# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

HYBRIDON, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

04-3072298 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

345 Vassar Street Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 (617) 679-5500

(Address, including zip code and telephone number, of Principal Executive Offices)

HYBRIDON, INC.

AMENDED AND RESTATED 1997 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN (Full title of the plan)

STEPHEN R. SEILER
Chief Executive Officer
Hybridon, Inc.
345 Vassar Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
(617) 679-5500

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the employee benefit plan described herein.

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of		Proposed Maximum	Proposed Maximum	
Securities	Amount	Offering	Aggregate	Amount of
to be	to be	Price Per	Offering	Registration
Registered	Registered	Share	Price	Fee
Common Stock	7,000,000	\$.91	\$6,370,000	\$1,592.50
\$.001 par	7,000,000	२. ७⊥	90,370,000	91,J9Z.3U

Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based upon the average of the high and low sales prices for the Common Stock reported on the Nasdaq OTC Bulletin Board on October 17, 2001.

The purpose of this Registration Statement is to register 7,000,000 additional shares of common stock, \$.001 par value, of Hybridon, Inc. issuable pursuant to the Hybridon, Inc. Amended and Restated 1997 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended.

Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, the Registrant hereby incorporates by reference the contents of its Form S-8 Registration Statement No. 333-34008 (filed April 4, 2000).

Item 8. EXHIBITS

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NO.	DESCRIPTION

- 4.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 filed as part of the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997).
- 4.2 Amended and Restated By-laws of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibits to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, File No. 33-99024).
- 5 Opinion and Consent of Holland & Knight LLP, Counsel to the Company, as to the legality of the Common Stock offered hereunder.
- 23.1 Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP.
- 23.2 Consent of Holland & Knight LLP (included in Exhibit 5).
- Power of Attorney (contained in the signature page of this Registration Statement).
- 99.1 Hybridon, Inc. Amended and Restated 1997 Stock Incentive Plan.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, 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 Cambridge, Massachusetts on this 19th day of October, 2001.

HYBRIDON, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen R. Seiler

Stephen R. Seiler

## POWER OF ATTORNEY AND SIGNATURES

The undersigned officers and directors of Hybridon, Inc. hereby constitute and appoint Robert G. Andersen the true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact of the undersigned with full power and authority to sign for the undersigned in their names, in any and all capacities, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and generally to take all such steps as may be necessary or appropriate to enable Hybridon, Inc. to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and all requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission related thereto, hereby ratifying and confirming all acts taken by such agents and attorneys-in-fact, as herein authorized.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated on October 19, 2001.

Signature Title(s)

/s/ Dr. James B. Wyngaarden Chairman of the Board of Directors

Dr. James B. Wyngaarden

/s/ Stephen R. Seiler Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

Stephen R. Seiler	and Director
/s/ Sudhir Agrawal Dr. Sudhir Agrawal	President, Chief Scientific Officer and Director
/s/ Robert G. AndersenRobert G. Andersen	Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Operations and Planning
Arthur W. Berry	Director
	Director
Camille A. Chebeir	
/s/ Youssef El Zein	Director
Youssef El Zein	
/s/ C. Keith Hartley	Director
C. Keith Hartley	
/s/ Nasser Menhall	Director

/s/ Paul C. Zamecnik

Director

Dr. Paul C. Zamecnik

Nasser Menhall

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TO

# HYBRIDON, INC.

# REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8

# Exhibit Index

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#### LEGAL OPINION AND CONSENT

#### EXHIBIT 5

October 19, 2001

Board of Directors Hybridon, Inc. 345 Vassar Street Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Gentlemen:

We have assisted in the preparation of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") relating to the registration of 7,000,000 shares of the Common Stock, \$.001 par value per share ("Shares"), of Hybridon, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), issuable under the Hybridon, Inc. Amended and Restated 1997 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

We have examined the Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws of the Company, each as amended to date, and originals, or copies certified to our satisfaction, of all pertinent records of the meetings of the directors and stockholders of the Company, the Registration Statement, certificates of public officials and such other documents relating to the Company as we have deemed material for the purposes of this opinion.

In our examination of the foregoing documents, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all individual signatories, and the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents.

We express no opinion herein as to the laws of any state or jurisdiction other than the federal laws of the United States, the state laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Delaware General Corporation Law statute. To the extent that the laws of any other jurisdiction govern any of the matters as to which we are opining herein, we have assumed that such laws are identical to the state laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and we are expressing no opinion herein as to whether such assumption is reasonable or correct.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Company has duly authorized for issuance the Shares, and the Shares, when issued and paid for in accordance with the terms of the Plan and at a price per share in excess of the par value per share for such Shares, will be validly issued, fully-paid and nonassessable.

It is understood that this opinion is to be used only in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares while the Registration Statement is in effect.

This opinion is based upon currently existing statutes, rules, regulations and judicial decisions, and we disclaim any obligation to advise you of any change in any of these sources of law or subsequent legal or factual developments which might affect any matters or opinions set forth herein. Please note that we are opining as to the matters expressly set forth herein, and no opinion should be inferred as to any other matters. This opinion is solely for your benefit in connection with the filing of the Registration Statement and may not be quoted or relied upon by any other person or used for any other purpose, without our prior written consent.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of Item 601 (b) (5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). In giving such consent, we do not hereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the

Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

Exhibit 23.1

# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this registration statement of our report dated April 12, 2001 included in Hybridon Inc.'s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 and to all references to our Firm included in this registration statement.

Boston, Massachusetts October 17, 2001. /s/ Arthur Andersen LLP

EXHIBIT 99.1

## HYBRIDON, INC.

## AMENDED AND RESTATED 1997 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this 1997 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") of Hybridon, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), is to advance the interests of the Company's stockholders by enhancing the Company's ability to attract, retain and motivate persons who make (or are expected to make) important contributions to the Company by providing such persons with equity ownership opportunities and performance-based incentives and thereby better aligning the interests of such persons with those of the Company's stockholders. Except where the context otherwise requires, the term "Company" shall include any present or future subsidiary corporations of the Company as defined in Section 424(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Code") (a "Subsidiary").

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY

All of the Company's employees, officers, directors, consultants and advisors are eligible to be granted options, restricted stock, or other stock-based awards (each, an "Award") under the Plan. Any person who has been granted an Award under the Plan shall be deemed a "Participant".

## 3. ADMINISTRATION, DELEGATION

(a) ADMINISTRATION BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Plan will be administered by the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"). The Board shall have authority to grant Awards and to adopt, amend and repeal such administrative rules, guidelines and practices relating to the Plan as it shall deem advisable from time to time. The Board may correct any defect, supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or any Award in the manner and to the extent it shall deem expedient to carry the Plan into effect and it shall be the sole and final judge of such expediency. No member of the Board shall be liable for any action or determination relating to the Plan. All decisions by the Board shall be made in the Board's sole discretion and shall be final and binding on all persons having or

claiming any interest in the Plan or in any Award. No director or person acting pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board shall be liable for any action or determination under the Plan made in good faith.

- (b) DELEGATION TO EXECUTIVE OFFICERS. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Board may delegate to one or more executive officers of the Company the power to make Awards and exercise such other powers under the Plan as the Board may determine, provided that the Board shall fix the maximum number of shares subject to Awards and the maximum number of shares for any one Participant to be made by such executive officers.
- (c) APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Board may delegate any or all of its powers under the Plan to one or more committees or subcommittees of the Board (a "Committee"). For so long as the common stock, \$.001 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Company is registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), the Board shall appoint one such Committee of not less than two members, each member of which shall be an "outside director" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code and a "non-employee director" as defined in Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act." All references in the Plan to the "Board" shall mean a Committee or the Board or the executive officer referred to in Section 3(b) to the extent that the Board's powers or authority under the Plan have been delegated to such Committee or executive officer.

## 4. STOCK AVAILABLE FOR AWARDS

(a) NUMBER OF SHARES. Subject to adjustment under Subsection (c) below,

Awards may be made under the Plan for up to 13,500,000 shares of Common Stock. If any Award expires or is terminated, surrendered or canceled without having been fully exercised or is forfeited in whole or in part or results in any Common Stock not being issued, the unused Common Stock covered by such Award shall again be available for the grant of Awards under the Plan, subject, however, in the case of Incentive Stock Options (as hereinafter defined), to any limitation required under the Code. Shares issued under the Plan may consist in whole or in part of authorized but unissued shares or treasury shares.

- (b) PER PARTICIPANT LIMIT. Subject to adjustment under Section 4(c), the maximum number of shares with respect to which an Award or Awards may be granted to any Participant under the Plan in any calendar year shall be determined by dividing 1,500,000 by the fair market value of a share of the Company's common stock at the time of grant provided that under no circumstances shall any Award to any Participant exceed 5,000,000 shares per calendar year. The per Participant limit described in this Section 4(b) shall be construed and applied consistently with Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (c) ADJUSTMENT TO COMMON STOCK. In the event of any stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, combination, exchange of shares, liquidation, spin-off or other similar change in capitalization or event, or any distribution to holders of Common Stock other than a normal cash dividend, (i) the number and class of securities available under this Plan, (ii) the number and class of security and exercise price per share subject to each outstanding Option (as defined below), (iii) the repurchase price per security subject to each outstanding Restricted Stock Award (as defined below), and (iv) the terms of each other outstanding stock-based Award shall be appropriately adjusted by the Company (or substituted Awards may be made, if applicable) to the extent the Board shall determine, in good faith, that such an adjustment (or substitution) is necessary and appropriate. If this Section 4(c) applies and Section 8(e)(1) also applies to any event, Section 8(e)(1) shall be applicable to such event, and this Section 4(c) shall not be applicable.

#### 5. STOCK OPTIONS

- (a) GENERAL. The Board may grant options to purchase Common Stock (each, an "Option") and determine the number of shares of Common Stock to be covered by each Option, the exercise price of each Option and the conditions and limitations applicable to the exercise of each Option, including conditions relating to applicable federal or state securities laws, as it considers necessary or advisable. An Option which is not intended to be an Incentive Stock Option shall be designated a "Nonstatutory Stock Option".
- (b) INCENTIVE STOCK OPTIONS. An Option that the Board intends to be an "incentive stock option" as defined in Section 422 of the Code (an "Incentive Stock Option") shall only be granted to employees of the Company and shall be subject to and construed consistently with the requirements of Section 422 of the Code. The Company shall have no liability to a Participant, or any other party, if an Option (or any part thereof) which is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option is not an Incentive Stock Option.
- (c) EXERCISE PRICE. The Board shall establish the exercise price at the time each Option is granted and specify it in the applicable option agreement.
- (d) DURATION OF OPTIONS. Each Option shall be exercisable at such times and subject to such terms and conditions as the Board may specify in the applicable option agreement.
- (e) EXERCISE OF OPTION. Options may be exercised only by delivery to the Company of a written notice of exercise signed by the proper person together with

payment in full as specified in Section 5(f) for the number of shares for which the Option is exercised.

- (f) PAYMENT UPON EXERCISE. Common Stock purchased upon the exercise of an Option granted under the Plan shall be paid for as follows:
  - (1) in cash or by check, payable to the order of the Company;

- (2) except as the Board may otherwise provide in an Option Agreement, delivery of an irrevocable and unconditional undertaking by a creditworthy broker to deliver promptly to the Company sufficient funds to pay the exercise price, or delivery by the Participant to the Company of a copy of irrevocable and unconditional instructions to a creditworthy broker to deliver promptly to the Company cash or a check sufficient to pay the exercise price;
- (3) to the extent permitted by the Board and explicitly provided in the Option Agreement (i) by delivery of shares of Common Stock owned by the Participant valued at their fair market value as determined by the Board in good faith ("Fair Market Value"), which Common Stock was owned by the Participant at least six months prior to such delivery, (ii) by delivery of a promissory note of the Participant to the Company on terms determined by the Board, or (iii) by payment of such other lawful consideration as the Board may determine; or
  - (4) any combination of the above permitted forms of payment.

#### 6. RESTRICTED STOCK

- (a) GRANTS. The Board may grant Awards entitling recipients to acquire shares of Common Stock, subject to the right of the Company to repurchase all or part of such shares at their issue price or other stated or formula price (or to require forfeiture of such shares if issued at no cost) from the recipient in the event that conditions specified by the Board in the applicable Award are not satisfied prior to the end of the applicable restriction period or periods established by the Board for such Award (each, a "Restricted Stock Award").
- (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS. The Board shall determine the terms and conditions of any such Restricted Stock Award, including the conditions for repurchase (or forfeiture) and the issue price, if any. Any stock certificates issued in respect of a Restricted Stock Award shall be registered in the name of the Participant and, unless otherwise determined by the Board, deposited by the Participant, together with a stock power endorsed in blank, with the Company (or its designee). At the expiration of the applicable restriction periods, the Company (or such designee) shall deliver the certificates no longer subject to such restrictions to the Participant or if the Participant has died, to the beneficiary designated, in a

manner determined by the Board, by a Participant to receive amounts due or exercise rights of the Participant in the event of the Participant's death (the "Designated Beneficiary"). In the absence of an effective designation by a Participant, Designated Beneficiary shall mean the Participant's estate.

#### 7. OTHER STOCK-BASED AWARDS

The Board shall have the right to grant other Awards based upon the Common Stock having such terms and conditions as the Board may determine, including the grant of shares based upon certain conditions, the grant of securities convertible into Common Stock and the grant of stock appreciation rights.

## 8. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AWARDS

- (a) TRANSFERABILITY OF AWARDS. Except as the Board may otherwise determine or provide in an Award, Awards shall not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise encumbered by the person to whom they are granted, either voluntarily or by operation of law, except by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and, during the life of the Participant, shall be exercisable only by the Participant. References to a Participant, to the extent relevant in the context, shall include references to authorized transferees.
- (b) DOCUMENTATION. Each Award under the Plan shall be evidenced by a written instrument in such form as the Board shall determine. Each Award may contain terms and conditions in addition to those set forth in the Plan.
- (c) BOARD DISCRETION. Except as otherwise provided by the Plan, each type of Award may be made alone or in addition or in relation to any other type of Award. The terms of each type of Award need not be identical, and the Board need not treat Participants uniformly.
  - (d) TERMINATION OF STATUS. The Board shall determine the effect on an

Award of the disability, death, retirement, authorized leave of absence or other change in the employment or other status of a Participant and the extent to which, and the period during which, the Participant, the Participant's legal representative, conservator, guardian or Designated Beneficiary may exercise rights under the Award.

## (e) ACQUISITION EVENTS

- (1) CONSEQUENCES OF ACQUISITION EVENTS. Except to the extent otherwise provided in the instrument evidencing the Award or in any other agreement between the Participant and the Company:
  - (A) Upon the occurrence of an Acquisition Event,
- (i) all Restricted Stock Awards then outstanding shall become immediately free of all restrictions; and
- (ii) all other stock-based Awards other than Options and stock appreciation rights shall become immediately exercisable, realizable or vested in full, or shall be immediately free of all restrictions or conditions, as the case may be.
- (B) Upon the execution by the Company of an agreement to effect an Acquisition Event other than a Change of Control Event, all Options and stock appreciation rights then outstanding shall become immediately exercisable in full upon the occurrence of the Acquisition Event or such earlier date as may be specified by the Board by written notice to the Participants, and the Board may take one or both of the following actions with respect to then outstanding Options and stock appreciation rights: (I) provide that such Options and stock appreciation rights shall be assumed, or equivalent Options or stock appreciation rights be substituted by the acquiring or succeeding corporation (or an affiliate thereof), or (II) upon written notice to the Participants, provide that all then unexercised Options and stock appreciation rights will terminate to the extent not exercised by the Participants prior to the consummation of such Acquisition Event or such earlier date as may be specified by the Board by written notice to Participants.
- (C) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Event, all Options and stock appreciation rights then outstanding shall become immediately exercisable in full.

An "Acquisition Event" shall mean: (a) any merger or consolidation which results in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto representing (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving or acquiring entity) less than 60% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of the Company or such surviving or acquiring entity outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation; (b) any sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company; (c) the complete liquidation of the Company; or (d) the acquisition of "beneficial ownership" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of securities of the Company representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities (other than through a merger or consolidation or an acquisition of securities directly from the Company) by any "person," as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act, other than the Company, any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or any corporation owned directly or indirectly by the stockholders of the Company in

substantially the same proportion as their ownership of stock of the Company (an event specified in this clause (d) being referred to as a "Change of Control Event").

(2) ASSUMPTION OF OPTIONS UPON CERTAIN EVENTS. The Board may grant Awards under the Plan in substitution for stock and stock-based awards held by employees of another corporation who become employees of the Company as a result of a merger or consolidation of the employing corporation with the Company or the acquisition by the Company of property or stock of the employing corporation. The substitute Awards shall be granted on such terms and conditions as the Board considers appropriate in the circumstances.

(f) WITHHOLDING. Each Participant shall pay to the Company, or make

provision satisfactory to the Board for payment of, any taxes required by law to be withheld in connection with Awards to such Participant no later than the date of the event creating the tax liability. The Board may allow Participants to satisfy such tax obligations in whole or in part in shares of Common Stock, including shares retained from the Award creating the tax obligation, valued at their Fair Market Value. The Company may, to the extent permitted by law, deduct any such tax obligations from any payment of any kind otherwise due to a Participant.

- (g) AMENDMENT OF AWARD. The Board may amend, modify or terminate any outstanding Award, including but not limited to, substituting therefor another Award of the same or a different type, changing the date of exercise or realization, and converting an Incentive Stock Option to a Nonstatutory Stock Option, provided that the Participant's consent to such action shall be required unless the Board determines that the action, taking into account any related action, would not materially and adversely affect the Participant.
- (h) CONDITIONS ON DELIVERY OF STOCK. The Company will not be obligated to deliver any shares of Common Stock pursuant to the Plan or to remove restrictions from shares previously delivered under the Plan until (i) all conditions of the Award have been met or removed to the satisfaction of the Company, (ii) in the opinion of the Company's counsel, all other legal matters in connection with the issuance and delivery of such shares have been satisfied, including any applicable securities laws and any applicable stock exchange or stock market rules and regulations, and (iii) the Participant has executed and delivered to the Company such representations or agreements as the Company may consider appropriate to satisfy the requirements of any applicable laws, rules or regulations.
- (i) ACCELERATION. The Board may at any time provide that any Options shall become immediately exercisable in full or in part, that any Restricted Stock Awards shall be free of all restrictions or that any other stock-based Awards may become exercisable in full or in part or free of some or all restrictions or conditions, or otherwise realizable in full or in part, as the case may be.

# 9. MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) NO RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER STATUS. No person shall have any claim or right to be granted an Award, and the grant of an Award shall not be construed as giving a Participant the right to continued employment or any other relationship with the Company. The Company expressly reserves the right at any time to dismiss or otherwise terminate its relationship with a Participant free from any liability or claim under the Plan, except as expressly provided in the applicable Award.
- (b) NO RIGHTS AS STOCKHOLDER. Subject to the provisions of the applicable Award, no Participant or Designated Beneficiary shall have any rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares of Common Stock to be distributed with respect to an Award until becoming the record holder of such shares.
- (c) EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM OF PLAN. The Plan shall become effective on the date on which it is adopted by the Board, but no Award granted to a Participant designated as subject to Section 162(m) by the Board shall become exercisable, vested or realizable, as applicable to such Award, unless and until the Plan has been approved by the Company's stockholders. No Awards shall be granted under the Plan after the completion of ten years from the earlier of (i) the date on which the Plan was adopted by the Board or (ii) the date the Plan was approved by the Company's stockholders, but Awards previously granted may extend beyond that date.
- (d) AMENDMENT OF PLAN. The Board may amend, suspend or terminate the Plan or any portion thereof at any time, provided that no Award granted to a Participant designated as subject to 162(m) by the Board after the date of such amendment shall become exercisable, realizable or vested, as applicable to such Award (to the extent that such amendment to the Plan was required to grant such Award to a particular Participant), unless and until such amendment shall have been approved by the Company's stockholders.
- (e) STOCKHOLDER APPROVAL. For purposes of this Plan, stockholder approval shall mean approval by a vote of the stockholders in accordance with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code.

(f) GOVERNING LAW. The provisions of the Plan and all Awards made hereunder shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to any applicable conflicts of law.

Adopted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on March 28, 2001.

Approved by the stockholders of the Company on June  $28,\ 2001$