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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8 **REGISTRATION STATEMENT** UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED (EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWATE (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF 06-1456680

(I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

7 Laser Lane, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492 (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES) (ZIP CODE)

TransAct Technologies Incorporated Employee Stock Purchase Plan (FULL TITLE OF THE PLAN)

Richard L. Cote Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer TransAct Technologies Incorporated 7 Laser Lane Wallingford, Connecticut 06492 (NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENT FOR SERVICE)

(203) 269-1198 (TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE, OF AGENT FOR SERVICE)

Copy to:

Thomas A. Klee, Esq. Shipman & Goodwin LLP One American Row Hartford, Connecticut 06103 (860) 251-5000

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

_____ PROPOSED PROPOSED AMOUNT MAXIMUM MAXIMUM TITLE OF SECURITIES TO BE OFFERING PRICE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF TO BE REGISTERED REGISTERED PER UNIT (1) OFFERING PRICE REGISTRATION FEE - - - - - - - - -Common Stock, par value \$7.1565 \$357,825 \$94.47 ------

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933 based on the average of the high and low prices reported on the Nasdaq National Market on November 1, 2000.

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The Section 10(a) prospectus being delivered by TransAct Technologies Incorporated (the "Company") to participants in the Company's 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as required by Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Form S-8 and relates to shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, issued or reserved for issuance pursuant to purchase rights granted under the 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. The information with respect to purchase rights granted under the 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan required in the Section 10(a) prospectus is included in documents being maintained and delivered by the Company as required by Rule 428 under the Securities Act. The Company shall provide to participants a written statement advising them of the availability without charge, upon written or oral request, of documents incorporated by reference herein, as is required by Item 2 of Part I of Form S-8.

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.

The following documents are hereby incorporated by reference in this registration statement:

(a) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999;

(b) The Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 25, 2000, June 24, 2000 and September 23, 2000;

(c) The Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 7, 2000;

(d) The Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 21, 2000; and

(e) The description of the Company's common stock, contained in its registration statement on Form 8-A filed on August 1, 1996, and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all such securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be part thereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES.

This Item is not applicable.

ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.

This Item is not applicable.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

The Company's Certificate of Incorporation provides that a director of the Company shall not be liable to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty

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as directors; however, the Certificate of Incorporation does not eliminate the liability of a director for (i) any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Company or its stockholders; (ii) acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (iii) acts or omissions in respect of certain unlawful dividend payments or stock redemptions or repurchases; or (iv) any transaction from which such director derives improper personal benefit. The effect of this provision is to eliminate the rights of the Company and its stockholders (through stockholders' derivative suits on behalf of the Company) to recover monetary damages against a director for breach of his or her fiduciary duty of care as a director (including breaches resulting from negligent or grossly negligent behavior) except in the situations described in clauses (i) through (iv) above. The limitations summarized above, however, do not affect the ability of the Company or its stockholders to seek nonmonetary remedies, such as an injunction or rescission, against a director for breach of his or her fiduciary duty.

In addition, the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws provide that the Company shall indemnify any officer or director of the Company, to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the State of Delaware. Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law permits a company to indemnify an officer or director who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding because of his or her position, if the officer or director acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the company and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers, or persons controlling the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Company has been informed that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

The Company maintains insurance for officers and directors against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. The effect of this insurance is to indemnify any officer or director of the Company against expenses, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement, incurred by an officer or director upon a determination that such person acted in good faith.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED.

This Item is not applicable.

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ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

Exhibit No.

Description

- Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (Incorporated by 4.1 reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-06859)).
- Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation of 4.2 the Company (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997 (File No. 0-21121)).
- 4.3 Certificate of Designation of the Voting Powers, Designation, Preferences and Relative Rights, Participating, Optimal or Other Special Rights and Qualifications, Limitations and Restrictions of the Series B Preferred Stock (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 25, 2000 (File No. 0-21121)).
- 4.4 Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 (File No. 0-21121)).
- 4.5 Amended and Restated Rights Agreement between the Company and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company dated February 16, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 18, 1999 (File No. 0-21121)).
- 5.1 Opinion of Shipman & Goodwin LLP as to the legality of the securities being registered.
- 23.1 Consent of Shipman & Goodwin LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included in the signature page of this registration statement).
- The Company's 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. 99.1

ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes: (a)

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee

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benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Wallingford, State of Connecticut, on November 8, 2000.

TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Bart C. Shuldman

Bart C. Shuldman President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons by These Presents, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Bart C. Shuldman and Richard L. Cote and each of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement, and to file same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite or necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, of their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
/s/Bart C. Shuldman BART C. SHULDMAN	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	November 8, 2000
/s/Richard L. Cote RICHARD L. COTE	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Treasurer and Director (Principal Financial Officer)	November 8, 2000
/s/Thomas R. Schwarz THOMAS R. SCHWARZ	Chairman of the Board and Director	November 8, 2000
/s/Graham Y. Tanaka GRAHAM Y. TANAKA	Director	November 8, 2000
/s/Charles A. Dill CHARLES A. DILL	Director	November 8, 2000
/s/Jeffrey T. Leeds JEFFREY T. LEEDS	Director	November 8, 2000
/s/Steven A. DeMartino STEVEN A. DEMARTINO	Vice President and Corporate Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	November 8, 2000

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- Power of Attorney (included in the signature page of this 24.1 registration statement).
- 99.1 The Company's 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Shipman & Goodwin LLP Counselors at Law One American Row Hartford, CT 06103 Tel (860) 251-5000

November 7, 2000

TransAct Technologies Incorporated 7 Laser Lane Wallingford, CT 06492

> Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8 Relating to Shares of Common Stock of TransAct Technologies Incorporated Issuable under its 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As counsel for TransAct Technologies Incorporated, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), we are furnishing you with this opinion in connection with the issuance of a maximum of 50,000 shares of Common Stock of the Company (the "Shares") pursuant to the above-referenced Plan (the "Plan"), to which the above-referenced Registration Statement relates.

As counsel to the Company, we have examined the Registration Statement and such other documents as we have deemed necessary or appropriate in order to express the opinion set forth below. In connection with our opinion hereinafter given, we have examined and relied upon originals, or copies, certified or otherwise, identified to our satisfaction, of such agreements, documents, certificates and other statements of government officials, corporate officers and representatives, and such other documents as we have deemed relevant and necessary as a basis for such opinion. In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures and the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity with the original documents of documents submitted to us as copies.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares, when issued as contemplated by the Plan and the Registration Statement, will be duly authorized and legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We hereby consent to the use of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not hereby admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Shipman & Goodwin LLP

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated March 14, 2000 relating to the financial statements and financial statement schedules of Transact Technologies Incorporated, which appears in Transact Technologies Incorporated's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Hartford, Connecticut November 8, 2000

TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED

2000 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

The following constitute the provisions of the 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan of TransAct Technologies Incorporated.

1. Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of the Plan is to provide eligible employees of the Company and its Designated Subsidiaries with an opportunity to purchase Common Stock of the Company through accumulated payroll deductions. It is the intention of the Company to have the Plan qualify as an "Employee Stock Purchase Plan" under Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The provisions of the Plan, accordingly, shall be construed so as to extend and limit participation in a manner consistent with the requirements of that section of the Code.

2. Definitions

2.1 "Administrator" shall mean the Board or a compensation committee or other committee consisting of two or more Board members appointed by the Board to administer the Plan.

2.2 "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

2.3 "Plan" shall mean this 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

2.4 "Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or as it may be amended from time to time.

2.5 "Common Stock" shall mean the common stock of the Company.

2.6 "Company" shall mean TransAct Technologies Incorporated and any Subsidiary of the Company.

2.7 "Compensation" shall mean all base gross earnings and overtime earnings, excluding payments for commissions, incentive compensation, bonuses and any other special payments.

2.8 "Designated Subsidiaries" shall mean the Subsidiaries which have been designated by the Board from time to time in its sole discretion as eligible to participate in the Plan. 2.9 "Employee" shall mean any person who is customarily employed on a full-time or part-time basis by the Company and (i) is regularly scheduled to work more than 30 hours per week, (ii) is regularly scheduled to work more than five (5) months in any calendar year and (iii) has completed 90 days of continuous employment with the Company prior to a given Enrollment Date. For purposes of the Plan, the employment relationship shall be treated as continuing intact while the individual is on sick leave or other leave of absence approved by the Company. Where the period of leave exceeds 90 days and the individual's right to reemployment relationship will be deemed to have terminated on the 91st day of such leave.

2.10 "Enrollment Date" shall mean the first day of each Offering Period.

 $\ensuremath{\text{2.11}}$ "Exercise Date" shall mean the last day of each Offering Period.

2.12 "Fair Market Value" shall mean, as of any date, the value of Common Stock determined as follows:

(i) If the Common Stock is listed on any established stock exchange or a national market system, including without limitation the National Market System of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Automated Quotation ("NASDAQ") System, its Fair Market Value shall be the closing sale price for the Common, as quoted on such exchange or system for the last Trading Day prior to the time of determination as reported in The Wall Street Journal or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable, or;

(ii) If the Common Stock is quoted on the NASDAQ system (but not on the National Market System thereof) or is regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer but selling prices are not reported, its Fair Market Value shall be the mean of the closing bid and ask prices for the Common Stock for the last Trading Day prior to the time of determination, as reported in The Wall Street Journal or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable, or;

(iii) In the absence of an established market for the Common Stock, the Fair Market Value thereof shall be determined in good faith by the Administrator.

2.13 "Offering Period" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4 of this Plan.

2.14 "Participant" shall mean an Employee who has met the eligibility requirements of Section 3 and who has elected to participate pursuant to an election under Section 5(a).

2.15 "Plan" shall mean this 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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2.16 "Purchase Price" shall mean an amount equal to 85% of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the Enrollment Date or on the Exercise Date, whichever is lower.

2.17 "Reserved Shares" shall mean the number of shares of Common Stock covered by each purchase right under the Plan which have not yet been exercised and the number of shares of Common Stock which have been authorized for issuance under the Plan but not yet placed under a purchase right.

2.18 "Subsidiary" shall mean a corporation, domestic or foreign, whether or not such corporation now exists or is hereafter organized or acquired by the Company or a Subsidiary which would be a "subsidiary corporation" of the company as such term is defined in section 424(f) of the Code or any successor provision thereto.

2.19 "Trading Day" shall mean a day on which national stock exchanges and the NASDAQ System are open for trading.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Any employee (as defined in Section 2.8), who shall be employed by the Company on a given Enrollment Date shall be eligible to participate in the Plan.

3.2 Any provisions of the Plan to the contrary notwithstanding, no Employee shall be granted a purchase right under the Plan (i) to the extent, immediately after the grant, such Employee (or any other person whose stock would be attributed to such Employee pursuant to Section 424(d) of the Code) would own capital stock of the Company and/or hold outstanding purchase rights to purchase such stock possessing five percent (5%) or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of the capital stock of the Company or of any Subsidiary, or (ii) to the extent his or her rights to purchase stock under all employee stock purchase plans of the Company and its Subsidiaries accrue at a rate which exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) worth of stock (determined at the Fair Market Value of the shares at the time such purchase right is granted) for each calendar year in which such purchase right is outstanding at any time. If an Employee's payroll deductions during an Offering Period exceed the purchase price for the maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be purchased under a purchase right outstanding in any calendar year, the excess shall be retained in such Employee's account and applied in the next Offering Period.

Offering Periods

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The Plan shall be implemented by consecutive six-month periods ("Offering Periods") with a new Offering Period commencing on the first Trading Day on or after June 1 and December 1 each year, or on such other date as the Administrator shall determine, and continuing thereafter until terminated in accordance with Section 19 hereof. The Administrator shall have the power to change the duration of Offering Periods (including the commencement dates thereof) with respect to future offerings

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without stockholder approval if such change is announced at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled beginning of the first Offering Period to be affected thereafter.

5. Participation

5.1 An eligible Employee may become a Participant in the Plan by completing a subscription agreement authorizing payroll deductions in the form of Exhibit A to this Plan and filing it with the Company's Human Resources Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the applicable Enrollment Date.

5.2 Payroll deductions for a Participant shall commence on the first payroll following the Enrollment Date and shall end on the last payroll in the Offering Period to which such authorization is applicable, unless sooner terminated by the Participant as provided in Section 10 hereof.

5.3 A Participant's subscription agreement shall remain in effect for successive Offering Periods unless terminated as provided in Section 10 hereof or modified as provided in Section 6 hereof.

6. Payroll Deductions

6.1 At the time a Participant files his or her subscription agreement, he or she shall elect to have payroll deductions made on each pay day during the Offering Period in a amount, in whole percentages, not less than one percent (1%) and not exceeding five percent (5%) of the Compensation which he or she receives on each pay day during the Offering Period.

6.2 All payroll deductions made for a Participant shall be credited to his or her account under the Plan and will be withheld in whole percentages only. A Participant may not make any additional payments into such account.

6.3 A Participant may discontinue his or her participation in the Plan as provided in Section 10 hereof. A Participant may increase or decrease the rate of his or her payroll deductions only on the Enrollment Date by completing or filing with the Company a new subscription agreement authorizing a change in payroll deduction rate.

6.4 Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent necessary to comply with Section 423(b)(8) of the Code and Section 3.2 hereof, a Participant's payroll deductions may be decreased to 0% at such time during any Offering Period which is scheduled to end during the current calendar year (the "Current Offering Period") that the aggregate of all payroll deductions which were previously used to purchase stock under the Plan in any and all prior Offering Periods which ended during that calendar year plus all payroll deductions accumulated with respect to the Current Offering Period equal \$25,000. Payroll deductions shall recommence at the rate provided in such Participant's subscription agreement at the beginning of the first Offering Period which is scheduled to end in the following calendar year, unless terminated by the Participant as provided in Section 10 hereof.

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6.5 At the time the purchase right is exercised, in whole or in part, or at the time some or all of the Company's Common Stock issued under the Plan is disposed of, the Participant must make adequate provision for the Company's federal, state, or other tax withholding obligations, if any, which arise upon the exercise of the purchase right or the disposition of the Common Stock. At any time, the Company may, but will not be obligated to, withhold from the Participant's compensation the amount necessary for the Company to meet applicable withholding obligations, including any withholding required to make available to the Company any tax deductions or benefits attributable to sale or early disposition of Common Stock by the Employee.

7. Grant of Purchase Right

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On the Enrollment Date of each Offering Period, each eligible Employee participating in such Offering Period shall be granted a purchase right to purchase on the Exercise Date of such Offering Period (at the applicable Purchase Price) up to a number of shares of the Company's Common Stock determined by dividing such Employee's payroll deductions accumulated prior to such Exercise Date and retained in the Participant's account as of the Exercise Date by the applicable Purchase Price, provided that such purchase shall be subject to the limitations set forth in Sections 3.2 and 12 hereof. Exercise of the purchase right shall occur as provided in Section 8 hereof, unless the participant has withdrawn pursuant to Section 10 hereof, and shall expire on the last day of the Offering Period.

8. Exercise of Purchase Right

Unless a Participant withdraws from the Plan as provided in Section 10 hereof, his or her purchase right for the purchase of shares will be exercised automatically on the Exercise Date, and the maximum number of full shares subject to his or her purchase right shall be purchased for such Participant at the applicable Purchase Price with the accumulated payroll deductions in his or her account. No fractional shares will be purchased. Any payroll deductions accumulated in a Participant's account which are not sufficient to purchase a full share shall be retained in the Participant's account for the subsequent Offering Period, subject to earlier withdrawal by the Participant as provided in Section 10 hereof. Any other monies left over in a participant's account after the Exercise Date shall be returned to the Participant. During a Participant's lifetime, a Participant's purchase right to purchase shares hereunder is exercisable only by him or her.

9. Delivery

As promptly as practicable after each Exercise Date on which a purchase of shares occurs, the Company shall arrange the delivery to each Participant, as appropriate, of a certificate representing the shares purchased upon exercise of his or her purchase right.

10. Withdrawal

10.1 A Participant may withdraw all, but not less than all, the payroll deductions credited to his or her account and not yet used to exercise his or her purchase right under the Plan at any time by giving written notice to the Company in the form of Exhibit B to this Plan. All of the Participant's payroll deductions credited to his or her account will be paid to such participant promptly after receipt of notice of withdrawal and such Participant's purchase right for the Offering Period will be automatically terminated, and no further payroll deductions for the purchase of shares will be made during the Offering Period. If a Participant withdraws from an Offering Period, payroll deductions will not resume at the beginning of the succeeding Offering Period unless the Participant delivers to the Company a new subscription agreement.

10.2 Upon a Participant's ceasing to be an Employee (as defined in Section 2.8 hereof), for any reason, he or she will be deemed to have elected to withdraw from the Plan and the payroll deductions credited to such Participant's account during the Offering Period but not yet used to exercise the purchase right will be returned to such Participant or, in the case of his or her death, to the person or persons entitled thereto under Section 14 hereof, and such participant's purchase right will be automatically terminated.

10.3 A Participant's withdrawal from an Offering Period will not have any effect upon his or her eligibility to participate in any similar plan which may hereafter be adopted by the Company or in succeeding Offering Periods which commence after the termination of the Offering Period from which the Participant withdraws.

11. Interest

No interest shall accrue on the payroll deductions of a Participant in the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Plan}}$.

12. Stock

12.1 The maximum number of shares of the Company's Common Stock which shall be made available for sale under the Plan shall be 50,000 shares, subject to adjustment upon changes in capitalization of the Company as provided in Section 18 hereof. If on a given Exercise Date the number of shares with respect to which purchase rights are to be exercised exceeds the number of shares then available under the Plan, the Company shall make a pro rata allocation of the shares remaining available for purchase.

12.2 The Participant will have no interest or voting right in shares covered by his or her purchase right until such purchase right has been exercised.

12.3 Shares to be delivered to a participant under the Plan will be registered in the name of the Participant or in the name of the Participant and his or her spouse.

13. Administration

13.1 The Plan shall be administered by the Administrator. The Administrator shall have full and exclusive discretionary authority to construe, interpret and apply the terms of the Plan, to determine eligibility and to adjudicate all disputed claims filed under the Plan. Every finding, decision and determination made by the Administrator shall, to the full extent permitted by law, be final and binding upon all parties. 13.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (a) of this Section 13, in the event that Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or any successor provision ("Rule 16(b)") provides specific requirements for the administrators of plans of this type, the Plan shall be only administered by such body and in such a manner as shall comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 16b-3. Unless permitted by Rule 16b-3, no discretion concerning decisions regarding the Plan shall be afforded to person who is not a "non-employee director" as that term is used in Rule 16b-3.

14. Designation of Beneficiary

14.1 A Participant may file a written designation of a beneficiary who is to receive any shares and cash, if any, from the Participant's account under the Plan in the event of such Participant's death subsequent to an Exercise Date on which the purchase right is exercised but prior to delivery to such Participant of such shares and cash. In addition, a Participant may file a written designation of a beneficiary who is to receive any cash from the Participant's account under the Plan in the event of such Participant's death prior to exercise of the purchase right. If a Participant is married and the designated beneficiary is not the spouse, spousal consent shall be required for such designation to be effective.

14.2 Such designation of beneficiary may be changed by the Participant at any time by written notice. In the event of the death of a Participant and in the absence of a beneficiary validly designated under the Plan who is living at the time of such Participant's death, the Company shall deliver such shares and/or cash to the executor or administrator of the estate of the Participant, or if no such executor or administrator has been appointed (to the knowledge of the Company), the Company, in its discretion, may deliver such shares and/or cash to the spouse or to any one or more dependents or relatives of the Participant, or if no spouse, dependent or relative is known to the Company, then to such other person as the Company may designate.

15. Transferability

Neither payroll deductions credited to a Participant's account nor any rights with regard to the exercise of a purchase right or to receive shares under the Plan may be assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise disposed of in any way (other than by will, the laws of descent and distribution or as provided in Section 14 hereof) by the Participant. Any such attempt at assignment, transfer, pledge or other disposition shall be without effect except that the Company may treat such act as an election to withdraw funds from an Offering Period in accordance with Section 10 hereof.

16. Use of Funds

All payroll deductions received or held by the Company under the Plan may be used by the Company for any corporate purpose, and the Company shall not be obligated to segregate such payroll deductions.

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Individual accounts will be maintained for each Participant in the Plan. Statements of account will be given to participating Employees at lease annually, which statements will set forth the amounts of payroll deductions, the Purchase Price, the number of shares purchased and the remaining cash balance, if any.

18. Adjustments Upon Changes in Capitalization

18.1 Subject to any required action by the stockholders of the Company, the Reserved Shares as well as the price per share of Common Stock covered by each purchase right under the Plan which has not yet been exercised shall be proportionately adjusted for any increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of Common Stock resulting from a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of the Common Stock, or any other increase or decrease in the number of shares of Common 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 Board, 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 priced of shares of Common Stock subject to a purchase right.

18.2. In the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, the Offering Period will terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed action, unless otherwise provided by the Board.

18.3 In the event of a proposed sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the merger of the Company with or into another corporation, each purchase right under the Plan shall be assumed or an equivalent purchase right shall be substituted by such successor corporation or a parent or subsidiary of such successor corporation, unless the Board determines, in the exercise of its sole discretion and in lieu of such assumption or substitution, to shorten the Offering Period then in progress by setting a new Exercise Date (the "New Exercise Date") or to cancel each outstanding right to purchase and refund all sums collected from Participants during the Offering Period then in progress. If the Board shortens the Offering Period then in progress in lieu of assumption or substitution in the event of a merger or sale of assets, the Board shall notify each Participant in writing, at lease ten (10) business days prior to the New Exercise Date and that his or her purchase right will be exercised automatically on the New Exercise Date, unless prior to such date he or she has withdrawn from the Offering Period as provided in Section 10 hereof. For purposes of this paragraph, a purchase right granted under the Plan shall be deemed to be assumed if, following the sale of assets or merger, the purchase right confers the right to purchase, for each share of purchase right stock subject to the purchase right immediately prior to the sale of assets or merger, the consideration (whether stock, cash or other securities or property) received in the sale of assets or merger by holders of Common Stock for each share of Common Stock held on

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the effective date of the transaction (and if such holders were offered a choice of consideration, the type of consideration chosen by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock), provided, however, that if such consideration received in the sale of assets or merger was not solely common stock of the successor corporation or its parent (as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code), the Board may, with the consent of the successor corporation, provide for the consideration to be received upon exercise of the purchase right to be solely common stock of the successor corporation or its parent equal in fair market value to the per share consideration received by the holders of Common Stock and the sale of assets or merger.

The Board may, if it so determines in the exercise of its sole discretion, also make provision for adjusting the Reserved Shares, as well as the price per share of Common Stock covered by each outstanding purchase right, in the event the Company effects one or more reorganizations, recapitalization, rights offerings or other increases or reductions of shares of its outstanding Common Stock, and in the event of the Company being consolidated with or merged into any other corporation.

19. Amendment or Termination

19.1 The Board may at any time and for any reason terminate or amend the Plan, except that without the approval of the stockholders of the Company, the Board may not (i) increase the number of shares available for sale under the Plan (except for permissible adjustments provided in the Plan), or (ii) materially modify the requirements as to eligibility for participation in the Plan. Except as provided in Section 18 hereof, no such termination can affect purchase rights previously granted. Except as provided in Section 18 hereof, no amendment may make any change in any purchase right theretofore granted which adversely affects the rights of any Participant. To the extent necessary to comply with Rule 16b-3 or under Section 423 of the Code (or any successor rule or provision or any other applicable law or regulation), the Company shall obtain stockholder approval in such a manner and to such a degree as required.

19.2 Without stockholder consent and without regard to whether any Participant rights may be considered to have been "adversely affected," the Board or the Administrator shall be entitled to change the Offering Periods, establish the exchange ratio applicable to amounts withheld in a currency other than U.S. dollars, permit payroll withholding in excess of the amount designated by a Participant in order to adjust for delays or mistakes in the Company's processing or properly completed withholding elections, establish reasonable waiting and adjustment periods and/or accounting and crediting procedures to ensure that amounts applied toward the purchase of Common Stock for each Participant properly correspond with amounts withheld from the Participant's Compensation, and establish such other limitations or procedures as the Board or the Administrator determines in its sole discretion advisable which are consistent with the Plan.

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All notices or other communications by a Participant to the Company under or in connection with the Plan shall be deemed to have been duly given when received in the form specified by the Company at the location, or by the person, designated by the Company for the receipt thereof.

21. Conditions Upon Issuance of Shares

Shares shall not be issued with respect to a purchase right unless the exercise of such purchase right and the issuance and delivery of such shares pursuant thereto shall comply with all applicable provisions of law, domestic or foreign, including, without limitation, the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the Exchange Act, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, 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 a purchase right, the Company may require the person exercising such purchase right 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 applicable provisions of law.

22. Effective Date and Term of Plan

22.1 The Plan shall become effective on June 1, 2000, upon the adoption and approval by the Board, provided no purchase rights granted under the Plan shall be exercised, and no shares of Common Stock shall be issued hereunder, until (i) the Plan shall have been approved by the stockholders of the Company on or before May 15, 2000 and (ii) the Company shall have complied with all applicable requirements of the Securities Act (including the registration of the shares of Common Stock issuable under the Plan on a Form S-8 registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission), all applicable listing requirements of any stock exchange on which the Common Stock is listed for trading and all other applicable requirements established by law or regulation. In the event such stockholder approval is not obtained, or such compliance is not effected, within twelve (12) months after the date on which the Plan is adopted by the Board, the Plan shall terminate and have no further force or effect, and all sums collected from Participants during the initial Offering Periods hereunder shall be refunded.

22.2 Unless sooner terminated by the Board, the Plan shall terminate upon the earlier of (i) May 31, 2005, or (ii) the date on which all shares available for issuance under the Plan have been sold pursuant to purchase rights exercised under the Plan. No further purchase rights shall be granted or exercised, and no further payroll deductions shall be collected, under the Plan following its termination.

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General Provisions

 $\$ 23.1 All costs and expenses incurred in the administration of the Plan shall be paid by the Company.

23.2 Nothing in the Plan shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the employment of the Company for any period of specific duration or interfere with or otherwise restrict in any way the rights of the Company or of the Participant, which rights are hereby expressly reserved by each, to terminate such person's employment at any time for any reason, with or without cause.

23.3 The provisions of the Plan shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without resort to that state's conflict-of-laws rules.

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