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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

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CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 10, 2005

MANHATTAN ASSOCIATES, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

GEORGIA 0-23999 58-2373424 (State or Other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification N Incorporation or organization)

> 2300 WINDY RIDGE PARKWAY, SUITE 700, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30339 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(770) 955-7070
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NONE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  240.14a-12)
- [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### CURRENT REPORT

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On August 10, 2005, Manhattan Associates, Inc. (NASDAQ: MANH), a Georgia corporation (the "Company" or "Manhattan"), entered into a definitive agreement (the "Agreement") to acquire Evant, Inc., a California corporation ("Evant"), a provider of supply chain planning and replenishment solutions. Privately held and based in San Francisco and Atlanta, Evant provides solutions to more than 60 companies in the retail, manufacturing and wholesale distribution industries. The transaction has been approved by both the Manhattan board of directors and the Evant board of directors. The acquisition is subject to the customary closing conditions and is expected to close on or before September 30, 2005. Under the terms of the Agreement, Manhattan will pay approximately \$50 million in cash for Evant.

On August 15, 2005, Manhattan and Evant amended the Agreement to adjust the method by which a portion of the merger consideration will be paid by Evant to certain of its employees under an pre-existing bonus arrangement. The amendment does not change the terms of the transaction as they relate to Manhattan.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by this reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits.
  - 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, by and among Manhattan Associates, Inc., Madison Acquisition Corp., Evant, Inc. and Ted Schlein, as Shareholder Representative, dated August 10, 2005.
  - 2.2 Voting Agreement, by and between Manhattan Associates, Inc. and the shareholders of Evant, Inc., dated August 10, 2005.
  - 2.3 Amendment Number 1 to Agreement and Plan of Merger, by and among Evant, Inc., Manhattan Associates, Inc., Madison Acquisition

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Corp. and Ted Schlein, as Shareholder Representative, dated as of August 15, 2005.

99.1 Press Release, dated August 11, 2005.

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#### SIGNATURES

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

MANHATTAN ASSOCIATES, INC.

By: /s/ Steven R. Norton

Steven R. Norton Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: August 16, 2005

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### Neil Cole

2,565,482<sup>(1)</sup> 3.5%

### Warren Clamen

124,407(3) \*

#### Andrew Tarshis

22,879(4) \*

# David Conn

133,364(2) \*

Deborah Sorell Stehr

137,219(5) \*

Barry Emanuel

201,853(6) \*

Steven Mendelow

196,688(7) \*

Drew Cohen

67,382<sup>(8)</sup> \*

F. Peter Cuneo

96,000 \*

Mark Friedman

26,364 \*

James A. Marcum

18,544 \*

Fred Alger Management, Inc.

Fred Alger Management, Inc.

Alger Associates, Inc.

111 Fifth Avenue

New York, New York 10003

5,074,180<sup>(9)</sup> 7.1%

Baron Capital Group, Inc.

767 Fifth Avenue

New York, NY 10153

3,750,000<sup>(10)</sup> 5.3%

FMR LLC

82 Devonshire Street

# Boston, MA 02109

5,387,417(12) 7.6%

Barclays Global Investors, NA

400 Howard Street

San Francisco, CA 94105

3,869,219(13) 5.4%

All directors and executive officers as a group (9 persons)

3,319,599(14) 4.5%

#### \* Less than 1%

- (1) Includes (i) 2,210,366 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options (ii) 236,337 shares of common stock underlying restricted common stock units that vested on December 31, 2008, the delivery of which Mr. Cole has agreed to defer and (iii) 20,000 shares of common stock owned by Mr. Cole s children. Does not include (i) shares held in Mr. Cole s account under the Company s 401(k) savings plan over which Mr. Cole has no current voting or investment power, or (ii) 945,347 shares of common stock underlying restricted common stock units that have not vested, the delivery of which Mr. Cole has agreed to defer.
- (2) Includes 125,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options.
- (3) Includes 110,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options.
- (4) Includes 10,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options.
- (5) Includes 125,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options. Does not include shares held in Ms. Sorell Stehr s account under our 401(k) savings plan over which she has no current voting or investment power.
- (6) Includes 191,173 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options.

- (7) Includes 100,250 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options and 60,750 shares of common stock owned by C&P Associates, with which Mr. Mendelow and his wife are affiliated and over whose securities they exercise shared voting and investment control.
- (8) Includes 50,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options.
- (9) Based on an amendment to a Schedule 13G filed by Fred Alger Management, Inc. and Alger Associates, Incorporated on February 17, 2009.
- (10) Baron Capital Group, Inc. ( BCG ) is deemed to have beneficial ownership of these shares, which are held by BCG or entities that it controls. BCG and Ronald Baron disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares held by their controlled entities (or the investment advisory clients thereof) to the extent that persons other than BCG and Ronald Baron hold such shares. BAMCO, Inc. disclaims beneficial ownership of shares held by its investment advisory clients to the extent such shares are held by persons other than BAMCO, Inc. and its affiliates. The information provided is based upon an amendment to a Schedule 13G filed February 12, 2009, by BCG and its affiliates: Bamco, Inc.; Baron Small Cap Fund; and Ronald Baron.
- (11) Intentionally Omitted.
- (12) According to an amendment to a Schedule 13G filed on February 17, 2009, Fidelity Management & Research Company, herein referred to as Fidelity, 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109, a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR LLC and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, at December 31, 2008 was the beneficial owner of 4,685,644 shares of our common stock as a result of acting as investment adviser to various investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The number of shares of our common stock owned by the investment companies at December 31, 2008 included 7,257 shares of common stock resulting from the assumed conversion of \$200,000 principal amount of our 1.875% convertible senior subordinated notes (36.2845 shares of common stock for each \$1,000 principal amount of convertible notes). Edward C. Johnson 3d and FMR LLC, through its control of Fidelity, and the funds each has sole power to dispose of the 4,685,644 shares owned by the Funds. Members of the family of Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR LLC, are the predominant owners, directly or through trusts, of Series B voting common shares of FMR LLC, representing 49% of the voting power of FMR LLC. The Johnson family group and all other Series B shareholders have entered into a shareholders voting agreement under which all Series B voting common shares will be voted in accordance with the majority vote of Series B voting common shares. Accordingly, through their ownership of voting common shares and the execution of the shareholders voting agreement, members of the Johnson family may be deemed, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, to form a controlling group with respect to FMR LLC. Neither FMR LLC nor Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR LLC, has the sole power to vote or direct the voting of the shares owned directly by the Fidelity Funds, which power resides with the Funds Boards of Trustees. Fidelity carries out the voting of the shares under written guidelines established by the Funds Boards of Trustees. Pyramis Global Advisors, LLC, herein referred to as PGALLC, 53 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02109, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR LLC and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, is the beneficial owner of 61.873 shares or 0.106% of our outstanding common stock as a result of its serving as investment adviser to institutional accounts, non-U.S. mutual funds, or investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 owning such shares. The number of shares of our common stock owned by the institutional account(s) at December 31, 2008 included 32,873 shares of common stock resulting from the assumed conversion of \$906,000 principal amount of our 1.875% convertible senior subordinated notes (36.2845 shares of common stock for each \$1,000 principal amount of convertible note). Edward C. Johnson 3d and FMR LLC, through its control of PGALLC, each has sole dispositive power over 61,873 shares and sole power to vote or to direct the voting of 61,873 shares of our common stock owned by the institutional accounts or funds advised by PGALLC as reported above. Pyramis Global Advisors Trust Company, herein referred to as PGATC, 53 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02109, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR LLC and a bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or Exchange Act, is the beneficial owner of 583,792 shares or 1.001% of our common stock as a result of its serving as investment manager of institutional accounts owning such shares. The number of shares of our common stock owned by the institutional account(s) at December 31, 2008 included 2,540 shares of common stock resulting from the assumed conversion of \$70,000 principal amount of our 1.875% convertible senior subordinated notes (36.2845 shares of Common Stock for each \$1,000 principal amount of convertible notes). Edward C. Johnson 3d and FMR LLC, through its control of Pyramis Global Advisors Trust Company, each

has sole dispositive power over 583,792 shares and sole power to vote or to direct the voting of 583,792 shares of our common stock owned by the institutional accounts managed by PGATC as reported above. FIL Limited, herein referred to as FIL, Pembroke Hall, 42 Crow Lane, Hamilton, Bermuda, and various foreign-based subsidiaries provide investment advisory and management services to a number of non-U.S. investment companies and certain institutional investors. FIL, which is a qualified institution under section 240.13d-1(b)(1) pursuant to an SEC No-Action letter dated October 5, 2000, is the beneficial owner of 56,108 shares of our common stock outstanding of the Partnerships controlled predominantly by members of the family of Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR LLC and FIL, or trusts for their benefit, own shares of FIL voting stock with the right to cast approximately 47% of the total votes which may be cast by all holders of FIL voting stock. FMR LLC and FIL are separate and independent corporate entities, and their Boards of Directors are generally composed of different individuals. FMR LLC and FIL are of the view that they are not acting as a group for purposes of Section 13(d) under the Exchange Act and that they are not otherwise required to attribute to each other the beneficial ownership of securities beneficially owned by the other corporation within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act. Therefore, they are of the view that the shares held by the other corporation need not be aggregated for purposes of Section 13(d). FMR LLC filed the amendment to the Schedule 13G on a voluntary basis as if all of the shares are beneficially owned by FMR LLC and FIL on a joint basis.

- (13) The shares reported are held by Barclays Global Investors, NA in trust accounts for the economic benefit of the beneficiaries of those accounts. An affiliate of Barclays Capital Inc. holds approximately 6.5% of our common stock. Barclays Capital Inc. has no voting or dispositive power over such shares. The information provided is based upon a Schedule 13G filed February 5, 2009 by Barclay s Global Investors, NA.
- (14) Includes 2,671,789 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options.

# CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

Pursuant to its charter, our audit committee must review and approve, where appropriate, all related party transactions.

On May 1, 2003, we granted Kenneth Cole Productions, Inc. the exclusive worldwide license to design, manufacture, sell, distribute and market footwear under our Bongo brand. The chairman of Kenneth Cole Productions is Kenneth Cole, who is the brother of Neil Cole, our chief executive officer and president. During the Current Quarter and Prior Year Quarter, we earned \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, in royalties from Kenneth Cole Productions. During fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007, we received \$1.1 million and \$0.7 million in royalties from Kenneth Cole Productions, respectively.

The Candie s Foundation, a charitable foundation founded by Neil Cole for the purpose of raising national awareness about the consequences of teenage pregnancy, owed us \$0.5 million and \$0.8 million as of March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. The Candie s Foundation will pay-off the entire borrowing from us during 2009 although additional advances will be made as and when necessary.

We recorded expenses of approximately \$354,000 for fiscal 2008 for the hire and use of aircraft solely for business purposes owned by a company in which our chairman, chief executive officer and president is the sole owner. There were no such expenses in fiscal 2007. Management believes that all transactions were made on terms and conditions no less favorable than those available in the marketplace from unrelated parties.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2009 the Audit Committee met with management and representatives of BDO Seidman, LLP to review preparations for the audit including review of control procedures required pursuant to

implementation of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and the procedures and timing of the audit of our financial statements. Following completion of the audit of the financial statements, the Audit Committee met with representatives of BDO Seidman, LLP and management to review the audit findings. The Audit Committee also discussed with representatives of BDO Seidman, LLP the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards 61, as amended, Communication with Audit Committees, as adopted by the Public Accounting Oversight Board.

The Audit Committee received the written disclosures and the confirming letter from BDO Seidman, LLP required by applicable requirements of the Public Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent accountant s communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and discussed with BDO Seidman its independence from the Company.

Based upon the review and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE Steven Mendelow, Chairperson Drew Cohen F. Peter Cuneo James A. Marcum

# PROPOSAL II

# **APPROVAL OF 2009 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

### **Proposed 2009 Equity Incentive Plan**

Subject to stockholder approval, our Board of Directors has approved our 2009 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2009 Plan ).

### General Description of the 2009 Plan

The 2009 Plan will be administered by the compensation committee of the Board although the 2009 Plan allows for administration of the 2009 Plan by another committee of the Board appointed from among its members as provided in the 2009 Plan composed of independent directors. In the absence of a compensation committee or other such committee the Plan will be administered by the entire Board. For purposes of the discussion under this Proposal I the term compensation committee shall be deemed to refer to the compensation committee of the Board or then other administrator of the 2009 Plan.

Under the 2009 Plan, the committee administering the 2009 Plan is authorized to grant awards to non-employee directors, executive officers and other employees of, and consultants and advisors to, the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (as defined in the 2009 Plan) and to determine the number and types of such awards and the terms, conditions, vesting and other limitations applicable to each such award. In addition, the committee has the power to interpret the 2009 Plan and to adopt such rules and regulations as it considers necessary or appropriate for purposes of administering the 2009 Plan.

The following types of awards or any combination of them may be granted under the 2009 Plan: (i) incentive stock options, (ii) non-qualified stock options, (iii) stock grants, including stock units, and (iv) performance awards.

The aggregate number of shares of common stock to be reserved for awards granted or to be granted under the 2009 Plan is 3,000,000 shares, subject to adjustments for stock splits, recapitalizations and other specified events. Such shares may be treasury shares or authorized but unissued shares. If any outstanding award is cancelled, forfeited, or surrendered to the Company, shares of common stock allocable to such award may again be available for awards under the 2009 Plan. Incentive stock options may be granted only to participants who are executive officers and other employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries on the date of the grant, and non-qualified stock options may be granted to any participant in the 2009 Plan. No stock option granted under the 2009 Plan will be exercisable later than ten years after the date it is granted. The maximum number of shares of common stock with respect to which awards may be granted to any individual participant under the 2009 Plan during each of the Company s fiscal years will not exceed 1,500,000 shares, subject to certain adjustments.

Set forth below is a more detailed summary of the principal features of the 2009 Plan. The description of the 2009 Plan contained in this proxy statement is not intended to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the 2009 Plan attached to this proxy statement as Annex A. Stockholders should read the 2009 Plan in its entirety.

# Reason for the 2009 Plan

The Board of Directors believes that options and other equity awards granted under the Company s existing stock option and incentive plans have contributed significantly to the success of the Company by enabling the Company to attract and retain the services of employees, including executive officers, directors, consultants and advisors of exceptional ability. Because the success of the Company is

largely dependent upon the judgment, interest and special efforts of these employees, directors, consultants and advisors, the Company endeavors to continue to provide stock based incentive awards to recruit, motivate and retain these individuals. In this regard, pursuant to the terms of the employment agreement the Company entered into on January 28, 2008 with its chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer, Neil Cole, on February 19, 2008, Mr. Cole was granted 1,181,684 time-vested restricted common stock units (the RSUs ) under the Company s 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (2006 Plan) and 571,150 performance-based restricted common stock units (the PSUs ) under the 2006 Plan.

On May 21, 2008, Mr. Cole entered into an agreement with the Company that provides for the rescission of a total of 256,034 of the 571,150 PSUs granted pursuant to his employment agreement. The RSUs vest in five substantially equal annual installments commencing on December 31, 2008, subject to Mr. Cole s continuous employment with us on the applicable vesting date, and the PSUs are subject to vesting based on our achievement of the following performance goals: 50% is tied to the achievement of EBITDA growth, 25% is tied to the achievement of market cap growth and 25% is tied to the achievement of stock price growth. Both grants are subject to forfeiture upon the termination of Mr. Cole s employment under certain circumstances. In addition, Mr. Cole s ability to sell or otherwise transfer the common stock underlying the RSUs and the PSUs while he is employed by the Company is subject to certain restrictions. Pursuant to the employment agreement, Mr. Cole is also entitled to a grant of 216,639 additional PSUs and the common stock issuable thereunder. The future issuance of these 216,639 PSUs and the 256,034 PSUs that were the subject of the rescission agreement between Mr. Cole and the Company (a total of 472,673 PSUs) or any portion thereof, is conditioned upon (i) the grant thereof by the administrator of the 2006 Plan or any successor plan and (ii) either (x) receipt of stockholder approval of an additional number of shares of our common stock available for awards under the 2006 Plan or a successor plan in an amount at least equal to the number of shares of common stock underlying the portion of such 472,673 PSUs. Therefore, Mr. Cole will be granted under the 2009 Plan the 472,673 PSUs referred to above if this proposal to adopt the 2009 Plan is approved. These PSUs will be subject to vesting based on the Company s achievement of designated performance goals and are subject to forfeiture upon the termination of Mr. Cole s as discussed above.

In addition, if this proposal to adopt the 2009 Plan is approved, Messrs. Clamen and Tarshis will each be entitled pursuant to their respective employment agreements to receive an award of 70,542 shares of the Company s common stock upon approval by stockholders of a plan covering the awards. The shares will vest in three equal annual installments with the first installment vesting on November 11, 2009, subject to acceleration under certain circumstances, as set forth in their employment agreements.

The awards described above are set forth in the table below captioned New Plan Benefits 2009 Equity Incentive Plan which also sets forth information relating to additional awards to be granted under the 2009 Plan if it is approved at this meeting. In addition, if the 2009 Plan is approved, it would also allow additional awards under the 2009 Plan to be made to officers and other employees, directors, consultants and advisors of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

### Summary of the 2009 Plan

#### Awards

The following types of awards or any combination of them may be granted under the 2009 Plan: (i) Stock Options (both Incentive Stock Options and Non-Qualified Options) to acquire shares of common stock; (ii) Stock Grants which entitle the grantee to acquire shares of common stock which may be subject to certain restrictions such as restrictions on transferability which may include stock units including restricted stock units; and (iii) Performance Awards, which entitle the grantee to receive, without payment, an award following the attainment of performance goals. Awards are evidenced by award agreements in such forms as the Board committee administering the 2009 Plan or the Board, as the case may be, approves from time to time. Each award is subject to such terms and conditions consistent with the 2009 Plan, as determined by the compensation committee and as set forth in the award agreement. The compensation committee shall have the authority to retract any award granted under the 2009 Plan in case of a material restatement of the financial statements of Iconix or if it is otherwise determined by the compensation committee or Board that the previously granted award was not earned by the participant.

### Administration of the 2009 Plan

If the 2009 Plan is approved at this meeting, it is anticipated that the 2009 Plan will be administered by the compensation committee of the Board. Under the 2009 Plan, the compensation committee will be authorized to grant awards to outside directors, executive officers, and other employees, and consultants and advisors to, Iconix or any of its Subsidiaries and to determine the number and types of such awards and the terms, conditions, vesting and other limitations applicable to each such award. In addition, the compensation committee has the power to interpret the 2009 Plan and to adopt such rules and regulations as it considers necessary or appropriate for purposes of administering the 2009 Plan.

# Eligibility and Participation

All outside directors, executive officers and other employees of, and consultants and advisors to, Iconix or any of its Subsidiaries, who are significantly responsible for the success and future growth and profitability of Iconix, as determined by the compensation committee, will be eligible to be participants in the 2009 Plan. As of the date of this proxy statement, seven directors, two non-director executive officers and approximately 63 non executive-officer employees would be eligible to be participants under the 2009 Plan. We are presently unable to determine the number of consultants or advisors who may be eligible to receive awards under the 2009 Plan. The number of persons covered by the 2009 Plan may increase if we employ additional employees, elect additional directors or retain additional consultants and advisors. A participant s right, if any, to continue to serve Iconix as a director, executive officer or other employee, or otherwise will not be enlarged or otherwise affected by his or her designation as a participant under the 2009 Plan. Participants may receive one or more awards under the 2009 Plan.

#### Shares Subject to Awards

The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that will be reserved for awards, including shares underlying stock options, to be granted under the 2009 Plan is 3,000,000 shares, subject to adjustments for stock splits, recapitalizations and other specified events. The maximum number of shares of Common stock with respect to which awards may be granted or measured to any individual participant under the 2009 Plan during any fiscal year may not exceed 1,500,000 shares, subject to certain

adjustments. Such shares may be treasury shares or authorized but unissued shares. If any outstanding award is canceled, forfeited, or surrendered to Iconix for tax withholding purposes, shares of common stock allocable to such award may again be available for awards under the 2009 Plan.

# Stock Options

Stock Options granted under the 2009 Plan may be either Incentive Stock Options (within the meaning of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code ) or Non-Qualified Stock Options that do not qualify as Incentive Stock Options. See U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences.

The committee administering the 2009 Plan determines the exercise price at which shares underlying a Stock Option may be purchased, whether an Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Qualified Stock Option. However, the exercise price of a Stock Option may not be less than the fair market value of the shares of common stock on the date the Stock Option is granted. No Stock Option will be exercisable later than ten years after the date it is granted. Stock Options granted under the 2009 Plan are exercisable at such times as specified in the 2009 Plan and the award agreement. Except as otherwise provided in the award agreement or by the compensation committee, a participant in the 2009 Plan must pay the option exercise price in cash.

Incentive Stock Options may be granted only to executive officers and other employees of Iconix or any of its Subsidiaries. The aggregate market value (determined as of the date of grant) of common stock with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by a participant during any calendar year may not exceed \$100,000. Furthermore, Incentive Stock Options may not be granted to any participant who, at the time of grant, owns stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all outstanding classes of stock of Iconix or any of its subsidiaries, unless the exercise price is fixed at not less than 110% of the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant, and such an Incentive Stock Option cannot be exercised more than five years after the date of grant.

# Stock Grants

Stock Grant may be granted to executive officers and other employees of, or consultants or advisors to, Iconix or any of its subsidiaries. Stock Grants may be consist of shares of common stock or Stock Units (unfunded and unsecured promises, denominated in shares of common stock, to deliver common stock or cash measured by the value of common stock). A Stock Grant may include restrictions on the vesting, sale or other disposition of the shares or cash covered by the award, and Iconix may have the right to reacquire such shares for no consideration upon termination of the participant s employment within specified periods. The award agreement will specify whether the participant will have, with respect to the shares of common stock subject to a Stock Grant, all of the rights of a holder of shares of common stock, including the right to receive dividends, if any, and to vote the shares.

# Performance Awards

Performance Awards may be granted to executive officers and other employees of Iconix or any of its subsidiaries. The compensation committee will set performance targets at its discretion which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine the number and/or value of Performance Awards that will be paid out to the participants and may attach to such Performance Awards one or more restrictions. Performance targets may be based upon company-wide, divisional and/or individual performance.

Payment of earned Performance Awards may be made in shares of common stock or in cash and will be made in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed or authorized by the compensation

committee. The participant may elect to defer, or the compensation committee may require or permit the deferral of, the receipt of Performance Awards upon such terms as the compensation committee deems appropriate.

### Performance-Based Awards

Certain awards made under the 2009 Plan may be granted so that they qualify as performance-based compensation (as this term is used in Section 162(m) of the Code and the regulations thereunder) and are exempt from the deduction limitation imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code ( Performance-Based Awards ). It is anticipated that any Stock Options to be granted under the 2009 Plan and certain Stock Grants and Performance-Based Awards or (ii) be otherwise exempt from the deduction limitation imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code. Among other criteria, awards qualify as Performance-Based Awards if at the time of grant the compensation committee is comprised solely of two or more outside directors (as this term is used in Section 162(m) of the Code and the regulations thereunder). In making these awards, the compensation committee must establish and apply objective performance goals and may use one or more or a combination of goals including sales; revenues; assets; costs; earnings before or after deduction for all or any portion of interest, taxes, depreciation, or amortization, whether or not on a continuing operations or an aggregate or per share basis; return on equity, investment, capital or assets; one or more operating ratios; borrowing levels, leverage ratios or credit rating; market share; capital expenditures; cash flow; stock price; stockholder return or stockholder value; sales of particular products or services; customer acquisition or retention; safety, health or environmental affairs performance; compliance; acquisitions and divestitures (in whole or in part); joint ventures and strategic alliances; spin-offs, split-ups and the like; reorganizations; or recapitalizations, restructurings, financings (issuance of debt or equity) or refinancings and other similar objective factors.

# Effect of Change in Control

The 2009 Plan provides for the acceleration of certain benefits in the event of a Change in Control of Iconix. The meaning of a Change in Control is either defined in 2009 Plan, or, in certain circumstances, as defined in the participant s employment agreement or change-in-control agreement, if one exists. The 2009 Plan definition includes, among other things, such events as the sale of all or substantially all the assets of Iconix, any person becoming the beneficial owner of more than 50% of Iconix voting stock, and a merger of Iconix where Iconix stockholders own less than 51% of the voting stock of the surviving entity.

All unvested awards granted under the 2009 Plan will become fully vested immediately upon the occurrence of the Change in Control and such vested awards will be paid out or settled, as applicable, within 60 days upon the occurrence of the Change in Control, subject to requirements of applicable laws and regulations. The compensation committee may determine that upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, each Stock Option outstanding will terminate and the holder will receive, within 60 days upon the occurrence of the Change in Control, an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares underlying the award immediately prior to the occurrence of such Change in Control over the exercise price per share of such award. This cash out amount is payable in cash, in one or more kinds of property (including the property, if any, payable in the transaction) or in a combination thereof.

# Adjustments to Awards Due to Changes in Iconix s Capital Structure

In the event of any change in the shares of common stock by reason of a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, stock split, stock dividend, exchange of shares, or other similar change in the corporate structure or distribution to stockholders, each outstanding Stock Option will be adjusted. The adjustments will make each award exercisable thereafter for the securities, cash and/or other property

as would have been received in respect of the common stock subject to such award had the Stock Option been exercised in full immediately prior to the change or distribution. Furthermore, in the event of any such change or distribution, in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of participants rights under the 2009 Plan, the compensation committee has the authority to make equitable adjustments to, among other things, the number and kind of shares subject to outstanding awards and exercise price of outstanding awards.

# **Termination of Employment**

If a participant s employment is terminated due to death or disability, then the participant s unvested Stock Grants and unexercisable Stock Options become vested or exercisable, as applicable, immediately as of the date of the termination of the participant s employment. All Stock Options that were or became exercisable as of the date of the participant s death or termination of employment, will remain exercisable until the earlier of (i) the end of the one-year period following the date of the participant s death or following the date of the termination of his or her employment, as the case may be, or (ii) the date the Stock Option would otherwise expire. All unearned or unvested Performance Awards held by the participant on the date of the participant s death or the termination of his or her employment, as the case may be, will immediately become earned or vested as of such date and will be paid out or settled within 60 days following such termination based on the participant s performance immediately prior to the date of the participant s death or the date of the termination of his or her employment on a pro-rated basis with a minimum of at least one year into a performance period.

Other than as set forth in an employment or other agreement, the award agreement or other written agreement, a participant whose employment is voluntarily terminated by the participant, or whose employment is terminated for cause, as defined in the 2009 Plan, forfeits all awards granted to the participant under the 2009 Plan, whether or not vested, exercisable or earned, held by the participant on the date of such termination. A participant whose employment is terminated for any reason, other than for cause, death or disability, including, without limitation, retirement, forfeits all unvested, unexercisable and unearned awards granted to the participant. All exercisable Stock Options held by the participant on the date of the termination of his or her employment for any reason other than for voluntary termination, cause, death or disability will remain exercisable until the earlier of (i) the end of the 90-day period following the date of the termination of the participant is expire. The 2009 Plan is provisions relating to termination of employment may be modified in the discretion of the compensation committee.

# **Transferability**

Each award granted under the 2009 Plan to a participant who is subject to restrictions on transferability and/or exercisability is not transferable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and/or is exercisable, during the participant s lifetime, only by the participant. The compensation committee may allow a Stock Option to be exercisable during a period after the death of the participant by the executor or administrator of the estate of the deceased participant or the person or persons to whom the deceased participant s rights under the Stock Option will pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution. The compensation committee also may permit an award (other than an Incentive Stock Option) to be transferred by a participant solely to members of the participant s immediate family or trusts or family partnerships for the benefit of such persons, subject to any restriction included in the award agreement.

# Amendment of Awards

The terms and conditions applicable to any award may be amended or modified by mutual agreement between Iconix and the participant or any other persons as may then have an interest in the award. Also, by mutual agreement between Iconix and a participant under the 2009 Plan or under any other present or future plan of Iconix, awards may be granted to a participant in substitution and exchange for, and in cancellation of, any awards previously granted to a participant under the 2009 Plan or any other present or future plan of Iconix.

# Term and Amendment of the 2009 Plan

If the 2009 Plan is approved at this meeting it will terminate on August 13, 2019, unless terminated sooner by the Board or the compensation committee. Subject to the provisions of the 2009 Plan, the Board or the compensation committee may amend the 2009 Plan from time to time, and suspend or terminate the 2009 Plan at any time. Without stockholder approval, no amendment may (i) increase the total number of shares which may be issued under the 2009 Plan or the maximum number of shares with respect to which Stock Options and other awards that may be granted to any individual under the 2009 Plan; (ii) modify the requirements as to eligibility for awards under the 2009 Plan; (iii) disqualify any Incentive Stock Options granted under the 2009 Plan; or (iv) effect the repricing of Stock Options.

# **U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences**

The following information summarizes the material U.S. federal income tax consequences upon participants and the Company with respect to the grant and exercise of stock options under the 2009 Plan. It does not purport to be complete, and does not discuss the tax consequences of a participant s death or the provisions of the income tax laws of any municipality, state or foreign country in which the participant may reside. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable provisions of the Code and the regulations adopted under the Code, each as in effect on the date hereof.

Participants are encouraged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the municipal, state, U.S. federal and foreign income tax consequences in their particular circumstances and with respect to their particular awards. The provisions of the Code described in this section include current U.S. federal income tax law only and do not reflect any proposals to revise current tax law. The U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to officers, directors, and other persons who are subject to potential liability under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act may be different than the U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to persons who are not subject to Section 16(b).

To ensure compliance with IRS Circular 230, stockholders are hereby notified that: (a) any discussion of federal tax issues contained or referred to herein is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used by a stockholder, for the purpose of avoiding penalties that may be imposed on the stockholder under the Code, (b) such discussion is written in connection with this proxy statement and the matters addressed herein, and (c) a stockholder should seek advice based on his, her or its particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.

# **Incentive Stock Options**

Generally, under the Code, an optionee will not realize taxable income by reason of the grant or exercise of an Incentive Stock Option granted pursuant to the 2009 Plan (see, however, discussion of alternative minimum tax below). If an optionee exercises an Incentive Stock Option and does not dispose of the shares until the later of (i) two years from the date the option was granted and (ii) one year from the date of exercise, the entire gain, if any, realized upon disposition of such shares will be taxable to the optionee as long-term capital gain, and Iconix will not be entitled to any deduction. If an optionee disposes of the shares within the period of two years from the date of grant or one year from the date of exercise (a disqualifying disposition ), the optionee generally will realize ordinary income in the year of

disposition and Iconix will receive a corresponding deduction in an amount equal to the excess of (i) the lesser of (a) the amount, if any, realized on the disposition and (b) the fair market value of the shares on the date the option was exercised over (ii) the option price. Any additional gain realized on the disposition will be short- term or long-term capital gain and any loss will be long-term or short-term capital loss. The optionee will be considered to have disposed of a share if he or she sells, exchanges, makes a gift of or transfers legal title to the share (except transfers, among others, by pledge, on death or to a spouse). If the disposition is by sale or exchange, the optionee s tax basis will equal the amount paid for the shares plus any ordinary income realized as a result of the disqualifying disposition.

The exercise of an Incentive Stock Option may subject the optionee to the so-called alternative minimum tax (AMT). The amount by which the fair market value of the shares purchased at the time of the exercise exceeds the option exercise price is an adjustment for purposes of computing the AMT. In the event of a disqualifying disposition of the shares in the same taxable year as exercise of the Incentive Stock Option, no adjustment is then required for purposes of the AMT, but regular income tax, as described above, may result from such disqualifying disposition.

An optionee who surrenders shares as payment of the exercise price of his or her Incentive Stock Option generally will not recognize gain or loss on his or her surrender of such shares. The surrender of shares previously acquired upon exercise of an Incentive Stock Option in payment of the exercise price of another Incentive Stock Option, is, however, a disposition of such stock. If the Incentive Stock Option holding period requirements described above have not been satisfied with respect to such stock, such disposition will be a disqualifying disposition that may cause the optionee to recognize ordinary income as discussed above.

Under the Code, all of the shares received by an optionee upon exercise of an Incentive Stock Option by surrendering shares will be subject to the Incentive Stock Option holding period requirements. Of those shares, a number of shares (the Exchange Shares ) equal to the number of shares surrendered by the optionee will have the same tax basis for capital gains purposes (increased by any ordinary income recognized as a result of a disqualifying disposition of the surrendered shares if they were Incentive Stock Option shares) and the same capital gains holding period as the shares surrendered.

For purposes of determining ordinary income upon a subsequent disqualifying disposition of the Exchange Shares, the amount paid for such shares will be deemed to be the fair market value of the shares surrendered. The balance of the shares received by the optionee will have a tax basis (and a deemed purchase price) of zero and a capital gains holding period beginning on the date of exercise. The Incentive Stock Option holding period for all shares will be the same as if the option had been exercised for cash.

# Non-Qualified Stock Options

Generally, there will be no U.S. federal income tax consequences to either the optionee or Iconix on the grant of Non-Qualified Stock Options pursuant to the 2009 Plan. On the exercise of a Non-Qualified Stock Option, the optionee has taxable ordinary income equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares acquired on the exercise date over the option price of the shares. Iconix will be entitled to a U.S. federal income tax deduction (subject to the limitations contained in Code Section 162(m)) in an amount equal to such excess, provided that Iconix complies with applicable reporting rules.

Upon the sale of stock acquired by exercise of a Non-Qualified Stock Option, optionees will realize long-term or short-term capital gain or loss depending upon their holding period for such stock. For individuals, capital losses are deductible only to the extent of capital gains for the year plus \$3,000. An optionee who surrenders shares in payment of the exercise price of a Non-Qualified Stock Option will not recognize gain or loss with respect to the shares so delivered unless such shares were acquired

pursuant to the exercise of an Incentive Stock Option and the delivery of such shares is a disqualifying disposition. See Incentive Stock Options. The optionee will recognize ordinary income on the exercise of the Non-Qualified Stock Option as described above. Of the shares received in such an exchange, that number of shares equal to the number of shares surrendered have the same tax basis and capital gains holding period as the shares surrendered. The balance of shares received will have a tax basis equal to their fair market value on the date of exercise and the capital gains holding period will begin on the date of exercise.

# Stock Grants

The taxability of a Stock Grant to a participant is dependent upon the extent to which the award is restricted on the date of grant. If a Stock Grant is either transferable or not subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture, a participant will recognize taxable ordinary income on the date of grant. If a Stock Grant is both non-transferable and subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture on the date of grant, then unless an election is made as described below, a participant will not recognize taxable ordinary income on the date of grant, but will at such time or times as the Stock Grant becomes either transferable or not subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture in an amount equal to the fair market value of such shares at that time. Within thirty days of receipt of a Stock Grant that is not transferable and subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture, a participant may file an election with the Internal Revenue Service to include as taxable ordinary income in the year of receipt an amount equal to the fair market value of such shares will not be taxable as compensation to a participant upon the vesting of shares subject to the award. However, if shares subject to the award are forfeited subsequent to such an award, the amount recognized as ordinary income to a participant will be treated as the cost basis for such shares. Shares which are held for more than one year after vesting (or in the event of an election as described above, the date of receipt) generally will qualify for long-term capital gain treatment.

# Performance Awards

The tax consequences of a performance award depend upon the nature of the underlying award and if and when the performance goals are achieved. If a performance award consists of a promise to deliver common stock at a future date based upon the satisfaction of certain targets, such awards will be subject to U.S. federal income taxation as ordinary income based upon the fair market value of the common stock on the date such performance awards are earned by a participant by satisfying the performance targets, provided that such awards are not then subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture.

# Application of Code Section 409A to Deferred Compensation Arrangements

The 2009 Plan provides that, under certain circumstances, the receipt of a benefit resulting from an award under the 2009 Plan may be electively deferred by the participant (or the compensation committee, as applicable) to a time that is later than the year in which such benefit becomes vested. To the extent that a participant makes such a deferral election, Section 409A of the Code, which was enacted as part of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (the Jobs Act ), subjects the deferral arrangement to certain substantive requirements including (among other items) deferral election and payment timing requirements. In the event that a deferral arrangement fails to comply with Code Section 409A in form or operation, a participant may become subject to: (i) the imposition of U.S. federal income tax (and potentially state and local income tax) on all amounts deferred in the tax year in which the amounts are deferred (or, if later, in the tax year when the receipt of the benefits are no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture); (ii) a penalty tax of 20 percent of the includable amount (in addition to the regular

income tax at ordinary income rates); and (iii) interest at the underpayment rate plus 1 percent from the time the amount was first deferred (or, if later, the tax year when the benefits are no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture) until the time the amount is included in income. Code Section 409A may require significant changes to existing nonqualified deferred compensation plans no later than December 31, 2008. The 2009 Plan specifically provides that any awards in connection therewith shall be structured in a manner (as determined by the Board) that is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A, and that any deferrals of payments under the 2009 Plan (whether requested by the participant or otherwise required by the compensation committee) with respect to Awards under this Plan shall not be allowed except to the extent that such deferrals would not (in the judgment of the Board) cause the payments to fail to satisfy the requirements for nonqualified deferred compensation plans described in Section 409A of the Code. Generally speaking, Section 409A of the Code does not apply to incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options granted at fair market value if no deferral is provided beyond exercise, or to restricted stock. Although Iconix will institute a review of the 2009 Plan with respect to the requirements of Code Section 409A, each participant in the 2009 Plan may depend upon such person s situation, as well as the uncertain application of Code Section 409A, each participant in the 2009 Plan should consult his or her tax advisor as to the federal, state and local and other tax consequences with respect to the grant or exercise of an option or any other award granted under the 2009 Plan.

# Withholdings of Tax; Company Deduction

Generally, whenever a participant realizes ordinary income under the 2009 Plan, a corresponding deduction is available to Iconix provided Iconix complies with certain reporting requirements. Under Code Section 162(m), however, Iconix will be denied a deduction for certain compensation if it exceeds \$1,000,000 paid, excluding (among other things) certain performance-based compensation.

Iconix is entitled to withhold, or secure payment from a participant in lieu of withholding, the amount of any tax required by law to be withheld or paid by Iconix with respect to any amount payable or shares issuable under a participant s award

On June 25, 2009, the last sale price of the common stock was \$14.67 per share as reported on the Nasdaq Global Market.

# Awards to be made under the 2009 Plan

The Summary Compensation Table above contains information on shares of common stock awarded to the Company's named executive officers in 2008, all of which were awarded under the 2006 Plan. No other awards were granted to the Company's named executive officers in 2008. As noted above, certain RSUs and PSUs were awarded in February 2008 to the Company's chief executive officer, Neil Cole, under the terms of his new employment agreement. Mr. Cole is also currently entitled to an award of 472,673 additional PSUs under that agreement and Messrs. Clamen and Tarshis are each currently entitled to receive an award of 70,542 shares of common stock, in each case subject to stockholder approval of this proposal to adopt the 2009 Plan. The following table sets forth information regarding the stock-based awards that the Company currently expects to grant in 2009 under the 2009 Plan, subject to stockholder approval of the 2009 Plan.

# **New Plan Benefits**

### 2009 Equity Incentive Plan

Name and Position	Dollar Value (\$)	Number of Units (1)
Neil Cole, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer	(2)	472,673 <sup>(3)</sup>
Warren Clamen, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	(4)	70,542
Andrew Tarshis, Executive Vice President and General Counsel	(4)	70,542
Executive Group (3 persons)	(5)	613,757
Non-Executive Director Group (6 persons)	(6)	24,000 <sup>(7)</sup>
Non-Executive Officer Employee Group (1 person)	(8)	107,476

- (1) The amount of any other individual grants that will be made if the proposed 2009 Plan is approved has not been determined although we currently anticipate that additional awards of our common stock or other-stock based-awards will be made in 2009 and thereafter under the 2009 Plan to certain employees and other persons eligible to receive awards under the 2009 Plan.
- (2) The dollar value of the PSU award depends on the value of a share of common stock of the Company on the date of grant. The number of PSUs to be awarded under Mr. Cole s employment agreement was based upon a 10-day average price of \$20.31 per share determined in accordance with the terms of his new employment agreement. Based on closing price of \$14.67 on June 25, 2009, the value of the common stock underlying the PSUs is \$6,934,113.
- (3) The grant of 472,673 PSUs and the common stock issuable thereunder is subject to stockholder approval of the 2009 Plan (pursuant to this Proposal II), an amendment to increase the number of shares under the 2006 Plan, or approval of another incentive plan that would cover such grants.
- (4) Based on closing price of \$14.67 on June 25, 2009, the value of the common stock underlying these shares is \$1,034,851.
- (5) Based on closing price of \$14.67 on June 25, 2009, the value of the common stock underlying these shares is \$9,003,815.
- (6) The dollar value of the restricted shares of common stock awards to be granted to non-employee members of the Board depends on the value of a share of common stock of the Company on the date of grant.
- (7) Represents grant of 4,000 restricted shares of common stock anticipated to be awarded by the Company to each of the non-employee members of the Board on or about January 1, 2010.
- (8) Based on closing price of \$14.67 on June 25, 2009, the value of the common stock underlying these shares is \$1,576,673. There are two reasons for seeking stockholder approval of Proposal II. One is to satisfy a Nasdaq Stock Market requirement that requires companies whose shares are reported on the Nasdaq Global Market to obtain stockholder approval of stock plans for directors, officers or key employees. The second

reason is to satisfy requirements of the Code which require stockholder approval of the stock plan in order for options granted under the 2009 Plan to qualify as incentive stock options to the extent so designated and for the 2009 Plan to satisfy one of the conditions of Section 162(m) of the Code applicable to performance-based compensation.

# EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to all of the Company s equity compensation plans in effect as of December 31, 2008, without giving effect to the adoption of the 2009 Plan or shares subject to awards granted to our chief executive officer and others in 2008.

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Plan Category	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders:	2,951,537	4.83	75,965
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders <sup>: (1)</sup>	1,230,500	5.74	
Total	5,373,443	5.10	75,965

(1) Represents the aggregate number of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of individual arrangements with option and warrant holders, including 630,500 options issued under the terms of our 2001 Stock Option Plan. These options and warrants are up to three years in duration, expire at various dates through December 28, 2015, contain anti-dilution provisions providing for adjustments of the exercise price under certain circumstances and have termination provisions similar to options granted under stockholder approved plans. See Note 7 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 for a description of our stock option plans.

# Recommendation

#### The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR approval of Proposal II and the adoption of our 2009 Equity Incentive Plan.

#### **PROPOSAL III**

#### **RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF**

#### INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

BDO Seidman, LLP has audited and reported upon our financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. The audit committee of the Board of Directors has re-appointed BDO Seidman, LLP as our independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008. Although stockholder approval of the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP is not required by law, the audit committee and the Board of Directors believe that it is advisable to give stockholders an opportunity to ratify this appointment. Furthermore, although the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP is being submitted for stockholder ratification, the audit committee reserves the right, even after ratification by stockholders, to change the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP our independent registered public accountants, at any time during the 2009 fiscal year, if it deems such change to be in our best interest. A representative of BDO Seidman, LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting with the

opportunity to make a statement if he or she desires to do so and is expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

In addition to retaining BDO Seidman, LLP to audit our financial statements, we engage BDO Seidman, LLP from time to time to perform other services.

**Audit Fees**. The aggregate fees billed by BDO Seidman, LLP for professional services rendered for the audit of the Company s annual financial statements for fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007, internal controls over financial reporting and the reviews of the financial statements included in the Company s Forms 10-Q, comfort letter and consents related to SEC registration statements and other capital raising activities for fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007, totaled approximately \$551,482 and \$1,023,000, respectively.

Audit-Related Fees. There were approximately \$72,900 and \$189,000 aggregate fees billed by BDO Seidman, LLP for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company s financial statements for fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007, respectively, and that are not disclosed in the paragraph captions Audit Fees above. The majority of the audit-related fees in fiscal 2008 were related to the audits of the financial statements of IP Holdings and Candie s Foundation, whereas the majority of the audit-related fees in fiscal 2007 were related to audits of the financial statements for fiscal 2007 acquisitions.

**Tax Fees**. The aggregate fees billed by BDO Seidman, LLP for professional services rendered for tax compliance, for fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007, were approximately \$78,000, and \$55,000, respectively. The aggregate fees billed by BDO Seidman, LLP for professional services rendered for tax advice and tax planning, for fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007, were \$0 and \$0, respectively.

All Other Fees. There were no fees billed by BDO Seidman, LLP for products and services, other than the services described in the paragraphs captions Audit Fees, Audit-Related Fees, and Tax Fees above for fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007.

The audit committee has established its pre-approval policies and procedures, pursuant to which the audit committee approved the foregoing audit services provided by BDO Seidman, LLP in fiscal 2008. Consistent with the audit committee s responsibility for engaging our independent auditors, all audit and permitted non-audit services require pre-approval by the audit committee. The full audit committee approves proposed services and fee estimates for these services. The audit committee chairperson or their designee has been designated by the audit committee to approve any services arising during the year that were not pre-approved by the audit committee. Services approved by the audit committee chairperson are communicated to the full audit committee at its next regular meeting and the audit committee reviews services and fees for the fiscal year at each such meeting. Pursuant to these procedures, the audit committee approved all the foregoing audit services and permissible non-audit services provided by BDO Seidman, LLP.

# Recommendation

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR approval of Proposal III and the ratification of the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as our independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009.

# STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

Stockholders who wish to present proposals appropriate for consideration at our annual meeting of stockholders to be held in the year 2010 must submit the proposal in proper form consistent with our By-Laws to us at our address set forth on the first page of this proxy statement and in accordance with applicable regulations under Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act not later than March 1, 2010 in order for the proposition to be considered for inclusion in our proxy statement and form of proxy relating to such annual meeting. Any such proposals, should contain the name and record address of the stockholder, the class and number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned as of the record date established for the meeting, a description of, and reasons for, the proposal and all information that would be require to be included in the proxy statement file with the SEC if such stockholder was a participant in the solicitation subject to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The proposal and as well as any questions related thereto, should be directed to the Company s Secretary.

If a stockholder submits a proposal after the March 1, 2010 deadline required under Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act but still wishes to present the proposal at our Annual Meeting of Stockholders (but not in our proxy statement) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 to be held in 2010, the proposal, which must be presented in a manner consistent with our By-Laws and applicable law, must be submitted to the Secretary of the Company in proper form at the address set forth above so that it is received by the Company s Secretary not less than 50 nor more than 75 days prior to the meeting unless less than 65 days notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the meeting is given or made to stockholders, in which case, no less than the close of business on the tenth day following the date on which the notice of the date of the meeting was mailed or other public disclosure was made.

We did not receive notice of any proposed matter to be submitted by stockholders for a vote at this Annual Meeting and, therefore, in accordance with Exchange Act Rule 14a-4(c) any proxies held by persons designated as proxies by our Board of Directors and received in respect of this Annual Meeting will be voted in the discretion of our management on such other matter which may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Proxies for the Annual Meeting will be solicited by mail and through brokerage institutions and all expenses involved, including printing and postage, will be paid by us. In addition, arrangements will be made with brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to send proxies and proxy materials to the beneficial owners of stock, and we may reimburse such persons for their expenses.

The Board of Directors is aware of no other matters, except for those incident to the conduct of the Annual Meeting, that are to be presented to stockholders for formal action at the Annual Meeting. If, however, any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy to vote the proxy in accordance with their judgment.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Neil Cole, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer

June 29, 2009

ANNEX A

#### ICONIX BRAND GROUP, INC.

#### 2009 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

#### 1. Purpose

The 2009 Iconix Brand Group, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan (the Plan ) is intended to provide incentives which will attract, retain, motivate and reward highly competent persons as non-employee directors, executive officers and other employees of, or consultants and advisors to, Iconix Brand Group, Inc. (the Company ) or any of its subsidiary corporations, limited liability companies or other forms of business entities now existing or hereafter formed or acquired (Subsidiaries), by providing them opportunities to acquire shares of common stock, par value \$.001 per share, of the Company (Common Stock or Stock) or to receive other Awards (as defined in Section 4 below) described herein. Furthermore, the Plan is intended to assist in further aligning the interests of such non-employee directors, executive officers and other employees, consultants and advisors, with those of the stockholders of the Company.

#### 2. Administration

a. The Plan generally shall be administered by a committee (the Committee ) which shall be the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (the Board ) or another committee appointed by the Board from among its members. In the absence of such Committee, the Board shall administer the Plan. The use of the term Committee shall be deemed to mean the Board if no Committee has been appointed by the Board. Unless the Board determines otherwise, the Committee shall be comprised solely of not less than two members who each shall qualify as a (i) Non-Employee Director within the meaning of Rule 16b-3(b)(3) (or any successor rule) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ) and (ii) an outside director within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ), and the regulations thereunder. In addition, all Committee members shall be independent directors as defined in the applicable rules of the principal exchange or quotation system on which the Company s common equity is listed for trading. The Committee is authorized, subject to the provisions of the Plan, to establish such rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the proper administration of the Plan and to make such determinations and interpretations and interpretations made by the Committee shall be binding and conclusive on all persons and entities, including participants and their legal representatives.

b. No member of the Board, no member of the Committee and no agent of the Committee who is an employee of the Company shall be liable for any act or failure to act hereunder, except in circumstances involving his or her bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct, or for any act or failure to act hereunder by any other member or employee or by any agent to whom duties in connection with the administration of this Plan have been delegated. The Company shall indemnify members of the Board, members of the Committee and any agent of the Committee who is an employee of the Company against any and all liabilities or expenses to which they may be subjected by reason of any act or failure to act with respect to their duties on behalf of the Plan, except in circumstances involving such person s bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct.

c. The Committee shall have the authority to grant Awards to non-employee directors, executive officers and other employees of, or consultants and advisors to, the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. Notwithstanding the foregoing, subject to any prohibition under applicable law, including any applicable exchange or trading market requirements, the Committee may delegate (i) to one or more of its members such of its duties, powers and responsibilities as it may determine (other than the

allocation of Awards to the executive officers of the Company, persons who are officers of the Company within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules promulgated thereunder (Section 16 officers), or the directors of the Company); (ii) to one or more officers of the Company the authority to allocate Awards among such persons (other than to the executive officers of the Company or Section 16 officers or the directors of the Company) eligible to receive Awards under the Plan as such delegated officer or officers determine consistent with such delegation; *provided*, that with respect to any delegation described in this clause (ii) the Committee (or a properly delegated member or members of the Committee) shall (x) have authorized the issuance of a specified number of shares of Common Stock under such Awards and (y) shall have specified the consideration, if any, to be paid therefor; and (iii) to such employees or other persons as it determines such administrative duties as it may deem advisable. The Committee, or any person to whom it has delegated duties as aforesaid, may employ one or more persons to render advice with respect to any responsibility the Committee or such person may have under the Plan. The Committee may employ such legal or other counsel, consultants and agents as it may deem desirable for the administration of the Plan and may rely upon any opinion or computation received from any such counsel, consultant or agent. Expenses incurred by the Committee in the engagement of such counsel, consultant or agent shall be paid by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries whose employees have benefited from the Plan, as determined by the Committee.

# 3. Participants

Participants shall consist of such non-employee directors, executive officers and other employees of, or consultants and advisors to, the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and outside contractors who the Committee in its sole discretion determines to be significantly responsible for the success and future growth and profitability of the Company and who the Committee may designate from time to time to receive Awards under the Plan. Designation as a participant in any year shall not require the Committee to designate such person to receive an Award in any other year or, once designated, to receive the same type or amount of Award as granted to the participant in any other year. The Committee shall consider such factors as it deems pertinent in selecting participants and in determining the type, amount and other terms of Awards.

# 4. Types of Awards and Vesting Restrictions

Awards under the Plan may be granted in any one or a combination of (1) Stock Options, (2) Stock Grants, which for purposes of this Plan shall include (i) grants of Common Stock, (ii) unfunded and unsecured promises, denominated in shares of Stock, to deliver Stock or cash measured by the value of Stock (Stock Units) including Stock Units that are, or as to which the delivery of Stock or cash in lieu of Stock, is subject to the satisfaction of specific performance or other vesting conditions and (4) Performance Awards (individually an Award, and collectively, Awards). Stock Grants and Performance Awards may, as determined by the Committee, in its discretion, constitute Performance-Based Awards, as described in Section 9 below. Awards shall be evidenced by Award agreements (which need not be identical) in such forms as the Committee may from time to time approve; provided, however, that in the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Plan and any such agreements, the provisions of the Plan shall prevail.

The vesting restrictions above and any other restrictions placed on an Award, as determined by the Committee, shall not be waived by the Company, except in the case of the death, disability, or retirement of a Participant in receipt of Awards containing such restrictions, or in the event of a Change of Control as provided herein.

# 5. Common Stock Available Under the Plan

a. Shares Available. The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that may be subject to Awards, including shares of Common Stock underlying Stock Options, granted under this Plan shall be 3,000,000 shares of Common Stock, which may be authorized and unissued or treasury shares, subject to any adjustments made in accordance with Section 10 below.

b. Maximum Limits. The maximum number of shares of Common Stock with respect to which Awards may be granted or measured to any participant during any fiscal year of the Company shall not exceed 1,500,000 shares, subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 10 below.

c. Shares Underlying Awards That Again Become Available. Any shares of Common Stock subject to a Stock Option, Stock Grant or Performance Award, which for any reason are cancelled, forfeited, or surrendered to the Company including, but not limited to, any shares of Stock subject to an Award that are retained by the Company, or previously owned shares of Stock surrendered to the Company, as payment of the exercise price or tax withholding obligations with respect to an Award, shall again be available for Awards under the Plan. The preceding sentence shall apply only for purposes of determining the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock subject to Awards pursuant to Section 5.a above but shall not apply for purposes of determining the maximum number of shares of Common Stock subject to Awards that any individual participant may receive pursuant to Section 5.b above.

# 6. Stock Options

a. In General. The Committee is authorized to grant Stock Options to non-employee directors, executive officers and other employees of, or consultants or advisors to, the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and shall, in its sole discretion, determine which of such individuals shall receive Stock Options and the number of shares of Common Stock underlying each Stock Option. Stock Options may be (i) incentive stock options ( Incentive Stock Options ) within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, or (ii) Stock Options which do not qualify as Incentive Stock Options ( Non-Qualified Stock Options ). The Committee may grant to a participant in the Plan one or more Incentive Stock Options, Non-Qualified Stock Options, or both types of Stock Options. Each Stock Option shall be subject to such terms and conditions consistent with the Plan as shall be determined by the Committee and as set forth in the Award agreement. In addition, each Stock Option shall be subject to the following limitations set forth in this Section 6.

b. Exercise Price. Each Stock Option granted hereunder shall have such per-share exercise price as the Committee may determine on the date of grant; provided, however, subject to Section 6(e) below, that the per-share exercise price shall not be less than 100 percent of the Fair Market Value (as defined in Section 15 below) of Common Stock on the date the Stock Option is granted.

c. Payment of Exercise Price. Except for a Stock Option that is settled in the manner provided in Section 6(f) below, the Stock Option exercise price must be paid in cash. In the discretion of the Committee, a payment may also be made by delivering a properly executed exercise notice to the Company together with a copy of irrevocable instructions to a broker to deliver promptly to the Company the amount of sale or loan proceeds to pay the exercise price with the requirement of the broker same day reconciliation or as otherwise determined by the Company. To facilitate the foregoing, the Company may enter into agreements for coordinated procedures with one or more brokerage firms. The Committee may prescribe any other method of paying the exercise price that it determines to be consistent with applicable law and the purpose of the Plan.

d. Exercise Period. Stock Options granted under the Plan shall be exercisable at such time or times as specified in the Plan and the Award agreement; provided, however, that no Stock Option shall be exercisable later than ten years after the date it is granted.

e. Limitations on Incentive Stock Options. Incentive Stock Options may be granted only to participants who are executive officers or other employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries on the date of grant. The aggregate market value (determined as of the time the Stock Option is granted) of Common Stock with respect to which Incentive Stock Options (under all option plans of the Company) are exercisable for the first time by a participant during any calendar year shall not exceed \$100,000. For purposes of the preceding sentence, (i) Incentive Stock Options shall be taken into account in the order in which they are granted and (ii) Incentive Stock Options granted before 1995 shall not be taken into account. Incentive Stock Options may not be granted to any participant who, at the time of grant, owns stock possessing (after the application of the attribution rules of Section 424(d) of the Code) more than 10 percent of the total combined voting power of all outstanding classes of stock on the date of grant and the exercise of such option is prohibited by its terms after the expiration of five years from the date of grant of such option. In addition, no Incentive Stock Option shall be issued to a participant in tandem with a Non-Qualified Stock Option.

f. Alternative Settlement of Option. If provided in an Award agreement, or upon the receipt of written notice of exercise, or as otherwise provided for by the Board or Committee, as the case may be, either at or after the time of grant of the Stock Option, the Board or the Committee, as the case may be, may elect to settle all or part of any Stock Option by paying to the optionee an amount, in cash or Stock (valued at Fair Market Value on the date of exercise), equal to the product of the excess of the Fair Market Value of one share of Stock, on the date of exercise over the Stock Option exercise price, multiplied by the number of shares of Stock with respect to which the optionee proposes to exercise the Option. Any such settlements which relate to Options which are held by optionee who are subject to Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act shall comply with any window period provisions of Rule 16b-3, to the extent applicable, and with such other conditions as the Board or Committee, as the case may be, may impose.

# 7. Stock Grants

The Committee is authorized to grant Stock Grants to non-employee directors, executive officers and other employees of, or consultants or advisors to, the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and shall, in its sole discretion, determine which of such individuals shall receive Stock Grants and the number of shares of Common Stock underlying each Stock Grant. Each Stock Grant shall be subject to such terms and conditions consistent with the Plan as shall be determined by the Committee and as set forth in the Award agreement, including, without limitation, restrictions on the sale or other disposition of such shares, and, if provided in the Award agreement or the terms of the grant as determined by the Committee, the right of the Company to reacquire such shares for no consideration upon termination of the participant s employment with, or services performed for, the Company or any of its Subsidiaries within specified periods. The Committee may require the participant to deliver a duly signed stock power, endorsed in blank, relating to Common Stock covered by such Stock Grant and/or that the stock certificates evidencing such shares be held in custody or bear restrictive legends until the restrictions thereon shall have lapsed. The Award agreement shall specify whether the participant shall have, with respect to the shares of Common Stock subject to a Stock Grant, all of the rights of a holder of shares of Common Stock, including the right to receive dividends, if any, and to vote the shares.

# 8. Performance Awards

a. In General. The Committee is authorized to grant Performance Awards to executive officers and other employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and shall, in its sole discretion, determine such executive officers and other employees who will receive Performance Awards and the number of shares of Common Stock that may be subject to each Performance Award. Each Performance



Award shall be subject to such terms and conditions consistent with the Plan as shall be determined by the Committee and as set forth in the Award agreement. The Committee shall set performance targets at its discretion which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine the number and/or value of Performance Awards that will be paid out to the participants, and may attach to such Performance Awards one or more restrictions. Performance targets may be based upon, without limitation, Company-wide, divisional and/or individual performance or by reference to the Company s performance relative to an objective index or indices.

b. Payout. Payment of earned Performance Awards may be made in shares of Common Stock or in cash and shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed or authorized by the Committee. Subject to Section 21 below, if permitted by the Committee, the participant may elect to defer, or the Committee may require or permit the deferral of, the receipt of Performance Awards upon such terms as the Committee deems appropriate.

# 9. Performance-Based Awards

a. In General. All Stock Options granted under the Plan, certain Stock Grants and Performance Awards granted under the Plan, and the compensation attributable to such Awards, are intended (but not required) to (i) qualify as Performance-Based Awards (as defined in the next sentence) or (ii) be otherwise exempt from the deduction limitation imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code. Certain Awards granted under the Plan may be granted in a manner such that Awards qualify as qualified performance-based compensation (as such term is used in Section 162(m) of the Code and the regulations thereunder) and thus be exempt from the deduction limitation imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code (Performance-Based Awards). Awards shall only qualify as Performance-Based Awards if at the time of grant the Committee is comprised solely of two or more outside directors (as such term is used in Section 162(m) of the Code and the regulations thereunder). No Performance-Based Awards may be granted after the first meeting of the stockholders of the Company held five (5) or more years after the date of approval of this Plan by the stockholders of the Company until the listed performance measures set forth in 9 d. below (as originally approved or as subsequently amended) have been resubmitted to and reapproved by the stockholders of the Company in accordance with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code, unless such grant is made contingent upon such approval.

b. Stock Options. Stock Options granted under the Plan with an exercise price at or above the Fair Market Value of Common Stock on the date of grant are intended to qualify as Performance-Based Awards.

c. Other Awards. Stock Awards and Performance Awards granted under the Plan are intended to qualify as Performance-Based Awards if, as determined by the Committee, in its discretion, either the granting or vesting of such Award is subject to the achievement of a performance target or targets based on one or more of the performance measures specified in Section 9(d) below. With respect to such Awards intended to qualify as Performance-Based Awards:

(1) the Committee shall establish in writing (x) the objective performance-based goals applicable to a given period and (y) the individual employees or class of employees to which such performance-based goals apply no later than 90 days after the commencement of such period (but in no event after 25 percent of such period has elapsed);

(2) no Performance-Based Awards shall be payable to or vest with respect to, as the case may be, any participant for a given period until the Committee certifies in writing that the objective performance goals (and any other material terms) applicable to such period have been satisfied; and

(3) except as permitted under Section 10, after the establishment of a performance goal, the Committee shall not revise such performance goal or increase the amount of compensation payable thereunder (as determined in accordance with Section 162(m) of the Code) upon the attainment of such performance goal.

d. Performance Measures. The Committee may use the following performance measures (either individually or in any combination) to set performance targets with respect to Awards intended to qualify as Performance-Based Awards: sales; revenues; assets; costs; earnings before or after deduction for all or any portion of interest, taxes, depreciation, or amortization, whether or not on a continuing operations or an aggregate or per share basis; return on equity, investment, capital or assets; one or more operating ratios; borrowing levels, leverage ratios or credit rating; market share; capital expenditures; cash flow; stock price; stockholder return or stockholder value; sales of particular products or services; customer acquisition or retention; safety, health or environmental affairs performance; compliance; acquisitions and divestitures (in whole or in part); joint ventures and strategic alliances; spin-offs, split-ups and the like; reorganizations; or recapitalizations, restructurings, financings (issuance of debt or equity) or refinancings. A performance measure and any targets with respect thereto determined by the Committee or other administrator of the Plan need not be based upon an increase, a positive or improved result or avoidance of loss. To the extent consistent with the requirements for satisfying the performance-based compensation exception under Section 162(m), the Committee or other administrator may provide in the case of any Award intended to qualify for such exception that one or more of the performance criteria applicable to such Award will be adjusted in an objectively determinable manner to reflect events (for example, but without limitation, acquisitions or dispositions) occurring during the performance period that affect the applicable performance criteria.

#### 10. Adjustment Provisions

If there shall be any change in Common Stock of the Company, through merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, split up, spinoff, combination of shares, exchange of shares, dividend in kind or other like change in capital structure or distribution (other than normal cash dividends) to stockholders of the Company, an adjustment shall be made to each outstanding Stock Option such that each such Stock Option shall thereafter be exercisable for such securities, cash and/or other property as would have been received in respect of Common Stock subject to such Stock Option had such Stock Option been exercised in full immediately prior to such change or distribution, and such an adjustment shall be made successively each time any such change shall occur. In addition, in the event of any such change or distribution, in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of participants rights under the Plan, the Committee shall adjust, in an equitable manner, the number and kind of shares that may be issued under the Plan, the number and kind of shares subject to outstanding Awards, the exercise price applicable to outstanding Awards, and the Fair Market Value of Common Stock and other value determinations applicable to outstanding Awards. To the extent consistent with the requirements for satisfying the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code, if applicable, appropriate adjustments may also be made by the Committee in the terms of any Awards under the Plan to reflect such changes or distributions and to modify any other terms of outstanding Awards on an equitable basis, including modifications of performance targets and changes in the length of performance periods. In addition, other than with respect to Stock Options and other Awards intended to constitute Performance-Based Awards, the Committee is authorized to make adjustments to the terms and conditions of, and the criteria included in, Awards in recognition of unusual or nonrecurring events affecting the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or the financial statements of the Company, or in response to changes in applicable laws, regulations, or accounting principles. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) any adjustment with respect to an Incentive Stock Option shall comply with the rules of Section 424(a) of the Code, and (ii) in no event shall any adjustment be made which would render any Incentive Stock Option granted hereunder other than an incentive stock option for purposes of Section 422 of the Code.

# 11. Change in Control

a. Accelerated Vesting. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, if there is a Change in Control of the Company (as defined in Section 11(b) below), all unvested Awards granted under the Plan shall become fully vested immediately upon the occurrence of the Change of Control and such vested Awards shall be paid out or settled, as applicable, within 60 days upon the occurrence of the Change of Control, subject to requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

b. Definition. For purposes of this Section 11 and subject to Section 21 hereof, (i) if there is an employment agreement or a change-in-control agreement between the participant and the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in effect, and the definitions of change in control in any such agreements are substantially the same as the definitions of change in control that appear in the employment agreements between the Company and its three executive officers that were in effect on June 1, 2009, then Change in Control shall have the same definition as the definition of change in control contained in such employment agreement or change-in-control agreement, or (ii) if Change in Control is not defined in such employment agreement or change-in-control agreement between the participant and the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in effect, a Change in Control of the Company shall be deemed to have occurred upon any of the following events:

(1) any person or other entity (other than any of the Company s Subsidiaries or any employee benefit plan sponsored by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries) including any person as defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, becomes the beneficial owner, as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, directly or indirectly, of either (a) more than 50 percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of capital stock of the Company normally entitled to vote for the election of directors of the Company (the Voting Stock ) or (b) more than fifty percent of the Fair Market Value of the Voting Stock;

(2) any person or entity or group (other than a person or entity or group that is related to the Company) acquires assets from the Company that have a total gross fair market value equal or exceeding 50 percent of the total gross fair market value of all of the Company s assets immediately prior to the date such acquisition of assets occurs (taking into account all such assets acquired during the 12-month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition of assets);

(3) any person or other entity (other than any of the Company s Subsidiaries or any employee benefit plan sponsored by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries) including any person as defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, becomes the beneficial owner, as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, directly or indirectly, of 50 percent or more of the Voting Stock, taking into account all such Voting Stock acquired by such person or entity during the 12-month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition of such Voting Stock; or

(4) a change in the Company's Board occurs during any 12-month period (the Measurement Period) with the result that the members of the Board at the commencement of the Measurement Period (the Incumbent Directors) no longer constitute a majority of such Board, provided that any person becoming a director (other than a director whose initial assumption of office is in connection with an actual or threatened election contest or the settlement thereof, including but not limited to a consent solicitation, relating to the election of directors of the Company) whose election or nomination for election was supported by a majority of the then Incumbent Directors shall be considered an Incumbent Director for purposes hereof.

c. Cashout. The Committee, in its discretion, may determine that, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control of the Company, each Stock Option outstanding hereunder shall terminate and such holder shall receive, within 60 days upon the occurrence of the Change of Control, with respect to each share of Common Stock subject to such Stock Option, an amount equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of such shares of Common Stock immediately prior to the occurrence of such Change in Control over the exercise price per share of such Stock Option; such amount to be payable in cash, in one or more kinds of property (including the property, if any, payable in the transaction) or in a combination thereof, as the Committee, in its discretion, shall determine.

# 12. Termination of Employment

a. Subject to any written employment or other agreement between the participant and the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, if a participant s employment is terminated due to death or disability:

(1) all unvested Stock Grants held by the participant on the date of the participant s death or the date of the termination of his or her employment as the case may be, shall immediately become vested as of such date;

(2) all unexercisable Stock Options held by the participant on the date of the participant s death or the date of the termination of his or her employment, as the case may be, shall immediately become exercisable as of such date and shall remain exercisable until the earlier of (i) the end of the one-year period following the date of the participant s death or the date of the termination of his or her employment, as the case may be, or (ii) the date the Stock Option would otherwise expire;

(3) all exercisable Stock Options held by the participant on the date of the participant s death or the date of the termination of his or her employment, as the case may be, shall remain exercisable until the earlier of (i) the end of the one-year period following the date of the participant s death or the date of the termination of his or her employment, as the case may be, or (ii) the date the Stock Option would otherwise expire; and

(4) all unearned and/or unvested Performance Awards held by the participant on the date of the participant s death or the date of the termination of his or her employment, as the case may be, with regard to which a minimum of one year of the performance period (as defined by the Committee) has elapsed, shall immediately become earned or vested as of such date and shall be paid out and/or settled in a single sum within 60 days following such termination based on the participant s performance immediately prior to the date of the participant s death or the date of the termination of his or her employment on a pro-rated basis.

b. Subject to (i) any written employment or other written agreement between the participant and the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (ii) the discretion of the Committee to provide otherwise either on or after the date of grant of an Award, if a participant s employment is terminated by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, for Cause (as defined in Section 12(f) below), or if a participant voluntarily terminates the participant s employment with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, all Awards, whether or not vested, earned or exercisable, held by the participant on the date of the termination of his or her employment for Cause, or on the date of the participant s voluntary termination of employment, shall immediately be forfeited by such participant as of such date.

c. Subject to any written agreement between the participant and the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, if a participant s employment is terminated for any reason, including, without limitation, retirement, other than for Cause or other than due to death or disability:

(1) all unvested, unearned or unexercisable Awards held by the participant on the date of the termination of his or her employment shall immediately be forfeited by such participant as of such date; and

(2) all exercisable Stock Options held by the participant on the date of the termination of his or her employment shall remain exercisable until the earlier of (i) the end of the 90-day period following the date of the termination of the participant s employment, or (ii) the date the Stock Option would otherwise expire.

d. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, the Committee may, in its discretion, provide that:

(1) any or all unvested Stock Grants held by the participant on the date of the termination of the participant s employment shall immediately become vested as of such date;

(2) any or all unexercisable Stock Options held by the participant on the date of the participant s death and/or the date of the termination of his or her employment shall immediately become exercisable as of such date and shall remain exercisable until a date that occurs on or prior to the date the Stock Option is scheduled to expire, provided, however, that Incentive Stock Options shall remain exercisable not longer than the end of the 90-day period following the date of the termination of the participant s employment;

(3) any or all exercisable Stock Options held by the participant on the date of the participant s death and/or the date of the termination of his or her employment shall remain exercisable until a date that occurs on or prior to the date the Stock Option is scheduled to expire, provided, however, that Incentive Stock Options shall remain exercisable not longer than the end of the 90-day period following the date of the termination of the participant s employment; and/or

(4) a participant shall immediately become vested in all or a portion of any earned Performance Awards held by such participant on the date of the termination of the participant s employment, and such vested Performance Awards (or portion thereof) and/or any unearned Performance Awards (or portion thereof) held by such participant on the date of the termination of his or her employment shall immediately become payable to such participant as if all performance goals had been met as of the date of the termination of his or her employment, provided, however, that no portion of a payment shall be made if such portion would not be deductible under Section 162 of the Code.

e. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, (i) the provisions contained in this Section 12 shall be applied to an Incentive Stock Option only if the application of such provision maintains the treatment of such Incentive Stock Option as an Incentive Stock Option and (ii) the exercise period of an Incentive Stock Option in the event of a termination due to disability provided in Section 12(a)(3) above shall only apply if the participant s disability satisfies the requirement of permanent and total disability as defined in Section 22(e)(3) of the Code.

f. For purposes of this Section 12, (i) if there is an employment agreement between the participant and the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in effect, Cause shall have the same definition as the definition of cause contained in such employment agreement; or (ii) if Cause is not defined in such employment agreement or if there is no employment agreement between the participant and the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in effect, Cause shall include, but is not limited to:

(1) any willful and continuous neglect of or refusal to perform the employee s duties or responsibilities with respect to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, insubordination, dishonesty, gross neglect or willful malfeasance by the participant in the performance of such duties and responsibilities, or the willful taking of actions which materially impair the participant s ability to perform such duties and responsibilities, or any serious violation of the rules or regulations of the Company;

(2) the violation of any local, state or federal criminal statute, including, without limitation, an act of dishonesty such as embezzlement, theft or larceny;

(3) intentional provision of services in competition with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or intentional disclosure to a competitor of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of any confidential or proprietary information of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; or

(4) any similar conduct, including, without limitation, disparagement of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, by the participant with respect to which the Company determines in its discretion that the participant has terminated employment under circumstances such that the payment of any compensation attributable to any Award granted under the Plan would not be in the best interest of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

For purposes of this Section 12, the Committee shall have the authority to determine whether the Cause exists and whether subsequent actions on the part of the participant have cured the Cause.

### 13. Transferability

Each Award granted under the Plan to a participant who is subject to restrictions on transferability and/or exercisability shall not be transferable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution and/or shall be exercisable, during the participant s lifetime, only by the participant. In the event of the death of a participant, each Stock Option theretofore granted to him or her shall be exercisable in accordance with Section 12 above and then only by the executor or administrator of the estate of the deceased participant or the person or persons to whom the deceased participant s rights under the Stock Option shall pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at the discretion of the Committee, an Award (other than an Incentive Stock Option) may permit the transferability of such Award by a participant solely to members of the participant s immediate family or trusts or family partnerships for the benefit of such persons, subject to any restriction included in the Award agreement.

### 14. Other Provisions

Awards granted under the Plan may also be subject to such other provisions (whether or not applicable to the Award granted to any other participant) as the Committee determines on the date of grant to be appropriate, including, without limitation, for the installment purchase of Common Stock under Stock Options to assist the participant, excluding an executive officer or a director, in financing the acquisition of Common Stock, for the forfeiture of, or restrictions on resale or other disposition of, Common Stock acquired under any form of the Award, for the acceleration of exercisability or vesting of Awards in the event of the Change in Control of the Company, or to comply with federal and state securities laws, or understandings or conditions as to the participant s employment, in addition to those specifically provided for under the Plan. In addition, except as otherwise provided herein (including,

without limitation Section 21 hereof), a participant may defer receipt or payment of any Award granted under this Plan, in accord with the terms of any deferred compensation plan or arrangement of the Company. The Committee shall have the authority to retract any Award granted under the Plan in case of a material restatement of the financial statements of the Company or if it is otherwise determined by the Committee that the previously granted Award was not earned by the participant.

No shares of Stock shall be issued, delivered or transferred upon exercise or in payment of any Award granted hereunder unless and until all legal requirements applicable to the issuance, delivery or transfer of such shares have been complied with to the satisfaction of the Committee, and the Company, including, without limitation, compliance with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, the Exchange Act and the applicable requirements of the exchanges or trading markets on which the Company s Stock may, at the time, be listed. The Committee and the Company shall have the right to condition any issuance of shares of Stock made to any participant hereunder on such participant s undertaking in writing to comply with such restrictions on his or her subsequent disposition of such shares as the Committee and/or the Company shall deem necessary or advisable as a result of any applicable law, regulation or official interpretation thereof, and certificates representing such shares may be legended to reflect any such restrictions.

### 15. Fair Market Value

For purposes of this Plan and any Awards granted hereunder, Fair Market Value shall be (i) the closing price of Common Stock on the date of grant in the case of a Stock Option or date of reference for any other Award (or on the last preceding trading date if Common Stock was not traded on such date) if Common Stock is readily tradeable on a national securities exchange or other market system or (ii) if Common Stock is not readily tradeable, the amount determined in good faith by the Committee as the fair market value of Common Stock.

# 16. Withholding

All payments or distributions of Awards made pursuant to the Plan shall be net of any amounts required to be withheld pursuant to applicable federal, state and local or foreign tax withholding requirements. If the Company proposes or is required to distribute Common Stock pursuant to the Plan or a participant, it may require the participant receiving such Common Stock to remit to it or to the Subsidiary that employs such participant an amount sufficient to satisfy such tax withholding requirements prior to the delivery of any certificates for such Common Stock. In lieu thereof, the Company or the Subsidiary employing the participant shall have the right to withhold the amount of such taxes from any other sums due or to become due from the Company or the Subsidiary, as the case may be, to the participant receiving Common Stock, as the Committee shall prescribe. The Committee may, in its discretion, and subject to such rules as the Committee may adopt (including any as may be required to satisfy applicable tax and/or non-tax regulatory requirements), permit a participant to pay all or a portion of the federal, state and local of foreign withholding taxes arising in connection with any Award consisting of shares of Common Stock, including Common Stock that is part of the Award that gives rise to the withholding requirement, by electing to have the Company withhold shares of Common Stock having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of tax to be withheld, such tax calculated at rates required by statute or regulation.

#### 17. Tenure

A participant s right, if any, to continue to serve the Company or any of its Subsidiaries as a non-employee director, executive officer, other employee, consultant or advisor or otherwise shall not be enlarged or otherwise affected by his or her designation as a participant under the Plan.

#### 18. Unfunded Plan

Participants shall have no right, title, or interest whatsoever in or to any investments which the Company may make to aid it in meeting its obligations under the Plan. Nothing contained in the Plan, and no action taken pursuant to its provisions, shall create or be construed to create a trust of any kind, or a fiduciary relationship between the Company and any participant, beneficiary, legal representative or any other person. To the extent that any person acquires a right to receive payments from the Company under the Plan, such right shall be no greater than the right of an unsecured general creditor of the Company. All payments to be made hereunder shall be paid from the general funds of the Company and no special or separate fund shall be established and no segregation of assets shall be made to assure payment of such amounts except as expressly set forth in the Plan. The Plan is not intended to be subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

### 19. No Fractional Shares

No fractional shares of Common Stock shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award. The Committee shall determine whether cash, or Awards, or other property shall be issued or paid in lieu of fractional shares or whether such fractional shares or any rights thereto shall be forfeited or otherwise eliminated.

### 20. Duration, Amendment and Termination

No Award shall be granted more than ten years after the Effective Date; provided, however, that the terms and conditions applicable to any Award granted prior to such date may thereafter be amended or modified by mutual agreement between the Company and the participant or such other persons as may then have an interest therein. Also, by mutual agreement between the Company and a participant under this Plan or under any other present or future plan of the Company, Awards may be granted to such participant in substitution and exchange for, and in cancellation of, any Awards previously granted to such participant under this Plan, or any other present or future plan of the Company; provided, however, that no such substitution shall result in the reduction of the exercise price of a previously granted Stock Option or other Award without stockholder approval. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no stockholder approval shall be required to reduce the exercise price of a previously granted Stock Option or other Award as a result of a merger, reorganization, consolidation, recapitalization, stock dividend, stock split, extraordinary distribution with respect to the Stock or other change in corporate structure affecting the Stock, and such adjustment is made in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of rights of the holder of the Stock Option or other Award as provided in Section 10 hereof. The Board or the Committee may amend the Plan from time to time or suspend or terminate the Plan at any time. However, no action authorized by this Section 20 shall reduce the amount of any existing Award or change the terms and conditions thereof without the participant s consent. No amendment of the Plan shall, without approval of the stockholders of the Company, (i) increase the total number of shares which may be issued under the Plan or the maximum number of shares with respect to Stock Options and other Awards that may be granted to any individual under the Plan; (ii) modify the requirements as to eligibility for Awards under the Plan; or (iii) effect the repricing of Stock Options; provided, however, that no amendment may be made without approval of the stockholders of the Company if the amendment will disqualify any Incentive Stock Options granted hereunder.

# 21. Compliance with Section 409A of the Code

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, any Award granted under this Plan that is not exempt from the requirements of Section 409A of the Code shall contain such provisions so that such Award shall comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. Such restrictions, if any, shall be determined by the Board. For example, any deferrals of payments to any participant (whether requested by the participant of otherwise required by the Committee) with respect to Awards under this Plan shall not be allowed except to the extent that such deferrals would not cause the payments to fail to satisfy the requirements for nonqualified deferred compensation plans described in Section 409A of the Code.

# 22. Governing Law.

This Plan, Awards granted hereunder and actions taken in connection herewith shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of incorporation of the Company (regardless of the law that might otherwise govern under applicable principles of conflict of laws of the laws of the state of incorporation of the Company).

# 23. Severability

In case any provision of this Plan shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

# 24. Effective Date

a. The Plan shall be effective as of the date on which the Plan is approved by the stockholders of the Company at an annual meeting or any special meeting of stockholders of the Company (the Effective Date ) and such approval of stockholders shall be a condition to the right of each participant to receive Awards hereunder.

b. This Plan shall terminate on the 10th anniversary of the Effective Date (unless sooner terminated by the Board).



# ICONIX BRAND GROUP, INC.

# 1450 BROADWAY

# NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10018

# PROXY FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD AUGUST 13, 2009.

# THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned hereby appoints NEIL COLE and WARREN CLAMEN, and each of them, Proxies, with full power of substitution in each of them, in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Iconix Brand Group, Inc. (the Company ) on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at the offices of the Company, 1450 Broadway, New York, NY 10018 or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof, according to the number of votes that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present, upon the following matters:

#### (Continued and to be dated and signed on reverse side)

# PROXY

THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN. IF NO INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THOSE NOMINEES IN PROPOSAL 1 AND THE OTHER PROPOSALS LISTED BELOW. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE <u>FOR</u> ALL THE NOMINEES LISTED IN PROPOSAL 1 AND <u>FOR</u> PROPOSALS 2, and 3. YOU CAN VIEW OR PRINT A COPY OF OUR ANNUAL MEETING MATERIALS AT www.Iconixbrand.com/proxymaterials.html.			Please	
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1. FOR all nomine <b>by fighted</b> OLD AUTHORITY to " below (except as <b>indecfated</b> ll nominees listed below to the contrary)	2. To approve the adoption of the Company s 2009 Equity Incentive Plan			
Neil Cole, Barry Emanuel, Steven Mendelow, Drew Cohen, F. Peter Cuneo, Mark Friedman and James A. Marcum				
		FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
	3. Ratification of the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as the Company s independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009			
(INSTRUCTION: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, write that nominee s name in the space below)				
	4. In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other			
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Please sign exactly as name appears hereon When shares are held by joint tenants, both should sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If a corporation, please sign in full corporate name by President or other authorized officer. If a partnership, please

sign in partnership name by authorized person.