## **Jerrick**

## 2050 Center Avenue, Suite 640 Fort Lee, NJ 07024

#### NOTICE OF 2020 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held on July 8, 2020

#### Dear Stockholder:

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 2020 annual meeting of stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Jerrick Media Holdings, Inc. ("Jerrick" or the "Company"), which will be held on July 8, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Due to the public health impact of the coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) and to support the health and well-being of our employees and stockholders, the Annual Meeting will be held in a virtual meeting format at https://www.issuerdirect.com/virtual-event/jmda.

In addition to voting by submitting your proxy prior to the Annual Meeting, you also will be able to vote your shares during the Annual Meeting. Further details regarding the virtual meeting are included in the accompanying proxy statement. At the Annual Meeting, the holders of our outstanding common stock will act on the following matters:

- 1. To elect five (5) members of the board directors to serve for a one-year term to expire at the 2021 annual meeting of stockholders;
- 2. To approve Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation;
- 3. To grant discretionary authority to our board of directors to amend our Articles of Incorporation (as then in effect) to change the name of the Company from "Jerrick Media Holdings, Inc." to "Creatd, Inc.", effective upon the Company's common stock becoming approved for listing on a national securities exchange;
- 4. To approve the Company's 2020 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2020 Plan") and the reservation of 7,500,000 shares of common stock for issuance thereunder;
- 5. To grant discretionary authority to our board of directors to (i) amend our Articles of Incorporation (as then in effect) to combine outstanding shares of our common stock into a lesser number of outstanding shares, or a "reverse stock split," at a specific ratio within a range of no split to a maximum of a one-for-five (1-for-5) split, with the exact ratio to be determined by our board of directors in its sole discretion; and (ii) effect the reverse stock split, if at all, within one year of the date the proposal is approved by stockholders upon the Company's common stock being approved for listing on a national securities exchange;
- 6. To ratify the appointment of Rosenberg Rich Baker Berman, P.A. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020; and
- 7. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the 2020 Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Our board of directors has fixed May 22, 2020 as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and at any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Whether or not you expect to attend the Annual Meeting, please complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy and return it promptly. If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting and wish to vote your shares personally, you may do so at any time before the proxy is voted.

#### If You Plan to Attend:

To be admitted to the Annual Meeting at <a href="https://www.issuerdirect.com/virtual-event/jmda">https://www.issuerdirect.com/virtual-event/jmda</a> you must have your control number available and follow the instructions found on your proxy card or voting instruction form. You may vote during the Annual Meeting by following the instructions available on the meeting website during the meeting. Please allow sufficient time to complete the online check-in process. Your vote is very important.

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 9, 2020 /s/ Leonard Schiller

Leonard Schiller

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Whether or not you expect to attend the Annual Meeting in person, we urge you to vote your shares via proxy at your earliest convenience. This will ensure the presence of a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Promptly voting your shares will save Jerrick the expenses and extra work of additional solicitation. Submitting your proxy now will not prevent you from voting your shares at the Annual Meeting if you desire to do so, as your proxy is revocable at your option. Your vote is important, so please act today!

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## PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To be held on July 8, 2020

The Board of Directors (the "Board" or "Board of Directors") of Jerrick Media Holdings, Inc. ("Jerrick" or the "Company") is soliciting your proxy to vote at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") to be held on July 8, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, in a virtual format online by accessing <a href="https://www.issuerdirect.com/virtual-event/jmda">https://www.issuerdirect.com/virtual-event/jmda</a>.

This proxy statement contains information relating to the Annual Meeting. **This year's Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held as a virtual meeting. Stockholders attending the virtual meeting will be afforded the same rights and opportunities to participate as they would at an in-person meeting.** You will be able to attend and participate in the Annual Meeting online via a live webcast by visiting <a href="https://www.issuerdirect.com/virtual-event/jmda">https://www.issuerdirect.com/virtual-event/jmda</a>. In addition to voting by submitting your proxy prior to the Annual Meeting, you also will be able to vote your shares during the Annual Meeting.

We intend to begin mailing this proxy statement, the attached notice of the Annual Meeting, the enclosed proxy card, and a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 on or about June 16, 2020 to all stockholders of record entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Only stockholders who owned our common stock on May 22, 2020 are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

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#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THIS PROXY STATEMENT AND VOTING**

## What is a proxy?

A proxy is the legal designation of another person to vote the stock you own. That other person is called a proxy. If you designate someone as your proxy in a written document, that document is also called a proxy or a proxy card. By completing a proxy card, as more fully described herein, you are designating Jeremy Frommer, our Chief Executive Officer as your proxies for the Annual Meeting and you are authorizing Mr. Frommer to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting as you have instructed them on the proxy card. This way, your shares will be voted whether or not you attend the Annual Meeting. Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting virtually, we urge you to vote in one of the ways described below so that your vote will be counted even if you are unable or decide not to attend the Annual Meeting.

## What is a proxy statement?

A proxy statement is a document that we are required by regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or "SEC," to give you when we ask you to sign a proxy card designating Mr. Frommer as proxies to vote on your behalf.

### Why did you send me this proxy statement?

We sent you this proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card because our Board is soliciting your proxy to vote at the 2020 Annual Meeting of stockholders. This proxy statement summarizes information related to your vote at the Annual Meeting. All stockholders who find it convenient to do so are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting virtually. However, you do not need to attend the meeting to vote your shares. Instead, you may simply complete, sign and return the enclosed proxy card or vote over the Internet.

We intend to begin mailing this proxy statement, the attached notice of Annual Meeting, the enclosed proxy card, and a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 on or about June 16, 2020 to all stockholders of record entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Only stockholders who owned our common stock on May 22, 2020 are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

#### What Does it Mean if I Receive More than one set of proxy materials?

If you receive more than one set of proxy materials, your shares may be registered in more than one name or in different accounts. Please complete, sign, and return each proxy card to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

## How do I attend the Annual Meeting?

The Annual Meeting will be held on July 8, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time in a virtual format online by accessing <a href="https://www.issuerdirect.com/virtual-event/jmda">https://www.issuerdirect.com/virtual-event/jmda</a>. Information on how to vote in person at the Annual Meeting is discussed below.

#### Who is Entitled to Vote?

The Board has fixed the close of business on May 22, 2020 as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. On the Record Date, there were 10,111,156 shares of common stock outstanding. Each share of common stock represents one vote that may be voted on each proposal that may come before the Annual Meeting.

## What is the Difference Between Holding Shares as a Record Holder and as a Beneficial Owner (Holding Shares in Street Name)?

If your shares are registered in your name with our transfer agent, Pacific Stock Transfer, you are the "record holder" of those shares. If you are a record holder, these proxy materials have been provided directly to you by the Company.

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account, a bank or other holder of record, you are considered the "beneficial owner" of those shares held in "street name." If your shares are held in street name, these proxy materials have been forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered to be the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the Annual Meeting. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to instruct this organization on how to vote your shares.

## Who May Attend the Annual Meeting?

Only record holders and beneficial owners of our common stock, or their duly authorized proxies, may attend the Annual Meeting. If your shares of common stock are held in street name, you will need to bring a copy of a brokerage statement or other documentation reflecting your stock ownership as of the Record Date.

## What am I Voting on?

The following matters are scheduled for a vote:

- 1. To elect five (5) members of the board directors to serve for a one-year term to expire at the 2021 annual meeting of stockholders;
- 2. To approve Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation;
- 3. To grant discretionary authority to our board of directors to amend our Articles of Incorporation (as then in effect) to change the name of the Company from "Jerrick Media Holdings, Inc." to "Creatd, Inc.", effective upon the Company's common stock becoming approved for listing on a national securities exchange;
- 4. To approve the Company's 2020 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2020 Plan") and the reservation of 7,500,000 shares of common stock for issuance thereunder;
- 5. To grant discretionary authority to our board of directors to (i) amend our Articles of Incorporation (as then in effect) to combine outstanding shares of our common stock into a lesser number of outstanding shares, or a "reverse stock split," at a specific ratio within a range of no split to a maximum of a one-for-five (1-for-5) split, with the exact ratio to be determined by our board of directors in its sole discretion; and (ii) effect the reverse stock split, if at all, within one year of the date the proposal is approved by stockholders upon the Company's common stock being approved for listing on a national securities exchange; and
- 6. To ratify the appointment of Rosenberg Rich Baker Berman, P.A. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

## What if another matter is properly brought before the Annual Meeting?

The Board knows of no other matters that will be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting. If any other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote on those matters in accordance with their best judgment.

### How Do I Vote?

## Stockholders of Record

For your convenience, record holders of our common stock have three methods of voting:

- 1. Vote by Internet. The website address for Internet voting is on your vote instruction form;
- 2. *Vote by mail.* Mark, date, sign and promptly mail the proxy card; or
- 3. *Vote at the Meeting.* Attend and vote at the Annual Meeting held in virtual format with instructions provided to you thereat.

#### Beneficial Owners of Shares Held in Street Name

For your convenience, beneficial owners of our common stock have three methods of voting:

- 1. Vote by Internet. The website address for Internet voting is on your vote instruction form;
- 2. Vote by mail. Mark, date, sign and promptly mail your vote instruction form; or
- 3. *Vote at the Meeting.* Obtain a valid legal proxy from the organization that holds your shares and attend and vote at the Annual Meeting held in virtual format with instructions provided to you thereat.

All shares entitled to vote and represented by a properly completed and executed proxy received before the Annual Meeting and not revoked will be voted at the Annual Meeting as instructed in a proxy delivered before the Annual Meeting. We provide Internet proxy voting to allow you to vote your shares online, with procedures designed to ensure the authenticity and correctness of your proxy vote instructions. However, please be aware that you must bear any costs associated with your Internet access, such as usage charges from Internet access providers and telephone companies.

## How Many Votes do I Have?

On each matter to be voted upon, you have one vote for each share of common stock you own as of the close of business on the Record Date.

## Is My Vote Confidential?

Yes, your vote is confidential. Only the inspector of elections, individuals who help with processing and counting your votes and persons who need access for legal reasons will have access to your vote. This information will not be disclosed, except as required by law.

## What Constitutes a Quorum?

To carry on business at the Annual Meeting, we must have a quorum. A quorum is present when a majority of the shares entitled to vote, as of the Record Date, are represented in person or by proxy. Thus, 5,055,579 shares must be represented in person or by proxy to have a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Your shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy (or one is submitted on your behalf by your broker, bank or other nominee) or if you vote in person at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement. Shares owned by us are not considered outstanding or considered to be present at the Annual Meeting. If there is not a quorum at the Annual Meeting, either the chairperson of the Annual Meeting or our stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting may adjourn the Annual Meeting.

## How Will my Shares be Voted if I Give No Specific Instruction?

We must vote your shares as you have instructed. If there is a matter on which a stockholder of record has given no specific instruction but has authorized us generally to vote the shares, they will be voted as follows:

- 1. "For" the election of five (5) members of the board directors to serve for a one-year term to expire at the 2021 annual meeting of stockholders;
- 2. "For" the approval of the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation;
- 3. "For" the grant of discretionary authority to our board of directors to amend our Articles of Incorporation (as then in effect) to change the name of the Company from "Jerrick Media Holdings, Inc." to "Creatd, Inc.", effective upon the Company's common stock becoming approved for listing on a national securities exchange;

- 4. "For" the approval of the Company's 2020 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2020 Plan") and the reservation of 7,500,000 shares of common stock for issuance thereunder;
- 5. "For" the grant of discretionary authority to our board of directors to (i) amend our Articles of Incorporation (as then in effect) to combine outstanding shares of our common stock into a lesser number of outstanding shares, or a "reverse stock split," at a specific ratio within a range of no split to a maximum of a one-for-five (1-for-5) split, with the exact ratio to be determined by our board of directors in its sole discretion; and (ii) effect the reverse stock split, if at all, within one year of the date the proposal is approved by stockholders upon the Company's common stock being approved for listing on a national securities exchange; and
- 6. "For" the ratification of the appointment of Rosenberg Rich Baker Berman, P.A. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

If other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting and you do not provide specific voting instructions, your shares will be voted at the discretion of Mr. Frommer, the Board's designated proxies.

If your shares are held in street name, see "What is a Broker Non-Vote?" below regarding the ability of banks, brokers and other such holders of record to vote the uninstructed shares of their customers or other beneficial owners in their discretion.

#### **How are Votes Counted?**

Votes will be counted by the inspector of election appointed for the Annual Meeting, who will separately count, for the election of directors, "For," "Withhold" and broker non-votes; and, with respect to the other proposals, votes "For" and "Against," abstentions and broker non-votes. Broker non-votes will not be included in the tabulation of the voting results of any of the proposals and, therefore, will have no effect on such proposals.

## What is a Broker Non-Vote?

A "broker non-vote" occurs when shares held by a broker in "street name" for a beneficial owner are not voted with respect to a proposal because (1) the broker has not received voting instructions from the stockholder who beneficially owns the shares and (2) the broker lacks the authority to vote the shares at their discretion.

Under current New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") rules and interpretations that govern broker non-votes: (i) Proposal No. 1 for the election of directors is considered a non-discretionary matter, and a broker will lack the authority to vote uninstructed shares at their discretion on such proposal; (ii) Proposal No. 2 for the approval of the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation is considered a non-discretionary matter, and a broker will lack the authority to vote uninstructed shares at their discretion on such proposal; (iii) Proposal No. 3 for the approval of the grant of discretionary authority to change the Company's name is considered a discretionary matter, and a broker will be permitted to exercise its discretion to vote uninstructed shares on the proposal; (iv) Proposal No. 4 for the approval of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan is considered a non-discretionary matter, and a broker will lack the authority to vote uninstructed shares at their discretion on such proposal; (v) Proposal No. 5 for the authorization of a reverse stock split is considered a discretionary matter, and a broker will be permitted to exercise its discretion to vote uninstructed shares on the proposal; and (vi) Proposal No. 6 for the ratification of the appointment of Rosenberg Rich Baker Berman, P.A. as our independent registered public accounting firm for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 is considered a discretionary matter, and a broker will be permitted to exercise its discretion to vote uninstructed shares on the proposal.

Because NYSE Rule 452 applies to all brokers that are members of the NYSE, this prohibition applies to the Annual Meeting even though our common stock is traded over-the-counter on the OTCQB Venture Market.

#### How many votes are required to approve each proposal?

The table below summarizes the proposals that will be voted on, the vote required to approve each item and how votes are counted:

Proposal	Votes Required	<b>Voting Options</b>
Proposal No. 1: Election of Directors	The plurality of the votes cast. This means that the nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative "FOR" votes will be elected as directors.	"FOR" "WITHHOLD"
Proposal No. 2: Approval of the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation	The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock.	"FOR" "AGAINST" "ABSTAIN"
Proposal No. 3: Approval of Grant to Discretionary Authority to Change the Company's Name	The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock.	"FOR" "AGAINST" "ABSTAIN"
Proposal No. 4: Approval of 2020 Equity Incentive Plan	The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority in voting power of the votes cast affirmatively or negatively (excluding abstentions) at the Annual Meeting by the holders entitled to vote thereon.	"FOR" "AGAINST" "ABSTAIN"
Proposal No. 5: Authorization of Reverse Stock Split	The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock.	"FOR" "AGAINST" "ABSTAIN"
Proposal No. 6: Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority in voting power of the votes cast affirmatively or negatively (excluding abstentions) at the Annual Meeting by the holders entitled to vote thereon.	"FOR" "AGAINST" "ABSTAIN"

## What is an Abstention?

An abstention is a stockholder's affirmative choice to decline to vote on a proposal. Under Nevada law, abstentions are counted as shares present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Generally, unless provided otherwise by applicable law, our Amended and Restated Bylaws provide that an action of our stockholders (other than the election of directors) is approved if a majority of the number of shares of stock entitled to vote thereon and present (either in person or by proxy) vote in favor of such action. Therefore, votes that are "WITHHELD" will have the same effect as an abstention and will not count as a vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" a director, because directors are elected by plurality voting. A vote marked as "ABSTAIN" is not considered a vote cast and will, therefore, not affect the outcome in Proposals No. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

## What Are the Voting Procedures?

In voting by proxy with regard to the election of directors, you may vote in favor or withhold your votes as to specific nominees. With regard to other proposals, you may vote in favor of or against the proposal, or you may abstain from voting on the proposal. You should specify your respective choices on the accompanying proxy card or your vote instruction form.

## Is My Proxy Revocable?

If you are a registered stockholder, you may revoke or change your vote at any time before the proxy is voted by filing with our Corporate Secretary, at 2050 Center Avenue, Suite 640, Fort Lee, NJ 07024, either a written notice of revocation or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date. If you attend the live webcast of the Annual Meeting you may revoke your proxy or change your proxy vote by voting at the meeting with instructions provided to you thereat. Your attendance at the annual meeting will not by itself revoke a previously granted proxy.

If your shares are held in street name or you hold shares through a retirement or savings plan or other similar plan, please check your voting instruction card or contact your broker, nominee, trustee or administrator to determine whether you will be able to revoke or change your vote.

## Who is Paying for the Expenses Involved in Preparing this Proxy Statement?

All of the expenses involved in preparing and assembling these proxy materials and mailing the Notice (and any paper materials, if requested) and all costs of soliciting proxies will be paid by us. In addition to the solicitation by mail, proxies may be solicited by our officers and other employees by telephone or in person. Such persons will receive no compensation for their services other than their regular salaries. Arrangements will also be made with brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of the shares held of record by such persons, and we may reimburse such persons for reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by them in forwarding solicitation materials.

## Do I Have Dissenters' Rights of Appraisal?

Jerrick stockholders do not have appraisal rights under Nevada law or under Jerrick's governing documents with respect to the matters to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

## How can I Find out the Results of the Voting at the Annual Meeting?

Preliminary voting results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. In addition, final voting results will be disclosed in a Current Report on Form 8-K that we expect to file with the SEC within four business days after the Annual Meeting. If final voting results are not available to us in time to file a Current Report on Form 8-K with the SEC within four business days after the Annual Meeting, we intend to file a Current Report on Form 8-K to publish preliminary results and, within four business days after the final results are known to us, file an additional Current Report on Form 8-K to publish the final results.

## When are Stockholder Proposals Due for the 2021 Annual Meeting?

Stockholders who intend to have a proposal considered for inclusion in our proxy materials for presentation at our 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "2021 Annual Meeting") must submit the proposal to us at our corporate headquarters no later than February 9, 2021, which proposal must be made in accordance with the provisions of Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act. Pursuant to our Amended and Restated Bylaws, nothing in the procedure described in the sentence above shall be deemed to affect the rights of stockholders to request inclusion of proposals in our proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act.

Stockholders who intend to present a proposal at our 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders without inclusion of the proposal in our proxy materials are required to provide notice of such proposal to our Corporate Secretary so that such notice is received by our Corporate Secretary at our principal executive offices on or after March 10, 2021 but no later than April 9, 2021. We reserve the right to reject, rule out of order or take other appropriate action with respect to any proposal that does not comply with these and other applicable requirements.

# Excluding Proposal 1 (Election of Directors), Do the Company's Executive Officers and Directors have an Interest in Any of the Matters to Be Acted Upon at the Annual Meeting?

Members of the Board and executive officers of Jerrick do not have any substantial interest, direct or indirect, in Proposal No. 2, 3, 5, or 6. Directors may have an interest in Proposal No. 4, regarding the approval of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, as they will be participants in that Plan.

#### Are any of the proposals conditioned on one another?

Proposal No. 2 for the approval of the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Proposal No. 4 approval of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan are conditioned on each other. It is important for you to note that in the event that Proposal No. 2 does not receive the requisite vote for approval, then the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan in Proposal No. 4 will not be adopted, even if approved by our stockholders.

#### **PROPOSAL 1:**

## **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Our Board currently consists of two (2) directors, and their terms will expire at the Annual Meeting. Directors are elected at the annual meeting of stockholders each year and hold office until such director's successor is elected and qualified, or until such director's earlier death, resignation or removal.

Jeremy Frommer, Leonard Schiller, Mark Standish, Laurie Weisberg, and Mark Patterson have each been nominated to serve as directors and have agreed to stand for election. If these nominees are elected at the Annual Meeting, then each nominee will serve for a one-year term expiring at the 2021 annual meeting of stockholders and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the election. This means that the nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative "FOR" votes will be elected as directors.

If no contrary indication is made, proxies will be voted "FOR" all nominees listed below or, in the event that any such individual is not a candidate or is unable to serve as a director at the time of the election (which is not currently expected), for any nominee who is designated by our Board to fill the vacancy.

## **Board Recommendation**

The board of directors unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" the election of all of our director nominees.

#### Nominees for Election to the Board

Name	Age	Positions
Jeremy Frommer	51	Chief Executive Officer, Director
Leonard Schiller	78	Director
Mark Standish	58	Director nominee
Laurie Weisberg	51	Director nominee
Mark Patterson	68	Director nominee

## Nominees for Election to the Board for a Term Expiring at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Jeremy Frommer. Mr. Frommer serves as our Chief Executive Officer and is a current member of our board of directors. Mr. Frommer has over 20 years of experience in the financial technology industry. Previously, Mr. Frommer held key leaderships roles in the investment banking and trading divisions of large financial institutions. From 2009 to 2012, Mr. Frommer was briefly retired until beginning concept formation for Jerrick Ventures which he officially founded in 2013. From 2007 to 2009, Mr. Frommer was Managing Director of Global Prime Services at RBC Capital Markets, the investment banking arm of the Royal Bank of Canada, the largest financial institution in Canada, after the sale of Carlin Financial Group, a professional trading firm. From 2004 to 2007, Mr. Frommer was the Chief Executive Officer of Carlin Financial Group after the sale of NextGen Trading, a software development company focused on building equity trading platforms. From 2002 to 2004, Mr. Frommer was Founder and Chief Executive Officer of NextGen Trading. From 2000 to 2002, he was Managing Director of Merger Arbitrage Trading at Bank of America, a financial services firm. Mr. Frommer was also a director of LionEye Capital, a hedge fund from June 2012 to June 2014. He holds a B.A. from the University of Albany. We believe Mr. Frommer is qualified to serve as a member of our board of directors because of his financial and leadership experience.

Leonard Schiller. Mr. Schiller is a current member and Chairman of our board of directors. He is President and Managing Partner of the Chicago law firm of Schiller, Strauss and Lavin PC and has been associated with the firm since 1977. Mr. Schiller also has served as the President of The Dearborn Group, a residential property management and real estate company with properties located in the Midwest. Mr. Schiller has also been involved in the ownership of residential properties and commercial properties throughout the country. Mr. Schiller has acted as a principal in numerous private loan transactions and has been responsible for the structure, and management of these transactions. Mr. Schiller has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of IMALL, an internet search engine company, which was acquired by Excite@Home. He also served as a member of the Board of AccuMed International, Inc., a company which manufactured and marketed medical diagnostic screening products, which was acquired by Molecular Diagnostics, Inc. He presently serves as a director of Milestone Scientific, Inc., a Delaware company and as a director

of Point Capital, Inc., a Delaware corporation. Mr. Schiller graduated from the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, and attained his Juris Doctor degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law. We believe Mr. Schiller is qualified to serve as a member of our board of directors because of his legal and corporate governance experience.

Mark Standish. Mr. Standish has served as a Senior Partner for HHM Capital since January 2017. Additionally, he has served as a member of the Board of Directors for LightPoint Financial Technology LLC since January 2017. From February 2015 to December 2016, he served as Managing Partner and Chief Information Officers for Deimos Asset Management LLC. In 1995 he joined the Royal Bank of Canada and served as Co-Chief Executive Officer of RBC Capital Markets from 2008 to 2014. He studied banking and finance at Croydon College in England in 1983. We believe Mr. Standish is qualified to serve as a member of our board because of his extensive financial industry and leadership experience.

Laurie Weisberg. Ms. Weisberg is a director nominee for our board of directors. Ms. Weisberg, who has served as the Chief Sales Officer at Intent since February 2019, has spent over 25 years at the forefront of sales and marketing innovation in the technology space, having held leadership positions at various technology companies including Thrive Global, Curalate, and Oracle Data Cloud. From October 2010 to April 2015, Ms. Weisberg was a member of the executive leadership team at Datalogix, leading up to its acquisition by Oracle in 2015, at which point she assumed the role of VP of Oracle Data Cloud. Additionally, Ms. Weisberg has served on the Advisory Board at Crowdsmart, an intelligent data-driven investment prediction platform since April 2019. Ms. Weisberg was born and educated in England. We believe Ms. Weisberg is qualified to serve on our board of directors due to her extensive global sales and brand marketing expertise as well as her leadership experience working within the technology space.

Mark Patterson. Mr. Patterson is a director nominee for our board of directors. Mr. Patterson, a private equity and hedge fund businessman, co-founded MatlinPatterson Global Advisors, a leading private equity firm in the distressed investing space in 2002. Early in his career, Patterson worked in leveraged finance at Credit Suisse, Scully Brothers & Foss, Salomon Brothers, and Bankers Trust. During his tenure as chairman and chief executive of MatlinPatterson's asset management division, Mr. Patterson expanded the firm's portfolio beyond distressed debt, implementing other investment strategies such as credit trading, securitized credit, and senior credit. Mark Patterson currently holds the position of Non-Executive Chairman of MatlinPatterson Asset Management. Mr. Patterson received degrees in Law and Economics from Stellenbosch University in South Africa and an M.B.A. from New York University's Stern School of Business. We believe Mr. Patterson is qualified to serve on our board of directors due to his extensive experience in financial markets, investment management, and his corporate governance experience on various boards.

## **Family Relationships**

There are no other family relationships among any of our current or former directors or executive officers.

## **Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings**

We are not aware of any of our directors or officers being involved in any legal proceedings in the past ten years relating to any matters in bankruptcy, insolvency, criminal proceedings (other than traffic and other minor offenses), or being subject to any of the items set forth under Item 401(f) of Regulation S-K.

#### **Board Committees**

Our board of directors does not have any committees formed. As independent directors are added to our board, we intend to form a formal audit committee, compensation committee and nominating and corporate governance committee and adopt appropriate written charters for such committees. Presently, however, there are no plans to appoint certain directors to specific committees. Until such time as an audit committee, compensation committee and nominating and corporate governance committee is formed, our full board of directors fulfills the functions normally undertaken by such committees.

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The following are biographical summaries of our executive officers and their ages, except for Mr. Frommer, whose biography is included under the heading "Proposal 1: Election of Directors" set forth above:

Name	Age	Positions
Jeremy Frommer	51	Chief Executive Officer
Justin Maury	31	President

**Justin Maury**. Mr. Maury serves as our President. He is a full stack design director with an expertise in product development. With over ten years of design and product management experience in the creative industry, Mr. Maury's passion for the creative arts and technology ultimately resulted in the vision for Vocal. Since joining Jerrick in 2013, Mr. Maury has overseen the development and launch of the Company's flagship product, Vocal, an innovative platform that provides storytelling tools and engaged communities for creators and brands to get discovered while funding their creativity. Under Mr. Maury's supervision, Vocal has achieved growth to over 380,000 creators across 34 genre-specific communities in its first two years since launch.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

## **Summary Compensation Table**

The following summary compensation table sets forth all compensation awarded to, earned by, or paid to the named executive officers paid by us during the years ended December 31, 2019, and 2018.

Name and Principal Position	Year		alary (\$)	В	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Nonqualif Deferred Compensa Earning (\$)	d tion	All Other mpensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Jeremy Frommer	2019	\$ 16	68,269	\$ 3	300,080	_	_	_		_	\$ 104,667(1)	\$ 573,016
Chief Executive Officer	2018	\$ 15	52,879	\$ 1	35,700	_	_	_		—	\$ 96,463(3)	\$ 385,042
Rick Schwartz	2019	\$ 3	33,642			_	_	_		_	\$ 9,708	\$ 43,350
Former President	2018	\$ 12	24,476			_	_	_		_	_	\$ 124,476
Justin Maury	2019	\$ 11	17,751			_	_	_		_	\$ 8,094(4)	\$ 125,845
President	2018	\$ 9	90,846		_		107	_		_	_	\$ 90,846

- (1) The \$104,667 includes payment to Mr. Frommer for living expenses, health insurance and a vehicle allowance.
- (2) The \$9,708 includes payment to Mr. Schwartz for health insurance.
- (3) The \$96,463 includes payment to Mr. Frommer for living expenses, health insurance and a vehicle allowance.
- (4) The \$8,094 includes payment to Mr. Maury for health insurance.

## **Employment Agreements**

As of June 8, 2020, the Company has not entered into any employment agreements, but intends on entering into such agreements with its Chief Executive Officer and President by the end of fiscal year 2020.

## **Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End 2018**

At December 31, 2019, we had outstanding equity awards as follows:

									Equity	Incentive
									Incentive	Plan
									Plan	Awards:
									Awards:	Market
			Equity					Market	Number	or Payout
			Incentive				Number	Value	of	Value of
			Plan				of	of	Unearned	Unearned
			Awards:				Shares	Shares	Shares,	Shares,
	Number of	Number of	Number of				or Units	or Units	Units or	Units or
	Securities	Securities	Securities				of Stock	of Stock	Other	Other
	Underlying	Underlying	Underlying	Wei	ighted		That	That	Rights	Rights
	Unexercised	Unexercised	Unexercised	Av	erage		Have	Have	That	That
	Options	Options	Unearned	Exc	ercise	Expiration	Not	Not	Have Not	Have Not
Name	Exercisable	Unexercisable	<b>Options</b>	_ P	rice	Date	Vested	Vested	Vested	Vested
Jeremy Frommer <sup>(1)</sup>	200,000	_	200,000	\$	7.5	May 22, 2022	_	\$ —	_	_
Rick Schwartz $^{(1)}$	200,000	_	200,000	\$	7.5	May 22, 2022	_	\$ —	_	_
Justin Maury <sup>(2)</sup>	167,955	_	167,955	\$	9.9	May 22, 2022		\$ —		_

**Equity** 

## **Director Compensation**

The following table presents the total compensation for each person who served as a non-employee member of our board of directors and received compensation for such service during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. Other than as set forth in the table and described more fully below, we did not pay any compensation, make any equity awards or non-equity awards to, or pay any other compensation to any of the non-employee members of our board of directors in 2019.

			Fees	
	(	ption	rned or Paid in	
Director		vards <sup>(1)</sup>	Cash	Total
Andrew Taffin <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	3,021	\$	\$ 3,021
Leonard Schiller	\$		\$ 	\$ 

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts shown in this column do not reflect dollar amounts actually received by our non-employee directors. Instead, these amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of stock option awards determined in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718.

Effective February 5, 2016, Jeremy Frommer was appointed as our Chief Executive Officer and Rick Schwartz was appointed as our President.

<sup>(2)</sup> On January 31, 2019, Rick Schwartz resigned from his position as President. The Board of Directors appointed Justin Maury as President on the same date.

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Taffin resigned from our board of directors on October 23, 2019.

#### **PROPOSAL 2:**

#### APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Our board of directors has approved, subject to stockholder approval, Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation in the form attached hereto as **Appendix A**.

The following discussion is a summary of the key changes effected by the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, but this summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, a copy of which is included as **Appendix A**.

Our current Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (the "Articles of Incorporation") authorize the Board to issue 15,000,000 shares of common stock and 20,000,000 shares of preferred stock, of which 100,000 have been designated as Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock ("Series A Preferred Stock") (of which no shares of such Series A Preferred Stock are outstanding), and 20,000 were designated as Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock ("Series B Preferred Stock are outstanding). As of the Record Date, there were 10,111,156 shares of common stock and no shares of either Series A Preferred Stock or Series B Preferred Stock issued and outstanding.

The proposed Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, in the form attached hereto as **Appendix A**, (i) increases the number of authorized common stock from 15,000,000 shares to 100,000,000 shares, (ii) authorizes 20,000,000 shares of "blank check preferred", and (iii) includes a forum selection clause as described below. In connection with the adoption of the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, we will withdraw the designations of the Series A Preferred Stock and Series B Preferred Stock.

## **Increase in Authorized Common Stock**

The terms of the additional shares of common stock will be identical to those of the currently outstanding shares of common stock. However, because holders of common stock have no preemptive rights to purchase or subscribe for any unissued stock of the Company, the issuance of additional shares of common stock will reduce the current Stockholders' percentage ownership interest in the total outstanding shares of common stock. This common stock increase and the creation of additional shares of authorized common stock will not alter the current number of issued shares. The relative rights and limitations of the shares of common stock will remain unchanged under the proposed Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.

#### Reasons for the Increase in Authorized Common Stock

The board of directors determined that the increase in authorized common stock is in the best interests of the Company and unanimously recommends approval by stockholders. The board of directors believes that the availability of additional authorized shares of common stock is required for several reasons including, but not limited to, the additional flexibility to issue common stock for a variety of general corporate purposes as the board of directors may determine to be desirable including, without limitation, future financings, investment opportunities, acquisitions, or other distributions and stock splits (including splits effected through the declaration of stock dividends).

As of the Record Date 10,111,156 shares of our common stock were outstanding out of the 15,000,000 shares that we are authorized to issue. In addition, as of the Record Date, an aggregate of approximately 3,031,399 shares of common stock have been reserved for future issuance, including: (i) 900,000 shares reserved for issuance under our 2015 Equity Incentive Plan; (ii) 806,580 shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding warrants; (iii) 29,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding options; and (iv) 1,295,819 shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding convertible promissory notes.

Thus, we have approximately 1,857,445 shares of common shares available for future issuance at this time. Our working capital requirements are significant and may require us to raise additional capital through additional equity financings in the future.

If we issue additional shares of common stock or other securities convertible into shares of our common stock in the future, it could dilute the voting rights of existing stockholders and could also dilute earnings per share and book value per share of existing stockholders. The increase in authorized number of common stock could also discourage or hinder efforts by other parties to obtain control of the Company, thereby having an anti-takeover effect. The increase in authorized number of common stock is not being proposed in response to any known threat to acquire control of the Company.

## Effects of the Increase in Authorized Common Stock

Following the filing of the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation with the Nevada Secretary of State, we will have the authority to issue up to 100,000,000 shares of common stock. These shares may be issued without Stockholder approval at any time, in the sole discretion of our board of directors. The authorized and unissued shares may be issued for cash, to acquire property or for any other purpose that is deemed in the best interests of the Company.

In addition, the increase in authorized common stock could have a number of effects on the Company's Stockholders depending upon the exact nature and circumstances of any actual issuances of authorized but unissued shares. The increase could have an anti-takeover effect, in that additional shares could be issued (within the limits imposed by applicable law) in one or more transactions that could make a change in control or takeover of the Company more difficult. For example, additional shares could be issued by the Company so as to dilute the stock ownership or voting rights of persons seeking to obtain control of the Company, even if the persons seeking to obtain control of the Company offer an above-market premium that is favored by a majority of the independent Stockholders. Similarly, the issuance of additional shares to certain persons allied with the Company's management could have the effect of making it more difficult to remove the Company's current management by diluting the stock ownership or voting rights of persons seeking to cause such removal. The Board of Directors is not aware of any attempt, or contemplated attempt, to acquire control of the Company, and this proposal is not being presented with the intent that it be utilized as a type of anti-takeover device. The increase in authorized common stock has been prompted by business and financial considerations.

The increase in authorized common stock will not change the number of shares of common stock outstanding, nor will it have any immediate dilutive effect or change the rights of current holders of the Company's common stock. However, the issuance of additional shares of common stock authorized by the increase in authorized common stock may occur at times or under circumstances as to have a dilutive effect on earnings per share, book value per share or the percentage voting or ownership interest of the present holders of the Company's common stock.

The Company has no present plans, proposals or arrangements, written or otherwise, at this time to issue any common stock in connection with a merger, share exchange or acquisition. The Company may issue common stock in the future in connection with both public and private financings.

#### **Authorization to Issue Blank Check Preferred Stock**

## Purpose of the Authorization of Blank Check Preferred Stock

Our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation currently authorize the issuance of 20,000,000 shares of "blank check" preferred stock. The board of directors believes that "blank check" preferred stock will provide us with flexibility with respect to our capital structure for purposes including additional equity financings and stock-based acquisitions. As our current Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation already contain a "blank check" preferred stock provision for 20,000,000 shares, the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation will not change the Board's current authorization to issue preferred stock.

Below is a summary of "blank check" preferred stock:

The term "blank check" refers to preferred stock, the creation and issuance of which is authorized in advance by our Stockholders and the terms, rights and features of which are determined by our Board of Directors upon issuance. The authorization of such "blank check" preferred stock permits our Board of Directors to authorize and issue preferred stock from time to time in one or more series without seeking further action or vote of our Stockholders.

Subject to the provisions of the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and the limitations prescribed by law, our board of directors would be expressly authorized, at its discretion, to adopt resolutions to issue shares, to fix the number of shares and to change the number of shares constituting any series and to provide for or change the voting powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, including dividend rights (including whether the dividends are cumulative), dividend rates, terms of redemption (including sinking fund provisions), redemption prices, conversion rights and liquidation preferences of the shares constituting any series of the preferred stock, in each case without any further action or vote by our Stockholders. Our board of directors would be required to make any determination to issue shares of preferred stock based on its judgment as to what is in the best interests of the Company and our Stockholders. The authorized "blank check" preferred stock will give our board of directors flexibility, without further stockholder action, to issue preferred stock on such terms and conditions as our board of directors deems to be in our best interests and the best interests of our stockholders.

The authorization of the "blank check" preferred stock will provide us with increased financial flexibility in meeting future capital requirements. It will allow preferred stock to be available for issuance from time to time and with such features as determined by our board of directors for any proper corporate purpose. It is anticipated that such purposes may include, without limitation, exchanging preferred stock for common stock, the issuance for cash as a means of obtaining capital for our use, or issuance as part or all of the consideration required to be paid by us for acquisitions of other businesses or assets.

## Effects of Authorization of Blank Check Preferred Stock

The issuance by us of preferred stock could dilute both the equity interests and the earnings per share of existing holders of our common stock. Such dilution may be substantial, depending upon the amount of shares issued. The newly authorized shares of preferred stock could also have voting rights superior to our common stock, and therefore would have a dilutive effect on the voting power of our existing Stockholders.

Any issuance of preferred stock with voting rights could, under certain circumstances, have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control of our Company by increasing the number of outstanding shares entitled to vote and by increasing the number of votes required to approve a change in control of our Company. Shares of voting or convertible preferred stock could be issued, or rights to purchase such shares could be issued, to render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of our Company by means of a tender offer, proxy contest, merger or otherwise. The ability of our Board of Directors to issue such shares of preferred stock, with the rights and preferences it deems advisable, could discourage an attempt by a party to acquire control of our Company by tender offer or other means. Such issuances could therefore deprive our Stockholders of benefits that could result from such an attempt, such as the realization of a premium over the market price that such an attempt could cause.

The Company has (i) no present plans or commitments for the issuance or use of the preferred stock in connection with any financing, and (ii) no present plans, proposals or arrangements, written or otherwise, at this time to issue any of the preferred stock in connection with a merger, share exchange or acquisition.

## **Forum Selection**

The Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation provides that unless the Company consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, to the fullest extent permitted by law, all Internal Corporate Claims shall be brought solely and exclusively in the Eighth Judicial District Court of Clark County, Nevada. "Internal Corporate Claims" means claims, including claims in the right of the Company, brought by a stockholder with respect to: (a) any derivative action or proceeding brought in the name or right of the Corporation or on its behalf, (b) any action asserting a claim for breach of any fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation to the Corporation or the Corporation's stockholders, (c) any action arising or asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") Chapters 78 or 92A or any provision of the Second Articles of Incorporation or our Amended and Restated Bylaws or (d) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine, including, without limitation, any action to interpret, apply, enforce or determine the validity of the Second Articles of Incorporation or our Amended and Restated Bylaws. This exclusive forum provision would not apply to suits brought to enforce any liability or duty created by the Securities Act or the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction. To the extent that any such claims may be based upon federal law claims, Section 27 of the Exchange Act creates exclusive federal jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or the rules and regulations thereunder.

Additionally, the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation provide that unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the federal district courts of the United States of America shall be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to this provision. As this provision applies to Securities Act claims, there may be uncertainty whether a court would enforce such a provision.

These choice of forum provisions may limit a stockholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that it finds favorable for disputes with the Company or its directors, officers or other employees, which may discourage such lawsuits against the Company and its directors, officers and other employees. Alternatively, if a court were to find our choice of forum provisions contained in the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, the Company may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could harm its business, results of operations, and financial condition.

## Procedure for Implementing the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

The Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation will become effective upon the filing or such later time as specified in the filing of the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada. The form of the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation is attached hereto as **Appendix A**. The exact timing of the filing of the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation will be determined by our board of directors based on its evaluation as to when such action will be the most advantageous to the Company and our stockholders.

## **Required Vote of Stockholders**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock is required to approve this proposal.

#### **Board Recommendation**

The board of directors unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" Proposal 2.

#### **PROPOSAL 3:**

## DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY TO AMEND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO CHANGE OUR NAME

We are asking our stockholders to grant discretionary authority to our board of directors to amend the Company's Articles of Incorporation (in the form then in effect) to effectuate a name change upon the Company's common stock becoming approved for listing on a national securities exchange (the "Name Change"). The Company has obtained board of directors approval for the Name Change of the Company from "Jerrick Media Holdings, Inc." to "Creatd, Inc." Our board of directors believes that the name "Creatd, Inc." will more accurately reflect the business and operations of the Company going forward.

The Name Change will amend the Articles of Incorporation (in the form then in effect) of the Company to formalize the new name. Furthermore, the Company is considering changing the ticker symbol to more closely reflect that of the Company after the Name Change. The Name Change will be implemented by filing an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation then in effect with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada. The Name Change will become effective upon the filing or such later time as specified in the filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada. The proposed form of amendment to our Articles of Incorporation (then in effect) to effectuate the Name Change is attached as <u>Appendix B</u> to this Proxy Statement (subject to any changes required by applicable law and provided that, since Proposal Nos. 2 and 3 will result in changes to the Articles of Incorporation, the Company may file one or more amendments with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada to effect multiple approved proposals).

## **Required Vote of Stockholders**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock is required to approve this proposal.

#### **Board Recommendation**

The board of directors unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" Proposal 3.

#### **PROPOSAL 4:**

# APPROVAL OF THE COMPANY'S 2020 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN AND THE RESERVATION OF 7,500,000 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK FOR ISSUANCE THEREUNDER

## **Summary**

On May 7, 2020, our board of directors adopted our 2020 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "2020 Plan"). The 2020 Plan will become effective, if at all, on the date that it is approved by the our stockholders (the "Effective Date").

We currently maintain the 2015 Incentive Stock and Award Plan (the "Prior Plan"). However, following the Effective Date, no further awards may be issued under the Prior Plan, but all awards under the Prior Plan that are outstanding as of the Effective Date will continue to be governed by the terms, conditions and procedures set forth in the Prior Plan and any applicable award agreement.

Under the 2020 Plan, 7,500,000 shares of Company common stock are initially available for grant.

Our administrator may grant incentive stock options, non-statutory stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units and other stock-based awards to participants to acquire shares of Company common stock under the 2020 Plan. It is anticipated that the Plan will be administered by the Compensation Committee. The closing price per-share of Company common stock on June 8, 2020 was \$3.425. The following table sets forth, as of June 8, 2020, the approximate number of each class of participants eligible to participate in the 2020 Plan and the basis of such participation.

Class and Basis of Participation	Approximate Number of Class
Employees	23
Directors	2
Independent Contractors	7

<sup>(1)</sup> One of the 2 directors is an employee of the Company.

## Rationale for Adoption of the 2020 Plan

Grants of options, stock appreciation rights, restricted shares of common stock, restricted stock units and other stock-based awards to our employees, directors and independent contractors are an important part of our long-term incentive compensation program, which we use in order to strengthen the commitment of such individuals to us, motivate them to faithfully and diligently perform their responsibilities and attract and retain competent and dedicated individuals whose efforts are expected to result in our long-term growth and profitability.

The Company has long operated without the ability to grant equity awards because it did not have a sufficient share reserve under its Prior Plan. Consequently, its growing team of tenured upper managers, as well as many other employees, have not received equity awards since 2017. The number of shares proposed to be available for grant under the 2020 Plan is designed to enable the Company to properly incentivize its employees and management teams over a number of years on a going-forward basis.

# Consequences if Proposal No. 2 Regarding the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation is Not Approved

The approval of the 2020 Plan will result in the reservation of 7,500,000 shares of our common stock for issuance under the 2020 Plan. Currently, the Company has 15,000,000 shares of common stock authorized under its Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, with 10,111,156 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of June 8, 2020. If Proposal No. 2 is approved, we will be authorized to issue up to 100,000,000 shares of common stock. If Proposal No. 2 does not receive the requisite vote for approval, we will not have a sufficient number of authorized common stock for the reservation of shares under the 2020 Plan. As such, if Proposal No. 2 is not approved, then this Proposal No. 4 will have no effect, even if approved by our stockholders.

#### **Required Vote of Stockholders**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by holders present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote thereon at the Annual Meeting is required to approve the adoption of the 2020 Plan and the reservation of 7,500,000 shares of common stock for issuance thereunder. **Approval of Proposal No. 4 also is conditioned on the approval of Proposal No. 2. If Proposal No. 2 is not approved, then Proposal No. 4 will have no effect even if approved by our stockholders.** 

## Dilution, Stock Available and Historical Stock Usage

Dilution. Subject to stockholder approval of the 2020 Plan, 7,500,000 shares of Company common stock will be reserved for issuance under the Plan, which represents approximately 74% of our issued and outstanding shares of Company's common stock, not including outstanding awards under the Prior Plan. The Board believes that this number of shares of Company's common stock constitutes reasonable potential equity dilution and provides a significant incentive for employees to increase the value of the Company for all stockholders. The closing trading price of each share of Company common stock as of the Record Date was \$3.34.

As of the Record Date, we had: (i) 10,111,156 shares of Company common stock outstanding; (ii) 452,523 stock options outstanding (vested and unvested), with a weighted average exercise price of \$7.89 per share; and (iii) 0 shares of unvested restricted stock outstanding. The new shares of Company's common stock available under the 2020 Plan would represent an additional potential equity dilution of approximately 43%, which does not include outstanding awards under the Prior Plan. Including the proposed additional shares of Company's common stock under the 2020 Plan, the potential equity dilution from all equity incentive awards outstanding and available for grant under all of our equity plans would result in a maximum potential equity dilution of approximately 45%.

Shares Available; Certain Limitations. The maximum number of shares of common stock reserved and available for issuance under the 2020 Plan will be equal to the sum of (i) 7,500,000 shares of common stock and (ii) the number of shares of common stock reserved, but unissued under the Prior Plan, provided that shares of common stock issued under the 2020 Plan with respect to an Exempt Award will not count against the share limit. We use the term "Exempt Award" to mean (i) an award granted in the assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted by another business entity acquired by us or any of our subsidiaries or with which we or any of our subsidiaries merges, or (ii) an award that a participant purchases at fair market value.

New shares reserved for issuance under the 2020 Plan may be authorized but unissued shares of Company's common stock or shares of Company's common stock that will have been or may be reacquired by us in the open market, in private transactions or otherwise. If any shares of Company's common stock subject to an award are forfeited, cancelled, exchanged or surrendered or if an award terminates or expires without a distribution of shares to the participant, the shares of Company common stock with respect to such award will, to the extent of any such forfeiture, cancellation, exchange, surrender, termination or expiration, again be available for awards under the Plan except that any shares of Company common stock surrendered or withheld as payment of either the exercise price of an award and/or withholding taxes in respect of an award will not again be available for awards under the Plan. If an award is denominated in shares of Company's common stock, but settled in cash, the number of shares of common stock previously subject to the award will again be available for grants under the 2020 Plan. If an award can only be settled in cash, it will not be counted against the total number of shares of common stock available for grant under the 2020 Plan. However, upon the exercise of any award granted in tandem with any other awards, such related awards will be cancelled as to the number of shares as to which the award is exercised and such number of shares of Company's common stock will no longer be available for grant under the 2020 Plan.

As exhibited by the our responsible use of equity over the past several years and good corporate governance practices associated with equity and executive compensation practices in general, the stock reserved under the 2020 Plan will provide us with the platform needed for continued our growth, while managing program costs and share utilization levels within acceptable industry standards.

Share Usage. In determining the requested number of shares of Company's common stock reserved for issuance under the 2020 Plan, we evaluated the dilution and historic share usage, burn rate and the existing terms of outstanding awards under the Prior Plan. The annual share usage under our equity plans for the last three fiscal years was as follows:

		Fiscal Year 2019	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2017	Average
A	Total Shares Granted During Fiscal Year <sup>(1)</sup>	2,703,596	4,499,306	281,305	2,494,736
В	Basic Weighted Average Common Stock Outstanding	8,223,410	3,418,491	1,930,100	4,524,001
C	Burn Rate (A/B)	33%	132%	15%	55%

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes the number of options and full value awards (restricted shares of common stock) granted for such year.

## **Description of 2020 Plan**

The following is a summary of the material features of the 2020 Plan. This summary is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the 2020 Plan, a copy of which is attached to this Proxy Statement as Appendix A.

Types of Awards. The 2020 Plan provides for the issuance of incentive stock options, non-statutory stock options, stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), restricted stock, restricted stock units ("RSUs"), and other stock-based awards. Items described above in the Section called "Shares Available" are incorporated herein by reference.

Administration. The 2020 Plan will be administered by our board of directors, or if our board of directors does not administer the 2020 Plan, a committee or subcommittee of our board of directors that complies with the applicable requirements of Section 16 of the Exchange Act and any other applicable legal or stock exchange listing requirements (each of our board of directors or such committee or subcommittee, the "plan administrator"). The plan administrator may interpret the 2020 Plan and may prescribe, amend and rescind rules and make all other determinations necessary or desirable for the administration of the 2020 Plan, provided that, subject to the equitable adjustment provisions described below, the plan administrator will not have the authority to reprice or cancel and re-grant any award at a lower exercise, base or purchase price or cancel any award with an exercise, base or purchase price in exchange for cash, property or other awards without first obtaining the approval of our stockholders.

The 2020 Plan permits the plan administrator to select the eligible recipients who will receive awards, to determine the terms and conditions of those awards, including but not limited to the exercise price or other purchase price of an award, the number of shares of common stock or cash or other property subject to an award, the term of an award and the vesting schedule applicable to an award, and to amend the terms and conditions of outstanding awards.

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units. Restricted stock and RSUs may be granted under the 2020 Plan. The plan administrator will determine the purchase price, vesting schedule and performance goals, if any, and any other conditions that apply to a grant of restricted stock and RSUs. If the restrictions, performance goals or other conditions determined by the plan administrator are not satisfied, the restricted stock and RSUs will be forfeited. Subject to the provisions of the 2020 Plan and the applicable award agreement, the plan administrator has the sole discretion to provide for the lapse of restrictions in installments.

Unless the applicable award agreement provides otherwise, participants with restricted stock will generally have all of the rights of a stockholder; provided that dividends will only be paid if and when the underlying restricted stock vests. RSUs will not be entitled to dividends prior to vesting, but may be entitled to receive dividend equivalents if the award agreement provides for them. The rights of participants granted restricted stock or RSUs upon the termination of employment or service to us will be set forth in the award agreement.

Options. Incentive stock options and non-statutory stock options may be granted under the 2020 Plan. An "incentive stock option" means an option intended to qualify for tax treatment applicable to incentive stock options under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code. A "non-statutory stock option" is an option that is not subject to statutory requirements and limitations required for certain tax advantages that are allowed under specific provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. A non-statutory stock option under the 2020 Plan is referred to for federal income tax purposes as a "non-qualified" stock option. Each option granted under the Plan will be designated as a non-qualified stock option or an incentive stock option. At the discretion of the administrator, incentive stock options may be granted only to our employees, employees of our "parent corporation" (as such term is defined in Section 424(e) of the Code) or employees of our subsidiaries.

The exercise period of an option may not exceed ten years from the date of grant and the exercise price may not be less than 100% of the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date the option is granted (110% of fair market value in the case of incentive stock options granted to ten percent stockholders). The exercise price for shares of common stock subject to an option may be paid in cash, or as determined by the administrator in its sole discretion, (i) through any cashless exercise procedure approved by the administrator (including the withholding of shares of common stock otherwise issuable upon exercise), (ii) by tendering unrestricted shares of common stock owned by the participant, (iii) with any other form of consideration approved by the administrator and permitted by applicable law or (iv) by any combination of these methods. The option holder will have no rights to dividends or distributions or other rights of a stockholder with respect to the shares of Common Stock subject to an option until the option holder has given written notice of exercise and paid the exercise price and applicable withholding taxes.

In the event of an participant's termination of employment or service, the participant may exercise his or her option (to the extent vested as of such date of termination) for such period of time as specified in his or her option agreement.

Stock Appreciation Rights. SARs may be granted either alone (a "free-standing SAR") or in conjunction with all or part of any option granted under the 2020 Plan (a "tandem SAR"). A free-standing SAR will entitle its holder to receive, at the time of exercise, an amount per share up to the excess of the fair market value (at the date of exercise) of a share of common stock over the base price of the free-standing SAR (which shall be no less than 100% of the fair market value of the related shares of common stock on the date of grant) multiplied by the number of shares in respect of which the SAR is being exercised. A tandem SAR will entitle its holder to receive, at the time of exercise of the SAR and surrender of the applicable portion of the related option, an amount per share up to the excess of the fair market value (at the date of exercise) of a share of common stock over the exercise price of the related option multiplied by the number of shares in respect of which the SAR is being exercised. The exercise period of a free-standing SAR may not exceed ten years from the date of grant. The exercise period of a tandem SAR will also expire upon the expiration of its related option.

The holder of a SAR will have no rights to dividends or any other rights of a stockholder with respect to the shares of Common Stock subject to the SAR until the holder has given written notice of exercise and paid the exercise price and applicable withholding taxes.

In the event of an participant's termination of employment or service, the holder of a SAR may exercise his or her SAR (to the extent vested as of such date of termination) for such period of time as specified in his or her SAR agreement.

Other Stock-Based Awards. The administrator may grant other stock-based awards under the 2020 Plan, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on, shares of common stock. The administrator will determine the terms and conditions of these awards, including the number of shares of common stock to be granted pursuant to each award, the manner in which the award will be settled, and the conditions to the vesting and payment of the award (including the achievement of performance goals). The rights of participants granted other stock-based awards upon the termination of employment or service to us will be set forth in the applicable award agreement. In the event that a bonus is granted in the form of shares of common stock, the shares of common stock constituting such bonus shall, as determined by the administrator, be evidenced in uncertificated form or by a book entry record or a certificate issued in the name of the participant to whom such grant was made and delivered to such participant as soon as practicable after the date on which such bonus is payable. Any dividend or dividend equivalent award issued hereunder shall be subject to the same restrictions, conditions and risks of forfeiture as apply to the underlying award.

## Equitable Adjustment and Treatment of Outstanding Awards Upon a Change in Control

Equitable Adjustments. In the event of a merger, consolidation, reclassification, recapitalization, spin-off, spin-out, repurchase, reorganization, special or extraordinary dividend or other extraordinary distribution (whether in the form of common shares, cash or other property), combination, exchange of shares, or other change in corporate structure affecting our common stock, an equitable substitution or proportionate adjustment shall be made in (i) the aggregate number and kind of securities reserved for issuance under the 2020 Plan, (ii) the kind and number of securities subject to, and the exercise price of, any outstanding options and SARs granted under the 2020 Plan, (iii) the kind, number and purchase price of shares of common stock, or the amount of cash or amount or type of property, subject to outstanding restricted stock, RSUs and other stock-based awards granted under the 2020 Plan and (iv) the terms and conditions of any outstanding awards (including any applicable performance targets). Equitable

substitutions or adjustments other than those listed above may also be made as determined by the plan administrator. In addition, the plan administrator may terminate all outstanding awards for the payment of cash or in-kind consideration having an aggregate fair market value equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares of common stock, cash or other property covered by such awards over the aggregate exercise price, if any, of such awards, but if the exercise price of any outstanding award is equal to or greater than the fair market value of the shares of common stock, cash or other property covered by such award, the plan administrator may cancel the award without the payment of any consideration to the participant. With respect to awards subject to foreign laws, adjustments will be made in compliance with applicable requirements. Except to the extent determined by the plan administrator, adjustments to incentive stock options will be made only to the extent not constituting a "modification" within the meaning of Section 424(h)(3) of the Code.

Change in Control. The 2020 Plan provides that, unless otherwise determined by the plan administrator and evidenced in an award agreement, if a "change in control" (as defined below) occurs and a participant is employed by us or any of our affiliates immediately prior to the consummation of the change in control, then the plan administrator, in its sole and absolute discretion, may (i) provide that any unvested or unexercisable portion of an award carrying a right to exercise will become fully vested and exercisable; and (ii) cause the restrictions, deferral limitations, payment conditions and forfeiture conditions applicable to any award granted under the 2020 Plan to lapse, and the awards will be deemed fully vested and any performance conditions imposed with respect to such awards will be deemed to be fully achieved at target performance levels. The administrator shall have discretion in connection with such change in control to provide that all outstanding and unexercised options and SARs shall expire upon the consummation of such change in control.

For purposes of the 2020 Plan, a "change in control" means, in summary, the first to occur of the following events: (i) a person or entity becomes the beneficial owner of more than 50% of our voting power; (ii) an unapproved change in the majority membership of our board of directors; (iii) a merger or consolidation of us or any of our subsidiaries, other than (A) a merger or consolidation that results in our voting securities continuing to represent 50% or more of the combined voting power of the surviving entity or its parent and our board of directors immediately prior to the merger or consolidation continuing to represent at least a majority of the board of directors of the surviving entity or its parent or (B) a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization in which no person is or becomes the beneficial owner of our voting securities representing more than 50% of our combined voting power; or (iv) stockholder approval of a plan of our complete liquidation or dissolution or the consummation of an agreement for the sale or disposition of substantially all of our assets, other than (A) a sale or disposition to an entity, more than 50% of the combined voting power of which is owned by our stockholders in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of us immediately prior to such sale or (B) a sale or disposition to an entity controlled by our board of directors. However, a change in control will not be deemed to have occurred as a result of any transaction or series of integrated transactions following which our stockholders, immediately prior thereto, hold immediately afterward the same proportionate equity interests in the entity that owns all or substantially all of our assets.

## Tax Withholding

Each participant will be required to make arrangements satisfactory to the plan administrator regarding payment of up to the maximum statutory tax rates in the participant's applicable jurisdiction with respect to any award granted under the 2020 Plan, as determined by us. We have the right, to the extent permitted by applicable law, to deduct any such taxes from any payment of any kind otherwise due to the participant. With the approval of the plan administrator, the participant may satisfy the foregoing requirement by either electing to have us withhold from delivery of shares of common stock, cash or other property, as applicable, or by delivering already owned unrestricted shares of common stock, in each case, having a value not exceeding the applicable taxes to be withheld and applied to the tax obligations. We may also use any other method of obtaining the necessary payment or proceeds, as permitted by applicable law, to satisfy our withholding obligation with respect to any award.

#### Amendment and Termination of the 2020 Plan

The 2020 Plan provides our board of directors with authority to amend, alter or terminate the 2020 Plan, but no such action impair the rights of any participant with respect to outstanding awards without the participant's consent. The plan administrator may amend an award, prospectively or retroactively, but no such amendment may materially impair the rights of any participant without the participant's consent. Stockholder approval of any such action will be obtained if required to comply with applicable law. The 2020 Plan will terminate on the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date (although awards granted before that time will remain outstanding in accordance with their terms).

Clawback. If we are required to prepare a financial restatement due to the material non-compliance with any financial reporting requirement, then the plan administrator may require any Section 16 officer to repay or forfeit to us that part of the cash or equity incentive compensation received by that Section 16 officer during the preceding three years that the plan administrator determines was in excess of the amount that such Section 16 officer would have received had such cash or equity incentive compensation been calculated based on the financial results reported in the restated financial statement. The plan administrator may take into account any factors it deems reasonable in determining whether to seek recoupment of previously paid cash or equity incentive compensation and how much of such compensation to recoup from each Section 16 officer (which need not be the same amount or proportion for each Section 16 officer). The amount and form of the incentive compensation to be recouped shall be determined by the administrator in its sole and absolute discretion

#### US Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following is a summary of certain United States federal income tax consequences of awards under the 2020 Plan. It does not purport to be a complete description of all applicable rules, and those rules (including those summarized here) are subject to change.

Non-Qualified Stock Options. A participant who has been granted a non-qualified stock option will not recognize taxable income upon the grant of a non-qualified stock option. Rather, at the time of exercise of such non-qualified stock option, the participant will recognize ordinary income for income tax purposes in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares of common stock purchased over the exercise price. We generally will be entitled to a tax deduction at such time and in the same amount that the participant recognizes ordinary income. If shares of common stock acquired upon exercise of a non-qualified stock option are later sold or exchanged, then the difference between the amount received upon such sale or exchange and the fair market value of such shares on the date of such exercise will generally be taxable as long-term or short-term capital gain or loss (if the shares are a capital asset of the participant) depending upon the length of time such shares were held by the participant.

Incentive Stock Options. In general, no taxable income is realized by a participant upon the grant of an ISO. If shares of common stock are purchased by a participant, or option shares, pursuant to the exercise of an ISO granted under the 2020 Plan and the participant does not dispose of the option shares within the two-year period after the date of grant or within one year after the receipt of such option shares by the participant, such disposition a disqualifying disposition, then, generally (1) the participant will not realize ordinary income upon exercise and (2) upon sale of such option shares, any amount realized in excess of the exercise price paid for the option shares will be taxed to such participant as capital gain (or loss). The amount by which the fair market value of the common stock on the exercise date of an ISO exceeds the purchase price generally will constitute an item which increases the participant's "alternative minimum taxable income." If option shares acquired upon the exercise of an ISO are disposed of in a disqualifying disposition, the participant generally would include in ordinary income in the year of disposition an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the option shares at the time of exercise (or, if less, the amount realized on the disposition of the option shares), over the exercise price paid for the option shares. Subject to certain exceptions, an option generally will not be treated as an ISO if it is exercised more than three months following termination of employment. If an ISO is exercised at a time when it no longer qualifies as an ISO, such option will be treated as a nonqualified stock option as discussed above. In general, we will receive an income tax deduction at the same time and in the same amount as the participant recognizes ordinary income.

Stock Appreciation Rights. A participant who is granted an SAR generally will not recognize ordinary income upon receipt of the SAR. Rather, at the time of exercise of such SAR, the participant will recognize ordinary income for income tax purposes in an amount equal to the value of any cash received and the fair market value on the date of exercise of any shares of common stock received. We generally will be entitled to a tax deduction at such time and in the same amount, if any, that the participant recognizes as ordinary income. The participant's tax basis in any shares of common stock received upon exercise of an SAR will be the fair market value of the shares of common stock on the date of exercise, and if the shares are later sold or exchanged, then the difference between the amount received upon such sale or exchange and the fair market value of such shares on the date of exercise will generally be taxable as long-term or short-term capital gain or loss (if the shares are a capital asset of the participant) depending upon the length of time such shares were held by the participant.

Restricted Stock. A participant generally will not be taxed upon the grant of restricted stock, but rather will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares of common stock at the earlier of the time the shares become transferable or are no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture (within the meaning of the Code). We generally will be entitled to a deduction at the time when, and in the amount that, the participant recognizes ordinary income on account of the lapse of the restrictions. A participant's tax basis in the shares of common stock will equal their fair market value at the time the restrictions lapse, and the participant's holding period for capital gains purposes will begin at that time. Any cash dividends paid on the shares of common stock before the restrictions lapse will be taxable to the participant as additional compensation and not as dividend income, unless the individual has made an election under Section 83(b) of the Code. Under Section 83(b) of the Code, a participant may elect to recognize ordinary income at the time the restricted shares are awarded in an amount equal to their fair market value at that time, notwithstanding the fact that such stock is subject to restrictions or transfer and a substantial risk of forfeiture. If such an election is made, no additional taxable income will be recognized by such participant at the time the restrictions lapse, the participant will have a tax basis in the shares of common stock equal to their fair market value on the date of their award, and the participant's holding period for capital gains purposes will begin at that time. We generally will be entitled to a tax deduction at the time when, and to the extent that, ordinary income is recognized by such participant.

Restricted Stock Units. In general, the grant of RSUs will not result in income for the participant or in a tax deduction for us. Upon the settlement of such an award in cash or shares of common stock, the participant will recognize ordinary income equal to the aggregate value of the payment received, and we generally will be entitled to a tax deduction at the same time and in the same amount.

Other Awards. With respect to other stock-based awards, generally when the participant receives payment in respect of the award, the amount of cash and/or the fair market value of any shares of common stock or other property received will be ordinary income to the participant, and we generally will be entitled to a tax deduction at the same time and in the same amount.

## New Plan Benefits

Future grants under the 2020 Plan will be made at the discretion of the plan administrator and, accordingly, are not yet determinable. In addition, benefits under the 2020 Plan will depend on a number of factors, including the fair market value of our common stock on future dates and the exercise decisions made by participants. Consequently, at this time, it is not possible to determine the future benefits that might be received by participants receiving discretionary grants under the 2020 Plan.

## **Board Recommendation**

The board of directors unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" Proposal 4.

#### **PROPOSAL 5:**

#### REVERSE STOCK SPLIT PROPOSAL

#### Introduction

Our board of directors has approved an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation, as amended, to combine the outstanding shares of our common stock into a lesser number of outstanding shares (a "Reverse Stock Split"). If approved by the stockholders as proposed, the board of directors would have the sole discretion to effect the Reverse Stock Split, if at all, within one (1) year of the date the proposal is approved by stockholders upon the Company's common stock being approved for listing on a national securities exchange and to fix the specific ratio for the combination within a range of no split to a maximum of a one-for-five (1-for-5) split. The board of directors has the discretion to abandon the amendment and not implement the Reverse Stock Split.

If approved by our stockholders, this proposal would permit (but not require) the board of directors to effect a Reverse Stock Split of the outstanding shares of our common stock within one (1) year of the date the proposal is approved by stockholders, at a specific ratio within a range of no split to a maximum of a one-for-five (1-for-5) split, with the specific ratio to be fixed within this range by the board of directors in its sole discretion without further stockholder approval. We believe that enabling the board of directors to fix the specific ratio of the Reverse Stock Split within the stated range will provide us with the flexibility to implement it in a manner designed to maximize the anticipated benefits for our stockholders.

In fixing the ratio, the board of directors may consider, among other things, factors such as: the initial listing requirements of a national securities exchange; the number of shares of our common stock outstanding; potential financing opportunities; and prevailing general market and economic conditions.

The Reverse Stock Split, if approved by our stockholders, would become effective upon the filing of the amendment to our Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada, or at the later time set forth in the amendment. The exact timing of the amendment will be determined by the board of directors based on its evaluation as to when such action will be the most advantageous to our Company and our stockholders. In addition, the board of directors reserves the right, notwithstanding stockholder approval and without further action by the stockholders, to abandon the amendment and the Reverse Stock Split if, at any time prior to the effectiveness of the filing of the amendment with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada, the board of directors, in its sole discretion, determines that it is no longer in our best interest and the best interests of our stockholders to proceed.

The proposed form of amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to effect the Reverse Stock Split is attached as Appendix D to this Proxy Statement. Any amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to effect the Reverse Stock Split will include the Reverse Stock Split ratio fixed by the board of directors, within the range approved by our stockholders.

## Reasons for the Reverse Stock Split

The Company's primary reason for approving and recommending the Reverse Stock Split are to meet the initial listing requirements of a national securities exchange. The Reverse Stock Split may also make our common stock more attractive to certain institutional investors, which would provide for a stronger investor base and to increase the per share price and bid price of our common stock.

Reducing the number of outstanding shares of common stock should, absent other factors, generally increase the per share market price of the common stock. Although the intent of the Reverse Stock Split is to increase the price of the common stock, there can be no assurance, however, that even if the Reverse Stock Split is effected, that the Company's bid price of the Company's common stock will be sufficient for the Company meet initial listing bid price requirements for a national securities exchange.

In addition, the Company believes the Reverse Stock Split will make its common stock more attractive to a broader range of investors, as it believes that the current market price of the common stock may prevent certain institutional investors, professional investors and other members of the investing public from purchasing stock. Many brokerage houses and institutional investors have internal policies and practices that either prohibit them from investing in low-priced stocks or tend to discourage individual brokers from recommending low-priced stocks to

their customers. Furthermore, some of those policies and practices may function to make the processing of trades in low-priced stocks economically unattractive to brokers. Moreover, because brokers' commissions on low-priced stocks generally represent a higher percentage of the stock price than commissions on higher-priced stocks, the current average price per share of common stock can result in individual stockholders paying transaction costs representing a higher percentage of their total share value than would be the case if the share price were higher. The Company believes that the Reverse Stock Split will make our common stock a more attractive and cost effective investment for many investors, which in turn would enhance the liquidity of the holders of our common stock.

Reducing the number of outstanding shares of our common stock through the Reverse Stock Split is intended, absent other factors, to increase the per share market price of our common stock. However, other factors, such as our financial results, market conditions and the market perception of our business may adversely affect the market price of our common stock. As a result, there can be no assurance that the Reverse Stock Split, if completed, will result in the intended benefits described above, that the market price of our common stock will increase following the Reverse Stock Split, that as a result of the Reverse Stock Split we will be able to meet a bid price over the minimum initial listing bid price requirement of a national securities exchange or that the market price of our common stock will not decrease in the future. Additionally, we cannot assure you that the market price per share of our common stock after the Reverse Stock Split will increase in proportion to the reduction in the number of shares of our common stock outstanding before the Reverse Stock Split. Accordingly, the total market capitalization of our common stock after the Reverse Stock Split may be lower than the total market capitalization before the Reverse Stock Split.

## **Potential Effects of the Proposed Amendment**

If our stockholders approve the Reverse Stock Split and the board of directors effects it, the number of shares of common stock issued and outstanding will be reduced, depending upon the ratio determined by the board of directors. The Reverse Stock Split will affect all holders of our common stock uniformly and will not affect any stockholder's percentage ownership interest in the Company, except that as described below in "Fractional Shares," record holders of common stock otherwise entitled to a fractional share as a result of the Reverse Stock Split because they hold a number of shares not evenly divisible by the Reverse Stock Split ratio will automatically be rounded down to the next whole share. In addition, the Reverse Stock Split will not affect any stockholder's proportionate voting power (subject to the treatment of fractional shares).

The Reverse Stock Split will not change the terms of the common stock. Additionally, the Reverse Stock Split will have no effect on the number of common stock that we are authorized to issue. After the Reverse Stock Split, the shares of common stock will have the same voting rights and rights to dividends and distributions and will be identical in all other respects to the common stock now authorized. The common stock will remain fully paid and non-assessable.

After the effective time of the Reverse Stock Split, we will continue to be subject to the periodic reporting and other requirements of the Exchange Act.

## Registered "Book-Entry" Holders of Common Stock

Our registered holders of common stock hold some or all of their shares electronically in book-entry form with the transfer agent. These stockholders do not have stock certificates evidencing their ownership of the common stock. They are, however, provided with statements reflecting the number of shares registered in their accounts.

Stockholders who hold shares electronically in book-entry form with the transfer agent will not need to take action to receive evidence of their shares of post-Reverse Stock Split common stock.

## **Holders of Certificated Shares of Common Stock**

Stockholders holding shares of our common stock in certificated form will be sent a transmittal letter by the transfer agent after the effective time of the Reverse Stock Split. The letter of transmittal will contain instructions on how a stockholder should surrender his, her or its certificate(s) representing shares of our common stock (the "Old Certificates") to the transfer agent. Unless a stockholder specifically requests a new paper certificate or holds restricted shares, upon the stockholder's surrender of all of the stockholder's Old Certificates to the transfer agent, together with a properly completed and executed letter of transmittal, the transfer agent will register the appropriate number of shares of post-Reverse Stock Split common stock electronically in book-entry form and provide the stockholder with

a statement reflecting the number of shares registered in the stockholder's account. No stockholder will be required to pay a transfer or other fee to exchange his, her or its Old Certificates. Until surrendered, we will deem outstanding Old Certificates held by stockholders to be cancelled and only to represent the number of shares of post-Reverse Stock Split common stock to which these stockholders are entitled. Any Old Certificates submitted for exchange, whether because of a sale, transfer or other disposition of stock, will automatically be exchanged for appropriate number of shares of post-Reverse Stock Split common stock. If an Old Certificate has a restrictive legend on its reverse side, a new certificate will be issued with the same restrictive legend on its reverse side.

# STOCKHOLDERS SHOULD NOT DESTROY ANY STOCK CERTIFICATE(S) AND SHOULD NOT SUBMIT ANY STOCK CERTIFICATE(S) UNTIL REQUESTED TO DO SO.

#### **Fractional Shares**

We will not issue fractional shares in connection with the Reverse Stock Split. Instead, stockholders who otherwise would be entitled to receive fractional shares because they hold a number of shares not evenly divisible by the Reverse Stock Split ratio will automatically rounded down to the next whole share. In any event, cash will not be paid for fractional shares.

## Effect of the Reverse Stock Split on Outstanding Stock Options and Warrants

Based upon the Reverse Stock Split ratio, proportionate adjustments are generally required to be made to the per share exercise price and the number of shares issuable upon the exercise of all outstanding options and warrants. This would result in approximately the same aggregate price being required to be paid under such options or warrants upon exercise, and approximately the same value of shares of common stock being delivered upon such exercise immediately following the Reverse Stock Split as was the case immediately preceding the Reverse Stock Split. The number of shares reserved for issuance pursuant to these securities will be reduced proportionately based upon the Reverse Stock Split ratio.

## **Accounting Matters**

The proposed amendment to our Articles of Incorporation will not affect the par value of our common stock. As a result, at the effective time of the Reverse Stock Split, the stated capital on our balance sheet attributable to the common stock will be reduced in the same proportion as the Reverse Stock Split ratio, and the additional paid-in capital account will be credited with the amount by which the stated capital is reduced. The per share net income or loss will be restated for prior periods to conform to the post-Reverse Stock Split presentation.

## Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Reverse Stock Split

The following summary describes, as of the date of this proxy statement, certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Reverse Stock Split to holders of our common stock. This summary addresses the tax consequences only to a U.S. holder, which is a beneficial owner of our common stock that is either:

- an individual citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust, if: (i) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary jurisdiction over its administration and one or more U.S. persons has the authority to control all of its substantial decisions or (ii) it was in existence before August 20, 1996 and a valid election is in place under applicable Treasury regulations to treat such trust as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

This summary is based on the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), U.S. Treasury regulations, administrative rulings and judicial authority, all as in effect as of the date of this proxy statement. Subsequent developments in U.S. federal income tax law, including changes in law or differing interpretations, which may be applied retroactively, could have a material effect on the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Reverse Stock Split.

This summary does not address all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to any particular investor, including tax considerations that arise from rules of general application to all taxpayers or to certain classes of taxpayers or that are generally assumed to be known by investors. This summary also does not address the tax consequences to (i) persons that may be subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax law, such as banks, insurance companies, thrift institutions, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, tax-exempt organizations, U.S. expatriates, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax, persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, partnerships or other pass-through entities, traders in securities that elect to mark to market and dealers in securities or currencies, (ii) persons that hold our common stock as part of a position in a "straddle" or as part of a "hedging transaction," "conversion transaction" or other integrated investment transaction for federal income tax purposes or (iii) persons that do not hold our common stock as "capital assets" (generally, property held for investment). This summary does not address backup withholding and information reporting. This summary does not address U.S. holders who beneficially own common stock through a "foreign financial institution" (as defined in Code Section 1471(d)(4)) or certain other non-U.S. entities specified in Code Section 1472. This summary does not address tax considerations arising under any state, local or foreign laws, or under federal estate or gift tax laws.

If a partnership (or other entity classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) is the beneficial owner of our common stock, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partnerships that hold our common stock, and partners in such partnerships, should consult their own tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Reverse Stock Split.

Each holder should consult his, her or its own tax advisors concerning the particular U.S. federal tax consequences of the Reverse Stock Split, as well as the consequences arising under the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction, including any foreign, state, or local income tax consequences.

## General Tax Treatment of the Reverse Stock Split

The Reverse Stock Split is intended to qualify as a "reorganization" under Section 368 of the Code that should constitute a "recapitalization" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Assuming the Reverse Stock Split qualifies as a reorganization, a U.S. holder generally will not recognize gain or loss upon the exchange of our ordinary shares for a lesser number of ordinary shares, based upon the Reverse Stock Split ratio. A U.S. holder's aggregate tax basis in the lesser number of ordinary shares received in the Reverse Stock Split will be the same such U.S. holder's aggregate tax basis in the shares of our common stock that such U.S. holder owned immediately prior to the Reverse Stock Split. The holding period for the ordinary shares received in the Reverse Stock Split will include the period during which a U.S. holder held the shares of our common stock that were surrendered in the Reverse Stock Split. The United States Treasury regulations provide detailed rules for allocating the tax basis and holding period of the shares of our common stock surrendered to the shares of our common stock received pursuant to the Reverse Stock Split. U.S. holders of shares of our common stock acquired on different dates and at different prices should consult their tax advisors regarding the allocation of the tax basis and holding period of such shares.

THE FOREGOING IS INTENDED ONLY AS A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE REVERSE STOCK SPLIT, AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A TAX OPINION. EACH HOLDER OF OUR COMMON STOCK SHOULD CONSULT ITS OWN TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE REVERSE STOCK SPLIT TO THEM AND FOR REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE.

## Required Vote of Stockholders

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock is required to approve this proposal.

### **Board Recommendation**

The board of directors unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" Proposal 5.

#### **PROPOSAL 6:**

# RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

The Board has appointed Rosenberg Rich Baker Berman, P.A. ("RRBB") to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2020. RRBB has provided services in connection with the audit of Jerrick's financial statements since December 31, 2018.

The Board is requesting that stockholders ratify the selection of RRBB. The Board is not required to take any action as a result of the outcome of the vote on this proposal. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Board may, in its discretion, appoint a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if they determine that such a change would be in the best interests of Jerrick and its stockholders. If the appointment is not ratified, the Board will consider its options.

A representative of RRBB is expected to attend the Annual Meeting. He or she will have the opportunity to make a statement if desired and is expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

## **Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

The aggregate fees billed to the Company by RRBB, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, for the indicated services for each of the last two fiscal years were as follows:

	 2019	2018
Audit fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 83,170	143,000
Tax fees <sup>(2)</sup>	38,125	2,000
Total fees	\$ 121,295	145,000

Audit fees consist of fees for professional services performed by RRBB for the audit and review of our financial statements, preparation and filing of our registration statements, including issuance of comfort letters.

## **Vote Required**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares (by voting power) present in person at the Annual Meeting or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting is required to approve the ratification of the appointment of RRBB as Jerrick's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

## **Board Recommendation**

The board of directors unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" Proposal 6.

<sup>(2)</sup> Tax fees consist of fees for professional services performed by RRBB with respect to tax compliance.

#### PROPOSAL 7:

## ADJOURNMENT OR POSTPONEMENT TO SOLICIT ADDITIONAL PROXIES

The purpose of this proposal is to allow the holder of proxies solicited hereby to vote the shares represented by proxies in favor of adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting to a later time, in order to allow more time to solicit additional proxies, as necessary if there is not a quorum at the time of the Annual Meeting or if there are insufficient votes at the time of the Annual Meeting to approve any of Proposals 1 through 6.

Any adjournment may be made without notice, other than by an announcement made at the Annual Meeting, of the time, date and place of the adjourned meeting. When a quorum is once present it is not broken by the subsequent withdrawal of any stockholder.

Any adjournment of the Annual Meeting for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies will allow the Company's stockholders who have already sent in their proxies to revoke them at any time prior to their use at the Annual Meeting as adjourned.

If this Proposal 6 is approved and a quorum is not present at the Annual Meeting, it is expected that the holder of proxies solicited hereby will vote to adjourn the Annual Meeting in order for additional proxies to be solicited. The lack of a quorum is one circumstance in which there are insufficient votes to approve Proposals 1 through 6. The holders of the majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock entitled to be cast as of the Record Date, represented in person or by proxy, will constitute a quorum for purposes of the Annual Meeting. A quorum is necessary to hold the Annual Meeting.

Once a share of common stock is represented at the Annual Meeting, it will be counted for the purposes of determining a quorum and for transacting all business, unless the holder is present solely to object to the Annual Meeting. If no quorum exists, the holders of a majority of such shares so present or represented shall have the power to seek to adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present or represented. In accordance with Nevada law and our Amended and Restated Bylaws, the adoption of an adjournment would require the approval of a majority of the shares of our common stock present in person or represented by proxy at the Meeting and entitled to vote, even though the number of shares present and entitled to vote is less than a quorum.

If a quorum exists, holders of a majority of the shares of our common stock present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote thereat may adjourn the Annual Meeting. If this Proposal 6 is approved, the holder of proxies solicited hereby may approve an adjournment if additional votes are needed to approve any of Proposals 1 through 6.

## **Required Vote of Stockholders**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting, regardless of the presence of a quorum, is required to approve the adjournment of the Annual Meeting in order to allow more time to solicit additional proxies.

## **Board Recommendation**

The board of directors unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" Proposal 7.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of shares of our common stock as of Record Date, based on 10,111,156 shares issued and outstanding by (i) each person known to beneficially own more than 5% of our outstanding common stock, (ii) each of our directors and director nominees, (iii) our named executive officers and (iv) all directors and executive officers as a group. Shares are beneficially owned when an individual has voting and/or investment power over the shares or could obtain voting and/or investment power over the shares within 60 days of the Record Date. Except as otherwise indicated, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares beneficially owned, subject to community property laws, where applicable. Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each beneficial owner listed below is c/o Jerrick Media Holdings, Inc., 2050 Center Avenue, Suite 640, Fort Lee, NJ 07024.

Name	Shares Beneficially Owned <sup>(1)</sup>	Percentage Beneficially Owned
Named Executive Officers and Directors		
Jeremy Frommer	896,318(2)	8.86%
Justin Maury	279,355(3)	2.76%
Leonard Schiller	238,521(4)	2.36%
All current directors and officers as a group	1,414,194	14.00%
5% or Greater Stockholders		
Chris Gordon.	772,716	7.64%
Arthur Rosen.	1,503,203(5)	14.87%

less than one percent

- (2) 896,168 shares of common stock and 150 shares of common stock underlying warrants.
- (3) Includes 279,355 shares of common stock.
- (4) Includes 228,296 shares of common stock and 10,225 shares of common stock underlying warrants.
- (5) Solely based on the Company's review of filings made on a Schedule 13G on February 14, 2020 with the SEC. Includes (i) 1,146,704 shares of Common Stock held directly by Mr. Rosen, (ii) 132,074 shares of Common Stock held by Pearl Digital Opportunities Fund LLC ("Pearl"), of which Mr. Rosen is the Managing Member, (iii) warrants to acquire 10,000 shares of the Company's common stock, and (iv) warrants to acquire 20,000 shares of the Company's common stock held Mr. Rosen's minor children.

## **DELINQUENT SECTION 16(A) REPORTS**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's directors, executive officers and persons who beneficially own 10% or more of a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act to file reports of beneficial ownership and changes in beneficial ownership with the SEC. Directors, executive officers and greater than 10% stockholders are required by the rules and regulations of the SEC to furnish the Company with copies of all reports filed by them in compliance with Section 16(a).

Based solely on our review of certain reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the reports required to be filed with respect to transactions in our common stock during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the following persons did not file timely: Jeremy Frommer failed to report 6 transactions on time on a Form 4; Leonard Schiller failed to report 23 transactions on time on a Form 4; and Andrew Taffin, a former member of our board of directors, failed to file one report on Form 4.

<sup>(1)</sup> The securities "beneficially owned" by a person are determined in accordance with the definition of "beneficial ownership" set forth in the regulations of the SEC and accordingly, may include securities owned by or for, among others, the spouse, children or certain other relatives of such person, as well as other securities over which the person has or shares voting or investment power or securities which the person has the right to acquire within 60 days.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following includes a summary of transactions during our fiscal years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 to which we have been a party, including transactions in which the amount involved in the transaction exceeds the lesser of \$120,000 or 1% of the average of our total assets at year-end for the last two completed fiscal years, and in which any of our directors, executive officers or, to our knowledge, beneficial owners of more than 5% of our capital stock or any member of the immediate family of any of the foregoing persons had or will have a direct or indirect material interest, other than equity and other compensation, termination, change in control and other arrangements, which are described elsewhere in this proxy statement. We are not otherwise a party to a current related party transaction, and no transaction is currently proposed, in which the amount of the transaction exceeds the lesser of \$120,000 or 1% of the average of our total assets at year-end for the last two completed fiscal years and in which a related person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

## The January 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement

On January 16, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "January 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement") with Arthur Rosen, a shareholder of the Company, whereby the Company issued Mr. Rosen a promissory note in the principal amount of \$60,000 (the "January 2018 Rosen Note"). The January 2018 Rosen Note is secured by Jeremy Frommer, our Chief Executive Officer, whereby upon default Mr. Frommer's personal shares of the Company's common stock would be available to Mr. Rosen in an amount equal to the principal outstanding divided by 0.20. Pursuant to the January 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement, the January 2018 Rosen Note bears interest at a rate of 6% per annum and is payable on the maturity date of January 31, 2018 (the "January 2018 Rosen Maturity Date") at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid interest and other amounts due under the May 2016 Rosen Loan are due. During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company repaid \$60,000 in principal and \$200 in interest and the loan is no longer outstanding.

## The January 2018 Gordon Loan Agreement

On January 16, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "January 2018 Gordon Loan Agreement") with Christopher Gordon ("Gordon"), whereby the Company issued Mr. Gordon a promissory note in the principal amount of \$40,000 (the "January 2018 Gordon Note"). The January 2018 Gordon Note is secured by Jeremy Frommer, our Chief Executive Officer, whereby upon default Mr. Frommer's personal shares of the Company's common stock would be available to Mr. Gordon in amount equal to the principal outstanding divided by 0.20. Pursuant to the January 2018 Gordon Loan Agreement, the January 2018 Gordon Note bears interest at a rate of 6% per annum and payable on the maturity date of January 31, 2018 (the "January 2018 Gordon Maturity Date") at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid interest and other amounts due under the January 2018 Gordon Note are due. During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company repaid \$40,000 in principal and \$105 in interest and the loan is no longer outstanding.

## The First March 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement

On March 4, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "First March 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement") with Mr. Rosen, whereby the Company issued Mr. Rosen a promissory note in the principal amount of \$10,000 (the "First March 2018 Rosen Note"). As additional consideration for entering in the First March 2018 Rosen Note Loan Agreement, the Company issued Mr. Rosen a five-year warrant to purchase 10,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$0.20 per share. Pursuant to the First March 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement, the First March 2018 Rosen Note bears interest at a rate of 12% per annum and is payable on the maturity date of March 19, 2018 (the "First March 2018 Rosen Maturity Date") at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid interest and other amounts due under the First March 2018 Rosen Note was due. During the nine months ended December 31, 2018, the Company repaid \$10,000 in principal and \$260 in interest and the loan is no longer outstanding.

## The Second March 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement

On March 9, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "Second March 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement") with Mr. Rosen, whereby the Company issued Mr. Rosen a promissory note in the principal amount of \$15,000 (the "Second March 2018 Rosen Note"). As additional consideration for entering in the Second March 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement, the Company issued Mr. Rosen a five-year warrant to purchase 15,000 shares of the

Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$0.20 per share. Pursuant to the Second March 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement, the Second March 2018 Rosen Note bears interest at a rate of 12% per annum and is payable on the maturity date of March 24, 2018 (the "Second March 2018 Rosen Maturity Date") at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid interest and other amounts due under the Second March 2018 Rosen Note was due. During the nine months ended December 31, 2018, the Company repaid \$15,000 in principal and \$365 in interest and the loan is no longer outstanding.

### The Third March 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement

On March 13, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "Third March 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement") with Mr. Rosen, whereby the Company issued Mr. Rosen a promissory note in the principal amount of \$10,000 (the "Third March 2018 Rosen Note"). As additional consideration for entering in the Third March 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement, the Company issued Mr. Rosen a five-year warrant to purchase 10,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$0.20 per share. Pursuant to the Third March 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement, the Third March 2018 Rosen Note bears interest at a rate of 12% per annum and is payable on the maturity date of March 28, 2018 (the "Third March 2018 Rosen Maturity Date") at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid interest and other amounts due under the Third March 2018 Rosen Note was due. During the nine months ended December 31, 2018, the Company repaid \$10,000 in principal and \$230 in interest and the loan is no longer outstanding.

#### The May 2018 Schiller Loan Agreement

On May 2, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "May 2018 Schiller Loan Agreement") with Leonard Schiller, Chairman of our board of directors, whereby the Company issued Mr. Schiller a promissory note in the principal amount of \$100,000 (the "May 2018 Schiller Note"). As additional consideration for entering in the May 2018 Schiller Loan Agreement, the Company issued Mr. Schiller a four-year warrant to purchase 300,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$0.20 per share. Pursuant to the May 2018 Schiller Loan Agreement, the May 2018 Schiller Note bears interest at a rate of 13% per annum and is payable on the maturity date of February 02, 2019 (the "May 2018 Schiller Maturity Date") at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid interest are due under the May 2018 Schiller Loan.

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company converted \$100,000 of principal and \$4,369 of unpaid interest into the August 2018 Equity Raise (as defined below) and the loan is no longer outstanding.

#### The June 2018 Frommer Loan Agreement

On June 29, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "June 2018 Frommer Loan Agreement") with Jeremy Frommer our Chief Executive Officer, whereby the Company issued Frommer a promissory note in the principal amount of \$10,000 (the "June 2018 Frommer Note"). As additional consideration for entering in the June 2018 Frommer Note Loan Agreement, the Company issued Frommer a four-year warrant to purchase 30,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$0.20 per share. Pursuant to the June 2018 Frommer Loan Agreement, the June 2018 Frommer Note bears interest at a rate of 6% per annum and payable on the maturity date of August 17, 2018 (the "June 2018 Frommer Maturity Date") at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid interest are due under the June 2018 Frommer Loan. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, on November 8, 2018 the Company executed upon an agreement that extended the maturity date of this loan to March 7, 2019. As part of the extension agreement, the Company issued 40,854 warrants to purchase common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.30. On March 29, 2019 the Company executed upon an agreement that extended the maturity date of this loan to May 15, 2019. On December 15, 2019 the Company executed upon an agreement that further extended the maturity date of this loan to May 15, 2020.

#### The First July 2018 Schiller Loan Agreement

On July 3, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "First July 2018 Schiller Loan Agreement") with Leonard Schiller, a member of the Board, whereby the Company issued Mr. Schiller a promissory note of \$35,000 (the "First July 2018 Schiller Note"). As additional consideration for entering in the First July 2018 Schiller Loan Agreement, the Company issued Schiller a four-year warrant to purchase 75,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$0.20 per share. Pursuant to the agreement, the note bears interest at a rate of 6% per annum and payable on the maturity date of August 17, 2018 at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid

interest were due under the First July 2018 Schiller Loan. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, on November 8, 2018 the Company executed upon an agreement that extended the maturity date of this loan to March 7, 2019. As part of the extension agreement, the Company issued 142,987 warrants to purchase common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.30. On March 29, 2019 the Company executed upon an agreement that extended the maturity date of this loan to May 15, 2019.

During the year ended December 31, 2018 the Company repaid \$20,000 in principal. During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company converted \$15,000 in principal and \$863.33 into the February 2019 Offering and the note is no longer outstanding.

## The Second July 2018 Schiller Loan Agreement

On July 17, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "Second July 2018 Schiller Loan Agreement") with Schiller, a member of the Board, whereby the Company issued Mr. Schiller a promissory note of \$25,000 (the "Second July 2018 Schiller Note"). As additional consideration for entering in the Second July 2018 Schiller Loan Agreement, the Company issued Mr. Schiller a four-year warrant to purchase 75,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$0.20 per share. Pursuant to the Second July 2018 Schiller Loan Agreement, the Second July 2018 Schiller Note bears interest at a rate of 6% per annum and payable on the maturity date of August 17, 2018 at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid interest were due under the Second July 2018 Schiller Loan. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, on November 8, 2018 the Company entered into an agreement with Mr. Schiller that extended the maturity date of this loan to March 7, 2019. As part of the extension agreement, the Company issued 101,900 warrants to Mr. Schiller to purchase common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.30. On March 29, 2019 the Company entered into an agreement that extended the maturity date of this loan to May 15, 2019. On December 15, 2019 the Company executed upon an agreement that further extended the maturity date of this loan to May 15, 2020.

During the year ended December 31, 2019 the Company converted \$4,136.67 in principal into the February 2019 Offering.

## The First July 2018 Rosen Loan Agreements

On July 12, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "First July 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement") with Mr. Rosen, a shareholder of the Company, whereby the Company issued Mr. Rosen a promissory note of \$10,000 (the "First July 2018 Rosen Note"). Pursuant to the First July 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement, the note bears interest at a rate of 6% per annum and payable on the maturity date of August 17, 2018 at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid interest are due under the First July 2018 Rosen Note. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, on November 8, 2018 the Company executed upon an agreement that extended the maturity date of this loan to March 7, 2019. As part of the extension agreement, the Company issued to Mr. Rosen 27,534 warrants to purchase common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.30. On March 29, 2019 the Company entered into an agreement that extended the maturity date of this loan to May 15, 2019.

During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company repaid \$10,000 of principal and all unpaid interest and the loan is no longer outstanding.

## The Second July 2018 Rosen Loan Agreements

On July 18, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "Second July 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement") with Rosen, whereby the Company issued Mr. Rosen a promissory note of \$50,000 (the "Second July 2018 Rosen Note") resulting from the conversion of a demand note (as described below). As additional consideration for entering into the Second July 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement, the Company issued Mr. Rosen a four-year warrant to purchase 150,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$0.20 per share. Pursuant to the Second July 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement, the Second July 2018 Rosen Note bears interest at a rate of 6% per annum and payable on the maturity date of August 17, 2018 at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid interest are due under the Second July 2018 Rosen Note. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, on November 8, 2018 the Company entered into an agreement that extended the maturity date of this loan to March 7, 2019. As part of the extension agreement, the Company issued to Mr. Rosen 203,967 warrants to purchase common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.30. On March 29, 2019 the Company entered into an agreement that extended the maturity date of this loan to May 15, 2019.

During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company repaid \$50,000 of principal and all unpaid interest and the loan is no longer outstanding.

# The November 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement

On November 29, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "November 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement") with Mr. Rosen, whereby the Company issued Mr. Rosen a promissory note in the principal amount of \$25,000 (the "November 2018 Rosen Note"). As additional consideration for entering in the November 2018 Rosen Note Loan Agreement, the Company issued Mr. Rosen a four-year warrant to purchase 25,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$0.30 per share. Pursuant to the November 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement, the November 2018 Rosen Note bears interest at a rate of 6% per annum and payable on the maturity date of December 23, 2018 (the "November 2018 Rosen Maturity Date") at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid interest are due under the November 2018 Rosen Loan.

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company repaid \$25,000 of principal and \$33 of unpaid interest and the loan is no longer outstanding.

## The December 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement

On December 27, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "December 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement") with Mr. Rosen, whereby the Company issued Mr. Rosen a promissory note in the principal amount of \$75,000 (the "December 2018 Rosen Note"). As additional consideration for entering in the December 2018 Rosen Note Loan Agreement, the Company issued Mr. Rosen a four-year warrant to purchase 75,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$0.30 per share. Pursuant to the December 2018 Rosen Loan Agreement, the December 2018 Rosen Note bears interest at a rate of 6% per annum and payable on the maturity date of January 26, 2018 (the "December 2018 Rosen Maturity Date") at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid interest are due under the November 2018 Rosen Loan. On March 29, 2019 the Company entered into an agreement that extended the maturity date of this loan to May 15, 2019.

During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company converted this loan and all unpaid interest into the June 2019 Loan Agreement and the loan is no longer outstanding.

## The December 2018 Gravitas Capital Loan Agreement

On December 27, 2018, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "December 2018 Gravitas Capital Loan Agreement") with Gravitas Capital, whereby the Company issued Gravitas Capital a promissory note in the principal amount of \$50,000 (the "December 2018 Gravitas Capital Note"). As additional consideration for entering in the December 2018 Gravitas Capital Note Loan Agreement, the Company issued Gravitas Capital a four-year warrant to purchase 50,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$0.30 per share. Pursuant to the December 2018 Gravitas Capital Loan Agreement, the December 2018 Gravitas Capital Note bears interest at a rate of 6% per annum and payable on the maturity date of January 27, 2018 (the "December 2018 Gravitas Capital Maturity Date") at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid interest are due under the November 2018 Gravitas Capital Loan. In January 2019, the Company repaid \$50,000 in principal and \$250 in interest, and the loan is no longer outstanding.

## The January 2019 Rosen Loan Agreement

On January 30, 2019, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "January 2019 Rosen Loan Agreement") with Mr. Rosen, whereby the Company issued Mr. Rosen a promissory note in the principal amount of \$175,000 (the "January 2019 Rosen Note"). As additional consideration for entering in the January 2019 Rosen Note Loan Agreement, the Company issued Mr. Rosen a four-year warrant to purchase 15,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$6.00 per share. Pursuant to the January 2019 Rosen Loan Agreement, the January 2019 Rosen Note bears interest at a rate of 10% per annum and payable on the maturity date of February 15, 2019 (the "January 2019 Rosen Maturity Date"). On February 19, 2018 the Company executed upon an agreement that extended the maturity date of this loan to March 7, 2019. As part of the extension agreement, the Company issued Mr. Rosen warrants to purchase 35,194 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$6.00. On March 29, 2019 the Company entered into an agreement with Mr. Rosen that extended the maturity date of this loan to May 15, 2019.

On August 8, 2019 the Company entered into an agreement further extending the maturity date to September 20, 2019.

During the year ended December 31, 2019 the Company repaid \$175,000 in principal and \$15,073 in interest and the loan is no longer outstanding.

# The February 2019 Rosen Loan Agreement

On February 14, 2019, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "February 2019 Rosen Loan Agreement") with Mr. Rosen, whereby the Company issued Mr. Rosen a promissory note in the principal amount of \$50,000 (the "February 2019 Rosen Note"). As additional consideration for entering in the February 2019 Rosen Note Loan Agreement, the Company issued Mr. Rosen a four-year warrant to purchase 5,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$6.00 per share. Pursuant to the February 2019 Rosen Loan Agreement, the February 2019 Rosen Note bears interest at a rate of 10% per annum and payable on the maturity date of February 28, 2019 (the "February 2019 Rosen Maturity Date"). On March 29, 2019 the Company entered into an agreement with Mr. Rosen that extended the maturity date of this loan to May 15, 2019. On August 8, 2019 the Company entered into an agreement further extending the maturity date to September 20, 2019.

During the year ended December 31, 2019 the Company repaid \$50,000 in principal and \$3,208 in interest and the loan is no longer outstanding.

# The June 2019 Loan Agreement

On June 3, 2019, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "June 2019 Loan Agreement") with Mr. Rosan, pursuant to which the Company was to be indebted in the amount of \$2,400,000, of which \$1,200,000 was funded by September 30, 2019 and \$1,200,000 was exchanged from the May 2016 Rosen Loan Agreement dated May 26, 2016 in favor of Rosen for a joint and several interest in the Term Loan pursuant to the Debt Exchange Agreement. The June 2019 Loan Agreement, the June 2019 Loan bears interest at a rate of 12.5% per annum, compounded annually and payable on the maturity date of December 3, 2019 (the "June 2019 Maturity Date") at which time all outstanding principal, accrued and unpaid interest and other amounts due under the June 2019. In connection with the conversion of the May 2016 Rosen Loan Agreement the Company recorded a debt discount of \$92,752. The debt discount is being accreted over the life of the note to accretion of debt discount and issuance cost.

#### The August 2019 Schiller Loan Agreement

On August 6, 2019, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "August 2019 Schiller Loan Agreement") with Mr. Schiller, whereby the Company issued a promissory note to Mr. Schiller in the principal amount of \$15,000 (the "August 2019 Schiller Note"). Pursuant to the August 2019 Schiller Loan Agreement, the August 2019 Schiller Note bears interest at a rate of \$750 per month. As additional consideration for entering in the August 2019 Schiller Loan Agreement, the Company issued a five-year warrant to purchase 225 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$6.00 per share.

During the year ended December 31, 2019 the Company repaid \$15,000 in principal and \$750 in interest and the loan is no longer outstanding.

## The September 2019 Schiller Loan Agreement

On September 26, 2019, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "September 2019 Schiller Loan Agreement") with Mr. Schiller, whereby the Company issued Mr. Schiller a promissory note in the principal amount of \$50,000 (the "September 2019 Schiller Note"). Pursuant to the September 2019 Schiller Loan Agreement, the September 2019 Schiller Note bears interest at a rate of \$2,250 per month. As additional consideration for entering in the First September 2019 Schiller Loan Agreement, the Company issued Schiller a five-year warrant to purchase 1,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$6.00 per share.

During the year ended December 31, 2019 the Company repaid \$50,000 in principal and \$2,250 in interest and the loan is no longer outstanding.

# The October 2019 Frommer Loan Agreement

On October 7, 2019, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "October 2019 Frommer Loan Agreement") with Mr. Frommer, whereby the Company issued Mr. Frommer a promissory note in the principal amount of \$10,000 (the "October 2019 Frommer Note"). Pursuant to the October 2019 Frommer Loan Agreement, the October 2019 Frommer Note bears interest at a flat rate of \$500. As additional consideration for entering in the October 2019 Frommer Loan Agreement, the Company issued Mr. Frommer a five-year warrant to purchase 150 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$6.00 per share.

During the year ended December 31, 2019 the Company repaid \$10,000 in principal and \$225 in interest and the loan is no longer outstanding.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

The board of directors knows of no other business, which will be presented to the Annual Meeting. If any other business is properly brought before the Annual Meeting, proxies in the enclosed form will be voted in accordance with the judgment of the persons voting the proxies.

We will bear the cost of soliciting proxies in the accompanying form. In addition to the use of the mails, proxies may also be solicited by our directors, officers or other employees, personally or by telephone, facsimile or email, none of whom will be compensated separately for these solicitation activities.

If you do not plan to attend the Annual Meeting, in order that your shares may be represented and in order to assure the required quorum, please sign, date and return your proxy promptly. In the event you are able to attend the Annual Meeting, at your request, we will cancel your previously submitted proxy.

#### HOUSEHOLDING

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries (e.g., brokers) to satisfy the delivery requirements for proxy statements and other Annual Meeting materials with respect to two or more stockholders sharing the same address by delivering a proxy statement or other Annual Meeting materials addressed to those stockholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as householding, potentially provides extra convenience for stockholders and cost savings for companies. Stockholders who participate in householding will continue to be able to access and receive separate proxy cards.

If you share an address with another stockholder and have received multiple copies of our proxy materials, you may write or call us at the address and phone number below to request delivery of a single copy of the notice and, if applicable, other proxy materials in the future. We undertake to deliver promptly upon written or oral request a separate copy of the proxy materials, as requested, to a stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the proxy materials was delivered. If you hold stock as a record stockholder and prefer to receive separate copies of our proxy materials either now or in the future, please contact us at 2050 Center Avenue, Suite 640, Fort Lee, NJ 07024 Attn: Corporate Secretary. If your stock is held through a brokerage firm or bank and you prefer to receive separate copies of our proxy materials either now or in the future, please contact your brokerage firm or bank.

# ANNUAL REPORT

Additional copies of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 may be obtained without charge by writing to the Company's Secretary, 2050 Center Avenue, Suite 640, Fort Lee, NJ 07024.

# BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Leonard Schiller
Leonard Schiller
Chairman of the Board of Directors

June 9, 2020

#### **APPENDIX A**

# SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

JERRICK MEDIA HOLDINGS, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of amending and restating the Articles of Incorporation of Jerrick Media Holdings, Inc., a corporation formed and existing under Chapter 78 of Nevada Revised Statutes, does certify as follows:

# ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation is Jerrick Media Holdings, Inc. (the "Corporation").

# ARTICLE II RESIDENT AGENT

The Registered Agent for Service of Process is NVRA Services, Inc., 120 Highway 50, Suite 1, Dayton, Nevada 89403, County of Lyon.

# ARTICLE III DURATION

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

# ARTICLE IV PURPOSE

The purpose of the Corporation shall be any lawful purpose.

# ARTICLE V POWERS

The powers of the Corporation shall be all of those powers granted by the Nevada Revised Statutes (the "NRS"), under which the Corporation is formed.

# ARTICLE VI AUTHORIZED STOCK

The total number of shares of all classes of capital stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 120,000,000, of which 20,000,000 shares shall be preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and 100,000,000 shares shall be common stock, par value \$0.001 per share.

(A) PREFERRED STOCK. The preferred stock may be divided into such number of series as the board of directors of the Corporation may determine. The board of directors is hereby expressly authorized to determine and alter the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions granted to and imposed upon any wholly unissued series of preferred stock, and to fix the number of shares of any series of preferred stock and the designation of any such series of preferred stock. The board of directors, within the limits and restrictions stated in any resolution or resolutions of the board of directors originally fixing the number of shares constituting any series, may increase or decrease (but not below the number of shares of such series then outstanding) the number of shares of any series subsequent to the issue of shares of that series.

# (B) COMMON STOCK.

**1. Voting Rights.** The holders of common stock shall have the right to one vote for each share of common stock then held thereby, and shall be entitled to notice of any stockholders' meeting in accordance with the bylaws of the Corporation, and shall be entitled to vote upon such matters and in such manner as may be provided by law and the bylaws of the Corporation.

**2. Dividend Rights.** Subject to the prior rights of holders of all classes of stock at the time outstanding having prior rights as to dividends, the holders of the common stock shall be entitled to receive, when and as declared by the board of directors, out of any assets of the Corporation legally available therefor, such dividends as may be declared from time to time by the board of directors.

# (C) PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CLASSES

- 1. Liquidation Rights. In the event of any dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, after payment or provision for payment of the debts and other liabilities of the Corporation, the holders of each series of preferred stock and common stock shall be entitled to receive, out of the net assets of the Corporation, an amount for each such share held equal to the amount fixed and determined in accordance with the respective rights and priorities established by the board of directors. A merger or consolidation of the Corporation with or into any other corporation or a sale or conveyance of all or any material part of the assets of the Corporation (that does not in fact result in the liquidation of the Corporation and the distribution of assets to stockholders) shall not be deemed to be a voluntary or involuntary liquidation or dissolution or winding up of the Corporation within the meaning of this paragraph.
- **2.** No Preemptive Rights. No stockholders of the Corporation shall have any preference, preemptive right or right of subscription to acquire any shares of the Corporation authorized, issued or sold, or to be authorized, issued or sold and convertible into shares of the Corporation, nor to any right of subscription thereto, other than to the extent, if any, that the board of directors may determine from time to time.
- **3. Non-Assessment of Stock.** The capital stock of the Corporation, after the amount of the subscription price has been fully paid, shall not be assessable for any purpose, and no stock issued as fully paid shall ever be assessable or assessed.

# ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **(A) NUMBER OF DIRECTORS.** The Corporation shall not have less than one (1) director. The actual number of directors may be increased or decreased by a duly adopted amendment to the bylaws of the Corporation or by resolutions by the Board of Directors.
- **(B) INTERESTED DIRECTORS**. No contract or transaction between this Corporation and any of its directors, or between this Corporation and any other corporation, firm, association, or other legal entity shall be invalidated solely by reason of the fact that the director of the Corporation has a direct interest, pecuniary or otherwise, in such corporation, firm, association, or legal entity, or because the interested director was present at the meeting of the board of directors which acted upon or in reference to such contract or transaction, or because he participated in such action, provided that the Corporation is in compliance with one or more of the conditions of NRS 78.140 (or any successor provision thereto).

# ARTICLE VIII TRANSACTIONS WITH STOCKHOLDERS

- **(A) CONTROL SHARE ACQUISITION EXEMPTION.** The Corporation specifically elects not to be governed by NRS 78.378 to NRS 78.3793, inclusive, and successor statutory provisions.
- **(B) COMBINATIONS WITH INTERESTED STOCKHOLDERS.** The Corporation specifically elects not to be governed by NRS 78.411 to NRS 78.444, inclusive, and successor statutory provisions.

# ARTICLE IX LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

To the fullest extent permitted by law, as the same exists or as may hereafter be amended, a director or officer of the Corporation shall not be personally liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, save and except for acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct, fraud or a knowing violation of law. Any repeal or modification of this article shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of a director or officer of the Corporation for acts or omissions prior to

such repeal or modification. The indemnification provided in this article shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such person.

# ARTICLE X INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation may:

- (A) Indemnify, to the fullest extent legally permissible under the laws of the State of Nevada, any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation), by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee, fiduciary or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee, fiduciary or agent of another Corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorney fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding, if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Corporation and, with respect to any action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, or conviction or equivalent shall not of itself create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.
- (B) Indemnify, to the fullest extent legally permissible under the laws of the State of Nevada, any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee, fiduciary or agent of another Corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorney fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Corporation; but no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person has been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought determines upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which such court deems proper.
- (C) Indemnify, to the fullest extent legally permissible under the laws of the State of Nevada, a director, officer, employee, fiduciary or agent of a corporation to the extent he has been successful on the merits in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding referred to in (A) or (B) of this Article X or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, against expenses (including attorney fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

Expenses (including attorney fees) incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee, fiduciary or agent to repay such amount unless it is ultimately determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this Article X. The indemnification provided by this Article X shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any by-law, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise, and any procedure provided for by any of the foregoing, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, fiduciary or agent and shall inure to the benefit of heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, fiduciary or agent of the Corporation or who is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee, fiduciary or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under provisions of this Article X.

The indemnification provided in this article shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such person.

# ARTICLE XI INDEMNIFICATION PROVIDED IN BYLAWS

Without limiting the application of Article IX or Article X, the board of directors may adopt bylaws from time to time with respect to indemnification, to provide at all times the fullest indemnification permitted by the laws of the State of Nevada and may cause the Corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as director or officer of another Corporation, or as its representative in a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred in any such capacity or arising out of such status, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person.

# ARTICLE XII PLACE OF MEETING; CORPORATE BOOKS

Subject to the NRS, the stockholders and the Directors shall have the power to hold their meetings, and the Directors shall have power to have an office or offices and to maintain the books of the Corporation either inside or outside of the State of Nevada, at such place or places as may from time to time be designated in the bylaws or by appropriate resolution.

# ARTICLE XIII BYLAWS

The Board of Directors is expressly granted the exclusive power to make, amend, alter, or repeal the bylaws of the Corporation pursuant to NRS 78.120.

# ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

Except with respect to amending the non-assessability of shares pursuant to Article VI(C) hereof, this Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Second Articles of Incorporation or its bylaws in the manner now or thereafter prescribed by statute or by these Second Articles of Incorporation or by the Corporation's bylaws, and all rights conferred upon the stockholders are granted subject to this reservation.

# ARTICLE XV EXCLUSIVE FORUM

To the fullest extent permitted by law, and unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Eighth Judicial District Court of Clark County, Nevada, shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be the sole and exclusive forum for state law claims with respect to: (a) any derivative action or proceeding brought in the name or right of the Corporation or on its behalf, (b) any action asserting a claim for breach of any fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation to the Corporation or the Corporation's stockholders, (c) any action arising or asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of NRS Chapters 78 or 92A or any provision of these Second Articles of Incorporation or the bylaws or (d) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine, including, without limitation, any action to interpret, apply, enforce or determine the validity of these Second Articles of Incorporation or the bylaws. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of capital stock of the corporation shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the provisions of this Article XV.

Unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the federal district courts of the United States of America shall be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the provisions of this Article XV.

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## **APPENDIX B**

# **CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT**

TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR NEVADA PROFIT CORPORATIONS (Pursuant to NRS 78.385 and 78.390 — After Issuance of Stock)

- 1. Name of Corporation: Jerrick Media Holdings, Inc.
- 2. The Articles of Incorporation have been amended as follows:

Article I is hereby amended and restated as follows: The name of the corporation is Creatd, Inc. (the "Corporation").

3. The vote by which the shareholders holding shares in the corporation entitling them to exercise at least a majority of the voting power, or such greater proportion of the voting power as may be required in the case of a vote by classes or series, or as may be required by the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation have voted in favor of the amendment is: [ ]%.

1.	Effective date of filing: [		]	
5.	Signature:			
		Jeremy Frommer, Chief Executive Officer		

#### APPENDIX C

# JERRICK MEDIA HOLDINGS, INC. 2020 OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

# Section 1. Purpose of Plan.

The name of the Plan is the Jerrick Media Holdings, Inc. 2020 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. The purposes of the Plan are to (i) provide an additional incentive to selected employees, directors and independent contractors of the Company or its Affiliates whose contributions are essential to the growth and success of the Company, (ii) strengthen the commitment of such individuals to the Company and its Affiliates, (iii) motivate those individuals to faithfully and diligently perform their responsibilities and (iv) attract and retain competent and dedicated individuals whose efforts will result in the long-term growth and profitability of the Company. To accomplish these purposes, the Plan provides that the Company may grant Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Other Stock-Based Awards or any combination of the foregoing.

#### Section 2. **Definitions.**

For purposes of the Plan, the following terms shall be defined as set forth below:

- (a) "Administrator" means the Board, or, if and to the extent the Board does not administer the Plan, the Committee in accordance with Section 3 hereof.
- (b) "Affiliate" means a Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Person specified as of any date of determination.
- (c) "Applicable Laws" means the applicable requirements under U.S. federal and state corporate laws, U.S. federal and state securities laws, including the Code, any stock exchange or quotation system on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted and the applicable laws of any other country or jurisdiction where Awards are granted under the Plan, as are in effect from time to time.
- (d) "Award" means any Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Unit or Other Stock-Based Award granted under the Plan.
- (e) "Award Agreement" means any written notice, agreement, contract or other instrument or document evidencing an Award, including through electronic medium, which shall contain such terms and conditions with respect to an Award as the Administrator shall determine, consistent with the Plan.
- (f) "Beneficial Owner" (or any variant thereof) has the meaning defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act.
  - (g) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
  - (h) "Bylaws" mean the bylaws of the Company, as may be amended and/or restated from time to time.
- (i) "Cause" has the meaning assigned to such term in any individual service, employment or severance agreement or Award Agreement with the Participant or, if no such agreement exists or if such agreement does not define "Cause," then "Cause" means (i) the conviction, guilty plea or plea of "no contest" by the Participant to any felony or a crime involving moral turpitude or the Participant's commission of any other act or omission involving dishonesty or fraud, (ii) the substantial and repeated failure of the Participant to perform duties of the office held by the Participant, (iii) the Participant's gross negligence, willful misconduct or breach of fiduciary duty with respect to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, (iv) any breach by the Participant of any restrictive covenants to which the Participant is subject, and/or (v) the Participant's engagement in any conduct which is or can reasonably be expected to be materially detrimental or injurious to the business or reputation of the Company or its Affiliates. Any voluntary termination of employment or service by the Participant in anticipation of an involuntary termination of the Participant's employment or service, as applicable, for Cause shall be deemed to be a termination for Cause.
- (j) "<u>Change in Capitalization</u>" means any (i) merger, consolidation, reclassification, recapitalization, spin-off, spin-out, repurchase or other reorganization or corporate transaction or event, (ii) special or extraordinary dividend or other extraordinary distribution (whether in the form of cash, Common Stock or other property), stock

split, reverse stock split, share subdivision or consolidation, (iii) combination or exchange of shares or (iv) other change in corporate structure, which, in any such case, the Administrator determines, in its sole discretion, affects the Shares such that an adjustment pursuant to Section 5 hereof is appropriate.

- (k) "Change in Control" means the first occurrence of an event set forth in any one of the following paragraphs following the Effective Date:
- (1) any Person is or becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company (not including in the securities Beneficially Owned by such Person which were acquired directly from the Company or any Affiliate thereof) representing more than fifty percent (50%) of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities, excluding any Person who becomes such a Beneficial Owner in connection with a transaction described in clause (i) of paragraph (3) below; or
- (2) the date on which individuals who constitute the Board as of the Effective Date and any new director (other than a director whose initial assumption of office is in connection with an actual or threatened election contest, including, but not limited to, a consent solicitation, relating to the election of directors of the Company) whose appointment or election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved or recommended by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the directors then still in office who either were directors on the Effective Date or whose appointment, election or nomination for election was previously so approved or recommended cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the number of directors serving on the Board; or
- (3) there is consummated a merger or consolidation of the Company or any direct or indirect Subsidiary with any other corporation or other entity, other than (i) a merger or consolidation (A) which results in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such merger or consolidation continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity or any parent thereof), in combination with the ownership of any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or any Subsidiary, fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the securities of the Company or such surviving entity or any parent thereof outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation and (B) following which the individuals who comprise the Board immediately prior thereto constitute at least a majority of the board of directors of the Company, the entity surviving such merger or consolidation or, if the Company or the entity surviving such merger or consolidation is then a Subsidiary, the ultimate parent thereof, or (ii) a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization of the Company (or similar transaction) in which no Person is or becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company or its Affiliates) representing more than fifty percent (50%) of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities; or
- (4) the stockholders of the Company approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company or there is consummated an agreement for the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets, other than (A) a sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets to an entity, more than fifty percent (50%) of the combined voting power of the voting securities of which are owned by stockholders of the Company following the completion of such transaction in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of the Company immediately prior to such sale or (B) a sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets immediately following which the individuals who comprise the Board immediately prior thereto constitute at least a majority of the board of directors of the entity to which such assets are sold or disposed or, if such entity is a subsidiary, the ultimate parent thereof.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) a Change in Control shall not be deemed to have occurred by virtue of the consummation of any transaction or series of integrated transactions immediately following which the holders of Common Stock immediately prior to such transaction or series of transactions continue to have substantially the same proportionate ownership in an entity which owns all or substantially all of the assets of the Company immediately following such transaction or series of transactions and (ii) to the extent required to avoid accelerated taxation and/or tax penalties under Section 409A of the Code, a Change in Control shall be deemed to have occurred under the Plan with respect to any Award that constitutes deferred compensation under Section 409A of the Code only if a change in the ownership or effective control of the Company or a change in ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Company shall also be deemed to have occurred under Section 409A of the Code. For purposes of this definition of Change in Control, the term "Person" shall not include (i) the Company or any Subsidiary thereof, (ii) a

trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof, (iii) an underwriter temporarily holding securities pursuant to an offering of such securities, or (iv) a corporation owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of shares of the Company.

- (l) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or any successor thereto.
- (m) "Committee" means any committee or subcommittee the Board may appoint to administer the Plan. Subject to the discretion of the Board, the Committee shall be composed entirely of individuals who meet the qualifications of a "non-employee director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act and any other qualifications required by the applicable stock exchange on which the Common Stock is traded.
  - (n) "Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company, par value \$0.0001.
- (o) "Company" means Jerrick Media Holdings, Inc., a Nevada corporation (or any successor company, except as the term "Company" is used in the definition of "Change in Control" above).
- (p) "<u>Disability</u>" has the meaning assigned to such term in any individual service, employment or severance agreement or Award Agreement with the Participant or, if no such agreement exists or if such agreement does not define "Disability," then "Disability" means that a Participant, as determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion, (i) is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months, or (ii) is, by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months, receiving income replacement benefits for a period of not less than three (3) months under an accident and health plan covering employees of the Company or an Affiliate thereof.
  - (q) "Effective Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 17 hereof.
- (r) "Eligible Recipient" means an employee, director or independent contractor of the Company or any Affiliate of the Company who has been selected as an eligible participant by the Administrator; provided, however, to the extent required to avoid accelerated taxation and/or tax penalties under Section 409A of the Code, an Eligible Recipient of an Option or a Stock Appreciation Right means an employee, non-employee director or independent contractor of the Company or any Affiliate of the Company with respect to whom the Company is an "eligible issuer of service recipient stock" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code.
  - (s) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time.
  - (t) "Exempt Award" shall mean the following:
- (1) An Award granted in assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted by a corporation or other entity acquired by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or with which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries combines by merger or otherwise. The terms and conditions of any such Awards may vary from the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan to the extent the Administrator at the time of grant may deem appropriate, subject to Applicable Laws.
- (2) An award that an Eligible Recipient purchases at Fair Market Value (including awards that an Eligible Recipient elects to receive in lieu of fully vested compensation that is otherwise due) whether or not the Shares are delivered immediately or on a deferred basis.
- (u) "Exercise Price" means, (i) with respect to any Option, the per share price at which a holder of such Option may purchase Shares issuable upon exercise of such Award, and (ii) with respect to a Stock Appreciation Right, the base price per share of such Stock Appreciation Right.
- (v) "Fair Market Value" of a share of Common Stock or another security as of a particular date shall mean the fair market value as determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion; provided, that, (i) if the Common Stock or other security is admitted to trading on a national securities exchange, the fair market value on any date shall be the closing sale price reported on such date, or if no shares were traded on such date, on the last preceding date for which there was a sale of a share of Common Stock on such exchange, or (ii) if the Common Stock or other security

is then traded in an over-the-counter market, the fair market value on any date shall be the average of the closing bid and asked prices for such share in such over-the-counter market for the last preceding date on which there was a sale of such share in such market.

- (w) "Free Standing Rights" has the meaning set forth in Section 8.
- (x) "Good Reason" has the meaning assigned to such term in any individual service, employment or severance agreement or Award Agreement with the Participant or, if no such agreement exists or if such agreement does not define "Good Reason," "Good Reason" and any provision of this Plan that refers to "Good Reason" shall not be applicable to such Participant.
- (y) "<u>Grandfathered Arrangement</u>" means an Award which is provided pursuant to a written binding contract in effect on November 2, 2017, and which was not modified in any material respect on or after November 2, 2017, within the meaning of Section 13601(e)(2) of P.L. 115.97, as may be amended from time to time (including any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder).
  - (z) "Incentive Compensation" means annual cash bonus and any Award.
- (aa) "ISO" means an Option intended to be and designated as an "incentive stock option" within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code.
  - (bb) "Nonqualified Stock Option" shall mean an Option that is not designated as an ISO.
- (cc) "Option" means an option to purchase shares of Common Stock granted pursuant to Section 7 hereof. The term "Option" as used in the Plan includes the terms "Nonqualified Stock Option" and "ISO."
- (dd) "Other Stock-Based Award" means a right or other interest granted pursuant to Section 10 hereof that may be denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on or related to, Common Stock, including, but not limited to, unrestricted Shares, dividend equivalents or performance units, each of which may be subject to the attainment of performance goals or a period of continued provision of service or employment or other terms or conditions as permitted under the Plan.
- (ee) "Participant" means any Eligible Recipient selected by the Administrator, pursuant to the Administrator's authority provided for in Section 3 below, to receive grants of Awards, and, upon his or her death, his or her successors, heirs, executors and administrators, as the case may be.
- (ff) "Person" shall have the meaning given in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act, as modified and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof.
  - (gg) "Plan" means this 2020 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.
- (hh) "Prior Plan" means the Company's 2015 Incentive Stock and Award Plan, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date
  - (ii) "Related Rights" has the meaning set forth in Section 8.
- (jj) "Restricted Stock" means a Share granted pursuant to Section 9 below subject to certain restrictions that lapse at the end of a specified period (or periods) of time and/or upon attainment of specified performance objectives.
  - (kk) "Restricted Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.
- (II) "Restricted Stock Unit" means the right granted pursuant to Section 9 hereof to receive a Share at the end of a specified restricted period (or periods) of time and/or upon attainment of specified performance objectives.
  - (mm) "Rule 16b-3" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.
- (nn) "<u>Section 16 Officer</u>" means any officer of the Company whom the Board has determined is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, whether or not such individual is a Section 16 Officer at the time the determination to recoup compensation is made.

- (oo) "Shares" means Common Stock reserved for issuance under the Plan, as adjusted pursuant to the Plan, and any successor (pursuant to a merger, consolidation or other reorganization) security.
- (pp) "Stock Appreciation Right" means a right granted pursuant to Section 8 hereof to receive an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (i) the aggregate Fair Market Value, as of the date such Award or portion thereof is surrendered, of the Shares covered by such Award or such portion thereof, over (ii) the aggregate Exercise Price of such Award or such portion thereof.
- (qq) "<u>Subsidiary</u>" means, with respect to any Person, as of any date of determination, any other Person as to which such first Person owns or otherwise controls, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the voting shares or other similar interests or a sole general partner interest or managing member or similar interest of such other Person.
  - (rr) "Transfer" has the meaning set forth in Section 15.

## Section 3. Administration.

- (a) The Plan shall be administered by the Administrator and shall be administered, to the extent applicable, in accordance with Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act ("Rule 16b-3").
- (b) Pursuant to the terms of the Plan, the Administrator, subject, in the case of any Committee, to any restrictions on the authority delegated to it by the Board, shall have the power and authority, without limitation:
  - (1) to select those Eligible Recipients who shall be Participants;
- (2) to determine whether and to what extent Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Other Stock-Based Awards or a combination of any of the foregoing, are to be granted hereunder to Participants;
  - (3) to determine the number of Shares to be covered by each Award granted hereunder;
- (4) to determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, of each Award granted hereunder (including, but not limited to, (i) the restrictions applicable to Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units and the conditions under which restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall lapse, (ii) the performance goals and periods applicable to Awards, (iii) the Exercise Price of each Option and each Stock Appreciation Right or the purchase price of any other Award, (iv) the vesting schedule and terms applicable to each Award, (v) the number of Shares or amount of cash or other property subject to each Award and (vi) subject to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code (to the extent applicable) any amendments to the terms and conditions of outstanding Awards, including, but not limited to, extending the exercise period of such Awards and accelerating the payment schedules of such Awards and/or, to the extent specifically permitted under the Plan, accelerating the vesting schedules of such Awards);
- (5) to determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, which shall govern all written instruments evidencing Awards;
  - (6) to determine the Fair Market Value in accordance with the terms of the Plan;
- (7) to determine the duration and purpose of leaves of absence which may be granted to a Participant without constituting termination of the Participant's service or employment for purposes of Awards granted under the Plan;
- (8) to adopt, alter and repeal such administrative rules, regulations, guidelines and practices governing the Plan as it shall from time to time deem advisable;
- (9) to construe and interpret the terms and provisions of, and supply or correct omissions in, the Plan and any Award issued under the Plan (and any Award Agreement relating thereto), and to otherwise supervise the administration of the Plan and to exercise all powers and authorities either specifically granted under the Plan or necessary and advisable in the administration of the Plan; and
- (10) to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to sub-plans established for the purpose of satisfying applicable non-United States laws or for qualifying for favorable tax treatment under applicable non-United States laws, which rules and regulations may be set forth in an appendix or appendixes to the Plan.

- (c) Subject to Section 5, neither the Board nor the Committee shall have the authority to (i) reprice or cancel and regrant any Award at a lower exercise, base or purchase price or cancel any Award with an exercise, base or purchase price in exchange for cash, property or other Awards without first obtaining the approval of the Company's stockholders; or (ii) accelerate the vesting of any Awards (except pursuant to Section 11).
- (d) All decisions made by the Administrator pursuant to the provisions of the Plan shall be final, conclusive and binding on all Persons, including the Company and the Participants.
  - (e) The expenses of administering the Plan shall be borne by the Company and its Affiliates.
- (f) If at any time or to any extent the Board shall not administer the Plan, then the functions of the Administrator specified in the Plan shall be exercised by the Committee. Except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Company, any action of the Committee with respect to the administration of the Plan shall be taken by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is duly constituted or unanimous written consent of the Committee's members.

#### Section 4. Shares Reserved for Issuance Under the Plan.

- (a) Subject to Section 5 hereof, the number of shares of Common Stock that are reserved and available for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under the Plan shall be equal to 7,500,000 shares, plus the number of shares of Common Stock reserved, but unissued, under the Prior Plan; provided, that, shares of Common Stock issued under the Plan with respect to an Exempt Award shall not count against such share limit. Following the Effective Date, no further awards shall be issued under the Prior Plan, but all awards under the Prior Plan which are outstanding as of the Effective Date (including any Grandfathered Arrangement) shall continue to be governed by the terms, conditions and procedures set forth in the Prior Plan and any applicable Award Agreement.
- (b) Shares issued under the Plan may, in whole or in part, be authorized but unissued Shares or Shares that shall have been or may be reacquired by the Company in the open market, in private transactions or otherwise. If an Award entitles the Participant to receive or purchase Shares, the number of Shares covered by such Award or to which such Award relates shall be counted on the date of grant of such Award against the aggregate number of Shares available for granting Awards under the Plan. If any Shares subject to an Award are forfeited, cancelled, exchanged or surrendered or if an Award otherwise terminates or expires without a distribution of Shares to the Participant, the Shares with respect to such Award shall, to the extent of any such forfeiture, cancellation, exchange, surrender, termination or expiration, again be available for granting Awards under the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Shares surrendered or withheld as payment of either the Exercise Price of an Award (including Shares otherwise underlying a Stock Appreciation Right that are retained by the Company to account for the Exercise Price of such Stock Appreciation Right) and/or withholding taxes in respect of an Award shall no longer be available for grant under the Plan. In addition, (i) to the extent an Award is denominated in shares of Common Stock, but paid or settled in cash, the number of shares of Common Stock with respect to which such payment or settlement is made shall again be available for grants of Awards pursuant to the Plan and (ii) shares of Common Stock underlying Awards that can only be settled in cash shall not be counted against the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock available for Awards under the Plan. Upon the exercise of any Award granted in tandem with any other Awards, such related Awards shall be cancelled to the extent of the number of Shares as to which the Award is exercised and, notwithstanding the foregoing, such number of Shares shall no longer be available for grant under the Plan.
  - (c) No more than 7,500,000 Shares shall be issued pursuant to the exercise of ISOs.

#### Section 5. Equitable Adjustments.

In the event of any Change in Capitalization, an equitable substitution or proportionate adjustment shall be made in (i) the aggregate number and kind of securities reserved for issuance under the Plan pursuant to Section 4, (ii) the kind, number of securities subject to, and the Exercise Price subject to outstanding Options and Stock Appreciation Rights granted under the Plan, (iii) the kind, number and purchase price of Shares or other securities or the amount of cash or amount or type of other property subject to outstanding Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units or Other Stock-Based Awards granted under the Plan; and/or (iv) the terms and conditions of any outstanding Awards (including, without limitation, any applicable performance targets or criteria with respect thereto); provided, however, that any fractional shares resulting from the adjustment shall be eliminated. Such other equitable substitutions or adjustments shall be made as may be determined by the Administrator, in its sole discretion. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in connection with a Change in Capitalization, the Administrator may provide, in its

sole discretion, but subject in all events to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, for the cancellation of any outstanding Award granted hereunder in exchange for payment in cash or other property having an aggregate Fair Market Value equal to the Fair Market Value of the Shares, cash or other property covered by such Award, reduced by the aggregate Exercise Price or purchase price thereof, if any; provided, however, that if the Exercise Price or purchase price of any outstanding Award is equal to or greater than the Fair Market Value of the shares of Common Stock, cash or other property covered by such Award, the Administrator may cancel such Award without the payment of any consideration to the Participant. Further, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, with respect to Awards subject to foreign laws, adjustments made hereunder shall be made in compliance with applicable requirements. Except to the extent determined by the Administrator, any adjustments to ISOs under this Section 5 shall be made only to the extent not constituting a "modification" within the meaning of Section 424(h)(3) of the Code. The Administrator's determinations pursuant to this Section 5 shall be final, binding and conclusive.

## Section 6. Eligibility.

The Participants in the Plan shall be selected from time to time by the Administrator, in its sole discretion, from those individuals that qualify as Eligible Recipients.

# Section 7. Options.

- (a) <u>General</u>. Options granted under the Plan shall be designated as Nonqualified Stock Options or ISOs. Each Participant who is granted an Option shall enter into an Award Agreement with the Company, containing such terms and conditions as the Administrator shall determine, in its sole discretion, including, among other things, the Exercise Price of the Option, the term of the Option and provisions regarding exercisability of the Option, and whether the Option is intended to be an ISO or a Nonqualified Stock Option (and in the event the Award Agreement has no such designation, the Option shall be a Nonqualified Stock Option). The provisions of each Option need not be the same with respect to each Participant. More than one Option may be granted to the same Participant and be outstanding concurrently hereunder. Options granted under the Plan shall be subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Section 7 and shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, as the Administrator shall deem desirable and set forth in the applicable Award Agreement.
- (b) Exercise Price. The Exercise Price of Shares purchasable under an Option shall be determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion at the time of grant, but in no event shall the exercise price of an Option be less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant.
- (c) Option Term. The maximum term of each Option shall be fixed by the Administrator, but no Option shall be exercisable more than ten (10) years after the date such Option is granted. Each Option's term is subject to earlier expiration pursuant to the applicable provisions in the Plan and the Award Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, subject to Section 4(d) of the Plan, the Administrator shall have the authority to accelerate the exercisability of any outstanding Option at such time and under such circumstances as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate.
- (d) Exercisability. Each Option shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions, including the attainment of performance goals, as shall be determined by the Administrator in the applicable Award Agreement. The Administrator may also provide that any Option shall be exercisable only in installments, and the Administrator may waive such installment exercise provisions at any time, in whole or in part, based on such factors as the Administrator may determine in its sole discretion.
- (e) Method of Exercise. Options may be exercised in whole or in part by giving written notice of exercise to the Company specifying the number of whole Shares to be purchased, accompanied by payment in full of the aggregate Exercise Price of the Shares so purchased in cash or its equivalent, as determined by the Administrator. As determined by the Administrator, in its sole discretion, with respect to any Option or category of Options, payment in whole or in part may also be made (i) by means of consideration received under any cashless exercise procedure approved by the Administrator (including the withholding of Shares otherwise issuable upon exercise), (ii) in the form of unrestricted Shares already owned by the Participant which have a Fair Market Value on the date of surrender equal to the aggregate exercise price of the Shares as to which such Option shall be exercised, (iii) any other form of consideration approved by the Administrator and permitted by Applicable Laws or (iv) any combination of the foregoing.

- (f) <u>ISOs</u>. The terms and conditions of ISOs granted hereunder shall be subject to the provisions of Section 422 of the Code and the terms, conditions, limitations and administrative procedures established by the Administrator from time to time in accordance with the Plan. At the discretion of the Administrator, ISOs may be granted only to an employee of the Company, its "parent corporation" (as such term is defined in Section 424(e) of the Code) or a Subsidiary of the Company.
- (1) ISO Grants to 10% Stockholders. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, if an ISO is granted to a Participant who owns shares representing more than ten percent (10%) of the voting power of all classes of shares of the Company, its "parent corporation" (as such term is defined in Section 424(e) of the Code) or a Subsidiary of the Company, the term of the ISO shall not exceed five (5) years from the time of grant of such ISO and the Exercise Price shall be at least one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the date of grant.
- (2) \$100,000 Per Year Limitation For ISOs. To the extent the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined on the date of grant) of the Shares for which ISOs are exercisable for the first time by any Participant during any calendar year (under all plans of the Company) exceeds \$100,000, such excess ISOs shall be treated as Nonqualified Stock Options.
- (3) Disqualifying Dispositions. Each Participant awarded an ISO under the Plan shall notify the Company in writing immediately after the date the Participant makes a "disqualifying disposition" of any Share acquired pursuant to the exercise of such ISO. A "disqualifying disposition" is any disposition (including any sale) of such Shares before the later of (i) two years after the date of grant of the ISO and (ii) one year after the date the Participant acquired the Shares by exercising the ISO. The Company may, if determined by the Administrator and in accordance with procedures established by it, retain possession of any Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an ISO as agent for the applicable Participant until the end of the period described in the preceding sentence, subject to complying with any instructions from such Participant as to the sale of such Shares.
- (g) <u>Rights as Stockholder</u>. A Participant shall have no rights to dividends, dividend equivalents or distributions or any other rights of a stockholder with respect to the Shares subject to an Option until the Participant has given written notice of the exercise thereof, and has paid in full for such Shares and has satisfied the requirements of Section 15 hereof.
- (h) <u>Termination of Employment or Service</u>. Treatment of an Option upon termination of employment of a Participant shall be provided for by the Administrator in the Award Agreement.
- (i) Other Change in Employment or Service Status. An Option shall be affected, both with regard to vesting schedule and termination, by leaves of absence, including unpaid and un-protected leaves of absence, changes from full-time to part-time employment, partial Disability or other changes in the employment status or service status of a Participant, in the discretion of the Administrator.

## Section 8. Stock Appreciation Rights.

- (a) General. Stock Appreciation Rights may be granted either alone ("Free Standing Rights") or in conjunction with all or part of any Option granted under the Plan ("Related Rights"). Related Rights may be granted either at or after the time of the grant of such Option. The Administrator shall determine the Eligible Recipients to whom, and the time or times at which, grants of Stock Appreciation Rights shall be made. Each Participant who is granted a Stock Appreciation Right shall enter into an Award Agreement with the Company, containing such terms and conditions as the Administrator shall determine, in its sole discretion, including, among other things, the number of Shares to be awarded, the Exercise Price per Share, and all other conditions of Stock Appreciation Rights. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Related Right may be granted for more Shares than are subject to the Option to which it relates. The provisions of Stock Appreciation Rights need not be the same with respect to each Participant. Stock Appreciation Rights granted under the Plan shall be subject to the following terms and conditions set forth in this Section 8 and shall contain such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, as the Administrator shall deem desirable, as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement.
- (b) <u>Awards; Rights as Stockholder</u>. A Participant shall have no rights to dividends or any other rights of a stockholder with respect to the shares of Common Stock, if any, subject to a Stock Appreciation Right until the Participant has given written notice of the exercise thereof and has satisfied the requirements of Section 15 hereof.

(c) Exercise Price. The Exercise Price of Shares purchasable under a Stock Appreciation Right shall be determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion at the time of grant, but in no event shall the exercise price of a Stock Appreciation Right be less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant.

# (d) Exercisability.

- (1) Stock Appreciation Rights that are Free Standing Rights shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Administrator in the applicable Award Agreement.
- (2) Stock Appreciation Rights that are Related Rights shall be exercisable only at such time or times and to the extent that the Options to which they relate shall be exercisable in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 hereof and this Section 8 of the Plan.

# (e) Payment Upon Exercise.

- (1) Upon the exercise of a Free Standing Right, the Participant shall be entitled to receive up to, but not more than, that number of Shares equal in value to the excess of the Fair Market Value as of the date of exercise over the Exercise Price per share specified in the Free Standing Right multiplied by the number of Shares in respect of which the Free Standing Right is being exercised.
- (2) A Related Right may be exercised by a Participant by surrendering the applicable portion of the related Option. Upon such exercise and surrender, the Participant shall be entitled to receive up to, but not more than, that number of Shares equal in value to the excess of the Fair Market Value as of the date of exercise over the Exercise Price specified in the related Option multiplied by the number of Shares in respect of which the Related Right is being exercised. Options which have been so surrendered, in whole or in part, shall no longer be exercisable to the extent the Related Rights have been so exercised.
- (3) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrator may determine to settle the exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right in cash (or in any combination of Shares and cash).
- (f) <u>Termination of Employment or Service</u>. Treatment of an Stock Appreciation Right upon termination of employment of a Participant shall be provided for by the Administrator in the Award Agreement.

# (g) Term.

- (1) The term of each Free Standing Right shall be fixed by the Administrator, but no Free Standing Right shall be exercisable more than ten (10) years after the date such right is granted.
- (2) The term of each Related Right shall be the term of the Option to which it relates, but no Related Right shall be exercisable more than ten (10) years after the date such right is granted.
- (h) Other Change in Employment or Service Status. Stock Appreciation Rights shall be affected, both with regard to vesting schedule and termination, by leaves of absence, including unpaid and un-protected leaves of absence, changes from full-time to part-time employment, partial Disability or other changes in the employment or service status of a Participant, in the discretion of the Administrator.

# Section 9. Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units.

(a) General. Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units may be issued under the Plan. The Administrator shall determine the Eligible Recipients to whom, and the time or times at which, Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall be made. Each Participant who is granted Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall enter into an Award Agreement with the Company, containing such terms and conditions as the Administrator shall determine, in its sole discretion, including, among other things, the number of Shares to be awarded; the price, if any, to be paid by the Participant for the acquisition of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units; the period of time restrictions, performance goals or other conditions that apply to Transferability, delivery or vesting of such Awards (the "Restricted Period"); and all other conditions applicable to the Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units. If the restrictions, performance goals or conditions established by the Administrator are not attained, a Participant shall forfeit his or her Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units, in accordance with the terms of the grant. The provisions of the Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units need not be the same with respect to each Participant.

- (b) Awards and Certificates. Except as otherwise provided below in Section 9(c), (i) each Participant who is granted an Award of Restricted Stock may, in the Company's sole discretion, be issued a share certificate in respect of such Restricted Stock; and (ii) any such certificate so issued shall be registered in the name of the Participant, and shall bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions and restrictions applicable to any such Award. The Company may require that the share certificates, if any, evidencing Restricted Stock granted hereunder be held in the custody of the Company until the restrictions thereon shall have lapsed, and that, as a condition of any Award of Restricted Stock, the Participant shall have delivered a share transfer form, endorsed in blank, relating to the Shares covered by such Award. Certificates for shares of unrestricted Common Stock may, in the Company's sole discretion, be delivered to the Participant only after the Restricted Period has expired without forfeiture in such Restricted Stock Award. With respect to Restricted Stock Units to be settled in Shares, at the expiration of the Restricted Period, share certificates in respect of the shares of Common Stock underlying such Restricted Stock Units may, in the Company's sole discretion, be delivered to the Participant, or his legal representative, in a number equal to the number of shares of Common Stock underlying the Restricted Stock Units Award. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, any Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units to be settled in Shares (at the expiration of the Restricted Period, and whether before or after any vesting conditions have been satisfied) may, in the Company's sole discretion, be issued in uncertificated form. Further, notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, with respect to Restricted Stock Units, at the expiration of the Restricted Period, Shares, or cash, as applicable, shall promptly be issued (either in certificated or uncertificated form) to the Participant, unless otherwise deferred in accordance with procedures established by the Company in accordance with Section 409A of the Code, and such issuance or payment shall in any event be made within such period as is required to avoid the imposition of a tax under Section 409A of the Code.
- (c) <u>Restrictions and Conditions</u>. The Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units granted pursuant to this Section 9 shall be subject to the following restrictions and conditions and any additional restrictions or conditions as determined by the Administrator at the time of grant or, subject to Section 409A of the Code where applicable, thereafter:
- (1) The Administrator may, in its sole discretion, provide for the lapse of restrictions in installments and may accelerate or waive such restrictions in whole or in part based on such factors and such circumstances as the Administrator may determine, in its sole discretion, including, but not limited to, the attainment of certain performance goals, the Participant's termination of employment or service with the Company or any Affiliate thereof, or the Participant's death or Disability. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon a Change in Control, the outstanding Awards shall be subject to Section 11 hereof.
- (2) Except as provided in the applicable Award Agreement, the Participant shall generally have the rights of a stockholder of the Company with respect to Restricted Stock during the Restricted Period; provided, however, that dividends declared during the Restricted Period with respect to an Award, shall only become payable if (and to the extent) the underlying Restricted Stock vests. Except as provided in the applicable Award Agreement, the Participant shall generally not have the rights of a stockholder with respect to Shares subject to Restricted Stock Units during the Restricted Period; provided, however, that, subject to Section 409A of the Code, an amount equal to dividends declared during the Restricted Period with respect to the number of Shares covered by Restricted Stock Units shall, unless otherwise set forth in an Award Agreement, be paid to the Participant at the time (and to the extent) Shares in respect of the related Restricted Stock Units are delivered to the Participant. Certificates for Shares of unrestricted Common Stock may, in the Company's sole discretion, be delivered to the Participant only after the Restricted Period has expired without forfeiture in respect of such Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units, except as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall otherwise determine.
- (3) The rights of Participants granted Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units upon termination of employment or service as a director or independent contractor to the Company or to any Affiliate thereof terminates for any reason during the Restricted Period shall be set forth in the Award Agreement.
- (d) <u>Form of Settlement</u>. The Administrator reserves the right in its sole discretion to provide (either at or after the grant thereof) that any Restricted Stock Unit represents the right to receive the amount of cash per unit that is determined by the Administrator in connection with the Award.

#### Section 10. Other Stock-Based Awards.

Other Stock-Based Awards may be issued under the Plan. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Administrator shall have sole and complete authority to determine the individuals to whom and the time or times at which such Other Stock-Based Awards shall be granted. Each Participant who is granted an Other Stock-Based Award shall enter into an Award Agreement with the Company, containing such terms and conditions as the Administrator shall determine, in its sole discretion, including, among other things, the number of shares of Common Stock to be granted pursuant to such Other Stock-Based Awards, or the manner in which such Other Stock-Based Awards shall be settled (e.g., in shares of Common Stock, cash or other property), or the conditions to the vesting and/or payment or settlement of such Other Stock-Based Awards (which may include, but not be limited to, achievement of performance criteria) and all other terms and conditions of such Other Stock-Based Awards. In the event that the Administrator grants a bonus in the form of Shares, the Shares constituting such bonus shall, as determined by the Administrator, be evidenced in uncertificated form or by a book entry record or a certificate issued in the name of the Participant to whom such grant was made and delivered to such Participant as soon as practicable after the date on which such bonus is payable. Notwithstanding anything set forth in the Plan to the contrary, any dividend or dividend equivalent Award issued hereunder shall be subject to the same restrictions, conditions and risks of forfeiture as apply to the underlying Award.

# Section 11. Change in Control.

Unless otherwise determined by the Administrator and evidenced in an Award Agreement, notwithstanding Section 4(d) of the Plan, in the event that (a) a Change in Control occurs, and (b) the Participant is employed by the Company or any of its Affiliates immediately prior to the consummation of such Change in Control then upon the consummation of such Change in Control, the Administrator, in its sole and absolute discretion, may:

- (a) provide that any unvested or unexercisable portion of any Award carrying a right to exercise become fully vested and exercisable; and
- (b) cause the restrictions, deferral limitations, payment conditions and forfeiture conditions applicable to an Award granted under the Plan to lapse and such Awards shall be deemed fully vested and any performance conditions imposed with respect to such Awards shall be deemed to be fully achieved at target performance levels.

If the Administrator determines in its discretion pursuant to Section 3(b)(4) hereof to accelerate the vesting of Options and/or Share Appreciation Rights in connection with a Change in Control, the Administrator shall also have discretion in connection with such action to provide that all Options and/or Stock Appreciation Rights outstanding immediately prior to such Change in Control shall expire on the effective date of such Change in Control.

## Section 12. Amendment and Termination.

The Board may amend, alter or terminate the Plan at any time, but no amendment, alteration or termination shall be made that would impair the rights of a Participant under any Award theretofore granted without such Participant's consent. The Board shall obtain approval of the Company's stockholders for any amendment that would require such approval in order to satisfy the requirements of any rules of the stock exchange on which the Common Stock is traded or other Applicable Law. Subject to Section 3(c), the Administrator may amend the terms of any Award theretofore granted, prospectively or retroactively, but, subject to Section 5 of the Plan and the immediately preceding sentence, no such amendment shall materially impair the rights of any Participant without his or her consent.

# Section 13. Unfunded Status of Plan.

The Plan is intended to constitute an "unfunded" plan for incentive compensation. With respect to any payments not yet made to a Participant by the Company, nothing contained herein shall give any such Participant any rights that are greater than those of a general creditor of the Company.

## Section 14. Withholding Taxes.

Each Participant shall, no later than the date as of which the value of an Award first becomes includible in the gross income of such Participant for purposes of applicable taxes, pay to the Company, or make arrangements satisfactory to the Administrator regarding payment of an amount up to the maximum statutory tax rates in the

Participant's applicable jurisdiction with respect to the Award, as determined by the Company. The obligations of the Company under the Plan shall be conditional on the making of such payments or arrangements, and the Company shall, to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws, have the right to deduct any such taxes from any payment of any kind otherwise due to such Participant. Whenever cash is to be paid pursuant to an Award, the Company shall have the right to deduct therefrom an amount sufficient to satisfy any applicable withholding tax requirements related thereto. Whenever Shares or property other than cash are to be delivered pursuant to an Award, the Company shall have the right to require the Participant to remit to the Company in cash an amount sufficient to satisfy any related taxes to be withheld and applied to the tax obligations; provided, that, with the approval of the Administrator, a Participant may satisfy the foregoing requirement by either (i) electing to have the Company withhold from delivery of Shares or other property, as applicable, or (ii) delivering already owned unrestricted shares of Common Stock, in each case, having a value not exceeding the applicable taxes to be withheld and applied to the tax obligations. Such already owned and unrestricted shares of Common Stock shall be valued at their Fair Market Value on the date on which the amount of tax to be withheld is determined and any fractional share amounts resulting therefrom shall be settled in cash. Such an election may be made with respect to all or any portion of the Shares to be delivered pursuant to an award. The Company may also use any other method of obtaining the necessary payment or proceeds, as permitted by Applicable Laws, to satisfy its withholding obligation with respect to any Award.

#### Section 15. Transfer of Awards.

Until such time as the Awards are fully vested and/or exercisable in accordance with the Plan or an Award Agreement, no purported sale, assignment, mortgage, hypothecation, transfer, charge, pledge, encumbrance, gift, transfer in trust (voting or other) or other disposition of, or creation of a security interest in or lien on, any Award or any agreement or commitment to do any of the foregoing (each, a "Transfer") by any holder thereof in violation of the provisions of the Plan or an Award Agreement will be valid, except with the prior written consent of the Administrator, which consent may be granted or withheld in the sole discretion of the Administrator. Any purported Transfer of an Award or any economic benefit or interest therein in violation of the Plan or an Award Agreement shall be null and void *ab initio* and shall not create any obligation or liability of the Company, and any Person purportedly acquiring any Award or any economic benefit or interest therein transferred in violation of the Plan or an Award Agreement shall not be entitled to be recognized as a holder of such Shares or other property underlying such Award. Unless otherwise determined by the Administrator in accordance with the provisions of the immediately preceding sentence, an Option or a Stock Appreciation Right may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Participant, only by the Participant or, during any period during which the Participant is under a legal Disability, by the Participant's guardian or legal representative.

## Section 16. Continued Employment or Service.

Neither the adoption of the Plan nor the grant of an Award shall confer upon any Eligible Recipient any right to continued employment or service with the Company or any Affiliate thereof, as the case may be, nor shall it interfere in any way with the right of the Company or any Affiliate thereof to terminate the employment or service of any of its Eligible Recipients at any time.

# Section 17. Effective Date.

The Plan was approved by the Board on May 7, 2020 and shall be adopted and become effective on the date that it is approved by the Company's stockholders (the "Effective Date").

# Section 18. Electronic Signature.

Participant's electronic signature of an Award Agreement shall have the same validity and effect as a signature affixed by hand.

## Section 19. Term of Plan.

No Award shall be granted pursuant to the Plan on or after the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date, but Awards theretofore granted may extend beyond that date.

#### Section 20. Securities Matters and Regulations.

- (a) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the obligation of the Company to sell or deliver Shares with respect to any Award granted under the Plan shall be subject to all Applicable Laws, rules and regulations, including all applicable federal and state securities laws, and the obtaining of all such approvals by governmental agencies as may be deemed necessary or appropriate by the Administrator. The Administrator may require, as a condition of the issuance and delivery of certificates evidencing shares of Common Stock pursuant to the terms hereof, that the recipient of such shares make such agreements and representations, and that such certificates bear such legends, as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, deems necessary or advisable.
- (b) Each Award is subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Administrator determines that the listing, registration or qualification of Shares is required by any securities exchange or under any state or federal law, or the consent or approval of any governmental regulatory body is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, the grant of an Award or the issuance of Shares, no such Award shall be granted or payment made or Shares issued, in whole or in part, unless listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval has been effected or obtained free of any conditions not acceptable to the Administrator.
- (c) In the event that the disposition of Shares acquired pursuant to the Plan is not covered by a then current registration statement under the Securities Act and is not otherwise exempt from such registration, such Shares shall be restricted against transfer to the extent required by the Securities Act or regulations thereunder, and the Administrator may require a Participant receiving Common Stock pursuant to the Plan, as a condition precedent to receipt of such Common Stock, to represent to the Company in writing that the Common Stock acquired by such Participant is acquired for investment only and not with a view to distribution.

## Section 21. Section 409A of the Code.

The Plan as well as payments and benefits under the Plan are intended to be exempt from, or to the extent subject thereto, to comply with Section 409A of the Code, and, accordingly, to the maximum extent permitted, the Plan shall be interpreted in accordance therewith. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, to the extent required in order to avoid accelerated taxation and/or tax penalties under Section 409A of the Code, the Participant shall not be considered to have terminated employment or service with the Company for purposes of the Plan and no payment shall be due to the Participant under the Plan or any Award until the Participant would be considered to have incurred a "separation from service" from the Company and its Affiliates within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code. Any payments described in the Plan that are due within the "short term deferral period" as defined in Section 409A of the Code shall not be treated as deferred compensation unless Applicable Law requires otherwise. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, to the extent that any Awards (or any other amounts payable under any plan, program or arrangement of the Company or any of its Affiliates) are payable upon a separation from service and such payment would result in the imposition of any individual tax and penalty interest charges imposed under Section 409A of the Code, the settlement and payment of such awards (or other amounts) shall instead be made on the first business day after the date that is six (6) months following such separation from service (or death, if earlier). Each amount to be paid or benefit to be provided under this Plan shall be construed as a separate identified payment for purposes of Section 409A of the Code. The Company makes no representation that any or all of the payments or benefits described in this Plan will be exempt from or comply with Section 409A of the Code and makes no undertaking to preclude Section 409A of the Code from applying to any such payment. The Participant shall be solely responsible for the payment of any taxes and penalties incurred under Section 409A.

# Section 22. Notification of Election Under Section 83(b) of the Code.

If any Participant shall, in connection with the acquisition of shares of Common Stock under the Plan, make the election permitted under Section 83(b) of the Code, such Participant shall notify the Company of such election within ten (10) days after filing notice of the election with the Internal Revenue Service.

## Section 23. No Fractional Shares.

No fractional shares of Common Stock shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan. The Administrator shall determine whether cash, other Awards, or other property shall be issued or paid in lieu of such fractional shares or whether such fractional shares or any rights thereto shall be forfeited or otherwise eliminated.

## Section 24. Beneficiary.

A Participant may file with the Administrator a written designation of a beneficiary on such form as may be prescribed by the Administrator and may, from time to time, amend or revoke such designation. If no designated beneficiary survives the Participant, the executor or administrator of the Participant's estate shall be deemed to be the Participant's beneficiary.

## Section 25. Paperless Administration.

In the event that the Company establishes, for itself or using the services of a third party, an automated system for the documentation, granting or exercise of Awards, such as a system using an internet website or interactive voice response, then the paperless documentation, granting or exercise of Awards by a Participant may be permitted through the use of such an automated system.

# Section 26. Severability.

If any provision of the Plan is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the other provisions of the Plan shall not be affected but shall be applied as if the invalid or unenforceable provision had not been included in the Plan.

### Section 27. Clawback.

- (a) If the Company is required to prepare a financial restatement due to the material non-compliance of the Company with any financial reporting requirement, then the Committee may require any Section 16 Officer to repay or forfeit to the Company, and each Section 16 Officer agrees to so repay or forfeit, that part of the Incentive Compensation received by that Section 16 Officer during the three-year period preceding the publication of the restated financial statement that the Committee determines was in excess of the amount that such Section 16 Officer would have received had such Incentive Compensation been calculated based on the financial results reported in the restated financial statement. The Committee may take into account any factors it deems reasonable in determining whether to seek recoupment of previously paid Incentive Compensation and how much Incentive Compensation to recoup from each Section 16 Officer (which need not be the same amount or proportion for each Section 16 Officer), including any determination by the Committee that a Section 16 Officer engaged in fraud, willful misconduct or committed grossly negligent acts or omissions which materially contributed to the events that led to the financial restatement. The amount and form of the Incentive Compensation to be recouped shall be determined by the Committee in its sole and absolute discretion, and recoupment of Incentive Compensation may be made, in the Committee's sole and absolute discretion, through the cancellation of vested or unvested Awards, cash repayment or both.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Plan, any Award which is subject to recovery under any Applicable Laws, government regulation or stock exchange listing requirement, will be subject to such deductions and clawback as may be required to be made pursuant to such Applicable Law, government regulation or stock exchange listing requirement (or any policy adopted by the Company pursuant to any such law, government regulation or stock exchange listing requirement).

## Section 28. Governing Law.

The Plan shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Nevada, without giving effect to principles of conflicts of law of such state.

## Section 29. Indemnification.

To the extent allowable pursuant to applicable law, each member of the Board and the Administrator and any officer or other employee to whom authority to administer any component of the Plan is designated shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company from any loss, cost, liability, or expense that may be imposed upon or reasonably incurred by such member in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit, or proceeding to which he or she may be a party or in which he or she may be involved by reason of any action or failure to act pursuant to the Plan and against and from any and all amounts paid by him or her in

satisfaction of judgment in such action, suit, or proceeding against him or her; provided, however, that he or she gives the Company an opportunity, at its own expense, to handle and defend the same before he or she undertakes to handle and defend it on his or her own behalf. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which such individuals may be entitled pursuant to the Company's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, as a matter of law, or otherwise, or any power that the Company may have to indemnify them or hold them harmless.

# Section 30. Titles and Headings, References to Sections of the Code or Exchange Act.

The titles and headings of the sections in the Plan are for convenience of reference only and, in the event of any conflict, the text of the Plan, rather than such titles or headings, shall control. References to sections of the Code or the Exchange Act shall include any amendment or successor thereto.

## Section 31. Successors.

The obligations of the Company under the Plan shall be binding upon any successor corporation or organization resulting from the merger, consolidation or other reorganization of the Company, or upon any successor corporation or organization succeeding to substantially all of the assets and business of the Company.

# Section 32. Relationship to other Benefits.

No payment pursuant to the Plan shall be taken into account in determining any benefits under any pension, retirement, savings, profit sharing, group insurance, welfare, or other benefit plan of the Company or any Affiliate except to the extent otherwise expressly provided in writing in such other plan or an agreement thereunder.

### APPENDIX D

#### CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR NEVADA PROFIT CORPORATIONS (Pursuant to NRS 78.385 and 78.390 — After Issuance of Stock)

- 1. Name of Corporation: [Jerrick Media Holdings, Inc.]
- 2. The Articles of Incorporation have been amended as follows:

[ARTICLE VI] of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation shall be amended by inserting Subsection "[D.]" at the end of such section which shall read as follows:

- (D) REVERSE STOCK SPLIT. Upon the filing (the "Effective Time") of this Certificate of Amendment pursuant to the Sections 78.385 and 785.390 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, each ( ) shares of the Corporation's Common Stock, issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time (the "Old Common Stock") shall automatically without further action on the part of the Corporation or any holder of Old Common Stock, be reclassified, combined, converted and changed into ( ) fully paid and nonassessable shares of common stock, par value of \$0.001 per share (the "New Common Stock"), subject to the treatment of fractional share interests as described below (the "reverse stock split"). The conversion of the Old Common Stock into New Common Stock will be deemed to occur at the Effective Time. From and after the Effective Time, certificates representing the Old Common Stock shall represent the number of shares of New Common Stock into which such Old Common Stock shall have been converted pursuant to this Certificate of Amendment. Holders who otherwise would be entitled to receive fractional share interests of New Common Stock upon the effectiveness of the reverse stock split shall not be entitled to receive a whole share of New Common Stock in lieu of any fractional share created as a result of such reverse stock split.
- 3. The vote by which the shareholders holding shares in the corporation entitling them to exercise at least a majority of the voting power, or such greater proportion of the voting power as may be required in the case of a vote by classes or series, or as may be required by the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation have voted in favor of the amendment is: [ ]%.

4.	Effective d	ate of filing: [	]	
5.	Signature:			
		Jeremy Frommer, Chief Executive Officer		