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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED

(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 86-0629024 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2355 West Chandler Boulevard Chandler, Arizona 85224 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED

International Employee Stock Purchase Plan 2004 Equity Incentive Plan

(Full Titles of the Plans)

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President and Chief Executive Officer
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee(5)
Common Stock (par value \$0.001 par value) to be issued under the Microchip Technology Incorporated International Employee Stock Purchase Plan	100,000	\$27.61(3)	\$2,761,000	\$349.82
Common Stock (par value \$0.001 par value) to be issued under the Microchip Technology Incorporated 2004 Equity Incentive Plan	20,008,034(2)	(4)	(4)	(4)

- (1) This Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of Common Stock which become issuable under the Microchip Technology Incorporated International Employee Stock Purchase Plan and the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or any other similar transaction without receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock of Microchip Technology Incorporated.
- (2) The number of shares of the Registrant's Common Stock being registered under this registration statement with respect to the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan includes: (a) up to 7,249,123.437 shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance under the Registrant's 1993 Stock Option Plan (the "1993 Plan") that have been transferred to the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan; (b) up to 7,758,910.845 shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance under the Registrant's 1997 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan (the "1997 NSO Plan") that have been transferred to the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan; and (c) up to an aggregate of 5,000,000 shares of Common Stock subject to options outstanding under the 1993 Plan or the 1997 NSO Plan that shall be transferred to the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and will be reserved for issuance under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan if such options expire without being exercised.
- (3) Calculated solely for purposes of this offering under Rule 457(h) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on the basis of 100% of the average of the high and low prices per share of Common Stock as reported by the Nasdaq National Market on October 18, 2004.

(4)	With respect to the up to 20,008,034 shares of Common Stock being registered under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, the Registrant has previously paid the filing fee for
	such shares as such shares were previously registered pursuant to registration statements on Form S-8 (registration numbers: 33-59686, 333-872, 333-40791, 333-67215,
	333-93571, 333-51322, 333-99655) ("Prior Registration Statements"). The Registrant is filing a post-effective amendment to such Prior Registration Statements to reflect
	the transfer of such shares to this Registration Statement.

(5)	The Amount of the Registration Fee is calculated pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Securities Act, which currently provides that the adjusted fee rate for fiscal 2004 shall be
	"\$126.70 per \$1 million" of the maximum aggregate price at which such securities are proposed to be offered. The Registration Fee is therefore calculated by multiplying
	the Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price by 0.0001267.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Microchip Technology Incorporated (the "Registrant" or the "Company") hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement, pursuant to General Instruction "E" to Form S-8, the contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (333-103764) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 12, 2003, the contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (333-40791) filed with the SEC on November 21, 1997, and the contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (33-80072) filed with the SEC on June 10, 1994.

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

There are hereby incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement the following documents and information heretofore filed by Registrant with the SEC:

- (1) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004 filed with the SEC on June 3, 2004.
- (2) The Registrant's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004 filed with the SEC on August 6, 2004.
- (3) The Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 20, 2004 (with respect to Item 5 of such Form 8-K only).
- (4) The description of the Registrant's Preferred Share Purchase Rights contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on February 14, 1995, including any amendment or report updating such description.
- (5) The description of the Registrant's Common Stock included in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on February 5, 1993, including any amendment or report updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement that indicates all securities offered hereby have been sold or that de-registers all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("Delaware Law") authorizes a court to award or a corporation's Board of Directors to grant indemnification to directors and officers in terms sufficiently broad to permit such indemnification under certain circumstances for liabilities (including reimbursement for expenses incurred) arising by reason of the fact that the person was an officer, director, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation or other enterprise (including liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the

"Securities Act")). Article VI of the Registrant's By-Laws provides for mandatory indemnification of its directors and executive officers, to the maximum extent permitted by Delaware Law. Article VI of the Registrant's By-Laws also provides for permissive indemnification of the Registrant's employees and agents to the extent, and in the manner, permitted by Delaware Law. The Registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with its directors and selected officers, a form of which was filed on February 5, 1993 as Exhibit 10.1 to Registration Statement No. 33-57960. The indemnification agreements provide the Registrant's directors and selected officers with further indemnification to the maximum extent permitted by Delaware Law. The Registrant's directors and officers are insured under policies of insurance maintained by the Registrant, subject to the limits of the policies, against any claims made against them by reason of being or having been such directors or officers.

Item 7. Exemption From Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

- 4.1 Microchip Technology Incorporated International Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended through August 20, 2004
- 4.2 Microchip Technology Incorporated International Stock Purchase Agreement (including attached Form of Enrollment Form)
- 4.3 Form of Change Form for Microchip Technology Incorporated International Employee Stock Purchase Plan
- 4.4 Microchip Technology Incorporated 2004 Equity Incentive Plan
- 4.5 Form of Notice of Grant for 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (including Exhibit A Stock Option Agreement)
- 5.1 Opinion and Consent of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation
- 23.1 Consent of Independent Auditors, Ernst & Young LLP.
- 23.2 Consent of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation (contained in Exhibit 5.1)
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (reference is made to page II-4 of this Registration Statement).

Item 9. Undertakings.

- (a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:
 - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.
 - (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
 - (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to Item 6 of Part II of this registration statement, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Chandler, State of Arizona, on October 25, 2004.

MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED

By: /s/ STEVE SANGHI

Steve Sanghi, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Steve Sanghi and J. Eric Bjornholt, and each of them, his attorneys-in-fact, each with the power of substitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to sign any registration statement for the same offering covered by this Registration Statement that is to be effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) promulgated under the Securities Act, and all post-effective amendments thereto, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto in all documents in connection therewith, with the SEC, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or his or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date		
/s/ STEVE SANGHI	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	October 25, 2004		
Steve Sanghi	(
/s/ GORDON W. PARNELL	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	October 25, 2004		
Steve Sanghi	and Accounting Officer)			
/s/ MATTHEW W. CHAPMAN				
Matthew W. Chapman	Director	October 25, 2004		
/s/ ALBERT J. HUGO-MARTINEZ				
Albert J. Hugo-Martinez	Director	October 25, 2004		
/s/ L.B. DAY				
L.B. Day	Director	October 25, 2004		
/s/ WADE F. MEYERCORD				
Wade F. Meyercord	Director	October 25, 2004		
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MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN AS AMENDED THROUGH AUGUST 20, 2004

I. PURPOSE

This International Employee Stock Purchase Plan is hereby established by Microchip Technology Incorporated, a Delaware corporation ("Microchip"), in order to provide eligible employees of foreign Microchip subsidiaries with the opportunity to acquire a proprietary interest in Microchip through the purchase of shares of Microchip common stock at periodic intervals with their accumulated payroll deductions.

II. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of administration of the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Common Stock means shares of Microchip common stock, par value \$0.001 per share.

Earnings means regular base salary plus such additional items of compensation as the Plan Administrator may deem appropriate.

Effective Date means June 1, 1994 for the Foreign Subsidiaries listed in attached Schedule A. For any other Foreign Subsidiary, the effective date shall be determined by the Microchip Board of Directors or the Employee Committee of the Board of Directors, acting alone or in conjunction, prior to the time such Foreign Subsidiary is to become a participating company in the Plan.

Eligible Employee means any non-U.S. citizen who is engaged, on a regularly-scheduled basis of more than twenty (20) hours per week for more than five (5) months per calendar year, in the rendition of personal services outside the U.S. as an employee of a Foreign Subsidiary subject to the control and direction of that Foreign Subsidiary as to both the work to be performed and the manner and method of performance.

Foreign Subsidiary means any non-U.S. Microchip subsidiary which elects, with the approval of the Microchip Board of Directors or the Employee Committee of the Board of Directors, acting alone or in conjunction, to extend the benefits of this Plan to its Eligible Employees. As of the Effective Date, the Foreign Subsidiaries participating in the Plan are listed on attached Schedule A

Participant means any Eligible Employee of a Foreign Subsidiary who is actively participating in the Plan.

Service means the period during which an individual performs services as an Eligible Employee and shall be measured from his or her hire date, whether that date is before or after the Effective Date of the Plan.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Each Foreign Subsidiary shall have responsibility for the administration of the Plan with respect to its Eligible Employees. Accordingly, the Plan shall, as to each Foreign Subsidiary, be separately administered by a plan administrator comprised of two or more Members of the Board of Directors, the Employee Committee of the Board of Directors, or a designee as may be appointed by either of them from time to time ("Plan Administrator"). The Plan Administrator shall have full authority to administer the Plan, including authority to interpret and construe any provision of the Plan and to adopt such rules and regulations for administering the Plan as it may deem necessary. Decisions of the Plan Administrator shall be subject to ratification by the Microchip Board of Directors and, when so ratified, shall be final and binding on all parties who have an interest in the Plan.

IV. PURCHASE PERIODS

- A. Shares of Common Stock shall be offered for purchase under the Plan through a series of successive purchase periods until such time as (i) the maximum number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the Plan shall have been purchased or (ii) the Plan shall have been sooner terminated in accordance with Article VIII.
- B. The Plan shall be implemented in a series of successive purchase periods, each to be of a duration of six (6) months. The initial purchase period will begin on June 1, 1994 and end on the last U.S. business day in November 1994. Subsequent purchase periods shall, for so long as the Plan remains in existence, run from the first U.S. business day of December to the last U.S. business day of May and from the first U.S. business day of June to the last U.S. business day of November.
- C. No purchase period shall commence under the Plan, nor shall any shares of Common Stock be issued hereunder, until such time as (i) the Plan shall have been approved by the Microchip Board of Directors and (ii) Microchip shall have complied with all applicable requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 (as amended), all applicable listing requirements of any securities exchange on which shares of the Common Stock are listed and all other applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.
- D. The Participant shall be granted a separate purchase right for each purchase period in which he/she participates. The purchase right shall be granted on the start date of the purchase period and shall be automatically exercised on the last U.S. business day of that purchase period.
- E. The acquisition of Common Stock through plan participation for any purchase period shall neither limit nor require the acquisition of Common Stock by the Participant in any subsequent purchase period.

V. ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

- A. Each Eligible Employee of each Foreign Subsidiary participating in the Plan may join the Plan in accordance with the following provisions:
 - An individual who is an Eligible Employee with at least thirty (30) days of Service prior to the start date of the purchase period may enter that purchase period on such start date, provided he/she enrolls in the purchase period on or before such date in accordance with Section V.B below. Should any such Eligible Employee not enter the purchase period on the start date, then he/she may not subsequently join that particular purchase period on any later date.
 - An individual who is an Eligible Employee with less than thirty (30) days of Service on the start date of the purchase period may not participate in that purchase period but will be eligible to join the Plan on the start date of the first purchase period thereafter on which he/she is an Eligible Employee with at least thirty (30) days of Service.
- B. To participate for a particular purchase period, the Eligible Employee must complete the enrollment forms prescribed by the Plan Administrator (including a purchase agreement and a payroll deduction authorization) and file such forms with the Plan Administrator (or its designate) on or before the start date of that purchase period.
- C. The payroll deduction authorized by the Participant shall be collected under the Plan in the currency in which paid by the Foreign Subsidiary and may be any multiple of one percent (1%) of the Earnings paid to the Participant during each purchase period, up to a maximum of ten percent (10%). Any changes or fluctuations in the exchange rate at which the currency collected from the Participant through such payroll deductions is converted into U.S. Dollars on each purchase date under the Plan shall be borne solely by the Participant. The deduction rate so authorized shall continue in effect for

the	e entire	purchase:	period ar	id for e	each successive	purchase	period	excer	ot to the	extent	such rate	is char	nged in	accordance	with the	followi	ng guidelines:

- The Participant may, at any time during the purchase period, reduce his/her rate of payroll deduction. Such reduction shall become effective as soon as possible after filing of the requisite reduction form with the Plan Administrator (or its designate), but the Participant may not effect more than one such reduction during the same purchase period.
- The Participant may, prior to the start date of any subsequent purchase period, increase or decrease the rate of his/her payroll deduction by filing the appropriate form with the Plan Administrator (or its designate). The new rate (which may not exceed the ten percent (10%) maximum) shall become effective as of the start date of the new six (6)-month purchase period.

Payroll deductions will automatically cease upon the termination of the Participant's purchase right in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section VII below.

VI. STOCK SUBJECT TO PLAN

A. The Common Stock purchasable under the Plan shall, solely in the discretion of the Microchip Board, be made available from authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock or from shares of Common Stock reacquired by Microchip, including shares of Common Stock purchased on the open market. The total number of shares which may be issued under the Plan shall not exceed 348,593¹ shares.

- Adjusted to reflect: (i) the three-for-two stock split of the outstanding Common Stock effected in November 1994; (ii) the three-for-two stock split of the outstanding Common Stock effected in January 1997, (iii) the 10,000 share increase authorized by the Board of Directors on April 25 1997, (iv) the three-for-two stock split of the outstanding Common Stock effected in January 2000, (v) the three-for-two stock split of the outstanding Common Stock effected in September 2000, (vi) the three-for-two stock split of the outstanding Common Stock effected in May 2002 (vii) the 25,000 share increase authorized by the Board of Directors on March 3, 2003 and (viii) the 100,000 share increase authorized by the Board of Directors on August 20, 2004.
- B. In the event any change is made to the outstanding Common Stock by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, combination of shares or other change affecting such outstanding Common Stock as a class without Microchip's receipt of consideration, appropriate adjustments shall be made by the Microchip Board of Directors to (i) the class and maximum number of securities issuable over the term of the Plan, (ii) the class and maximum number of securities purchasable per Participant during any one purchase period and (iii) the class and number of securities and the price per share in effect under each purchase right at the time outstanding under the Plan. Such adjustments shall be designed to preclude the dilution or enlargement of rights and benefits under the Plan.

VII. PURCHASE RIGHTS

An Eligible Employee who participates in the Plan for a particular purchase period shall have the right to purchase shares of Common Stock upon the terms and conditions set forth below and shall execute a purchase agreement incorporating such terms and conditions and such other provisions (not inconsistent with the Plan) as the Plan Administrator may deem advisable.

Purchase Price. Common Stock shall be issuable at the end of each purchase period at a purchase price equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the lower of (i) the fair market value per share on the start date of that purchase period or (ii) the fair market value per share on the last U.S. business day of that purchase period.

Valuation. The fair market value per share of Common Stock on any relevant date under the Plan shall be the closing selling price per share of Common Stock on that date, as officially quoted on the Nasdaq National Market. If there is no quoted selling price for such date, then the closing selling price per share of Common Stock on the next preceding day for which there does exist such a quotation shall be determinative of fair market value.

Number of Purchasable Shares. The number of shares purchasable per Participant during each purchase period shall be determined as follows: first, the payroll deductions in the currency in which collected from the Participant during that purchase period shall be converted into U.S. Dollars on the last U.S. business day of the purchase period at the exchange rate in effect on that day; then, the U.S. Dollar amount calculated for the Participant on the basis of such exchange rate shall be divided by the purchase price in effect for such period to determine the number of whole shares of Common Stock purchasable on the Participant's behalf for that purchase period. However, no Participant may, during any one purchase period, purchase more one thousand eight hundred ninety-nine (1,899) shares of Common Stock.

Payment. Payment for the Common Stock purchased under the Plan shall be effected by means of the Participant's authorized payroll deductions in the currency in which paid by the Foreign Subsidiary. Such deductions shall begin with the first full payroll period beginning with or immediately following the start date of the purchase period and shall (unless sooner terminated by the Participant) continue through the pay day ending with or immediately prior to the last day of such purchase period. The amounts so collected shall be credited to the Participant's book account under the Plan, but no interest shall be paid on the balance from time to time outstanding in such account. The amounts collected from a Participant may be commingled with the general assets of the Foreign Subsidiary or Microchip and may be used for general corporate purposes. However, all purchases of Common Stock under the Plan shall be made in U.S. Dollars on the basis of the exchange rate in effect on the last day of each purchase period.

Termination of Purchase Right. The following provisions shall govern the termination of outstanding purchase rights:

- A Participant may, at any time prior to the last seven (7) business days of the Foreign Subsidiary falling within the purchase period, terminate his/her outstanding purchase right by filing the prescribed notification form with the Plan Administrator. No further payroll deductions shall be collected from the Participant with respect to the terminated purchase right, and any payroll deductions collected for the purchase period in which such termination occurs shall, at the Participant's election, be immediately refunded in the currency in which paid by the Foreign Subsidiary or held for the purchase of shares at the end of such purchase period. If no such election is made at the time the termination notice is filed, then the Participant's payroll deductions shall be refunded as soon as possible after the termination date of his/her purchase right.
- The termination of such purchase right shall be irrevocable, and the Participant may not subsequently rejoin the purchase period for which the terminated purchase right was granted. In order to resume participation in any subsequent purchase period, such individual must re-enroll in the Plan (by making a timely filing of a new purchase agreement and payroll deduction authorization) on or before the date he/she is first eligible to join the new purchase period.
- If the Participant ceases to remain an Eligible Employee while his/her purchase right is outstanding, then such purchase right shall immediately terminate, and the payroll deductions collected from such Participant for the purchase period shall be promptly refunded in the currency in which paid by the Foreign Subsidiary to the Participant. However, should the Participant's cessation of Eligible Employee status occur by reason of death or permanent disability, then such

individual (or the personal representative of a deceased Participant) shall have the following election, exercisable up until the last day of the purchase period:

- to withdraw all of the Participant's payroll deductions for such purchase period, in the currency in which paid by the Foreign Subsidiary, or
- to have such funds held for the purchase of shares at the end of the purchase period.

If no such election is made, then such funds shall be refunded as soon as possible after the end of the purchase period. In no event, however, may any payroll deductions be made on the Participant's behalf following his/her cessation of Eligible Employee status.

Stock Purchase. Shares of Common Stock shall automatically be purchased on behalf of each Participant (other than Participants whose payroll deductions have previously been refunded in accordance with the Termination of Purchase Right provisions above) on the last U.S. business day of each purchase period. The purchase shall be effected as follows: first, each Participant's payroll deductions for that purchase period (together with any carryover deductions from the preceding purchase period) shall be converted from the currency in which paid by the Foreign Subsidiary into U.S. Dollars at the exchange rate in effect on the purchase date, and then the amount of U.S. Dollars calculated for each Participant on the basis of such exchange rate shall be applied to the purchase of Common Stock (subject to the limitation on the maximum number of purchasable shares set forth above) at the purchase price in effect for such purchase period. Any payroll deductions not applied to such purchase because they are not sufficient to purchase a whole share shall be held for the purchase of Common Stock in the next purchase period. However, any payroll deductions not applied to the purchase of Common Stock by reason of the limitation on the maximum number of shares purchasable by the Participant during the purchase period shall be promptly refunded to the Participant in the currency in which paid by the Foreign Subsidiary.

Proration of Purchase Rights. Should the total number of shares of Common Stock which are to be purchased pursuant to outstanding purchase rights on any particular date exceed the number of shares then available for issuance under the Plan, the Plan Administrator shall make a pro-rata allocation of the available shares on a uniform and nondiscriminatory basis, and the payroll deductions of each Participant, to the extent in excess of the aggregate purchase price payable for the Common Stock pro-rated to such individual, shall be refunded to such Participant in the currency in which paid by the Foreign Subsidiary.

Rights as Stockholder. A Participant shall have no stockholder rights with respect to the shares subject to his/her outstanding purchase right until the shares are actually purchased on the Participant's behalf in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Plan. No adjustments shall be made for dividends, distributions or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date of such purchase.

A Participant shall be entitled to receive, as soon as practicable after the end of each purchase period, a stock certificate for the number of shares purchased on the Participant's behalf. Such certificate may, upon the Participant's request, be issued in the names of the Participant and his/her spouse or may be issued in "street name" for immediate deposit in a designated brokerage account.

Assignability. No purchase right granted under the Plan shall be assignable or transferable by the Participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution following the Participant's death, and during the Participant's lifetime the purchase right shall be exercisable only by the Participant.

Change in Ownership. Should any of the following transactions (a "Corporate Transaction") occur during the purchase period:

- (i) a merger or other reorganization in which Microchip will not be the surviving corporation (other than a reorganization effected primarily to change the State in which Microchip is incorporated), or
 - (ii) a sale of all or substantially all of Microchip's assets in liquidation or dissolution of Microchip, or
- (iii) a reverse merger in which Microchip is the surviving corporation but in which more than 50% of Microchip's outstanding voting stock is transferred to person or persons different from those who held the stock immediately prior to such merger,

then all outstanding purchase rights under the Plan shall automatically be exercised immediately prior to the effective date of such Corporate Transaction by applying the payroll deductions of each Participant for the purchase period in which such Corporate Transaction occurs to the purchase of whole shares of Common Stock at one hundred percent (100%) of the *lower* of (i) the fair market value of the Common Stock on the start date of the purchase period in which such Corporate Transaction occurs or (ii) the fair market value of the Common Stock immediately prior to the effective date of such Corporate Transaction. Payroll deductions shall be converted from the currency in which paid by the Foreign Subsidiary into U.S. Dollars on the basis of the exchange rate in effect on the purchase date, and the applicable share limitation of Article VII shall continue to apply to each such purchase. Should Microchip sell or otherwise dispose of its ownership interest in any Foreign Subsidiary participating in the Plan, whether through merger or sale of all or substantially all of the assets or outstanding capital stock of that Foreign Subsidiary, then a similar exercise of outstanding purchase rights shall be effected immediately prior to the effective date of such disposition, but only to the extent those purchase rights are attributable to the employees of such Foreign Subsidiary.

Microchip shall use its best efforts to provide at least ten (10)-days advance written notice of the occurrence of any such Corporate Transaction, and the Participants shall, following the receipt of such notice, have the right to terminate their outstanding purchase rights in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Article VII.

VIII. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

A. The Microchip Board of Directors may alter, amend, suspend or discontinue the Plan with respect to one or more Foreign Subsidiaries following the end of any purchase period. The Microchip Board may also terminate the Plan in its entirety immediately following the end of any purchase period. In such event, no further purchase rights shall thereafter be granted or exercised, and no further payroll deductions shall thereafter be collected, under the Plan.

IX. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. The Plan shall become effective on the designated effective date for each Foreign Subsidiary, *provided* Microchip shall have complied with all applicable requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 (as amended), all applicable listing requirements of any securities exchange on which shares of the Common Stock are listed and all other applicable requirements established by law or regulation.
- B. The Plan shall terminate upon the *earlier* of (i) the last U.S. business day in November 2014 or (ii) the date on which all shares available for issuance under the Plan shall have been sold pursuant to purchase rights exercised under the Plan.
 - C. All costs and expenses incurred in the administration of the Plan shall be paid by the Foreign Subsidiary.

I	O.	Neither the action of Microchip or the Foreign Subsidiary in establishing the Plan, nor any action taken under the Plan by the Microchip Board or the Plan Administrator
nor ar	ıy p	rovision of the Plan itself shall be construed so as to grant any person the right to remain in the employ of the Foreign Subsidiary for any period of specific duration, and
such p	oers	on's employment may be terminated at any time, with or without cause.

SCHEDULE A

LIST OF FOREIGN SUBSIDIARIES PARTICIPATING IN THE INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN AS OF MARCH 3, 2003

Microchip Technology Austria GmbH
Microchip Technology Canada Inc. and Microchip Technology Canada
Microchip Technology Sarl
Microchip Technology GmbH
Microchip Technology Hong Kong Ltd.
Microchip Technology SRL

Microchip Technology Japan K.K.

Microchip Technology Korea Ltd.

Microchip Technology Mexico, S.DE R.L. DE C.V.

Microchip Technology Singapore Pte Ltd.

Microchip Technology Australia PTY Ltd.

Microchip Technology Switzerland S.A.

Microchip Technology (Barbados) Inc.—Taiwan Branch

Microchip Ltd.

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MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN AS AMENDED THROUGH AUGUST 20, 2004 SCHEDULE A LIST OF FOREIGN SUBSIDIARIES PARTICIPATING IN THE INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN AS OF MARCH 3, 2003

MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED INTERNATIONAL STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT

I hereby elect to participate in the International Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "IESPP") until such time as I elect to withdraw from the IESPP either by written notification to the Stock Administrator or until termination of the Plan by the Company, and I hereby subscribe to purchase shares of common stock of Microchip Technology Incorporated ("Common Stock") in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the IESPP. I hereby authorize payroll deductions from each of my paychecks during the time in which I participate in the IESPP in the 1% multiple of my earnings (not to exceed a maximum of 10%) specified in my attached Enrollment Form.

I understand that the Plan is a six-month offering period. The plans begins on the first business day of June and December of each year, and my participation will automatically remain in effect from one offering period to the next offering period in accordance with my payroll deduction authorization, unless I withdraw from the IESPP or change the rate of my payroll deduction or my employment status changes.

I understand that my payroll deductions will be accumulated for the purchase of shares of Common Stock on the last business day of each offering period of participation. The purchase price per share will be equal to 100% of the *lower* of (i) the fair market value per share of Common Stock on my entry date into the six-month offering period or (ii) the fair market value per share on the purchase date.

I understand that I can withdraw from the IESPP at any time prior to the last 5 business days of a period of participation and elect either to have the Company refund all my payroll deductions for that period or to have such payroll deductions applied to the purchase of Common Stock at the end of such period. However, I may not rejoin that particular six-month offering period at any later date. Upon my termination of employment or change to ineligible employee status, my participation in the IESPP will immediately cease and all my payroll deductions for the six-month period in which such termination or change occurs will be refunded. Should I die or become disabled while an IESPP participant, payroll deductions will automatically cease on my behalf, and I or my estate may, at any time prior to the last 5 business days of the semi-annual period in which I die or become disabled, elect to have my payroll deductions for that period applied to the purchase of Common Stock at the end of that period; otherwise, those deductions will be refunded. I further understand that I may reduce my rate of my payroll deductions on one occasion during a six-month offering period, but that I may only increase my rate of payroll deductions at the beginning of a new six-month offering period.

I understand that my shares will be placed in a brokerage account at the end of each six-month offering period of participation. The account will be opened in the participant's name

I understand that the Company has the right, exercisable in its sole discretion, to amend or terminate the IESPP at any time, with such amendment or termination to become effective immediately following the exercise of outstanding purchase rights at the end of any current six-month period of participation. Should the Company elect to terminate the IESPP, I will have no further rights to purchase shares of Common Stock pursuant to this Agreement.

I understand that the IESPP sets forth restrictions (i) limiting the maximum number of shares which I may purchase per the six-month period of participation and (ii) prohibiting me from purchasing more than \$25,000 worth of Common Stock per calendar year.

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the official Plan Prospectus summarizing the operation of the IESPP. I have read this Agreement and the Prospectus and hereby agree to be bound by the terms of both this Agreement and the IESPP. The effectiveness of this Agreement is dependent upon my eligibility to participate in the IESPP.

Print Name

Signature

Start Date of My Participation:

Today's Date:

MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED

International Employee Stock Purchase Plan Enrollment Form

Please print and complete all information below: Full name: Badge #: Last First M Home Address: Social Security Number: Date of Hire: SECTION I—ELECTION **Choose One:** o I hereby decline to participate in the International Employee Stock Purchase Plan for this semi-annual participation period. o I hereby authorize Microchip Technology Incorporated to deduct the following amount from my salary each pay period (gross salary). CIRCLE ONE: 1% 2% 3% 4% 5% 6% 7% 8% 9% 10% SECTION II—BENEFICIARY Beneficiary(ies)—List additional beneficiaries on back Relationship of Beneficiary(ies) **Subscription Date:**

Date

Signature of Employee

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MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED International Employee Stock Purchase Plan Enrollment Form

Signature of Employee

Date

MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED International Employee Stock Purchase Plan Change Form

Please print and complete all information below: Full name: Badge #: Last First M Home Address: Date of Hire: Social Security Number: SECTION I—ELECTION **Change Payroll Deduction Percentage:** o I hereby authorize Microchip Technology Incorporated to change my current deduction percentage to the following: CIRCLE ONE: 1% 2% 3% 4% 5% 6% 7% 8% 9% 10% SECTION II—BENEFICIARY Relationship of Beneficiary(ies) Beneficiary(ies)—List additional beneficiaries on back SECTION III—WITHDRAW FROM THE EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN (check one) o Stop my contributions and purchase the Microchip Technology Incorporated shares on the next purchase date. o Stop my contributions and refund my payroll Employee Stock Purchase Plan deductions collected.

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MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED

2004 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

- 1. Purposes of the Plan. The purposes of this 2004 Equity Incentive Plan are:
 - to attract and retain the best available personnel,
 - to provide additional incentive to Service Providers, and
 - to promote the success of the Company's business.

Awards granted under the Plan may be Nonstatutory Stock Options, Restricted Stock, Stock Appreciation Rights, Performance Shares, Performance Units or Deferred Stock Units, as determined by the Administrator at the time of grant.

- 2. Definitions. As used herein, the following definitions shall apply:
 - (a) "Administrator" means the Board or any of its Committees as shall be administering the Plan, in accordance with Section 4 of the Plan.
 - (b) "Annual Revenue" means the Company's or a business unit's net sales for the Fiscal Year, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
 - (c) "Applicable Laws" means the legal requirements relating to the administration of equity compensation plans under state and federal corporate and securities laws and the Code.
 - (d) "Award" means, individually or collectively, a grant under the Plan of Options, Restricted Stock, Stock Appreciation Rights, Performance Shares, Performance Units or Deferred Stock Units.
 - (e) "Award Agreement" means the written agreement setting forth the terms and provisions applicable to each Award granted under the Plan. The Award Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.
 - (f) "Awarded Stock" means the Common Stock subject to an Award.
 - (g) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
 - (h) "Cash Position" means the Company's level of cash and cash equivalents.
 - (i) "Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following events, in one or a series of related transactions:
 - (1) any "person," as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act, other than the Company, a subsidiary of the Company or a Company employee benefit plan, including any trustee of such plan acting as trustee, is or becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors; or
 - (2) a merger or consolidation of the Company or any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company with any other corporation, other than a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity) at least fifty percent (50%) of the total voting power represented by the

voting securities of the Company or such surviving entity outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation; or

- (3) the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets; or
- (4) a change in the composition of the Board, as a result of which fewer than a majority of the directors are Incumbent Directors. "Incumbent Directors" shall mean directors who either (A) are Directors as of the date this Plan is approved by the Board, or (B) are elected, or nominated for election, to the Board with the affirmative votes of at least a majority of the Incumbent Directors and whose election or nomination was not in connection with any transaction described in (1) or (2) above or in connection with an actual or threatened proxy contest relating to the election of directors of the Company.
- (i) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- (k) "Committee" means a committee appointed by the Board in accordance with Section 4 of the Plan.
- (1) "Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company.
- (m) "Company" means Microchip Technology Incorporated.
- (n) "Consultant" means any person, including an advisor, engaged by the Company or a Parent or Subsidiary to render services and who is compensated for such services. The term Consultant shall not include Directors who are compensated by the Company only for their service as Directors.
 - (o) "Deferred Stock Unit" means a deferred stock unit Award granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 13.
 - (p) "Director" means a member of the Board.
 - (q) "Disability" means total and permanent disability as defined in Section 22(e)(3) of the Code.
- (r) "Earnings Per Share" means as to any Fiscal Year, the Company's or a business unit's Net Income, divided by a weighted average number of common shares outstanding and dilutive common equivalent shares deemed outstanding, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- (s) "Employee" means any person, including Officers and Directors, employed by the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary of the Company. A Service Provider shall not cease to be an Employee in the case of (i) any leave of absence approved by the Company or (ii) transfers between locations of the Company or between the Company, its Parent, any Subsidiary, or any successor. Neither service as a Director nor payment of a director's fee by the Company shall be sufficient to constitute "employment" by the Company.
 - (t) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
 - (u) "Fair Market Value" means, as of any date, the value of Common Stock determined as follows:
 - (1) If the Common Stock is listed on any established stock exchange or a national market system, including without limitation the Nasdaq National Market of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Automated Quotation ("Nasdaq") System, the Fair Market Value of a Share of Common Stock shall be the closing sales price for such stock (or the closing bid, if no sales were reported) as quoted on such system or exchange (or the

exchange with the greatest volume of trading in Common Stock) on the day of determination, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable:

- (2) If the Common Stock is quoted on the Nasdaq System (but not on the Nasdaq National Market thereof) or is regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer but selling prices are not reported, the Fair Market Value of a Share of Common Stock shall be the mean between the high bid and low asked prices for the Common Stock on the last market trading day prior to the day of determination, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable; or
 - (3) In the absence of an established market for the Common Stock, the Fair Market Value shall be determined in good faith by the Administrator.
- (v) "Fiscal Year" means a fiscal year of the Company.
- (w) "Gross Margin" means the Company's net revenue less its cost of goods sold.
- (x) "Net Income" means as to any Fiscal Year, the income after taxes of the Company for the Fiscal Year determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
 - (y) "Non-Employee Director" means a member of the Board who is not an Employee.
- (z) "Nonstatutory Stock Option" means an Option not intended to qualify as an incentive stock option under Section 422 of the Code and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (aa) "Notice of Grant" means a written or electronic notice evidencing certain terms and conditions of an individual Award. The Notice of Grant is part of the Option Agreement.
- (bb) "Officer" means a person who is an officer of the Company within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (cc) "Operating Cash Flow" means the Company's or a business unit's sum of Net Income plus depreciation and amortization less capital expenditures plus changes in working capital comprised of accounts receivable, inventories, other current assets, trade accounts payable, accrued expenses, product warranty, advance payments from customers and long-term accrued expenses, determined in accordance with generally acceptable accounting principles.
- (dd) "Operating Income" means the Company's or a business unit's income from operations but excluding any unusual items, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
 - (ee) "Option" means a stock option granted pursuant to the Plan.
- (ff) "Option Agreement" means a written or electronic agreement between the Company and a Participant evidencing the terms and conditions of an individual Option grant. The Option Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.
 - (gg) "Parent" means a "parent corporation," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code.
 - (hh) "Participant" means the holder of an outstanding Award granted under the Plan.
- (ii) "Performance Goals" means the goal(s) (or combined goal(s)) determined by the Administrator (in its discretion) to be applicable to a Participant with respect to an Award. As determined by the Administrator, the Performance Goals applicable to an Award may provide for a targeted level or levels of achievement using one or more of the following measures: (a) Annual Revenue, (b) Cash Position, (c) Earnings Per Share, (d) Net Income, (e) Operating Cash Flow, (f) Operating Income, (g) Return on Assets, (h) Return on Equity, (i) Return on Sales, (j) Total

Stockholder Return, and (k) Gross Margin. For Awards not intended to qualify for treatment under Section 162(m) of the Code, there may be additional Performance Goals set by the Board. The Performance Goals may differ from Participant to Participant and from Award to Award.

- (jj) "Performance Share" means a performance share Award granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 11.
- (kk) "Performance Unit" means a performance unit Award granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 12.
- (11) "Plan" means this 2004 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (mm) "Restricted Stock" means Shares granted pursuant to Section 10 of the Plan.
- (nn) "Return on Assets" means the percentage equal to the Company's or a business unit's Operating Income before incentive compensation, divided by average net Company's or business unit's, as applicable, assets, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- (00) "Return on Equity" means the percentage equal to the Company's Net Income divided by average stockholder's equity, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- (pp) "Return on Sales" means the percentage equal to the Company's or a business unit's Operating Income before incentive compensation, divided by the Company's or the business unit's, as applicable, revenue, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
 - (qq) "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act or any successor to Rule 16b-3, as in effect when discretion is being exercised with respect to the Plan.
 - (rr) "Section 16(b)" means Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, as amended.
 - (ss) "Service Provider" means an Employee, Consultant or Non-Employee Director.
 - (tt) "Share" means a share of the Common Stock, as adjusted in accordance with Section 19 of the Plan.
 - (uu) "Stock Appreciation Right" or "SAR" means an Award granted pursuant to Section 9 of the Plan.
 - (vv) "Subsidiary" means a "subsidiary corporation," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code.
 - (ww) "Total Stockholder Return" means the total return (change in share price plus reinvestment of any dividends) of a Share.
- 3. Stock Subject to the Plan. Subject to the provisions of Section 19 of the Plan, the maximum aggregate number of Shares which may be issued under the Plan is 20,400,000 Shares comprised of (i) any Shares remaining available for issuance pursuant to the Company's 1993 Stock Option Plan as of the date upon which this Plan is effective, up to a maximum of 7,500,000 Shares, (ii) any Shares remaining available for issuance pursuant to the Company's 1997 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan as of the date upon which this Plan is effective, up to a maximum of 7,900,000 Shares, and (iii) any Shares subject to any outstanding options under the Company's 1993 or 1997 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plans that subsequently expire unexercised, up to a maximum of an additional 5,000,000 Shares. In no event shall more than 30% of the Shares remaining issuable under the Plan as of the effective date and 30% of the Shares subsequently added to the Plan by virtue of outstanding 1993 Stock Option Plan and 1997 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan options expiring unexercised be issued pursuant to Restricted

Stock, Performance Share, Performance Unit or Deferred Stock Unit Awards with a purchase price lower than 100% of the Fair Market Value of the underlying Shares or units on the date of grant.

The Shares may be authorized, but unissued, or reacquired Common Stock.

If an Award expires or becomes unexercisable without having been exercised in full, or with respect to Restricted Stock, Performance Shares, Performance Units or Deferred Stock Units, is forfeited to or repurchased by the Company, the unpurchased Shares (or for Awards other than Options and SARs, the forfeited or repurchased Shares) which were subject thereto shall become available for future grant or sale under the Plan (unless the Plan has terminated). With respect to SARs, only Shares actually issued pursuant to an SAR shall cease to be available under the Plan; all remaining Shares under SARs shall remain available for future grant or sale under the Plan (unless the Plan has terminated). However, Shares that have actually been issued under the Plan under any Award shall not be returned to the Plan and shall not become available for future distribution under the Plan; provided, however, that if Shares of Restricted Stock, Performance Shares, Performance Units or Deferred Stock Units are repurchased by the Company at their original purchase price or are forfeited to the Company, such Shares shall become available for future grant under the Plan. Shares used to pay the exercise price or purchase price, if applicable, of an Award shall become available for future grant or sale under the Plan. To the extent an Award under the Plan is paid out in cash rather than stock, such cash payment shall not result in reducing the number of Shares available for issuance under the Plan.

- 4. Administration of the Plan.
 - (a) Procedure.
 - (1) Multiple Administrative Bodies. The Plan may be administered by different Committees with respect to different groups of Service Providers.
 - (2) Section 162(m). To the extent that the Administrator determines it to be desirable to qualify Options granted hereunder as "performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code, the Plan shall be administered by a Committee of two or more "outside directors" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code.
 - (3) Rule 16b-3. To the extent desirable to qualify transactions hereunder as exempt under Rule 16b-3, the transactions contemplated hereunder shall be structured to satisfy the requirements for exemption under Rule 16b-3.
 - (4) Other Administration. Other than as provided above, the Plan shall be administered by (A) the Board or (B) a Committee, which committee shall be constituted to satisfy Applicable Laws.
 - (b) Powers of the Administrator. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, and in the case of a Committee, subject to the specific duties delegated by the Board to such Committee, the Administrator shall have the authority, in its discretion:
 - (1) to determine the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock, in accordance with Section 2(u) of the Plan;
 - (2) to select the Service Providers to whom Awards may be granted hereunder (other than the automatic grants to Non-Employee Directors provided for in Section 17 of the Plan);
 - (3) to determine whether and to what extent Awards or any combination thereof, are granted under the Plan;
 - (4) to determine the number of shares of Common Stock or equivalent units to be covered by each Award granted under the Plan;

- (5) to approve forms of agreement for use under the Plan;
- (6) to determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, of any award granted under the Plan. Such terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, the exercise price, the time or times when Options or SARs may be exercised or other Awards vest (which may be based on performance criteria), any vesting acceleration or waiver of forfeiture restrictions, and any restriction or limitation regarding any Award or the shares of Common Stock relating thereto, based in each case on such factors as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall determine;
 - (7) to construe and interpret the terms of the Plan and Awards;
- (8) to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan, including rules and regulations relating to sub-plans established for the purpose of qualifying for preferred tax treatment under foreign tax laws;
- (9) to modify or amend each Award (subject to Section 21(c) of the Plan), including the discretionary authority to extend the post-termination exercisability period of Options and SARs longer than is otherwise provided for in the Plan;
- (10) to authorize any person to execute on behalf of the Company any instrument required to effect the grant of an Award previously granted by the Administrator;
- (11) to allow Participants to satisfy withholding tax obligations by electing to have the Company withhold from the Shares or cash to be issued upon exercise or vesting of an Award (or distribution of a Deferred Stock Unit) that number of Shares or cash having a Fair Market Value equal to the minimum amount required to be withheld (but no more). The Fair Market Value of any Shares to be withheld shall be determined on the date that the amount of tax to be withheld is to be determined. All elections by a Participant to have Shares or cash withheld for this purpose shall be made in such form and under such conditions as the Administrator may deem necessary or advisable;
 - (12) to determine the terms and restrictions applicable to Awards; and
 - (13) to make all other determinations deemed necessary or advisable for administering the Plan.
- (c) Effect of Administrator's Decision. The Administrator's decisions, determinations and interpretations shall be final and binding on all Participants and any other holders of Awards.
- 5. Eligibility. Restricted Stock, Performance Shares, Performance Units, Stock Appreciation Rights, Deferred Stock Units and Nonstatutory Stock Options may be granted to Service Providers. Non-Employee Directors shall only receive Awards pursuant to Section 17 of the Plan.

6. Limitations.

- (a) Nonstatutory Stock Option. Each Option shall be designated in the Notice of Grant as a Nonstatutory Stock Option.
- (b) No Employment Rights. Neither the Plan nor any Award shall confer upon a Participant any right with respect to continuing the Participant's employment with the Company or its Subsidiaries, nor shall they interfere in any way with the Participant's right or the Company's or Subsidiary's right, as the case may be, to terminate such employment at any time, with or without cause or notice.

- (c) 162(m) Limitations. The following limitations shall apply to grants of Options and Stock Appreciation Rights to Participants:
 - (1) No Participant shall be granted, in any Fiscal Year, Options and Stock Appreciation Rights to purchase more than 1,500,000 Shares; provided, however, that such limit shall be 4,000,000 Shares in the Participant's first Fiscal Year of Company service.
 - (2) The foregoing limitations shall be adjusted proportionately in connection with any change in the Company's capitalization as described in Section 19(a).
- 7. Term of Plan. The Plan is effective as of October 1, 2004 (the "Effective Date"). It shall continue in effect until September 30, 2014, unless sooner terminated under Section 21 of the Plan.

8. Stock Options.

- (a) *Term*. The term of each Option shall be stated in the Notice of Grant; provided, however, that the term shall be ten (10) years from the date of grant or such shorter term as may be provided in the Notice of Grant.
- (b) Option Exercise Price. The per share exercise price for the Shares to be issued pursuant to exercise of an Option shall be determined by the Administrator and shall be no less than 100% of the Fair Market Value per share on the date of grant.
- (c) No Repricing. The exercise price for an Option may not be reduced. This shall include, without limitation, a repricing of the Option as well as an Option exchange program whereby the Participant agrees to cancel an existing Option in exchange for an Option, SAR or other Award.
- (d) Waiting Period and Exercise Dates. At the time an Option is granted, the Administrator shall fix the period within which the Option may be exercised and shall determine any conditions which must be satisfied before the Option may be exercised. In so doing, the Administrator may specify that an Option may not be exercised until the completion of a service period.
- (e) Form of Consideration. The Administrator shall determine the acceptable form of consideration for exercising an Option, including the method of payment. Subject to Applicable Laws, such consideration may consist entirely of:
 - (1) cash;
 - (2) check;
 - (3) other Shares which (A) in the case of Shares acquired upon exercise of an option have been owned by the Participant for more than six months on the date of surrender, and (B) have a Fair Market Value on the date of surrender equal to the aggregate exercise price of the Shares as to which said Option shall be exercised;
 - (4) delivery of a properly executed exercise notice together with such other documentation as the Administrator and the broker, if applicable, shall require to effect an exercise of the Option and delivery to the Company of the sale proceeds required to pay the exercise price;
 - (5) any combination of the foregoing methods of payment; or
 - (6) such other consideration and method of payment for the issuance of Shares to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws.

(f) Exercise of Option.

Any Option granted hereunder shall be exercisable according to the terms of the Plan and at such times and under such conditions as determined by the Administrator and set forth in the Option Agreement.

An Option may not be exercised for a fraction of a Share.

An Option shall be deemed exercised when the Company receives: (i) written or electronic notice of exercise (in accordance with the Option Agreement) from the person entitled to exercise the Option, and (ii) full payment for the Shares with respect to which the Option is exercised. Full payment may consist of any consideration and method of payment authorized by the Administrator and permitted by the Option Agreement and the Plan. Shares issued upon exercise of an Option shall be issued in the name of the Participant or, if requested by the Participant, in the name of the Participant and his or her spouse. Until the stock certificate evidencing such Shares is issued (as evidenced by the appropriate entry on the books of the Company or of a duly authorized transfer agent of the Company), no right to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a stockholder shall exist with respect to the optioned stock, notwithstanding the exercise of the Option. The Company shall issue (or cause to be issued) such stock certificate promptly after the Option is exercised. No adjustment will be made for a dividend or other right for which the record date is prior to the date the stock certificate is issued, except as provided in Section 19 of the Plan.

Exercising an Option in any manner shall decrease the number of Shares thereafter available for sale under the Option, by the number of Shares as to which the Option is exercised.

- (g) Termination of Relationship as a Service Provider. If a Participant ceases to be a Service Provider, other than upon the Participant's misconduct, death or Disability, the Participant may exercise his or her Option within such period of time as is specified in the Option Agreement to the extent that the Option is vested on the date of termination (but in no event later than the expiration of the term of such Option as set forth in the Option Agreement). In the absence of a specified time in the Option Agreement, the Option shall remain exercisable for three (3) months following the Participant's termination. If, on the date of termination, the Participant is not vested as to his or her entire Option, the Shares covered by the unvested portion of the Option shall revert to the Plan. If, after termination, the Participant does not exercise his or her Option within the time specified by the Administrator, the Option shall terminate, and the Shares covered by such Option shall revert to the Plan.
- (h) *Disability*. If a Participant ceases to be a Service Provider as a result of the Participant's Disability, the Participant may exercise his or her Option within such period of time as is specified in the Option Agreement to the extent the Option is vested on the date of termination (but in no event later than the expiration of the term of such Option as set forth in the Option Agreement). In the absence of a specified time in the Option Agreement, the Option shall remain exercisable for six (6) months following the Participant's termination. If, on the date of termination, the Participant is not vested as to his or her entire Option, the Shares covered by the unvested portion of the Option shall revert to the Plan. If, after termination, the Participant does not exercise his or her Option within the time specified herein, the Option shall terminate, and the Shares covered by such Option shall revert to the Plan.
- (i) Death of Participant. If a Participant dies while a Service Provider, the Option may be exercised following the Participant's death within such period of time as is specified in the Option Agreement (but in no event may the option be exercised later than the expiration of the term of such Option as set forth in the Option Agreement), by the personal representative of the Participant's estate, provided such representative has been designated prior to Participant's death in a form acceptable to the Administrator. If no such representative has been designated by the

Participant, then such Option may be exercised by the person(s) to whom the Option is transferred pursuant to the Participant's will or in accordance with the laws of descent and distribution. In the absence of a specified time in the Option Agreement, the Option shall remain exercisable for twelve (12) months following Participant's death. If the Option is not so exercised within the time specified herein, the Option shall terminate, and the Shares covered by such Option shall revert to the Plan.

9. Stock Appreciation Rights.

- (a) Grant of SARs. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, SARs may be granted to Participants at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Administrator, in its sole discretion. The Administrator shall have complete discretion to determine the number of SARs granted to any Participant.
- (b) Exercise Price and Other Terms. Subject to Section 4(c) of the Plan, the Administrator, subject to the provisions of the Plan, shall have complete discretion to determine the terms and conditions of SARs granted under the Plan; provided, however, that no SAR may have a term of more than ten (10) years from the date of grant. The per share exercise price for the Shares or cash to be issued pursuant to exercise of an SAR shall be determined by the Administrator and shall be no less than 100% of the Fair Market Value per share on the date of grant. The exercise price may not be reduced. This shall include, without limitation, a repricing of the SAR as well as an SAR exchange program whereby the Participant agrees to cancel an existing SAR in exchange for an Option, SAR or other Award
- (c) Payment of SAR Amount. Upon exercise of an SAR, a Participant shall be entitled to receive payment from the Company in an amount determined by multiplying:
 - (1) the difference between the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of exercise over the exercise price; times
 - (2) the number of Shares with respect to which the SAR is exercised.
 - (d) Payment Upon Exercise of SAR. At the discretion of the Administrator, payment for an SAR may be in cash, Shares or a combination thereof.
- (e) SAR Agreement. Each SAR grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the exercise price, the term of the SAR, the conditions of exercise, and such other terms and conditions as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall determine.
- (f) Expiration of SARs. An SAR granted under the Plan shall expire upon the date determined by the Administrator, in its sole discretion, and set forth in the Award Agreement.
- (g) Termination of Relationship as a Service Provider. If a Participant ceases to be a Service Provider, other than upon the Participant's death or Disability termination, the Participant may exercise his or her SAR within such period of time as is specified in the SAR Agreement to the extent that the SAR is vested on the date of termination (but in no event later than the expiration of the term of such SAR as set forth in the SAR Agreement). In the absence of a specified time in the SAR Agreement, the SAR shall remain exercisable for three (3) months following the Participant's termination. If, on the date of termination, the Participant is not vested as to his or her entire SAR, the Shares covered by the unvested portion of the SAR shall revert to the Plan. If, after termination, the Participant does not exercise his or her SAR within the time specified by the Administrator, the SAR shall terminate, and the Shares covered by such SAR shall revert to the Plan.
- (h) Disability. If a Participant ceases to be a Service Provider as a result of the Participant's Disability, the Participant may exercise his or her SAR within such period of time as is specified in

the SAR Agreement to the extent the SAR is vested on the date of termination (but in no event later than the expiration of the term of such SAR as set forth in the SAR Agreement). In the absence of a specified time in the SAR Agreement, the SAR shall remain exercisable for six (6) months following the Participant's termination. If, on the date of termination, the Participant is not vested as to his or her entire SAR, the Shares covered by the unvested portion of the SAR shall revert to the Plan. If, after termination, the Participant does not exercise his or her SAR within the time specified herein, the SAR shall terminate, and the Shares covered by such SAR shall revert to the Plan.

(i) Death of Participant. If a Participant dies while a Service Provider, the SAR may be exercised following the Participant's death within such period of time as is specified in the SAR Agreement (but in no event may the SAR be exercised later than the expiration of the term of such SAR as set forth in the SAR Agreement), by the personal representative of the Participant's estate, provided such representative has been designated prior to Participant's death in a form acceptable to the Administrator. If no such representative has been designated by the Participant, then such SAR may be exercised by the person(s) to whom the SAR is transferred pursuant to the Participant's will or in accordance with the laws of descent and distribution. In the absence of a specified time in the SAR Agreement, the SAR shall remain exercisable for twelve (12) months following Participant's death. If the SAR is not so exercised within the time specified herein, the SAR shall terminate, and the Shares covered by such SAR shall revert to the Plan.

10. Restricted Stock.

- (a) Grant of Restricted Stock. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, Restricted Stock may be granted to Participants at any time as shall be determined by the Administrator, in its sole discretion. The Administrator shall have complete discretion to determine (i) the number of Shares subject to a Restricted Stock award granted to any Participant (provided that during any Fiscal Year, no Participant shall be granted more than 300,000 Shares of Restricted Stock); provided, however, that such limit shall be 750,000 Shares in the Participant's first Fiscal Year of Company service, and (ii) the conditions that must be satisfied, which typically will be based principally or solely on continued provision of services but may include a performance-based component, upon which is conditioned the grant or vesting of Restricted Stock.
- (b) Restricted Stock Units. Restricted Stock may be granted in the form of Restricted Stock or units to acquire Shares. Each such unit shall be the equivalent of one Share for purposes of determining the number of Shares subject to an Award. With respect to the units to acquire Shares, until the Shares are issued, no right to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a stockholder shall exist.
- (c) Other Terms. The Administrator, subject to the provisions of the Plan, shall have complete discretion to determine the terms and conditions of Restricted Stock granted under the Plan. Restricted Stock grants shall be subject to the terms, conditions, and restrictions determined by the Administrator at the time the stock is awarded. The Administrator may require the recipient to sign a Restricted Stock Award agreement as a condition of the award. Any certificates representing the Shares of stock awarded shall bear such legends as shall be determined by the Administrator.
- (d) Restricted Stock Award Agreement. Each Restricted Stock grant shall be evidenced by an agreement that shall specify the purchase price (if any) and such other terms and conditions as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall determine; provided, however, that if the Restricted Stock grant has a purchase price must be paid no more than ten (10) years following the date of grant.

(e) Section 162(m)Performance Restrictions. For purposes of qualifying grants of Restricted Stock as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator, in its discretion, may set restrictions based upon the achievement of Performance Goals. The Performance Goals shall be set by the Administrator on or before the latest date permissible to enable the Restricted Stock to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code. In granting Restricted Stock which is intended to qualify under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator shall follow any procedures determined by it from time to time to be necessary or appropriate to ensure qualification of the Restricted Stock under Section 162(m) of the Code (e.g., in determining the Performance Goals).

11. Performance Shares.

- (a) Grant of Performance Shares. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, Performance Shares may be granted to Participants at any time as shall be determined by the Administrator, in its sole discretion. The Administrator shall have complete discretion to determine (i) the number of Shares subject to a Performance Share award granted to any Participant (provided that during any Fiscal Year, no Participant shall be granted more than 300,000 units of Performance Shares); provided, however, that such limit shall be 750,000 Shares in the Participant's first Fiscal Year of Company service, and (ii) the conditions that must be satisfied, which typically will be based principally or solely on achievement of performance milestones but may include a service-based component, upon which is conditioned the grant or vesting of Performance Shares. Performance Shares shall be granted in the form of units to acquire Shares. Each such unit shall be the equivalent of one Share for purposes of determining the number of Shares subject to an Award. Until the Shares are issued, no right to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a stockholder shall exist with respect to the units to acquire Shares.
- (b) Other Terms. The Administrator, subject to the provisions of the Plan, shall have complete discretion to determine the terms and conditions of Performance Shares granted under the Plan. Performance Share grants shall be subject to the terms, conditions, and restrictions determined by the Administrator at the time the stock is awarded, which may include such performance-based milestones as are determined appropriate by the Administrator. The Administrator may require the recipient to sign a Performance Shares agreement as a condition of the award. Any certificates representing the Shares of stock awarded shall bear such legends as shall be determined by the Administrator.
- (c) Performance Share Award Agreement. Each Performance Share grant shall be evidenced by an agreement that shall specify such other terms and conditions as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall determine.
- (d) Section 162(m) Performance Restrictions. For purposes of qualifying grants of Performance Shares as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator, in its discretion, may set restrictions based upon the achievement of Performance Goals. The Performance Goals shall be set by the Administrator on or before the latest date permissible to enable the Performance Shares to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code. In granting Performance Shares which are intended to qualify under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator shall follow any procedures determined by it from time to time to be necessary or appropriate to ensure qualification of the Performance Shares under Section 162(m) of the Code (e.g., in determining the Performance Goals).

12. Performance Units.

(a) Grant of Performance Units. Performance Units are similar to Performance Shares, except that they shall be settled in a cash equivalent to the Fair Market Value of the underlying Shares, determined as of the vesting date. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan,

Performance Units may be granted to Participants at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Administrator, in its sole discretion. The Administrator shall have complete discretion to determine the conditions that must be satisfied, which typically will be based principally or solely on achievement of performance milestones but may include a service-based component, upon which is conditioned the grant or vesting of Performance Units. Performance Units shall be granted in the form of units to acquire Shares. Each such unit shall be the cash equivalent of one Share of Common Stock. No right to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a stockholder shall exist with respect to Performance Units or the cash payable thereunder.

- (b) *Number of Performance Units*. The Administrator will have complete discretion in determining the number of Performance Units granted to any Participant, provided that during any Fiscal Year, no Participant shall receive Performance Units having an initial value greater than \$1,500,000, provided, however, that such limit shall be \$4,000,000 in the Participant's first Fiscal Year of Company service.
- (c) Other Terms. The Administrator, subject to the provisions of the Plan, shall have complete discretion to determine the terms and conditions of Performance Units granted under the Plan. Performance Unit grants shall be subject to the terms, conditions, and restrictions determined by the Administrator at the time the stock is awarded, which may include such performance-based milestones as are determined appropriate by the Administrator. The Administrator may require the recipient to sign a Performance Unit agreement as a condition of the award. Any certificates representing the Shares awarded shall bear such legends as shall be determined by the Administrator.
- (d) Performance Unit Award Agreement. Each Performance Unit grant shall be evidenced by an agreement that shall specify such terms and conditions as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall determine.
- (e) Section 162(m) Performance Restrictions. For purposes of qualifying grants of Performance Units as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator, in its discretion, may set restrictions based upon the achievement of Performance Goals. The Performance Goals shall be set by the Administrator on or before the latest date permissible to enable the Performance Units to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code. In granting Performance Units which are intended to qualify under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator shall follow any procedures determined by it from time to time to be necessary or appropriate to ensure qualification of the Performance Units under Section 162(m) of the Code (e.g., in determining the Performance Goals).

13. Deferred Stock Units.

- (a) Description. Deferred Stock Units shall consist of a Restricted Stock, Performance Share or Performance Unit Award that the Administrator, in its sole discretion permits to be paid out in installments or on a deferred basis, in accordance with rules and procedures established by the Administrator. Deferred Stock Units shall remain subject to the claims of the Company's general creditors until distributed to the Participant.
- (b) 162(m) Limits. Deferred Stock Units shall be subject to the annual 162(m) limits applicable to the underlying Restricted Stock, Performance Share or Performance Unit Award.
- 14. Death of Participant. In the event that a Participant dies while a Service Provider, then 100% of his or her Awards shall immediately vest.
- 15. Leaves of Absence. Unless the Administrator provides otherwise or as otherwise required by Applicable Laws, vesting of Awards granted hereunder shall cease commencing on the first day of any unpaid leave of absence and shall only recommence upon return to active service.

16. *Misconduct*. Should (i) the Participant's service be terminated for misconduct (including, but not limited to, any act of dishonesty, willful misconduct, fraud or embezzlement), or (ii) the Participant makes any unauthorized use or disclosure of confidential information or trade secrets of the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary, then in any such event all outstanding Awards held by the Participant under the Plan shall terminate immediately and cease to be outstanding, including as to both vested and unvested Awards.

17. Non-Employee Director Options.

- (a) *Initial Grants*. Each Non-Employee Director who first becomes a Non-Employee Director on or after the date upon which the Plan is approved by the Company's stockholders (excluding any Non-Employee Director who previously served on the Board), shall be entitled to receive an automatic Option grant of 12,000 shares of Common Stock, as of the date that the individual first is appointed or elected as a Non-Employee Director.
- (b) Annual Grants. On the first business day of the month in which the Company's annual stockholders meeting is scheduled, each Non-Employee Director who has served as a Non-Employee Director for at least three months on that date shall be automatically granted an Option grant of 6,000 shares of Common Stock, provided that such Non-Employee Director is a member of the Board on the grant date.
- 18. Non-Transferability of Awards. Unless determined otherwise by the Administrator, an Award may not be sold, pledged, assigned, hypothecated, transferred, or disposed of in any manner other than by will or by the laws of descent or distribution and may be exercised, during the lifetime of the recipient, only by the recipient. If the Administrator makes an Award transferable, such Award shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Administrator deems appropriate.
 - 19. Adjustments Upon Changes in Capitalization, Dissolution or Liquidation or Change of Control.
 - (a) Changes in Capitalization. Subject to any required action by the stockholders of the Company, the number of shares of Common Stock covered by each outstanding Award, the number of shares of Common Stock which have been authorized for issuance under the Plan but as to which no Awards have yet been granted or which have been returned to the Plan upon cancellation or expiration of an Award, as well as the price per share of Common Stock covered by each such outstanding Award and the 162(m) fiscal year share issuance limits under Sections 6(c), 10(a) and 11(a) shall be proportionately adjusted for any increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of Common Stock resulting from a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of the Common Stock, or any other increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of Common Stock effected without receipt of consideration by the Company; provided, however, that any such change in capitalization shall not affect the number of shares awarded under the the automatic grants to Non-Employee Directors described in Sections 17(a) and (b), and provided that conversion of any convertible securities of the Company shall not be deemed to have been "effected without receipt of consideration." Such adjustment shall be made by the Committee, whose determination in that respect shall be final, binding and conclusive. Except as expressly provided herein, no issuance by the Company of shares of stock of any class, or securities convertible into shares of stock of any class, shall affect, and no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to, the number or price of shares of Common Stock subject to an Award.
 - (b) Dissolution or Liquidation. In the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, the Administrator shall notify each Participant as soon as practicable prior to the effective date of such proposed transaction. The Administrator in its discretion may provide for a Participant to have the right to exercise his or her Option or SAR until ten (10) days prior to such transaction as to all of the Awarded Stock covered thereby, including Shares as to which the

Award would not otherwise be exercisable. In addition, the Administrator may provide that any Company repurchase option or forfeiture rights applicable to any Award shall lapse 100%, and that any Award vesting shall accelerate 100%, provided the proposed dissolution or liquidation takes place at the time and in the manner contemplated. To the extent it has not been previously exercised (with respect to Options and SARs) or vested (with respect to other Awards), an Award will terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed action.

(c) Change of Control.

- (1) Stock Options and SARs. In the event of a Change of Control, each outstanding Option and SAR shall be assumed or an equivalent option or SAR substituted by the successor corporation or a Parent or Subsidiary of the successor corporation. In the event that the successor corporation refuses to assume or substitute for the Option or SAR, the Participant shall fully vest in and have the right to exercise the Option or SAR as to all of the Awarded Stock, including Shares as to which it would not otherwise be vested or exercisable. If an Option or SAR becomes fully vested and exercisable in lieu of assumption or substitution in the event of a Change of Control, the Administrator shall notify the Participant in writing or electronically that the Option or SAR shall be fully vested and exercisable for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of such notice, and the Option or SAR shall terminate upon the expiration of such period. For the purposes of this paragraph, the Option or SAR shall be considered assumed if, following the Change of Control, the option or stock appreciation right confers the right to purchase or receive, for each Share of Awarded Stock subject to the Option or SAR immediately prior to the Change of Control, the consideration (whether stock, cash, or other securities or property) received in the Change of Control by holders of Common Stock for each Share held on the effective date of the transaction (and if holders were offered a choice of consideration, the type of consideration chosen by the holders of a majority of the outstanding Shares); provided, however, that if such consideration received in the Change of Control is not solely common stock of the successor corporation or its Parent, the Administrator may, with the consent of the successor corporation, provide for the consideration to be received upon the exercise of the Option or SAR, for each Share of Awarded Stock subject to the Option or SAR, to be solely common stock of the successor corporation or its Parent equal in fair market
- (2) Restricted Stock, Performance Shares, Performance Units and Deferred Stock Units. In the event of a Change of Control, each outstanding Restricted Stock, Performance Share, Performance Unit and Deferred Stock Unit award shall be assumed or an equivalent Restricted Stock, Performance Share, Performance Unit and Deferred Stock Unit award substituted by the successor corporation or a Parent or Subsidiary of the successor corporation. In the event that the successor corporation refuses to assume or substitute for the Restricted Stock, Performance Share, Performance Unit or Deferred Stock Unit award, the Participant shall fully vest in the Restricted Stock, Performance Unit or Deferred Stock Unit including as to Shares (or with respect to Performance Units, the cash equivalent thereof) which would not otherwise be vested. For the purposes of this paragraph, a Restricted Stock, Performance Share, Performance Unit and Deferred Stock Unit award shall be considered assumed if, following the Change of Control, the award confers the right to purchase or receive, for each Share (or with respect to Performance Units, the cash equivalent thereof) subject to the Award immediately prior to the Change of Control, the consideration (whether stock, cash, or other securities or property) received in the Change of Control by holders of Common Stock for each Share held on the effective date of the transaction (and if holders were offered a choice of consideration, the type of consideration chosen by the holders of a majority of the outstanding Shares); provided, however, that if such

consideration received in the Change of Control is not solely common stock of the successor corporation or its Parent, the Administrator may, with the consent of the successor corporation, provide for the consideration to be received, for each Share and each unit/right to acquire a Share subject to the Award, to be solely common stock of the successor corporation or its Parent equal in fair market value to the per share consideration received by holders of Common Stock in the Change of Control.

- 20. Date of Grant. The date of grant of an Award shall be, for all purposes, the date on which the Administrator makes the determination granting such Award, or such other later date as is determined by the Administrator. Notice of the determination shall be provided to each Participant within a reasonable time after the date of such grant.
 - 21. Amendment and Termination of the Plan.
 - (a) Amendment and Termination. The Board may at any time amend, alter, suspend or terminate the Plan.
 - (b) Stockholder Approval. The Company shall obtain stockholder approval of any Plan amendment to the extent necessary and desirable to comply with Section 422 of the Code (or any successor rule or statute or other applicable law, rule or regulation, including the requirements of any exchange or quotation system on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted). Such stockholder approval, if required, shall be obtained in such a manner and to such a degree as is required by the applicable law, rule or regulation.
 - (c) Effect of Amendment or Termination. No amendment, alteration, suspension or termination of the Plan shall impair the rights of any Participant, unless mutually agreed otherwise between the Participant and the Administrator, which agreement must be in writing and signed by the Participant and the Company.
 - 22. Conditions Upon Issuance of Shares.
 - (a) Legal Compliance. Shares shall not be issued pursuant to the exercise of an Award unless the exercise of the Award or the issuance and delivery of such Shares (or with respect to Performance Units, the cash equivalent thereof) shall comply with Applicable Laws and shall be further subject to the approval of counsel for the Company with respect to such compliance.
 - (b) Investment Representations. As a condition to the exercise or receipt of an Award, the Company may require the person exercising or receiving such Award to represent and warrant at the time of any such exercise or receipt that the Shares are being purchased only for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares if, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, such a representation is required.

23. Liability of Company.

- (a) *Inability to Obtain Authority*. The inability of the Company to obtain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the Company's counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, shall relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained.
- (b) Grants Exceeding Allotted Shares. If the Awarded Stock covered by an Award exceeds, as of the date of grant, the number of Shares which may be issued under the Plan without additional stockholder approval, such Award shall be void with respect to such excess Awarded Stock, unless stockholder approval of an amendment sufficiently increasing the number of Shares subject to the Plan is timely obtained in accordance with Section 21(b) of the Plan.
- 24. Reservation of Shares. The Company, during the term of this Plan, will at all times reserve and keep available such number of Shares as shall be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Plan.

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NOTICE OF STOCK OPTION GRANT

Unless otherwise defined herein, the ter	rms defined in the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan ((the "Plan") sha	all have the san	me defined meaning	s in this Notice of Stock	Option Grant.
Optionee:	-				_	
You have been granted an option to purchase	e Common Stock of the Company, subject to the	ne terms and con	nditions of the	Plan and the Stock	Option Agreement, as fo	llows:
Grant Number:	-				_	
Grant Date:	-				-	
Date Vesting Begins:	-				-	
Vesting Period:	-				-	
Exercise Price per Share:	•	\$			-	
Total Number of Shares Granted:	-				-	
Total Exercise Price:	5	\$			-	
Type of Option:	I	Nonstatutory S	Stock Option			
Term/Expiration Date:	-				-	
Vesting Schedule. This Option shall	be exercisable, in whole or in part, in accordance	ce with the follo	owing schedul	e:		
Optionee's completion of twelve months as a subject to Optionee remaining a Service Pro	Begins are the same, then the monthly installm a Service Provider measured from the Grant Da vider through the applicable vesting dates. How ts (12 × the number of years in the Vesting Per ing dates.	ate, and the bala wever, if the Da	ance will vest of the Vesting Beg	over the remainder or gins is not the same	of the Vesting Period on a as the Grant Date, then the	a monthly basis he Option
	granted subject to and in accordance with the ditions of the Option as set forth in the Stock C				ee agrees to be bound by	the terms and
Provider as a result of their Disability, this O	ested, this Option may be exercised for three more of the exercised for six months following death. In no event shall this Option be exercised to the exercise death.	ng their termina	ation. If Option	nee dies while a Ser	vice Provider, this Option	
	of Canadian Locations Only. The undersign English language only. Le soussigné convient quangue anglaise seulement.					
Dated:			MICROCH	IIP TECHNOLOGY	' INCORPORATED	
Optionee Name:						
Optionee Signature:			Ву:			
Address:				Steve	Sanghi, President and Cl	EO .

EXHIBIT A

MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED

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STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT

1. Grant of Option. The Plan Administrator of the Company hereby grants to the Optionee (the "Optionee") named in the Notice of Stock Option Grant to which this Agreement is attached as Exhibit A (the "Notice of Grant") an option (the "Option") to purchase the number of Shares, as set forth in the Notice of Grant, at the exercise price per share set forth in the Notice of Grant (the "Exercise Price"), subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference. Subject to Section 21(c) of the Plan, in the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of the Plan and the terms and conditions of this Option Agreement, the terms and conditions of the Plan shall prevail.

2. Exercise of Option.

- (a) Right to Exercise. This Option is exercisable during its term in accordance with the Vesting Schedule set out in the Notice of Grant and the applicable provisions of the Plan and this Option Agreement.
- (b) *Method of Exercise*. This Option is exercisable by delivery of an exercise notice, in the form attached as *Exhibit A-1* (the "Exercise Notice") or in written or electronic form as designated by the Company, which shall state the election to exercise the Option, the number of Shares in respect of which the Option is being exercised (the "Exercised Shares"), and such other representations and agreements as may be required by the Company pursuant to the provisions of the Plan. The Exercise Notice shall be completed by the Optionee and delivered to the Stock Administrator of the Company. The Exercise Notice shall be accompanied by payment of the aggregate Exercise Price as to all Exercised Shares. This Option shall be deemed to be exercised upon receipt by the Company of such fully executed Exercise Notice accompanied by such aggregate Exercise Price.

No Shares shall be issued pursuant to the exercise of this Option unless such issuance and exercise complies with Applicable Laws. Assuming such compliance, for income tax purposes the Exercised Shares shall be considered transferred to the Optionee on the date the Option is exercised with respect to such Exercised Shares.

3. Method of Payment.

Payment of the aggregate Exercise Price shall be by any of the following, or a combination thereof, at the election of the Optionee:

- (a) cash;
- (b) check; or
- (c) to the extent permitted by the Administrator, delivery of a properly executed exercise notice together with such other documentation as the Administrator and the broker, if applicable, shall be required to effect an exercise of the Option and delivery to the Company of the sale proceeds required to pay the Exercise Price.

4. Non-Transferability of Option.

Unless determined otherwise by the Administrator, this Option may not be sold, pledged, assigned, hypothecated, transferred, or disposed of in any manner other than by will or by the laws of descent or distribution and may be exercised, during the lifetime of the recipient, only by the recipient. If the Administrator makes this Option transferable, such Option shall contain this additional terms and conditions as the Administrator deems appropriate.

5. Term of Option.

This Option may be exercised only within the term set out in the Notice of Grant, and may be exercised during such term only in accordance with the Plan and the terms of this Option Agreement.

6. Tax Obligations.

(a) Withholding Taxes. Optionee agrees to make appropriate arrangements with the Company (or the Parent or Subsidiary employing or retaining Optionee) for the satisfaction of all Federal, state, local and foreign income and employment tax withholding requirements applicable to the Option exercise. Optionee acknowledges and agrees that the Company may refuse to honor the exercise and refuse to deliver Shares if such withholding amounts are not delivered at the time of exercise.

7. Entire Agreement; Governing Law.

The Plan and Notice of Grant are incorporated herein by reference. The Plan, Notice of Grant and this Option Agreement constitute the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede in their entirety all prior undertakings and agreements of the Company and Optionee with respect to the subject matter hereof, and may not be modified adversely to the Optionee's interest except by means of a writing signed by the Company and Optionee. This agreement is governed by the internal substantive laws, but not the choice of law rules, of Arizona.

8. NO GUARANTEE OF CONTINUED SERVICE.

OPTIONEE ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE VESTING OF SHARES PURSUANT TO THE VESTING SCHEDULE HEREOF IS EARNED ONLY BY CONTINUING AS A SERVICE PROVIDER AT THE WILL OF THE COMPANY (AND NOT THROUGH THE ACT OF BEING HIRED, BEING GRANTED AN OPTION OR PURCHASING SHARES HEREUNDER). OPTIONEE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THIS AGREEMENT, THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREUNDER AND THE VESTING SCHEDULE SET FORTH HEREIN DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN EXPRESS OR IMPLIED PROMISE OF CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT AS A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE VESTING PERIOD, FOR ANY PERIOD, OR AT ALL, AND SHALL NOT INTERFERE WITH OPTIONEE'S RIGHT OR THE COMPANY'S RIGHT TO TERMINATE OPTIONEE'S RELATIONSHIP AS A SERVICE PROVIDER AT ANY TIME, WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE.

By your signature, you agree that this Option is granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Notice of Grant and this Option Agreement. Optionee has reviewed the Plan, the Notice of Grant and this Option Agreement in their entirety, has had an opportunity to obtain the advice of counsel prior to executing this Option Agreement and fully understands all provisions of the Plan, the Notice of Grant and Option Agreement. Optionee hereby agrees to accept as binding, conclusive and final all decisions or interpretations of the Administrator upon any questions relating to the Plan and Option Agreement. Optionee further agrees to notify the Company upon any change in the residence address indicated below.

9. Choice of Languages For Employees of Canadian Locations Only. The undersigned agrees that it is his express wish that this form and all documents relating to his participation in the scheme be drawn in the English language only. Le soussigné convient que sa volonté expresse est que ce formulaire ainsi que tous les documents se rapportant à sa participation au régime soient rédigés en langue anglaise seulement.

OPTIONEE:	MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED			
Signature	By:			
Print Name	Title			
Date				
Address:				

EXHIBIT A-1

MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED

2004 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

EXERCISE NOTICE

Microchip Technology Incorporated 2355 W. Chandler Boulevard Chandler, AZ 85224

Attention: Human Resources, Stock Administration

Exercise of Option. Effective as of today, purchase shares (the "Shares") of the Common Stock of Microchip Technology Incorporated (the "Company") under and pursuant to the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), the Notice of Grant (Grant No.), and associated Stock Option Agreement (the "Option Agreement"). Subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 19 of the Plan, the purchase price for the Shares shall be \$, as required by the Option Agreement.

Delivery of Payment. Purchaser herewith delivers to the Company the full purchase price for the Shares in accordance with Section 3 of the Stock Option Agreement.

Representations of Purchaser. Purchaser acknowledges that Purchaser has received, read and understood the Plan, the Notice of Grant and the Option Agreement and agrees to abide by and be bound by their terms and conditions.

Rights as Shareholder. Until the issuance (as evidenced by the appropriate entry on the books of the Company or of a duly authorized transfer agent of the Company) of the Shares, no right to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a shareholder shall exist with respect to the Optioned Stock, notwithstanding the exercise of the Option. The Shares so acquired shall be issued to the Optionee as soon as practicable after exercise of the Option. No adjustment will be made for a dividend or other right for which the record date is prior to the date of issuance, except as provided in Section 19 of the Plan.

Tax Consultation. Purchaser understands that Purchaser may suffer adverse tax consequences as a result of Purchaser's purchase or disposition of the Shares. Purchaser represents that Purchaser has had the opportunity to consult with any tax consultants Purchaser deems advisable in connection with the purchase or disposition of the Shares and that Purchaser is not relying on the Company for any tax advice.

Entire Agreement; Governing Law. The Plan and Option Agreement are incorporated herein by reference. This Agreement, the Plan, the Notice of Grant and the Option Agreement constitute the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede in their entirety all prior undertakings and agreements of the Company and Purchaser with respect to the subject matter hereof, and may not be modified adversely to the Purchaser's interest except by means of a

substantive laws, but not the choice of law rules, of Arizona.			
Accepted by: MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED			
By:			
Its			
Address:			
Date Received (by Stock Administrator)			

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[Letterhead of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati]

Exhibit 5.1

October 22, 2004

Microchip Technology Incorporated 2355 West Chandler Boulevard Chandler, AZ 85224

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8 For Issuance of Common Stock Under the Microchip Technology Incorporated International Employee Stock Purchase Plan and 2004 Equity Incentive Plan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have examined the Registration Statement on Form S-8 to be filed by you with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about the date hereof (the "Registration Statement") in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the "Act"), of an additional 100,000 shares of your Common Stock issuable under your International Employee Stock Purchase Plan and up to 20,008,034 shares of Common Stock under your 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. Such shares of Common Stock are referred to herein as the "Shares," and such plans are referred to herein as the "Plans." As your counsel, we have examined the proceedings taken and are familiar with the proceedings proposed to be taken by you in connection with the issuance and sale of the Shares pursuant to the Plan.

It is our opinion that, upon completion of the actions being taken, or contemplated by us as your counsel to be taken by you prior to the issuance of the Shares pursuant to the Registration Statement and the Plans and upon completion of the actions being taken in order to permit such transactions to be carried out in accordance with the securities laws of the various states where required, the Shares will be legally and validly issued, fully-paid and non-assessable.

We consent to the use of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and further consent to the use of our name wherever appearing in the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto.

Very truly yours,

WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI Professional Corporation

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We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 pertaining to the Microchip Technology Incorporated International Employee Stock Purchase Plan and 2004 Equity Incentive Plan of our report dated April 19, 2004, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Microchip Technology Incorporated included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2004, filed with the Securities Exchange Commission.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Phoenix, Arizona October 22, 2004

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