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

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

# PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

75-1285071 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1770 Promontory Circle, Greeley, Colorado (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

80634-9038 (Zip Code)

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation 2019 Long Term Incentive Plan (Full title of the plan)

Fabio Sandri **Chief Financial Officer** Pilgrim's Pride Corporation 1770 Promontory Circle Greeley, Colorado 80634-9038 (970) 506-8000

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

 $Copies\ of\ all\ communications\ to:$ John R. Vetterli, Esq. Maia R. Gez, Esq. White & Case LLP

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer x

Accelerated filer 0

Non-accelerated filer 0

Smaller reporting company o

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.  $\square$ 

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered <sup>(1)</sup>	Proposed maximum offering price per share <sup>(2)</sup>	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	2,000,000 shares	\$17.13	\$34,260,000	\$4,446.95

- (1) Covers shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock") of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (the "Registrant") to be issued under the Pilgrim's Pride Corporation 2019 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). In addition to the shares set forth in the table, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the number of shares registered includes an indeterminate number of additional shares of Common Stock which may be offered and issued to prevent dilution in the event of a stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction.
- (2) In accordance with Rule 457(h)(1) of the Securities Act, the price of the securities has been estimated pursuant to Rule 457(c) of the Securities Act solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, and the price listed is the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's Common Stock as reported on Nasdaq on March 12, 2020 (a date within five business days prior to the date of filing this registration statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement")).

#### PART I

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The information specified in Items 1 and 2 of Part I of the Form S-8 is omitted from this filing in accordance with the provisions of Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and the introductory note to Part I of the Form S-8. The documents containing the information specified in this Part I will be delivered to the participants in the Plan covered by this Registration Statement, as required by Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act. In accordance with the Note to Part I of Form S-8, such documents are not required to be, and are not, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") either as part of this Registration Statement or as a prospectus or prospectus supplement pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act.

#### PART II

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed with the Commission (each with Commission File No. 001-09273) are hereby incorporated in this Registration Statement by reference:

- (a) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2019 filed with the Commission on February 21, 2020, and portions of the Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the Commission on April 5, 2019, that are specifically incorporated by reference into the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2018;
- (b) The description of the Registrant's Common Stock contained in Exhibit 4.7 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed with the Commission on February 21, 2020; and

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part of this Registration Statement from the date of filing of such documents; except as to any portion of any future annual or quarterly report to stockholders or document or current report furnished under current Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K that is not deemed filed under such provisions.

Any statement contained in an incorporated document 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 incorporated document 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.

Not applicable.

#### Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

### Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 102(b)(7) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") provides that a corporation may eliminate or limit the personal liability of each director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability arising because of any of the following:

- (a) any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders;
- (b) acts or omissions by the director not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- (c) certain unlawful dividend payments or stock redemptions or repurchases; and
- (d) any transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit.

Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation includes a provision that eliminates the personal liability of our directors for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty, except for situations described in the bullet points listed above. The effect of this provision is to eliminate our rights and the rights of our stockholders (through stockholders' derivative suits on our behalf) to recover monetary damages against a director for breach of the fiduciary duty of care as a director (including breaches resulting from negligent or grossly negligent behavior), except in the situations described in the bullet points listed above. This provision does not limit or eliminate our rights or any stockholder's right to seek non-monetary relief such as an injunction or rescission in the event of a breach of a director's duty of care.

Section 145 of the DGCL provides for, among other things:

- (a) permissive indemnification for expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by designated persons, including directors, officers, employees or agents of a corporation, in the event such persons are parties to litigation other than stockholder derivative actions if certain conditions are met;
- (b) permissive indemnification for expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by designated persons, including directors, officers, employees or agents of a corporation, in the event such persons are parties to stockholder derivative actions if certain conditions are met;
- (c) mandatory indemnification for expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by a present or former director or officer of a corporation in the event such persons are successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of litigation covered by (i) and (ii) above; and
- (d) that the indemnification and advancement of expenses provided for by Section 145 is not deemed exclusive of any other rights which may be provided under any bylaw, agreement, stockholder or disinterested director vote, or otherwise.

Our Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws provides that the Company shall, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law, indemnify and hold harmless any present or former officer or director of the Company (or any officer or director who is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, partner, venturer, proprietor, trustee, employee, agent or similar functionary of another corporation, partnership, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise) from and against any expense, liability, loss, judgments, penalties (including excise taxes), fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses (including court costs and attorneys' fees), actually incurred by such person in connection with any suit to which they were or are made, or are threatened to be made, a party, or to which they are a witness without being named a party, if the person acted in good faith and in a manner that the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that the person had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. In addition, our Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws further provides that an indemnitee shall have the right to be paid expenses in advance of a final disposition; provided that, if required by the DGCL, an undertaking is provided by the indemnitee to repay the advanced amounts if it is ultimately determined that the person is not entitled to be indemnified under the Company's Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws or otherwise.

According to the Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws of the Company and Section 145 of the DGCL, the Company has the power to purchase and maintain insurance for its present and former directors, officers, employees and agents. The above discussion of the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws and of the DGCL is not intended to be exhaustive and is qualified in its entirety by such Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws and the DGCL.

### Item 7. Exemption.

Not applicable.

#### Item 8. Exhibits.

The Exhibit Index appearing immediately after the Signature Page to this Form S-8 is incorporated into this Item by reference.

#### Item 9. Undertakings.

- (a) The Registrant hereby undertakes:
  - (i) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:
    - (1) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
    - (2) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement;
    - (3) 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;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(i)(1) and (a)(i)(2) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

- (ii) 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.
- (iii) 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(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee 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 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.

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

### Exhibit No. Description

- 4.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Form 8-A filed on December 27, 2012),
- 4.2 <u>Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws of the Company (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (No. 001-09273) filed on November 8, 2017).</u>
- 4.3 Stockholders Agreement dated December 28, 2009 between the Company and JBS USA Holding Lux, S.à.r.l., formerly known as JBS USA Holdings, LLC, as amended (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Form 8-A (No. 001-09273) filed on December 27, 2012).
- 4.4 Form of Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (No. 001-09273) filed on December 29, 2009).
- 5.1 Opinion of White & Case LLP, with respect to legality of securities being registered hereunder.\*
- 10.1 2019 Pilgrim's Pride Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan.\*
- 23.1 Consent of KPMG LLP.\*
- 23.2 Consent of White & Case LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.1 filed herewith).\*
- 24 Power of Attorney (included on the signature page to this Registration Statement).\*
- \* filed herewith

### 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 the City of Greeley, State of Colorado, on March 13, 2020.

#### PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Fabio Sandri Name: Fabio Sandri Title: Chief Financial Officer

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Jayson J. Penn and Fabio Sandri, and each of them singly (with full power to each of them to act alone), the individual's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution in each of them, for the person and in his or her name, place and stead, and in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments or supplements to this Registration Statement, including any post-effective amendments, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, 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 full to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or his or her substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date	
/s/ Gilberto Tomazoni Gilberto Tomazoni	Chairman of the Board of Directors	March 13, 2020	
/s/ Jayson J. Penn Jayson J. Penn	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	March 13, 2020	
/s/ Fabio Sandri Fabio Sandri	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	March 13, 2020	
/s/ Farha Aslam Farha Aslam	Director	March 13, 2020	
/s/ Arquimedes A. Celis Arquimedes A. Celis	Director	March 13, 2020	
/s/ Michael L. Cooper Michael L. Cooper	Director	March 13, 2020	
/s/ Wallim Cruz de Vasconcellos Junior Wallim Cruz de Vasconcellos Junior	Director	March 13, 2020	
/s/ Charles Macaluso Charles Macaluso	Director	March 13, 2020	
/s/ Denilson Molina Denilson Molina	Director	March 13, 2020	
/s/ Andre Nogueira de Souza Andre Nogueira de Souza	Director	March 13, 2020	
/s/ Vincent Trius Vincent Trius	Director	March 13, 2020	

March 13, 2020

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation 1770 Promontory Circle Greeley, CO 80634

Re: Pilgrim's Pride Corporation - Registration Statement on Form S-8

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") of a registration statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") on the date hereof, relating to the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") of 2,000,000 shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), reserved for issuance pursuant to the Company's 2019 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

In connection with our opinion expressed below, we have examined originals or copies certified to our satisfaction of the following documents and such other documents, certificates and statements of corporate officers of the Company as we deemed necessary for the purposes of the opinion set forth in this opinion letter:

- (a) Registration Statement;
- (b) a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, certified by an officer of the Company;
- (c) a copy of the Bylaws of the Company, certified by an officer of the Company;
- (d) a copy of the proxy statement for the Company's 2019 annual meeting of stockholders, including the proposal adopted by stockholders of the Company on May 1, 2019 to approve the Plan;
- (e) a certificate of an officer of the Company, certifying as to the items in (b) and (c) set forth above.

We have relied, to the extent we deem such reliance proper and applicable, upon certificates of public officials and, as to any facts material to our opinion, upon certificates and representations of officers of the Company. In rendering such opinion, we have assumed without independent investigation or verification of any kind the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons signing all documents, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to authentic original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies, the truthfulness, completeness and correctness of all factual representations and statements contained in all documents, and the accuracy and completeness of all public records examined by us.

Based upon the foregoing assumptions, and subject to the qualifications set forth in this opinion, having considered such questions of law as we have deemed necessary as a basis for the opinion expressed below, we are of the opinion that the Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the Plan, as referenced above, have been duly authorized for issuance and sale pursuant to the Plan by all necessary corporate action of the Company, and when issued as provided under the Plan, they will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

The opinion expressed above is limited to questions arising under the Delaware General Corporation Law. We do not express any opinion as to the laws of any other jurisdiction. The opinion expressed above is limited to the matters stated in this opinion letter, and no opinion is implied or may be inferred beyond those expressly stated in this opinion letter.

The opinion expressed above is as of the date hereof only, and we express no opinion as to, and assume no responsibility for, the effect of any fact or circumstance occurring, or of which we learn, subsequent to the date of this opinion letter, including, without limitation, legislative and other changes in the law or changes in circumstances affecting any party. We assume no responsibility to update this opinion letter for, or to advise you of, any such facts or circumstances of which we become aware, regardless of whether or not they affect the opinion expressed in this opinion letter.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter with the Commission as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. In giving this 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 promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ White & Case LLP

JV:MG:RB

## PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION

### 2019 LONG TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

### ARTICLE 1. PURPOSES OF THE PLAN

The purposes of the Pilgrim's Pride Corporation 2019 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") are to attract and retain the best available personnel, to provide additional incentives to Employees, Directors and Consultants and to promote the success and enhance the value of the Company's business by linking the personal interests of the Directors, Employees and Consultants to those of Company stockholders and by providing such individuals with an incentive for outstanding performance to generate superior returns to Company stockholders.

### ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

Wherever the following terms are used in the Plan they shall have the meanings specified below, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. The singular pronoun shall include the plural where the context so indicates.

- 2.1 "Affiliate" means (a) a Subsidiary, (b) any entity in which the Company has a significant equity interest, or (c) any entity that directly or through one or more intermediaries is controlled by the Company, in each case, as determined by the Committee.
- 2.2 "Award" means an Option, an award of Restricted Stock, a Stock Appreciation Right, an award of Performance Shares, an award of Performance Stock Units, a Dividend Equivalent Right, an award of Restricted Stock Units, a Performance Bonus Award, a Performance-Based Award or any other right or benefit, including any other Award under Article 8, granted to a Participant pursuant to the Plan.
- 2.3 "Award Agreement" means any written agreement, contract, or other instrument or document evidencing the terms and conditions of an Award, including through electronic medium.
  - 2.4 "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
  - 2.5 "Change in Control" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events:
- (a) a direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation) of all or substantially all the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole to any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) as an entirety or substantially as an entirety in one transaction or series of transactions;
- (b) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger, consolidation or recapitalization) to which the Company is a party the result of which is that immediately after such transaction the stockholders of the Company immediately prior to such

transaction beneficially own less than 50.1% of the total voting power generally entitled to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees of the person surviving such transaction;

- (c) any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) becomes the ultimate "beneficial owner," as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, of more than 50% of the total voting power generally entitled to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees of the Company on a fully-diluted basis;
- (d) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the members of the Board (together with any new directors whose election by such Board or whose nomination for election by the stockholders of the Company was approved by a vote of a majority of the directors then still in office who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the members of the Board then in office; or
  - (e) the adoption of a plan for the liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that any amount constituting "non-qualified deferred compensation" under Section 409A of the Code (as defined below) would become payable under this Plan by reason of a Change in Control, which does not also constitute a change in ownership or effective control of the Company or a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Company within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, then the amount shall be payable on the earliest payment event permissible under Section 409A of the Code that is set forth in the Award Agreement.

- 2.6 "Code" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- 2.7 "Committee" means the committee of the Board appointed or described in Article 11 to administer the Plan.
- 2.8 "Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share, and such other securities of the Company that may be substituted for the Common Stock pursuant to Article 10.
  - 2.9 "Company" means Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, a Delaware corporation.
- 2.10 "Consultant" means any consultant or adviser if: (a) the consultant or adviser renders bona fide services to the Company or any Affiliate; (b) the services rendered by the consultant or adviser are not in connection with the offer or sale of securities in a capital-raising transaction and do not directly or indirectly promote or maintain a market for the Company's securities; and (c) the consultant or adviser is a natural person.
- 2.11 "<u>Director</u>" means a member of the Board, or as applicable, a member of the board of directors of a Subsidiary.
- 2.12 "<u>Disability</u>" means that a Participant is unable to carry out the responsibilities and functions of the position held by the Participant by reason of any medically determined physical or

mental impairment for a period of not less than ninety (90) consecutive days. A Participant shall not be considered to have incurred a Disability unless he or she furnishes proof of such impairment, such as a treating physician's written certification, sufficient to satisfy the Board in its discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of Incentive Stock Options granted under the Plan, "Disability" means the Participant is disabled within the meaning of Section 22(e)(3) of the Code.

- 2.13 "<u>Dividend Equivalent Right</u>" means a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 8.3 hereof to receive the equivalent value (in cash or Shares) of dividends paid on the Shares.
  - 2.14 Effective Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12.1 hereof.
- 2.15 "Eligible Individual" means any person who is an Employee, a Consultant or a Director, as determined by the Committee.
- 2.16 "Employee" means a full time or part time employee of the Company or any Affiliate, including an officer or Director, who is treated as an employee in the personnel records of the Company or Affiliate for the relevant period, but shall exclude individuals who are classified by the Company or Affiliate as (a) leased from or otherwise employed by a third party, (b) independent contractors or (c) intermittent or temporary, even if any such classification is changed retroactively as a result of an audit, litigation or otherwise. A Participant shall not cease to be an Employee in the case of (i) any vacation or sick time or otherwise approved paid time off in accordance with the Company or an Affiliate's policy or (ii) transfers between locations of the Company or between the Company and/or any Affiliate. Neither services as a Director nor payment of a director's fee by the Company or an Affiliate shall be sufficient to constitute "employment" by the Company or any Affiliate.
- 2.17 "Equity Restructuring" shall mean a nonreciprocal transaction between the company and its stockholders, such as a stock dividend, stock split, spin-off, rights offering or recapitalization through a large, nonrecurring cash dividend, that affects the Shares (or other securities of the Company) or the price of Shares (or other securities) and causes a change in the per share value of the Shares underlying outstanding Awards.
  - 2.18 "Exchange Act" means the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 2.19 "Fair Market Value" means, as of any given date, (a) if Shares are traded on any established stock exchange, the closing price of a Share as quoted on the principal exchange on which the Shares are listed, as reported in the Wall Street Journal (or such other source as the Company may deem reliable for such purposes) for such date, or if no sale occurred on such date, the first trading date immediately prior to such date during which a sale occurred; or (b) if Shares are not traded on an exchange but are regularly quoted on a national market or other quotation system, the closing sales price on such date as quoted on such market or system, or if no sales occurred on such date, then on the date immediately prior to such date on which sales prices are reported; or (c) in the absence of an established market for the Shares of the type described in clauses (a) or (b) of this Section 2.19, the fair market value established by the Committee acting in good faith.

- 2.20 "Incentive Stock Option" means an Option that is intended to meet the requirements of Section 422 of the Code or any successor provision thereto.
  - 2.21 "Independent Director" means a Director of the Company who is not an Employee.
- 2.22 "Non-Employee Director" means a Director of the Company who qualifies as a "Non-Employee Director" as defined in Rule 16b-3(b)(3) under the Exchange Act, or any successor rule.
- 2.23 "Non-Qualified Stock Option" means an Option that is not intended to be an Incentive Stock Option.
- 2.24 "Option" means a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Article 5 to purchase a specified number of Shares at a specified price during specified time periods. An Option may be either an Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Qualified Stock Option.
- 2.25 "Participant" means any Eligible Individual who, as an Independent Director, Consultant or Employee, has been granted an Award pursuant to the Plan.
- 2.26 "Performance-Based Award" means an Award granted pursuant to Article 6 or Article 8 that vests, in whole or in part, based on the attainment of Performance Goals.
  - 2.27 "Performance Bonus Award" has the meaning set forth in Section 8.5 hereof.
- "Performance Criteria" means the criteria that the Committee selects for purposes of 2.28 establishing the Performance Goal or Performance Goals for a Participant for a Performance Period. The Performance Criteria that may be used to establish Performance Goals include, but are not limited to the following: revenue; earnings or net earnings (including earnings before or after any one or more of the following: interest, taxes, depreciation, or amortization); sales; economic valueadded; cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow and free cash flow); cash flow return on capital; earnings per share of Common Stock (including earnings before any one or more of the following: interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, restructuring costs or rental expenses); return on equity; return on capital; total stockholder return; return on invested capital; return on assets or net assets; return on sales; income or net income (either before or after taxes); operating earnings; operating income or net operating income; operating profit or net operating profit; operating or net profit margin; cost reductions or savings or expense management; funds from operations; appreciation in the Fair Market Value of shares of Common Stock; working capital; market share; productivity; expense; operating efficiency; customer satisfaction; and safety record, any of which may be measured in absolute terms or as compared to any incremental increase, on a consolidated basis, on an adjusted basis, or as compared to the performance of a published or special index, including, but not limited to, the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index, the Nasdaq Market Index, the Russell 2000 index or a group of comparable companies, or any combination thereof.
- 2.29 "Performance Goals" means, for a Performance Period, the goals established in writing by the Committee for the Performance Period based upon the Performance Criteria. Depending on

the Performance Criteria used to establish such Performance Goals, the Performance Goals may be expressed in terms of overall Company performance, the performance of an Affiliate, the performance of a division, business unit, geography, segment, product, product line, partnership, joint venture, minority investment or any combination thereof, of the Company or an Affiliate, or the performance of an individual. The Committee, in its discretion, may appropriately adjust or modify the calculation of Performance Goals for such Performance Period in order to prevent the dilution or enlargement of the rights of Participants (a) in the event of, or in anticipation of, any unusual or extraordinary corporate item, transaction, event, or development, or (b) in recognition of, or in anticipation of, any other unusual or nonrecurring events affecting the Company, or the financial statements of the Company, or in response to, or in anticipation of, changes in applicable laws, regulations, accounting principles, or business conditions.

- 2.30 "<u>Performance Period</u>" means one or more periods of time, which may be of varying and overlapping durations, as the Committee may select, over which the attainment of one or more Performance Goals will be measured for the purpose of determining a Participant's right to, and the payment of, a Performance-Based Award.
- 2.31 "<u>Performance Share</u>" means a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 8.1 hereof, to receive Shares, the payment of which is contingent upon achieving certain Performance Goals or other performance-based targets established by the Committee.
- 2.32 "Performance Stock Unit" means a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 8.2 hereof, to receive Shares, the payment of which is contingent upon achieving certain Performance Goals or other performance-based targets established by the Committee.
- 2.33 "Plan" means this Pilgrim's Pride Corporation 2019 Long Term Incentive Plan, as it may be amended from time to time.
- 2.34 "Restricted Stock" means Shares awarded to a Participant pursuant to Article 6 that are subject to certain restrictions and may be subject to risk of forfeiture.
- 2.35 "Restricted Stock Unit" means an Award granted pursuant to Section 8.4 hereof and shall be evidenced by a bookkeeping entry representing the equivalent of one Share.
  - 2.36 "Section 409A Compliance" shall have the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.6 hereof.
  - 2.37 "Securities Act" shall mean the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
  - 2.38 "Share" means a share of Common Stock.
- 2.39 "Stock Appreciation Right" or "SAR" means a right granted pursuant to Article 7 to receive a payment equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of a specified number of Shares on the date the SAR is exercised over the Fair Market Value on the date the SAR was granted as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement.

2.40 "Subsidiary" means any "subsidiary corporation" as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code and any applicable regulations promulgated thereunder or any other entity of which a majority of the outstanding voting stock or voting power is beneficially owned directly or indirectly by the Company.

# ARTICLE 3. SHARES SUBJECT TO THE PLAN

### 3.1 Number of Shares.

- (a) Subject to Article 10 and Section 3.1(b) hereof, the aggregate number of Shares which may be issued or transferred pursuant to Awards under the Plan is 2,000,000 Shares, all of which may be issued upon the exercise of Incentive Stock Options.
- (b) To the extent that an Award terminates, expires, lapses for any reason, or is settled in cash, any Shares subject to the Award shall again be available for the grant of an Award pursuant to the Plan. Additionally, any Shares tendered or withheld to satisfy the grant or exercise price or tax withholding obligation pursuant to any Award shall again be available for the grant of an Award. To the extent permitted by applicable law or any exchange rule, Shares issued in assumption of, or in substitution for, any outstanding awards of any entity acquired in any form of combination by the Company or any Subsidiary shall not be counted against Shares available for grant pursuant to this Plan. The payment of Dividend Equivalent Rights in cash in conjunction with any outstanding Awards shall not be counted against the Shares available for issuance under the Plan. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 3.1(b), no Shares may again be optioned, granted or awarded if such action would cause an Incentive Stock Option to fail to qualify as an incentive stock option under Section 422 of the Code.
- 3.2 <u>Shares Distributed</u>. Any Shares distributed pursuant to an Award may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued Shares, treasury Shares or Shares purchased on the open market.
- 3.3 <u>Limitation on Number of Shares Subject to Awards</u>. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, the maximum number of Shares with respect to one or more Awards that may be granted to any one Participant during any fiscal year shall be 2,000,000 Shares and the maximum amount that may be paid in cash during any fiscal year with respect to any Award (including, without limitation, any Performance Bonus Award) shall be \$10,000,000.
- 3.4 Repricing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Repricing (as defined below) is prohibited without prior stockholder approval. Subject to compliance with the provisions of the immediately preceding sentence regarding a Repricing, the Committee may, at any time or from time to time: (a) authorize the Company, with the consent of the respective Participants, to issue new Awards in exchange for the surrender and cancellation of any or all outstanding Awards or (b) buy from a Participant an Award previously granted with payment in cash, Shares (including Restricted Stock) or other consideration, based on such terms and conditions as the Committee and the Participant may agree. For purposes of the Plan, "Repricing" means any of the following or any other action that has the same purpose and effect: (i) lowering the exercise price of an outstanding Option or SAR granted under the Plan after it is granted or (ii) canceling an outstanding Award granted under the

Plan at a time when its exercise or purchase price exceeds the then Fair Market Value of the stock underlying such outstanding Award, in exchange for another Award or a cash payment, unless the cancellation and exchange occurs in connection with a merger, amalgamation, consolidation, sale of substantially all the Company's assets, acquisition, spin-off or other similar corporate transaction.

## ARTICLE 4. ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

- 4.1 <u>Eligibility</u>. Each Eligible Individual shall be eligible to be granted one or more Awards pursuant to the Plan.
- 4.2 <u>Participation</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee may, from time to time, select from among all Eligible Individuals, those to whom Awards shall be granted and shall determine the nature and amount of each Award. No Eligible Individual shall have any right to be granted an Award pursuant to this Plan.
- 4.3 Non-U.S. Participants. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, in order to comply with the laws in countries outside the United States in which the Company and its Affiliates operate or have Eligible Individuals, the Committee, in its sole discretion, shall have the power and authority to: (a) determine which Affiliates shall be covered by the Plan; (b) determine which Eligible Individuals outside the United States are eligible to participate in the Plan; (c) modify the terms and conditions of any Award granted to Eligible Individuals outside the United States to comply with applicable laws of jurisdictions outside of the United States; (d) establish subplans and modify exercise procedures and other terms and procedures and rules, to the extent such actions may be necessary or advisable (any such subplans and/or modifications shall be attached to this Plan as appendices), including adoption of rules, procedures or subplans applicable to particular Affiliates or Participants residing in particular locations; provided, however, that no such subplans and/or modifications shall increase the share limitations contained in Sections 3.1 and 3.3 hereof; and (e) take any action, before or after an Award is made, that it deems advisable to obtain approval or comply with any necessary local governmental regulatory exemptions or approvals. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee is specifically authorized to adopt rules, procedures and subplans with provisions that limit or modify rights on death, disability or retirement or on termination of employment, available methods of exercise or settlement of an Award, payment of income, social insurance contributions and payroll taxes, the shifting of employer tax liability to the Participant, the withholding procedures and handling of any Share certificates or other indicia of ownership which may vary with local requirements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may not take any actions hereunder, and no Awards shall be granted, that would violate the Exchange Act, the Code, any securities law or governing statute or any other applicable law.

# ARTICLE 5. STOCK OPTIONS

5.1 <u>General</u>. The Committee is authorized to grant Options to Eligible Individuals on the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Exercise Price. The exercise price per Share subject to an Option shall be determined by the Committee and set forth in the Award Agreement; provided that, subject to Section 5.2(c) hereof, the per Share exercise price for any Option shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of grant.
- (b) <u>Time and Conditions of Exercise</u>. The Committee shall determine the time or times at which an Option may be exercised in whole or in part; *provided* that the term of any Option granted under the Plan shall not exceed ten years. The Committee shall also determine the performance or other conditions, if any, that must be satisfied before all or part of an Option may be exercised.
- (c) Payment. The Committee shall determine the methods by which the exercise price of an Option may be paid, the form of payment, including, without limitation: (i) cash or check, (ii) surrender of Shares or delivery of a properly executed form of attestation of ownership of Shares as the Committee may require (including withholding of Shares otherwise deliverable upon exercise of the Award) which have a Fair Market Value on the date of surrender or attestation equal to the aggregate exercise price of the Shares as to which the Award shall be exercised, (iii) promissory note bearing interest at no less than such rate as shall then preclude the imputation of interest under the Code), (iv) other property acceptable to the Committee (including through the delivery of a notice that the Participant has placed a market sell order with a broker with respect to Shares then issuable upon exercise of the Option, and that the broker has been directed to pay a sufficient portion of the net proceeds of the sale to the Company in satisfaction of the Option exercise price; provided that payment of such proceeds is then made to the Company upon settlement of such sale, or (v) any combination of the foregoing methods of payment. The Committee shall also determine the methods by which Shares shall be delivered or deemed to be delivered to Participants. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, no Participant who is a Director or an "executive officer" of the Company within the meaning of Section 13(k) of the Exchange Act shall be permitted to pay the exercise price of an Option, or continue any extension of credit with respect to the exercise price of an Option with a loan from the Company or a loan arranged by the Company in violation of Section 13(k) of the Exchange Act.
- (d) <u>Evidence of Grant</u>. All Options shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement between the Company and the Participant. The Award Agreement shall include such additional provisions as may be specified by the Committee.
- 5.2 <u>Incentive Stock Options</u>. Incentive Stock Options shall be granted only to Employees of the Company or any Subsidiary, and the terms of any Incentive Stock Options granted pursuant to the Plan, in addition to the requirements of Section 5.1 hereof, must comply with the provisions of this Section 5.2.
- (a) <u>Expiration</u>. Subject to Section 5.2(c) hereof, an Incentive Stock Option shall expire and may not be exercised to any extent by anyone after the first to occur of the following events:
- (i) Ten years from the date it is granted, unless an earlier time is set in the Award Agreement;

- (ii) Three months after the Participant's termination of employment as an Employee; and
- (iii) One year after the date of the Participant's termination of employment or service on account of Disability or death. Upon the Participant's Disability or death, any Incentive Stock Options exercisable at the Participant's Disability or death may be exercised by the Participant's legal representative or representatives, by the person or persons entitled to do so pursuant to the Participant's last will and testament, or, if the Participant fails to make testamentary disposition of such Incentive Stock Option or dies intestate, by the person or persons entitled to receive the Incentive Stock Option pursuant to the applicable laws of descent and distribution.
  - (b) <u>Dollar Limitation</u>. The aggregate Fair Market Value (determined as of the time the Option is granted) of all Shares with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are first exercisable by a Participant in any calendar year may not exceed \$100,000 or such other limitation as imposed by Section 422(d) of the Code, or any successor provision. To the extent that Incentive Stock Options are first exercisable by a Participant in excess of such limitation, the excess shall be considered Non-Qualified Stock Options.
  - (c) <u>Ten Percent Owners</u>. An Incentive Stock Option shall be granted to any individual who, at the date of grant, owns stock possessing more than ten percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of Shares of the Company only if such Option is granted at a price that is not less than 110% of Fair Market Value on the date of grant and the Option is exercisable for no more than five years from the date of grant.
  - (d) <u>Notice of Disposition</u>. The Participant shall give the Company prompt notice of any disposition of Shares acquired by exercise of an Incentive Stock Option within (i) two years from the date of grant of such Incentive Stock Option or (ii) one year after the transfer of such Shares to the Participant.
  - (e) <u>Right to Exercise</u>. During a Participant's lifetime, an Incentive Stock Option may be exercised only by the Participant.
  - (f) <u>Failure to Meet Requirements</u>. Any Option (or portion thereof) purported to be an Incentive Stock Option, which, for any reason, fails to meet the requirements of Section 422 of the Code shall be considered a Non-Qualified Stock Option.
  - 5.3 <u>Substitution of Stock Appreciation Rights</u>. The Committee may provide in the Award Agreement evidencing the grant of an Option that the Committee, in its sole discretion, shall have to right to substitute a Stock Appreciation Right for such Option at any time prior to or upon exercise of such Option; *provided*, that such Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercisable with respect to the same number of Shares for which such substituted Option would have been exercisable.

### ARTICLE 6. RESTRICTED STOCK AWARDS

6.1 <u>Grant of Restricted Stock</u>. The Committee is authorized to make Awards of Restricted Stock to any Eligible Individual selected by the Committee in such amounts and subject to such

terms and conditions as determined by the Committee. All Awards of Restricted Stock shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement.

- 6.2 Purchase Price. At the time of the grant of an Award of Restricted Stock, the Committee shall determine the price, if any, to be paid by the Participant for each Share subject to the Award of Restricted Stock. To the extent required by applicable law, the price to be paid by the Participant for each Share subject to the Award of Restricted Stock shall not be less than the par value of a Share (or such higher amount required by applicable law). The purchase price of Shares acquired pursuant to the Award of Restricted Stock shall be paid either: (i) in cash at the time of purchase; (ii) at the sole discretion of the Committee, by services rendered or to be rendered to the Company or an Affiliate; or (iii) in any other form of legal consideration that may be acceptable to the Committee in its sole discretion and in compliance with applicable law.
- 6.3 <u>Issuance and Restrictions</u>. Restricted Stock shall be subject to such restrictions on transferability and other restrictions as the Committee may impose (including, without limitation, limitations on the right to vote Restricted Stock or the right to receive dividends on the Restricted Stock). These restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such times, pursuant to such circumstances, in such installments, or otherwise, as the Committee determines at the time of the grant of the Award or thereafter.
- 6.4 <u>Forfeiture</u>. Except as otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of the grant of the Award or thereafter, upon termination of employment or service during the applicable restriction period, Restricted Stock that is at that time subject to restrictions shall be forfeited; *provided, however*, that the Committee may (a) provide in any Restricted Stock Award Agreement that restrictions or forfeiture conditions relating to Restricted Stock will be waived in whole or in part in the event of terminations resulting from specified causes, and (b) in other cases waive in whole or in part restrictions or forfeiture conditions relating to Restricted Stock.
- 6.5 <u>Certificates for Restricted Stock</u>. Restricted Stock granted pursuant to the Plan may be evidenced in such manner as the Committee shall determine. If certificates representing shares of Restricted Stock are registered in the name of the Participant, certificates must bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions, and restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock, and the Company may, at its discretion, retain physical possession of the certificate until such time as all applicable restrictions lapse.

## ARTICLE 7. STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS

# 7.1 Grant of Stock Appreciation Rights.

(a) A Stock Appreciation Right may be granted to any Eligible Individual selected by the Committee. A Stock Appreciation Right shall be subject to such terms and conditions not inconsistent with the Plan as the Committee shall impose and shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement, provided that the term of any Stock Appreciation Right shall not exceed ten years.

(b) A Stock Appreciation Right shall entitle the Participant (or other person entitled to exercise the Stock Appreciation Right pursuant to the Plan) to exercise all or a specified portion of the Stock Appreciation Right (to the extent then exercisable pursuant to its terms) and to receive from the Company an amount equal to the product of (i) the excess of (A) the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the date the Stock Appreciation Right is exercised over (B) the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the date the Stock Appreciation Right was granted and (ii) the number of Shares with respect to which the Stock Appreciation Right is exercised, subject to any limitations the Committee may impose.

# 7.2 Payment and Limitations on Exercise.

- (a) Subject to Section 7.2(b) hereof, payment of the amounts determined under Section 7.1(b) hereof shall be in cash, in Shares (based on its Fair Market Value as of the date the Stock Appreciation Right is exercised) or a combination of both, as determined by the Committee.
- (b) To the extent any payment under Section 7.1(b) hereof is effected in Shares, it shall be made subject to satisfaction of all provisions of Article 5 pertaining to Options.

# ARTICLE 8. OTHER TYPES OF AWARDS

- 8.1 Performance Share Awards. Any Eligible Individual selected by the Committee may be granted one or more Awards of Performance Shares which shall be denominated in a number of Shares and which may be linked to any one or more of the Performance Criteria or other specific performance criteria determined appropriate by the Committee, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Committee. In making such determinations, the Committee shall consider (among such other factors as it deems relevant in light of the specific type of award) the contributions, responsibilities and other compensation of the particular Participant.
- 8.2 Performance Stock Units. Any Eligible Individual selected by the Committee may be granted one or more Performance Stock Unit awards which shall be denominated in unit equivalents of Shares and/or units of value including dollar value of Shares and which may be linked to any one or more of the Performance Criteria or other specific performance criteria determined appropriate by the Committee, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Committee. In making such determinations, the Committee shall consider (among such other factors as it deems relevant in light of the specific type of award) the contributions, responsibilities and other compensation of the particular Participant.

- 8.3 <u>Dividend Equivalent Rights</u>. Any Eligible Individual selected by the Committee may be granted Dividend Equivalent Rights based on the dividends declared on the Shares that are subject to any Award, to be credited as of dividend payment dates, during the period between the date the Award is granted and the date the Award is exercised, vests or expires, as determined by the Committee. Such Dividend Equivalent Rights shall be converted to cash or additional Shares by such formula and at such time and subject to such limitations as may be determined by the Committee.
- 8.4 Restricted Stock Units. The Committee is authorized to make Awards of Restricted Stock Units to any Eligible Individual selected by the Committee in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions as determined by the Committee. At the time of grant, the Committee shall specify the date or dates on which the Restricted Stock Units shall become fully vested and nonforfeitable, and may specify such conditions to vesting as it deems appropriate. At the time of grant, the Committee shall specify the maturity date applicable to each grant of Restricted Stock Units which shall be no earlier than the vesting date or dates of the Award and may be determined at the election of the grantee. On the maturity date, the Company shall, subject to Section 9.5(b), transfer to the Participant one unrestricted, fully transferable Share for each Restricted Stock Unit scheduled to be paid out on such date and not previously forfeited. Alternatively, settlement of a Restricted Stock Unit may be made in cash or any combination of cash and Shares, as determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, at the time of grant of the Restricted Stock Units. Methods of converting Restricted Stock Units into cash may include, without limitation, a method based on the average Fair Market Value of Shares over a series of trading days. A holder of Restricted Stock Units shall have no rights other than those of a general creditor of the Company. Restricted Stock Units represent an unfunded and unsecured obligation of the Company, subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable Award Agreement evidencing the grant of the Restricted Stock Unit.
- 8.5 <u>Performance Bonus Awards</u>. Any Eligible Individual selected by the Committee may be granted one or more Performance-Based Awards in the form of a cash bonus (a "<u>Performance Bonus Award</u>") payable upon the attainment of Performance Goals that are established by the Committee and relate to one or more of the Performance Criteria, in each case on a specified date or dates or over any period or periods determined by the Committee.
- 8.6 Other Awards. The Committee is authorized under the Plan to make any other Award to an Eligible Individual that is not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan and that by its terms involves or might involve the issuance of (i) Shares, (ii) a right with an exercise or conversion privilege related to the passage of time, the occurrence of one or more events, or the satisfaction of performance criteria or other conditions, or (iii) any other security with the value derived from the value of the Shares. The Committee may establish one or more separate programs under the Plan for the purpose of issuing particular forms of Awards to one or more classes of Participants on such terms and conditions as determined by the Committee from time to time.
- 8.7 <u>Term.</u> Except as otherwise provided herein, the term of any Award of Performance Shares, Performance Stock Units, Dividend Equivalent Rights, Restricted Stock Units and any other Award granted pursuant to this Article 8 shall be set by the Committee in its discretion.

- 8.8 Exercise or Purchase Price. The Committee may establish the exercise or purchase price, if any, of any Award of Performance Shares, Performance Stock Units, Restricted Stock Units and any other Award granted pursuant to this Article 8; *provided, however*, that such price shall not be less than the par value of a Share on the date of grant, unless otherwise permitted by applicable state law.
- 8.9 Exercise upon Termination of Employment or Service. An Award of Performance Shares, Performance Stock Units, Dividend Equivalent Rights, Restricted Stock Units and any other Award granted pursuant to this Article 8 shall only be exercisable or payable while the Participant is an Employee, Consultant or Director, as applicable; *provided, however*, that the Committee in its sole and absolute discretion may provide that an Award of Performance Shares, Performance Stock Units, Dividend Equivalent Rights, Restricted Stock Units or any other Award granted pursuant to this Article 8 may be exercised or paid subsequent to a termination of employment or service, as applicable, or following a Change in Control of the Company, or because of the Participant's retirement, death or disability, or otherwise.
- 8.10 Form of Payment. Payments with respect to any Awards granted under this Article 8 shall be made in cash, in Shares or a combination of both, as determined by the Committee.
- 8.11 <u>Award Agreement</u>. All Awards under this Article 8 shall be subject to such additional terms and conditions as determined by the Committee and shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement.
- 8.12 Payment of Performance-Based Awards. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement, a Participant must be employed by the Company or an Affiliate on the day a Performance-Based Award for the appropriate Performance Period is paid to the Participant. Furthermore, a Participant shall be eligible to receive payment pursuant to a Performance-Based Award for a Performance Period only if the Performance Goals for such period are achieved. In determining the amount earned by a Participant under a Performance-Based Award, the Committee shall have the right to modify the amount payable at a given level of performance, if in its sole and absolute discretion, such modification is appropriate, or to take into account additional factors that the Committee may deem relevant to the assessment of individual or corporate performance for the Performance Period.

# ARTICLE 9. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AWARDS

- 9.1 <u>Stand-Alone and Tandem Awards</u>. Awards granted pursuant to the Plan may, in the discretion of the Committee, be granted either alone, in addition to, or in tandem with, any other Award granted pursuant to the Plan. Awards granted in addition to or in tandem with other Awards may be granted either at the same time as or at a different time from the grant of such other Awards.
- 9.2 <u>Award Agreement</u>. Awards under the Plan shall be evidenced by Award Agreements that set forth the terms, conditions and limitations for each Award which may include the term of an Award, the provisions applicable in the event the Participant's employment or service terminates,

and the Company's authority to unilaterally or bilaterally amend, modify, suspend, cancel or rescind an Award.

- 9.3 <u>Limits on Transfer</u>. No right or interest of a Participant in any Award may be pledged, encumbered, or hypothecated to or in favor of any party other than the Company or an Affiliate, or shall be subject to any lien, obligation, or liability of such Participant to any other party other than the Company or an Affiliate. Except as otherwise provided by the Committee, no Award shall be assigned, transferred, or otherwise disposed of by a Participant (including, without limitation, to a third party financial institution or for consideration) other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution or pursuant to beneficiary designation procedures approved from time to time by the Committee (or the Board in the case of Awards granted to Independent Directors). The Committee by express provision in the Award or an amendment thereto may permit an Award (other than an Incentive Stock Option) to be transferred to, exercised by and paid to certain persons or entities related to the Participant, including, but not limited to, members of the Participant's family, charitable institutions, or trusts or other entities whose beneficiaries or beneficial owners are members of the Participant's family and/or charitable institutions, or to such other persons or entities as may be expressly approved by the Committee, pursuant to such conditions and procedures as the Committee may establish. Any permitted transfer shall be subject to the condition that the Committee receive evidence satisfactory to it that the transfer is being made for estate and/or tax planning purposes (or to a "blind trust" in connection with the Participant's termination of employment or service with the Company or an Affiliate to assume a position with a governmental, charitable, educational or similar non-profit institution) and on a basis consistent with the Company's lawful issue of securities.
- 9.4 Beneficiaries. Notwithstanding Section 9.3 hereof, a Participant may, in the manner determined by the Committee, designate a beneficiary to exercise the rights of the Participant and to receive any distribution with respect to any Award upon the Participant's death. A beneficiary, legal guardian, legal representative, or other person claiming any rights pursuant to the Plan is subject to all terms and conditions of the Plan and any Award Agreement applicable to the Participant, except to the extent the Plan and Award Agreement otherwise provide, and to any additional restrictions deemed necessary or appropriate by the Committee. If the Participant is married and resides in a community property state, a designation of a person other than the Participant's spouse as his or her beneficiary with respect to more than 50% of the Participant's interest in the Award shall not be effective without the prior written consent of the Participant's spouse. If no beneficiary has been designated or survives the Participant, payment shall be made to the person entitled thereto pursuant to the Participant's will or the laws of descent and distribution. Subject to the foregoing, a beneficiary designation may be changed or revoked by a Participant at any time provided the change or revocation is filed with the Committee prior to the Participant's death.

# 9.5 Stock Certificates; Book Entry Procedures.

(a) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any certificates evidencing Shares pursuant to the exercise or vesting of any Award, unless and until the Board has determined, with advice of counsel, that the issuance and delivery of such certificates is in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations of governmental

authorities and, if applicable, the requirements of any exchange on which the Shares are listed or traded. All certificates evidencing Shares delivered pursuant to the Plan are subject to any stop-transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee deems necessary or advisable to comply with federal, state local, securities or other laws, including laws of jurisdictions outside of the United States, rules and regulations and the rules of any national securities exchange or automated quotation system on which the Shares are listed, quoted, or traded. The Committee may place legends on any certificate evidencing Shares to reference restrictions applicable to the Shares. In addition to the terms and conditions provided herein, the Board may require that a Participant make such reasonable covenants, agreements, and representations as the Board, in its discretion, deems advisable in order to comply with any such laws, regulations, or requirements. The Committee shall have the right to require any Participant to comply with any timing or other restrictions with respect to the settlement or exercise of any Award, including a window-period limitation, as may be imposed in the discretion of the Committee.

- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, unless otherwise determined by the Committee or required by any applicable law, rule or regulation, the Company shall not deliver to any Participant certificates evidencing Shares issued in connection with any Award and instead such Shares shall be recorded in the books of the Company (or, as applicable, its transfer agent or stock plan administrator).
- 9.6 Accelerated Vesting and Deferral Limitations. The Committee shall not have the discretionary authority to accelerate or delay issuance of Shares under an Award that constitutes a deferral of compensation within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, except to the extent that such acceleration or delay may, in the discretion of the Committee, be effected in a manner that will not cause any person to incur taxes, interest or penalties under Section 409A of the Code ("Section 409A Compliance").
- 9.7 <u>Paperless Administration</u>. In the event that the Company establishes, for itself or using the services of a third party, an automated system for the documentation, granting or exercise of Awards, such as a system using an internet website or interactive voice response, then the paperless documentation, granting or exercise of Awards by a Participant may be permitted through the use of such an automated system.

# ARTICLE 10. CHANGES IN CAPITAL STRUCTURE

### 10.1 Adjustments.

(a) In the event of any stock dividend, stock split, combination or exchange of shares, merger, consolidation or other distribution (other than normal cash dividends) of Company assets to stockholders, or any other change affecting the Shares or the price of the Shares other than an Equity Restructuring, the Committee shall make such adjustments, if any, as the Committee in its discretion may deem appropriate to reflect such change with respect to (i) the aggregate number and kind of shares that may be issued under the Plan (including, but not limited to, adjustments of the limitations in Sections 3.1 and 3.3 hereof); (ii) the terms and conditions of any outstanding Awards

(including, without limitation, any applicable performance targets or criteria with respect thereto); and (iii) the grant or exercise price per Share for any outstanding Awards under the Plan.

- (b) In the event of any transaction or event described in Section 10.1(a) hereof or any unusual or nonrecurring transactions or events affecting the Company, any affiliate of the Company, or the financial statements of the Company or any affiliate, or of changes in applicable laws, regulations or accounting principles, the Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, and on such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate, either by the terms of the Award or by action taken prior to the occurrence of such transaction or event and either automatically or upon the Participant's request, is hereby authorized to take any one or more of the following actions whenever the Committee determines that such action is appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan or with respect to any Award under the Plan, to facilitate such transactions or events or to give effect to such changes in laws, regulations or principles:
- (i) To provide for either (A) termination of any such Award in exchange for an amount of cash, if any, equal to the amount that would have been attained upon the exercise of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights (and, for the avoidance of doubt, if as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction or event described in this Section 10.1 the Committee determines in good faith that no amount would have been attained upon the exercise of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights, then such Award may be terminated by the Company without payment) or (B) the replacement of such Award with other rights or property selected by the Committee in its sole discretion;
- (ii) To provide that such Award be assumed by the successor or survivor corporation, or a parent or subsidiary thereof, or shall be substituted for by similar options, rights or awards covering the stock of the successor or survivor corporation, or a parent or subsidiary thereof, with appropriate adjustments as to the number and kind of shares and prices;
- (iii) To make adjustments in the number and type of Shares (or other securities or property) subject to outstanding Awards, and in the number and kind of outstanding Restricted Stock and/or in the terms and conditions of (including the grant or exercise price), and the criteria included in outstanding options, rights and awards and options, rights and awards which may be granted in the future;
- (iv) To provide that such Award shall be exercisable or payable or fully vested with respect to all Shares covered thereby, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or the applicable Award Agreement; and
- (v) To provide that the Award cannot vest, be exercised or become payable after such event.
- (c) In connection with the occurrence of any Equity Restructuring, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Sections 10.1(a) and 10.1(b) hereof:

- (i) The number and type of securities subject to each outstanding Award and the exercise price or grant price thereof, if applicable, shall be equitably adjusted. The adjustments provided under this Section 10.1(c)(i) shall be nondiscretionary and shall be final and binding on the affected Participant and the Company.
- (ii) The Committee shall make such equitable adjustments, if any, as the Committee in its discretion may deem appropriate to reflect such Equity Restructuring with respect to the aggregate number and kind of shares that may be issued under the Plan (including, but not limited to, adjustments of the limitations in Sections 3.1 and 3.3 hereof).

# 10.2 Acceleration Upon a Change in Control and for Other Reasons.

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 10.1 hereof, and except as may otherwise be provided in any applicable Award Agreement or other written agreement entered into between the Company and a Participant, if a Change in Control occurs and a Participant's Awards are not converted, assumed, or replaced by a successor entity, then immediately prior to the Change in Control such Awards shall become fully exercisable and all forfeiture restrictions on such Awards shall lapse. Upon, or in anticipation of, a Change in Control, the Committee may cause any and all Awards outstanding hereunder to terminate at a specific time in the future, including, but not limited to, the date of such Change in Control, and shall give each Participant the right to exercise or accelerate such Awards during a period of time as the Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall determine.
- (b) Regardless of whether an event has occurred as described in Section 10.2(a) above, and subject to Article 6 and Article 8 as to Performance-Based Awards, the Committee may in its sole discretion at any time determine that, upon the termination of employment or service of a Participant for any reason, or the occurrence of a Change of Control, all or a portion of such Participant's Options or SARs shall become fully or partially exercisable, that all or a part of the restrictions on all or a portion of the Participant's outstanding Awards shall lapse, and/or that any Performance Criteria with respect to any Awards held by that Participant shall be deemed to be wholly or partially satisfied, in each case, as of such date as the Committee may, in its sole discretion, declare.
- (c) The Committee may discriminate among Participants and among Awards made to a Participant in exercising its discretion pursuant to this Section 10.2. In the event that the terms of any agreement between the Company or any Affiliate and a Participant contains provisions that conflict with and are more restrictive than the provisions of this Section 10.2, this Section 10.2 shall prevail and control and the more restrictive terms of such agreement (and only such terms) shall be of no force or effect.
- 10.3 No Other Rights. Except as expressly provided in the Plan, no Participant shall have any rights by reason of any subdivision or consolidation of Shares of any class, the payment of any dividend, any increase or decrease in the number of Shares of any class or any dissolution, liquidation, merger, or consolidation of the Company or any other corporation. Except as expressly provided in the Plan or pursuant to action of the Committee under the Plan, no issuance by the Company of Shares of any class, or securities convertible into Shares of any class, shall affect, and

no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to, the number of Shares subject to an Award or the grant or exercise price of any Award.

## ARTICLE 11. ADMINISTRATION

- Committee. Unless and until the Board delegates administration of the Plan to a Committee as set forth below, the Plan shall be administered by the full Board, and for such purposes the term "Committee" as used in this Plan shall be deemed to refer to the Board. The Board, at its discretion or as otherwise necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act or to the extent required by any other applicable rule or regulation, may delegate administration of the Plan to a Committee consisting of two or more members of the Board. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the Committee shall consist of at least one Non-Employee Director and one "independent director" under the rules of Nasdaq (or other principal securities market on which Shares are traded); provided that any action taken by the Committee shall be valid and effective, whether or not members of the Committee at the time of such action are later determined not to have satisfied the requirements for membership set forth in this Section 11.1 or otherwise provided in any charter of the Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing: (a) the full Board, acting by a majority of its members in office, shall conduct the general administration of the Plan with respect to all Awards granted to Independent Directors and for purposes of such Awards the term "Committee" as used in this Plan shall be deemed to refer to the Board and (b) the Committee may delegate its authority hereunder to the extent permitted by Section 11.5 hereof. In its sole discretion, the Board may at any time and from time to time exercise any and all rights and duties of the Committee under the Plan except with respect to matters which under Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act, or any regulations or rules issued thereunder, are required to be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee. Except as may otherwise be provided in the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of the Company or in any charter of the Committee, appointment of Committee members shall be effective upon acceptance of appointment; Committee members may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board; and vacancies in the Committee may only be filled by the Board.
- 11.2 Action by the Committee. Unless otherwise established by the Board or in the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of the Company or in any charter of the Committee, a majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum and the acts of a majority of the members present at any meeting at which a quorum is present, and acts approved in writing by a majority of the Committee in lieu of a meeting, shall be deemed the acts of the Committee. Each member of the Committee is entitled to, in good faith, rely or act upon any report or other information furnished to that member by any officer or other employee of the Company or any Affiliate, the Company's independent certified public accountants, or any executive compensation consultant or other professional retained by the Company to assist in the administration of the Plan.
- 11.3 <u>Authority of Committee</u>. Subject to any specific designation in the Plan, the Committee has the exclusive power, authority and discretion to:
  - (a) Designate Participants to receive Awards;
  - (b) Determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to each Participant;

- (c) Determine the number of Awards to be granted and the number of Shares to which an Award will relate:
- (d) Determine the terms and conditions of any Award granted pursuant to the Plan, including, but not limited to, the exercise price, grant price, or purchase price, any reload provision, any restrictions or limitations on the Award, any schedule for lapse of forfeiture restrictions or restrictions on the exercisability of an Award, and accelerations or waivers thereof, any provisions related to non-competition and recapture of gain on an Award, based in each case on such considerations as the Committee in its sole discretion determines;
- (e) Determine whether, to what extent, and pursuant to what circumstances an Award may be settled in, or the exercise price of an Award may be paid in, cash, Shares, other Awards, or other property, or an Award may be canceled, forfeited, or surrendered;
- (f) Prescribe the form of each Award Agreement, which need not be identical for each Participant;
- (g) Decide all other matters that must be determined in connection with an Award;
  - (h) Establish, adopt, or revise any rules and regulations as it may deem necessary or advisable to administer the Plan;
  - (i) Determine conclusively whether a Change in Control of the Company has occurred pursuant to the definition in Section 2.5, and the date of the occurrence of such Change in Control and any incidental matters relating thereto;
  - (j) Interpret the terms of, and any matter arising pursuant to, the Plan or any Award Agreement; and
  - (k) Make all other decisions and determinations that may be required pursuant to the Plan or as the Committee deems necessary or advisable to administer the Plan.
  - 11.4 <u>Decisions Binding</u>. The Committee's interpretation of the Plan, any Awards granted pursuant to the Plan, any Award Agreement and all decisions and determinations by the Committee with respect to the Plan are final, binding, and conclusive on all parties.
  - 11.5 <u>Delegation of Authority</u>. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Board may from time to time delegate to a committee of one or more members of the Board or one or more officers of the Company the authority to grant or amend Awards to Participants other than (a) Employees who are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act or (b) officers of the Company (or Directors) to whom authority to grant or amend Awards has been delegated hereunder. For the avoidance of doubt, provided it meets the limitation in the preceding sentence, this delegation shall include the right to modify Awards as necessary to accommodate changes in the laws or regulations, including in jurisdictions outside the United States. Any delegation hereunder shall be subject to the restrictions and limits that the Board specifies at the time of such delegation, and the Board may

at any time rescind the authority so delegated or appoint a new delegatee. At all times, the delegatee appointed under this Section 11.5 shall serve in such capacity at the pleasure of the Board.

# ARTICLE 12. EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATE

- 12.1 Effective Date. The Plan is effective as of December 28, 2019.
- 12.2 Expiration Date. The Plan will expire on, and no Award may be granted pursuant to the Plan after December 28, 2029, except that no Incentive Stock Options may be granted under the Plan after the earlier of the tenth anniversary of (a) the date the Plan is approved by the Board or (b) the Effective Date. Any Awards that are outstanding on the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date shall remain in force according to the terms of the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement.

# ARTICLE 13. AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION, AND TERMINATION

- 13.1 Amendment, Modification, and Termination. Subject to Section 14.14 hereof, with the approval of the Board, at any time and from time to time, the Committee may terminate, amend or modify the Plan; provided, however, that (a) to the extent necessary and desirable to comply with any applicable law, regulation, or stock exchange rule, the Company shall obtain stockholder approval of any Plan amendment in such a manner and to such a degree as required, and (b) stockholder approval shall be required for any amendment to the Plan that (i) increases the number of shares available under the Plan (other than any adjustment as provided by Article 10), or (ii) permits the Committee to extend the exercise period for an Option beyond ten years from the date of grant.
- 13.2 <u>Awards Previously Granted</u>. Except with respect to amendments made pursuant to Section 14.14 hereof, no termination, amendment, or modification of the Plan shall adversely affect in any material way any Award previously granted pursuant to the Plan without the prior written consent of the Participant; *provided*, *however*, that an amendment or modification that may cause an Incentive Stock Option to become a Non-Qualified Stock Option shall not be treated as adversely affecting the rights of the Participant.

## ARTICLE 14. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 14.1 <u>No Rights to Awards</u>. No Eligible Individual or other person shall have any claim to be granted any Award pursuant to the Plan, and neither the Company nor the Committee is obligated to treat Eligible Individuals, Participants or any other persons uniformly.
- 14.2 <u>No Stockholders Rights</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, a Participant shall have none of the rights of a stockholder with respect to Shares covered by any Award, including the right to vote or receive dividends, until the Participant becomes the record owner of such Shares, notwithstanding the exercise of an Option or other Award.
- 14.3 <u>Withholding</u>. The Company or any Affiliate, as appropriate, shall have the authority and the right to deduct or withhold, or require a Participant to remit to the Company, an amount sufficient to satisfy U.S. federal, state, and local taxes and taxes imposed by jurisdictions outside

of the United States (including the Participant's employment tax obligations) required by law to be withheld with respect to any taxable event concerning a Participant arising as a result of this Plan or to take such other action as may be necessary in the opinion of the Company or an Affiliate, as appropriate, to satisfy withholding obligations for the payment of taxes. The Committee may in its discretion and in satisfaction of the foregoing requirement allow a Participant to elect to have the Company withhold Shares otherwise issuable under an Award (or allow the return of Shares) having a Fair Market Value equal to the sums required to be withheld. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the number of Shares which may be withheld with respect to the issuance, vesting, exercise or payment of any Award (or which may be repurchased from the Participant of such Award within six months (or such other period as may be determined by the Committee) after such Shares were acquired by the Participant from the Company) in order to satisfy the Participant's U.S. federal, state, local and non-U.S. income and payroll tax liabilities with respect to the issuance, vesting, exercise or payment of the Award shall be limited to the number of Shares which have a Fair Market Value on the date of withholding or repurchase equal to the aggregate amount of such liabilities based on the minimum statutory withholding rates for federal, state, local and foreign income tax and payroll tax purposes that are applicable to such supplemental taxable income. No Shares shall be delivered hereunder to any Participant or other person until the Participant or such other person has made arrangements acceptable to the Committee for the satisfaction of the tax obligations with respect to any taxable event concerning the Participant or such other person arising as a result of this Plan.

- 14.4 No Right to Employment or Services. Nothing in the Plan or any Award Agreement shall interfere with or limit in any way the right of the Company or any Affiliate to terminate any Participant's employment or services at any time, nor confer upon any Participant any right to continue in the employ or service of the Company or any Affiliate.
- 14.5 <u>Unfunded Status of Awards</u>. The Plan is intended to be an "unfunded" plan for incentive compensation. With respect to any payments not yet made to a Participant pursuant to an Award, nothing contained in the Plan or any Award Agreement shall give the Participant any rights that are greater than those of a general creditor of the Company or any Affiliate.
- 14.6 <u>Indemnification</u>. To the extent allowable pursuant to applicable law, each member of the Committee or of the Board shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company from any loss, cost, liability, or expense that may be imposed upon or reasonably incurred by such member in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit, or proceeding to which he or she may be a party or in which he or she may be involved by reason of any action or failure to act pursuant to the Plan and against and from any and all amounts paid by him or her in satisfaction of judgment in such action, suit, or proceeding against him or her; *provided* he or she gives the Company an opportunity, at its own expense, to handle and defend the same before he or she undertakes to handle and defend it on his or her own behalf. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which such persons may be entitled pursuant to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, as a matter of law, or otherwise, or any power that the Company may have to indemnify them or hold them harmless.

- 14.7 <u>Relationship to other Benefits</u>. No payment pursuant to the Plan shall be taken into account in determining any benefits pursuant to any pension, retirement, savings, profit sharing, group insurance, welfare or other benefit plan of the Company or any Affiliate except to the extent otherwise expressly provided in writing in such other plan or an agreement thereunder.
- 14.8 <u>Expenses</u>. The expenses of administering the Plan shall be borne by the Company and its Affiliates.
- 14.9 <u>Titles and Headings</u>. The titles and headings of the Sections in the Plan are for convenience of reference only and, in the event of any conflict, the text of the Plan, rather than such titles or headings, shall control.
- 14.10 <u>Fractional Shares</u>. No fractional Shares shall be issued and the Committee shall determine, in its discretion, whether cash shall be given in lieu of fractional shares or whether such fractional shares shall be eliminated by rounding up or down as appropriate.
- 14.11 <u>Limitations Applicable to Section 16 Persons</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Plan, and any Award granted or awarded to any Participant who is then subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, shall be subject to any additional limitations set forth in any applicable exemptive rule under Section 16 of the Exchange Act (including any amendment to Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act) that are requirements for the application of such exemptive rule. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Plan and Awards granted or awarded hereunder shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to such applicable exemptive rule.
- 14.12 Government and Other Regulations. The obligation of the Company to make payment of awards in Shares or otherwise shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the United States and jurisdictions outside the United States, and to such approvals by government agencies, including government agencies in jurisdictions outside of the United States, in each case as may be required or as the Company deems necessary or advisable. Without limiting the foregoing, the Company shall have no obligation to issue or deliver evidence of title for Shares subject to Awards granted hereunder prior to: (i) obtaining any approvals from governmental agencies that the Company determines are necessary or advisable, and (ii) completion of any registration or other qualification with respect to the Shares under any applicable law in the United States of in a jurisdiction outside of the United States or ruling of any governmental body that the Company determines to be necessary or advisable or at a time when any such registration or qualification is not current, has been suspended or otherwise has ceased to be effective. The inability or impracticability of the Company to obtain or maintain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the Company's counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, shall relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained. The Company shall be under no obligation to register pursuant to the Securities Act, as amended, any of the Shares paid pursuant to the Plan. If the Shares paid pursuant to the Plan may in certain circumstances be exempt from registration pursuant to the Securities Act, as amended, the Company may restrict the transfer of such Shares in such manner as it deems advisable to ensure the availability of any such exemption.

- 14.13 <u>Governing Law</u>. The Plan and all Award Agreements, and all controversies arising thereunder or related thereto, shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to principles of conflict of laws that would apply to any other law.
- 14.14 Section 409A. Except as provided in Section 14.15 hereof, to the extent that the Committee determines that any Award granted under the Plan is subject to Section 409A of the Code, the Award Agreement evidencing such Award shall incorporate the terms and conditions required by Section 409A of the Code. To the extent applicable, the Plan and Award Agreements shall be interpreted in accordance with Section 409A of the Code and Department of Treasury regulations and other interpretive guidance issued thereunder, including, without limitation, any such regulations or other guidance that may be issued after the Effective Date. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, in the event that following the Effective Date the Committee determines that any Award may be subject to Section 409A of the Code and related Department of Treasury guidance (including such Department of Treasury guidance as may be issued after the Effective Date), the Committee may adopt such amendments to the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement or adopt other policies and procedures (including amendments, policies and procedures with retroactive effect), or take any other actions, that the Committee determines are necessary or appropriate to (a) exempt the Award from Section 409A of the Code and/or preserve the intended tax treatment of the benefits provided with respect to the Award, or (b) comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and related Department of Treasury guidance and thereby avoid the application of any penalty taxes under such Section.
- 14.15 No Representations or Covenants with respect to Tax Qualification. Although the Company may endeavor to (1) qualify an Award for favorable tax treatment under the laws of the United States or jurisdictions outside of the United States (e.g., incentive stock options under Section 422 of the Code or French-qualified stock options) or (2) avoid adverse tax treatment (e.g., under Section 409A of the Code), the Company makes no representation to that effect and expressly disavows any covenant to maintain favorable or avoid unfavorable tax treatment, anything to the contrary in this Plan, including Section 14.14 hereof, notwithstanding. The Company shall be unconstrained in its corporate activities without regard to the potential negative tax impact on holders of Awards under the Plan.
- 14.16 <u>Applicable Policies</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or an Award agreement to the contrary, acceptance by any Participant of any Award granted pursuant to the Plan constitutes such Participant's acknowledgement and agreement that all Awards made pursuant to the Plan shall be subject to (a) Section 304 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002, (b) any rules and/or regulations issued pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act of 2010 or any clawback policy adopted by the Company pursuant to such rules and/or regulations and (c) the insider trading policy of the Company.

### **Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors Pilgrim's Pride Corporation:

We consent to the use of our reports dated February 20, 2020, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation as of December 29, 2019 and December 30, 2018, and the related consolidated and combined statements of income, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the fifty-two weeks ended December 29, 2019, the fifty-two weeks ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes and financial statement schedule II (collectively, the consolidated and combined financial statements), and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 29, 2019, which reports appear in the December 29, 2019 annual report on Form 10-K of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation.

Our report dated February 20, 2020, on the consolidated and combined financial statements as of December 29, 2019, refers to a change to the method of accounting for revenue and leases.

Our report dated February 20, 2020, on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 29, 2019, contains an explanatory paragraph that states the Company acquired Tulip Limited during 2019, and management excluded from its assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 29, 2019. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation also excluded an evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting of Tulip Limited.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Denver, Colorado March 13, 2020