

NOVA MEASURING INSTRUMENTS LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of
1934

Date of Report: March 4, 2004

NOVA MEASURING INSTRUMENTS LTD.

Building 22 Weitzmann Science Park, Rehovoth
P.O.B 266

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information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the
registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): N/A.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by way of reference herein the Registrant's Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated by way of reference herein a copy of the Registrant's Framework Employee Stock Option Plan 7.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Nova Measuring Instruments Ltd (the
Registrant)

Date : March 4, 2004

BY: /S/ Chai Toren

Chai Toren
VP Finance and Operations

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Notice of an Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting

To be held on March 31, 2004 at 17:00

An Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting of the holders of Ordinary Shares of Nova Measuring Instruments Ltd. (the "Shareholders" and the Company" respectively) will be held at the Company offices on March 31, 2004 at 17:00 to consider and act upon each of the following matters:

1. Approval of the Framework Employee Stock Option Plan 7, and empowerment of the Board of Directors to allocate options in accordance with the plan.
2. Approval of the Company's Audit Committee and Board of Directors' resolutions to grant options to the Company's directors.

Shareholders of record as of the close of business on February 25, 2004 (the "Record Date") are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting. Beneficial owners who hold their shares through members of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange ("TASE") may either vote their shares in person at the Meeting by presenting a certificate signed by a member of the TASE which complies with the Israeli Companies Regulations (Proof of Ownership for Voting in General Meetings) 2000, as proof of ownership of the Shares, send such certificate together with a duly executed proxy as described below. All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person. Shareholders who are unable to attend the meeting in person are requested to complete, date and sign the enclosed form of proxy and return it promptly in the preaddressed envelope provided.

**By order of the Board of Directors,
/s/ Giora Dishon
Giora Dishon, Director, President and CEO of the Company
February 25, 2004**

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PROXY STATEMENT

For the Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting
To be held on March 31, 2004 at 17:00
At the Company's Registered Offices

The Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of Nova Measuring Instruments Ltd. (the Company) for use at the Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting of holders of ordinary shares of the Company (Shareholders) to be held at the Company offices on March 31, 2004 at 17:00 and at any adjournments thereof. This Proxy Statement is being mailed to the Company's shareholders on or about March 7, 2004. All proxies will be voted in accordance with the Shareholders' instructions, and if no choice is specified, the enclosed proxy card (or any signed and dated copy thereof) will be voted in favor of the matters set forth in the accompanying Notice of Meeting. Any proxy may be revoked by a Shareholder at any time before its exercise by: (i) delivering written revocation or a later dated proxy to Mr. Hai Toren, CFO of the Company; or (ii) attending the Shareholders Meeting and voting in person.

Only Shareholders of record as of the close of business on February 25, 2004, the record date fixed by the Company, will be entitled to vote at the Shareholders Meeting and at any adjournments thereof. As of February 25, 2004, there were an aggregate of 15,150,000 Ordinary Shares, par value NIS 0.01 per share (the Ordinary Shares), of the Company outstanding and entitled to vote. Each Ordinary Share is entitled to one vote. The Board of Directors named Dr. Giora Dishon as proxy. All properly executed proxies returned in time to be counted at the Shareholders Meeting will be voted as stated below under Voting Procedures.

The Board of Directors knows of no other matter to be presented at the Shareholders Meeting. If any other matter upon which a vote may properly be taken should be presented at the Shareholders Meeting, shares represented by all proxies received by the Board of Directors will be voted with respect thereto in accordance with the judgment of the persons named as attorneys in the proxies.

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ITEM NO. 1

PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE TERMS OF FRAMEWORK EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION PLAN NO. 7

Background:

On December 18, 2003 the Board of Directors adopted a framework for granting options in 2004, 2005 and 2006 to employees and other serving for the Company or any subsidiary. As part of the framework, the Board of Directors also adopted a form of Stock Option Plan for the three stock option sub-plans that the Company's Board of Directors anticipates adopting for the grant of options in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively. The framework and form of option plan adopted may be referred to collectively as the Framework Plan and reflect the following principal terms:

Under the Framework Plan, the Company may grant options to purchase up to an aggregate amount of 1,500,000 Ordinary Shares, subject to customary adjustments for events such as stock splits.

Allocation of the options to be granted under the Framework Plan shall be made in three sub-plans, Plan 7A, Plan 7B and Plan 7C. Each sub-plan will follow the form of option plan adopted by the Board of Directors as part of the Framework Plan, subject to: (i) changes required in light of changes in applicable law; and (ii) non-material changes decided upon by the Board of Directors or committee of the Board of Directors administering the Framework Plan.

Any option allocation for 2004 shall be made under Plan 7A, according to which options to purchase an aggregate amount 600,000 Ordinary Shares may be granted, subject to customary adjustments.

Any option allocations during 2005 and 2006 shall be made under Plans 7B and 7C, respectively. The Board of Directors, or the committee appointed by the Board of Directors to administer the Framework Plan is authorized to determine the aggregate number of Ordinary Shares that may be subject to options granted under each of Plan 7B and Plan 7C, provided that the aggregate amount of Ordinary Shares purchasable under both plans shall not exceed 900,000 shares, subject to customary adjustments.

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Material Terms of the Form of Option Plan:

Under the Framework Plan, the Board of Directors anticipates adopting Sub-Plans 7A, 7B and 7C, each of which will follow the form of Option Plan adopted as part of the Framework Plan, subject to certain changes that may be made as described above. The material terms of the form of Option Plan are summarized below.

Term of Plan 10 years after the date it was adopted by the Company's Board of Directors, unless earlier terminated;

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Persons eligible to receive grants of options any person, including officers and directors, employed by or serving for the Company or any subsidiary of the Company;

Vesting Period 4 years for each grant; 25% of the options shall be exercisable 12 months after the date of grant and the remainder of the options shall become exercisable at the end of each month thereafter at a rate of 2.083% per month. Vesting may be accelerated in the discretion of the Board of Directors provided that: (i) such determination shall be made prior to the issuance of any options under the applicable sub-plan; (ii) the Company meets certain net profit criteria to be fixed by the Board of Directors, and (iii) such determination shall not shorten the vesting period by more than 6 months in any year and further that the entire vesting period shall be of no less than three years.

Trustee Option awards or shares issued upon exercise of options may be held by a trustee pursuant to the Company's instructions from time to time and in accordance with the terms of the plan.

Exercise Price fair market value of the Company's Ordinary Shares at the time of grant (as such term is defined by the plan).

Change of Control Events In the event of consummation of a change of control event, such as the sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets, each option issued under the Framework Plan that is then outstanding shall be deemed to have been held for a period which is one year longer than the actual period such option has been held.

Administration The Framework Plan shall be administered by the Board of Directors or a committee appointed by the Board of Directors; Such committee will be composed primarily by independent directors;

Use of funds The Company may use amounts received pursuant to the exercise of options granted under the Framework Plan for any corporate purpose;

Shareholder approval The Framework Plan has been adopted by the Company's Board of Directors, but is conditioned upon approval by the Company's shareholders; if not so approved, any options issued under the plan shall be invalidated and may not be exercised under any circumstance;

Amendment and Termination Subject to certain conditions, the Framework Plan may be amended or terminated at any time by the Board of Directors or by the committee appointed by the Board of Directors to administer the plan, if any, except that any such amendment or termination shall not, without the consent of a participant, affect the participant's right to acquire Ordinary Shares already granted under the Framework Plan.

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A copy of the Framework option plan is attached as an Appendix to the copy of this Proxy Statement filed with the United States Securities Exchange Commission under cover of a Form 6-K no later than March 7th, 2004.

RESOLVED, to approve (i) the Framework Option Plan, including the form of option plan adopted as part of the Framework Plan; and (ii) the issuance of up to 1,500,000 Ordinary Shares pursuant to options granted under Plans 7A, 7B and 7C, and to empower the Board of Directors to allocate options under Plans 7A, 7B and 7C, as set forth in Item No. 1 of the Company's Proxy Statement.

The Board of Directors recommends that the shareholders vote FOR the approval of the Framework Option Plan and the issuance of up to 1,500,000 Ordinary Shares as set forth in Item No. 1 of the Company's Proxy Statement.

ITEM NO. 2**PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE GRANT OF OPTIONS TO CERTAIN DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY****Background:**

According to the Israeli Companies Law, the terms of compensation of members of the Board of Directors require approval of the Audit Committee, the Board of Directors and shareholders of the Company.

The Company's Audit Committee on December 29th, 2004 and the Company's Board of Directors on February 18th, 2004, both having been informed of the personal interest of the persons listed hereinbelow is the resolution, approved the issuance to certain members of the Company's Board of Directors of options to purchase an aggregate of 180,000 Ordinary Shares in accordance with the following allocation table:

| Name of Director | Position | No. of Options |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Giora Dishon | Director, President and CEO | 65,000 |
| Moshe Finarov | Director, Director of Technology | 55,000 |
| Michael Brunstein* | Director | 10,000 |
| Avi Kerbs | Director | 10,000 |
| Joseph Ciechanover | Director | 10,000 |
| Allon Dumanis | Director | 10,000 |
| Lauri Hanover | External Director | 10,000 |
| Karey Holland | External Director | 10,000 |

* Appointed by a resolution of the Company's Board of Directors dated October 25, 2003.

All the options granted to directors are exercisable according to the terms of Option Plan 7A.

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RESOLVED, to approve the grant of options to certain Directors of the Company as set forth in this Item No. 2.

The Board of Directors expresses no recommendation as to the vote on the above resolution.

Other Matters and Voting Procedures

Management is not aware of any other matters to be presented at the Meeting. If, however, any other matters should properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, the proxy confers discretionary authority with respect to acting thereon, and the persons named in the enclosed proxy will vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

Shareholders are urged to complete and return their Proxies promptly in order, among other things, to insure action by a quorum and to avoid the expense of additional solicitation. If the accompanying proxy is properly executed and returned in time for voting, and a choice is specified, the shares represented thereby will be voted as indicated thereon. If no specification is made, the proxy will be voted in favor of each of the proposals described in this Proxy Statement.

The presence, in person or by proxy, of at least one third (33.33%) of the outstanding shares of Ordinary Shares entitled to vote at the Extraordinary Meeting is necessary to establish a quorum for the transaction of business. Shares represented by proxies pursuant to which votes have been withheld from any nominee for Director, or which contain one or more abstentions or broker non-votes, are counted as present for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum for the Shareholders Meeting. A non-vote occurs when a broker or other nominee holding shares for the beneficial owner votes on one proposal, but does not vote on another proposal because the broker does not have discretionary voting power and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner.

Approval of all proposals requires an affirmative vote of more than 50% (fifty per cent) of shares present, in person or represented by proxy, and voting on that matter. Abstentions, as well as broker non-votes are not considered to have been voted for a matter and have the practical effect of reducing the number of affirmative votes required to achieve a majority for the approval of a matter by reducing the total number of shares from which the majority is calculated.

Expenses and Solicitation

All costs of solicitation of proxies will be borne by the Company. In addition to solicitations by mail, certain of the Company's Directors, officers and regular employees, without additional remuneration, may solicit proxies by telephone, telegraph and personal interviews. Brokers, custodians and fiduciaries will be requested to forward proxy soliciting material to the owners of stock held in their names, and the Company will reimburse them for their reasonable out-of-pocket costs. Solicitation by officers and employees of the Company may also be made of some stockholders in person or by mail, telephone or telegraph following the original solicitation.

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STOCK OPTION PLAN

1. Purposes of the Plan. The purposes of this Stock Option Plan (hereinafter: the Plan) are to attract and retain the best available personnel for positions of substantial responsibility, to provide additional incentive to such individuals of the Company and to promote the success of the Company's business, by providing Employees of the Company with the opportunities to purchase shares of the Company, pursuant to the Plan approved by the Board of Directors of the Company, and the Company's Shareholders General Meeting which is designed to benefit from, and is made, subject to Article 21 below, pursuant to, the provisions of Section 102 of the Israeli Income Tax Ordinance [New Version], 1961 and the rules promulgated there under.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 Board shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company
 - 2.2 Committee shall mean a committee appointed by the Board in accordance with Article 4.1 of this Plan or the Board, in case no such committee is appointed.
 - 2.3 Company shall mean Nova Measuring Instruments Ltd., an Israeli corporation, Nova Inc., a corporation registered in the U.S.A., and Nova K.K., a corporation registered in Japan, Nova Measuring Instruments Netherlands B.V, a corporation registered in the Netherlands and Nova Measuring Instruments Taiwan Ltd., a corporation registered in the ROC.
 - 2.4 Continuous Status as an Employee shall mean the absence of any interruption or termination of service as an Employee or Consultant. Continuous Status as an Employee or Consultant shall not be considered interrupted in the case of sick leave, military leave, or any other leave of absence not exceeding 90 days, or in case reemployment upon the expiration of such leave is guaranteed by contract or statute.
 - 2.5 Employee shall mean any person, including officers and directors, employed by or serving for the Company or Subsidiary of the Company.
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- 2.6 Exercise Price shall mean the Fair Market Value of the Ordinary Shares of the Company at the time such option is granted to the Employee.
 - 2.7 Fair Market Value of a share as of a particular date shall mean:

(i) So long as the Company's shares are traded on the NASDAQ National Market, the Fair Market Value shall be deemed to be the closing price of the Ordinary Shares of the Company on the NASDAQ National Market on the last business day immediately prior to the date of grant. If the Company's shares are traded on a security exchange other than NASDAQ National Market and are not traded in the NASDAQ National Market, the Fair Market Value shall be deemed to be the

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closing price of the Ordinary Shares of the Company on such security exchange on the last business day immediately prior to the date of grant.

(ii) If actively traded over-the-counter, the Fair Market Value shall be deemed to be the average of the closing bid prices over the 30-day period ending immediately prior to the applicable date of valuation;

2.8 Option shall mean a stock option granted pursuant to the Plan.

2.9 Optionee shall mean an Employee who receives an Option.

2.10 Ordinary Stock shall mean the Ordinary Shares of the Company.

2.11 Plan shall mean this Stock Option Plan.

2.12 Share shall mean a share of Ordinary Stock, as adjusted in accordance with Article 12 below.

3. Stock Subject to the Plan. Subject to the provisions of Article 12 of the Plan, the maximum aggregate number of shares that may be optioned and sold under the Plan is _____ shares of Ordinary Stock. The shares may be authorized, but unissued, Ordinary Stock.

If an Option should expire or become unexercisable, for any reason, without having been exercised in full, the unpurchased Shares subject thereto shall become available for future grant under the Plan, unless the Plan shall have been terminated.

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4. Administration of the Plan.

4.1 Procedure. The Plan shall be administered by the Board

(i) Subject to sub article (ii), the Board may appoint a Committee consisting of not less than two Board members to administer the Plan on behalf of the Board, subject to such terms and conditions as decided by the Board. Once appointed, the Committee shall continue to serve until otherwise directed by the Board.

(ii) The Board may increase the size of the Committee and appoint additional members thereof, remove members (with or without cause) and appoint new members in substitution therefore, fill vacancies however caused, or remove all members of the Committee and thereafter directly administer the Plan.

4.2 Powers of the Committee. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have the authority: (i) to grant Stock Options; (ii) to determine the fair market value of the Ordinary Stock; (iii) to determine the exercise price per share of Options to be granted; (iv) to determine the Employees or Consultants to whom, and the time or times at which, Options shall be granted and the number of shares to be represented by each Option; (v) to interpret the Plan; (vi) to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan; (vii) to determine the terms and provisions of each Option granted (needless to be identical) and, subject the consent of the holder thereof modify or amend each Option; (viii) to accelerate or defer (subject to Optionee's consent) the exercise date of any Option, consistent with the provisions of Article 6 below; (ix) to authorize any person to execute on behalf of the Company any instrument required to effectuate the grant of an option previously granted by the Board; and (x) to make all other determinations deemed necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan. No member of the Committee shall be held liable for any act or determination made in good faith in respect to the Plan

4.3 Effect of the Committee's Decision All decisions, determinations and interpretations of the Committee shall be final and binding to all Optionees and any other holders of any Options granted under the Plan, unless otherwise determined by the Board

5. Eligibility

5.1 Stock Options may be granted to Employees.

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5.2 Nothing in this Plan or any Option granted hereunder shall confer upon any Optionee any right with respect to continuation of employment or consulting relationship with the Company, nor shall it interfere in any way with the

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Optionee's right or the Company's right to terminate his employment relationship at any time, with or without cause.

6. Term of Plan.

The plan shall become effective upon its adoption by the Board or its approval by the shareholders of the Company, as described in Article 18 of the Plan, whichever is earlier. It shall continue in effect for a term of 10 years from that date unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Plan.

7. Term of Option

The term of each Stock Option shall be no more than 7 years from date of grant.

8. Trustee

Subject to the provisions of Article 21 below, the Option Awards and/or Shares of the Company issued upon exercise of the Options will be held in trust, by a Trustee (the "Trustee") who will hold the same pursuant to the Company's instructions from time to time. The Trustee shall not use the voting rights vested in any such shares and shall not exercise said rights in any way whatsoever, except in cases when, at his discretion and after consulting with the Committee, the Trustee believes that the said rights should be exercised for the protection of the Optionees as a minority among the Company's Shareholders.

9. Exercise Price and Consideration

9.1 The consideration to be paid for the exercise of the Option shall be the Exercise Price multiplied by the number of shares to which are allotted to each Optionee.

9.2 The consideration to be paid for the Shares issued upon exercise of an Option, shall consist entirely of cash, check, or such other consideration that may be approved from time to time by the Committee.

10. Exercise of Option

The exercise of an Option by an Employee shall be governed by the following provisions:

10.1 The Trustee shall be solely entitled to exercise an Option, provided that the shares be held in Trust for a period of not less than two (2) years from the date of approval of this Plan.

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10.2 The exercise of an Option shall be subject to the schedules, numbers and amounts as stipulated in the Option certificate, and provided, however, that no Employee shall have the right to exercise more than as set forth in the following vesting schedule:

10.2.1 25% of the Optioned Stock shall be exercisable after 12 month of the date of grant (the "Initial vesting Date");

10.2.2 the remainder of the Optioned Stock shall be exercisable on a monthly basis so that at the end of each month after the Initial Vesting Date the Optionee shall be entitled to exercise 2.083% of the optioned stock;

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10.2.3 The Board may at its sole discretion determine that the vesting schedule may be shortened and that the vesting process shall be accelerated provided however, that: (i) such determination shall be made prior to the issuance of any option under the plan; (ii) such determination shall be conditioned upon the Company meeting certain net profit criteria to be affixed by the Board, (iii) such determination shall not shorten the vesting period in more than 6 month for each year and further that the entire vesting period shall be of no less than three years.

10.3 Exercise Procedure. The Option granted hereunder shall be exercisable at such times and under such conditions as determined by the Committee at the time of grant, including performance criteria relating to the Company and/or the Optionee, and as shall be permissible under the terms of the Plan. An Option may not be exercised for a fraction of a Share.

10.4 An Option shall be deemed to be exercised when a written notice of such exercise has been submitted to the Company in accordance with the terms of the Option by the person entitled to exercise the Option and provided that full consideration for the Shares with respect to which the Option is being exercised has been received by the Company. Full consideration may, as authorized by the Committee, consist of any consideration and method of payment allowable under the Plan.

10.5 The Trustee shall not exercise the Option and/or Shares to any Optionee unless the Optionee, prior to or concurrently with such exercise provides the Trustee with written evidence satisfactory in form and substance to the Trustee that all taxes, if any, required to be paid upon such exercise have, in fact, been paid, to the tax authorities or to the Company as the case may be.

10.6 Until the issuance (as evidenced by the appropriate entry on the books of the Company or of a duly authorized transfer agent of the Company) of the stock-certificate evidencing such Shares, no right to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a shareholder shall exist with respect to the Optioned Stock, notwithstanding the exercise of the Option. The Company shall issue (or cause to be issued) such stock certificate promptly upon exercise of the Option.

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10.7 Termination of Status as an Employee. In the event of termination of an Optionee's Continuous Status as an Employee, such Optionee may exercise Options to the extent exercisable by the date of termination within a period of **one month** therefrom (or shorter time as may be specified at the grant), but in no event later than the date of expiration of the term of such Option as set forth in the Option Agreement). To the extent that the Optionee was not entitled to exercise the Option at the date of such termination, or does not exercise such Option within the time specified herein, the Option shall terminate. In the event that the Optionee's employment is terminated by the Company under circumstances which do not entitle such Optionee with the right to receive compensation for termination and/or in the event that the Optionee breaches any fiduciary duty and/or confidentiality and/or obligation towards the Company and is dismissed as a result of such breach, all Options including exercisable Options shall expire immediately upon the date in which a notice sent by the Company to the Optionee notifying the Optionee of its termination.

10.8 Disability of Optionee. Notwithstanding the provision of Article 10.7 above, in the event of termination of an Optionee's Continuous Status as an Employee as a result of his total and permanent disability, he may exercise his Option to the extent he was entitled to exercise it at the date of such termination within three (3) months (or such shorter period as is specified in the grant) from the date of such termination (but in no event later than the date of expiration of the term of such Option as set forth in the Option Agreement). To the extent that the Optionee was not entitled to exercise the Option at the date of termination, or does not exercise such Option (to the extent exercisable) within the time specified herein, the Option shall terminate. The Board shall have the exclusive discretion, in exceptional cases, to decide whether an extension to the aforesaid periods is to be granted, and under which terms.

10.9 Death of Optionee. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 10.7 and 10.8 above, in the event of the death of an Optionee during the term of the Option who shall have been in Continuous Status as an Employee since the date of grant of the Option, the Option may be exercised, at any time within six (6) months (or such shorter period as is specified in the grant) following the date of death (but in no event later than the date of expiration of the term of such Option as set forth in the Option Agreement), by the Optionee's estate or by a person who acquired the right to exercise the Option by bequest or inheritance, but only to the extent of the right to exercise that would have accrued had the Optionee continued living and remained in Continuous Status as an Employee or Consultant six (6) months after the date of death. The Board shall have the exclusive discretion, in exceptional cases, to decide whether an extension to the aforesaid periods is to be granted, and under which terms.

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11. Non-Transferability of Options and Stock Purchase Rights. The Option may not be sold, pledged, assigned, hypothecated, transferred, or disposed of in any manner other than by will or by the laws of descent or distribution and may be exercised, during the lifetime of

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the Optionee, only by the Optionee. Notwithstanding the aforementioned the Committee may, at its sole discretion, approve the transfer of the Option by the Optionee to any entity under the Optionee's control (the Transferee) provided inter alia that: (i) the Transferee has agreed in writing to be bound by all obligations by which the Optionee is bound including without limitation the Company's right to cancel options which would otherwise be exercisable in the events described in Section 10.7 above; (ii) that the Optionee shall provide assurances, to the satisfaction of the Committee that all taxes applicable with regard to such transfer were paid, or an approval from the tax authority that the Company's and/or the Trustee, as the case may be, are exempt from performing any withholding and/or any other liability with regard to such transfer and further that any of the Company's liabilities under Section 102 of the Income Tax Ordinance shall expire immediately upon consummation of such transfer with regards to the options so transferred; and (iii) that the issuance of shares issuable in the event of exercise of the Option by the Transferee is compliant with the requirements of the applicable securities law including, without limitation, the rules applicable to the registration of shares issuable under option plans.

12. Adjustments Upon Changes in Capitalization or Merger.

12.1 Changes in Capitalization. Subject to any required action by the shareholders of the Company, the number of shares of Ordinary Stock covered by each outstanding Option, and the number of shares of Ordinary Stock which have been authorized for issuance under the Plan but as to which no Options have yet been granted or which have been returned to the Plan upon cancellation or expiration of an Option, as well as the Exercise Price shall be proportionately adjusted for any increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of Ordinary Stock resulting from a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of the Ordinary Stock, or any other increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of Ordinary Stock effected without receipt of consideration by the Company; provided, however, that conversion of any convertible securities of the Company shall not be deemed to have been effected without receipt of consideration. Such adjustment shall be made by the Committee, whose determination in that respect shall be final, binding and conclusive. Except as expressly provided herein, no issuance by the Company of shares of stock of any class, or securities convertible into shares of stock of any class, shall affect, and no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to, the number or price of shares of Ordinary Stock subject to an Option.

12.2 Dissolution or Liquidation. Other than with respect to the events described in Section 12.3 herein, in the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, the Option will terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed action, unless otherwise provided by the Committee. The Committee may, in the exercise of its sole discretion in such instances, declare that any Option shall terminate as of a date fixed by the Committee and give each Optionee the right to exercise his Option as to all or any part of the Optioned

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Stock, including Shares as to which the Option would not otherwise be exercisable.

12.3 Merger, Sale of Assets, Change of Control.

12.3.1 Acceleration Events: In the event of a (i) proposed sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or; (ii) a proposed merger of the Company with or into another corporation, which after such transaction the Company hold less than fifty per cent (50%) of the shares of the surviving entity., or (iii) a proposal to purchase the Company's shares so that after such purchase the purchaser will hold 50% or more of the Company's shares or; (iv) a Special Purchase Offer as such term is defined in Section 328 of the Company's Law 1999, (Acceleration Event) the vesting process shall be accelerated so that each Optionee, who maintains Continuous Status as an Employee at the date of occurrence of an Acceleration Event shall be deemed to have held the Option for a period which is 12 month longer than the actual period in which the Optionee had actually held the Option, and the amount of Shares exercisable in such an event shall be calculated accordingly.

12.3.2 Upon the occurrence of an Acceleration Event the Company shall notify all Optionees of their right to exercise the Option, and each Optionee shall be entitled to exercise the Option, with regard to the such amount of Shares exercisable under the plan, including such Shares exercisable due to the acceleration of the vesting process within 15 days of such notice, by way of sending a notice of exercise to the Company.

12.3.3 The right to exercise any portion of the Option granted which would not otherwise be exercisable, is subject to the completion and perfection of any of the transactions described under Section 12.3.1 above, including the attainment of all regulatory and any other approval required under applicable law. It is specifically stated that in the event that any of the transactions described under Section 12.3.1 above is not completed and perfected for any reason whatsoever, such right shall be null and void. In such an event the Optionee shall be entitled either to cancel his notice of exercise with respect to all the stock exercised under the notice of exercise described in Section 12.3.1 above, or exercise that part of the Optioned Stock which would have been exercisable by the Optionee according to the terms of the Plan if the relevant Acceleration Event was not to occur, or any part thereof.

12.3.4 Cashless Exercise: The Committee at its sole discretion may determine that the exercise of the Option in the events described in Sections 12.3.1(ii) and (iv) (in the event that the consideration payable for the Shares purchasable under such transaction is for cash), may be made by way of deduction of the Exercise Price from the price payable for the Shares purchasable by the purchaser of the Share which would be exercised under the terms of such transaction. The Committee

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shall be entitled to condition such form of exercise described in this Section 12.3.1 in any terms it may deem fit in order to secure payment of the exercise price of such Option.

13. Time of Granting Options. The date of grant of an Option shall, for all purposes, be the date on which the Committee determines granting such Option. Notice of the determination shall be given to each Employee or Consultant to whom an Option is so granted within a reasonable time after the date of such grant.

14. Amendment and Termination of the Plan

14.1 Amendment and Termination. The Committee may at any time amend, alter, suspend or discontinue the Plan from time to time in such respects as the Committee may deem advisable provided that the following revisions or amendments shall require approval of the Board

14.2 Effect of Amendment or Termination. Any such amendment or termination of the Plan shall not affect Options already granted, and such Options shall remain in full force and effect as if this Plan had not been amended or terminated, unless mutually agreed otherwise between the Optionee and the Board, which agreement must be in writing and signed by the Optionee and the Company.

15. Conditions Upon Issuance of Shares. Shares shall not be issued pursuant to the exercise of an Option unless the exercise of such Option and the issuance and delivery of such Shares pursuant thereto shall comply with all relevant provisions of law, and the requirements of any stock exchange upon which the Shares may then be listed, and shall be further subject to the approval of counsel for the Company with respect to such compliance.

As a condition to the exercise of an Option, the Company may require the person exercising such Option to represent and warrant at the time of any such exercise that the Shares are being purchased only for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares if, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, such a representation is required by any of the aforementioned relevant provisions of law.

16. Reservation of Shares. The Company, during the term of this Plan, will at all times reserve and keep available such number of Shares as shall be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Plan.

The inability of the Company to obtain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the Company's counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, shall relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained.

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17. Agreements. Options shall be evidenced by written agreements in such form as the Committee shall approve from time to time.

18. Shareholders Approval

Continuance of the Plan shall be subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company within twelve (12) months of the date of grant. To remove any doubt if the plan is not approved by the Company's shareholders within 12 month of the date of grant it shall be deemed null and void and all options granted under the Plan prior to the date in which such approval was to be granted shall be invalidated and may not be exercised under any circumstance. It is further clarified that shareholders approval is condition precedent to the validity of each option granted and no Optionee shall be entitled to any right in lieu of any option cancelled or invalidated as a result of failure to obtain shareholder approval for the plan regardless of the reasons which brought about such failure.

19. Governing Law

The Plan and all instruments issued there under or in connection therewith shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, the Laws of the State of Israel.

20. Application of funds

The proceeds received by the Company from the sale of shares pursuant to the Options granted under the Plan will be used for general corporate purposes of the Company or any subsidiary thereof.

21. Tax Consequences

This plan shall be governed by Section 102 of the Israeli Income Tax Ordinance [New version] 1961 and the rules promulgated there under. Any tax consequences arising from the grant or the exercise of any Option, from payment for shares covered thereby or from any other event or act (of the Company or the Optionee) hereunder, shall be borne solely by the Optionee. Furthermore, the Optionee shall agree to indemnify the Company and the Trustee and hold them harmless against and from any and all liability for any such tax or interest or penalty.

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Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph the Company's management may determine with respect to each grant and under its sole discretion that the Option granted under such grant shall not be made in accordance with Section 102 described above, and determine the relevant taxation mechanism with respect to each grant under Section 102 or otherwise (including any alternative which may be available under the applicable tax laws at the time of grant) Such determination shall be made with respect to the entire Plan (subject to applicable law) or with respect to each particular grant by stating the same on the document of grant furnished to each such Employee.
