applicable Performance Award agreement. Dividend Equivalents with respect to Performance Awards will be subject to the same restrictions on transfer and forfeitability as the Performance Award with respect to which paid. No interest will be paid on Dividend Equivalents.

## ARTICLE 11 STOCK OR OTHER STOCK-BASED AWARDS

The Committee is authorized, subject to limitations under applicable law, to make such other Awards that are payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on or related to Shares, as deemed by the Committee to be consistent with the purposes of the Plan, including without limitation Shares awarded purely as a “bonus” and not subject to any restrictions or conditions, convertible or exchangeable debt securities, other rights convertible or exchangeable into Shares, and Awards valued by reference to book value of Shares or the value of securities of or the performance of specified Parents or Subsidiaries. The Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of such Awards.

## ARTICLE 12 PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AWARDS

12.1. AWARD AGREEMENTS. Each Award shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement. Each Award Agreement shall include such provisions, not inconsistent with the Plan, as may be specified by the Committee.

12.2. FORM OF PAYMENT FOR AWARDS. At the discretion of the Committee, payment of Awards may be made in cash, Stock, a combination of cash and Stock, or any other form of property as the Committee shall determine. In addition, payment of Awards may include such terms, conditions, restrictions and/or limitations, if any, as the Committee deems appropriate, including, in the case of Awards paid in the form of Stock, restrictions on transfer and forfeiture provisions.

12.3. LIMITS ON TRANSFER. No right or interest of a Participant in any unexercised or restricted Award may be pledged, encumbered, or hypothecated to or in favor of any party other than the Company or a Subsidiary, or shall be subject to any lien, obligation, or liability of such Participant to any other party other than the Company or a Subsidiary. No unexercised or restricted Award shall be assignable or transferable by a Participant other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution.

12.4. STOCK TRADING RESTRICTIONS. All Stock issuable under the Plan is subject to any stop-transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee deems necessary or advisable to comply with federal or state securities laws, rules and regulations and the rules of any national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Stock is listed, quoted, or traded. The Committee may place legends on any Stock Agreement or issue instructions to the transfer agent to reference restrictions applicable to the Stock.

12.5. TREATMENT UPON TERMINATION OF SERVICE. The applicable Award Agreement or other special Plan document governing an Award shall specify the treatment of such Award upon the termination of a Participant's Continuous Service.

12.6. EFFECT OF A CHANGE IN CONTROL. The provisions of this Section 12.6 shall apply in the case of a Change in Control, unless otherwise provided in the Award Agreement or any special Plan document or separate agreement with a Participant governing an Award.

- (a) Awards Assumed or Substituted by Surviving Entity. With respect to Awards assumed by the Surviving Entity or otherwise equitably converted or substituted in connection with a Change in Control: if within one year after the effective date of the Change in Control, a Participant's employment is involuntarily terminated other than for cause, then (i) all of that Participant's outstanding Options or SARs shall become fully exercisable, (ii) all time-based vesting restrictions on his or her outstanding Awards shall lapse, and (iii) the payout level under all of that Participant's performance-based Awards that were outstanding immediately before the effective time of the Change in Control shall be determined and deemed to have been earned as of the date of termination based upon (A) an assumed achievement of all relevant performance goals at the "target" level if the date of termination occurs during the first half of the applicable performance period, or (B) the actual level of achievement of all relevant performance goals against target (measured as of the end of the calendar quarter immediately preceding the date of termination), if the date of termination occurs during the second half of the applicable performance period, and, in either such case, there shall be a pro rata payout to such Participant within 60 days following the date of termination of employment (unless a later date is required under Section 15.3), based upon the length of time (in days) within the performance period that has elapsed prior to the date of termination of employment. Any Options or SARs shall thereafter continue or lapse in accordance with the other provisions of the Plan and the Award Agreement.
- (b) Awards not Assumed or Substituted by Surviving Entity. Upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, and except with respect to any Awards assumed by the Surviving Entity or otherwise equitably converted or substituted in connection with the Change in Control in a manner approved by the Committee or the Board: (i) outstanding Options or SARs shall become fully exercisable, (ii) time-based vesting restrictions on outstanding Awards shall lapse, and (iii) the payout level attainable under outstanding performance-based Awards shall be deemed to have been fully earned as of the effective date of the Change in Control based upon (A) an assumed achievement of all relevant performance goals at the "target" level if the Change in Control occurs during the first half of the applicable performance period, or (B) the actual level of achievement of all relevant performance goals against target measured as of the date of the Change in Control, if the Change in Control occurs during the second half of the applicable performance period, and, in either such case, there shall be a pro rata payout to Participants within 60 days following the Change in Control (unless a later date is required by Section 15.3 hereof), based upon the length of time (in days) within the performance period that has elapsed prior to the Change in Control. Any Options or SARs shall thereafter continue or lapse in accordance with the other provisions of the Plan and the Award Agreement.

12.7. ACCELERATION FOR OTHER REASONS. The Committee may in its sole discretion at any time determine that all or a portion of a Participant's Options or SARs shall become fully or partially exercisable, that all or a part of the restrictions on all or a portion of the Participant's outstanding Awards shall lapse, and/or that any performance-based criteria with respect to any Awards held by that Participant shall be deemed to be wholly or partially satisfied, in each case, as of such date as the Committee may, in its sole discretion, declare. The Committee may discriminate among Participants and among Awards made to a Participant in exercising its discretion pursuant to this Section 12.7.

12.8. FORFEITURE EVENTS. Awards under the Plan shall be subject to any compensation recoupment policy that the Company may adopt from time to time that is applicable by its terms to the Participant. In addition, the Committee may specify in an Award Agreement that the Participant's rights, payments, and benefits with respect to an Award shall be subject to reduction, cancellation, forfeiture, or recoupment upon the occurrence of certain specified events, in addition to any otherwise applicable vesting or performance conditions of an Award. Such events may include, but shall not be limited to, (i) termination of employment for cause, (ii) violation of material Company or Affiliate policies, (iii) breach of noncompetition, confidentiality or other restrictive covenants that may apply to the Participant, (iv) other conduct by the Participant that is detrimental to the business or reputation of the Company or any Affiliate, or (v) a later determination that the vesting of, or amount realized from, a Performance Award was based on materially inaccurate financial statements or any other materially inaccurate performance metric criteria, whether or not the Participant caused or contributed to such material inaccuracy. The Company shall seek to recover any Award made as required by the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 as amended, or any other "clawback" provision required by law or the listing standards of the Exchange.

12.9. SUBSTITUTE AWARDS. The Committee may grant Awards under the Plan in substitution for stock and stock-based awards held by employees of another entity who become employees of the Company or a Subsidiary as a result of a merger or consolidation of the former employing entity with the Company or a Subsidiary or the acquisition by the Company or a Subsidiary of property or stock of the former employing corporation. The Committee may direct that the substitute awards be made on such terms and conditions as the Committee considers appropriate in the circumstances.

### ARTICLE 13 CHANGES IN CAPITAL STRUCTURE

13.1. MANDATORY ADJUSTMENTS. In the event of a nonreciprocal transaction between the Company and its shareowners that causes the per-share value of the Stock to change (including, without limitation, any stock dividend, stock split, spin-off, rights offering, or large nonrecurring cash dividend), the Committee shall make such adjustments to the Plan and Awards as it deems necessary, in its sole discretion, to prevent dilution or enlargement of rights immediately resulting from such transaction. Action by the Committee may include: (i) adjustment of the number and kind of shares that may be delivered under the Plan; (ii) adjustment of the number and kind of shares subject to outstanding Awards; (iii) adjustment of the exercise price or base price of outstanding Awards or the measure to be used to determine the amount of the benefit payable on an Award; and (iv) any other adjustments that the Committee determines to be equitable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee shall not make any adjustments to outstanding Options or SARs that would constitute a modification or substitution of the stock right under Treas. Reg. Section 1.409A-1(b)(5)(v) that would be treated as the grant of a new stock right or change in the form of payment for purposes of Code Section 409A. Without limiting the foregoing, in the event of a subdivision of the outstanding Stock (stock-split), a declaration of a dividend payable in Shares, or a combination or consolidation of the outstanding Stock into a lesser number of Shares, the authorization limits under Section 5.1 and 5.4 shall automatically be adjusted proportionately, and the Shares then subject to each Award shall automatically, without the necessity for any additional action by the Committee, be adjusted proportionately without any change in the aggregate purchase price therefor.

13.2. DISCRETIONARY ADJUSTMENTS. Upon the occurrence or in anticipation of any corporate event or transaction involving the Company (including, without limitation, any merger, reorganization, recapitalization, combination or exchange of shares, or any transaction described in Section 13.1), the Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide (i) that Awards will be settled in cash rather than Stock, (ii) that Awards will become immediately vested and non-forfeitable and exercisable (in whole or in part) and will expire after a designated period of time to the extent not then exercised, (iii) that Awards will be assumed by another party to a transaction or otherwise be equitably converted or substituted in connection with such transaction, (iv) that outstanding Awards may be settled by payment in cash or cash equivalents equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of the underlying Stock, as of a specified date associated with the transaction, over the exercise or base price of the Award, or (v) any combination of the foregoing. The Committee's determination need not be uniform and may be different for different Participants whether or not such Participants are similarly situated.

13.3. GENERAL. Any discretionary adjustments made pursuant to this Article 13 shall be subject to the provisions of Section 14.2.

#### ARTICLE 14 AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

14.1. AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION. The Board or the Committee may, at any time and from time to time, amend, modify or terminate the Plan without shareowner approval; provided, however, that if an amendment to the Plan would, in the reasonable opinion of the Board or the Committee, either (i) materially increase the number of Shares available under the Plan, (ii) expand the types of awards under the Plan, (iii) materially expand the class of participants eligible to participate in the Plan, (iv) materially extend the term of the Plan, or (v) otherwise constitute a material change requiring shareowner approval under applicable laws, policies or regulations or the applicable listing or other requirements of an Exchange, then such amendment shall be subject to shareowner approval; and provided, further, that the Board or Committee may condition any other amendment or modification on the approval of shareowners of the Company for any reason, including by reason of such approval being necessary or deemed advisable (i) to comply with the listing or other requirements of an Exchange, or (ii) to satisfy any other tax, securities or other applicable laws, policies or regulations.

14.2. AWARDS PREVIOUSLY MADE. At any time and from time to time, the Committee may amend, modify, or terminate any outstanding Award without approval of the Participant; provided, however:

- (a) Subject to the terms of the applicable Award Agreement, such amendment, modification or termination shall not, without the Participant's consent, reduce or diminish the value of such Award determined as if the Award had been exercised, vested, cashed in or otherwise settled on the date of such amendment or termination (with the per-share value of an Option or SAR for this purpose being calculated as the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value as of the date of such amendment or termination over the exercise or base price of such Award);
- (b) The original term of an Option or SAR may not be extended without the prior approval of the shareowners of the Company;
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in Section 13.1, the exercise price of an Option or base price of a SAR may not be reduced, directly or indirectly, without the prior approval of the shareowners of the Company; and
- (d) No termination, amendment, or modification of the Plan shall adversely affect any Award previously made under the Plan, without the written consent of the Participant affected thereby. An outstanding Award shall not be deemed to be "adversely affected" by a Plan amendment if such amendment would not reduce or diminish the value of such Award determined as if the Award had been exercised, vested, cashed in or otherwise settled on the date of such amendment (with the per-share value of an Option or SAR for this purpose being calculated as the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value as of the date of such amendment over the exercise or base price of such Award).

14.3. COMPLIANCE AMENDMENTS. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan or in any Award Agreement to the contrary, the Board or the Committee may amend the Plan or an Award Agreement, to take effect retroactively or otherwise, as deemed necessary or advisable for the purpose of conforming the Plan or Award Agreement to any present or future law relating to plans of this or similar nature (including, but not limited to, Code Section 409A), and to the administrative regulations and rulings promulgated thereunder. By accepting an Award under this Plan, a Participant agrees to any amendment made pursuant to this Section 14.3 to any Award made under the Plan without further consideration or action.

14.4. CORRECTION OF ERRORS. Notwithstanding anything in any Award Agreement to the contrary, the Committee may amend an Award Agreement, to take effect retroactively or otherwise, as deemed necessary or advisable for the purpose of correcting errors occurring in connection with the grant or documentation of an Award, including rescinding an Award erroneously granted, including, but not limited to, an Award erroneously granted to an individual who does not qualify as an Eligible Participant on the date of grant. By accepting an Award under this Plan, a Participant agrees to any amendment made pursuant to this Section 14.4 to any Award made under the Plan without further consideration or action.

## ARTICLE 15 GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 15.1. RIGHTS OF PARTICIPANTS.

- (a) No Participant or any Eligible Participant shall have any claim to receive any Award under the Plan. Neither the Company, its Affiliates nor the Committee is obligated to treat Participants or Eligible Participants uniformly, and determinations made under the Plan may be made by the Committee selectively among Eligible Participants who receive, or are eligible to receive, Awards (whether or not such Eligible Participants are similarly situated).
- (b) Nothing in the Plan, any Award Agreement or any other document or statement made with respect to the Plan, shall interfere with or limit in any way the right of the Company or any Affiliate to terminate any Participant's employment or status as an officer, or any Participant's service as a director, at any time, nor confer upon any Participant any right to continue as an employee, officer or director of the Company or any Affiliate, whether for the duration of a Participant's Award or otherwise.
- (c) Neither an Award nor any benefits arising under this Plan shall constitute an employment contract with the Company or any Affiliate and, accordingly, subject to Article 14, this Plan and the benefits hereunder may be terminated at any time in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Committee without giving rise to any liability on the part of the Company or any of its Affiliates.
- (d) No Award gives a Participant any of the rights of a shareowner of the Company unless and until Shares are in fact issued to such person in connection with such Award.

15.2. WITHHOLDING. The Company or any Affiliate shall have the authority and the right to deduct or withhold, or require a Participant to remit to the Company or such Affiliate, an amount sufficient to satisfy the Company's federal, state, and local taxes withholding obligations (including any social tax obligation) required by law to be withheld with respect to any exercise, lapse of restriction or other taxable event arising as a result of the Plan. The obligations of the Company under the Plan will be conditioned on such payment or arrangements and the Company, or such Affiliate will, to the extent permitted by law, have the right to deduct any such taxes from any payment of any kind otherwise due to the Participant. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time the Award is made or thereafter, any such withholding requirement may be satisfied, in whole or in part, by withholding from the Award Shares having a Fair Market Value on the date of withholding equal to the amount that the Company determines is necessary to satisfy its withholding obligation. All such elections shall be subject to any restrictions or limitations that the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate.

15.3. SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATED TO CODE SECTION 409A. It is intended that the payments and benefits provided under the Plan and any Award shall either be exempt from the application of, or comply with the requirements of, Code Section 409A. The Plan and all Award Agreements shall be construed in a manner that effects such intent. Nevertheless, the tax treatment of the benefits provided under the Plan, or any Award is not warranted or guaranteed. Neither the Company, its Affiliates nor their respective directors, officers, employees, or advisers (other than in his or her capacity as a Participant) shall be held liable for any taxes, interest, penalties, or other monetary amounts owed by any Participant or other taxpayer as a result of the Plan or any Award.

15.4. UNFUNDED STATUS OF AWARDS. The Plan is intended to be an “unfunded” plan for incentive and deferred compensation. With respect to any payments not yet made to a Participant pursuant to an Award, nothing contained in the Plan, or any Award Agreement shall give the Participant any rights that are greater than those of a general creditor of the Company or any Affiliate. In its sole discretion, the Committee may authorize the creation of grantor trusts or other arrangements to meet the obligations created under the Plan to deliver Shares or payments in lieu of Shares with respect to Awards. This Plan is not intended to be subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

15.5. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER BENEFITS. No payment under the Plan shall be taken into account in determining any benefits under any pension, retirement, savings, profit sharing, group insurance, welfare or benefit plan of the Company or any Affiliate unless provided otherwise in such other plan. Nothing contained in the Plan will prevent the Company from adopting other or additional compensation arrangements, subject to shareowner approval if such approval is required; and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.

15.6. FRACTIONAL SHARES. No fractional Shares shall be issued, and the Committee shall determine, in its discretion, whether cash shall be given in lieu of fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares shall be eliminated by rounding up or down.

15.7. GOVERNMENT AND OTHER REGULATIONS.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, no Participant who acquires Shares pursuant to the Plan may, during any period of time that such Participant is an affiliate of the Company (within the meaning of the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the 1933 Act), sell such Shares, unless such offer and sale is made (i) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the 1933 Act, which is current and includes the Shares to be sold, or (ii) pursuant to an appropriate exemption from the registration requirement of the 1933 Act, such as that set forth in Rule 144 promulgated under the 1933 Act.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, if at any time the Committee shall determine that the registration, listing or qualification of the Shares covered by an Award upon any Exchange or under any foreign, federal, state or local law or practice, or the consent or approval of any governmental regulatory body, is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, the granting of such Award or the purchase or receipt of Shares thereunder, no Shares may be purchased, delivered or received pursuant to such Award unless and until such registration, listing, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained free of any condition not acceptable to the Committee. Any Participant receiving or purchasing Shares pursuant to an Award shall make such representations and agreements and furnish such information as the Committee may request to assure compliance with the foregoing or any other applicable legal requirements. The Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any certificate or certificates for Shares under the Plan prior to the Committee’s determination that all related requirements have been fulfilled. The Company shall in no event be obligated to register any securities pursuant to the 1933 Act or applicable state or foreign law or to take any other action in order to cause the issuance and delivery of such certificates to comply with any such law, regulation, or requirement.

15.8. GOVERNING LAW. To the extent not governed by federal law, the Plan and all Award Agreements shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware.

15.9. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any provision of this Plan is found to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable under any applicable law, such invalidity or unenforceability will not be construed as rendering any other provisions contained herein as invalid or unenforceable, and all such other provisions will be given full force and effect to the same extent as though the invalid or unenforceable provision was not contained herein.

15.10. NO LIMITATIONS ON RIGHTS OF COMPANY. The grant of any Award shall not in any way affect the right or power of the Company to make adjustments, reclassification or changes in its capital or business structure or to merge, consolidate, dissolve, liquidate, sell, or transfer all or any part of its business or assets. The Plan shall not restrict the authority of the Company, for proper corporate purposes, to draft or assume awards, other than under the Plan, to or with respect to any person. If the Committee so directs, the Company may issue or transfer Shares to an Affiliate, for such lawful consideration as the Committee may specify, upon the condition or understanding that the Affiliate will transfer such Shares to a Participant in accordance with the terms of an Award made to such Participant and specified by the Committee pursuant to the provisions of the Plan.