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Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 17, 2024

FactSet Research Systems Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-11869	13-3362547
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

45 Glover Avenue
Norwalk, Connecticut 06850

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 810-1000

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: None

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbols(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value	FDS	New York Stock Exchange LLC The Nasdaq Stock Market

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

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

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On September 19, 2024, FactSet Research Systems Inc. ("FactSet" or the "Company") issued a press release announcing its results for the three and twelve months ended August 31, 2024. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein. The information furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02 (Results of Operations and Financial Condition), including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Exhibit 99.1 to this Report contains certain financial measures that are considered non-GAAP financial measures as defined in the rules issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). Exhibit 99.1 to this Report also contains the reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, as well as the reasons why the Company's management believes that presentation of the non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors regarding FactSet's results of operations and, to the extent material, a statement disclosing any other additional purposes for which the Company's management uses the non-GAAP financial measures.

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

On September 17, 2024, FactSet's Board of Directors (the "Board") amended and restated the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws (the "Bylaws") effective immediately to revise the ownership threshold for calling a special meeting of stockholders from 50% to 25%. The Bylaws now provide that stockholders of the Company holding at least 25% of FactSet's issued and outstanding capital stock have the ability to call a special meeting of stockholders of the Company, so long as certain requirements set forth in the Bylaws are satisfied.

The foregoing description of the amended and restated Bylaws is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the amended and restated Bylaws, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
3.2	FactSet Research Systems Inc. Amended and Restated By-Laws
99.1	Press Release of FactSet Research Systems Inc., dated September 19, 2024, announcing its results for the three and twelve months ended August 31, 2024
104	Cover page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

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.

FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS INC.
(Registrant)

September 19, 2024

By: /s/ HELEN L. SHAN
Helen L. Shan
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS INC.

AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS

As amended September 1, 2018, September 27, 2021, January 10, 2023, and September 17, 2024

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Offices

Section 1. Registered Office. The location of the registered office of FactSet Research Systems Inc. (the "Corporation") within the State of Delaware, the name of the registered agent of the Corporation at such office and the post office address to which the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware shall mail a copy of process in any action or proceeding against the Corporation that may be served upon him or her shall be in each case as stated in the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation (the "Certificate of Incorporation").

Section 2. Other Offices. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places both within and without the State of Delaware as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or the business of the Corporation may require.

ARTICLE II

Meetings of Stockholders

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held on such date as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors, at such place within or without the State of Delaware (including by means of remote communication) as shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Special Meeting. Except as otherwise required by law or the Certificate of Incorporation, and subject to the rights of the holders of any outstanding series of preferred stock, special meetings of the stockholders for any purpose or purposes (a) may be called at any time by the Chair of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer or the President, if any, of the Corporation or the majority of the Board of Directors and (b) shall be called by the Secretary of the Corporation (the "Secretary") upon a written demand (a "Special Meeting Request") signed, dated and delivered to the Secretary by an Eligible Holder (as hereinafter defined) or group of Eligible Holders holding at least 25% of all shares of capital stock of the Corporation issued and outstanding and entitled to vote on any issue proposed to be considered at such meeting (the "Requisite Holders") that complies with the requirements of Article II, Section 3. "Eligible Holder" means any record holder of the shares of capital stock of the Corporation then entitled to vote for the election of directors that (i) is making such request on its own behalf (and not on behalf of a beneficial owner of such stock) or (ii) is making such request on behalf of a beneficial owner of such capital stock; provided that, in the case of this clause (ii), such request must be accompanied by proof of such beneficial ownership in a form that would be sufficient to prove eligibility to submit a stockholder proposal under paragraph (b) of Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (such act, and any successor statute thereto, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder are collectively referred to herein as the "Exchange Act"), or any successor rule.

Only such business as is specified in the Corporation's notice of any special meeting of stockholders shall come before such meeting. A special meeting shall be held at such place, if any, and on such date and at such time as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Stockholder Requested Meetings.

(a) In order for an Eligible Holder or group of Eligible Holders to request a special meeting of the stockholders, a Special Meeting Request shall be (i) made in accordance with the requirements of this Article II, Section 3(a), (ii) signed by each of the Requisite Holders (or their agents duly authorized in writing) and (iii) delivered to or mailed and received by the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation. A Special Meeting Request shall be ineffective if (A) it relates to an item of business that is not a proper subject for stockholder action under applicable law, (B) it relates to an item of business that is not a proper subject for stockholder action under the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-laws of the Corporation (these "By-laws"), (C) such request is delivered between the 61st day and 365th day after the earliest date of signature on an effective Special Meeting Request that has been delivered to the Secretary relating to an item of business (other than the election of directors) that is identical or substantially similar (a "Similar Item") to an item of business included in such request, (D) a Similar Item will be submitted for stockholder approval at any stockholder meeting to be held on or before the 90th day after the Secretary receives such Special Meeting Request or (E) a Similar Item has been presented at the most recent annual meeting or at any special meeting

held within one year prior to receipt by the Secretary of such request. In addition, the Special Meeting Request shall (I) set forth the specific purpose of the meeting, the matters proposed (including the exact text of any such proposal or business, the text of any proposed resolutions and any proposed director(s) to be nominated or removed, as applicable) to be acted on at the special meeting and the reasons for conducting such business at the special meeting of stockholders, (II) bear the date of signature of each such Requisite Holder (or such agent) signing the Special Meeting Request, (III) contain the information required by Article II, Section 7(b) of these By-laws (as applicable) relating to the Eligible Holder, nominees for director (if applicable) or any proposal of other business to be considered at such special meeting (assuming the Eligible Holder was a stockholder making a proposal for other business or director nomination at an annual meeting of stockholders in accordance with Article II, Section 7(b) of these By-laws), (IV) set forth the name and address, as they appear in the Corporation's books, of each Requisite Holder signing such Special Meeting Request (or on whose behalf the Special Meeting Request is signed), the class, series and number of all shares of capital stock of the Corporation which are owned of record or beneficially by each such Requisite Holder, and the nominee holder for, and number of, shares of capital stock owned by such Requisite Holder beneficially but not of record, (V) a representation that each such Requisite Holder intends to hold all shares of capital stock of the Corporation described in the immediately preceding clause (IV) through the date of the Stockholder Requested Meeting (as hereinafter defined) and (VI) an acknowledgement by each such Requisite Holder that any reduction in such Requisite Holder's ownership of the shares of capital stock of the Corporation described in clause (IV) with respect to which a Special Meeting Request relates following the delivery of such Special Meeting Request to the Secretary shall constitute a revocation of such Special Meeting Request to the extent of such reduction.

(b) Such Requisite Holder shall further update and supplement the information provided to the Corporation in the Special Meeting Request or upon the Corporation's request pursuant to Article II, Section 7(b) as needed, so that such information shall be true and correct as of the record date for such special meeting (the "Meeting Record Date") and as of the date that is the later of 10 business days before the Stockholder Requested Meeting (as defined below) or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Such update and supplement must be delivered to or mailed and received by the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation no later than five business days after the Meeting Record Date (in the case of an update or supplement required to be made as of the Meeting Record Date), and not later than seven business days before the date of the Stockholder Requested Meeting (as defined below) (in the case of an update or supplement required to be made as of 10 business days before the Stockholder Requested Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof). Any requesting stockholder may revoke his, her or its Special Meeting Request at any time prior to the special meeting by written revocation delivered to the Secretary; provided that if any such revocations are received by the Secretary or are deemed to have been made pursuant to clause (VI) of the last sentence of Article II, Section 3(a) of these By-laws and, as a result of such revocation(s), there are no longer unrevoked Special Meeting Requests from the Requisite Holders, the Board of Directors shall have the discretion to determine whether or not to revoke the notice of meeting. Any Special Meeting Request received after a revocation by the Secretary of a notice of a meeting shall be considered a request for a new special meeting.

(c) The Board of Directors shall determine whether a purported Special Meeting Request satisfies the requirements set forth in Article II, Section 3(a), and the Secretary shall determine whether all other requirements set forth in Article II, Section 3 have been satisfied. If the Board of Directors or the Secretary determine that the Special Meeting Request was not properly made in accordance with Article II, Section 3 or, in the case of a stockholder proposal or director nomination, if the stockholder solicits proxies in support of such stockholder's proposal or director nomination without having made the representation required by Article II, Section 7(b) of these By-laws, then the Secretary shall not be required to convene such requested special meeting and such meeting shall not be held. Any determination made pursuant to this Article II, Section 3(c) shall be binding on the Corporation and its stockholders.

(d) In the case of any special meeting called by the Secretary upon the request of stockholders (a "Stockholder Requested Meeting"), such meeting shall be held at such place, date and time as may be designated by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the date of any Stockholder Requested Meeting shall be not more than 60 days nor less than 10 days after the Meeting Record Date.

(e) If none of the Eligible Holders who submitted a Special Meeting Request appears or sends a duly authorized agent to the Stockholder Requested Meeting to present the proposal(s) or business submitted by the stockholders for consideration at the special meeting, the Corporation need not present such matters for a vote, notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such matters may have been received by the Corporation.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the place, date and time of the holding of each annual and special meeting of the stockholders and the purpose or purposes thereof shall be given personally or by mail in a postage prepaid envelope to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than ten nor more than sixty days before the date of such meeting unless otherwise required by law, and, if mailed, it shall be directed to such stockholder at his or her address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, unless he or she shall have filed with the Secretary a written request that notices to him or her be mailed to some other address, in which case it shall be directed to him or her at such other address. Any such notice for any meeting other than the annual meeting of stockholders shall indicate that it is being issued at the direction of the Chair of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, if any, a majority of the Board of Directors or the Secretary, which notice shall not be required to be given to any stockholder who shall attend such meeting in person or by proxy and shall not, at the beginning of such meeting, object to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened, or who shall, either before or after the meeting, submit a signed waiver of notice, in person or by proxy. Unless the Board of Directors shall fix a new record date for an adjourned meeting, notice of such adjourned meeting need not be given if the time and place to which the meeting shall be adjourned were announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken or are provided in any other manner permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL"). At the adjourned meeting the Corporation may transact any business which might have been transacted at the original meeting. If the adjournment is for more than thirty days, or if after the adjournment a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting.

Section 5. Quorum. Except as otherwise required by law or the Certificate of Incorporation, at all meetings of the stockholders, the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of a majority of the shares of stock of the Corporation issued and outstanding and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. In the absence of a quorum, the holders of a majority of the shares of stock present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote, or if no stockholder entitled to vote is present, then any officer of the Corporation, may adjourn the meeting from time to time. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum may be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.

Section 6. Organization. At each meeting of the stockholders, the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, or in his or her absence or inability to act, the Chief Executive Officer, or in his or her absence or inability to act, the President, if any, or in his or her absence or inability to act, any person chosen by a majority of those stockholders present or represented, shall act as chair of the meeting. The Secretary, or, in his or her absence or inability to act, an Assistant Secretary or any other officer appointed by the chair of the meeting, shall act as secretary of the meeting and keep the minutes thereof.

Section 7. Order of Business; Notice of Stockholder Business and Nominations.

(a) Order of Business. The order of business at all meetings of the stockholders shall be as determined by the chair of the meeting.

(b) Annual Meetings of Stockholders.

(i) Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors and the proposal of business to be considered by the stockholders of the Corporation may be made at an annual meeting of stockholders (A) pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting delivered pursuant to Article II, Section 4, (B) by or at the direction of the Chair of the Board of Directors or (C) by any stockholder who is entitled to vote at the meeting, who complied with the procedures set forth in Article II, Section 7(b)(ii), and who was a stockholder of record at the time such notice is delivered to the Secretary.

(ii) For nominations or other business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder pursuant to Article II, Section 7(b)(i) (C), the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the Secretary and, in the case of business other than nominations, such other business must

otherwise be a proper matter for stockholder action. To be timely, a stockholder's notice shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is advanced by more than 30 days, or delayed by more than 90 days, from such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so delivered not earlier than the 120th day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to such annual meeting or the 10th day following the day on which the Public Announcement (as defined below) of the date of such meeting is first made by the Corporation. In no event shall the Public Announcement of an adjournment or postponement of an annual meeting commence a new time period (or extend an existing period) for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described in this Section 7(b). To be in proper written form, such stockholder's notice shall set forth and include the following information and/or documents, as applicable, (A) the name and address of the stockholder giving the notice, as they appear on the Corporation's books, and of the Beneficial Owner (as defined below), if any, on whose behalf such nomination or proposal is made, (B) representations that, as of the date of delivery of such notice, such stockholder is a holder of record of stock of the Corporation and is entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at such meeting to propose such nomination or business, (C) as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or reelection as a director (a "Stockholder Nominee"), all information relating to such Stockholder Nominee that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors in an election contest, or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), and Rule 14a-11 thereunder (or any successor provisions thereto), including such Stockholder Nominee's written consent to being named in any proxy statement for the applicable meeting as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected; (D) as to any other business that the stockholder proposes to bring before the meeting, (1) a brief description of the business proposed to be brought before the meeting, (2) the text of the proposal (including the text of any resolutions proposed for consideration and, in the event that such business includes a proposal to amend these By-laws, the text of the proposed amendment) and (3) the reasons for conducting such business at the meeting, (E) in all cases, (1) the name of each individual, firm, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust or other entity (including any successor thereto, a "Person") with whom any stockholder, Beneficial Owner, Stockholder Nominee, and their respective Affiliates and Associates (as defined under Regulation 12B under the Act or any successor provision thereto) (each of the foregoing, a "Stockholder Group Member") and each other Person with whom such Stockholder Group Member is acting in concert with respect to the Corporation (each Person described in this clause (1), including each Stockholder Group Member, a "Covered Person") has any agreement, arrangement or understanding (whether written or oral) for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting (except pursuant to a revocable proxy given to such Person in response to a public proxy solicitation made generally by such Person to all holders of voting stock of the Corporation) or disposing of any voting stock of the Corporation or to cooperate in obtaining, changing or influencing the control of the Corporation (except independent financial, legal and other advisors acting in the ordinary course of their respective businesses), and a description of each such agreement, arrangement or understanding (whether written or oral), (2) a list of the class and number of shares of voting stock of the Corporation that are Beneficially Owned or owned of record by each Covered Person, together with documentary evidence of such record or Beneficial Ownership, (3) a list of (A) all of the derivative securities (as defined under Rule 16a-1 under the Act) and other derivatives or similar agreements or arrangements with an exercise or conversion privilege or a periodic or settlement payment or payments or mechanism at a price or in an amount or amounts related to any security of the Corporation or with a value derived or calculated in whole or in part from the value of any security of the Corporation, in each case, directly or indirectly owned of record or Beneficially Owned by any Covered Person and (B) each other direct or indirect opportunity of any Covered Person to profit or share in any profit derived from any increase or decrease in the value of any security of the Corporation, in each case, regardless of whether (x) such interest conveys any voting rights in such security to such Covered Person, (y) such interest is required to be, or is capable of being, settled through delivery of such security or (z) such Person may have entered into other transactions that hedge the economic effect of such interest (any such interest described in this clause (3) being a "Derivative Interest"), (4) a description of each agreement, arrangement or understanding, relationship or otherwise, including any repurchase or similar so-called "stock borrowing" agreement or arrangement (whether written or oral), with the effect or intent of mitigating loss to, reduce the economic risk (of ownership or otherwise) of any class of series of capital stock of the Corporation by, managing the risk of share price changes for, or increasing or decreasing the voting power of, or that contemplates any Person voting together with, any Covered Person with respect to any voting stock of the

Corporation, Stockholder Nominee or other proposal (“Voting Arrangements”), (5) details of all other material interests of each Covered Person in such nomination or proposal or capital stock of the Corporation (including any rights to dividends or performance related fees based on any increase or decrease in the value of such capital stock or Derivative Interests) (collectively, “Other Interests”), (6) a description of all economic terms of all such Derivative Interests, Voting Arrangements and Other Interests and copies of all agreements and other documents (including but not limited to master agreements, confirmations and all ancillary documents and the names and details of the counterparties to, and brokers involved in, all such transactions) relating to each such Derivative Interest, Voting Arrangement and Other Interests, (7) a list of all transactions by each Covered Person involving any voting stock of the Corporation or any Derivative Interests, Voting Arrangements or Other Interests within three months prior to the date of the notice, (8) any significant equity interests, Derivative Interests, Voting Arrangements or Other Interests in any principal competitor of the Corporation held by any Covered Person and (9) (x) in the case of a nomination to elect one or more directors to the Board of Directors, a representation whether any Covered Person will (a) solicit proxies from holders of the Corporation’s outstanding capital stock representing at least 67% of the voting power of shares of capital stock generally entitled to vote on the election of directors, (b) will include a statement to that effect in its proxy statement and/or the form of proxy, (c) will otherwise comply with Rule 14a-19 and (d) will provide the Secretary not less than five (5) business days prior to the meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof, with reasonable documentary evidence (as determined by the Secretary in good faith) that such stockholder and/or beneficial owner complied with such representations and (y) in the case of a proposal not involving the nomination of directors, a representation whether any Covered Person intends or is part of a group which intends (a) to deliver a proxy statement and/or form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Corporation’s outstanding capital stock required to approve or adopt the proposal and/or (b) otherwise to solicit or participate in the solicitation of proxies from stockholders in support of such proposal, and (F) in the case of a nomination to elect one or more directors to the Board of Directors, the information required by Article II, Section 7(d)(v). A notice delivered by or on behalf of any stockholder under this Section 7(b) shall be deemed to be not in compliance with this Section 7(b) and not effective if (x) such notice does not include all of the information and documents required under this Section 7(b), or (y) after delivery of such notice, any information or document required to be included in such notice changes or is amended, modified or supplemented, as applicable, prior to the date of the relevant meeting and such information and/or document is not delivered to the Corporation by way of a further written notice as promptly as practicable following the event causing such change in information or amendment, modification or supplement, as applicable, and in any case where such event occurs within 45 days of the date of the relevant meeting, within five business days after such event; provided, however, that the Board of Directors shall have the authority to waive any such non-compliance if the Board of Directors determines that such action is appropriate in the exercise of its fiduciary duties. The foregoing notice requirements of this Section 7(b) shall be deemed satisfied by a stockholder if the stockholder has notified the Corporation of such stockholder’s intention to present a proposal at an annual meeting in compliance with applicable rules and regulations promulgated under the Act and such stockholder’s proposal has been included in a proxy statement that has been prepared by the Corporation to solicit proxies for such annual meeting. The Corporation may require any Stockholder Nominee to furnish such other information as it may reasonably require to determine the eligibility of such Stockholder Nominee to serve as a director.

(iii) Notwithstanding anything in the second sentence of Article II, Section 7(b)(ii) to the contrary, in the event that the number of directors to be elected to the Board of Directors is increased effective at the annual meeting and there is no Public Announcement naming all of the nominees for director or specifying the size of the increased Board of Directors made by the Corporation at least 100 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year’s annual meeting, a stockholder’s notice required by this Section 7(b) shall also be considered timely, but only with respect to nominees for any new positions created by such increase, if it shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which such Public Announcement is first made by the Corporation and such notice otherwise complies with the requirements of this Section 7(b). The number of nominees a stockholder may nominate for election at the annual meeting (or in the case of a stockholder giving notice on behalf of a beneficial owner, the number of nominees a stockholder may nominate for election at the annual meeting on behalf of such beneficial owner) shall not exceed the number of directors to be elected at such annual meeting.

(c) Special Meetings of Stockholders. Only such business shall be conducted at a special meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting pursuant to Article II, Section 4. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors may be made at a special meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting (A) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (B) by any stockholder of the Corporation who is entitled to vote at the meeting, who complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 7(c), and who is a stockholder of record at the time such notice is delivered to the Secretary. In the event the Corporation calls a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of electing one or more directors to the Board of Directors, any such stockholder may nominate such number of persons for election to such position(s) as are specified in the Corporation's notice of meeting (it being understood that the number of nominees a stockholder may nominate at special meeting (or in the case of a stockholder giving notice on behalf of a beneficial owner, the number of nominees a stockholder may nominate for election at the special meeting on behalf of such beneficial owner) shall not exceed the number of directors to be elected at such special meeting), if the stockholder's notice, containing all of the information, documents and representations required under Article II, Section 7(b)(ii), shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not earlier than the 120th day prior to such special meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to such special meeting or the 10th day following the day on which Public Announcement of the date of the special meeting and of the nominees proposed by the Board of Directors to be elected at such meeting is first made by the Corporation. A notice delivered by or on behalf of any stockholder under this Section 7(c) shall be deemed to be not in compliance with this Section 7(c) and not effective if (x) such notice does not include all of the information and documents required under this Section 7(c), or (y) after delivery of such notice, any information or document required to be included in such notice changes or is amended, modified or supplemented, as applicable, prior to the date of the relevant meeting and such information and/or document is not delivered to the Corporation by way of a further written notice as promptly as practicable following the event causing such change in information or amendment, modification or supplement, as applicable, and in any case where such event occurs within 45 days of the date of the relevant meeting, within five business days after such event; provided, however, that the Board of Directors shall have the authority to waive any such non-compliance if the Board of Directors determines that such action is appropriate in the exercise of its fiduciary duties. In no event shall the Public Announcement of an adjournment or postponement of a special meeting commence a new time period (or extend an existing period) for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

(d) General.

(i) Only persons who are nominated in accordance with the applicable procedures and other requirements set forth in Article II, Section 7 shall be eligible to be elected as directors at a meeting of stockholders and only such business shall be conducted at a meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting in accordance with the applicable procedures set forth in this Section 7. The Board of Directors may adopt by resolution such rules and regulations for the conduct of meetings of stockholders as it shall deem appropriate. Except to the extent inconsistent with such rules and regulations as adopted by the Board of Directors, the chair of the meeting shall have the right and authority to convene and adjourn the meeting, to prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and to do all such acts as, in the judgment of the chairman of the meeting, are appropriate for the proper conduct of the meeting. Such rules, regulations or procedures, whether adopted by the Board of Directors or prescribed by the chair of the meeting, may include the following: (i) the establishment of an agenda or order of business for the meeting; (ii) rules and procedures for maintaining order at the meeting and the safety of those present; (iii) limitations on attendance at or participation in the meeting to stockholders of record of the Corporation, their duly authorized and constituted proxies or such other persons as the Board of Directors or the chair of the meeting shall determine; (iv) restrictions on entry to the meeting after the time fixed for the commencement thereof; and (v) limitations on the time allotted to questions or comments by participants. Except as otherwise provided by applicable law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-laws, the Board of Directors or the chair of the meeting shall, if the facts warrant, determine and declare to the meeting that a matter or business was not properly brought before the meeting (including, but not limited to, whether a nomination or any business proposed to be brought before the meeting was made in accordance with the procedures and other requirements set forth in these By-laws (including this Section 7)) and if the Board of Directors or the chair of the meeting should so determine, shall so declare to the meeting, and any such matter or business not properly brought before the meeting shall not be

transacted or considered, notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such matter or business may have been received by the Corporation. Unless and to the extent determined by the Board of Directors or the chair of the meeting, meetings of stockholders shall not be required to be held in accordance with the rules of parliamentary procedure. At the request of the Company, the applicable stockholder (or a qualified representative thereof) shall provide the Secretary with reasonable documentary evidence to enable the Company to confirm (as determined by the Secretary in good faith) that such stockholder and each Covered Person, if any, is in compliance with this Section 7. For purposes of this Section 7, to be considered a qualified representative of the stockholder, a person must be a duly authorized officer, manager or partner of such stockholder or must be authorized by a writing executed by such stockholder and each Covered Person, if any, or an electronic transmission delivered by such stockholder and each Covered Person, if any, to act for such stockholder and each Covered Person, if any, as proxy at the meeting of stockholders and to provide any documentary evidence requested by the Company on behalf of the stockholder and each Person required pursuant to this Section 7(d) and such Person must produce such writing or electronic transmission, or a reliable reproduction of the writing or electronic transmission, at the meeting of stockholders.

(ii) For purposes of these By-laws, “Public Announcement” shall mean disclosure in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, Associated Press or comparable national news service or in a document publicly filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Act or any document delivered to all stockholders (including any quarterly income statement).

(iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of these By-laws, a stockholder shall also comply with all applicable requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in this Section 7; provided, however, that any references in these By-laws to the Act or the rules or regulations promulgated thereunder are not intended to and shall not limit any requirements applicable to nominations or proposals as to any other business to be considered pursuant to these By-laws (including Article II, Sections 7(b)(i)(C) and 7(c)), and compliance with Article II, Sections 7(b)(i)(C) and 7(c) of these By-laws shall be the exclusive means for a stockholder to make nominations or submit other business (other than, as provided in the penultimate sentence of Article II, Section 7(b)(ii), matters brought properly under and in compliance with Rule 14a-8 of the Act, as may be amended from time to time). Nothing in these By-laws shall be deemed to affect any rights of (a) stockholders to request inclusion of nominations or proposals in the Corporation’s proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Act or (b) holders of any series of preferred stock of the Corporation to elect directors pursuant to any applicable provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation.

(iv) A Person shall be deemed the “Beneficial Owner” of, shall be deemed to “Beneficially Own” and shall be deemed to have “Beneficial Ownership” of, any voting stock of the Corporation (i) that such Person or any of such Person’s Affiliates or Associates (as defined under Regulation 12B under the Act or any successor provision thereto) is deemed to “beneficially own” within the meaning of Section 13(d) of, and Regulation 13D under, the Act or any successor provision thereto, or (ii) that is the subject of, or the reference security for or that underlies any Derivative Interest of such Person or any of such Person’s Affiliates or Associates (as defined under Regulation 12B under the Act or any successor provision thereto), with the number of shares of voting stock deemed Beneficially Owned being the notional or other number of shares of voting stock specified in the documentation evidencing the Derivative Interest as being subject to be acquired upon the exercise or settlement of the Derivative Interest or as the basis upon which the value or settlement amount of such Derivative Interest is to be calculated in whole or in part or, if no such number of shares of voting stock is specified in such documentation, as determined by the Board of Directors in good faith to be the number of shares of voting stock to which the Derivative Interest relates. When two or more Persons act as a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate, or other group, or otherwise act in concert, in each case, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, or disposing of securities of the Corporation or for the purpose of proposing one or more Stockholder Nominees, putting forward any other proposal for consideration or voting together on any matter presented at a stockholder meeting, such syndicate or group shall be deemed a “Person” for the purpose of this Section 7. In addition, any Person who, directly or indirectly, creates or uses a trust, proxy, power of attorney, pooling arrangement or any contract, arrangement, or device with the purpose or effect of divesting such Person of Beneficial Ownership of any voting stock of the Corporation or preventing the vesting of such Beneficial Ownership as part of a plan or scheme to evade the reporting requirements of this Section 7 shall be deemed for the purposes of these By-laws to be the Beneficial Owner of such voting stock.

(v) In the case of a nomination by a stockholder to elect one or more directors to the Board of Directors pursuant to Article II, Section 7(b) or Section 7(c), the stockholder shall deliver a written representation and agreement from any such nominee that such nominee: (A) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with, and has not given any commitment or assurance to, any person or entity as to how such person, if elected as a director of the Corporation, will act or vote on any issue or question if such agreement, arrangement or understanding has not been disclosed to the Corporation, or if such agreement, arrangement or understanding could limit or interfere with such person's ability to comply, if elected as a director of the Corporation, with such person's fiduciary duties under applicable law, (B) may not be, and may not become, a party to any compensatory, payment, indemnification or other financial agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the Corporation in connection with service or action as a director that has not been disclosed to the Corporation and (C) will comply with all of the Corporation's corporate governance, conflict of interest, confidentiality and stock ownership and trading policies and guidelines, and any other Corporation policies and guidelines applicable to directors. In addition, at the request of the Corporation, any such nominee must promptly, but in any event within five business days of such request, sign, complete and submit to the Corporation all questionnaires required of directors of the Corporation and provide to the Corporation such other information as it may reasonably request. The Corporation may request such additional information as necessary to permit the Board of Directors to determine if such nominee is independent under any applicable listing standards, any applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and any publicly disclosed standards used by the Board of Directors in determining and disclosing the independence of the Corporation's directors. Further, in the event that any information or communications provided by such nominating stockholder or such nominee to the Corporation or its stockholders ceases to be true and correct in all material respects or omits a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, each such stockholder or nominee, as the case may be, shall promptly notify the Secretary of any defect in such previously provided information and of the information that is required to correct any such defect, it being understood that providing any such notification shall not be deemed to cure any defect or limit the rights of the Board of Directors to determine any such nomination to be invalid.

Section 8. Voting. Except as otherwise provided by statute or the Certificate of Incorporation, each holder of record of shares of stock of the Corporation having voting power shall be entitled at each meeting of the stockholders to one vote for every share of such stock standing in his or her name on the record of stockholders of the Corporation

(a) on the date fixed by the Board of Directors as the record date for the determination of the stockholders who shall be entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting; or (b) if such record date shall not have been so fixed, then at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which notice thereof shall be given; or (c) if notice is waived, at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which the meeting is held. Each stockholder entitled to vote at any meeting of stockholders may authorize another person or persons to act for him or her by a proxy, which proxy must be authorized in accordance with Section 212 of the DGCL. Any such proxy shall be delivered to the secretary of such meeting at or prior to the time designated in the order of business for so delivering such proxies. No proxy shall be valid after the expiration of three years from the date thereof, unless the proxy provides for a longer period. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the stockholder executing it, except in those cases where an irrevocable proxy is permitted by law. A stockholder may revoke any proxy that is not irrevocable by attending the meeting and voting in person or by delivering to the Secretary a revocation of the proxy or a new proxy bearing a later date no later than the time designated in the order of business for so delivering such proxies. In the event the Corporation receives proxies for disqualified or withdrawn nominees for the Board of Directors, such votes for such disqualified or withdrawn nominees in the proxies will be treated as abstentions. Except as otherwise required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-laws, any corporate action to be taken by vote of the stockholders shall be authorized by a majority of the total votes cast at a meeting of stockholders by the holders of shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on such action. Unless required by statute, or determined by the chair of the meeting to be advisable, the vote on any question need not be by written ballot. On a vote by written ballot, each ballot shall be signed by the stockholder voting, or by his or her proxy, if there be such proxy, and shall state the number of shares voted.

Section 9. List of Stockholders. The officer who has charge of the stock ledger of the Corporation shall prepare and make or cause to be prepared and made, no later than the 10th day before every meeting of stockholders, a complete list of the stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting, arranged in alphabetical order, and showing the address of each stockholder and the number of shares registered in the name of each stockholder. Such list shall be open to the

examination of any stockholder for any purpose germane to the meeting, during ordinary business hours, for a period of at least ten days ending on the day before the meeting date, either at a place within the city where the meeting is to be held, which place shall be specified in the notice of the meeting, or, if not so specified, at the place where the meeting is to be held.

Section 10. Inspectors. The Board of Directors may, in advance of any meeting of stockholders, appoint one or more inspectors to act at such meeting or any adjournment thereof. If inspectors shall not be so appointed or if any of them shall fail to appear or act, the chair of the meeting may, and on the request of any stockholder entitled to vote thereat shall, appoint one or more inspectors. Each inspector, before entering upon the discharge of his or her duties, shall take and sign an oath faithfully to execute the duties of inspector at such meeting with strict impartiality and according to the best of his or her ability. The inspectors shall determine the number of shares outstanding, the number of shares represented at the meeting, the existence of a quorum, the validity and effect of proxies, and shall receive votes, ballots or consents, hear and determine all challenges and questions arising in connection with the right to vote, count and tabulate all votes, ballots or consents, determine the result, and do such acts as are proper to conduct the election or vote with fairness to all stockholders. On request of the chair of the meeting or any stockholder entitled to vote thereat, the inspectors shall make a report in writing of any challenge, request or matter determined by them and shall execute a certificate of any fact found by them. No director or candidate for the office of director shall act as inspector of an election of directors need not be stockholders.

Section 11. Action Without a Meeting by Written Consent. No action required to be taken or which may be taken at any annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation may be taken without a meeting, except on written consent, setting forth the action so taken, signed by the holders of record of at least 80% of the outstanding shares entitled to vote thereon.

Section 12. Proxy Access.

(a) General. Subject to the provisions of this Section 12, the Corporation shall include in its proxy statement and on its form of proxy for an annual meeting of the stockholders at which directors are to be elected, the name of, and the Required Information (as defined below) relating to, any Stockholder Nominee who satisfies the eligibility requirements in this Section 12 (an "Eligible Stockholder Nominee") and who is identified in a notice that complies with Section 12(e) and that is timely delivered pursuant to Section 12(f) (the "Stockholder Notice") by a stockholder that satisfies, or by a group of no more than 20 stockholders that satisfy, the ownership and other requirements of this Section 12 (such stockholder or group, including each member thereof to the extent the context requires, the "Eligible Stockholder"), and who expressly elects at the time of providing the Stockholder Notice to have such Eligible Stockholder Nominee included in the Corporation's proxy materials pursuant to this Section 12. No stockholder may be a member of more than one group of stockholders constituting an Eligible Stockholder under this Section 12. In the event that the Eligible Stockholder consists of a group of stockholders, any and all requirements and obligations for an individual Eligible Stockholder that are set forth in this Section 12 shall apply to each member of the group; provided, however, that the Required Ownership Percentage (as defined in Section 12(b) below) shall apply to the ownership of the group in the aggregate.

For purposes of this Section 12, the "Required Information" shall consist of: (i) the information concerning the Eligible Stockholder Nominee and the Eligible Stockholder that is required to be disclosed in the Corporation's proxy statement by the applicable requirements of the Act, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and as required by any applicable listing standards, (ii) if the Eligible Stockholder so elects, the Statement (as defined in Section 12(i) below), (iii) any other information that the Corporation or the Board of Directors determines, in their discretion, to include in the proxy statement relating to the nomination of the Eligible Stockholder Nominee, including, without limitation, any statement in opposition to the nomination and any of the information provided pursuant to this Section 12 and (iv) the information required under Article II, Section 7(b) (other than clauses (ii)(E) and (ii)(F) thereof) (and for such purposes, references in Article II, Section 7(b) to the stockholder or Beneficial Owner on whose behalf the nomination is made shall be deemed to refer to the Eligible Stockholder on whose behalf the Stockholder Notice is delivered).

(b) Eligible Stockholder Ownership Requirements. To qualify as an "Eligible Stockholder" pursuant to this Section 12, a stockholder or group of stockholders must (i) own and have owned (as defined in Section 12(c) below) 3% or more (the "Required Ownership Percentage") of the number of outstanding shares of the

Corporation's common stock entitled to vote in the election of directors as of the most recent date for which such amount is given in any filing by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission prior to the submission of the Stockholder Notice (the "Required Shares") continuously for at least three years as of both the date the Stockholder Notice is delivered to the Secretary in accordance with this Section 12 and the record date for determining stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting of stockholders and (ii) thereafter continue to own the Required Shares through the annual meeting date.

For purposes of satisfying the ownership requirements of this Section 12(b), two or more funds that are (i) under common management and investment control, (ii) under common management and funded primarily by a single employer or (iii) a "group of investment companies," as such term is defined in Section 14(d)(1)(G)(ii) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, (such funds together under each of (i), (ii) or (iii) comprising a "Qualifying Fund") shall be treated as one stockholder for the purposes of determining the members of a group of stockholders comprising one Eligible Stockholder, provided that each fund comprising a Qualifying Fund otherwise meets the requirements set forth in this Section 12.

(c) Definition of Ownership. For purposes of this Section 12:

(i) an Eligible Stockholder shall be deemed to "own" only those outstanding shares of the Corporation's common stock as to which the stockholder possesses both:

(1) the full voting and investment rights pertaining to the shares and

(2) the full economic interest in (including the opportunity for profit and risk of loss on) such shares; provided that the number of shares calculated in accordance with clauses (1) and (2) shall not include any shares:

(A) sold by such stockholder or any of its affiliates in any transaction that has not been settled or closed (including any short sale),

(B) borrowed by such stockholder or any of its affiliates for any purpose or purchased by such stockholder or any of its affiliates pursuant to an agreement to resell or

(C) subject to any option, warrant, forward contract, swap, contract of sale or other derivative or similar agreement entered into by such stockholder or any of its affiliates, whether any such instrument or agreement is to be settled with shares or with cash based on the notional amount or value of outstanding shares of the Corporation, in any such case which instrument or agreement has, or is intended to have, or if exercised by either party thereto would have, the purpose or effect of: (I) reducing in any manner, to any extent or at any time in the future, such stockholder's or any of its affiliates' full right to vote or direct the voting of any such shares, and/or (II) hedging, offsetting, or altering to any degree gain or loss arising from the full economic ownership of such shares by such stockholder or affiliate; and

(ii) A stockholder "owns" shares held in the name of a nominee or other intermediary so long as the stockholder retains the right to instruct how the shares are voted with respect to the election of directors and possesses the full economic interest in the shares. A person's ownership of shares shall be deemed to continue during any period in which (1) the person has loaned such shares, provided that the person has the power to recall such loaned shares on five (5) business days' notice; or (2) the person has delegated any voting power by means of a proxy, power of attorney or other instrument or arrangement which is revocable at any time by such person; and

(iii) The terms "owned," "owning" and other variations of the word "own" shall have correlative meanings. Whether outstanding shares of the Corporation are "owned" for these purposes shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The term "affiliate" or "affiliates" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto under the General Rules and Regulations under the Exchange Act, as amended.

(d) Number of Eligible Stockholder Nominees. The maximum number of Eligible Stockholder Nominees nominated by all Eligible Stockholders pursuant to this Section 12 (including individuals that were submitted by an Eligible Stockholder for inclusion in the Corporation's proxy materials pursuant to this

Section 12, but either are subsequently withdrawn or that the Board of Directors nominates as Board of Directors nominees) that will be included in the Corporation's proxy materials with respect to an annual meeting of stockholders together with any nominees who were previously elected to the Board of Directors after being nominated pursuant to this Section 12 at any of the preceding two (2) annual meetings and who are re-nominated for election at such annual meeting by the Board of Directors, shall not exceed the greater of (i) two (2) or (ii) 20% of the total number of directors in office as of the last day on which a Stockholder Notice may be delivered to the Secretary pursuant to this Section 12, or if the number of directors calculated in this clause (ii) is not a whole number, the closest whole number below 20% (such greater number, the "Maximum Number"). In the event that one or more vacancies for any reason occurs on the Board of Directors after the last day on which a Stockholder Notice may be delivered to the Secretary pursuant to Section 12 with respect to an annual meeting, but before the date of the Corporation's annual meeting, and the Board of Directors resolves to reduce the size of the Board of Directors in connection therewith, the Maximum Number of Eligible Stockholder Nominees nominated pursuant to this Section 12 included in the Corporation's proxy materials shall be calculated based on the number of directors in office as so reduced.

Any Eligible Stockholder submitting more than one Eligible Stockholder Nominee for inclusion in the Corporation's proxy materials pursuant to this Section 12 shall rank its Eligible Stockholder Nominees based on the order that such Eligible Stockholder desires such Eligible Stockholder Nominees to be selected for inclusion in the Corporation's proxy materials in the event that the total number of Eligible Stockholder Nominees submitted by Eligible Stockholders pursuant to this Section 12 exceeds the Maximum Number of Eligible Stockholder Nominees provided for in this Section 12. In the event that the number of Eligible Stockholder Nominees submitted by Eligible Stockholders pursuant to this Section 12 exceeds the Maximum Number of Eligible Stockholder Nominees provided for in this Section 12, the highest-ranking Eligible Stockholder Nominee who meets the requirements of this Section 12 from each Eligible Stockholder will be selected for inclusion in the Corporation's proxy materials until the Maximum Number is reached, going in order of the amount (largest to smallest) of shares of common stock of the Corporation each Eligible Stockholder disclosed as owned in its respective notice of a nomination submitted to the Corporation in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 12. If the maximum number is not reached after the highest-ranking Eligible Stockholder Nominee who meets the requirements of this Section 12 from each Eligible Stockholder has been selected, this process will continue as many times as necessary, following the same order each time, until the Maximum Number is reached. Following such determination, if any Eligible Stockholder Nominee who satisfies the eligibility requirements in this Section 12(i) thereafter withdraws from the election (or his or her nomination is withdrawn by the Eligible Stockholder) or is thereafter not included in the Corporation's proxy materials or is not submitted for director election for any reason (including the failure to comply with this Section 12) other than due to a failure by the Corporation to include such Eligible Stockholder Nominee in the Corporation's proxy materials in violation of this Section 12, no other nominee or nominees (other than any Eligible Stockholder Nominee already determined to be included in the Corporation's proxy materials who continues to satisfy the eligibility requirements of this Section 12) shall be included in the Corporation's proxy materials or otherwise submitted for director election in substitution thereof pursuant to this Section 12.

(e) Contents of Stockholder Notice. The inclusion of an Eligible Stockholder Nominee in the Corporation's proxy materials shall be subject to the delivery to the Secretary of, and the Stockholder Notice shall set forth, the following:

(i) as to the Eligible Stockholder (including, in the case of a group, each member thereof) giving the Stockholder Notice, (1) the name and address of each such stockholder or stockholders and (2) the class and number of shares of the Corporation which are owned of record and beneficially by such stockholder or stockholders;

(ii) as to each Eligible Stockholder Nominee whom the Eligible Stockholder proposes to nominate for election to the Board of Directors pursuant to this Section 12:

(1) the Required Information (other than the information specified in clause (iii) of the definition of Required Information);

(2) the Eligible Stockholder Nominee's written consent to being named in any proxy statement for the applicable meeting as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected; and

(3) a written representation and agreement from such Eligible Stockholder Nominee that such Eligible Stockholder Nominee:

(A) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with, and has not given any commitment or assurance to, any person or entity as to how such person, if elected as a director of the Corporation, will act or vote on any issue or question if such agreement, arrangement or understanding has not been disclosed to the Corporation, or if such agreement, arrangement or understanding could limit or interfere with such person's ability to comply, if elected as a director of the Corporation, with such person's fiduciary duties under applicable law,

(B) may not be, and may not become, a party to any compensatory, payment, indemnification or other financial agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the Corporation in connection with service or action as a director that has not been disclosed to the Corporation and

(C) will comply with all of the Corporation's corporate governance, conflict of interest, confidentiality and stock ownership and trading policies and guidelines, and any other Corporation policies and guidelines applicable to directors;

(iii) a copy of the Schedule 14N that has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as required by Rule 14a-18 under the Exchange Act, as amended;

(iv) the written agreement of the Eligible Stockholder (including, in the case of a group, each member thereof) addressed to the Secretary, setting forth the following additional agreements, representations, and warranties:

(1) one or more written statements of the Eligible Stockholder setting forth and certifying to the number of shares of the Corporation it is deemed to own for purposes of this Section 12;

(2) one or more written statements from the record holder of the shares (and from each intermediary through which the shares are or have been held during the requisite three-year holding period) verifying that, as of a date within seven (7) calendar days prior to the date the Stockholder Notice is delivered to the Secretary, the Eligible Stockholder owns, and has owned continuously for the preceding three (3) years, the Required Shares, and the Eligible Stockholder's agreement to provide, within five (5) business days after the record date for the annual meeting of stockholders, written statements from the record holder and intermediaries verifying such Eligible Stockholder's continuous ownership of the Required Shares through the record date;

(3) that such Eligible Stockholder:

(A) acquired the Required Shares in the ordinary course of business and not with the intent to change or influence control at the Corporation, and does not presently have such intent;

(B) presently intends to maintain the Required Ownership Percentage of the Required Shares through the date of the annual meeting of stockholders;

(C) has not nominated and will not otherwise nominate for election to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of stockholders any person other than the Eligible Stockholder Nominee(s) being nominated pursuant to this Section 12;

(D) has not engaged and will not engage in, and has not been and will not be a "participant" in another person's, "solicitation" within the meaning of Rule 14a-1(l) under the Exchange Act, as amended, in support of the election of any individual as a director at the annual meeting of stockholders other than its Eligible Stockholder Nominee or a nominee of the Board of Directors;

(E) will not distribute to any stockholder any form of proxy for the annual meeting of stockholders other than the form distributed by the Corporation;

(F) will provide facts, statements and other information in all communications with the Corporation and its stockholders that are or will be true and correct in all material respects and do not and will not omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(G) confirms that it will notify the Corporation of any defects in, and otherwise update and supplement, the information provided to the Corporation pursuant to this Section 12 as required by Section 12(h); and

(H) as to any funds purporting to be a Qualifying Fund, within five (5) business days after the date of the Stockholder Notice, will provide documentation reasonably satisfactory to the Corporation that demonstrates such funds satisfy the requirements of this Section 12 to be a Qualifying Fund; and

(4) that the Eligible Stockholder agrees to:

(A) assume all liability stemming from any legal or regulatory violation arising out of the Eligible Stockholder's communications with the stockholders of the Corporation or out of the information that such Eligible Stockholder provided to the Corporation;

(B) comply with all other laws, rules, regulations and listing standards applicable to any solicitation in connection with the annual meeting of stockholders;

(C) indemnify and hold harmless the Corporation and each of its directors, officers and employees individually against any liability, loss or damages in connection with any threatened or pending action, suit or proceeding, whether legal, administrative or investigative, against the Corporation or any of its directors, officers or employees arising out of any nomination submitted by the Eligible Stockholder pursuant to this Section 12;

(D) file with the Securities and Exchange Commission any solicitation materials with the Corporation's stockholders relating to the annual meeting, one or more of the Corporation's directors or director nominees or any Eligible Stockholder Nominee, regardless of whether any such filing is required under Regulation 14A of the Exchange Act, as amended, or whether any exemption from filing is available for such solicitation or other communication under Regulation 14A of the Exchange Act, as amended; and

(E) intend to be present in person at the annual meeting (or virtually, if no in person meeting is held) or send a qualified representative in its place, to present its Eligible Stockholder Nominee at the meeting; and

(v) in the case of a nomination by a group of stockholders that together is an Eligible Stockholder, the designation by all group members of one group member that is authorized to act on behalf of all such members with respect to the nomination and matters related thereto, including any withdrawal of the nomination.

(f) Timeliness of Stockholder Notice. To be timely under this Section 12, the Stockholder Notice must be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not less than 120 calendar days nor more than 150 calendar days prior to the first anniversary of the date the Corporation's proxy statement was first mailed to stockholders in connection with the prior year's annual meeting of stockholders; provided, however, if no annual meeting was held in the previous year, or if the date of the applicable annual meeting is advanced by more than thirty (30) days or delayed by more than ninety (90) days from such anniversary date, the Stockholder Notice must be delivered to the Secretary not later than 120 days nor more than 150 days prior to the current year's annual meeting or not later than the tenth (10th) calendar day following the date on which the Corporation makes a Public Announcement of the date of the applicable annual meeting. In no event shall any adjournment or postponement of an annual meeting, or the

announcement thereof, commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the delivery of the Stockholder Notice as described above.

(g) Director Questionnaires and Requests for Additional Information. At the request of the Corporation, the Eligible Stockholder Nominee must promptly, but in any event within five business days of such request, sign, complete and submit to the Corporation all questionnaires required of directors of the Corporation and provide to the Corporation such other information as it may reasonably request. The Corporation may request such additional information as necessary to permit the Board of Directors to determine if each Eligible Stockholder Nominee is independent under any applicable listing standards, any applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and any publicly disclosed standards used by the Board of Directors in determining and disclosing the independence of the Corporation's directors.

(h) Inaccuracies in Information Provided by Eligible Stockholders or Eligible Stockholder Nominees. In the event that any information or communications provided by the Eligible Stockholder or the Eligible Stockholder Nominee to the Corporation or its stockholders ceases to be true and correct in all material respects or omits a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, each Eligible Stockholder or Eligible Stockholder Nominee, as the case may be, shall promptly notify the Secretary of any defect in such previously provided information and of the information that is required to correct any such defect, it being understood that providing any such notification shall not be deemed to cure any defect or limit the Corporation's rights to omit an Eligible Stockholder Nominee from its proxy materials pursuant to this Section 12.

(i) Information Included in Proxy Statement. The Eligible Stockholder may provide to the Secretary, at the time the Stockholder Notice is provided, a written statement for inclusion in the Corporation's proxy statement, not to exceed 500 words, in support of its Eligible Stockholder Nominee's candidacy (the "Statement"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 12, the Corporation may omit from its proxy materials any information or Statement that it, in good faith, believes is untrue in any material respect (or omits a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading) or would violate any applicable law, rule, regulation or listing standard. Nothing in this Section 12 shall limit the Corporation's ability to solicit against, and include in its proxy materials its own statements relating to, any Eligible Stockholder or Eligible Stockholder Nominee.

(j) Exclusion of Eligible Stockholder Nominees from Proxy Materials. The Corporation shall not be required to include, pursuant to this Section 12, any Eligible Stockholder Nominee in its proxy materials for any annual meeting of stockholders, and any such nomination shall be disregarded and no vote on such Eligible Stockholder Nominee will occur, notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such vote may have been received by the Corporation, if:

(i) the Secretary receives a notice (whether or not subsequently withdrawn) that an Eligible Stockholder nominating such Eligible Stockholder Nominee has nominated any person for election to the Board of Directors pursuant to the advance notice requirements for stockholder nominees for directors set forth in Section 2 of these By-laws,

(ii) the Eligible Stockholder Nominee (1) is, or has been within the three (3) years preceding the date the Corporation first mails to the stockholders its notice of meeting that includes the name of the Eligible Stockholder Nominee, an officer or director of a company that is a competitor, as defined in Section 8 of the Clayton Antitrust Act of 1914, of the Corporation, as determined by the Board of Directors, (2) is not independent, as determined by the Board of Directors, under any applicable listing standards, any applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any publicly disclosed standards used by the Board of Directors in determining and disclosing the independence of the Corporation's directors, (3) who does not meet the audit committee independence requirements under any applicable listing standards, is not a "non-employee director" for the purposes of Rule 16b-3 under the Act, as amended (or any successor rule) or is not an "outside director" for the purposes of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (or any successor provision), (4) is or becomes a party to any compensatory, payment or other financial agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person other than the Corporation that has not been disclosed to the Corporation, (5) is named a subject of a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses) pending as

of the date the Corporation first mails to the stockholders its notice of meeting that includes the name of the Eligible Stockholder Nominee or, within the ten (10) years preceding such date, has been convicted in such a criminal proceeding, (6) is subject to any order of the type specified in Rule 506(d) of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended or (7) upon becoming a member of the Board of Directors would cause the Corporation to be in violation of these By-laws, the Articles of Incorporation, any applicable listing standard or applicable state or federal law, rule or regulation;

(iii) the Eligible Stockholder Nominee or the Eligible Stockholder (including, in the case of a group, any member thereof) who has nominated such Eligible Stockholder Nominee has engaged in or is currently engaged in, or has been or is a “participant” in another person’s, “solicitation” within the meaning of Rule 14a- 1(l) under the Exchange Act, as amended, in support of the election of any individual as a director at the meeting other than such Eligible Stockholder Nominee or a nominee of the Board of Directors;

(iv) the Eligible Stockholder Nominee or the Eligible Stockholder (including, in the case of a group, any member thereof) shall have provided information to the Corporation in respect of such nomination that was untrue in any material respect or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statement made, in light of the circumstances under which it was made, not misleading; or

(v) if the Eligible Stockholder (including, in the case of a group, any member thereof) or applicable Eligible Stockholder Nominee otherwise shall have breached or contravened any of its or their agreements, representations or undertakings or failed to comply with this Section 12.

(k) Ineligibility of Certain Eligible Stockholder Nominees. Any Eligible Stockholder Nominee who is included in the Corporation’s proxy materials for a particular annual meeting of stockholders shall be ineligible to be a Eligible Stockholder Nominee pursuant to this Section 12 for the next two (2) annual meetings of stockholders if such Eligible Stockholder Nominee (i) withdraws from or becomes ineligible or unavailable for election at the annual meeting or (ii) does not receive at least 25% of the votes cast in favor of the Eligible Stockholder Nominee’s election.

(l) Exclusive Method of Proxy Access. This Section 12 shall be the exclusive method for stockholders (including beneficial owners of stock) to include nominees for director election in the Corporation’s proxy materials.

Section 13. Invalid Nominations. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Article II, the Board of Directors or, during the annual meeting of stockholders of the Corporation, the chair of the annual meeting of stockholders shall declare a nomination by any stockholder to be invalid, and such nomination shall be disregarded notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such vote may have been received by the Corporation, if: (i) such stockholder (including, in the case of a group, any member thereof) or the applicable nominee thereof shall have breached its or their obligations under this Article II, including but not limited to Section 7(a), 7(b) or 12 or breached any representations, agreements or undertakings required thereunder, (ii) such nominee or the applicable stockholder (including, in the case of a group, any member thereof) shall have provided information to the Corporation in respect of such nomination that was untrue in any material respect or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statement made, in light of the circumstances under which it was made, not misleading or (iii) if such stockholder (or a qualified representative thereof) does not appear in person at the annual meeting or special meeting, as applicable, of stockholders (or virtually, if no in person meeting is held) to present any nomination pursuant to Article II, Section 7(a), 7(b) or 12.

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors

Section 1. General Powers. The property, business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may exercise all such authority and powers of the Corporation and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by statute or the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-laws directed or required to be exercised or done by the stockholders.

Section 2. Number, Term of Office, Qualifications and Election. Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock to elect directors under specified circumstances, the number of directors shall be fixed from

time to time exclusively in accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation. The election and term of directors of the Corporation shall be as provided in the Certificate of Incorporation.

Section 3. Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors shall meet for the purpose of organization, the election of officers and the transaction of other business, as soon as practicable after each annual meeting of the stockholders, on the same day and at the same place where such annual meeting shall be held. Notice of such meeting need not be given. Such meeting may be held at any other time or place (within or without the State of Delaware) which shall be specified in a notice thereof given as hereinafter provided in Section 6 of this Article III, or in a waiver of notice thereof.

Section 4. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places within or without the State of Delaware as the Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution determine. If any day fixed for a regular meeting shall be a legal holiday at the place where the meeting is to be held, then the meeting which would otherwise be held on that day shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding business day. Notice of regular meetings of the Board of Directors need not be given except as otherwise required by statute or these By-laws.

Section 5. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the Chair of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, if any, or any two directors of the Corporation and shall be held at such time and at such place within or without the State of Delaware as shall be specified in the notice of meeting or waiver thereof.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings. Notice of each special meeting of the Board of Directors (and of each regular meeting for which notice shall be required) shall be given by the Secretary as hereinafter provided in this Section 6, in which notice shall be stated the time and place of the meeting. Notice of each such meeting shall be delivered to each director, either personally or by telephone, telegraph, cable, or wireless, at least twenty- four hours before the time at which such meeting is to be held, or shall be mailed to each director by first-class mail postage prepaid, addressed to him or her at his or her residence or usual place of business, at least three days before the day on which such meeting is to be held. Notice of any such meeting need not be given to any director who shall, either before or after the meeting, submit a signed waiver of notice or who shall attend such meeting without objecting, at the beginning of such meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Except as otherwise specifically required by these By-laws, a notice or waiver of notice of any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need not state the purpose or purposes of such meeting.

Section 7. Quorum and Manner of Acting. Except as provided in Section 5 of Article IX of these By-laws, a majority of the directors shall be present in person at any meeting of the Board of Directors in order to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such meeting, and, except as otherwise expressly required by statute or the Certificate of Incorporation, the act of a majority of the directors present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. In the absence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority of the directors present thereat, or if no director be present, the Secretary, may adjourn such meeting to another time and place, or such meeting, unless it be the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, need not be held. At any adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called. Except as provided in Section 12 of this Article III, Article IV and Section 4 of Article IX of these By-laws and as otherwise specifically authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors, the directors shall act only as a Board of Directors and the individual directors shall have no power as such.

Section 8. Organization. At each meeting of the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, or, in his or her absence or inability to act, the Chief Executive Officer, or in his or her absence or inability to act, the President, if any, or, in his or her absence or inability to act, another director chosen by a majority of the directors present, shall act as chair of the meeting and preside thereat. The minutes of the meeting shall be recorded by any officer of the Corporation present and designated by the chair.

Section 9. Resignations. Any director of the corporation may resign at any time by giving written notice of his or her resignation to the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, if any, or the Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or, if the time when it shall become effective shall not be specified therein, immediately upon its receipt; and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 10. Removal of Directors. Subject to the rights of holders of any outstanding series of Preferred Stock with respect to the removal of directors, any or all director(s) of the Corporation may be removed from office only to the extent and in the manner provided in the Certificate of Incorporation.

Section 11. Vacancies. Subject to applicable law and the rights of the holders of any one or more series of Preferred Stock then outstanding, newly created directorships and any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled only to the extent and in the manner provided in the Certificate of Incorporation.

Section 12. Compensation. The Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors designated by it shall have authority to fix the compensation, including without limitation fees and reimbursement of expenses, of directors for services to the Corporation in any capacity; provided, however, that no such payment shall preclude any director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

Section 13. Action without Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board of Directors or committee, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing, and the writing or writings are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors or committee.

Section 14. Participation in Meetings by Telephone and Other Equipment. Members of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting pursuant to this Section shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Executive and Other Committees

Section 1. Executive and Other Committees. The Board of Directors may, by a resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board, designate an Executive Committee, to consist of three or more directors of the Corporation, and one or more other committees, each such other committee to consist of one or more of the directors of the Corporation. The Board of Directors may designate one or more directors as alternate members of any committee, who may replace any absent or disqualified member at any meeting of the committee. In the absence or disqualification of any member of the Executive Committee or such other committee or committees, the member or members thereof present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not he, she or they constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another member of the Board of Directors to act at the meeting in the place of any such absent or disqualified member. The Executive Committee, while the Board of Directors is not in session, shall have and may exercise, and any such other committee to the extent provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors, shall have and may exercise, all the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation, and may authorize the seal of the Corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it; but no such committee shall have the power or authority in reference to amending the certificate of incorporation, adopting an agreement of merger or consolidation, recommending to the stockholders the sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the corporation's property and assets, recommending to the stockholders a dissolution of the corporation or a revocation of a dissolution, or amending the By-Laws; and, unless the By-Laws or Certificate of Incorporation expressly so provides, no such committee shall have the power or authority to declare a dividend, to authorize the issuance of stock or to adopt a certificate of ownership and merger. Each committee shall keep written minutes of its proceedings and shall report such minutes to the Board of Directors when required. All such proceedings shall be subject to revision or alteration by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that rights of third parties shall not be prejudiced by such revision or alteration. The Board of Directors, by action of a majority of the entire Board, may at any time fill vacancies in, change the membership of, or dissolve any such committee.

Section 2. Executive Committee: General. Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at such times and places, within or without the State of Delaware, as a majority of such Committee may from time to time by resolution determine. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at the request of any member thereof and may be held at such times and places, within or without the State of Delaware, as such Committee may from time to time by resolution determine or as shall be specified in the respective notices or waivers of notice thereof. Notice of regular meetings of such Committee need not be given except as otherwise required by statute or these By-laws. Notice

of each special meeting of such Committee shall be given to each member of such Committee in the manner provided for in Section 6 of Article III of these By-laws. Subject to the provisions of this Article IV, the Executive Committee, by resolution of a majority of such Committee, shall fix its own rules of procedure. A majority of the Executive Committee shall be present in person at any meeting of the Executive Committee in order to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such meeting, and the act of a majority of those present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Committee. The members of the Executive Committee shall act only as a committee, and the individual members shall have no power as such.

Section 3. Other Committees: General. A majority of any committee may fix its rules of procedure, determine its action, and fix the time and place, within or without the State of Delaware, of its meetings, unless the Board of Directors shall otherwise by resolution provide. Notice of such meetings shall be given to each member of the committee in the manner provided for in Section 6 of Article III of these By-laws. Nothing in this Article IV shall be deemed to prevent the Board of Directors from appointing one or more committees consisting in whole or in part of persons who are not directors of the Corporation; provided, however, that no such committee shall have or may exercise any authority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1. Number and Qualifications. The officers of the Corporation shall include a Chief Executive Officer, a Chief Financial Officer, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person. Such officers shall be elected from time to time by the Board of Directors, each to hold office until the meeting of the Board of Directors following the next annual meeting of the stockholders, or until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified, or until his or her death, or until he or she shall have resigned or until he or she shall have been removed, as hereinafter provided in these By-laws. The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint such other officers (including a Chair of the Board of Directors, a President, Chief Operating Officer, one or more Executive Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents and one or more Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Secretaries) and such agents as it may deem necessary or desirable for the business of the Corporation. The Board of Directors may from time to time authorize any principal officer or committee to appoint, and to prescribe the authority and duties of, any such subordinate officers or agents. Each of such other officers and agents shall have such authority, perform such duties, and hold office for such period, as are provided in these By-laws or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or by the principal officer or committee appointing such officer or agent.

Section 2. Resignations. Any officer of the Corporation may resign at any time by giving written notice of his or her resignation to the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, if any, or the Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if the time when it shall become effective shall not be specified therein, immediately upon its receipt; and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 3. Removal. The Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer or the Secretary may be removed, either with or without cause, at any time, by the vote of the majority of the entire Board of Directors at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Any other officer or agent of the Corporation may be removed, either with or without cause, at any time, either by the vote of the majority of the entire Board of Directors at any meeting of the Board of Directors or by the Chief Executive Officer.

Section 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office, whether arising from death, resignation, disqualification, removal or any other cause, may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term of the office which shall be vacant, in the manner prescribed in these By-laws for the regular election or appointment to such office.

Section 5. Chair of the Board. The Chair of the Board of Directors, if elected, shall, if present, preside at all meetings of the stockholders and the Board of Directors and, in general, shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of the Chair of the Board of Directors or as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Board of Directors, if elected, may be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and, if so appointed by the Board of Directors, shall have general and active supervision and direction over the business and affairs of the Corporation and over its officers, subject, however, to the control of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The President. The President, if any, shall have general and active supervision and direction over the ordinary business operations and affairs of the Corporation and over its officers, subject, however, to the supervision and direction of the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and to the control of the Board of Directors. In general, the President, if any, shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of the President, or as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation shall have general and active supervision and direction over the business and affairs of the Corporation and over its officers, subject, however, to the control of the Board of Directors. In general, the Chief Executive Officer shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of the chief executive officer, or as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation shall be the principal financial officer and shall have such powers and perform such duties as usually pertain to his or her office or as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chief Executive Officer or the President, if any.

Section 9. Executive Vice Presidents. Each Executive Vice President, if any, shall have such powers and perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chief Executive Officer or the President, if any.

Section 10. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall:

- (a) have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all the funds and securities of the Corporation;
- (b) keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation and have control of all books of account of the Corporation;
- (c) cause all moneys and other valuables to be deposited to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors;
- (d) receive, and give receipts for, moneys due and payable to the Corporation from any source whatsoever;
- (e) disburse the funds of the Corporation and supervise the investment of its funds as ordered or authorized by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers therefor;
- (f) render to the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, if any, the Board of Directors or any committee thereof, whenever required, an account of the financial condition of the Corporation and of his or her transactions as Treasurer;
- (g) in general, have such other powers and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Treasurer or as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chief Executive Officer or by the President, if any.

Section 11. Other Vice Presidents. Each other Vice President, if any, shall have such powers and perform such duties as usually pertain to his or her office or as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chief Executive Officer or the President, if any.

Section 12. Assistant Treasurers. At the request of the Treasurer or in case of the absence or inability to act of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, or if there be more than one, the Assistant Treasurer designated by the Board of Directors or, in the absence of such designation, by the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chief Executive Officer or the President, if any, shall perform all the duties of the Treasurer, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Treasurer. In general, each Assistant Treasurer shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, if any, or the Treasurer.

Section 13. Secretary. The Secretary shall:

(a) keep, or cause to be kept, in one or more books provided for the purpose, the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, of the committees of the Board and of the stockholders;

(b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-laws and as required by law;

(c) be custodian of the records and the seal of the Corporation and affix and attest the seal to all stock certificates of the Corporation (unless the seal of the Corporation on such certificates shall be a facsimile, as hereinafter provided) and affix and attest the seal to all other documents to be executed on behalf of the Corporation under its seal;

(d) see that the books, reports, statements, certificates and other documents and records required by law to be kept and filed are properly kept and filed; and

(e) in general, have such other powers and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Secretary or as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chief Executive Officer or the President, if any.

Section 14. Assistant Secretaries. At the request of the Secretary or in case of his or her absence or inability to act, the Assistant Secretary, or if there be more than one, the Assistant Secretary designated by the Board of Directors or, in the absence of such designation, by the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chief Executive Officer or the President, if any, shall perform all the duties of the Secretary, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Secretary. In general, each Assistant Secretary shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, if any, or the Secretary.

Section 15. Compensation. The compensation of the officers of the Corporation for their services as such officers shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors designated by it, and no officer of the Corporation shall be prevented from receiving compensation by reason of the fact that he or she is also a director of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VI

Checks, Drafts, Bank, Accounts, Etc.

Section 1. Checks, Drafts, etc. All checks, drafts, bills of exchange or other orders for the payment of money out of the funds of the Corporation, and all notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the Corporation shall be signed in the name and on behalf of the Corporation by such person or persons and in such manner as shall from time to time be authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Deposits. All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate or as may be designated by any officer or officers of the Corporation to whom such power of designation may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors. For the purpose of deposit and for the purpose of collection for the account of the Corporation, checks, drafts and other orders for the payment of money which are payable to the order of the Corporation may be endorsed, assigned and delivered by any officer or agent of the Corporation.

Section 3. General and Special Bank Accounts. The Board of Directors may from time to time authorize the opening and keeping of general and special bank accounts with such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may designate or as may be designated by any officer or officers of the Corporation to whom such power of designation may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may make such special rules and regulations with respect to such bank accounts, not inconsistent with provisions of these By-laws, as it may deem expedient.

Section 4. Proxies in Respect of Securities of Other Corporations. Unless otherwise provided by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, if any, or any Vice President, if any, may from time to time appoint an attorney or attorneys or agent or

agents of the Corporation in the name and on behalf of the Corporation to cast the votes which the Corporation may be entitled to cast as the holder of stock or other securities in any other corporation, any of whose stock or other securities may be held by the Corporation, at meetings of the holders of the stock or other securities of such other corporation, or to consent in writing in the name of the Corporation as such holder to any action by such other corporation, and may instruct the person or persons so appointed as to the manner of casting such votes or giving such consent, and may execute or cause to be executed in the name and on behalf of the Corporation and under its corporate seal, or otherwise, all such written proxies or other instruments as he or she may deem necessary or proper in the premises.

ARTICLE VII

Shares and Their Transfer—Examination of Books

Section 1. Stock Certificates. Every holder of stock of the Corporation shall be entitled to have a certificate, in such form as shall be approved by the Board of Directors, certifying the number and class of shares of stock of the Corporation owned by him or her. The certificates representing shares of the respective classes of stock shall be numbered in order of their issue and shall be signed in the name of the Corporation by the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, or the Chief Executive Officer, or the President, if any, or a Vice President, if any, and by the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer or the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, and sealed with the seal of the Corporation (which seal may be a facsimile, engraved or printed). Any or all the signatures on the certificate may be a facsimile. In case any officer, transfer agent, or registrar who has signed or whose facsimile signature has been placed upon a certificate shall have ceased to be such officer, transfer agent, or registrar before such certificate is issued, it may be issued by the Corporation with the same effect as if he or she were such officer, transfer agent, or registrar at the date of issue.

Section 2. Books of Account and Record of Stockholders. The books and records of the Corporation may be kept at such places, within or without the State of Delaware, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. The stock record books and the blank stock certificate books shall be kept by the Secretary or by any other officer or agent designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Transfers of Shares. Transfers of shares of stock of the Corporation shall be made on the stock records of the Corporation only upon authorization by the registered holder thereof, or by his or her attorney thereunto authorized by power of attorney duly executed and filed with the Secretary or with a transfer agent or transfer clerk, and on surrender of the certificate or certificates for such shares properly endorsed or accompanied by a duly executed stock transfer power and the payment of all taxes thereon. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Corporation shall be entitled to recognize the exclusive right of a person in whose name any share or shares stand on the record of stockholders as the owner of such share or shares for all purposes, including without limitation the rights to receive dividends or other distributions and to vote as such owner, and the Corporation may hold any such stockholder of record liable for calls and assessments and the Corporation shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or legal claim to or interest in any such share or shares on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof. Whenever any transfers of shares shall be made for collateral security and not absolutely, and both the transferor and transferee request the Corporation to do so, such fact shall be stated in the entry of the transfer.

Section 4. Regulations. The Board of Directors may make such additional rules and regulations, not inconsistent with these By-laws, as it may deem expedient concerning the issue, transfer and registration of certificates for shares of stock of the Corporation. It may appoint, or authorize any officer or officers to appoint, one or more transfer agents or one or more transfer clerks and one or more registrars and may require all certificates for shares of stock to bear the signature or signatures of any of them.

Section 5. Lost, Destroyed or Mutilated Certificates. The holder of any certificate representing shares of stock of the Corporation shall immediately notify the Corporation of any loss, destruction or mutilation of such certificate, and the Corporation may issue a new certificate of stock in the place of any certificate theretofore issued by it which the owner thereof shall allege to have been lost, stolen or destroyed or which shall have been mutilated, and the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, require such owner or his or her legal representatives to give the Corporation and/or any agent of the Corporation designated by it a bond in such sum, limited or unlimited, and in such form and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors in its absolute discretion shall determine, to indemnify the Corporation and/or such agent against any claim that may be made against it on account of the alleged loss theft, or destruction of any such certificate, or the issuance of a new certificate. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Board of

Directors, in its absolute discretion, may refuse to issue any such new certificate, except pursuant to legal proceedings under the laws of the State of Delaware.

Section 6. Stockholder's Right of Inspection. Any stockholder of record, in person or by attorney or other agent, shall, upon written demand under oath stating the purpose thereof, have the right during the usual hours of business to inspect for any proper purpose the Corporation's stock ledger, a list of its stockholders, and its other books and records, and to make copies or extracts therefrom. A proper purpose shall mean a purpose reasonably related to such person's interest as a stockholder. In every instance where an attorney or other agent shall be the person who seeks the right to inspection, the demand under oath shall be accompanied by a power of attorney or such other writing which authorizes the attorney or other agent to so act on behalf of the stockholder. The demand under oath shall be directed to the Corporation at its registered office in the State of Delaware or at its principal place of business.

Section 7. Fixing of Record Date. In order that the Corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders or any adjournment thereof, or to express consent to corporate action in writing without a meeting, or entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of any rights, or entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any change, conversion or exchange of stock or for the purpose of any other lawful action, the Board of Directors may fix, in advance, a record date, which shall be not more than sixty nor less than ten days before the date of such meeting, nor more than sixty days prior to any other action. A determination of stockholders of record entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may fix a new record date for the adjourned meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Dividends

Subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation relating thereto, if any, dividends upon the capital stock of the Corporation may be declared by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting, pursuant to law. Subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, dividends may be paid in cash, in property or in shares of the capital stock of the Corporation.

Before payment of any dividend, there may be set aside out of any funds of the Corporation available for dividends such sum or sums as the Board of Directors from time to time, in its absolute discretion, think proper as a reserve or reserves to meet contingencies, or for equalizing dividends, or for repairing or maintaining any property of the Corporation, or for such other purpose or purposes as the Board of Directors shall determine to be in the interest of the Corporation, and the Board of Directors may modify or abolish any such reserve in the manner in which it was created.

ARTICLE IX

Indemnification

Section 1. Right to Indemnification. The Corporation shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law as then in effect, indemnify any person (the "Indemnitee") who was or is involved in any manner (including, without limitation, as a party or a witness) or was or is threatened to be made so involved in any threatened, pending or completed investigation, claim, action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (including, without limitation, any action, suit or proceeding by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor) (a "Proceeding") by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation in any capacity for another corporation or for a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise (including, without limitation, service with respect to any employee benefit plan), whether the basis of any such Proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director or officer or in any other such official capacity, against all expenses, liability and loss (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid or to be paid in settlement) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such Proceeding. The right to indemnification conferred in this Article IX shall include the right to receive payment in advance of any expenses incurred by the Indemnitee in connection with such Proceeding, consistent with applicable law as then in effect. All right to indemnification conferred in this Article IX, including such right to advance payments and the evidentiary, procedural and other provisions of this Article IX, shall be a contract right. The Corporation may, by action of its Board of Directors, provide indemnification for employees,

agents, attorneys and representatives of the Corporation with up to the same scope and extent as provided for officers and directors.

Section 2. Insurance, Contracts and Funding. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance to protect itself and any person who is, was or may become an officer, director, employee, agent, attorney or representative of the Corporation or, at the request of the Corporation, an officer, director, employee, agent, attorney or representative of another corporation or entity, against any expense, liability or loss asserted against him or her incurred by him or her in connection with any Proceeding in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him or her against such expense, liability or loss under the provisions of this Article IX or otherwise. The Corporation may enter into contracts with any director, officer, employee, agent, attorney or representative of the Corporation, or any person serving as such at the request of the Corporation for another corporation or entity, in furtherance of the provisions of Article IX of the Certificate of Incorporation or this Article IX and may create a trust fund, grant a security interest or use other means (including, without limitation, a letter of credit) to ensure the payment of such amounts as may be necessary to effect indemnification of any person entitled thereto.

Section 3. Indemnification; Not Exclusive Right. The right of indemnification provided in this Article IX shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any person seeking indemnification may otherwise be entitled under any provision of the Certificate of Incorporation, By-law or agreement or otherwise. The provisions of this Article IX shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and legal representatives of any person entitled to indemnity under this Article IX and shall be applicable to all Proceedings, whether arising from acts or omissions occurring before or after the adoption of this Article IX. No amendment or repeal of any provision of this Article IX shall remove, abridge or adversely affect any right of indemnification or any other benefits of the Indemnitee under the provisions of this Article IX with respect to any Proceeding involving any act or omission which occurred prior to such amendment.

Section 4. Advancement of Expenses; Procedures; Presumptions and Effect of Certain Proceedings; Remedies. In furtherance, but not in limitation, of the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation or the foregoing provisions of this Article IX, the following procedures, presumptions and remedies shall apply with respect to advancement of expenses and the right to indemnification under the Certificate of Incorporation or this Article IX:

(a) Advancement of Expenses. All reasonable expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Indemnitee in connection with any Proceeding shall be advanced to the Indemnitee by the Corporation within 20 days after the receipt by the Corporation of a statement or statements from the Indemnitee requesting such advance or advances from time to time, whether prior to or after final disposition of such Proceeding. Such statement or statements reasonably shall evidence the expenses incurred by the Indemnitee and, if required by law at the time of such advance, shall include or be accompanied by an undertaking by or on behalf of the Indemnitee to repay the amounts advanced if it should ultimately be determined that the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified against such expense pursuant to this Article IX.

(b) Procedure for Determination of Entitlement to Indemnification.

(i) To obtain indemnification, an Indemnitee shall submit to the Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, if any, or Secretary a written request, including such documentation and information as is reasonably available to the Indemnitee and reasonably necessary to determine whether and to what extent the Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification (the "Supporting Documentation"). The determination of the Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification shall be made not later than 60 days after receipt by the Corporation of the written request for indemnification together with the Supporting Documentation. The Chair of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, if any, or Secretary shall, promptly upon receipt of such a request for indemnification, advise the Board of Directors in writing that the Indemnitee has requested indemnification.

(ii) The Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification shall be determined in one of the following ways: (A) by a majority vote of the Disinterested Directors (as hereinafter defined) (or the Disinterested Director, if only one); (B) by a written opinion of Independent Counsel (as hereinafter defined) if (x) a Change in Control (as hereinafter defined) shall have occurred and the Indemnitee so requests or (y) there is no Disinterested Director or a majority of the Disinterested Directors (or the Disinterested Director, if only one) so directs; (C) by the stockholders of the Corporation (but only if a majority of the Disinterested Directors (or

the Disinterested Director, if only one) determines that the issue of entitlement to indemnification should be submitted to the stockholders for their determination); or (D) as provided in Section 4(c) of this Article IX.

(iii) In the event the determination of entitlement to indemnification is to be made by Independent Counsel pursuant to Section 4(b)(ii) of this Article IX, a majority of the Disinterested Directors (or the Disinterested Director, if only one) shall select the Independent Counsel, but only an Independent Counsel to which the Indemnitee does not reasonably object; provided, however, that if a Change in Control shall have occurred, the Indemnitee shall select such Independent Counsel, but only an Independent Counsel to which the Board of Directors does not reasonably object.

(c) Presumptions and Effect of Certain Proceedings. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Article IX, the Indemnitee shall be presumed to be entitled to indemnification upon submission of a request for indemnification together with the Supporting Documentation in accordance with Section 4(b)(i) of this Article IX, and thereafter the Corporation shall have the burden of proof to overcome that presumption in reaching a contrary determination. In any event, if the person or persons empowered under Section 4(b) of this Article IX to determine entitlement to indemnification shall not have been appointed or shall not have made a determination within 60 days after receipt by the Corporation of the request therefor together with the Supporting Documentation, the Indemnitee shall be deemed to be entitled to indemnification. With regard to the right to indemnification for expenses, if and to the extent that the Indemnitee has been successful on the merits or otherwise in any Proceeding, or if and to the extent that the Indemnitee was not a party to the Proceeding or if a Proceeding was terminated without a determination of liability on the part of the Indemnitee with respect to any claim, issue or matter therein or without any payments in settlement or compromise being made by the Indemnitee with respect to a claim, issue or matter therein, the Indemnitee shall be deemed to be entitled to indemnification, which entitlement shall not be diminished by any determination which may be made pursuant to Sections 4(b)(ii)(A), (B) or (C). In either case, the Indemnitee shall be entitled to such indemnification, unless (A) the Indemnitee misrepresented or failed to disclose a material fact in making the request for indemnification or in the Supporting Documentation or (B) such indemnification is prohibited by law, in either case as finally determined by adjudication or, at the Indemnitee's sole option, arbitration (as provided in Section 4(d)(i) of this Article IX). The termination of any Proceeding described in Section 1 of this Article IX, or of any claim, issue or matter therein, by judgment, order, settlement or conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, adversely affect the right of the Indemnitee to indemnification or create any presumption with respect to any standard of conduct or belief or any other matter which might form a basis for a determination that the Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification.

(d) Remedies of Indemnitee.

(i) In the event that a determination is made pursuant to Section 4(b) of this Article IX that the Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification under this Article IX, (A) the Indemnitee shall be entitled to seek an adjudication of his or her entitlement to such indemnification either, at the Indemnitee's sole option, in (x) an appropriate court of the State of Delaware or any other court of competent jurisdiction or (y) an arbitration to be conducted by three arbitrators (or, if the dispute involves less than \$100,000, by a single arbitrator) pursuant to the rules of the American Arbitration Association; (B) any such judicial proceeding or arbitration shall be de novo and the Indemnitee shall not be prejudiced by reason of such adverse determination; and (C) in any such judicial proceeding or arbitration the Corporation shall have the burden of proof that the Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification under this Article IX.

(ii) If a determination shall have been made or deemed to have been made, pursuant to Section 4(b) or (c) of this Article IX, that the Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification, the Corporation shall be obligated to pay the amounts constituting such indemnification within five days after such determination has been made or deemed to have been made and shall be conclusively bound by such determination, unless (A) the Indemnitee misrepresented or failed to disclose a material fact in making the request for indemnification or in the Supporting Documentation or (B) such indemnification is prohibited by law, in either case as finally determined by adjudication or, at the Indemnitee's sole option, arbitration (as provided in Section 4(d)(i) of this Article IX). In the event that (C) advancement of expenses is not timely made pursuant to Section 4(a) of this Article IX or (D) payment of indemnification is not made within five days after a determination of entitlement to indemnification has been made or deemed to have been made pursuant to Section 4(b) or (c) of this Article IX, the Indemnitee shall be entitled to seek judicial enforcement of the Corporation's obligation to

pay to the Indemnitee such advancement of expenses or indemnification. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation may bring an action, in an appropriate court in the State of Delaware or any other court of competent jurisdiction, contesting the right of the Indemnitee to receive indemnification hereunder due to the occurrence of an event described in subclause (A) or (B) of this clause (ii) (a “Disqualifying Event”), provided, however, that if the Indemnitee shall elect, at his or her sole option, that such dispute shall be determined by arbitration (as provided in Section 4(d)(i) of this Article IX), the Corporation shall proceed by such arbitration. In any such enforcement or other proceeding or action in which whether a Disqualifying Event has occurred is an issue, the Corporation shall have the burden of proving the occurrence of such Disqualifying Event.

(iii) The Corporation shall be precluded from asserting in any judicial proceeding or arbitration commenced pursuant to this Section 4(d) that the procedures and presumptions of this Article IX are not valid, binding and enforceable and shall stipulate in any such court or before any such arbitrator or arbitrators that the Corporation is bound by all the provisions of this Article IX.

(iv) In the event that the Indemnitee, pursuant to this Article IX, seeks a judicial adjudication of or an award in arbitration to enforce his or her rights under, or to recover damages for breach of, this Article IX, or is otherwise involved in any adjudication or arbitration with respect to his or her right to indemnification, the Indemnitee shall be entitled to recover from the Corporation, and shall be indemnified by the Corporation against, any expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or her if the Indemnitee prevails in such judicial adjudication or arbitration. If it shall be determined in such judicial adjudication or arbitration that the Indemnitee is entitled to receive part but not all of the indemnification or advancement of expenses sought, the expenses incurred by the Indemnitee in connection with such judicial adjudication or arbitration shall be prorated accordingly.

(e) Definitions. For purposes of this Section 4:

(i) “Change in Control” means a change in control of the Corporation of a nature that would be required to be reported in response to Item 5(f) of Schedule 14A of Regulation 14A promulgated under the Act, whether or not the Corporation is then subject to such reporting requirement; provided that, without limitation, such a change in control shall be deemed to have occurred if (A) any “person” (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Act) is or becomes the “beneficial owner” (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Corporation representing 20 percent or more of the combined voting power of the Corporation’s then outstanding securities without the prior approval of at least two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors in office immediately prior to such acquisition; (B) the Corporation is a party to a merger, consolidation, sale of assets or other reorganization, or a proxy contest, as a consequence of which members of the Board of Directors in office immediately prior to such transaction or event constitute less than a majority of the Board of Directors thereafter; or (C) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the Board of Directors (including for this purpose any new director whose election or nomination for election by the Corporation’s stockholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who were directors at the beginning of such period) cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board of Directors.

(ii) “Disinterested Director” means a director of the Corporation who is not or was not a material party to the Proceeding in respect of which indemnification is sought by the Indemnitee.

(iii) “Independent Counsel” means a law firm or a member of a law firm that neither presently is, nor in the past five years has been, retained to represent: (A) the Corporation or the Indemnitee in any matter or (B) any other party to the Proceeding giving rise to a claim for indemnification under this Article IX. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term “Independent Counsel” shall not include any person who, under the applicable standards of professional conduct then prevailing under the law of the State of Delaware, would have a conflict of interest in representing either the Corporation or the Indemnitee in an action to determine the Indemnitee’s rights under this Article IX.

Section 5. Acts of Disinterested Directors. Disinterested Directors considering or acting on any indemnification matter under this Article IX or otherwise may consider or take action as the Board of Directors or may

consider or take action as a committee or individually or otherwise. In the event Disinterested Directors consider or take action as the Board of Directors, one-third of the total number of directors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Severability. If any provision or provisions of this Article IX shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever: (i) the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Article IX (including, without limitation, all portions of any paragraph of this Article IX containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that are not themselves invalid, illegal or unenforceable) shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby; and (ii) to the fullest extent possible, the provisions of this Article IX (including, without limitation, all portions of any paragraph of this Article IX containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that are not themselves invalid, illegal or unenforceable) shall be construed so as to give effect to the intent manifested by the provision held invalid, illegal or unenforceable.

ARTICLE X

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

Miscellaneous

Section 1. Seal. The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal, which shall be circular in form and bear the name of the Corporation and the words and figures denoting its organization under the laws of the State of Delaware and the year thereof.

Section 2. Notices. Whenever notice is required to be given by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-laws, a written or electronically transmitted waiver by the person entitled to notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to notice. Attendance of a person at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when the person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Notice to stockholders shall be given in the manner set forth in the DGCL. Notice to or by directors or committee members may be given personally, in writing or by means of electronic transmission. For purposes of these By-laws, "electronic transmission" shall have the meaning provided in Section 232 of the DGCL.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

These By-laws may be amended or repealed, or new By-laws may be adopted (a) at any annual or special meeting of the stockholders, by a majority of the total votes of the stockholders or when stockholders are entitled to vote by class, by a majority of the appropriate class, present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on such action; provided, however, that the notice of such meeting shall have been given as provided in these By-laws, which notice shall mention that amendment or repeal of these By-laws or the adoption of new By-laws is one of the purposes of such meeting, or (b) by the Board of Directors at any meeting thereof; provided, however, that notice of such meeting shall have been given as provided in these By-laws, which notice shall mention that amendment or repeal of the By-laws or the adoption of new By-laws is one of the purposes of such meeting; provided, further, that By-laws adopted by the Board of Directors may be amended or repealed by the stockholders as hereinabove provided.

FactSet Reports Results for Fourth Quarter 2024

- Q4 GAAP revenues of \$562.2 million, up 4.9% from Q4 2023.
- Organic Q4 ASV plus professional services of \$2,272.8 million, up 4.8% year over year.
- Q4 GAAP operating margin of 22.7%, up approximately 110 bps year over year, and adjusted operating margin of 35.8%, up 240 bps from the prior year.
- Q4 GAAP diluted EPS of \$2.32, up 38.1% from the prior year, and adjusted diluted EPS of \$3.74, up 23.8% year over year.
- FactSet is providing fiscal 2025 guidance, with expected organic ASV growth of 4% - 6%, GAAP revenues in the range of \$2,285 to \$2,305 million, adjusted operating margin in the range of 36% - 37%, and adjusted diluted EPS in the range of \$16.80 - \$17.40.

NORWALK, Conn., September 19, 2024 - FactSet ("FactSet" or the "Company") (NYSE:FDS) (NASDAQ:FDS), a global financial digital platform and enterprise solutions provider, today announced results for its fourth quarter fiscal 2024 ended August 31, 2024.

Fourth Quarter Fiscal 2024 Highlights

- **GAAP revenues** increased 4.9%, or \$26.4 million, to \$562.2 million for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024 compared with \$535.8 million in the prior year period. Organic⁽¹⁾ revenues grew 5.0% year over year to \$562.8 million during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024. Growth in GAAP and Organic revenues this quarter was driven by wealth, banking, institutional asset managers and asset owners.
- **Annual Subscription Value** ("ASV") plus professional services was \$2,276.0 million at August 31, 2024, compared with \$2,174.6 million at August 31, 2023. Organic ASV plus professional services was \$2,272.8 million at August 31, 2024, up 4.8% or \$104.4 million year over year.
- **Organic ASV** plus professional services increased \$53.5 million over the last three months. Please see the "ASV + Professional Services" section of this press release for details.
- **GAAP operating margin** increased to 22.7% compared with 21.7% for the prior year period, mainly due to a decrease in employee compensation costs, growth in revenues and lapping of the prior year's facilities impairment, partially offset by charges related to the Massachusetts sales tax dispute. Adjusted operating margin improved to 35.8% compared with 33.4% in the prior year period due to lower bonus accrual and salary costs due to lower headcount, partially offset by higher technology expenses from amortization of internal use software.
- During the fourth quarter, FactSet took a charge of approximately \$54 million related to our previously disclosed Massachusetts sales tax dispute. In addition to reserves taken in prior fiscal years, this brings our total charge with respect to this matter to approximately \$64 million. FactSet does not anticipate taking additional material charges with respect to this matter.
- **GAAP diluted earnings per share** ("EPS") increased 38.1% to \$2.32 compared with \$1.68 for the same period in fiscal 2023, due to a decrease in employee compensation costs and an increase in revenues, partially offset by charges related to the Massachusetts sales tax dispute. Adjusted diluted EPS increased 23.8% to \$3.74 compared with \$3.02 in the prior year period, driven by growth in revenues, margin expansion, and a lower tax rate.
- **Net cash provided by operating activities** was \$163.2 million for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024, driven by net income and timing of payments to vendors. **Free cash flow** decreased to \$137.2 million for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024, compared with \$156.3 million for the same period in fiscal 2023, a decrease of 12.2%, primarily due to lower net cash provided by operating activities and an increase in capital expenditures.

⁽¹⁾ References to "organic" figures in this press release exclude the current year impact of acquisitions and dispositions completed within the past twelve months and the current year impact from changes in foreign currency.

- **GAAP effective tax rate** for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024 decreased to 23.6% compared with 39.3% for the three months ended August 31, 2023. The primary driver of the lower GAAP rate in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024 is the inclusion of a prior year tax adjustment in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2023.

"During a time of technological change and an external environment marked by both uncertainty and opportunity, FactSet's open platform strategy is resonating with clients seeking growth and efficiency," said Phil Snow, CEO of FactSet. "Our commitment to innovation ensures our comprehensive data and analytical tools are fully available to our clients, empowering them to achieve their goals."

Key Financial Measures*

(Condensed and Unaudited) (In thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended			Twelve Months Ended			Latest FY2024 Guidance
	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023	Change	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023	Change	
Revenues	\$ 562,187	\$ 535,797	4.9 %	\$ 2,203,056	\$ 2,085,508	5.6 %	\$2,180 - \$2,190
Organic revenues	\$ 562,781	\$ 535,797	5.0 %	\$ 2,203,736	\$ 2,085,508	5.7 %	
Operating income	\$ 127,858	\$ 116,103	10.1 %	\$ 701,299	\$ 629,207	11.5 %	
Adjusted operating income	\$ 201,402	\$ 179,134	12.4 %	\$ 832,653	\$ 754,188	10.4 %	
Operating margin	22.7 %	21.7 %		31.8 %	30.2 %		33.7% - 34.0%
Adjusted operating margin	35.8 %	33.4 %		37.8 %	36.2 %		37.0% - 37.5%
Net income	\$ 89,496	\$ 65,119	37.4 %	\$ 537,126	\$ 468,173	14.7 %	
Adjusted net income	\$ 144,089	\$ 117,225	22.9 %	\$ 635,073	\$ 569,722	11.5 %	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 170,494	\$ 171,207	(0.4)%	\$ 847,538	\$ 776,620	9.1 %	
Diluted EPS	\$ 2.32	\$ 1.68	38.1 %	\$ 13.91	\$ 12.04	15.5 %	\$14.55 - \$14.95
Adjusted diluted EPS	\$ 3.74	\$ 3.02	23.8 %	\$ 16.45	\$ 14.65	12.3 %	\$16.00 - \$16.40

* See reconciliation of U.S. GAAP to adjusted key financial measures in the back of this press release.

"We are pleased with our results this quarter, which reflect our strong execution and operating discipline," said Helen Shan, FactSet's CFO. "By protecting our operating margin through aligning variable expenses with revenues, we achieved solid earnings growth and wrapped up the year effectively, positioning us well for fiscal 2025."

Full Year Fiscal 2024 Highlights

- **GAAP revenues** increased 5.6% to \$2.20 billion, up 5.7% on an organic basis, based primarily on growth in organic revenues driven by wealth, CUSIP Global Services ("CGS") subscriptions, and higher transactional revenue. This marked the 44th consecutive year of increased revenues for the Company.
- **GAAP operating margin** increased to 31.8% compared with 30.2% for the prior year, primarily due to growth in revenues, a decrease in employee compensation costs and lapping of the prior year's facilities impairment, partially offset by charges related to the Massachusetts sales tax dispute. Adjusted operating margin improved to 37.8% compared with 36.2% in the prior year driven by lower bonus accrual and salary due to headcount reductions, partially offset by increased technology expenses from amortization and software licenses.
- **GAAP diluted EPS** increased 15.5% to \$13.91, mainly driven by growth in revenues, partially offset by charges related to the Massachusetts sales tax dispute. Adjusted diluted EPS increased 12.3% to \$16.45, primarily driven by growth in revenues, margin expansion and a lower tax rate. Fiscal 2024 marks the 28th consecutive year that FactSet has increased its adjusted diluted EPS.
- **Net cash provided by operating activities** was \$700.3 million for fiscal 2024, driven by net income and timing of payments to vendors. **Free cash flow** increased to \$614.7 million for fiscal 2024 compared with \$584.8 million for fiscal 2023, an increase of 5.1%, primarily due to higher net cash provided by operating activities, partially offset by an increase in capital expenditures.
- **Adjusted EBITDA** increased to \$847.5 million, up 9.1%, for fiscal 2024, compared with \$776.6 million for fiscal 2023, due to an increase in operating income primarily driven by higher revenues, partially offset by charges related to the Massachusetts sales tax dispute.

- **GAAP effective tax rate** for fiscal 2024 decreased to 17.6% compared with 19.8% for the twelve months ended August 31, 2023. The primary driver of the lower GAAP rate in fiscal 2024 is the inclusion of a prior year tax adjustment in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2023.
- Client count increased by 3.7% or 296 during the fiscal year, while users grew by 13.9% or 26,409 from the prior year.
- In May 2024, FactSet increased its quarterly cash dividend by 6% to \$1.04 per share. The \$0.06 per share increase marks the 25th consecutive year the Company has increased dividends, highlighting FactSet's continued commitment to return value to its shareholders.
- The Company returned \$385.9 million to shareholders in the form of share repurchases and dividends during fiscal 2024, for a return of 55% as a percentage of free cash flow and proceeds from employee stock plans.

Annual Subscription Value (ASV) + Professional Services

ASV at any given point in time represents the forward-looking revenues for the next 12 months from all subscription services currently supplied to clients. Professional services are revenues derived from project-based consulting and implementation services.

ASV plus professional services was \$2,276.0 million at August 31, 2024, compared with \$2,174.6 million at August 31, 2023. Organic ASV plus professional services was \$2,272.8 million at August 31, 2024, up \$104.4 million from the prior year, for a growth rate of 4.8%. Organic ASV plus professional services increased \$53.5 million over the last three months.

The buy-side and sell-side organic ASV annual growth rates as of August 31, 2024 were 4.9% and 3.8%, respectively. Buy-side clients, including institutional asset managers, wealth managers, asset owners, hedge funds, partners, and corporate clients, accounted for 82% of organic ASV. The remaining organic ASV came from sell-side firms, including broker-dealers, banking and advisory, and private equity and venture capital firms. Supplementary tables covering organic buy-side and sell-side ASV growth rates may be found on the last page of this press release.

Segment Revenues and ASV

ASV from the Americas region was \$1,456.8 million compared with ASV in the prior year period of \$1,376.9 million. Organic ASV increased 6.1% to \$1,456.8 million. Americas revenues for the quarter increased to \$362.5 million compared with \$343.3 million in the fourth quarter of last year. The Americas region's quarterly organic revenues growth rate was 5.6% over the prior year period.

ASV from the EMEA region was \$570.3 million compared with ASV in the prior year period of \$559.6 million. Organic ASV increased 1.8% to \$569.3 million. EMEA revenues were \$143.1 million compared with \$138.6 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2023. The EMEA region's quarterly organic revenues growth rate was 3.3% over the prior year period.

ASV from the Asia Pacific region was \$230.6 million compared with ASV in the prior year period of \$215.4 million. Organic ASV increased 7.1% to \$228.4 million. Asia Pacific revenues were \$56.6 million compared with \$53.9 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2023. The Asia Pacific region's quarterly organic revenues growth rate was 6.1% over the prior year period.

Segment ASV does not include professional services, which totaled \$18.3 million at August 31, 2024.

Operational Highlights – Fourth Quarter Fiscal 2024

- Client count as of August 31, 2024 was 8,217, a net increase of 188 clients in the past three months, with increases driven by wealth, corporates, hedge funds and partners. The count includes clients with ASV of \$10,000 and more.
- User count increased by 8,241 to 216,381 in the past three months driven primarily by wealth and seasonal bank hiring.
- Annual ASV retention was greater than 95%. When expressed as a percentage of clients, annual retention was 90%.
- Employee count was 12,398 as of August 31, 2024, up 1.3% over the last twelve months, with the increase primarily in the content group. FactSet's Centers of Excellence account for approximately 69% of the Company's employees.
- The Company announced that its Board of Directors approved a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$1.04 per share. The cash dividend will be paid on September 19, 2024, to holders of record of FactSet's common stock at the close of business on August 30, 2024.

- FactSet announced that it will host an Investor Day on Thursday, November 14, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST. The event will be dually hosted in New York City and via live stream.
- FactSet announced its suite of solutions designed to enable technologists and developers to build proprietary workflows and accelerate their AI-powered innovations.
- Kristina Karnovsky has been appointed Executive Vice President and Head of the Dealmakers and Wealth group, effective September 1, 2024. Ms. Karnovsky is a veteran FactSet executive who previously served as FactSet's Executive Vice President and Chief Product Officer. Ms. Karnovsky succeeds Goran Skoko, who became the Company's Chief Revenue Officer effective September 1, 2024.

Share Repurchase Program

FactSet repurchased 153,650 shares of its common stock for \$63.3 million at an average price of \$412.09 during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024 under the Company's share repurchase program. As of August 31, 2024, the remaining \$64.8 million under this program was no longer available for share repurchases. On September 17, 2024, the Board of Directors of FactSet approved a new share repurchase authorization of up to \$300 million in the aggregate, which will be available during fiscal 2025.

Annual Business Outlook

FactSet is providing its outlook for fiscal 2025. The following forward-looking statements reflect FactSet's expectations as of today's date. Given the risk factors, uncertainties, and assumptions discussed below, actual results may differ materially. FactSet does not intend to update its forward-looking statements prior to its next quarterly results announcement.

Fiscal 2025 Expectations

Beginning in fiscal 2025, FactSet will report Organic ASV, rather than Organic ASV plus Professional Services, to more accurately reflect the recurring nature of its revenues. This underscores the shift of FactSet's offerings toward providing more managed services and less project-based services.

- Organic ASV is expected to grow in the range of \$90 million to \$140 million during fiscal 2025.
- GAAP revenues are expected to be in the range of \$2,285 million to \$2,305 million.
- GAAP operating margin is expected to be in the range of 32.5% to 33.5%.
- Adjusted operating margin is expected to be in the range of 36.0% to 37.0%.
- FactSet's annual effective tax rate is expected to be in the range of 17% to 18%.
- GAAP diluted EPS is expected to be in the range of \$15.10 to \$15.70.
- Adjusted diluted EPS is expected to be in the range of \$16.80 to \$17.40.

Adjusted operating margin and adjusted diluted EPS guidance do not include certain effects of any non-recurring benefits or charges that may arise in fiscal 2025. Please see the back of this press release for a reconciliation of GAAP to adjusted metrics.

Conference Call

Fourth Quarter 2024 Conference Call Details

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024
Time: 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time
Participant Registration: FactSet Q4 2024 Earnings Call Registration

Please register for the conference call using the above link before the call start time. The conference call platform will register your name and organization and provide dial-in numbers and a unique access pin. The conference call will have a live Q&A session.

A replay will be available on the Company's investor relations website after 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 19, 2024, through September 19, 2025. The earnings call transcript will be available via FactSet CallStreet.

Forward-looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements based on management's current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about industries in which FactSet operates and the beliefs and assumptions of management. All statements that address expectations, guidance, outlook or projections about the future, including statements about the Company's strategy for growth, product development, revenues, future financial results, anticipated growth, market position, subscriptions, expected expenditures, trends in FactSet's business and financial results, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements may be identified by words like "expects," "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "intends," "estimates," "projects," "should," "indicates," "continues," "may" and similar expressions. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Many factors, including those discussed more fully elsewhere in this release and in FactSet's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, particularly its latest annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, as well as others, could cause results to differ materially from those stated. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and FactSet assumes no duty to and does not undertake to update forward-looking statements. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in forward-looking statements and future results could differ materially from historical performance.

About Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Financial measures in accordance with U.S. GAAP including revenues, operating income and margin, net income, diluted earnings per share and cash provided by operating activities have been adjusted.

FactSet uses these adjusted financial measures both in presenting its results to stockholders and the investment community and in its internal evaluation and management of the business. The Company believes that these adjusted financial measures and the information they provide are useful to investors because they permit investors to view the Company's performance using the same tools that management uses to gauge progress in achieving its goals. Investors may benefit from referring to these adjusted financial measures in assessing the Company's performance and when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods and may also facilitate comparisons to its historical performance. The presentation of this financial information is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP.

Organic revenues excludes from revenues the current year impact of revenues from acquisitions and dispositions completed within the past twelve months and the current year impact from changes in foreign currency. Adjusted operating income and margin, adjusted net income, and adjusted diluted earnings per share exclude acquisition-related intangible asset amortization and non-recurring items. EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA represent earnings before interest expense, provision for income taxes and depreciation and amortization expense, while Adjusted EBITDA further excludes non-recurring non-cash expenses. The Company believes that these adjusted financial measures help to fully reflect the underlying economic performance of FactSet.

Cash flows provided by operating activities has been reduced by purchases of property, equipment, leasehold improvements and capitalized internal-use software to report non-GAAP free cash flow. FactSet uses this financial measure both in presenting its results to stockholders and the investment community and in the Company's internal evaluation and management of the business. Management believes that this financial measure is useful to investors because it permits investors to view the Company's performance using the same metric that management uses to gauge progress in achieving its goals and is an indication of cash flow that may be available to fund further investments in future growth initiatives.

About FactSet

FactSet (NYSE:FDS | NASDAQ:FDS) helps the financial community to see more, think bigger, and work better. Our digital platform and enterprise solutions deliver financial data, analytics, and open technology to more than 8,200 global clients, including over 216,000 individual users. Clients across the buy-side and sell-side as well as wealth managers, private equity firms, and corporations achieve more every day with our comprehensive and connected content, flexible next-generation workflow solutions, and client-centric specialized support. As a member of the S&P 500, we are committed to sustainable growth and have been recognized amongst the Best Places to Work in 2023 by Glassdoor as a Glassdoor Employees' Choice Award winner. Learn more at www.factset.com and follow us on Twitter and LinkedIn.

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Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023
Revenues	\$ 562,187	\$ 535,797	\$ 2,203,056	\$ 2,085,508
Operating expenses				
Cost of services	258,196	263,688	1,011,945	973,225
Selling, general and administrative	172,519	131,227	485,135	457,130
Asset impairments	3,614	24,779	4,677	25,946
Total operating expenses	434,329	419,694	1,501,757	1,456,301
Operating income	127,858	116,103	701,299	629,207
Other income (expense), net				
Interest income	4,020	4,618	14,447	12,809
Interest expense	(15,547)	(16,691)	(65,778)	(66,319)
Other income (expense), net	799	3,279	1,535	8,257
Total other income (expense), net	(10,728)	(8,794)	(49,796)	(45,253)
Income before income taxes	117,130	107,309	651,503	583,954
Provision for income taxes	27,634	42,190	114,377	115,781
Net income	\$ 89,496	\$ 65,119	\$ 537,126	\$ 468,173
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 2.35	\$ 1.71	\$ 14.11	\$ 12.26
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 2.32	\$ 1.68	\$ 13.91	\$ 12.04
Basic weighted average common shares	38,007	38,092	38,059	38,194
Diluted weighted average common shares	38,517	38,784	38,618	38,898

Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(In thousands)	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 422,979	\$ 425,444
Investments	69,619	32,210
Accounts receivable, net of reserves of \$14,581 at August 31, 2024 and \$7,769 at August 31, 2023	228,054	237,665
Prepaid taxes	56,994	24,206
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	60,092	50,610
Total current assets	837,738	770,135
Property, equipment and leasehold improvements, net	82,513	86,107
Goodwill	1,011,129	1,004,736
Intangible assets, net	1,844,141	1,859,202
Deferred taxes	61,337	27,229
Lease right-of-use assets, net	130,494	141,837
Other assets	89,578	73,676
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,056,930	\$ 3,962,922
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 178,250	\$ 121,816
Current debt	124,842	—
Current lease liabilities	31,073	28,839
Accrued compensation	93,279	112,892
Deferred revenues	159,761	152,430
Current taxes payable	42,281	31,009
Dividends payable	39,470	37,265
Total current liabilities	668,956	484,251
Long-term debt	1,241,131	1,612,700
Deferred taxes	8,452	6,737
Deferred revenues, non-current	1,344	3,734
Taxes payable	40,452	30,344
Long-term lease liabilities	177,521	198,382
Other liabilities	6,614	6,844
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 2,144,470	\$ 2,342,992
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 1,912,460	\$ 1,619,930
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 4,056,930	\$ 3,962,922

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Twelve Months Ended	
	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 537,126	\$ 468,173
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	125,187	105,384
Amortization of lease right-of-use assets	30,407	32,344
Stock-based compensation expense	63,501	62,038
Deferred income taxes	(32,020)	(31,119)
Asset impairments	4,677	25,946
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions		
Accounts receivable, net of reserves	2,195	(40,103)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	55,347	8,393
Accrued compensation	(20,213)	(3,431)
Deferred revenues	4,939	(3,387)
Taxes payable, net of prepaid taxes	(11,448)	41,396
Lease liabilities, net	(39,320)	(39,704)
Other, net	(20,040)	19,643
Net cash provided by operating activities	700,338	645,573
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of property, equipment, leasehold improvements and capitalized internal-use software	(85,681)	(60,786)
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash and cash equivalents acquired	—	(23,593)
Purchases of investments	(58,636)	(11,014)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(144,317)	(95,393)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayments of debt	(250,000)	(375,000)
Dividend payments	(150,667)	(138,601)
Proceeds from employee stock plans	91,711	72,006
Repurchases of common stock	(235,235)	(176,720)
Other financing activities	(16,659)	(13,709)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(560,850)	(632,024)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	2,364	4,015
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(2,465)	(77,829)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	425,444	503,273
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 422,979	\$ 425,444

Reconciliation of U.S. GAAP Results to Adjusted Financial Measures

Financial measures in accordance with U.S. GAAP, including revenues, operating income and margin, net income, diluted EPS and cash provided by operating activities, have been adjusted below. FactSet uses these adjusted financial measures both in presenting its results to stockholders and the investment community and in its internal evaluation and management of the business. The Company believes that these adjusted financial measures and the information they provide are useful to investors because they permit investors to view the Company's performance using the same tools that management uses to gauge progress in achieving its goals. Adjusted measures may also facilitate comparisons to FactSet's historical performance.

Revenues

Organic revenues exclude the current year impact of revenues from acquisitions and dispositions completed within the past twelve months and the current year impact from changes in foreign currency. The table below provides a reconciliation of revenues to organic revenues:

<i>(Unaudited)</i>	Three Months Ended			Twelve Months Ended		
	August 31,	August 31,	Change	August 31,	2023	Change
<i>(In thousands)</i>	2024	2023		2024	2023	
Revenues	\$ 562,187	\$ 535,797	4.9 %	\$ 2,203,056	\$ 2,085,508	5.6 %
Acquisition revenues	16	—		(414)	—	
Currency impact	578	—		1,094	—	
Organic revenues	\$ 562,781	\$ 535,797	5.0 %	\$ 2,203,736	\$ 2,085,508	5.7 %

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The table below provides a reconciliation of operating income, operating margin, net income and diluted EPS to adjusted operating income, adjusted operating margin, adjusted net income, EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted diluted EPS.

<i>(in thousands, except per share data)</i>	Three Months Ended			Twelve Months Ended		
	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023	% Change	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023	% Change
Operating income	\$ 127,858	\$ 116,103	10.1 %	\$ 701,299	\$ 629,207	11.5 %
Intangible asset amortization	16,691	18,131		67,383	71,503	
Massachusetts sales tax dispute	54,048	6,239		54,048	6,239	
Restructuring / severance	(1,099)	18,128		5,596	19,879	
Asset impairment ⁽¹⁾	3,443	20,327		3,443	20,327	
Business acquisition / integration costs ⁽²⁾	461	206		884	7,033	
Adjusted operating income	\$ 201,402	\$ 179,134	12.4 %	\$ 832,653	\$ 754,188	10.4 %
Operating margin	22.7%	21.7%		31.8%	30.2%	
Adjusted operating margin ⁽³⁾	35.8%	33.4%		37.8%	36.2%	
Net income	\$ 89,496	\$ 65,119	37.4 %	\$ 537,126	\$ 468,173	14.7 %
Intangible asset amortization	12,390	14,496		49,529	59,422	
Massachusetts sales tax dispute	40,121	4,988		39,727	5,185	
Restructuring / severance	(816)	14,493		4,113	16,520	
Asset impairment ⁽¹⁾	2,556	16,251		2,531	16,893	
Business acquisition / integration costs ⁽²⁾	342	165		650	5,845	
Income tax items	—	1,713		1,397	(2,316)	
Adjusted net income ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 144,089	\$ 117,225	22.9 %	\$ 635,073	\$ 569,722	11.5 %
Net income	89,496	65,119	37.4 %	537,126	468,173	14.7 %
Interest expense	15,547	16,691		65,778	66,319	
Income taxes	27,634	42,190		114,377	115,781	
Depreciation and amortization expense	34,032	26,703		125,187	105,384	
EBITDA	\$ 166,709	\$ 150,703	10.6 %	\$ 842,468	\$ 755,657	11.5 %
Non-recurring non-cash expenses ⁽⁵⁾	3,785	20,504		\$ 5,070	\$ 20,963	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 170,494	\$ 171,207	(0.4)%	\$ 847,538	\$ 776,620	9.1 %
Diluted EPS	\$ 2.32	\$ 1.68	38.1 %	\$ 13.91	\$ 12.04	15.5 %
Intangible asset amortization	0.32	0.38		1.27	1.53	
Massachusetts sales tax dispute	1.04	0.13		1.03	0.13	
Restructuring / severance	(0.02)	0.37		0.11	0.43	
Asset impairment ⁽¹⁾	0.07	0.42		0.07	0.43	
Business acquisition / integration costs ⁽²⁾	0.01	0.00		0.02	0.15	
Income tax items	—	0.04		0.04	(0.06)	
Adjusted Diluted EPS ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 3.74	\$ 3.02	23.8 %	\$ 16.45	\$ 14.65	12.3 %
Weighted average common shares (Diluted)	38,517	38,784		38,618	38,898	

(1) The asset impairment primarily relates to impairment charges of lease right-of-use assets and property, equipment and leasehold improvements associated with vacating certain leased office space.

(2) Fiscal 2024 related to certain business acquisition costs and fiscal 2023 related to integration costs from the CGS acquisition.

(3) Adjusted operating margin is calculated as Adjusted operating income divided by Revenues.

- (4) For purposes of calculating Adjusted net income and Adjusted diluted EPS, all adjustments for the three months ended August 31, 2024 and August 31, 2023 were taxed at an adjusted tax rate of 25.8% and 20.1%, respectively. For the twelve months ended August 31, 2024 and August 31, 2023, all adjustments were taxed at an adjusted tax rate of 26.5% and 16.9%, respectively.
- (5) Primarily related to asset impairments.

Business Outlook Operating Margin, Net Income and Diluted EPS

(Unaudited)
Figures may not foot due to rounding

(In millions, except per share data)	Annual Fiscal 2025 Guidance	
	Low end of range	High end of range
Revenues	\$ 2,285	\$ 2,305
Operating income	\$ 765	\$ 749
<i>Operating margin</i>	33.5 %	32.5 %
Intangible asset amortization	80	81
Adjusted operating income	\$ 845	\$ 830
<i>Adjusted operating margin (a)</i>	37.0 %	36.0 %
Net income	\$ 598	\$ 577
Intangible asset amortization	66	66
Discrete tax items	(4)	(3)
Adjusted net income	\$ 660	\$ 640
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 15.70	\$ 15.10
Intangible asset amortization	1.73	1.73
Discrete tax items	(0.03)	(0.03)
Adjusted diluted earnings per common share	\$ 17.40	\$ 16.80

(a) Adjusted operating margin is calculated as Adjusted operating income divided by Revenues.

Free Cash Flow

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended August 31,			Twelve Months Ended August 31,		
	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change
Net Cash Provided for Operating Activities	\$ 163,161	\$ 175,911		\$ 700,338	\$ 645,573	
Less: purchases of property, equipment, leasehold improvements and capitalized internal-use software	(25,959)	(19,606)		(85,681)	(60,786)	
Free Cash Flow	\$ 137,202	\$ 156,305	(12.2)%	\$ 614,657	\$ 584,787	5.1 %

Supplementary Schedules of Historical ASV by Client Type

The following table presents the percentages and growth rates of organic ASV by client type, excluding the impact of currency movements, and may be useful to facilitate historical comparisons. Organic ASV excludes acquisitions and dispositions completed within the last twelve months and the effects of foreign currency movements.

The numbers below do not include professional services or issuer fees.

	Q4'24	Q3'24	Q2'24	Q1'24	Q4'23	Q3'23	Q2'23	Q1'23
% of ASV from buy-side clients	82.0%	82.3%	82.0%	82.0%	81.8%	82.1%	82.8%	82.8%
% of ASV from sell-side clients	18.0%	17.7%	18.0%	18.0%	18.2%	17.9%	17.2%	17.2%
ASV Growth rate from buy-side clients	4.9%	5.3%	5.6%	7.2%	6.9%	7.3%	8.1%	8.0%
ASV Growth rate from sell-side clients	3.8%	3.7%	5.5%	7.6%	9.3%	12.3%	15.8%	14.4%

The following table presents the calculation of organic ASV plus professional services.

(Details may not sum to total due to rounding)

<i>(In millions)</i>	As of August 31, 2024	
As reported ASV plus Professional Services ^(a)	\$	2,276.0
Currency impact ^(b)		(3.2)
Organic ASV plus Professional Services	\$	2,272.8
<i>Organic ASV plus Professional Services growth rate</i>		4.8 %

(a) Includes \$18.3 million in professional services as of August 31, 2024.

(b) The impact of foreign currency movements.