

LANTRONIX, INC.

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**INSIDER TRADING POLICY** 

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Guidelines with Respect to Certain Transactions in Securities

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#### INTRODUCTION

Lantronix, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, the "Company") prohibits the unauthorized disclosure of any nonpublic information acquired in the course of your service with the Company and the misuse of material nonpublic information in securities trading. Any such actions will be deemed violations of this Insider Trading Policy (this "Policy") and may also be violations of federal and state securities laws.

## Legal prohibitions on insider trading

The antifraud provisions of U.S. federal securities laws prohibit directors, officers, employees and other individuals who possess material nonpublic information from trading on the basis of that information. Transactions will be considered "on the basis of" material nonpublic information if the person engaged in the transaction was aware of the material nonpublic information at the time of the transaction. It is not a defense that the person did not "use" the information for purposes of the transaction.

Disclosing material nonpublic information directly or indirectly to others who then trade based on that information or making recommendations or expressing opinions as to transactions in securities while aware of material nonpublic information (which is sometime referred to as "*tipping*") is also illegal. Both the person who provides the information, recommendation or opinion and the person who trades based on it may be subject to civil and criminal liability.

These illegal activities are commonly referred to as "*insider trading*." State securities laws and securities laws of other jurisdictions also impose restrictions on insider trading.

In addition, a company, as well as individual directors, officers and other supervisory personnel, may be subject to liability as "controlling persons" for failure to take appropriate steps to prevent insider trading by those under their supervision, influence or control.

## **Detection and prosecution of insider trading**

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Nasdaq Stock Market use sophisticated electronic surveillance techniques to investigate and detect insider trading, and the SEC and the U.S. Department of Justice pursue insider trading violations vigorously. Cases involving trading through foreign accounts, trading by family members and friends and trading involving only a small number of shares have been successfully prosecuted.

## Penalties for violation of insider trading laws and this Policy

*Civil and criminal penalties.* As of the effective date of this Policy, potential penalties for insider trading violations under U.S. federal securities laws include:

- damages in a private lawsuit;
- disgorging any profits made or losses avoided;
- imprisonment;
- · substantial criminal fines;

- substantial civil fines based on the profit gained or loss avoided;
- a bar against serving as an officer or director of a public company; and
- an injunction against future violations.

Civil and criminal penalties also apply to tipping. The SEC has imposed large penalties in tipping cases even when the disclosing person did not trade or gain any benefit from another person's trading.

Controlling person liability. As of the effective date of this Policy, the penalty for "controlling person" liability includes civil fines, as well as potential criminal fines and imprisonment.

Company disciplinary actions. If the Company has a reasonable basis to conclude that you have failed to comply with this Policy, you may be subject to disciplinary action by the Company, up to and including dismissal for cause, regardless of whether or not your failure to comply with this Policy results in a violation of law. It is not necessary for the Company to wait for the filing or conclusion of any civil or criminal action against an alleged violator before taking disciplinary action. In addition, the Company may give stop transfer and other instructions to the Company's transfer agent to enforce compliance with this Policy.

## **Insider Trading Compliance Officer**

Please direct any questions, requests or reports as to any of the matters discussed in this Policy to the Company's Insider Trading Compliance Officer (the "Insider Trading Compliance Officer"), who is the Company's Chief Financial Officer. The Insider Trading Compliance Officer is generally responsible for the administration of this Policy. The Insider Trading Compliance Officer may select others to assist with the execution of his or her duties.

## Reporting violations

It is your responsibility to help enforce this Policy. You should be alert to possible violations and promptly report violations or suspected violations of this Policy to the Insider Trading Compliance Officer. If your situation requires that your identity be kept secret, your anonymity will be preserved to the greatest extent reasonably possible. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may send a letter addressed to the Insider Trading Compliance Officer at 7535 Irvine Center Drive, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92618. If you make an anonymous report, please provide as much detail as possible, including any evidence that you believe may be relevant to the issue.

## Personal responsibility

The ultimate responsibility for complying with this Policy and applicable laws and regulations rests with you. You should use your best judgment at all times and consult with your personal legal and financial advisors, as needed. We advise you to seek assistance if you have any questions at all. The rules relating to insider trading can be complex, and a violation of insider trading laws can carry severe consequences.

#### PERSONS AND TRANSACTIONS COVERED BY THIS POLICY

## Persons covered by this Policy

This Policy applies to all directors, officers, employees and agents (such as consultants and independent contractors) of the Company. References in this Policy to "you" (as well as general references to directors, officers, employees and agents of the Company) should also be understood to include members of your immediate family, persons with whom you share a household, persons that are your economic dependents and any other individuals or entities whose transactions in securities you influence, direct or control (including, for example, a venture or other investment fund, if you influence, direct or control transactions by the fund). You are responsible for making sure that these other individuals and entities comply with this Policy.

## Types of transactions covered by this Policy

Except as discussed in the section entitled "Limited Exceptions," this Policy applies to all transactions involving the securities of the Company or the securities of other companies as to which you possess material nonpublic information obtained in the course of your service with the Company. This Policy therefore applies to purchases, sales and other transfers of common stock, options, warrants, preferred stock, debt securities (such as debentures, bonds and notes) and other securities. This Policy also applies to any arrangements that affect economic exposure to changes in the prices of these securities. These arrangements may include, among other things, transactions in derivative securities (such as exchange-traded put or call options), hedging transactions, short sales and certain decisions with respect to participation in benefit plans. This Policy also applies to any offers with respect to the transactions discussed above. You should note that there are no exceptions from insider trading laws or this Policy based on the size of the transaction.

#### Responsibilities regarding the nonpublic information of other companies

This Policy prohibits the unauthorized disclosure or other misuse of any nonpublic information of other companies, such as the Company's distributors, vendors, customers, collaborators, suppliers and competitors. This Policy also prohibits insider trading and tipping based on the material nonpublic information of other companies.

## Applicability of this Policy after your departure

You are expected to comply with this Policy until such time as you are no longer affiliated with the Company and you no longer possess any material nonpublic information subject to this Policy. In addition, if you are subject to a trading blackout under this Policy at the time you cease to be affiliated with the Company, you are expected to abide by the applicable trading restrictions until at least the end of the relevant blackout period.

## No exceptions based on personal circumstances

There may be instances where you suffer financial harm or other hardship or are otherwise required to forego a planned transaction because of the restrictions imposed by this Policy. Personal financial emergency or other personal circumstances are not mitigating factors under securities laws and will not excuse a failure to comply with this Policy.

#### MATERIAL NONPUBLIC INFORMATION

#### "Material" information

Information should be regarded as material if there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable investor would consider it important in deciding whether to buy, hold or sell securities or would view the information as significantly altering the total mix of information in the marketplace about the issuer of the security. In general, any information that could reasonably be expected to affect the market price of a security is likely to be material. Either positive or negative information may be material.

It is not possible to define all categories of "material" information. However, some examples of information that could be regarded as material include information with respect to:

- Financial results, financial condition, earnings pre-announcements, guidance, projections or forecasts, particularly if inconsistent with the Company's guidance or the expectations of the investment community;
- Restatements of financial results, or material impairments, write-offs or restructurings;
- Changes in independent auditors, or notification that the Company may no longer rely on an audit report;
- Business plans or budgets;
- Creation of significant financial obligations, or any significant default under or acceleration of any financial obligation;
- Impending bankruptcy or financial liquidity problems;
- Significant developments involving business relationships, including execution, modification or termination of significant agreements or orders with customers, suppliers, distributors, manufacturers or other business partners;
- Product introductions, modifications, defects or recalls or significant pricing changes or other product announcements of a significant nature;
- Significant developments in research and development or relating to intellectual property;
- Significant legal or regulatory developments, whether actual or threatened;
- Major events involving the Company's securities, including calls of securities for redemption, adoption of stock repurchase programs, option repricings, stock splits, changes in dividend policies, public or private securities offerings, modification to the rights of security holders or notice of delisting;
- Significant corporate events, such as a pending or proposed merger, joint venture or tender offer, a significant investment, the acquisition or disposition of a significant business or asset or a change in control of the company;
- The existence of a special blackout period; and
- Major personnel changes, such as changes in senior management or lay-offs.

If you have any questions as to whether information should be considered "material," you should consult with the Insider Trading Compliance Officer. In general, it is advisable to resolve any close questions as to the materiality of any information by assuming that the information is material.

## "Nonpublic" information

Information is considered nonpublic if the information has not been broadly disseminated to the public for a sufficient period to be reflected in the price of the security. Information can be broadly disseminated to the public in a press release, a public filing with the SEC, a pre-announced public webcast or another broad, non-exclusionary form of public communication. Any questions as to whether information is nonpublic should be directed to the Insider Trading Compliance Officer.

The term "trading day" means a day on which national stock exchanges are open for trading. A "full" trading day has elapsed when, after the public disclosure, trading in the relevant security has opened and then closed.

#### POLICIES REGARDING MATERIAL NONPUBLIC INFORMATION

## Confidentiality of nonpublic information

The unauthorized use or disclosure of nonpublic information relating to the Company or other companies is prohibited. All nonpublic information you acquire in the course of your service with the Company may only be used for legitimate Company business purposes. In addition, nonpublic information of others should be handled in accordance with the terms of any relevant nondisclosure agreements, and the use of any such nonpublic information should be limited to the purpose for which it was disclosed.

You must use all reasonable efforts to safeguard nonpublic information in the Company's possession. You may not disclose nonpublic information about the Company or any other company, unless required by law, or unless (i) disclosure is required for legitimate Company business purposes, (ii) you are authorized to disclose the information and (iii) appropriate steps have been taken to prevent misuse of that information (for example, entering into an appropriate nondisclosure agreement that restricts the disclosure and use of the information, if applicable). This restriction also applies to internal communications within the Company and to communications with agents of the Company. In cases where disclosing nonpublic information to third parties is required, you should coordinate with the Legal Department.

In addition, all officers, employees and agents of the Company are required to comply with any confidential information or invention assignment agreement with the Company to which they are subject.

## No trading on material nonpublic information

Except as discussed in the section entitled "Limited Exceptions" below, you may not, directly or indirectly through others, engage in any transaction involving the Company's securities while aware of material nonpublic information relating to the Company. It is not an excuse that you did not "use" the information in your transaction.

Similarly, you may not engage in transactions involving the securities of any other company if you are aware of material nonpublic information about that company (except to the extent the transactions are analogous to those presented in the section entitled "Limited Exceptions"). For example, you may be involved in a proposed transaction involving a prospective business relationship or transaction with another company. If information about that transaction constitutes material nonpublic information for that other company, you would be prohibited from engaging in transactions involving the securities of that other company (as well as transactions involving Company securities, if that information is material to the Company). It is important to note that "materiality" is different for different companies. Information that is not material to the Company may be material to another company.

## No disclosing material nonpublic information for the benefit of others

You may not disclose material nonpublic information concerning the Company or any other company to friends, family members or any other person or entity not authorized to receive such information where such person or entity may benefit by trading on the basis of such information. In addition, you may not make recommendations or express opinions on the basis of material nonpublic information as to trading in the securities of companies to which such information relates. You are prohibited from engaging in these actions whether or not you derive any profit or personal benefit from doing so. This prohibition against disclosure of material nonpublic information includes disclosure (even anonymous disclosure) via the internet, blogs, investor forums or chat rooms where companies and their prospects are discussed.

## Responding to outside inquiries for information

In the event you receive an inquiry from someone outside of the Company, such as a stock analyst, for information, you should refer the inquiry to the Company's Chief Financial Officer. The Company is required under Regulation FD (Fair Disclosure) of the U.S. federal securities laws to avoid the selective disclosure of material nonpublic information. In general, the regulation provides that when a public company discloses material nonpublic information, it must provide broad, non-exclusionary access to the information. Violations of this regulation can subject the company to SEC enforcement actions, which may result in injunctions and severe monetary penalties. The Company has established procedures for releasing material information in a manner that is designed to achieve broad public dissemination of the information immediately upon its release in compliance with applicable law. Please contact the Chief Financial Officer for specific questions.

In the event that you inadvertently disclose any material nonpublic information, you must immediately contact the Insider Trading Compliance Officer so that the required corrective action may be taken.

#### TRADING BLACKOUT PERIODS AND PRECLEARANCE PROCEDURES

To limit the likelihood of trading at times when there is a significant risk of insider trading exposure, the Company has instituted quarterly trading blackout periods and may institute special trading blackout periods from time to time. In addition, to comply with applicable legal requirements, the Company may also institute blackout periods that prevent directors and officers from trading in Company securities at a time when employees are prevented from trading Company securities in the Company's 401(k) plan.

It is important to note that whether or not you are subject to blackout periods, you remain subject to the prohibitions on trading on the basis of material nonpublic information and any other applicable restrictions in this Policy.

## **Quarterly blackout periods**

Except as discussed in the section entitled "Limited Exceptions" below, all employees, directors, executive officers and any agents or other individuals designated by the Insider Trading Compliance Officer must refrain from conducting transactions involving the Company's securities during quarterly blackout periods. Even if you are not specifically identified as being subject to quarterly blackout periods, you should exercise caution when engaging in transactions during quarterly blackout periods because of the heightened risk of insider trading exposure.

Quarterly blackout periods begin at the end of the first trading day following the fifteenth day of the last month of each fiscal quarter and end at the close of business on the second full trading day following the date of public disclosure of the financial results for that fiscal quarter. This period is a particularly sensitive time for transactions involving the Company's securities from the perspective of compliance with applicable securities laws due to the fact that, during this period, individuals may often possess or have access to material nonpublic information relevant to the expected financial results for the quarter.

## Special blackout periods

From time to time, the Company may also prohibit directors, officers, employees and agents from engaging in transactions involving the Company's securities when, in the judgment of the Insider Trading Compliance Officer, a trading blackout is warranted. The Company will generally impose special blackout periods when there are material developments known to the Company that have not yet been disclosed to the public. For example, the Company may impose a special blackout period in anticipation of announcing interim earnings guidance or a significant transaction or business development. However, special blackout periods may be declared for any reason.

The Company will notify those persons subject to a special blackout period, but is not required to explain the reason for the special blackout period. Each person who has been so identified and notified by the Company may not engage in any transaction involving the Company's securities and should not disclose to others the fact of such suspension of trading until instructed otherwise by the Insider Trading Compliance Officer.

## **Regulation BTR blackouts**

Directors and executive officers may also be subject to trading blackouts pursuant to Regulation Blackout Trading Restriction, or Regulation BTR, under U.S. federal securities laws. In general, Regulation BTR prohibits any director or executive officer from engaging in certain transactions involving Company securities during periods when 401(k) plan participants are prevented from purchasing, selling or otherwise acquiring or transferring an interest in certain securities held in individual account plans. Any profits realized from a transaction that violates Regulation BTR are recoverable by the Company, regardless of the intentions of the director or officer effecting the transaction. In addition, individuals who engage in such transactions are subject to sanction by the SEC as well as potential criminal liability. The Company has provided, or will provide, separate memoranda

and other appropriate materials to its directors and executive officers regarding compliance with Regulation BTR.

The Company will notify directors and officers if they are subject to a blackout trading restriction under Regulation BTR. Failure to comply with an applicable trading blackout in accordance with Regulation BTR is a violation of law and this Policy.

## **Preclearance requirements**

Because the Company's directors, executive officers, Corporate Controller, and direct reports to the Chief Executive Officer ("Covered Insiders") are likely to obtain material non-public information on a regular basis, the Company requires all such persons to refrain from trading, even during an open trading window, without first pre-clearing all transactions in the Company's securities. These procedures also apply to transactions by such person's spouse, other persons living in such person's household and minor children and to transactions by entities over which such person exercises control. The Company may find it necessary, from time to time, to require compliance with the pre-clearance process from certain employees, consultants and contractors other than and in addition to Covered Insiders. The Company will notify Covered Insiders and any other covered individuals if they are subject to the pre-clearance requirement.

Except as discussed in the section entitled "Limited Exceptions" below, no Covered Insider may, directly or indirectly, purchase or sell (or otherwise make any transfer, gift, pledge or loan of) any Company security at any time without first obtaining prior approval from the Insider Trading Compliance Officer and the Company's General Counsel. A request for preclearance should be submitted at least three business days in advance of the proposed transaction. The Insider Trading Compliance Officer is under no obligation to approve a trade submitted for pre-clearance, and may determine not to permit the trade. Transactions by the Insider Trading Compliance Officer must be pre-cleared by the Company's Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel.

The Insider Trading Compliance Officer may revoke pre-clearance of a trade at any time before a transaction is executed. Unless revoked, a grant of permission will normally remain valid until the beginning of the next blackout period. If a transaction (or any portion of a transaction) is not executed before the beginning of the next blackout period, a new request for pre-clearance of the transaction will be required.

Notwithstanding receipt of pre-clearance, if the person requesting pre-clearance becomes aware of material non-public information or becomes subject to a blackout period before the transaction is effected, the transaction may not be completed. No "safe harbors"

There are no unconditional "safe harbors" for trades made at particular times, and all persons subject to this Policy should exercise good judgment at all times. Even when a quarterly blackout period is not in effect, you may be prohibited from engaging in transactions involving the Company's securities because you possess material nonpublic information, are subject to a special blackout period or are otherwise restricted under this Policy.

#### ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDANCE

This section addresses certain types of transactions that may expose you and the Company to significant risks. You should understand that, even though a transaction may not be expressly prohibited by this section, you are responsible for ensuring that the transaction otherwise complies with other provisions in this Policy that may apply to the transaction, such as the general prohibition against insider trading as well as blackout periods, to the extent applicable.

#### **Short sales**

Short sales (*i.e.*, the sale of a security that must be borrowed to make delivery) and "selling short against the box" (*i.e.*, a sale with a delayed delivery) with respect to Company securities are prohibited under this Policy. Short sales may signal to the market possible bad news about the Company or a general lack of confidence in the Company's prospects, and an expectation that the value of the Company's securities will decline. In addition, short sales are effectively a bet against the Company's success and may reduce the seller's incentive to improve the Company's performance. Short sales may also create a suspicion that the seller is engaged in insider trading.

## Derivative securities and hedging transactions

You are prohibited from engaging in transactions in publicly-traded options, such as puts and calls, and other derivative securities with respect to the Company's securities. This prohibition extends to any hedging or similar transaction designed to decrease the risks associated with holding Company securities. Stock options, stock appreciation rights, other securities issued pursuant to Company benefit plans or other compensatory arrangements with the Company, and broad-based index options, futures or baskets are not subject to this prohibition.

Transactions in derivative securities may reflect a short-term and speculative interest in the Company's securities and may create the appearance of impropriety, even where a transaction does not involve trading on inside information. Trading in derivatives may also focus attention on short-term performance at the expense of the Company's long-term objectives. In addition, the application of securities laws to derivatives transactions can be complex, and persons engaging in derivatives transactions run an increased risk of violating securities laws.

## Using Company securities as collateral for loans

If you are required to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act or the blackout periods under this Policy, you may not pledge Company securities as collateral for loans. If you default on the loan, the lender may sell the pledged securities as collateral in a foreclosure sale. The sale, even though not initiated at your request, is still considered a sale for your benefit and, if made at a time when you are aware of material nonpublic information or otherwise are not permitted to trade in Company securities, may result in inadvertent insider trading violations, Section 16 and Regulation BTR violations (for officers and directors), violations of this Policy and unfavorable publicity for you and the Company. For these same reasons, even if you are not prohibited from pledging Company securities as collateral for loans, you should exercise caution when doing so.

#### **Holding Company securities in margin accounts**

If you are required to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act or the blackout periods under this Policy, you may not hold Company securities in margin accounts. Under typical margin arrangements, if you fail to meet a margin call, the broker may be entitled to sell securities held in the margin account without your consent. The sale, even though not initiated at your request, is still considered a sale for your benefit and, if made at a time when you are aware of material nonpublic information or are otherwise not permitted to trade, may result in inadvertent insider trading violations, Section 16 violations (for officers and directors), violations of this Policy and unfavorable publicity for you and the Company. For these same reasons, even if you are not prohibited from holding Company securities in margin accounts, you should exercise caution when doing so.

## Placing open orders with brokers

You should exercise caution when placing open orders, such as limit orders or stop orders, with brokers, particularly where the order is likely to remain outstanding for an extended period of time. Open orders may result in the execution of a trade at a time when you are aware of material nonpublic information or otherwise are not permitted to trade in Company securities, which may result in inadvertent insider trading violations, Section 16 and Regulation BTR violations (for officers and directors), violations of this Policy and unfavorable publicity for you and the Company. If you are subject to blackout periods, you should so inform any broker with whom you place any open order at the time it is placed.

#### LIMITED EXCEPTIONS

The following are certain limited exceptions to the restrictions imposed by the Company under this Policy. Please be aware that even if a transaction is subject to an exception to this Policy, you will need to separately assess whether the transaction complies with applicable law. For example, even if a transaction is indicated as exempt from this Policy, you may need to comply with the "short-swing" trading restrictions under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, to the extent applicable. You are responsible for complying with applicable law at all times.

# Receipt and vesting of stock options, restricted stock units, restricted stock and stock appreciation rights

The trading restrictions and preclearance requirements in this Policy do not apply to the grant or award to you of stock options, restricted stock units, restricted stock or stock appreciation rights by the Company. The trading restrictions under this Policy also do not apply to the vesting, cancellation or forfeiture of stock options, restricted stock units, restricted stock or stock appreciation rights in accordance with applicable plans and agreements. However, the trading restrictions and preclearance requirements do apply to any subsequent sales of any such securities.

## Exercise of stock options for cash

The trading restrictions in this Policy do not apply to the exercise of stock options for cash under the Company's stock option plans. Likewise, the trading restrictions under this Policy do not apply to the exercise of stock options in a stock-for-stock exercise with the Company or an election to have the Company withhold securities to cover tax obligations in connection with an option exercise. However, the trading restrictions under this Policy do apply to (i) the sale of any securities issued upon the exercise of a stock option, (ii) a cashless exercise of a stock option through a broker, since this involves selling a portion of the underlying shares to cover the costs of exercise, and (iii) any other market sale for the purpose of generating the cash needed to pay the exercise price of an option.

## Purchases from the employee stock purchase plan

The trading restrictions and preclearance requirements in this Policy do not apply to elections with respect to participation in the Company's employee stock purchase plan or to purchases of securities under the plan. However, the trading restrictions and preclearance requirements do apply to any subsequent sales of any such securities.

## Certain 401(k) plan transactions

The trading restrictions and preclearance requirements in this Policy do not apply to purchases of Company stock in the 401(k) plan resulting from periodic contributions to the plan based on your payroll contribution election. The trading restrictions and preclearance requirements do apply, however, to elections you make under the 401(k) plan to (i) increase or decrease the percentage of your contributions that will be allocated to a Company stock fund, (ii) move balances into or out of a Company stock fund, (iii) borrow money against your 401(k) plan account if the loan will result in liquidation of some or all of your Company stock fund balance, and (iv) pre-pay a plan loan if the pre-payment will result in the allocation of loan proceeds to a Company stock fund.

## Stock splits, stock dividends and similar transactions

The trading restrictions and preclearance requirements in this Policy do not apply to a change in the number of securities held as a result of a stock split or stock dividend applying equally to all securities of a class, or similar transactions.

## Bona fide gifts and inheritance

The trading restrictions and preclearance requirements in this Policy do not apply to *bona fide* gifts involving Company securities or transfers by will or the laws of descent and distribution.

#### Change in form of ownership

Transactions that involve merely a change in the form in which you own securities are not subject to the trading restrictions or preclearance requirements under this Policy. For example, you may transfer shares to an *inter vivos* trust of which you are the sole beneficiary during your lifetime.

## Transactions under approved 10b5-1 trading plans

The trading restrictions and preclearance requirements in this Policy do not apply to transactions under a pre-existing written plan, contract, instruction, or arrangement under Rule 10b5-1 (an "Approved 10b5-1 Plan") that: (i) has been reviewed and approved at least one month in advance of any trades thereunder by the Insider Trading Compliance Officer (or, if revised or amended, such revisions or amendments have been reviewed and approved by the Insider Trading Compliance Officer at least one month in advance of any subsequent trades); (ii) was entered into in good faith by you at a time when

you were not in possession of material non-public information about the Company; and (iii) gives a third party the discretionary authority to execute such purchases and sales, outside your control, so long as such third party does not possess any material non-public information about the Company; or explicitly specifies the security or securities to be purchased or sold, the number of shares, the prices and/or dates of transactions, or other formula(s) describing such transactions.

## Other exceptions

Any other exception from this Policy must be approved by the Insider Trading Compliance Officer, in consultation with the Board of Directors or an independent committee of the Board of Directors.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT

#### **Obligations under Section 16**

Section 16 of the Exchange Act, and the related rules and regulations, set forth (i) reporting obligations, (ii) limitations on "short-swing" transactions and (iii) limitations on short sales and other transactions applicable to directors, officers, large shareholders and certain other persons. The Corporation's directors and Section 16 officers are required to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act, and the related rules and regulations, because of their positions with the Company.

## Notification requirements to facilitate Section 16 reporting

To facilitate timely reporting of transactions pursuant to Section 16 requirements, each person subject to Section 16 reporting requirements must provide, or must ensure that his or her broker provides, the Company with detailed information (e.g., trade date, number of shares, exact price, etc.) regarding his or her transactions involving the Company's securities, including gifts, transfers, and pledges, promptly following execution.

#### Personal responsibility

The obligation to file Section 16 reports, and to otherwise comply with Section 16, is personal. The Company is not responsible for the failure to comply with Section 16 requirements.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## **Availability of Policy**

This Policy will be made available to all directors, officers, employees and agents of the Company when they commence service with the Company. Each director, officer, employee and agent of the Company is required to acknowledge that he or she understands, and agrees to comply with, this Policy.

#### **Amendments**

We are committed to continuously reviewing and updating our policies and procedures. The Company therefore reserves the right to amend, alter or terminate this Policy at any time and for any reason, subject to applicable law. A current copy of the Company's policies regarding insider trading may be obtained by contacting the Insider Trading Compliance Officer.

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Nothing in this Insider Trading Policy creates or implies an employment contract or term of employment.

The policies in this Insider Trading Policy do not constitute a complete list of Company policies or a complete list of the types of conduct that can result in discipline, up to and including discharge.