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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **November 15, 2012**

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**CARLISLE COMPANIES**  
**INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-9278**  
(Commission File Number)

**31-1168055**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**11605 North Community House Road, Suite 600,**  
**Charlotte, North Carolina**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**28277**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(704) 501-1100**

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On November 15, 2012, Carlisle Companies Incorporated (the Company ) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Preliminary Prospectus under its effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (the Preliminary Prospectus ) pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, relating to a proposed public offering of the Company s debt securities. The Preliminary Prospectus contains certain updated disclosure regarding the Company s business under the section entitled Summary The Company Recent Developments .

The information contained in the Company s Preliminary Prospectus under the section entitled Summary The Company Recent Developments is incorporated herein by reference.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

CARLISLE COMPANIES INCORPORATED

By:	/s/ Steven J. Ford
Name:	Steven J. Ford
Title:	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

DATE: November 15, 2012

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did not retain a compensation consultant during fiscal 2014.

Role of Management. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) assists the Compensation Committee in reaching compensation decisions by developing recommended compensation for the executive officers. The CEO also develops performance objectives for each executive officer. The CEO meets with each executive officer formally on an annual basis to review past performance and to discuss performance objectives for the following year.

The Company's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) also serves as its Chief Human Resources Officer. In connection with the structure and amount of the Company's executive officer compensation, the CFO advises the CEO regarding the Company's financial performance and, in her capacity as Chief Human Resources Officer, the compensation for its non-executive officer employees. The Compensation Committee consults with the CEO to ensure that executive officer compensation will achieve the Company's annual financial goals and long-term business plans.

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During fiscal 2014, the committee did not analyze executive compensation at any group of peer companies as a 3% merit increase was given to all Named Executive Officers except for Ms. Diddell, who received an increase of 19.3% reflecting an internal equity adjustment.

**Role of Employment Agreements.** The Company considers employment agreements to be an important part of recruiting and retaining qualified executive officers. All of the Named Executive Officers, other than Mr. Richardson and Ms. McNally, have entered into employment agreements. The employment agreements with each of the Named Executive Officers establish initial base compensation and ongoing annual cash bonus opportunity as a percentage of base compensation. These employment agreements are described in further detail on page 24. Due to his substantial equity stake in the Company, the Compensation Committee does not believe that an employment agreement with Mr. Richardson is necessary to achieve the retention goals served by employment agreements with most of the other Named Executive Officers.

**Role of Compensation Benchmarking.** One of the fundamental objectives of the Company's compensation program is that total compensation be externally competitive. To achieve this objective, from time to time the Company obtains data to compare its executive compensation against executive compensation at other companies. In fiscal years when such data is not obtained, the CEO and the Compensation Committee rely on publicly available information related to competitive compensation, internal equity, and general market trends in executive compensation.

Generally, the Compensation Committee uses data from public sources to determine whether the market for executive compensation has changed significantly. If the Compensation Committee believed the market had changed significantly, then it would instruct the CEO to commission a study of executive compensation at certain comparable companies for purposes of evaluating the Company's compensation arrangements. If the Compensation Committee does not believe the market has changed significantly, then the Committee recommends a fixed percentage merit increase for executives. The Committee's evaluation of competitive compensation and market trends is based on publicly available information. The Committee generally does not independently analyze executive compensation at any group of peer companies except when recruiting for new executives.

**Role of Compensation Consultants.** The Compensation Committee has the authority under its charter to retain compensation consultants to assist in the evaluation of executive officer compensation and benefits and approve the consultants' fees and other retention terms. However, the Company and the Compensation Committee has not historically engaged compensation consultants in determining Named Executive Officer compensation. Instead, the Compensation Committee utilizes publicly available information and informal surveys from professional human resource organizations to determine executive compensation.

#### Elements of Executive Compensation

Most of the Company's compensation elements fulfill one or more of its compensation objectives. The elements of total compensation for its Named Executive Officers are:

- base compensation;
- annual cash bonus compensation;
- equity-based compensation;
- profit sharing/401(k) plan; and
- perquisites.

**Base Compensation.** The Compensation Committee alone determines the CEO's base compensation. This amount was equal to the budgeted increase in compensation for U.S. employees and was based on generally available market data with respect to annual wage increases in the United States. In fiscal 2012, the Committee approved increases for Mr.

Richardson and the other executive officers of 3.0%. Based upon this approval, Mr. Richardson's base compensation in 2012 was \$573,169. In fiscal 2013, the Committee felt that in light of the challenges facing the business and the highly demanding nature of pursuing and evaluating global acquisition opportunities that it would be appropriate to increase the base compensation of Mr. Richardson by \$100,000 effective October 15, 2012. This decision was made based on the fact that equity compensation is typically a large component of total compensation for most CEOs. In the case of Mr. Richardson, the Committee felt that additional equity was not warranted to align Mr. Richardson's interests with those of the other stockholders. As a result, they determined that adjusting Mr. Richardson's base compensation was more appropriate. In fiscal 2013, the Compensation Committee approved a 3% increase for all executive officers. In fiscal 2014, the Compensation

Committee approved a 3% increase in base compensation for all employees including Mr. Richardson and the other executive officers except for Ms. Diddell whose base compensation was increased by 19.3% on December 18, 2013. Based on internal equity and the travel requirements of Ms. Diddell's position, her base compensation was increased to \$335,000 in 2014. Mr. Richardson's base compensation at the end of fiscal 2014 was \$693,364.

The amount of base compensation for each of the other Named Executive Officers is initially set upon the commencement of his or her employment as an executive officer with the Company and is stated in the Named Executive Officer's employment agreement if the Company has an employment agreement with the Named Executive Officer. This initial amount is established with a goal of attracting talented executive officers to the Company and is recommended by the CEO and approved by the Compensation Committee. Thereafter, each of the Named Executive Officers' base compensation is reviewed annually by the CEO and the Compensation Committee.

In determining appropriate levels of base compensation for executive officers, the CEO considers the executive officer's individual performance, the financial performance of the Company, and a base compensation that is internally equitable and externally competitive. The Compensation Committee annually reviews the base compensation of the executive officers set by the CEO. The Compensation Committee reports its findings and opinions with respect to base compensation to the Board for further discussion so that the Board may provide feedback to the CEO regarding its perception of how well the base compensation of the executive officers achieves the Company's compensation objectives.

**Annual Cash Bonus Compensation.** During fiscal 2012, the Compensation Committee recommended and the Board and stockholders approved a payment under the Edward J. Richardson Incentive Compensation Plan.

Under the plan, Mr. Richardson was eligible for an annual cash bonus equal to 2% of the Company's annual net income after taxes each fiscal year, subject to the Compensation Committee's right, in its sole and exclusive discretion, to reduce the bonus, including a reduction to zero. This plan formalized a historical annual cash bonus arrangement for the CEO established by the Board of Directors in 1983. In fiscal 2012, Mr. Richardson earned a cash bonus of \$172,080 based upon a calculation of 2% of the Company's annual net income after tax.

In October 2012, the Compensation Committee recommended and the Board and stockholders approved the Amended and Restated Edward J. Richardson Incentive Compensation Plan whereby Mr. Richardson would be eligible to receive bonus compensation based on the greater of 2% of annual net income after tax or a bonus based upon achieving pre-established financial objectives that support the Company's profitability. Mr. Richardson's incentive payment under the 2% plan for FY13 would have been approximately \$25,000.

Pursuant to the terms of the Edward J. Richardson Incentive Compensation Plan, Mr. Richardson is entitled to the greater of 2% of annual net income or a bonus of up to 70% of base compensation based upon levels of achievement of his goals. The Compensation Committee evaluated Mr. Richardson's performance relative to measurement criteria for fiscal 2013 based on the level of achievement of the established goals.

Based upon the assessment of his goals, the Committee determined that Mr. Richardson earned a bonus payment for Fiscal 2013 of \$167,805. The basis for the payout was creating long-term shareholder value as measured by the Five-year Cumulative Total Return Graph included in the Company's 10-K for Fiscal 2013 and the completion of an acquisition that was accretive to earnings. The targets for the operating expense ratio and working capital efficiency goals were not met.

The Company relies on performance-based cash bonuses under the Company's annual incentive compensation plan to reward Company employees, including executive officers, for achievement of specific financial goals related to our annual operating plan and budget. The Compensation Committee believes tying annual cash bonus compensation for

executive officers primarily to financial metrics provides the appropriate incentive to the executive officers to contribute to our financial success. For the Named Executive Officers, the annual incentive plans also included a substantial portion related to achievement of personal performance goals in fiscal 2013 and for the first quarter of fiscal 2014.



On an annual basis, management presents specific recommendations to the Compensation Committee regarding the financial metrics and other components to be included in the annual incentive plan, which are those metrics and components that management believes will provide the best incentive to achieve desired operating results. These recommendations were developed in light of achievement under prior plans and through consultation with the CEO. The Compensation Committee considers management's recommendation and then determines the final components and structure of our incentive compensation plans based on the objectives of our compensation program.

The target bonus opportunity for Mr. Richardson is equal to 70% of his base compensation, which excludes car allowance, bonus, equity award and perquisites. Target bonus opportunities for Ms. Diddell, Ms. Dvorak, and Ms. McNally are equal to 50% of their base compensation, which excludes car allowance, bonus, equity awards and perquisites. The target bonus opportunity for Mr. Dudek is 35% of his base compensation, which excludes car allowance, bonus, equity awards and perquisites. The target bonus percentages were initially set by the Compensation Committee with a goal of attracting talented executive officers to the Company, and are stated in the Named Executive Officers' employment agreement, if we have an employment agreement with the named executive officer. If we do not have an employment agreement with the named executive officer, then the target bonus percentage is recommended by the CEO and approved by the Compensation Committee on an annual basis.

For the first quarter of fiscal 2014, the Named Executive Officers except for Mr. Richardson and Ms. Diddell, were eligible for cash bonuses based on income from continuing operations, operating income, working capital efficiency and personal performance. For the last three quarters, the Compensation Committee placed the Named Executive Officers on the Executive Incentive Plan which included Mr. Richardson and Ms. Diddell. Mr. Richardson (for all of FY14) and the Named Executive Officers (for Q2 through Q4 of FY14) were eligible for annual cash bonuses based on the following metrics:

Fiscal 2014 Incentive Metrics

	Richardson	Diddell	Dvorak	Dudek	McNally
Acquisitions	30.0	% 30.0	% 30.0	% 30.0	% 30.0
Continue to Drive Long-Term Shareholder Value	30.0	% 30.0	% 30.0	% 30.0	% 30.0
Drive Companywide Process Improvement Initiatives	20.0	% 20.0	% 20.0	% 20.0	% 20.0
Generate Positive Cash Flow	20.0	% 20.0	% 20.0	% 20.0	% 20.0
Total	100.0	% 100.0	% 100.0	% 100.0	% 100.0

Targets for each of the financial metrics are established by the Compensation Committee for each fiscal year and correspond with the annual financial plan for the Company approved by the Board of Directors.

Payments on the financial metrics incentive targets are capped at 100% achievement for each of the Company's first three fiscal quarters and are capped at 150% achievement for the final annual calculation.

The table below sets forth the bonus targets and percentage achievement for each of the Named Executive Officers for fiscal 2014.

## Fiscal 2014 Incentive Actual Performance

	Richardson <sup>1</sup>	Diddell	Dvorak	Dudek	McNally	
Personal Performance (Q1)						
% Achievement		100.00	% 94.66	% 94.66	% 94.66	%
Eligible		\$34,956	49,432	18,290	24,749	
Earned		\$34,956	46,793	17,314	23,428	
Acquisitions (Q2 - Q4) <sup>2</sup>						
% Achievement	100.00	% 100.00	% 100.00	% 100.00	% 100.00	%
Eligible	\$141,365	31,461	44,488	16,461	22,274	
Earned	\$141,365	31,461	44,488	16,461	22,274	
Shareholder Value (Q2 - Q4) <sup>3</sup>						
% Achievement	100.00	% 100.00	% 100.00	% 100.00	% 100.00	%
Eligible	\$141,365	31,461	44,488	16,461	22,274	
Earned	\$141,365	31,461	44,488	16,461	22,274	
Process Improvement (Q2 - Q4) <sup>4</sup>						
% Achievement	86.70	% 86.70	% 86.70	% 86.70	% 86.70	%
Eligible	\$94,244	20,974	29,659	10,974	14,849	
Earned	\$81,709	18,184	25,714	9,514	12,874	
Positive Cash Flows						
% Achievement	0.00	% 0.00	% 0.00	% 0.00	% 0.00	%
Eligible	\$94,244	20,974	29,659	10,974	14,849	
Earned	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Eligible	\$471,218	\$139,826	\$197,726	\$73,160	\$98,995	
Total Earned	\$364,439	\$116,062	\$161,483	\$59,750	\$80,850	
% Average Achievement	77.34	% 83.00	% 81.67	% 81.67	% 81.67	%

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Richardson's incentive is based on the greater of 2% of net income or the payout earned from the annual Executive Incentive Plan which he participated in for all four quarters.

<sup>2</sup> Targets for acquisitions were specific to each potential acquisition.

<sup>3</sup> Targets for shareholder value were based on the Five-year Cumulative Total Return Graph filed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K on July 25, 2014.

<sup>4</sup> Targets for process improvement were specific to each pre-approved initiative.

Clawback Provision. The Compensation Committee approved a clawback policy allowing the Committee to clawback bonuses for the Named Executive Officers in the event of fraud or illegal conduct. In addition, if the Company was required to prepare an accounting restatement due to material non-compliance with financial reporting requirements, the Committee has the right to recover incentive based compensation that was awarded based on the erroneous data.

Equity Based Compensation. Our 2011 Long-term Incentive Compensation Plan provides for grants of equity awards to our executive officers to encourage them to focus on long-term Company performance. The plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board.

Consistent with our policy of providing a total compensation package that includes equity based components, the Compensation Committee makes periodic decisions (normally on an annual basis) regarding appropriate equity grants based on the Company's achievement of its financial and strategic goals and the participants' individual performance,

based on recommendations from our CEO. The Compensation Committee has the discretion to determine whether equity awards will be granted to the Named Executive Officers and, if so, the number of shares subject to each award.

The CEO submits to the Compensation Committee, on at least an annual basis, his recommendation for the amount and type of equity award to grant to each Named Executive Officer other than himself. Annual equity recommendations and grants are typically made after the completion of our first quarter and are based on the Company's and the grant recipients' performance in the prior fiscal year. In determining whether to approve or adjust the recommended grants, the Compensation Committee considers our financial performance in the prior fiscal year, the executive's level of responsibility, and historical award data. The Compensation Committee does not assign a specific weight to any of these factors, but rather these factors are evaluated on an aggregate and qualitative basis.

When awarded, stock options are granted at the fair market value of our common stock on the date of the grant. Under the terms of the 2001 and 2011 Plans, the fair market value of the stock is the closing sale price of the stock on the date of grant. Our stock options, therefore, have value only if the stock price appreciates following the date the options are granted. Stock option awards to the Named Executive Officers under the 2001 and 2011 Plans vest over a five-year period with 20% of the stock option grant becoming exercisable 12 months after the date of grant. The remaining options vest and are exercisable in 20% increments over the next four years. The Compensation Committee believes that this vesting schedule encourages long-term executive officer retention.

In fiscal 2014, each of the Named Executive Officers, other than Mr. Richardson, received a grant of options to purchase the Company's common stock under the Incentive Compensation Plan under the 2011 Long-term Incentive Compensation Plan, as reported in the table for Grants of Plan-Based Awards on page 21. With respect to these awards, the CEO recommended a number of option shares to the Named Executive Officers based upon the historical allocation of such option shares by position with the Company.

Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan. We offer retirement benefits to our employees, including all of the Named Executive Officers, through a tax-qualified Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan, which is a defined contribution plan designed to accumulate retirement funds for participating employees through individual and Company contributions. Participants are provided the opportunity to make salary reduction contributions to the plan on a pre-tax basis. In general, we match 50% of the first 4% of salary and bonus contributed by participants.

Perquisites. We offer very few perquisites to our Named Executive Officers, which primarily includes a car allowance. The perquisites provided to each Named Executive Officer in fiscal 2014 totaled less than \$15,000 and less than 10% of total annual salary and bonus reported for each Named Executive Officer. We believe that these perquisites are an important element of compensation for attracting and retaining high caliber executive officers, but that perquisites are not the most effective means of achieving our compensation objectives.

#### REPORT OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

The Compensation Committee has reviewed the foregoing Compensation Discussion and Analysis (the "CD&A") for the year ended May 31, 2014, and discussed the CD&A with management. In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Compensation Committee has recommended to the Board that the CD&A be included in the proxy statement for the year ended May 31, 2014, for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors  
Paul Plante (Chairman)  
Ken Halverson  
Scott Hodes

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

The functions and members of the Compensation Committee are set forth above under “Corporate Governance - Board and Committee Information - Compensation Committee.” All Committee members are independent and none of the Committee members has served as an officer or employee of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company. None of our executive officers currently serves, or served during fiscal 2014, on the compensation committee or board of directors of any other entity that has one or more executive officers serving as a member of our Board or Compensation Committee.

## COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

## Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Restricted Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	All Other Compensation (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	Total (\$)
Edward J. Richardson Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer	2014	685,985	—	28,192	364,439	23,858	1,102,474
	2013	636,631	—	28,192	167,805	25,217	857,845
	2012	559,364	—	28,300	172,080	29,988	789,732
Wendy S. Diddell Executive Vice President, Corporate Development	2014	306,809	—	81,988	116,062	17,183	522,042
	2013	276,986	—	64,999	135,752	17,191	494,928
Kathleen S. Dvorak Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Strategy Officer	2014	398,416	—	64,781	161,483	17,682	642,362
	2013	386,812	—	49,324	130,050	17,732	583,918
Kathleen M. McNally Senior Vice President, Marketing Operations and Customer Support	2014	197,986	—	33,093	80,850	17,760	329,689
	2013	192,220	—	28,404	65,111	15,824	301,559
James M. Dudek, Jr. Controller and Chief Accounting Officer	2014	209,868	—	31,250	59,750	17,266	318,134
	2013	203,755	—	25,015	48,120	17,125	294,015
	2012	200,094	—	22,303	59,892	17,080	299,369

(1) Amounts in this column represent the dollar amount recognized as expense for the fiscal year for financial statement reporting purposes for the fair value of stock options granted to each named executive officer in accordance with ASC 718. The amounts shown exclude the impact of estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. The amounts reflect our accounting expenses for these awards and do not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by each named executive officer. For the relevant assumptions used in determining the fair value of stock option awards, refer to Note 3, Significant Accounting Policies - Share-Based Compensation, in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on July 25, 2014.

(2) Amounts in this column represent annual incentive payments earned for fiscal 2014, 2013, and 2012 based on pre-set incentive goals established at the beginning of each fiscal year and tied to the Company's financial goals and personal performance measures. Additional details regarding annual incentive payments made in 2014 are set forth in the Compensation Discussion & Analysis under "Annual Cash Bonus Compensation," beginning on page 16.

(3) All Other Compensation for each named executive officer includes: (a) \$12,000 annually for car allowance; (b) matching contributions made to the 401(k) plan in fiscal 2012; and (c) imputed income for each Named Executive Officer's group term life insurance in excess of a \$50,000 death benefit. For Ms. Diddell, All Other Compensation also includes: (i) \$56,153 accrued, but not paid, in fiscal 2014 and \$8,263 accrued, but not paid, in fiscal 2013 and \$8,023 accrued, but not paid, in fiscal 2012, in connection with termination payments payable to her. Ms. Diddell's termination payments are discussed below under the heading "Employment Agreements." The amounts accrued in fiscal 2014 represent an additional accrual due to an increase in her base salary.

## Grants of Plan-Based Awards for Fiscal 2014

Name	Estimated Future Payments Incentive Plan Awards			Grant Date	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh) <sup>(1)</sup>	Grant Date Fair Value of Option Awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>
	Threshold(\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum(\$)				
Edward J. Richardson	208,009	346,682	520,023	N/A	—	—	—
Wendy S. Diddell	100,500	167,500	251,250	10/8/2013	25,000	11.14	113,750
Kathleen S. Dvorak	122,194	203,657	305,486	10/8/2013	15,000	11.14	68,250
Kathleen M. McNally	61,178	101,963	152,945	10/8/2013	7,500	11.14	34,125
James M. Dudek, Jr.	45,212	75,353	113,030	10/8/2013	7,500	11.14	34,125

(1) The exercise price of stock option awards is equal to the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant, as reported on NASDAQ.

Option awards is the amount that the Company would expense in our financial statements over the award's vesting schedule. The fair value of stock option awards is calculated using the Black Scholes value. The fair value for the grants on October 8, 2013, was \$4.55. The amounts reflect our accounting expense for these awards and do not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by each named executive officer. For the relevant assumptions used in determining the fair value of stock option awards, refer to Note 3. "Significant Accounting Policies," in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K Filed with the SEC on July 25, 2014.

## Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End

The following table sets forth information on the holdings of stock option and restricted stock awards by the Named Executive Officers as of the end of fiscal 2014.

Name	Option Awards		Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date <sup>(2)</sup>
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#) <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#) <sup>(1)</sup>		
Edward J. Richardson	40,000	10,000	5.67	10/13/2019
Wendy S. Diddell	25,000	—	11.00	6/1/2014
	2,000	—	8.58	10/17/2016
	5,000	—	7.24	10/9/2017
	9,000	—	5.03	10/21/2018
	9,000	3,000	5.67	10/13/2019
	15,000	10,000	13.47	4/12/2021
	5,000	20,000	11.77	10/9/2022
	—	25,000	11.14	10/8/2023
Kathleen S. Dvorak	25,000	—	7.32	11/5/2017
	10,000	—	5.03	10/21/2018
	12,000	3,000	5.67	10/13/2019
	12,000	8,000	13.47	4/12/2021
	4,000	16,000	11.77	10/9/2022
	—	15,000	11.14	10/8/2023
Kathleen M. McNally	7,500	—	8.58	10/17/2016
	7,500	—	7.24	10/9/2017
	7,500	—	5.03	10/21/2018
	6,000	1,500	5.67	10/13/2019
	6,000	4,000	13.47	4/12/2021
	2,000	8,000	11.77	10/9/2022
	—	7,500	11.14	10/8/2023
James M. Dudek, Jr.	—	1,100	5.67	12/17/2017
	6,000	4,000	13.47	10/21/2018
	2,000	8,000	11.77	10/9/2022
	—	7,500	11.14	10/8/2023

(1) Options vest on the anniversary of the grant date and become exercisable in annual increments of 20%.

(2) The expiration date of each option occurs ten years after the date of grant of each option. The table below provides the grant date for each outstanding equity award at the end of fiscal 2014 and the respective vesting schedule.



The table below provides the grant date for each outstanding equity award at the end of fiscal 2014, vested shares, and remaining vesting schedule.

Name	Grant Date <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Stock Options Granted	Vesting Years	Vested Shares	Remaining Vesting Period				
					Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2016	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2018	Fiscal 2019
Edward J. Richardson	10/13/2009	50,000	5	40,000	10,000	—	—	—	—
Wendy S. Diddell	6/1/2004	25,000	5	25,000	—	—	—	—	—
	10/17/2006	10,000	5	10,000	—	—	—	—	—
	10/9/2007	12,500	5	12,500	—	—	—	—	—
	10/21/2008	15,000	5	15,000	—	—	—	—	—
	10/13/2009	15,000	5	12,000	3,000	—	—	—	—
	4/12/2011	25,000	5	15,000	5,000	5,000	—	—	—
	10/9/2012	25,000	5	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	—
Kathleen S. Dvorak	10/8/2013	25,000	5	—	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
	11/5/2007	25,000	3	25,000	—	—	—	—	—
	10/21/2008	10,000	5	1,000	—	—	—	—	—
	10/13/2009	15,000	5	12,000	3,000	—	—	—	—
	4/12/2011	20,000	5	12,000	4,000	4,000	—	—	—
	10/9/2012	20,000	5	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	—
	10/8/2013	15,000	5	—	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Kathleen M. McNally	10/17/2006	7,500	5	7,500	—	—	—	—	—
	10/9/2007	7,500	5	7,500	—	—	—	—	—
	10/21/2008	7,500	5	7,500	—	—	—	—	—
	10/13/2009	7,500	5	6,000	1,500	—	—	—	—
	4/12/2011	10,000	5	6,000	2,000	2,000	—	—	—
	10/9/2012	10,000	5	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	—
	10/8/2013	7,500	5	—	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
James M. Dudek, Jr.	12/17/2007	5,000	5	5,000	—	—	—	—	—
	10/21/2008	5,000	5	1,000	1,000	—	—	—	—
	10/13/2009	5,500	5	4,400	1,100	—	—	—	—
	4/12/2011	10,000	5	6,000	2,000	2,000	—	—	—
	10/9/2012	10,000	5	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	—
	10/8/2013	7,500	5	—	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500

(1) Shares vest over the vesting period on the anniversary of the grant date.

#### Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table provides information for fiscal 2014 for our Named Executive Officers on stock option exercises during fiscal 2014, including the number of shares acquired on exercise, and the vesting of restricted stock, and, in each case, the values realized there from.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)
Edward J. Richardson	—	—	—	—
Wendy S. Diddell	—	—	—	—
Kathleen S. Dvorak	—	—	—	—

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Kathleen M. McNally	—	—	—	—
James M. Dudek, Jr.	5,200	28,821	—	—

Employment Agreements

Pursuant to the terms of her employment agreement dated June 1, 2004, as amended May 31, 2007, Wendy Diddell is employed as Executive Vice President, Corporate Development. Under the terms of the employment agreement, Ms. Diddell received an initial base salary of \$185,000 and a bonus opportunity of up to 50% of her then current base salary. Either the Company or Ms. Diddell may terminate her employment at any time for any reason, and upon any such a termination, the Company will be obligated to pay Ms. Diddell her then annual base salary for twelve months following such termination. During her employment term and for one year after termination for any reason, Ms. Diddell is prohibited from competing against the Company. Ms. Diddell's employment with the Company is for an indefinite term, during which she is employed on an at-will basis.

Kathleen S. Dvorak is employed as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Strategy Officer under an employment agreement dated October 24, 2007, pursuant to which she received an initial base salary of \$350,000 and a bonus opportunity of up to 50% of her then current base salary. Pursuant to the terms of her employment agreement, Ms. Dvorak's employment may be terminated by either the Company or Ms. Dvorak at any time for any reason upon sixty days prior written notice. Ms. Dvorak may also terminate her employment for good reason, which includes a change in control of the Company, a reduction in her duties, or the failure of the Company to implement the strategic plans recommended by her. In the event that the Company terminates her employment with cause or Ms. Dvorak terminates her employment with good reason, the Company will continue to pay her for twelve months an amount equal to 100% of her then current base salary and 100% of her annual bonus opportunity. The Company will also pay for executive outplacement services for six months through the use of a company or consultant chosen by Ms. Dvorak in an amount not to exceed \$27,500. During her employment term and for one year after termination for any reason, Ms. Dvorak is prohibited from competing against the Company. The agreement is for an indefinite term, during which Ms. Dvorak is employed on an at-will basis.

Pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement dated December 17, 2007, Mr. Dudek is employed as Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer. Under the terms of his employment agreement, Mr. Dudek received an initial base salary of \$185,000 and a bonus opportunity of up to 35% of his then current base salary. The company may terminate his employment at any time for any reason, other than for cause, and upon such a termination, the Company will be obligated to pay Mr. Dudek his then annual base salary and earned bonus over a six-month period following such termination. During his employment term and for one year after termination for any reason, Mr. Dudek is prohibited from competing against the Company. The agreement is for an indefinite term, during which Mr. Dudek is employed on an at-will basis.

Neither Mr. Richardson nor Ms. McNally has an employment agreement with the Company.

Potential Payment upon Termination or Change in Control

The following table shows potential payments to our Named Executive Officers under existing contracts, agreements, plans or arrangements for various scenarios under termination or a change in control, assuming a May 31, 2014, termination date or change in control.

Name	Termination for Cause or Voluntary Termination without Good Reason	Voluntary Termination for Good Reason by Executive	Death	Disability	Termination without Cause by Company	Change in Control	Termination by Executive for any Reason
Edward J. Richardson	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Wendy S. Diddell <sup>(1)</sup>	335,000	335,000	—	—	335,000	335,000	335,000

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Kathleen S. Dvorak	—	610,971	(2)	—	—	610,971	(2)	610,971	(2)	—
Kathleen M. McNally	—	—	—	—	—	133,260	(3)	133,260	—	—
James M. Dudek, Jr.	—	275,819	—	—	—	275,819	(4)	—	—	—

(1) Ms. Diddell's severance would be an amount equal to her current base salary and would be paid in substantially equal installments on the Company's regular payroll dates over a period of one year.

Ms. Dvorak's severance would be an amount equal to her current annual base salary plus her annual bonus opportunity at target and would be paid in substantially equal installments on the Company's regular payroll dates over a period of one year.

(3) Ms. McNally's severance would be in accordance with the Company's severance policy that provides for one week's pay for each year of service. Ms. McNally currently has 35 years of service.

(4) Mr. Dudek's severance would be an amount equal to his current annual base salary and earned annual bonus paid in substantially equal installments on the Company's regular payroll dates over a period of six months.

### PROPOSAL 3 - ADVISORY VOTE REGARDING COMPENSATION OF NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Under recent changes to the rules governing proxy statements, the Company's stockholders have the opportunity to approve, by means of a non-binding advisory vote, the compensation of its Named Executive Officers as disclosed in this proxy statement.

This proposal, popularly known as "say-on-pay," enables stockholders to express or withhold their approval of the Company's executive compensation program in general. The vote is intended to provide an assessment by the Company's stockholders of its overall executive compensation program and not of any one or more particular elements of that program. The Compensation Committee and the full Board intend to consider and take into account the outcome of this non-binding advisory vote in making future executive compensation decisions. Because this vote is advisory and non-binding, it will not necessarily affect or otherwise limit any future compensation of any of the Company's Named Executive Officers.

The Company's executive compensation program is described in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this proxy statement and the related tables and narrative discussion. Stockholders are strongly urged to read this material in its entirety to obtain an informed understanding of our executive compensation program.

The Company believes that its executive compensation program is aligned with the long-term interests of its stockholders. In addition to enabling the Company to attract and retain executive officers of the necessary caliber, its executive compensation program has as its objectives (i) motivating executives by providing performance-based incentives to achieve the Company's annual financial goals and long-term business strategies; and (ii) aligning the interests of executives with those of stockholders by rewarding its executives for individual and corporate performance measured against its goals and plans and by granting stock options and other equity-based compensation.

The Company believes that its executive compensation program satisfies these objectives and does so in a straightforward manner. The Company's executive compensation program consists of cash compensation and long-term incentive compensation. Cash compensation is paid in the form of a base salary and a performance bonus based on financial and personal performance, and long-term incentive compensation is paid in the form of stock options.

For these reasons and the reasons elaborated more fully in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section and the related tables and narrative discussion, the Board of Directors requests stockholders to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, that the stockholders approve the compensation paid to the Company's Named Executive Officers, as disclosed in this proxy statement, including the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section and the related compensation tables and narrative discussion.

Our Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" the approval of the compensation of our Named Executive Officers.

#### PROPOSAL 4 - APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 LONG TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will be asked to approve an amendment to the Richardson Electronics, Ltd. 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (the "Stock Plan"), in order to increase the maximum number of shares of our common stock that may be issued under the Stock Plan by an additional 750,000 shares, to an aggregate of 1,500,000 shares. As of August 14, 2014, an aggregate of 911,714 shares of our common stock were subject to currently outstanding awards under the Stock Plan and 213,564 shares are currently outstanding under the 2006 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors. Shares of our common stock that remained available for future issuance under plans include 298,959 related to the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan and 70,000 related to the 2006 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

On July 19, 2011, the Board voted unanimously to approve and recommend to stockholders the approval of the Richardson Electronics, Ltd. 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Stock Plan"). On July 22, 2014, the Board voted unanimously to approve and recommend to stockholders the amendment to the Stock Plan.

#### Summary of Stock Plan

The following is a summary of the material terms of the Stock Plan and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Stock Plan as set forth as Annex II to this Proxy Statement. The Board believes that stock-based awards are an important element of the Company's compensation programs. The Stock Plan promotes the Company's compensation philosophy and objectives in that the primary objectives of the Stock Plan are to provide incentives to certain officers, employees, directors, consultants and other service providers to manage the business of the Company and its affiliates in a manner that will provide for the long-term growth and profitability of the Company; to encourage stock ownership and provide such recipients with a proprietary interest in the Company; and to provide a further means of hiring, rewarding and retaining key personnel.

The Stock Plan allows the Company the flexibility to grant a variety of stock and stock-based awards (collectively, the "Awards"), including stock options and stock appreciation rights, granted separately or in tandem with each other, and restricted shares and restricted share units, both time vested and/or conditioned on the attainment of performance goals. The Stock Plan is also designed to allow compliance with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). It is intended that Awards under the Stock Plan with a performance component (which does not include time-vested share Awards) generally will satisfy the requirements for performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) while granting the Compensation Committee the authority to grant nonperformance-based Awards where it deems appropriate. Section 162(m) generally places a \$1,000,000 per employee limit on the tax deduction allowable for compensation paid (or accrued for tax purposes) with respect to the Chief Executive Officer and the three other highest-paid executives (excluding the chief financial officer) during a tax year, unless the compensation meets certain requirements. All stock incentive awards to the Company's most highly compensated executives that may be made over the next few years are expected to be granted under the Stock Plan.

#### Shares Subject to the Stock Plan

The Board reserved 1,500,000 shares of the Company's common stock for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under the Stock Plan, subject to adjustment as provided therein. Up to 100% of the shares reserved under the Stock Plan may be issued pursuant to incentive stock options, in the form of any other Award, or in any combination thereof. In the event all or a portion of an Award is forfeited, cancelled, expired, or terminated before becoming vested, paid, exercised, converted, or otherwise settled in full, that number of shares shall be again available under the Stock Plan and shall not count against the maximum number of reserved shares under the Stock Plan.

Applicable provisions of the Code restrict the Company's ability, in the absence of stockholder approval, to grant incentive stock options under Code Section 421 and to claim deductions for performance-based compensation which may be restricted under Code Section 162(m). The maximum number of shares of common stock that may be granted during any calendar year as to any employee with respect to which options, stock appreciation rights, or other Awards that are denominated in shares of common stock and are intended to be performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m) shall not exceed 200,000, subject to adjustment in accordance with the provisions of the Stock Plan. Furthermore, the maximum aggregate dollar amount that may be paid under any performance Award denominated in cash during any calendar year to an employee may not exceed \$2,000,000.

## Administration

The Stock Plan provides for administration by a committee appointed by the Board or, alternatively if no such committee is appointed, by the entire Board (the “Committee”). When appointing members to the Committee, the Board is to take into consideration the “outside director” standards contained in Code Section 162(m), the “non-employee” director standards contained in Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act, and, if applicable, the requirements of the national securities exchange or nationally recognized quotation or market system on which the Company’s common stock is then traded. Subject to the terms of the Stock Plan, the Committee has the authority to grant Awards under the Stock Plan and to make all other determinations that it may deem necessary or advisable for the administration of the Stock Plan, including, without limitation, the authority (i) to determine which Affiliates and which employees shall be covered by the Stock Plan; (ii) to determine the terms and provisions of the respective Awards and Award programs; (iii) to adopt, amend or rescind rules and procedures relating to the Stock Plan; and (iv) to make all determinations necessary or advisable for the proper administration of the Stock Plan. The Committee’s decisions relating to the administration of the Stock Plan and grants of Awards shall be final and binding on all persons.

The Stock Plan permits the Committee to authorize one or more officers of the Company (i) to designate individuals (other than officers or directors of the Company or any Affiliate who are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act) to receive Awards under the Stock Plan and (ii) to determine the number of shares as to which an Award is granted, subject to the maximum number established by the Committee.

## Types of Awards

The Stock Plan permits the Committee to make a variety of Awards, including incentive and nonqualified options to purchase shares of the Company’s common stock, stock appreciation rights, other stock-based Awards which are settled in either cash or shares of the Company’s common stock and are determined by reference to shares of stock, such as grants of restricted common stock, grants of rights to receive stock in the future, or dividend equivalent rights, and cash performance Awards, which are settled in cash and are not determined by reference to shares of the Company’s common stock. These discretionary Awards may be made on an individual basis or through a program approved by the Committee for the benefit of a group of eligible persons.

The number of shares of common stock as to which any Award is granted, the potential payout of any Award not denominated in shares of common stock and the eligible persons to whom Awards are granted will be determined by the Committee, subject to the provisions of the Stock Plan. Awards may be made exercisable or settled at the prices and may be made forfeitable or terminable under the terms established by the Committee, to the extent not otherwise inconsistent with the terms of the Stock Plan.

## Structure of Individual Awards

The Committee may, but is not required to, structure any Award so as to qualify as performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m). To the extent that the Committee intends for an Award to qualify as performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m), the Committee shall make the vesting or payment of the Award subject to the achievement of one or any combination of the performance listed below during a specified period: (1) earnings per share; (2) book value per share; (3) operating cash flow; (4) free cash flow; (5) cash flow return on investments; (6) cash available; (7) net income (before or after taxes); (8) revenue or revenue growth; (9) total shareholder return; (10) return on invested capital; (11) return on shareholder equity; (12) return on assets; (13) return on common book equity; (14) market share; (15) economic value added; (16) operating margin; (17) profit margin; (18) stock price; (19) operating income; (20) EBIT or EBITDA; (21) expenses or operating expenses; (22) productivity of employees as measured by revenues, costs, or earnings per employee; (23) working capital; (24) improvements in capital structure; or (25) cost reduction goals.



The performance goals may be applied to the Company, any affiliate or any business unit, either individually, alternatively or in combination. In addition, the Committee may appropriately adjust the performance goals previously established with respect to a particular grant of an Award to remove the effect of equity compensation expense under FAS 123R; amortization of acquired technology and intangibles; asset write-downs; litigation or claim judgments or settlements; changes in or provisions under tax law, accounting principles or other such laws or provisions affecting report results; accruals for reorganization and restructuring programs; discontinued operations; and extraordinary and non-recurring items, except where such action would result in the loss of a tax deduction to the Company pursuant to Code Section 162(m).

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The maximum number of shares of common stock that may be granted during any calendar year as to any employee with respect to which options, stock appreciation rights, or other Awards that are denominated in shares of common stock and are intended to be performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m) shall not exceed 200,000, subject to adjustment in accordance with the provisions of the Stock Plan. Furthermore, the maximum aggregate dollar amount that may be paid under any performance Award denominated in cash during any calendar year to an employee may not exceed \$2,000,000.

After the date of grant, the Committee, in its sole discretion and for such reasons as it determines to be appropriate, may modify the terms and conditions of an Award except to the extent inconsistent with other provisions of the Stock Plan. Such modifications may include, among others, changes to or waivers of any forfeiture provisions under an Award; changes to the settlement terms of any Award; waiver of any early expiration provisions; or adjustments to an Award in connection with a reorganization or change in control of the Company, as discussed in further detail below.

Awards generally shall not be transferable or assignable during a holder's lifetime unless otherwise provided under the terms of the individual Award. However, incentive stock options may not be transferred except by will or by the laws of intestate succession.

#### Options

At the time an option is granted, the Committee will determine whether the option is an incentive stock option or a nonqualified stock option. The Stock Plan provides that the exercise price of any option may not be less than the fair market value of the common stock of the Company on the date of the grant. The term of an incentive stock option may not exceed ten (10) years from the date of grant. In addition, an incentive stock option may only be granted under the Stock Plan within ten (10) years from the date the Stock Plan was adopted by the Board.

For incentive stock options, special rules relating to the option term and the exercise price apply for employees who, at the time the option is granted, own (directly or indirectly) more than 10% of the common stock of the Company or any subsidiary (an "Over 10% Owner"). Incentive stock options granted to an Over 10% Owner must be granted with an exercise price equal to 110% of the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of the grant. Also, the term of an incentive stock option granted to an Over 10% Owner cannot exceed five (5) years from the date of grant. For purposes of determining an individual's ownership percentage of common stock, any stock owned by such individual's spouse, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren and siblings will be attributed to such individual. In addition, any stock owned by a corporation, partnership, estate or trust in which an individual owns an interest is attributed to that individual on a pro rata basis based on the individual's ownership percentage.

Subject to any further limitations in the Award agreement, in the event of a recipient's termination of employment, the term of an incentive stock option will expire, terminate and become unexercisable no later than three months after the date of the termination of employment; provided, however, that if the termination of employment is due to death or disability, up to one year may be substituted for the three-month period. The Committee may, however, permit an incentive stock option to continue beyond these time limits, in which case the option will become a nonqualified stock option.

The Committee may permit an option exercise price to be paid in cash, by the delivery of previously-owned shares of the Company's common stock, through a cashless exercise executed through a broker, or by having a number of shares of common stock otherwise issuable at the time of exercise withheld.

Reload grants are prohibited under the Stock Plan. Reload grants are new option grants that are made to an optionee to replace shares delivered by the optionee in payment of the exercise price and/or tax withholding obligation under any

other option held by the optionee. The Committee may not directly or indirectly reduce the exercise price of an option after it is granted without the approval of the Company's stockholders, except in connection with a merger, liquidation, or other similar reorganization of the Company. Surrendering an option in consideration of, or in exchange for, the grant of a new option with a lower exercise price, stock, cash, or any other award would be considered a reduction in the exercise price of the original option.

### Stock Appreciation Rights

Stock appreciation rights may be granted separately or in connection with another Award. Each stock appreciation right allows the recipient to receive the appreciation per share of the Company's common stock over a defined price which may not be less than the fair market value of a share of the Company's common stock on the date the stock appreciation right is granted. If a stock appreciation right is granted in connection with another Award, it may only be exercised to the extent that the related Award has not been exercised, paid, or otherwise settled. Stock appreciation rights are exercisable or payable at a time or times certain or upon the occurrence or non-occurrence of certain events. Stock appreciation rights may be settled in shares of common stock or in cash, according to terms established by the Committee with respect to any particular Award. Stock appreciation rights have no defined expiration period under the Stock Plan, but an expiration period can be included in the applicable Award agreement or program.

The Committee may not directly or indirectly reduce the strike price of a stock appreciation right after it is granted without the approval of the Company's stockholders, except in connection with a merger, liquidation, or other similar reorganization of the Company. Surrendering a stock appreciation right in consideration of, or in exchange for, the grant of a new stock appreciation right with a lower strike price, stock, cash, or any other award would be considered a reduction in the strike price of the original stock appreciation right.

### Other Stock-Based Awards

The Stock Plan allows the Committee to grant stock-based incentives, other than options and stock appreciation rights, that entitle the recipient to receive payment of an amount equal to either the value of a specified number or a percentage or multiple of a specified number of shares of the Company's common stock, or the value of dividends paid on a specified number of shares of common stock during a dividend period. Such Awards may be subject to such restrictions and other conditions, if any, as the Committee shall determine, and payment may be made in either cash or shares of the Company's common stock, as the Committee may determine. Examples of such stock-based incentives that may be granted pursuant to the Stock Plan include restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance share Awards, and dividend equivalent rights.

### Cash Performance Awards

The Stock Plan also allows the Committee to grant cash performance Awards that entitle the recipient to receive payment in cash of an amount equal to the value of a specified number or a percentage or multiple of a specified number of units other than shares of the Company's common stock. Such cash Awards may be subject to such restrictions and other conditions, if any, as the Committee shall determine.

### Tax Reimbursement Payments

The Committee has the option to make cash tax reimbursement payments designed to cover tax obligations of recipients that result from the receipt or exercise of an Award.

### Termination of Awards

The terms of a particular Award may provide that it terminates, among other reasons: upon the holder's termination of employment or other status with respect to the Company or any affiliate of the Company; upon a specified date; upon the holder's death or disability; or upon the occurrence of a change in control of the Company. Awards may include exercise, conversion or settlement rights to a holder's estate or personal representative in the event of the holder's death or disability. In the Committee's discretion, Awards that are subject to termination may be cancelled, accelerated, paid or continued, subject to the terms of the applicable agreement reflecting the terms of an Award and to the provisions

of the Stock Plan.

#### Reorganizations

The number of shares of common stock reserved for the grant or for issuance in connection with the exercise, settlement, vesting, or payment of an Award, as applicable, the exercise price of an option and the threshold price of a stock appreciation right, the specified number of shares of common stock to which an Award pertains and the annual limit on the number of shares of common stock subject to Awards or on the number of shares of common

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stock which may be used to settle an Award will be adjusted in the event of any stock dividend, stock split, spinoff, rights offering or recapitalization of the Company or similar event effected without the receipt of consideration.

In the event of a merger, consolidation, reorganization, extraordinary dividend, sale of substantially all of the Company's assets, other change in the Company's capital structure, tender offer or a change in control of the Company, Awards may be substituted, cancelled, accelerated, cashed-out or otherwise adjusted by the Committee, provided that the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of the Stock Plan or any agreement reflecting the terms of an Award. The Company may also use the Stock Plan to assume awards previously granted by the Company or a third party in favor of persons who become eligible to participate under the Stock Plan.

#### Amendment or Termination

The Stock Plan may be amended or terminated by the Board. No amendment may increase the number of shares available for the grant of incentive stock options, change the classes of persons who can receive incentive stock options, or change in the granting corporation or the shares available for purchase or grant under the Stock Plan without stockholder approval, provided that further stockholder approval will not be required in certain transactions if the Stock Plan is fully described in an agreement or other document, such as a consolidation agreement, reflecting the transaction, and the transaction is approved by the stockholders. No amendment or termination by the Board may adversely affect the rights of a holder of an Award without the holder's consent.

#### Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following discussion outlines generally the federal income tax consequences of participation in the Stock Plan. Individual circumstances may vary and each participant should rely on his or her own tax counsel for advice regarding federal income tax treatment under the Stock Plan.

#### Incentive Stock Options

A participant will not recognize income and will not be taxed upon the grant of an incentive stock option nor upon exercise of all or a portion of the option. Instead, the participant will be taxed at the time he or she sells the shares of common stock purchased on exercise of the incentive stock option. The participant will be taxed on the difference between the price he or she paid for the common stock and the amount for which he or she sells the common stock. If the participant does not sell the shares of common stock during the two-year period from the date of grant of the incentive stock option and the one-year period from the date the common stock is transferred to him or her, the gain will be capital gain, and the Company will not be entitled to a corresponding deduction. If the participant sells the shares of common stock at a gain prior to that time, the difference between the amount the participant paid for the common stock and the lesser of fair market value on the date of exercise or the amount for which the stock is sold will be taxed as ordinary income. If the participant sells the shares of common stock for less than the amount he or she paid for the stock prior to the one- or two-year periods indicated, no amount will be taxed as ordinary income and the loss will be taxed as a capital loss. Exercise of an incentive stock option may subject a participant to, or increase a participant's liability for, the alternative minimum tax.

#### Nonqualified Options

A participant will not recognize income and will not be taxed upon the grant of a nonqualified option or at any time prior to the exercise of all or a portion of the option. At the time the participant exercises all or a portion of a nonqualified option, he or she will have compensation taxable as ordinary income in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the common stock on the date the option is exercised over the price paid for the common stock, and the Company will then be entitled to a corresponding deduction. Depending upon the period shares of

common stock are held after exercise, the sale or other taxable disposition of shares acquired through the exercise of a nonqualified option generally will result in a short- or long-term capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the disposition and the fair market value of the shares when the nonqualified option was exercised. Special rules apply to a participant who exercises a nonqualified option by paying the exercise price, in whole or in part, by the transfer of shares of common stock to the Company.

### Stock Awards

A recipient will not be taxed upon the grant of a stock Award if such Award is not transferable by the recipient or is subject to a “substantial risk of forfeiture,” as defined in the Code. However, when the shares of common stock that are subject to the stock Award are transferable by the recipient and are no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture, the recipient will recognize compensation taxable as ordinary income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the stock subject to the stock Award, less any amount paid for such stock, and the Company will then be entitled to a corresponding deduction. If a recipient so elects at the time of receipt of a stock Award, he or she may include the fair market value of the stock subject to the stock Award, less any amount paid for such stock, in income at that time and the Company also will be entitled to a corresponding deduction at that time.

### Other Stock Incentives

Generally, a participant will not recognize income and will not be taxed upon the grant of a stock appreciation right, dividend equivalent right, restricted stock unit, or performance Award (collectively, the “Equity Incentives”). At the time a participant receives payment under any Equity Incentive, generally, he or she will have compensation taxable as ordinary income in an amount equal to the cash or fair market value of the common stock received, and the Company will then be entitled to a corresponding deduction.

### Withholding Taxes

A participant may be liable for federal, state, or local tax withholding obligations as a result of the grant, exercise or settlement of an Award. The tax withholding obligation may be satisfied by payment in the form of cash, certified check, previously-owned shares of the Company’s common stock or, if a participant elects with the permission of the Committee, by a reduction in the number of shares to be received by the participant under the Award.

### 409A

The Stock Plan is intended to meet requirements for exemptions from coverage, or otherwise avoid triggering adverse tax consequences, under Code Section 409A governing nonqualified deferred compensation. In the event an Award which provides deferred compensation loses eligibility for such exemption, or otherwise triggers such adverse tax consequences, whether by design or by operational failure, such Award will be subject to adverse taxation under Code Section 409A (i.e., the Award and all similar types of deferred compensation will be (i) taxed upon vesting and (ii) subject to both an additional 20% tax and an interest assessment).

The foregoing is only a summary of the effect of federal income taxation upon participants and the Company with respect to the grant and exercise of Awards under the Stock Plan. It does not purport to be complete and does not discuss the tax consequences of a participant’s death or the provisions of the income tax laws of any municipality, state, or foreign country in which the participant may reside.

### Plan Benefits

Our directors and executive officers have an interest in this proposal as they would be eligible to receive equity awards under the Stock Plan. The selection of individuals who will receive awards under the Stock Plan, if the amendment proposal is approved by the shareholders, and the amount of any such awards, is discretionary and determined from time to time by the Committee and is therefore not presently determinable. The number of equity awards granted to each of our named executive officers during the last fiscal year is set forth under “Grants of Plan-Based Awards For Fiscal 2014” and options to purchase a total of approximately 55,000 shares of common stock were granted in fiscal 2014, of which options to purchase approximately 88,875 shares of common stock, or 62% were



granted to non-executive employees. The number of equity awards granted in the future may be different from the number granted in fiscal 2014.

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table sets forth information as of May 31, 2014, with respect to compensation plans under which equity securities are authorized for issuance:

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted Average Per Share Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in the First Column)
Equity Compensation Plans Approved by Security Holders	1,041,714	\$ 10.31	428,959
Equity Compensation Plans Not Approved by Security Holders	23,564	(1) \$ 12.95	(1) —
Total	1,065,278	\$ 10.37	428,959

(1) Options issued in 1987 pursuant to an employment contract with a former officer and director of Richardson Electronics, Ltd.

## Required Vote and Recommendation

The affirmative vote of the holders of shares representing a majority of the common shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote will be required to approve Proposal 4. The effect of an abstention is the same as a vote "AGAINST" Proposal 4, and a broker non-vote will have no effect on Proposal 4.

## Recommendation

We believe strongly that the approval of the amendment to the Stock Plan is essential to our continued success. Our employees are one of our most valuable assets. Stock options and other Awards such as those provided under the Stock Plan are vital to our ability to attract and retain outstanding and highly skilled individuals. Such Awards also are crucial to our ability to motivate employees to achieve our goals. For the reasons stated above the stockholders are being asked to approve the amendment to the Stock Plan.

Our Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote "FOR" the approval of an amendment to increase the number of shares issuable under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

## PROPOSAL 5 - APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will be asked to approve the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Richardson Electronics, Ltd that reduces the aggregate number of shares of all classes of stock which the Corporation has the authority to issue to twenty million (20,000,000), consisting of seventeen million (17,000,000) shares of common stock, three million (3,000,000) shares of Class B common stock and no shares of preferred stock.

Because the Company is incorporated in Delaware, it must pay that state an annual franchise tax. The amount of the franchise tax partly depends on the value of the Company's assets and the number of shares of capital stock it has issued, but it also depends on the total number of shares of capital stock the Company is authorized to issue. In general, the higher the total number of shares of the Company's authorized capital stock, the higher the franchise tax will be. Accordingly, the Company expects the amendment to result in a reduction in the franchise tax leading to an annual savings for the foreseeable future.

Reducing the Company's authorized shares of capital stock requires approval of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, which must be approved by the Company's board of directors and adopted by the stockholders. Accordingly, the Company's board has unanimously approved the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and recommends it to the stockholders for adoption at the annual meeting. The proposed Restated Certificate of Incorporation is set forth in Annex III in its entirety.

The Company believes that having seventeen million (17,000,000) authorized shares of common stock and three million (3,000,000) authorized shares of Class B common stock will give it sufficient flexibility for corporate purposes for the foreseeable future. Nevertheless, by reason of the reduction, the Company's board could have less latitude to issue shares of common stock, including in connection with a potential merger or acquisition, stock dividend or future financing. In the event that the Company's board determines that it would be in the Company's best interest to issue a number of shares of common stock in excess of the number of then authorized but unissued and unreserved shares, the Company would be required to seek the approval of its stockholders to increase the number of authorized shares. If the Company is not able to obtain the approval of its stockholders for such an increase in a timely fashion, the Company may be unable to take advantage of opportunities that might otherwise be advantageous to it and its stockholders.

Approving the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation would have no effect on the Company's issued and outstanding common stock or any shares of common stock reserved for future issuance. If the stockholders adopt the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, it will become effective as soon as the Company files the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation embodying it with the appropriate Delaware authorities, which the Company plans to do as soon as practicable after the Annual Meeting.

### Required Vote and Recommendation

Under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, any amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation that would increase or decrease the number of authorized shares of a particular class of our capital stock requires approval by a vote of the holders of the outstanding shares of that class, voting as a separate class (whether or not those shares otherwise are entitled to vote separately under our Certificate of Incorporation, as well as by a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of all of our outstanding stock entitled to vote on the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation. Accordingly, the affirmative vote of the holders of shares representing: (1) a majority of the common shares entitled to vote thereon; (2) a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock, voting as a separate class; and (3) a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of Class B common stock, voting as a separate class, will be required to approve Proposal 5. The effect of an abstention or a broker non-vote is the same as a vote "AGAINST" Proposal 5.

Our Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote “FOR” the approval of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation.

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## STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Any stockholder proposal intended to be considered for inclusion in the proxy statement for presentation at the 2015 Annual Meeting must be received by the Company by April 30, 2015. The proposal must be in accordance with the provisions of Rule 14a-8 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. It is suggested that the proposal be submitted by certified mail, return receipt requested. Stockholders who intend to present a proposal at the 2015 Annual Meeting without including such proposal in the Company's proxy statement must provide the Company notice of such proposal no later than July 14, 2015. The Company reserves the right to reject, rule out of order or take other appropriate action with respect to any proposal that does not comply with these and other applicable requirements.

## OTHER MATTERS

### Annual Report

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the 2014 fiscal year accompanies this proxy statement, but is not deemed a part of the proxy soliciting material.

A copy of the 2014 Form 10-K report as required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, excluding exhibits, will be mailed to stockholders without charge upon written request to: Richardson Electronics, Ltd., 40W267 Keslinger Road, P.O. Box 393, LaFox, Illinois 60147-0393, Attention: Secretary. Exhibits to the Form 10-K will be mailed upon similar request and payment of specified fees. The 2014 Form 10-K is also available through the Securities and Exchange Commission's Internet web site ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)).

### Householding Information

Some banks, brokers and other nominee record holders may be participating in the practice of "householding." This means that only one copy of either the notice of Internet availability of the proxy statement or of this proxy statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K may have been sent to multiple stockholders sharing an address unless the stockholders provide contrary instructions. We will promptly deliver a separate copy of these documents to you if you call or write us at: Richardson Electronics, Ltd., 40W267 Keslinger Road, P.O. Box 393, LaFox, Illinois 60147-0393, Attention: Secretary; telephone (630) 208-2200.

If you want to receive separate copies of our proxy statements and annual reports to stockholders in the future, or if you are receiving multiple copies and would like to receive only one copy for your household, you should contact your bank, broker or other nominee record holder, or you may contact us at the above address or telephone number.

### Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires our executive officers and directors and persons who may be deemed to own beneficially more than 10 percent of our stock to file initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership with the SEC and NASDAQ. Executive officers, directors and greater than 10 percent beneficial owners are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on a review of the copies of such forms furnished to us and written representations from our executive officers and directors, we believe that during fiscal 2014, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our executive officers, directors and greater than 10 percent beneficial owners were complied with on a timely basis.

### Code of Conduct and Ethics

We have adopted a written code of conduct and ethics that applies to all directors, officers and employees, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. A current copy of the code is posted on our website, which is located at [www.rell.com](http://www.rell.com) under "Investor Relations" and may be obtained without charge from our Legal Department, Richardson Electronics, Ltd., 40W267 Keslinger Road, P.O. Box 393, LaFox, Illinois 60147-0393. In addition, we intend to post on our website all disclosures that are required by law or NASDAQ listing standards concerning any amendments to, or waivers from, any provision of the code.

Our policies and practices include ethical and legal standards which must be followed by employees in conducting our business. Compliance with laws and regulations is specifically required. Every employee has the right and duty

to report to the Company, to the extent not contrary to local law, any conduct which does not conform to these ethical and legal standards. We established the Richardson Hot Line to receive reports of possible wrongdoing and to answer questions about business conduct. Calls go directly to our Internal Audit Representative, or Audit Committee Representative.

Also, employees may report violations directly to appropriate government officials. Hotline posters explaining the procedure for making and handling Hot Line/Open Line calls are posted in our facilities and on our intranet for all employees to review. Employees at any level can call directly when they have a business conduct issue, without fear of reprisal.

#### Stockholder Communications

Stockholders may communicate with our Board of Directors by writing to Richardson Electronics, Ltd., Board of Directors, 40W267 Keslinger Road, P.O. Box 393, LaFox, Illinois 60147-0393.

#### Other Matters before the Annual Meeting

As of the date of this proxy statement, we know of no other business likely to be brought before the meeting. If other matters do come before the meeting, the persons named in the form of proxy or their substitute will vote said proxy according to their best judgment.

ANNEX I  
AMMENDMENT ONE TO THE  
RICHARDSON ELECTRONICS, LTD  
2011 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

The Board of Directors of RICHARDSON ELECTRONICS, LTD., a Delaware corporation, does hereby certify the amendment of the Richardson Electronics, Ltd. 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the “Plan”), effective July 22, 2014, subject to stockholders' approval, as follows:

1. Section 2.2 of the Plan is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Stock Subject to the Plan. Subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 5.2, one million five hundred thousand (1,500,000) shares of Stock (the “Maximum Plan Shares”) are hereby reserved exclusively for issuance upon exercise, settlement, or payment pursuant to Awards, all or any of which may be pursuant to any one or more Award, including without limitation, Incentive Stock Options. Options and Stock Appreciation Rights awarded shall reduce the Maximum Plan Shares available for Awards by one share for every one share subject to such Award. Full value awards (all Awards other than Options and Stock Appreciation Rights) settled in shares of Stock shall reduce the Maximum Plan Shares available for Awards by two shares for every one share awarded. Shares of Stock shall not be deemed to have been issued pursuant to the Plan with respect to any portion of an Award that is settled in cash. The shares of Stock attributable to the nonvested, unpaid, unexercised, unconverted or otherwise unsettled portion of any Award that is forfeited or cancelled or expires or terminates for any reason without becoming vested, paid, exercised, converted or otherwise settled in full and shares of stock deducted or withheld to satisfy tax withholding (other than shares of Stock that are withheld from a Stock Award upon vesting) will again be available for purposes of the Plan.

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Annex II

RICHARDSON ELECTRONICS, LTD  
2011 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN  
SECTION I. DEFINITIONS

1.1 Definitions. Whenever used herein, the masculine pronoun will be deemed to include the feminine, and the singular to include the plural, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, and the following capitalized words and phrases are used herein with the meaning thereafter ascribed:

(a) "Affiliate" means:

(1) Any Subsidiary or Parent;

(2) An entity that directly or through one or more intermediaries controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Company, as determined by the Company; or

(3) Any entity in which the Company has such a significant interest that the Company determines it should be deemed an "Affiliate", as determined in the sole discretion of the Company.

(b) "Award Agreement" means any written agreement, contract, or other instrument or document as may from time to time be designated by the Company as evidencing an Award granted under the Plan.

(c) "Award Program" means a written program established by the Committee, pursuant to which Awards are granted under the Plan under uniform terms, conditions and restrictions set forth in such written program.

(d) "Awards" means, collectively, Cash Performance Awards, Incentive Stock Options, Nonqualified Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, and Other Stock-Based Awards,

(e) "Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Company.

(f) "Cash Performance Award" means an Award described in Section 3.5 that is settled in cash and does not have a value that is derivative of the value of, determined by reference to a number of shares of, or determined by reference to dividends payable on, Stock.

(g) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(h) "Committee" means the committee appointed by the Board of Directors to administer the Plan; provided that, if no such committee is appointed, the Board of Directors in its entirety shall constitute the Committee. The Committee shall consist solely of two or more members of the Board of Directors who are both "outside directors" as defined in Treas. Reg. § 1.162-27(e) as promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service and "non-employee directors" as defined in Rule 16b-3(b)(3) as promulgated under the Exchange Act, and if applicable, who satisfy the requirements of the national securities exchange or nationally recognized quotation or market system on which the Stock is then traded. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to Awards granted by an officer or officers of the Company and/or the Chairperson of the Compensation Committee pursuant to Section 2.3(b), the "Committee" as used in the Plan shall mean such officer or officers and/or such Chairperson, unless the context would clearly indicate otherwise.

(i) "Company" means Richardson Electronics, Ltd, a Delaware corporation.

(j) "Disability" unless otherwise defined by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program, has the same meaning as provided in the long-term disability plan or policy maintained or, if applicable, most recently maintained, by the Company or, if applicable, any Affiliate of the Company for the Participant. If no long-term disability plan or policy was ever maintained on behalf of the Participant or, if the determination of Disability relates to an Incentive Stock Option, Disability means that condition described in Code Section 22(e)(3), as amended from time to time. In the event of a dispute, the determination of Disability will be made by the Committee and will be supported by advice of a physician competent in the area to which such Disability relates.

(k) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time.

(l) "Exercise Price" means the exercise price per share of Stock purchasable under an Option.

(m) "Fair Market Value" refers to the determination of the value of a share of Stock as of a date, determined as follows:

(1) if the shares of Stock are actively traded on any national securities exchange or any nationally recognized quotation or market system (including, without limitation Nasdaq), Fair Market Value shall mean the price at which Stock shall have been sold on such date or on the trading day immediately preceding such date, as reported by any such exchange or system selected by the Committee on which the shares of Stock are then traded;



(2) if the shares of Stock are not actively traded on any such exchange or system, Fair Market Value shall mean the price for the Stock on such date, or on the trading day immediately preceding such date, as reported by such exchange or system; or

(3) if the shares of Stock are not actively traded or reported on any exchange or system on such date or on the business day immediately preceding such date, Fair Market Value shall mean the fair market value of a share of Stock as determined by the Committee taking into account such facts and circumstances deemed to be material by the Committee to the value of the Stock in the hands of the Participant.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of Paragraph (1), (2), or (3) above, the Committee may use the closing price as of the indicated date, the average price or value as of the indicated date or for a period certain ending on the indicated date, the price determined at the time the transaction is processed, the tender offer price for shares of Stock, or any other method which the Committee determines is reasonably indicative of the fair market value of the Stock; provided, however, that for purposes of granting Nonqualified Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights, Fair Market Value of Stock shall be determined in accordance with the requirements of Code Section 409A, and for purposes of granting Incentive Stock Options, Fair Market Value of Stock shall be determined in accordance with the requirements of Code Section 422.

(n) "Incentive Stock Option" means an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(o) "Nonqualified Stock Option" means a stock option that is not an Incentive Stock Option.

(p) "Option" means a Nonqualified Stock Option or an Incentive Stock Option.

(q) "Other Stock-Based Award" means an Award described in Section 3.4 that has a value that is derivative of the value of, determined by reference to a number of shares of, or determined by reference to dividends payable on, Stock and may be settled in cash or in Stock. Other Stock-Based Awards may include, but not be limited to, grants of Stock, grants of rights to receive Stock in the future, or dividend equivalent rights.

(r) "Over 10% Owner" means an individual who at the time an Incentive Stock Option to such individual is granted owns stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or its Parent or Subsidiaries, determined by applying the attribution rules of Code Section 424(d).

(s) "Parent" means any corporation (other than the Company) in an unbroken chain of corporations ending with the Company if, with respect to Incentive Stock Options, at the time of the granting of the Option, each of the corporations other than the Company owns stock possessing fifty percent (50%) or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in such chain. A Parent shall include any entity other than a corporation to the extent permissible under Section 424(f) or regulations and rulings thereunder.

(t) "Participant" means an individual who receives an Award hereunder.

(u) "Performance Goals" means any one or more of the following performance goals, intended by the Committee to constitute objective goals for purposes of Code Section 162(m), either individually, alternatively or in any combination, applied to either the Company as a whole or to a business unit or Affiliate, either individually, alternatively or in combination, and measured either quarterly, annually or cumulatively over a period of quarters or years, on an absolute basis or relative to a pre-established target, to previous quarters' or years' results or to a designated comparison group, in each case as specified by the Committee in the Award:

- (i) earnings per share;
- (ii) book value per share;
- (iii) operating cash flow;
- (iv) free cash flow;
- (v) cash flow return on investments;
- (vi) cash available;
- (vii) net income (before or after taxes);
- (viii) revenue or revenue growth;
- (ix) total shareholder return;
- (x) return on invested capital;
- (xi) return on shareholder equity;



- (xii) return on assets;
- (xiii) return on common book equity;
- (xiv) market share;
- (xv) economic value added;
- (xvi) operating margin;
- (xvii) profit margin;
- (xviii) stock price;
- (xix) operating income;
- (xx) EBIT or EBITDA;
- (xxi) expenses or operating expenses;
- (xxii) productivity of employees as measured by revenues, costs, or earnings per employee;
- (xxiii) working capital;
- (xxiv) improvements in capital structure;
- (xxv) cost reduction goals; or
- (xxvi) any combination of the foregoing.

The Committee may appropriately adjust any evaluation of performance under a Performance Goal to remove the effect of equity compensation expense under FAS 123R; amortization of acquired technology and intangibles; asset write-downs; litigation or claim judgments or settlements; changes in or provisions under tax law, accounting principles or other such laws or provisions affecting reported results; accruals for reorganization and restructuring programs; discontinued operations; and any items that are extraordinary, unusual in nature, non-recurring or infrequent in occurrence, except where such action would result in the loss of the otherwise available exemption of the Award under Section 162(m) of the Code, if applicable.

- (v) "Performance Period" means, with respect to an Award, a period of time within which the Performance Goals relating to such Award are to be measured. The Performance Period will be established by the Committee at the time the Award is granted.
- (w) "Plan" means the Richardson Electronics 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (x) "Separation from Service" shall mean a termination of a Participant's employment or other service relationship with the Company, subject to the following requirements:
  - (1) in the case of a Participant who is an employee of the Company, a termination of the Participant's employment where either (A) the Participant has ceased to perform any services for the Company and all affiliated companies that, together with the Company, constitute the "service recipient" within the meaning of Code Section 409A (collectively, the "Service Recipient") or (B) the level of bona fide services the Participant performs for the Service Recipient after a given date (whether as an employee or as an independent contractor) permanently decreases (excluding a decrease as a result of military leave, sick leave, or other bona fide leave of absence if the period of such leave does not exceed six months, or if longer, so long as the Participant retains a right to reemployment with the Service Recipient under an applicable statute or by contract) to no more than twenty percent (20%) of the average level of bona fide services performed for the Service Recipient (whether as an employee or an independent contractor) over the immediately preceding 36-month period (or the full period of service if the Participant has been providing services to the Service Recipient for less than 36 months); or
  - (2) in the case of a Participant who is an independent contractor engaged by the Service Recipient, a termination of the Participant's service relationship with the Service Recipient either (A) upon the expiration of the contract (or in the case of more than one contract, all contracts) under which services are performed for the Service Recipient if the expiration constitutes a good-faith and complete termination of the contractual relationship; or (B) if, with respect to amounts payable to the Participant under an Award upon the termination of the independent contractor's relationship with the Service Recipient, no amount will be paid to the Participant before at least twelve (12) months after the day on which the contract expires under which the Participant performs services for the Service Recipient (or, in the case of more than one contract, all such contracts expire) and no amount payable to the Participant on that date will be actually paid to the Participant if, after the expiration of the contract (or contracts) and before that date, the Participant performs services for the Service Recipient as an independent contractor or an employee; or

(3) in any case, as may otherwise be permitted under Code Section 409A.

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(y) “Stock” means the Company’s common stock.

(z) “Stock Appreciation Right” means a stock appreciation right described in Section 3.3.

(aa) “Subsidiary” means any corporation (other than the Company) in an unbroken chain of corporations beginning with the Company if, at the relevant time, each of the corporations other than the last corporation in the unbroken chain owns stock possessing fifty percent (50%) or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in the chain. A “Subsidiary” shall include any entity other than a corporation to the extent permissible under Section 424(f) or regulations or rulings thereunder.

(bb) “Termination of Employment” means the termination of the employment relationship between a Participant and the Company and its Affiliates, regardless of whether severance or similar payments are made to the Participant for any reason, including, but not by way of limitation, a termination by resignation, discharge, death, Disability or retirement. The Committee will, in its absolute discretion, determine the effect of all matters and questions relating to a Termination of Employment as it affects an Award, including, but not by way of limitation, the question of whether a leave of absence constitutes a Termination of Employment.

## SECTION 2 THE LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

2.1 Purpose of the Plan. The Plan is intended to (a) provide incentives to certain officers, employees, directors, consultants, and other service providers of the Company and its Affiliates to stimulate their efforts toward the continued success of the Company and to operate and manage the business in a manner that will provide for the long-term growth and profitability of the Company; (b) encourage stock ownership by certain officers, employees, directors, consultants, and other service providers by providing them with a means to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company, acquire shares of Stock, or to receive compensation which is based upon appreciation in the value of Stock; and (c) provide a means of obtaining, rewarding and retaining officers, employees, directors, consultants, and other service providers.

2.2 Stock Subject to the Plan. Subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 5.2, seven hundred fifty thousand (750,000) shares of Stock (the “Maximum Plan Shares”) are hereby reserved exclusively for issuance upon exercise, settlement, or payment pursuant to Awards, all or any of which may be pursuant to any one or more Award, including without limitation, Incentive Stock Options. Options and Stock Appreciation Rights awarded shall reduce the Maximum Plan Shares available for Awards by one share for every one share subject to such Award. Full value awards (all Awards other than Options and Stock Appreciation Rights) settled in shares of Stock shall reduce the Maximum Plan Shares available for Awards by two shares for every one share awarded. Shares of Stock shall not be deemed to have been issued pursuant to the Plan with respect to any portion of an Award that is settled in cash. The shares of Stock attributable to the nonvested, unpaid, unexercised, unconverted or otherwise unsettled portion of any Award that is forfeited or cancelled or expires or terminates for any reason without becoming vested, paid, exercised, converted or otherwise settled in full and shares of stock deducted or withheld to satisfy tax withholding (other than shares of Stock that are withheld from a Stock Award upon vesting) will again be available for purposes of the Plan.

### 2.3 Administration of the Plan.

(a) The Plan is administered by the Committee. The Committee has full authority in its discretion to determine the officers, employees, directors, consultants, and other service providers of the Company or its Affiliates to whom Awards will be granted and the terms and provisions of Awards, subject to the Plan. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee has full and conclusive authority to interpret the Plan; to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan; to determine the terms and provisions of the respective Award Agreements and Award Programs and to make all other determinations necessary or advisable for the proper administration of the Plan. The Committee’s determinations under the Plan need not be uniform and may be made by it selectively among persons who receive, or are eligible to receive, Awards under the Plan (whether or not such persons are similarly situated). The Committee’s decisions are final and binding on all Participants. Each member of the Committee shall serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors may from time to time remove members from or add members to the Committee. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, the Committee may by resolution authorize one or more officers of the Company to do one or both of the following: (1) designate individuals (other than officers or directors of the Company or any Affiliate who are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act) to receive Awards under the Plan, and

(2) determine the number of shares of Stock subject to such Awards; provided however, that the resolution shall specify the total number of shares of Stock that may be granted subject to such Awards.

2.4 Eligibility and Limits. Awards may be granted only to officers, employees, directors, consultants, and other service providers of the Company or any Affiliate of the Company; provided, however, that an Incentive Stock Option may only be granted to an employee of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary. In the case of Incentive Stock



Options, the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined as of the date an Incentive Stock Option is granted) of Stock with respect to which stock options intended to meet the requirements of Code Section 422 become exercisable for the first time by an individual during any calendar year under all plans of the Company and its Parents and Subsidiaries may not exceed \$100,000; provided further, that if the limitation is exceeded, the Incentive Stock Option(s) which cause the limitation to be exceeded will be treated as Nonqualified Stock Option(s). To the extent required under Section 162(m) of the Code and the regulations thereunder, as applicable, for compensation to be treated as qualified performance-based compensation, subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 5.2, the maximum number of shares of Stock with respect to which (a) Options, (b) Stock Appreciation Rights, or (c) other Awards (other than Other Stock-Based Awards that are payable in cash or Cash Performance Awards), to the extent they are granted with the intent that they qualify as qualified performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code, may be granted during any calendar year to any employee may not exceed two hundred thousand (200,000), and the maximum aggregate dollar amount that may be paid in any calendar year to any employee with respect to Other Stock-Based Awards that are payable in cash and Cash Performance Awards may not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000). If, after grant, an Option is cancelled, the cancelled Option shall continue to be counted against the maximum number of shares for which options may be granted to an employee as described in this Section 2.4. If an Option or Stock Appreciation Right is deemed to be cancelled as described in the preceding sentence, the Option or Stock Appreciation Right that is deemed to be canceled and the Option or Stock Appreciation Right that is deemed to be granted shall both be counted against the maximum number of shares for which Options or Stock Appreciation Rights may be granted to an employee as described in this Section 2.4.

### SECTION 3 TERMS OF AWARDS

#### 3.1 Terms and Conditions of All Awards.

- (a) The number of shares of Stock as to which an Award may be granted or the amount of an Award will be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, subject to the provisions of Section 2.2 as to the total number of shares available for grants under the Plan and subject to the limits in Section 2.4.
- (b) Each Award will either be evidenced by an Award Agreement in such form and containing such terms, conditions and restrictions as the Committee may determine to be appropriate, including without limitation, Performance Goals or other performance criteria, if any, that must be achieved as a condition to vesting or settlement of the Award, or be made subject to the terms of an Award Program, containing such terms, conditions and restrictions as the Committee may determine to be appropriate, including without limitation, Performance Goals or other performance criteria, if any, that must be achieved as a condition to vesting or settlement of the Award. Performance Goals, if any, shall be established before twenty-five percent (25%) of the Performance Period has elapsed, but in no event later than within ninety (90) days after the first day of a Performance Period. At the time any Performance Goals are established, the outcome as to whether the Performance Goals will be met must be substantially uncertain. If any Performance Goals are established as a condition to vesting or settlement of an Award and such Performance Goal is not based solely on the increase in the Fair Market Value of the Stock, the Committee shall certify in writing that the applicable Performance Goals were in fact satisfied before such Award is vested or settled, as applicable. Each Award Agreement or Award Program is subject to the terms of the Plan and any provisions contained in the Award Agreement or Award Program that are inconsistent with the Plan are null and void. To the extent an Award is subject to Performance Goals with the intent that the Award constitute performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m), the Committee shall comply with all applicable requirements under Code Section 162(m) and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder in granting, modifying, and settling such Award. The Committee may, but is not required to, structure any Award so as to qualify as performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m).
- (c) The date as of which an Award is granted will be the date on which the Committee has approved the terms and conditions of the Award and has determined the recipient of the Award and the number of shares, if any, covered by the Award, and has taken all such other actions necessary to complete the grant of the Award or such later date as may be specified in the approval of such Award.
- (d) Any Award may be granted in connection with all or any portion of a previously or contemporaneously granted Award. Exercise or vesting of an Award granted in connection with another Award may result in a pro rata surrender or cancellation of any related Award, as specified in the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program.

(e) Awards are not transferable or assignable except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution governing the State in which the Participant was domiciled at the time of the Participant's death, and are exercisable, during the Participant's lifetime, only by the Participant; or in the event of the Disability of the Participant, by the legal representative of the Participant; or in the event of death of the Participant, by the legal representative of the Participant's estate or if no legal representative has been appointed within ninety (90) days of the Participant's death, by the person(s) taking under the laws of descent and distribution governing the State in which the Participant was domiciled at the

time of the Participant's death; except to the extent that the Committee may provide otherwise as to any Awards other than Incentive Stock Options.

(f) After the date of grant of an Award, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, modify the terms and conditions of an Award, except to the extent that such modification would adversely affect the rights of a Participant under the Award (except as otherwise permitted under the Plan or Award) or would be inconsistent with other provisions of the Plan.

3.2 Terms and Conditions of Options. Each Option granted under the Plan must be evidenced by an Award Agreement. At the time any Option is granted, the Committee will determine whether the Option is to be an Incentive Stock Option described in Code Section 422 or a Nonqualified Stock Option, and the Option must be clearly identified as to its status as an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonqualified Stock Option. Incentive Stock Options may only be granted to employees of the Company or any Subsidiary or Parent. At the time any Incentive Stock Option granted under the Plan is exercised, the Company will be entitled to legend the certificates representing the shares of Stock purchased pursuant to the Option to clearly identify them as representing the shares purchased upon the exercise of an Incentive Stock Option. An Incentive Stock Option may only be granted within ten (10) years from the earlier of the date the Plan is adopted or approved by the Company's stockholders.

(a) Option Price. Subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 5.2 and the other provisions of this Section 3.2, the Exercise Price must be as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement, but in no event may it be less than the Fair Market Value on the date the Option is granted. With respect to each grant of an Incentive Stock Option to a Participant who is an Over 10% Owner, the Exercise Price may not be less than one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the Fair Market Value on the date the Option is granted.

(b) Option Term. Any Incentive Stock Option granted to a Participant who is not an Over 10% Owner is not exercisable after the expiration of ten (10) years after the date the Option is granted. Any Incentive Stock Option granted to an Over 10% Owner is not exercisable after the expiration of five (5) years after the date the Option is granted. The term of any Nonqualified Stock Option shall be as specified in the applicable Award Agreement.

(c) Payment. Payment for all shares of Stock purchased pursuant to exercise of an Option will be made in any form or manner authorized by the Committee in the Award Agreement or by amendment thereto, including, but not limited to, cash, cash equivalents, or, if the Award Agreement provides, but in any case subject to such procedures or restrictions as the Committee may impose:

(i) by delivery to the Company of a number of shares of Stock owned by the holder having an aggregate Fair Market Value of not less than the product of the Exercise Price multiplied by the number of shares the Participant intends to purchase upon exercise of the Option on the date of delivery;

(ii) in a cashless exercise through a broker, except if and to the extent prohibited by law as to officers and directors, including without limitation, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended; or

(iii) by having a number of shares of Stock withheld, the Fair Market Value of which as of the date of exercise is sufficient to satisfy the Exercise Price.

Payment must be made at the time that the Option or any part thereof is exercised, and no shares may be issued or delivered upon exercise of an Option until full payment has been made by the Participant. The holder of an Option, as such, has none of the rights of a stockholder.

(d) Conditions to the Exercise of an Option. Each Option granted under the Plan is exercisable by whom, at such time or times, or upon the occurrence of such event or events, and in such amounts, as the Committee specifies in the Award Agreement; provided, however, that subsequent to the grant of an Option, the Committee, at any time before complete termination of such Option, may modify the terms of an Option to the extent not prohibited by the terms of the Plan, including, without limitation, accelerating the time or times at which such Option may be exercised in whole or in part, including, without limitation, upon a change in control and may permit the Participant or any other designated person to exercise the Option, or any portion thereof, for all or part of the remaining Option term, notwithstanding any provision of the Award Agreement to the contrary.

(e) Termination of Incentive Stock Option. With respect to an Incentive Stock Option, in the event of Termination of Employment of a Participant, the Option or portion thereof held by the Participant which is unexercised will expire, terminate, and become unexercisable no later than the expiration of three (3) months after the date of Termination of

Employment; provided, however, that in the case of a holder whose Termination of Employment is due to death or Disability, one (1) year will be substituted for such three (3) month period; provided, further that such time limits may be exceeded by the Committee under the terms of the grant, in which case, the Incentive Stock Option will be a Nonqualified Option if it is exercised after the time limits that would otherwise apply. For purposes of this Subsection (e), a Termination of Employment of the Participant will not be deemed to have occurred if the Participant is employed

by another corporation (or a parent or subsidiary corporation of such other corporation) which has assumed the Incentive Stock Option of the Participant in a transaction to which Code Section 424(a) is applicable.

(f) Special Provisions for Certain Substitute Options. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 3.2, any Option issued in substitution for an option previously issued by another entity, which substitution occurs in connection with a transaction to which Code Section 424(a) is applicable, may provide for an exercise price computed in accordance with such Code Section and the regulations thereunder and may contain such other terms and conditions as the Committee may prescribe to cause such substitute Option to contain as nearly as possible the same terms and conditions (including the applicable vesting and termination provisions) as those contained in the previously issued option being replaced thereby.

(g) No Reload Grants. Options shall not be granted under the Plan in consideration for and shall not be conditioned upon the delivery of shares of Stock to the Company in payment of the exercise price and/or tax withholding obligation under any other option held by a Participant.

(h) No Repricing. Except as provided in Section 5.2, without the approval of the Company's stockholders the exercise price of an Option may not be reduced after the grant of the Option and an Option may not be surrendered in consideration of, or in exchange for, the grant of a new Option having an exercise price below that of the Option that was surrendered, Stock, cash, or any other Award.

**3.3 Terms and Conditions of Stock Appreciation Rights.** Each Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan must be evidenced by an Award Agreement. A Stock Appreciation Right entitles the Participant to receive the excess of (1) the Fair Market Value of a specified or determinable number of shares of the Stock at the time of payment or exercise over (2) a specified or determinable price, which may not be less than the Fair Market Value on the date of grant. A Stock Appreciation Right granted in connection with an Award may only be exercised to the extent that the related Award has not been exercised, paid or otherwise settled.

(a) Settlement. Upon settlement of a Stock Appreciation Right, the Company must pay to the Participant, at the discretion of the Committee, the appreciation in cash or shares of Stock (valued at the aggregate Fair Market Value on the date of payment or exercise) as provided in the Award Agreement or, in the absence of such provision, as the Committee may determine.

(b) Conditions to Exercise. Each Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan is exercisable or payable at such time or times, or upon the occurrence of such event or events, and in such amounts, as the Committee specifies in the Award Agreement; provided, however, that subsequent to the grant of a Stock Appreciation Right, the Committee, at any time before complete termination of such Stock Appreciation Right, may accelerate the time or times at which such Stock Appreciation Right may be exercised or paid in whole or in part.

(c) No Repricing. Except as provided in Section 5.2, without the approval of the Company's stockholders the price of a Stock Appreciation Right may not be reduced after the grant of the Stock Appreciation Right, and a Stock Appreciation Right may not be surrendered in consideration of, or in exchange for, the grant of a new Stock Appreciation Right having a price below that of the Stock Appreciation Right that was surrendered, Stock, cash, or any other Award.

**3.4 Terms and Conditions of Other Stock-Based Awards.** An Other Stock-Based Award shall entitle the Participant to receive, at a specified future date, payment of an amount equal to all or a portion of either (i) the value of a specified or determinable number of shares of Stock granted by the Committee, (ii) a percentage or multiple of the value of a specified number of shares of Stock determined by the Committee or (iii) dividend equivalents on a specified, or a determinable number, or a percentage or multiple of specified number, of shares of Stock determined by the Committee. At the time of the grant, the Committee must determine the specified number of shares of Stock or the percentage or multiple of the specified number of shares of Stock, as may be applicable; and the Performance Goals, if any, applicable to the determination of the ultimate payment value of the Other Stock-Based Award. The Committee may provide for an alternate percentage or multiple under certain specified conditions.

(a) Payment. Payment in respect of Other Stock-Based Awards may be made by the Company in cash or shares of Stock (valued at Fair Market Value as of the date payment is owed) as provided in the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program or, in the absence of such provision, as the Committee may determine.

(b) Conditions to Payment. Each Other Stock-Based Award granted under the Plan shall be payable at such time or times, or upon the occurrence of such event or events, and in such amounts, as the Committee may specify in the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program; provided, however, that subsequent to the grant of a Other Stock-Based Award, the Committee, at any time before complete termination of such Other Stock-Based Award, may accelerate the time or times at which such Other Stock-Based Award may be paid in whole or in part.

3.5 Terms and Conditions of Cash Performance Awards. A Cash Performance Award shall entitle the Participant to receive, at a specified future date, payment of an amount equal to all or a portion of either (i) the value of a specified

or determinable number of units (stated in terms of a designated or determinable dollar amount per unit) granted by the Committee, or (ii) a percentage or multiple of a specified amount determined by the Committee. At the time of the grant, the Committee must determine the base value of each unit; the number of units subject to a Cash Performance Award, the specified amount and the percentage or multiple of the specified amount, as may be applicable; and the Performance Goals, if any, applicable to the determination of the ultimate payment value of the Cash Performance Award. The Committee may provide for an alternate base value for each unit or an alternate percentage or multiple under certain specified conditions.

(a) Payment. Payment in respect of Cash Performance Awards shall be made by the Company in cash.

(b) Conditions to Payment. Each Cash Performance Award granted under the Plan shall be payable at such time or times, or upon the occurrence of such event or events, and in such amounts, as the Committee may specify in the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program; provided, however, that subsequent to the grant of a Cash Performance Award, the Committee, at any time before complete termination of such Cash Performance Award, may accelerate the time or times at which such Cash Performance Award may be paid in whole or in part.

3.6 Treatment of Awards on Termination of Service. Except as otherwise provided by Plan Section 3.2(e), any Award under this Plan to a Participant who has experienced a Termination of Employment, Separation from Service, or termination of some other service relationship with the Company and its Affiliates may be cancelled, accelerated, paid or continued, as provided in the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program, or, as the Committee may otherwise determine to the extent not prohibited by the Plan. The portion of any Award exercisable in the event of continuation or the amount of any payment due under a continued Award may be adjusted by the Committee to reflect the Participant's period of service from the date of grant through the date of the Participant's Termination of Employment, Separation from Service or termination of some other service relationship or such other factors as the Committee determines are relevant to its decision to continue the Award.

#### SECTION 4 RESTRICTIONS ON STOCK

4.1 Escrow of Shares. Any certificates representing the shares of Stock issued under the Plan will be issued in the Participant's name, but, if the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program so provides, the shares of Stock will be held by a custodian designated by the Committee (the "Custodian"). Each applicable Award Agreement or Award Program providing for transfer of shares of Stock to the Custodian may require a Participant to complete an irrevocable stock power appointing the Custodian or the Custodian's designee as the attorney-in-fact for the Participant for the term specified in the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program, with full power and authority in the Participant's name, place and stead to transfer, assign and convey to the Company any shares of Stock held by the Custodian for such Participant, if the Participant forfeits the shares under the terms of the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program. During the period that the Custodian holds the shares subject to this Section, the Participant is entitled to all rights, except as provided in the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program, applicable to shares of Stock not so held. Any dividends declared on shares of Stock held by the Custodian must, as provided in the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program, be paid directly to the Participant or, in the alternative, be retained by the Custodian or by the Company until the expiration of the term specified in the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program and shall then be delivered, together with any proceeds, with the shares of Stock to the Participant or to the Company, as applicable.

4.2 Restrictions on Transfer. The Participant does not have the right to make or permit to exist any disposition of the shares of Stock issued pursuant to the Plan except as provided in the Plan or the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program. Any disposition of the shares of Stock issued under the Plan by the Participant not made in accordance with the Plan or the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program will be void. The Company will not recognize, or have the duty to recognize, any disposition not made in accordance with the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program, and the shares so transferred will continue to be bound by the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program.

#### SECTION 5 GENERAL PROVISIONS

5.1 Withholding. The Company shall deduct from all cash distributions under the Plan any taxes required to be withheld by federal, state or local government. Whenever the Company proposes or is required to issue or transfer shares of Stock under the Plan or upon the vesting of any Award, the Company has the right to require the recipient to

remit to the Company an amount sufficient to satisfy any federal, state and local tax withholding requirements prior to the delivery of any certificate or certificates for such shares or the vesting of such Award. A Participant may satisfy the withholding obligation in cash, cash equivalents, or if and to the extent the applicable Award Agreement, Award Program, or Committee procedure so provides, a Participant may elect to have the number of shares of Stock he is to receive reduced by, or tender back to the Company, the smallest number of whole shares of Stock which, when

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multiplied by the Fair Market Value of the shares of Stock, is sufficient to satisfy federal, state and local, if any, withholding obligation arising from exercise or payment of an Award.

#### 5.2 Changes in Capitalization; Merger; Liquidation.

(a) The number of shares of Stock reserved for the grant of Options, Stock Appreciation Rights and Other Stock-Based Awards; the number of shares of Stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise, settlement, vesting, grant or payment, as applicable, of each outstanding Option, Stock Appreciation Right, and Other Stock-Based Award (if any); the Exercise Price of each outstanding Option, the threshold price of each outstanding Stock Appreciation Right, the specified number of shares of Stock to which each outstanding Option, Stock Appreciation Right, and Other Stock-Based Award pertains, the total number of shares of Stock that may be subject to Awards granted by one or more officers of the Company and/or the Chairperson of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, and the maximum number of shares as to which Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, and other Awards may be granted to an employee during any calendar year, shall be proportionately adjusted for any nonreciprocal transaction between the Company and the holders of capital stock of the Company that causes the per share value of the shares of Stock underlying an Award to change, such as a stock dividend, stock split, spinoff, rights offering, or recapitalization through a large, nonrecurring cash dividend (each, an "Equity Restructuring").

(b) In the event of a merger, consolidation, reorganization, extraordinary dividend, sale of substantially all of the Company's assets, other change in capital structure of the Company, tender offer for shares of Stock, or a change in control of the Company (as defined by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program), that in each case does not constitute an Equity Restructuring, the Committee may make such adjustments with respect to Awards and take such other action as it deems necessary or appropriate, including, without limitation, the substitution of new Awards, the assumption of awards not originally granted under the Plan, or the adjustment of outstanding Awards, the acceleration of Awards, the removal of restrictions on outstanding Awards, or the termination of outstanding Awards in exchange for the cash value determined in good faith by the Committee of the vested and/or unvested portion of the Award, all as may be provided in the applicable Award Agreement or Award Program or, if not expressly addressed therein, as the Committee subsequently may determine in its sole discretion. Any adjustment pursuant to this Section 5.2 may provide, in the Committee's discretion, for the elimination without payment therefor of any fractional shares that might otherwise become subject to any Award, but except as set forth in this Section may not otherwise diminish the then value of the Award.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, in taking any action pursuant to Subsection (a) or (b) with respect to a Nonqualified Stock Option or a Stock Appreciation Right, the Committee shall consider any provisions of Code Section 409A and the regulations thereunder that are required to be followed as a condition of the Nonqualified Stock Option and the Stock Appreciation Right not being treated as the grant of a new Option or Stock Appreciation Right or a change in the form of payment. Any adjustment described in the preceding sentence may include a substitution in whole or in part of other equity securities of the issuer and the class involved in such Equity Restructuring in lieu of the shares of Stock that are subject to the Award.

(d) The existence of the Plan and the Awards granted pursuant to the Plan shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company to make or authorize any adjustment, reclassification, reorganization or other change in its capital or business structure, any merger or consolidation of the Company, any issue of debt or equity securities having preferences or priorities as to the Stock or the rights thereof, the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, any sale or transfer of all or any part of its business or assets, or any other corporate act or proceeding.

5.3 Awards to Non-U.S. Employees. The Committee shall have the power and authority to determine which Affiliates shall be covered by this Plan and which employees outside the United States of America shall be eligible to participate in the Plan. The Committee may adopt, amend or rescind rules, procedures or sub-plans relating to the operation and administration of the Plan to accommodate the specific requirements of local laws, procedures, and practices. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee is specifically authorized to adopt rules, procedures and sub-plans with provisions that limit or modify rights on death, disability or retirement or on Separation from Service or Termination of Employment; available methods of exercise or settlement of an Award; payment of income, social insurance contributions and payroll taxes; the withholding procedures and handling of any stock certificates or other indicia of ownership which vary with local requirements. The Committee may also adopt rules, procedures or

sub-plans applicable to particular Affiliates or locations.

5.4 Cash Awards. The Committee may, at any time and in its discretion, grant to any holder of an Award the right to receive, at such times and in such amounts as determined by the Committee in its discretion, a cash amount which is intended to reimburse such person for all or a portion of the federal, state and local income taxes imposed upon such person as a consequence of the receipt of the Award or the exercise of rights thereunder.

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### 5.5 Compliance with Code.

(a) Code Section 422. All Incentive Stock Options to be granted hereunder are intended to comply with Code Section 422, and all provisions of the Plan and all Incentive Stock Options granted hereunder must be construed in such manner as to effectuate that intent.

(b) Code Section 409A. Except to the extent provided otherwise by the Committee, Awards under the Plan are intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 409A of the Code (and the Treasury Department guidance and regulations issued thereunder) so as to avoid the imposition of any additional taxes or penalties under Code Section 409A. If the Committee determines that an Award, Award Agreement, Award Program, payment, distribution, deferral election, transaction or any other action or arrangement contemplated by the provisions of the Plan would, if undertaken, cause a Participant to become subject to any additional taxes or other penalties under Code Section 409A, then unless the Committee provides otherwise, such Award, Award Agreement, Award Program, payment, distribution, deferral election, transaction or other action or arrangement shall not be given effect to the extent it causes such result and the related provisions of the Plan, Award Agreement, and / or Award Program will be deemed modified, or, if necessary, suspended in order to comply with the requirements of Code Section 409A to the extent determined appropriate by the Committee, in each case without the consent of or notice to the Participant.

5.6 Right to Terminate Employment or Service. Nothing in the Plan or in any Award Agreement confers upon any Participant the right to continue as an officer, employee, director, consultant, or other service provider of the Company or any of its Affiliates or affect the right of the Company or any of its Affiliates to terminate the Participant's employment or services at any time.

5.7 Non-Alienation of Benefits. Other than as provided herein, no benefit under the Plan may be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance or charge; and any attempt to do so shall be void. No such benefit may, prior to receipt by the Participant, be in any manner liable for or subject to the debts, contracts, liabilities, engagements or torts of the Participant.

5.8 Restrictions on Delivery and Sale of Shares; Legends. Each Award is subject to the condition that if at any time the Committee, in its discretion, shall determine that the listing, registration or qualification of the shares covered by such Award upon any securities exchange or under any state or federal law is necessary or desirable as a condition of or in connection with the granting of such Award or the purchase or delivery of shares thereunder, the delivery of any or all shares pursuant to such Award may be withheld unless and until such listing, registration or qualification shall have been effected. If a registration statement is not in effect under the Securities Act of 1933 or any applicable state securities laws with respect to the shares of Stock purchasable or otherwise deliverable under Awards then outstanding, the Committee may require, as a condition of exercise of any Option or as a condition to any other delivery of Stock pursuant to an Award, that the Participant or other recipient of an Award represent, in writing, that the shares received pursuant to the Award are being acquired for investment and not with a view to distribution and agree that the shares will not be disposed of except pursuant to an effective registration statement, unless the Company shall have received an opinion of counsel that such disposition is exempt from such requirement under the Securities Act of 1933 and any applicable state securities laws. The Company may include on certificates representing shares delivered pursuant to an Award such legends referring to the foregoing representations or restrictions or any other applicable restrictions on resale, including without limitation a right of first refusal, as the Company, in its discretion, shall deem appropriate.

5.9 Listing and Legal Compliance. The Committee may suspend the exercise or payment of any Award so long as it determines that securities exchange listing or registration or qualification under any securities laws is required in connection therewith and has not been completed on terms acceptable to the Committee.

5.10 Termination and Amendment of the Plan. The Board of Directors at any time may amend or terminate the Plan without stockholder approval; provided, however, that the Board of Directors shall obtain stockholder approval for any amendment to the Plan that, except as provided under Section 5.2 of the Plan, increases the number of shares of Stock available under the Plan, materially expands the classes of individuals eligible to receive Awards, materially expands the type of awards available for issuance under the Plan, or would otherwise require stockholder approval under the rules of the applicable exchange. Unless the Award Agreement or Award Program explicitly provides otherwise, no such termination or amendment without the consent of the holder of an Award may adversely affect the

rights of the Participant under such Award.

5.11 Stockholder Approval. The Plan shall be submitted to the stockholders of the Company for their approval within twelve (12) months before or after the adoption of the Plan by the Board of Directors of the Company. If such approval is not obtained, any Award granted hereunder will be void.

5.12 Choice of Law. The laws of the State of Illinois shall govern the Plan, to the extent not preempted by federal law, without reference to the principles of conflict of laws.

5.13 Effective Date of Plan. The Plan shall become effective as of the date the Plan was approved by the Board of Directors, regardless of the date the Plan is signed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has executed this Plan, and the Plan has become effective as of July 19, 2011.

RICHARDSON ELECTRONICS, LTD

Annex III

AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

RICHARDSON ELECTRONICS, LTD.

FIRST: The name of the Corporation is:

RICHARDSON ELECTRONICS, LTD.

SECOND: The registered office of the Corporation in the State of Delaware is 229 South State, in the City of Dover, County of Kent, and the name of the registered agent of the Corporation at that address is United States Corporation Company.

THIRD: The purpose of the Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activities for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of Delaware.

FOURTH: The aggregate number of shares of all classes of stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is twenty million (20,000,000) shares, seventeen million (17,000,000) shares shall be Common Stock, par value \$.05 per share, and three million (3,000,000) shares shall be Class B Common Stock, par value \$.05 per share.

The following is a statement of the voting powers, full or limited, or no voting powers, and such designation, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, in respect of each class of stock of the Corporation:

A. COMMON STOCK

1. VOTING RIGHTS.

Each share of Common Stock shall have one (1) vote and the holders thereof shall have the right to vote (but not as a separate class except to the extent required by law or provided by this Certificate of Incorporation) on all matters subject to vote at any meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation.

2. DIVIDENDS.

The holders of the Common Stock shall be entitled to receive, to the extent permitted by law, such dividends as may be declared from time to time by the Board, provided, however, that:

a) No cash dividend shall be declared or paid on the Common Stock unless a cash dividend equal to 90% of the cash dividend on the Common Stock is simultaneously declared and paid on the Class B Common Stock; and that

b) Other than cash dividends under (a) above, no other distribution of assets, property, rights to subscribe or evidence of indebtedness shall be declared or paid on the Common Stock unless a distribution in like kind and equal per share amount is simultaneously declared and paid on the Class B Common Stock; and that

c) Stock dividends declared on the Common Stock shall be payable solely in shares of Common Stock. No stock dividend shall be declared or paid on the Common Stock unless a stock dividend payable in shares of Class B Common Stock, proportionately on a per share basis, is simultaneously declared and paid on the Class B Common Stock.

### 3. PURCHASES.

Subject to any applicable provisions of this Article FOURTH, the Corporation may at any time or from time to time purchase or otherwise acquire shares of its Common Stock in any manner now or hereafter permitted by law, publicly or privately, or pursuant to any agreement.

### 4. SUBDIVISION OR COMBINATION OF COMMON STOCK.

The shares of Common Stock shall not be subdivided by a stock split, reclassification or otherwise or combined by reverse stock split, reclassification or otherwise unless, at the same time, the shares of Class B Common Stock are proportionately on a per share basis so subdivided or combined.

### 5. LIQUIDATION.

In the event of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, distribution of assets or winding-up of the Corporation, the holders of the Common Stock shall be entitled to share ratably with the holders of the Class B Common Stock as a single class in all of the remaining assets of the Corporation of whatever kind available for distribution to stockholders, that is, an equal amount of such assets for each share of Common Stock and Class B Common Stock. A consolidation or merger of the Corporation with or into any other corporation or corporations shall not be deemed to be a liquidation, dissolution, or winding-up of the corporation as those terms are used in this paragraph 5.

## B. CLASS B COMMON STOCK

### 1. VOTING RIGHTS.

Each share of Class B Common Stock shall have ten (10) votes and the holders thereof shall have the right to vote (but not as a separate class except to the extent required by law or provided by this Certificate of Incorporation) on all matters subject to vote at any meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation.

### 2. DIVIDENDS.

The holders of the Class B Common Stock shall be entitled to receive, to the extent permitted by law, such dividends as may be declared from time to time by the Board, provided, however, that:

(a) No cash dividend shall be declared or paid on the Class B Common Stock unless a cash dividend is simultaneously declared and paid on the Common Stock in an amount so that the cash dividend on the Class B Common Stock is 90% of the cash dividend on the Common Stock; and that

(b) Other than cash dividends under (a) above, no other distribution of assets, property, rights to subscribe or evidence of indebtedness shall be declared or paid on the Class B Common Stock unless a cash dividend or such other distribution in like kind and equal per share amount is simultaneously declared and paid on the Common Stock; and that

(c) Stock dividends declared on the Class B Common Stock shall be payable solely in shares of Class B Common Stock. No stock dividend shall be declared or paid on the Class B Common Stock unless a stock dividend payable in shares of Common Stock, proportionately on a per share basis, is simultaneously declared and paid on the Common Stock.



3. TRANSFER.

(a) No person holding shares of Class B Common Stock of record (hereinafter called a "Class B Holder") may transfer, and the Corporation shall not register the transfer of, such shares of Class B Common Stock (or any interest therein), whether by sale, assignment, gift, bequest, appointment or otherwise, except to a Permitted Transferee. A Permitted Transferee shall mean with respect to each person from time to time shown as the record holder of shares of Class B Common Stock:

(i) In the case of a Class B Holder who is a natural person and the holder of record and beneficial owner of the shares of Class B Common Stock subject to said proposed transfer, "Permitted Transferee" means (a) the spouse of such Class B Holder, (b) a lineal descendant of a grandparent of such Class B Holder

or a spouse of any such lineal descendant, (c) the guardian or conservator of a Class B Holder who has been adjudged disabled by a court of competent jurisdiction, (d) the executor or administrator of the estate of a deceased Class B Holder, (e) a trustee of a trust (including a voting trust) for the sole benefit of one or more Class B Holders, other lineal descendants of a grandparent of such Class B Holder, the spouses of such Class B Holder, the spouses of such other lineal descendants or an organization, contributions to which are deductible for federal income, estate, or gift tax purposes (hereinafter called a "Charitable Organization"), and for the benefit of no other person, provided that such trust may grant a general or special power of appointment to the spouse of such Class B Holder, any lineal descendant of such Class B Holder or the spouse of any such lineal descendant, and may permit trust assets to be used to pay taxes, legacies and other obligations of the trust or the estate of such Class B Holder payable by reason of the death of such Class B Holder and provided that such trust prohibits transfer of shares of Class B Common Stock to persons other than Permitted Transferees, as defined in clause (ii) below, (f) a Charitable Organization established by such Class B Holder, such Class B Holder's spouse, a lineal descendant of a grandparent of such Class B Holder, a spouse of any such lineal descendant, the Corporation, (g) a corporation all the outstanding capital stock of which is owned by, or a partnership all the partnership interests in which are owned by, directly or indirectly, one or more of such Class B Holders, other lineal descendants of a grandparent of such Class B Holder or a spouse of any such lineal descendant, the spouse of such Class B Holder, the trustee of a trust determined pursuant to subclause (i) or the trustee of a Transferor Trust determined pursuant to clause (iii) below, provided that if any share of capital stock of such a corporation (or of any survivor of a merger or consolidation of such a corporation), or any partnership interest in such a partnership (or any successor of such partnership), is acquired by any person who is not within such class of persons, all shares of Class B Common Stock then held by such corporation or partnership, as the case may be, shall be deemed without further act to be converted into shares of Common Stock, and stock certificates formerly representing such shares of Class B Common Stock shall thereupon and thereafter be deemed to represent the like number of shares of Common Stock, and (h) an employee stock ownership plan relating to the Corporation described in Section 4975(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or any successor or substitute provision thereto.

(ii) In the case of a Class B Holder holding the shares of Class B Common Stock subject to said proposed transfer as trustee pursuant to a trust other than a trust described in clause (iii) below, "Permitted Transferee" means (a) any successor trustee or trustees of such trusts; (b) the person who established such trust; and (c) a Permitted Transferee of the person who established such trust determined pursuant to clause (i) above.

(iii) In the case of a Class B Holder holding the shares of Class B Common Stock subject to said proposed transfer as trustee pursuant to a trust, (a "Transferor Trust"), which was irrevocable on the Record Date, "Permitted Transferee" means (a) any successor trustee or trustees of such Transferor Trust, (b) any person to whom or for whose benefit principal may be distributed either during or at the end of the term of such Transferor Trust whether by power of appointment or otherwise, (c) any lineal descendant of a grandparent of either the creator of such Transferor Trust or the spouse of such creator and the spouse of any such lineal descendant, or (d) the trustee of another trust which was irrevocable on the Record Date and to which Class B Common Stock was also first issued by the Corporation (a "Transferee Trust"), provided that either the creator of the Transferor Trust or the spouse of such creator shares a common grandparent with the creator of the Transferee Trust or the spouse of the creator of such Transferee Trust.

(iv) In the case of a Class B Holder which is a corporation or partnership (other than a Charitable Organization) acquiring record and beneficial ownership of the shares of Class B Common Stock in question on the Record Date, "Permitted Transferee" means (a) any person who was, on the Record Date, a partner of such partnership, or stockholder of such corporation, any person transferring such shares of Class B Common Stock to such corporation or partnership, and (c) any Permitted Transferee of any such person, partner, or stockholder referred to in subclauses (a) and (b) or this clause (iv), determined under clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above.

(v) In the case of a Class B Holder which is a corporation or partnership (other than a Charitable Organization or a corporation or partnership described in clause (iv) above) holding record and beneficial ownership of the shares of

Class B Common Stock in question, "Permitted Transferee" means (a) any person transferring such shares of Class B Common Stock to such corporation or partnership, (b) if acquired from a partnership or corporation described in clause (iv) above, any person who was, on the Record Date, a partner of such partnership or stockholder of such corporation, and (c) any Permitted Transferee of any such transferor determined under clauses (i), (ii) or (iii) above.

(vi) In the case of a Class B Holder who is the executor or administrator of the estate of a deceased Class B Holder, guardian or conservator of the estate of a disabled Class B Holder or who is a trustee or receiver of the estate of a bankrupt or insolvent Class B Holder, and provided such deceased, disabled, bankrupt or insolvent Class B Holder, as the case may be, was the record and beneficial owner of the shares of Class B Common Stock subject to said proposed transfer, "Permitted Transferee" means a Permitted Transferee of such deceased, disabled, bankrupt or insolvent Class B Holder as determined pursuant to clauses (i), (iv), or (v) above, as the case may be.

(vii) In the case of a Class B Holder which is an employee benefit plan of the corporation, "Permitted Transferee" means the participant in such plan in whose account shares of Class B Common Stock are held in such plan or a Permitted Transferee of such participant determined pursuant to clause (i) above,

(viii) In the case of a Class B Holder which is a Charitable Organization described in subclause (f) of clause (i) above and the holder of record and beneficial owner of the shares of Class B Common Stock subject to said proposed transfer, "Permitted Transferee" means any lineal descendant of a grandparent of the creator of such Charitable Organization or such creator's spouse.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, any Class B Holder may pledge such Class B Holder's shares of Class B Common Stock to a pledgee pursuant to a bona fide pledge of such shares as collateral security for indebtedness due to the pledgee, provided that such shares shall not be transferred to or registered in the name of the pledgee and shall remain subject to the provisions of this paragraph 3. In the event of foreclosure or other similar action by the pledgee, such pledged shares of Class B Common Stock may only be transferred to a Permitted Transferee of the pledgor or converted into shares of Common Stock pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4, as the pledgee may elect.

(c) For purposes of this paragraph 3:

(i) The relationship of any person that is derived by or through legal adoption shall be considered a natural one.

(ii) Each joint owner of shares of Class B Common Stock shall be considered a "Class B Holder" of such shares.

(iii) A minor for whom shares of Class B Common Stock are held pursuant to a Uniform Gifts to Minors Act or similar law shall be considered a Class B Holder of such shares.

(iv) Unless otherwise specified, the term "person" means both natural persons and legal entities.

(v) The Record Date is the latest date for determining the persons to whom the share of Class B Common Stock in question is first issuable by the Corporation.

(d) Any purported transfer of shares of Class B Common Stock not permitted hereunder shall result in the conversion of the transferee's shares of Class B Common Stock into shares of Common Stock. The Corporation may, as a condition to the transfer or the registration of transfer of shares of Class B Common Stock to a purported Permitted Transferee, require the furnishing of such affidavits or other proof as it deems necessary to establish that such transferee is a Permitted Transferee.

(e) Shares of Class B Common Stock shall be registered in the names of the beneficial owners thereof and not in a "street" or "nominee" name. For this purpose, a "beneficial owner" of any shares of Class B Common Stock shall mean a person who, or an entity which, possesses the power, either singly or jointly, to direct the voting or disposition of such shares. The Corporation shall note or set forth on the certificates for shares of Class B Common Stock the

provisions set forth in this paragraph 3 and in paragraph 4 below.

4. CONVERSION OF SHARES OF CLASS B COMMON STOCK INTO SHARES OF COMMON STOCK.

a) CONVERSION OF ALL CLASS B COMMON STOCK. At any time after the original issuance of Class B Common Stock by the Corporation when the number of outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock as reflected on the stock transfer books of the Corporation falls below 10% of the aggregate number of then issued and outstanding

shares of Common Stock, and Class B Common Stock, then, immediately upon the occurrence of such event, the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock shall be converted into shares of Common Stock. In the event of such a conversion, certificates formerly representing outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock shall thereupon and thereafter be deemed to represent the like number of shares of Common Stock.

b)CONVERSION UPON UNPERMITTED TRANSFER. In the event a holder of shares of Class B Common Stock sells, assigns, transfers, pledges or otherwise disposes of such shares contrary to the provisions of paragraph 3 above, then such sale, assignment, transfer, pledge or other disposition shall be deemed (i) an election by the holder thereof first to convert such shares of Class B Common Stock into shares of Common Stock on a share-for-share basis, and (ii) a sale, assignment, transfer, pledge or other disposition of such shares of Common Stock. Such conversion shall be deemed effective as of the time of such sale, assignment, transfer, pledge or other disposition. Upon presentation to the Corporation's transfer agent of the certificate or certificates representing an equal number of shares of Common Stock shall be issued in the name of the transferee or pledgee.

c)CONVERSION AT OPTION OF HOLDER. Subject to the terms and conditions of this subparagraph (c), each share of the Class B Common Stock shall be convertible at any time or from time to time, at the option of the respective holder. thereof, at the office of any transfer agent for Class B Common Stock, and at such other place or places, if any, as the Board of Directors may designate, or, if the Board of Directors shall fail so to designate, at the principal office of the Corporation (attention of the Secretary of the Corporation), into one fully paid and nonassessable share of Common Stock. Upon conversion, the Corporation shall make no payment or adjustment on account of dividends accrued and in arrears on Class B Common Stock surrendered for conversion or on account of any dividends on the Common Stock issuable on such conversion. Before any holder of Class B Common Stock shall be entitled to convert the same into Common Stock, he shall surrender the certificate or certificates for such Class B Common Stock at the office of said transfer agent (or other place as provided above), which certificate or certificates, if the Corporation shall so request, shall be duly endorsed to the Corporation or in blank or accompanied by proper instruments of transfer to the Corporation or in blank (such endorsements or instruments of transfer to be in form satisfactory to the Corporation), and shall give written notice to the Corporation at said office that he elects so to convert said Class B Common Stock in accordance with the terms of this subparagraph (c), and shall state in writing therein the name or names in which he wishes the certificate or certificates for Common Stock to be issued. Every such notice of election to convert shall constitute a contract between the holder of such Class B Common Stock and the Corporation, whereby the holder of such Class B Common Stock shall be deemed to subscribe for the amount of Common Stock which he shall be entitled to receive upon such conversion, and, in satisfaction of such subscription, to deposit the Class B Common Stock to be converted and to release the Corporation from all liability thereunder, and thereby the Corporation shall be deemed to agree that the surrender of the certificate or certificates therefor and the extinguishment of liability thereon shall constitute full payment of such subscription for Common Stock to be issued upon such conversion. The Corporation will as soon as practicable after such deposit of a certificate or certificates for Class B Common Stock, accompanied by the written notice and the statement above prescribed, issue and deliver at the office of said transfer agent (or other place as provided above) to the person for whose account such Class B Common Stock was so surrendered, or to his nominee or nominees, a certificate or certificates for the number of full shares of Common Stock to which he shall be entitled as aforesaid. Subject to the provisions of clause (ii) of subparagraph (d), such conversion shall be deemed to have been made as of the date of such surrender of the Class B Common Stock to be converted; and the person or persons entitled to receive the Common Stock issuable upon conversion of such Class B Common Stock shall be treated for all purposes as the record holder or holders of such Common Stock on such date. In case any certificate for shares of Class B Common Stock shall be surrendered for conversion of a part only of the shares represented thereby, the Corporation shall deliver at such office or agency, to or upon the written order of the holder thereof, a certificate or certificates for the number of shares of Class B Common Stock represented by such surrendered certificate which are not being converted.

d)GENERAL. (i) The issuance of certificates for shares of Common Stock upon conversion of shares of Class B Common Stock shall be made without charge for any stamp or other similar tax in respect of such issuance. However, if any such certificate is to be issued in a name other than that of the holder of the share or shares of Class B Common Stock converted, the person or persons requesting issuance thereof shall pay to the Corporation the amount of any tax which may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in such issuance or shall establish to the satisfaction of the Corporation that such tax has been paid.

(ii) The Corporation shall not be required to convert Class B Common Stock, and no surrender of Class B Common Stock shall be effective for that purpose, while the stock transfer books of the Corporation are closed for any purpose; but the surrender of Class B Common Stock for conversion during any period while such books are so closed shall become effective for conversion immediately upon the reopening of such books as if the conversion had

been made on the date such Class B Common Stock was surrendered.

(iii) The Corporation covenants that it will at all times reserve and keep available, solely for the purpose of issuance upon conversion of the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock, such number of shares of Common Stock as shall be issuable upon the conversion of all such outstanding shares, provided that nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude the Corporation from satisfying its obligations with respect to the conversion of the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock by delivery of shares of Common Stock which are held in the treasury of the Corporation. The Corporation covenants that if any shares of Common Stock, required to be reserved for purposes of conversion hereunder, require registration with or approval of any governmental authority under any federal or state law before such shares of Common Stock may be issued upon conversion, the Corporation will use reasonable efforts to cause such shares to be duly registered or approved, as the case may be. The Corporation covenants that all shares of Common Stock which shall be issued upon conversion of the shares of Class B Common Stock, will, upon issue, be fully paid and nonassessable.

(iv) In case of any consolidation or merger of the Corporation as a result of which the holders of Common Stock shall be entitled to receive stock, other securities or other property with respect to or in exchange for Common Stock or in case of any sale or conveyance of all or substantially all the property or business of the Corporation as an entirety, a holder of a share of Class B Common Stock shall have the right thereafter to convert such share into the kind and amount of shares of stock and other securities and properties receivable upon such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance by a holder of one share of Common Stock and shall have no other conversion rights with regard to such share. The provisions of this subparagraph shall similarly apply to successive consolidations, mergers, sales or conveyances.

#### 5. PURCHASES.

Subject to any applicable provisions of this Article FOURTH, the Corporation may at any time or from time to time purchase or otherwise acquire shares of its Class B Common Stock in any manner now or hereafter permitted by law, publicly or privately, or pursuant to any agreement.

#### 6. SUBDIVISION OR COMBINATION OF CLASS B COMMON STOCK.

The shares of Class B Common Stock shall not be subdivided by a stock split, reclassified or otherwise or combined by reverse stock split, reclassification or otherwise unless, at the same time, the shares of Common Stock are proportionately on a per share basis so subdivided or combined.

#### 7. LIQUIDATION.

In the event of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, distribution of assets or winding-up of the Corporation, the holders of the Class B Common Stock shall be entitled to share ratably with the holders of the Common Stock as a single class in all of the remaining assets of the Corporation of whatever kind available for distribution to stockholders, that is, an equal amount of such assets for each share of Common Stock and Class B Common Stock. A consolidation or merger of the Corporation with or into any other corporation or corporations shall not be deemed to be a liquidation, dissolution, or winding-up of the Corporation as those terms are used in this paragraph 7.

#### 8. LIMITATION ON ISSUANCE.

Following the initial issuance of shares of Class B Common Stock in connection with the merger of Richardson Electronics, Ltd., an Illinois corporation ("REL"), into this Corporation, such shares shall be issued by the Corporation only (a) in payment of a stock dividend on then outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock as provided in



subparagraph (b) of paragraph 2 above; (b) in connection with a stock split, reclassification or other subdivision of then outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock as provided in paragraph 6 above; and (c) upon exercise of stock options granted to employees outstanding immediately after the aforesaid merger of REL into this Corporation, unless such further issuance shall have been approved by holders of a majority of the voting power of the shares of Common Stock and Class B Common Stock, each voting separately as a class.

9. STATUS OF REACQUIRED SHARES.

Shares of Class B Common Stock redeemed, converted, exchanged, purchased, retired or surrendered to the Corporation, or which have been issued and reacquired in any manner, shall, upon compliance with any applicable

provisions of the General Corporation Law of Delaware, may be reissued subject to the protective conditions or restrictions of paragraph 8 above.

#### 10. GENERAL.

The Corporation may, in connection with preparing a list of stockholders entitled to vote at any meeting of stockholders, or as a condition to the transfer or the registration of Class B Common Stock on the Corporation's books, require the furnishing of such affidavits or other proof as it, in its sole discretion, deems necessary to establish that any person is the beneficial owner of shares of Class B Common Stock or is a Permitted Transferee.

FIFTH: All the powers of the Corporation, insofar as the same may be lawfully vested by this Certificate of Incorporation in the Board of Directors, are hereby conferred upon the Board of Directors of the Corporation. In furtherance and not in limitation of such powers or the powers conferred by statute, the Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt, amend or repeal from time to time by-laws of the Corporation, and to authorize and cause to be executed mortgages and liens upon the real and personal property of the Corporation.

SIXTH: The Corporation shall, to the full extent permitted by Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of Delaware, as amended from time to time, indemnify, advance payment of expenses on behalf of and purchase and maintain insurance against liability on behalf of all persons for whom it may take each such respective action pursuant to such Section.

SEVENTH: No Director of the Corporation shall be liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a Director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the Director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the General Corporation Law of Delaware, or (iv) for any transaction from which the Director derived an improper personal benefit. No amendment to or repeal of this Article SEVENTH shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any Director of the Corporation for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such Director occurring prior to such amendment.

EIGHTH: The Corporation is to have perpetual existence.

NINTH: Election of Directors need not be by written ballot except as may be provided in the by-laws of the Corporation from time-to-time.

TENTH: The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter or repeal any provision contained in this Certificate of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law, and all rights and powers conferred herein are subject to this reserved power.