Text of the Proposed Rule Changes

The proposed changes to Section 303A of the Listed Company Manual will become operative on July 1, 2013. Consequently, the existing text of these sections will remain in the Listed Company Manual through June 30, 2013 and will be removed immediately thereafter. Upon approval of this filing, the amended versions of those sections will also be included in the Listed Company Manual, with introductory text indicating that the revised text does not become operative until July 1, 2013. The rule text in this Exhibit 5 is marked to show how the rule text that will become operative on July 1, 2013, differs from the current rule text.

Additions are <u>underscored</u>. Deletions are [bracketed].

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Section 303A.00 Corporate Governance Standards

The following is the operative text of Section 303A.00 effective through June 30, 2013:

303A.00 Introduction

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Compliance Dates

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A Company Ceases to Qualify as a Foreign Private Issuer

To the extent a foreign private issuer ceases to qualify as such under SEC rules (so that it is required to file on domestic forms with the SEC), such company is required to comply with the Section 303A domestic company requirements as follows:

• The company must satisfy the majority independent board requirement of Section 303A.01, if applicable, within six months of the date as of which it fails to qualify for foreign private issuer status pursuant to SEC Rule 240.3b-4. Under SEC Rule 240.3b-4, a company tests its status as a foreign private issuer on an annual basis at the end of its most recently completed second fiscal quarter (hereinafter, for purposes of this subsection, the "Determination Date").

- The company must satisfy the website posting requirements of Sections 303A.04, 303A.05, 303A.07(b), 303A.09 and 303A.10, to the extent such sections are applicable, within six months of the Determination Date.
- The company must have fully independent nominating and compensation committees as required by Sections 303A.04 and 303A.05, if applicable, within six months of the Determination Date.
- The company's audit committee members must comply with the independence requirements of Section 303A.02, if applicable, within six months of the Determination Date.
- The company must comply with the three-person audit committee requirement of Section 303A.07(a) within six months of the Determination Date.
- The company must comply with the shareholder approval requirements of Section 303A.08 by the Determination Date, subject to the provisions in Section 303A.08 under the heading "Ongoing Transition Period for a Foreign Private Issuer Whose Status Changes."

Disclosure Requirements

If a listed company makes a required Section 303A disclosure in its annual proxy statement, or if the company does not file an annual proxy statement, in its annual report filed with the SEC, it may incorporate such disclosure by reference from another document that is filed with the SEC to the extent permitted by applicable SEC rules. If a listed company is not a company required to file a Form 10-K, then any provision in this Section 303A permitting a company to make a required disclosure in its annual report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC shall be interpreted to mean the annual periodic disclosure form that the listed company does file with the SEC. For example, for a closed-end management investment company, the appropriate form would be the annual Form N-CSR.

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303A.02 Independence Tests

The following is the operative text of Section 303A.02 effective through June 30, 2013:

In order to tighten the definition of "independent director" for purposes of these standards:

(a) No director qualifies as "independent" unless the board of directors affirmatively determines that the director has no material relationship with the listed company (directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the company).

Commentary: It is not possible to anticipate, or explicitly to provide for, all circumstances that might signal potential conflicts of interest, or that might bear on the materiality of a director's relationship to a listed company (references to "listed company" would include any parent or subsidiary in a consolidated group with the listed company). Accordingly, it is best that boards making "independence" determinations broadly consider all relevant facts and circumstances. In particular, when assessing the materiality of a director's relationship with the listed company, the board should consider the issue not merely from the standpoint of the director, but also from that of persons or organizations with which the director has an affiliation. Material relationships can include commercial, industrial, banking, consulting, legal, accounting, charitable and familial relationships, among others. However, as the concern is independence from management, the Exchange does not view ownership of even a significant amount of stock, by itself, as a bar to an independence finding.

Disclosure Requirement: The listed company must comply with the disclosure requirements set forth in Item 407(a) of Regulation S-K.

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303A.05 Compensation Committee

The following is the operative text of Section 303A.05 effective through June 30, 2013:

- (a) Listed companies must have a compensation committee composed entirely of independent directors.
- **(b)** The compensation committee must have a written charter that addresses:
- (i) the committee's purpose and responsibilities which, at minimum, must be to have direct responsibility to:
- (A) review and approve corporate goals and objectives relevant to CEO compensation, evaluate the CEO's performance in light of those goals and objectives, and, either as a committee or together with the other independent directors (as directed by the board), determine and approve the CEO's compensation level based on this evaluation;
- **(B)** make recommendations to the board with respect to non-CEO executive officer compensation, and incentive-compensation and equity-based plans that are subject to board approval; and
- (C) prepare the disclosure required by Item 407(e)(5) of Regulation S-K;
- (ii) an annual performance evaluation of the compensation committee.

Commentary: In determining the long-term incentive component of CEO compensation, the committee should consider the listed company's performance and relative shareholder

return, the value of similar incentive awards to CEOs at comparable companies, and the awards given to the listed company's CEO in past years. To avoid confusion, note that the compensation committee is not precluded from approving awards (with or without ratification of the board) as may be required to comply with applicable tax laws (i.e., Rule 162(m)). Note also that nothing in Section 303A.05(b)(i)(B) is intended to preclude the board from delegating its authority over such matters to the compensation committee.

The compensation committee charter should also address the following items: committee member qualifications; committee member appointment and removal; committee structure and operations (including authority to delegate to subcommittees); and committee reporting to the board.

Additionally, if a compensation consultant is to assist in the evaluation of director, CEO or executive officer compensation, the compensation committee charter should give that committee sole authority to retain and terminate the consulting firm, including sole authority to approve the firm's fees and other retention terms.

Boards may allocate the responsibilities of the compensation committee to committees of their own denomination, provided that the committees are composed entirely of independent directors. Any such committee must have a committee charter.

Nothing in this provision should be construed as precluding discussion of CEO compensation with the board generally, as it is not the intent of this standard to impair communication among members of the board.

Website Posting Requirement: A listed company must make its compensation committee charter available on or through its website. If any function of the compensation committee has been delegated to another committee, the charter of that committee must also be made available on or through the listed company's website.

Disclosure Requirements: A listed company must disclose in its annual proxy statement or, if it does not file an annual proxy statement, in its annual report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC that its compensation committee charter is available on or through its website and provide the website address.

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Section 303A.00 Corporate Governance Standards

303A.00 Introduction

The following will be the operative text of Section 303A.00 effective commencing July 1, 2013:

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Equity Listings

Section 303A applies in full to all companies listing common equity securities, with the following exceptions:

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Foreign Private Issuers

Listed companies that are foreign private issuers (as such term is defined in Rule 3b-4 under the Exchange Act) are permitted to follow home country practice in lieu of the provisions of this Section 303A, except that such companies are required to comply with the requirements of Sections 303A.06, 303A.11 and 303A.12(b) and (c).

Smaller Reporting Companies

Listed companies that satisfy the definition of smaller reporting company in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2 are not required to comply with Section 303A.02(a)(ii) and the second paragraph of the Commentary to Section 303A.02(a). However, smaller reporting companies must comply with all applicable requirements under Section 303A.05, with the exception of Section 303A.05(c)(iv).

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Transition Periods for Compensation Committee Requirements

<u>Listed companies will have until the earlier of their first annual meeting after January 15, 2014, or October 31, 2014, to comply with the new director independence standards with respect to compensation committees contained in Sections 303A.02(a)(ii) and the second paragraph of the Commentary to Section 303A.02(a).</u>

Compliance Dates

Companies listing on the NYSE are required to comply with all applicable requirements of Section 303A as of the date that the company's securities first trade on the NYSE (the "listing date") unless otherwise provided below.

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A Company Ceases to Qualify as a Foreign Private Issuer

To the extent a foreign private issuer ceases to qualify as such under SEC rules (so that it is required to file on domestic forms with the SEC), such company is required to comply with the Section 303A domestic company requirements as follows:

- The company must satisfy the majority independent board requirement of Section 303A.01, if applicable, within six months of the date as of which it fails to qualify for foreign private issuer status pursuant to SEC Rule 240.3b-4. Under SEC Rule 240.3b-4, a company tests its status as a foreign private issuer on an annual basis at the end of its most recently completed second fiscal quarter (hereinafter, for purposes of this subsection, the "Foreign Private Issuer Determination Date").
- The company must satisfy the website posting requirements of Sections 303A.04, 303A.05, 303A.07(b), 303A.09 and 303A.10, to the extent such sections are applicable, within six months of the <u>Foreign Private Issuer</u> Determination Date.
- The company must have fully independent nominating and compensation committees as required by Sections 303A.04 and 303A.05, if applicable, within six months of the <u>Foreign Private Issuer</u> Determination Date.
- The company's audit committee members must comply with the independence requirements of Section 303A.02, if applicable, within six months of the <u>Foreign Private Issuer Determination Date</u>.
- The company must comply with the three-person audit committee requirement of Section 303A.07(a) within six months of the <u>Foreign Private Issuer</u> Determination Date.
- The company must comply with the shareholder approval requirements of Section 303A.08 by the <u>Foreign Private Issuer</u> Determination Date, subject to the provisions in Section 303A.08 under the heading "Ongoing Transition Period for a Foreign Private Issuer Whose Status Changes."

A Company Ceases to Qualify as a Smaller Reporting Company

Under Exchange Act Rule 12b-2, a company tests its status as a smaller reporting company on an annual basis at the end of its most recently completed second fiscal quarter (hereinafter, for purposes of this subsection, the "Smaller Reporting Company Determination Date"). A smaller reporting company with a public float of \$75 million or more as of the last business day of its second fiscal quarter will cease to be a smaller reporting company as of the beginning of the fiscal year following the Smaller Reporting Company Determination Date. The compensation committee of a company that has ceased to be a smaller reporting company shall be required to comply with Section 303A.05(c)(iv) as of six months from the date it ceases to be a smaller reporting company and must have:

- one member of its compensation committee that meets the independence standard of Section 303A.02(a)(ii) and the second paragraph of the commentary to Section 303A.02(a) within six months of that date;
- a majority of directors on its compensation committee meeting those requirements within nine months of that date; and
- <u>a compensation committee comprised solely of members that meet those requirements within twelve months of that date.</u>

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Cure Period for Compensation Committee Independence Non-Compliance

If a listed company fails to comply with the compensation committee composition requirements because a member of the compensation committee ceases to be independent for reasons outside the member's reasonable control, that person, with prompt notice to the Exchange and only so long as a majority of the members of the compensation committee continue to be independent, may remain a member of the compensation committee until the earlier of the next annual shareholders' meeting of the listed company or one year from the occurrence of the event that caused the member to be no longer independent.

Disclosure Requirements

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303A.02 Independence Tests

The following will be the operative text of Section 303A.02 effective commencing July 1, 2013:

In order to tighten the definition of "independent director" for purposes of these standards:

- (a) (i) No director qualifies as "independent" unless the board of directors affirmatively determines that the director has no material relationship with the listed company (directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the company).
- (ii) In addition, in affirmatively determining the independence of any director who will serve on the compensation committee of the listed company's board of directors, the board of directors must consider all factors specifically relevant to determining whether a director has a relationship to the listed company which is material to that director's ability to be independent from management in connection with the duties of a compensation committee member, including, but not limited to:
 - (A) the source of compensation of such director, including any consulting, advisory or other compensatory fee paid by the listed company to such director; and
 - (B) whether such director is affiliated with the listed company, a subsidiary of the listed company or an affiliate of a subsidiary of the listed company.

Commentary: It is not possible to anticipate, or explicitly to provide for, all circumstances that might signal potential conflicts of interest, or that might bear on the materiality of a director's relationship to a listed company (references to "listed company" would include any parent or subsidiary in a consolidated group with the listed company). Accordingly, it is best that boards making "independence" determinations broadly consider all relevant facts and circumstances. In particular, when assessing the materiality of a director's relationship with the listed company, the board should consider the issue not merely from the standpoint of the director, but also from that of persons or organizations with which the director has an affiliation. Material relationships can include commercial, industrial, banking, consulting, legal, accounting, charitable and familial relationships, among others. However, as the concern is independence from management, the Exchange does not view ownership of even a significant amount of stock, by itself, as a bar to an independence finding.

When considering the sources of a director's compensation in determining his independence for purposes of compensation committee service, the board should consider whether the director receives compensation from any person or entity that would impair his ability to make independent judgments about the listed company's executive compensation. Similarly, when considering any affiliate relationship a director has with the company, a subsidiary of the company, or an affiliate of a subsidiary of the company, in determining his independence for purposes of compensation committee service, the board should consider whether the affiliate relationship places the director under the direct or indirect control of the listed company or its senior management, or creates a direct relationship between the director and members of senior management, in each case of a nature that would impair his ability to make independent judgments about the listed company's executive compensation.

(b) NO CHANGE

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303A.05 Compensation Committee

The following will be the operative text of Section 303A.05 effective commencing July 1, 2013:

- (a) Listed companies must have a compensation committee composed entirely of independent directors. Compensation committee members must satisfy the additional independence requirements specific to compensation committee membership set forth in Section 303A.02(a)(ii).
- **(b)** The compensation committee must have a written charter that addresses:

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(ii) an annual performance evaluation of the compensation committee.

(iii) The rights and responsibilities of the compensation committee set forth in Section 303A.05(c).

Commentary: In determining the long-term incentive component of CEO compensation, the committee should consider the listed company's performance and relative shareholder return, the value of similar incentive awards to CEOs at comparable companies, and the awards given to the listed company's CEO in past years. To avoid confusion, note that the compensation committee is not precluded from approving awards (with or without ratification of the board) as may be required to comply with applicable tax laws (i.e., Rule 162(m)). Note also that nothing in Section 303A.05(b)(i)(B) is intended to preclude the board from delegating its authority over such matters to the compensation committee.

The compensation committee charter should also address the following items: committee member qualifications; committee member appointment and removal; committee structure and operations (including authority to delegate to subcommittees); and committee reporting to the board.

[Additionally, if a compensation consultant is to assist in the evaluation of director, CEO or executive officer compensation, the compensation committee charter should give that committee sole authority to retain and terminate the consulting firm, including sole authority to approve the firm's fees and other retention terms.]

Boards may allocate the responsibilities of the compensation committee to committees of their own denomination, provided that the committees are composed entirely of independent directors. Any such committee must have a committee charter.

Nothing in this provision should be construed as precluding discussion of CEO compensation with the board generally, as it is not the intent of this standard to impair communication among members of the board.

Website Posting Requirement: A listed company must make its compensation committee charter available on or through its website. If any function of the compensation committee has been delegated to another committee, the charter of that committee must also be made available on or through the listed company's website.

Disclosure Requirements: A listed company must disclose in its annual proxy statement or, if it does not file an annual proxy statement, in its annual report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC that its compensation committee charter is available on or through its website and provide the website address.

(c) (i) The compensation committee may, in its sole discretion, retain or obtain the advice of a compensation consultant, independent legal counsel or other adviser.

- (ii) The compensation committee shall be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of any compensation consultant, independent legal counsel or other adviser retained by the compensation committee.
- (iii) The listed company must provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the compensation committee, for payment of reasonable compensation to a compensation consultant, independent legal counsel or any other adviser retained by the compensation committee.
- (iv) The compensation committee may select a compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser to the compensation committee only after taking into consideration, all factors relevant to that person's independence from management, including the following:
 - (A) The provision of other services to the listed company by the person that employs the compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser;
 - (B) The amount of fees received from the listed company by the person that employs the compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser, as a percentage of the total revenue of the person that employs the compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser;
 - (C) The policies and procedures of the person that employs the compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser that are designed to prevent conflicts of interest;
 - (D) Any business or personal relationship of the compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser with a member of the compensation committee;
 - (E) Any stock of the listed company owned by the compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser; and
 - (F) Any business or personal relationship of the compensation consultant, legal counsel, other adviser or the person employing the adviser with an executive officer of the listed company.

Commentary: Nothing in this Section 303A.05(c) shall be construed: (A) to require the compensation committee to implement or act consistently with the advice or recommendations of the compensation consultant, independent legal counsel or other adviser to the compensation committee; or (B) to affect the ability or obligation of the compensation committee to exercise its own judgment in fulfillment of the duties of the compensation committee.

The compensation committee is required to conduct the independence assessment outlined in Section 303A.05(c)(iv) with respect to any compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser that provides advice to the compensation committee, other than:
(i) in-house legal counsel; and (ii) any compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser whose role is limited to the following activities for which no disclosure would be required under Item 407(e)(3)(iii) of Regulation S-K: consulting on any broad-based plan that does not discriminate in scope, terms, or operation, in favor of executive officers or directors of the listed company, and that is available generally to all salaried employees; or providing information that either is not customized for a particular company or that is customized based on parameters that are not developed by the compensation consultant, and about which the compensation consultant does not provide advice.

Nothing in this Section 303A.05(c) requires a compensation consultant, legal counsel or other compensation adviser to be independent, only that the compensation committee consider the enumerated independence factors before selecting or receiving advice from a compensation adviser. The compensation committee may select or receive advice from any compensation adviser they prefer including ones that are not independent, after considering the six independence factors outlined in Section 303A.05(c)(iv)(A)—(F).

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