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

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

EMERSON ELECTRIC CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

> 8000 West Florissant Ave. St. Louis, Missouri (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

43-0259330 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 63136 (Zip Code)

National Instruments Corporation 2022 Equity Incentive Plan National Instruments Corporation 2020 Equity Incentive Plan National Instruments Corporation 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (Full title of the plan)

> John A. Sperino, Esq. Vice President and Assistant Secretary Emerson Electric Co. 8000 West Florissant Avenue St. Louis, Missouri 63136 (314) 553-2000

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

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

| Large accelerated filer | | Accelerated filer | |
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| Non-accelerated filer | □ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) | Smaller reporting company | |
| | | Emerging growth company | |

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Emerson Electric Co. ("Emerson" or the "Registrant"), is filing this registration statement on Form S-8 (this "Registration Statement") to register up to 2,113,555 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.50 per share ("Emerson Common Stock"), issuable pursuant to outstanding and unvested awards of restricted stock units and performance stock units granted under the National Instruments Corporation 2022 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2022 NIC Plan"), the National Instruments Corporation 2020 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2015 NIC Plan") and the National Instruments Corporation 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2015 NIC Plan" and, collectively with the 2022 NIC Plan and the 2020 NIC Plan, the "NIC Plans"), which awards were assumed by the Registrant in connection with completion of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), dated April 12, 2023, by and among Emerson, Emersub CXIV, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Emerson ("Merger Sub"), and National Instrument Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("NIC" and, such merger, the "Merger").

In accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement, at the effective time of the Merger (the "Effective Time"), each award of restricted stock units and performance stock units granted under any of the NIC Plans that was outstanding and unvested as of immediately prior to the Effective Time ("NIC Awards") was assumed by Emerson and converted into an award of time-based restricted stock units with respect to Emerson Common Stock ("Emerson Awards"), subject to the same terms and conditions (including vesting schedule) that applied to the corresponding NIC Awards immediately prior to the Effective Time. The number of shares of Emerson Common Stock subject to each such Emerson Award equals the target number of shares of NIC common stock subject to the corresponding NIC Award immediately prior to the Effective Time (in the Effective Time multiplied by the exchange ratio (as defined below). The "exchange ratio" is equal to 0.63146, which equals the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the merger consideration by (ii) the volume-weighted average closing price per share of Emerson Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange for the five consecutive trading day period ending on the last trading day preceding the closing date.

PART I INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The documents containing the information specified in Item 1 and Item 2 of Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). In accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") and the instructions to Form S-8, such documents are not being filed with the Commission either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act.

PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents previously filed by the Registrant with the Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), are incorporated herein by reference:

- the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, filed with the Commission on November 14, 2022 (the "Annual Report"), including the sections of the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A for the Registrant's 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, as filed with the Commission on December 9, 2022, incorporated by reference in the Annual Report;
- the Registrant's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended December 31, 2022, March 31, 2023 and June 30, 2023 filed with the Commission on February 8, 2023, May 3, 2023 and August 2, 2023, respectively;
- the Registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on February 10, 2023, February 21, 2023, April 6, 2023, April 12, 2023, April 12, 2023, May 2, 2023, May 3, 2023, June 2, 2023 and August 2, 2023.
- All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Annual Report;
- The description of the Registrant's common stock included as Exhibit 4(c) to the Annual Report, including any amendment or report filed for purposes of updating such description.

In addition, all documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein (or in any other subsequently filed document which also is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein), modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

John A. Sperino, Esq., Vice President and Assistant Secretary of the Registrant, has opined as to the legality of the securities being offered by this Registration Statement. Mr. Sperino is not eligible to participate in the NIC Plans.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of Sections 351.355 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and the Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, as amended, of the Registrant.

The Registrant is a Missouri corporation. Section 351.355(1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri provides that a corporation may indemnify a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and settlement amounts actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section 351.355(2) provides that the corporation may indemnify any such person in any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation against expenses, including attorneys' fees and settlement amounts actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense or settlement of the action or suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that he or she may not be indemnified in respect of any claim, issue or matter in which he or she has been adjudged liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to the corporation, unless, and only to the extent, authorized by the court.

Section 351.355(3) provides that a corporation shall indemnify any such person against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the action, suit or proceeding if he or she has been successful in defense of such action, suit or proceeding and if such action, suit or proceeding is one for which the corporation may indemnify him or her under Section 351.355(1) or (2). Section 351.355(7) provides that a corporation shall have the power to give any further indemnity to any such person, in addition to the indemnity otherwise authorized under Section 351.355, provided such further indemnity is either (i) authorized, directed or provided for in the articles of incorporation of the corporation or any duly adopted amendment thereof or (ii) is authorized, directed or provided for in any bylaw or agreement of the corporation which has been adopted by a vote of the shareholders of the corporation, provided that no such indemnity shall indemnify any person from or on account of such person's conduct which was finally adjudged to have been knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or willful misconduct.

The Registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with the directors of the Registrant and adopted amendments to the Bylaws of the Registrant which incorporate indemnity provisions permitted by Section 351.355(7) described above. The agreements and amended Bylaws provide that the Registrant will indemnify its directors, officers and employees against all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and settlement amounts, actually and reasonably paid or incurred in any action or proceeding, including any action on behalf of the Registrant, on account of their service as a director, officer or employee of the Registrant, any subsidiary of the Registrant or any other company or enterprise when they are serving in such capacities at the request of the Registrant, excepting only cases where (i) the conduct of such person is adjudged to be knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or willful misconduct, (ii) a final court adjudication shall determine that such indemnification is not lawful, (iii) judgment is rendered against such person for an accounting of profits made from a purchase or sale of securities of the Registrant in violation of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act or of any similar statutory law, (iv) any remuneration paid to such person is adjudicated to have been paid in violation of law or (v) the action is brought by the Registrant, except where it is brought in the right of the Registrant or in connection with an acquisition of the Registrant in a transaction not approved by the Board of Directors by a majority of its continuing directors, which for this purpose means those directors holding office prior to the time of such acquisition or any successors who were approved as successors by the directors holding office prior to the time of such acquisition or any successors who were approved by the Registrant. The amended Bylaws also provide that the Registrant may advance expenses incurred by an employee or agent, and shall pay expenses incurred by a director or officer, in advance

Article 10 of the Registrant's Restated Articles of Incorporation provides that the liability of the Registrant's directors to the Registrant or any of its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director shall be eliminated to the fullest extent permitted under the Missouri General and Business Corporation Law. Any repeal or modification of Article 10 by the Registrant's shareholders shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Registrant existing at the time of such repeal or modification with respect to acts or omissions occurring prior to such repeal or modification.

The Registrant maintains directors' and officers' liability insurance.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

| Item 8. | Exhibits. | | |
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| Exhibit Number | Description | | |
| 4.1 | Restated Articles of Incorporation of Emerson Electric Co. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(a) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2001). | | |
| 4.2 | Bylaws of Emerson Electric Co., as amended through May 4, 2021 (incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K dated May 4, 2021, filed on May 4, 2021). | | |
| 5 | Opinion of John A. Sperino, Esq., Vice President and Assistant Secretary (filed herewith) | | |
| 23.1 | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (Filed herewith) | | |
| 23.2 | Consent of John A. Sperino, Esq., Vice President and Assistant Secretary (included in Exhibit 5) (filed herewith) | | |
| 24 | Powers of Attorney (included in the signature pages hereto) | | |
| 99.1 | National Instruments Corporation 2022 Equity Incentive Plan (filed herewith) | | |
| 99.2 | National Instruments Corporation 2020 Equity Incentive Plan (filed herewith) | | |
| 99.3 | National Instruments Corporation 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (filed herewith) | | |
| <u>107</u> | Filing Fee Table (filed herewith) | | |

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the Plan not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

provided, however, that the undertakings set forth in paragraphs (a)(1)(i)and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement;

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

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

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof;

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

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, on this 11th day of October, 2023.

Emerson Electric Co.

By: /s/ John A. Sperino

Name:John A. Sperino, Esq.Title:Vice President and Assistant Secretary

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each of the undersigned constitutes and appoints each of M. J. Baughman, S. Y. Bosco, and J. A. Sperino, each acting alone, their true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for such person and in their name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign this Registration Statement on Form S-8 and all post-effective amendments thereto, of Emerson Electric Co., and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other document in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, each acting alone, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming that any such attorney-in-fact and agent, or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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

| Signature | Title | Date |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| /s/ James S. Turley | Chair | October 3, 2023 |
| James S. Turley | | , |
| /s/ Surendralal (Lal) L. Karsanbhai | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director | October 3, 2023 |
| Surendralal (Lal) L. Karsanbhai | | |
| | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Chief | |
| /s/ Mike J. Baughman | Accounting Officer | October 3, 2023 |
| Mike J. Baughman | | |
| /s/ Mark A. Blinn | Director | October 3, 2023 |
| Mark A. Blinn | | |
| /s/ Joshua B. Bolten | Director | October 3, 2023 |
| Joshua B. Bolten | | |
| /s/ Martin S. Craighead | Director | October 3, 2023 |
| Martin S. Craighead | | |
| /s/ William H. Easter III | Director | October 3, 2023 |
| William H. Easter III | | |
| /s/ Gloria A. Flach | Director | October 3, 2023 |
| Gloria A. Flach | | |
| /s/ Arthur F. Golden | Director | October 3, 2023 |
| Arthur F. Golden | | |
| /s/ Leticia Gonçalves | Director | October 3, 2023 |
| Leticia Gonçalves | | |
| /s/ Candance Kendle | Director | October 3, 2023 |
| Candance Kendle | | |
| /s/ Lori M. Lee | Director | October 3, 2023 |
| Lori M. Lee | | |
| /s/ Matthew S. Levatich | Director | October 3, 2023 |
| Matthew S. Levatich | | |
| /s/ Jim McKelvey | Director | October 3, 2023 |
| Jim McKelvey | | |

JOHN A. SPERINO VICE PRESIDENT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY (314) 553-1026

October 11, 2023

Emerson Electric Co. 8000 West Florissant Avenue P.O. Box 4100 St. Louis, MO 63136-8506

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am Vice President and Assistant Secretary of Emerson Electric Co. (the "Company"), and in such capacity I am familiar with the preparation of the registration statement on Form S-8 (as amended from time to time, the "Registration Statement") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), on the date hereof. The Registration Statement is being filed on the date of this letter with the Commission by the Company related to the registration under the Securities Act, of up to 2,113,555 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.50 per share (the "Common Stock"), issuable pursuant to certain outstanding and unvested awards of restricted stock units and performance stock units and other rights to acquire Common Stock (collectively, the "NIC Awards") granted under the: (i) National Instruments Corporation 2022 Equity Incentive Plan; (ii) National Instruments Corporation 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (such plans, as may have been amended and restated from time to time, collectively, the "NIC Plans"). The NIC Awards were assumed by the Company in connection with the consummation of the merger of National Instrument Corporation with and into Emersub CXIV, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, on October 11, 2023. This opinion is delivered in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

I have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to my satisfaction, of such documents, corporate records, certificates of public officials and other instruments as I deemed necessary for the purpose of the opinion expressed herein. In my examination of the foregoing, I have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to me as originals, the genuineness of all signatures and the conformity to authentic originals of all documents submitted to me as copies. I have also assumed the legal capacity for all purposes relevant hereto of all natural persons.

Based on and subject to the foregoing, and the qualifications and limitations set forth herein, and having regard for such legal considerations as I have deemed relevant, it is my opinion that the shares of Common Stock have been duly authorized and, when the shares of Common Stock have been issued (and the required consideration received therefor) in accordance with the NIC Plans, the award agreements evidencing the NIC Awards and the Registration Statement, such shares of Common Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

This opinion is subject to the limitations, if any, of Title 11 U.S.C., as amended, and of the applicable insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by principles of equity. The foregoing opinion is based on and limited to the laws of the State

of Missouri and the federal laws of the United States of America, and I express no opinion as to the laws of any other jurisdiction.

This opinion is delivered as of the date hereof, and I undertake no obligation to advise you of any changes in applicable law or any other matters that may come to my attention after the date hereof.

I hereby consent to the use of the foregoing opinion as Exhibit 5 of the Registration Statement filed with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, I do not hereby admit that I am included in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

<u>/s/ John A. Sperino</u> John A. Sperino Vice President and Assistant Secretary

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the use of our report dated November 14, 2022, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Emerson Electric Co., and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, incorporated by reference herein. The audit report on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2022, contains an explanatory paragraph that states the Company acquired Aspen Technology, Inc. during 2022, and management excluded from its assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2022, Aspen Technology, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting representing 36 percent of total assets and 2 percent of total revenues included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting of the Company also excluded an evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting of Aspen Technology, Inc.'s financ

/s/ KPMG LLP

St. Louis, Missouri October 11, 2023

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION

2022 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

1. <u>Purposes of the Plan</u>. The purposes of this Plan are:

- to attract and retain the best available personnel for positions of substantial responsibility,
- · to provide incentives to individuals who perform services to the Company, and
- to promote the success of the Company's business.

The Plan permits the grant of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units.

2. Definitions. As used herein, the following definitions will apply:

(a) "Administrator" means the Board or any of its Committees as will be administering the Plan, in accordance with Section 4 of the Plan.

(b) "<u>Applicable Laws</u>" means the requirements relating to the administration of equity-based awards under U.S. state corporate laws, U.S. federal and state securities laws, the Code, any stock exchange or quotation system on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted and the applicable laws of any foreign country or jurisdiction where Awards are, or will be, granted under the Plan.

(c) "Award" means, individually or collectively, a grant under the Plan of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units.

(d) "Award Agreement" means the written or electronic agreement setting forth the terms and provisions applicable to each Award granted under the Plan. The Award Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

(e) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(f) "<u>Cause</u>" means (i) the commission of any act of fraud, embezzlement or theft by the Participant in connection with such Participant's responsibilities as a Service Provider; (ii) conviction of, or a plea of "guilty" or "nolo contendere" to, a felony under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or a comparable offense under Applicable Laws for non-U.S. Service Providers; (iii) any unauthorized use or disclosure by Participant of proprietary information or trade secrets of the Company (or any Parent or Subsidiary); (iv) a willful act by Participant which constitutes misconduct and is materially injurious to the Company (or any Parent or Subsidiary); or (v) continued violations by Participant of Participant's obligations to the Company after there has been delivered to the Service Provider a written demand for performance from the Company.

(g) "Change in Control" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) Any "person" (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule

13d-3 of the Exchange

Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing more than fifty percent (50%) of the total voting power represented by the Company's then outstanding voting securities; or

(ii) The consummation of the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets; or

(iii) A change in the composition of the Board as a result of which fewer than a majority of the directors are Incumbent Directors; or

(iv) The consummation of a merger or consolidation of the Company with any other corporation, other than a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity or its parent) more than fifty percent (50%) of the total voting power represented by the voting securities of the Company or such surviving entity or its parent outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation.

(h) "<u>Code</u>" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Reference to a specific section of the Code or Treasury Regulation thereunder will include such section or regulation, any valid regulation or other official applicable guidance promulgated under such section, and any comparable provision of any future legislation or regulation amending, supplementing or superseding such section or regulation.

(i) "Committee" means a committee of Directors or of other individuals satisfying Applicable Laws appointed by the Board in accordance with Section 4

hereof.

- (j) "Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company.
- (k) "Company" means National Instruments Corporation, a Delaware corporation, or any successor thereto.

(1) "Consultant" means any person, including an advisor, engaged by the Company or a Parent or Subsidiary of the Company to render services to such entity

(m) "Director" means a member of the Board.

(n) "Disability" shall have the meaning given it in the employment agreement of the Participant; provided, however, that if that Participant has no employment agreement, "Disability" shall mean, as determined by the Administrator in the sole discretion exercised in good faith of the Board, a physical or mental impairment of sufficient severity that either the Participant is unable to continue performing the duties he or she performed before such impairment or the Participant's condition entitles him or her to disability benefits under any insurance or employee benefit plan of the Company or its Subsidiaries and that impairment or condition is cited by the Company as the reason for termination if the Participant ceases to be a Service Provider.

(o) "Employee" means any person, including Officers and Directors, employed by the Company or a Parent or Subsidiary of the Company. Neither service as a Director nor payment of a director's fee by the Company will be sufficient to constitute "employment" by the Company.

(p) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(q) "Exchange Program" means a program under which outstanding Awards are surrendered or cancelled in exchange for Awards of the same type, a different type of award, and/or cash. The Administrator will determine the terms and conditions of any Exchange Program in its sole discretion.

(r) "Fair Market Value" means, as of any date, the value of Common Stock as the Administrator may determine in good faith.

(s) "Fiscal Year" means the fiscal year of the Company.

(t) "Incumbent Directors" means directors who either (A) are Directors as of the effective date of the Plan, or (B) are elected, or nominated for election, to the Board with the affirmative votes of at least a majority of the Incumbent Directors at the time of such election or nomination (but will not include an individual whose election or nomination is in connection with an actual or threatened proxy contest relating to the election of directors to the Company).

(u) "Non-Surviving Event" means an event of Restructuring as described in Section 2(dd)(ii).

(v) "Officer" means a person who is an officer of the Company within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(w) "Outside Director" means a Director who is not an Employee.

(x) "Parent" means a "parent corporation," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code.

(y) "Participant" means the holder of an outstanding Award.

(z) "<u>Period of Restriction</u>" means the period during which the transfer of Shares of Restricted Stock are subject to restrictions and therefore, the Shares are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture. Such restrictions may be based on the passage of time, the achievement of target levels of performance, or the occurrence of other events as determined by the Administrator.

(aa) "Plan" means this 2022 Equity Incentive Plan.

(bb) "Restricted Stock" means Shares issued pursuant to a Restricted Stock award under Section 6 of the Plan.

(cc) "<u>Restricted Stock Unit</u>" means a bookkeeping entry representing an amount equal to the Fair Market Value of one Share, granted pursuant to Section 7. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents an unfunded and unsecured obligation of the Company.

(dd) "Restructuring" means the occurrence of any one or more of the following:

(i) The merger or consolidation of the Company with any person, whether effected as a single transaction or a series of related transactions, with the Company remaining the continuing or surviving entity of that merger or consolidation and the Shares remaining outstanding and not changed into or exchanged for stock or other securities of any other person or of the Company, cash, or other property; or

(ii) The merger or consolidation of the Company with any person, whether effected as a single transaction or a series of related transactions, with (i) the Company not being the continuing or surviving entity of that merger or consolidation or (ii) the Company remaining the continuing or surviving entity of that merger or consolidation but all or a part of the outstanding Shares are changed into or exchanged for stock or other securities of any other person or the Company, cash, or other property.

(ee) "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act or any successor to Rule 16b-3, as in effect when discretion is being exercised with respect to the

Plan.

(ff) "Section 16(b)" means Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.

(gg) "Section 409A" means Code Section 409A, as it has been and may be amended from time to time, and any proposed or final Treasury Regulations and Internal Revenue Service guidance that has been promulgated or may be promulgated thereunder from time to time.

(hh) "Service Provider" means an Employee, Director or Consultant. The Administrator shall determine in good faith and in the exercise of its discretion whether an individual has become or has ceased to be a Service Provider and the effective date of such individual's status as, or cessation of status as, a Service Provider. For purposes of an individual's rights, if any, under the Plan as of the time of the Administrator's determination, all such determinations by the Administrator shall be final, binding and conclusive.

(ii) "Share" means a share of the Common Stock, as adjusted in accordance with Section 11 of the Plan.

(jj) "Subsidiary" means a "subsidiary corporation," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code.

(kk) "<u>Voting Securities</u>" means any securities that are entitled to vote generally in the election of Directors, in the admission of general partners or in the selection of any other similar governing body.

3. Stock Subject to the Plan.

(a) <u>Stock Subject to the Plan</u>. Subject to the provisions of Section 11 of the Plan, the maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be awarded and sold under the Plan is 4,500,000 plus (i) such number of Shares which have been reserved but not issued under the Company's 2020 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2020 Plan"), the Company's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2015 Plan"), the Company's 2010 Incentive Plan (the "2010 Plan") and the Company's 2005 Incentive Plan (the "2005 Plan") as of the date stockholders approve the Plan, and (ii) any Shares subject to awards under the 2020 Plan, 2015 Plan, 2010 Plan or 2005 Plan that, after the date shareholders approve the Plan, expire or otherwise terminate without having been vested in full or Shares issued under such plans that are forfeited to or repurchased by the Company due to failure to vest. Shares shall not be deemed to have been issued pursuant to the Plan with respect to any portion of an Award that is settled in cash. The Shares may be authorized, but unissued, or reacquired Common Stock.

(b) <u>Lapsed Awards</u>. If an Award expires, is surrendered pursuant to an Exchange Program, is forfeited to or repurchased by the Company or otherwise terminates, the forfeited, repurchased or unissued Shares which were subject thereto will become available for future grant or sale under the Plan (unless the Plan has terminated). Shares that have actually been issued under the Plan under any Award will not be returned to the Plan and will not become available for future distribution under the Plan; provided, however, that if unvested Shares of Restricted Stock are repurchased by the Company or are forfeited to the Company, such Shares will become available for future grant under the Plan. Shares used to satisfy the tax withholding obligations of any Award will not become available for future grant or sale under the Plan. To the extent an Award under the Plan is paid out in cash rather than Shares, such cash payment will not result in reducing the number of Shares available for issuance under the Plan.

(c) <u>Share Reserve</u>. The Company, during the term of this Plan, will at all times reserve and keep available such number of Shares as will be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Plan.

4. Administration of the Plan.

(a) Procedure.

(i) <u>Multiple Administrative Bodies</u>. Different Committees with respect to different groups of Service Providers may administer the Plan.

(ii) <u>Rule 16b-3</u>. To the extent desirable to qualify transactions hereunder as exempt under Rule 16b-3, the transactions contemplated hereunder will be structured to satisfy the requirements for exemption under Rule 16b-3.

(iii) <u>Other Administration</u>. Other than as provided above, the Plan will be administered by (A) the Board or (B) a Committee, which committee will be constituted to satisfy Applicable Laws. The Administrator may, in its discretion and to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws, delegate to a Committee, including but not limited to, a Committee comprised of one or more Officers, the authority to grant one or more Awards, without further approval of the Administrator, on such terms and conditions as the Administrator, in its discretion, deems appropriate. To the extent of any delegation by the Administrator, references to the

Administrator in the Plan and any Award Agreement shall be deemed also to include reference to the applicable delegate(s).

(b) <u>Powers of the Administrator</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, and in the case of a Committee, subject to the specific duties delegated by the Board to such Committee, the Administrator will have the authority, in its discretion:

(i) to determine the Fair Market Value;

(ii) to select the Service Providers to whom Awards may be granted hereunder;

(iii) to determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, of any Award granted hereunder. Such terms may include, but are not limited to, performance goals applicable to an Award, which may differ from Participant to Participant and from Award to Award;

(iv) to approve forms of agreement for use under the Plan;

(v) to institute an Exchange Program;

(vi) to construe and interpret the terms of the Plan and Awards granted pursuant to the Plan;

(vii) to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan, including rules and regulations relating to sub-plans established for the purpose of satisfying applicable foreign laws or for qualifying for favorable tax treatment under applicable foreign laws;

(viii) to modify or amend each Award (subject to Section 16(c) of the Plan);

the Administrator;

(ix) to authorize any person to execute on behalf of the Company any instrument required to effect the grant of an Award previously granted by

(x) to allow Participants to satisfy withholding tax obligations in such manner as prescribed in Section 12 of the Plan;

(xi) to allow a Participant to defer the receipt of the payment of cash or the delivery of Shares that would otherwise be due to such Participant under an Award pursuant to such procedures as the Administrator may determine; and

(xii) to make all other determinations deemed necessary or advisable for administering the Plan.

(c) Effect of Administrator's Decision. The Administrator's decisions, determinations and interpretations will be final and binding on all Participants and any other holders of Awards.

(d) <u>No Liability</u>. Under no circumstances shall the Company, its Parent or Subsidiary companies, the Administrator, or the Board incur liability for any indirect, incidental, consequential or special damages (including lost profits) of any form incurred by any person, whether or not foreseeable and regardless of the form of the act in which such a claim may be brought, with respect to the Plan or the Company's, its Parent or Subsidiary companies', the Administrator's or the Board's roles in connection with the Plan.

5. Eligibility. Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units may be granted to Service Providers.

6. Restricted Stock.

(a) <u>Grant of Restricted Stock</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Administrator, at any time and from time to time, may grant Shares of Restricted Stock to Service Providers in such amounts as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, will determine.

(b) <u>Restricted Stock Agreement</u>. Each Award of Restricted Stock will be evidenced by an Award Agreement that will specify the Period of Restriction, the number of Shares granted, and such other terms and conditions as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, will determine. Unless the Administrator determines otherwise, Shares of Restricted Stock will be held by the Company as escrow agent until the restrictions on such Shares have lapsed.

(c) <u>Transferability</u>. Except as provided in this Section 6, Shares of Restricted Stock may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated until the end of the applicable Period of Restriction.

(d) Other Restrictions. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may impose such other restrictions on Shares of Restricted Stock as it may deem advisable or appropriate.

(e) <u>Removal of Restrictions</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 6, Shares of Restricted Stock covered by each Restricted Stock grant made under the Plan will be released from escrow as soon as practicable after the last day of the Period of Restriction or at such other time as the Administrator may determine. In the case of a Participant's death or disability, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may reduce or waive any restrictions for Awards made to such Participant and may in either such case accelerate the time at which any restrictions will lapse or be removed.

(f) <u>Voting Rights</u>. During the Period of Restriction, Service Providers holding Shares of Restricted Stock granted hereunder may exercise any voting rights with respect to those Shares, unless the Administrator determines otherwise.

(g) Dividends and Other Distributions. During the Period of Restriction, Service Providers holding Shares of Restricted Stock will not be entitled to receive any dividends paid with respect to such Shares

(h) <u>Return of Restricted Stock to Company</u>. On the date set forth in the Award Agreement, the Restricted Stock for which restrictions have not lapsed will revert to the Company and again will become available for grant under the Plan.

7. Restricted Stock Units.

(a) <u>Grant</u>. Restricted Stock Units may be granted at any time and from time to time as determined by the Administrator. After the Administrator determines that it will grant Restricted Stock Units under the Plan, it will advise the Participant in writing or electronically of the terms, conditions, and restrictions related to the grant, including the number of Restricted Stock Units and the form of payout, which, subject to Section 7(d), may be left to the discretion of the Administrator.

(b) <u>Vesting Criteria and Other Terms</u>. The Administrator will set vesting criteria in its discretion, which, depending on the extent to which the criteria are met, will determine the number of Restricted Stock Units that will be paid out to the Participant. The Administrator may set vesting criteria based upon the achievement of Company-wide, business unit, or individual goals (including, but not limited to, continued employment), or any other basis determined by the Administrator in its discretion.

(c) <u>Earning Restricted Stock Units</u>. Upon meeting the applicable vesting criteria, the Participant will be entitled to receive a payout as determined by the Administrator. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time after the grant of Restricted Stock Units, in the case of a Participant's death or disability, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may reduce or waive any vesting criteria that must be met for such Participant to receive a payout and may in either such case accelerate the time at which any restrictions will lapse or be removed.

(d) Form and Timing of Payment. Payment of earned Restricted Stock Units will be made as soon as practicable after the date(s) set forth in the Award Agreement. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may pay earned Restricted Stock Units in cash, Shares, or a combination thereof.

(e) Cancellation. On the date set forth in the Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement, all unearned Restricted Stock Units will be forfeited to the Company.

8. Leaves of Absence/Transfer Between Locations. Unless the Administrator provides otherwise and except as required by Applicable Laws, vesting of Awards granted hereunder will be suspended during any unpaid leave of absence. A Participant will not cease to be an Employee in the case of (i) any leave of absence approved by the Company or (ii) transfers between locations of the Company or between the Company, its Parent, or any Subsidiary.

9. Outside Director Limitations. No Outside Director may be granted, in any Fiscal Year, Awards covering more than 20,000 Shares. Any Awards provided to an individual for his or her services as an Employee, or for his or her services as a Consultant other than an Outside Director, will be excluded for purposes of this Section 9.

10. <u>Transferability of Awards</u>. Unless determined otherwise by the Administrator, an Award may not be sold, pledged, assigned, hypothecated, transferred, or disposed of in any manner other than by will or by the laws of descent or distribution and may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Participant, only by the Participant. If the Administrator makes an Award transferable, such Award will contain such additional terms and conditions as the Administrator deems appropriate.

11. Adjustments; Dissolution or Liquidation; Merger or Change in Control.

(a) <u>Adjustment of Awards and Authorized Shares</u>. The terms of an Award and the number of Shares authorized pursuant to Section 3 for issuance under the Plan and the numerical Share limit set forth in Section 9 shall be subject to adjustment from time to time, in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) If at any time, or from time to time, the Company shall subdivide as a whole (by reclassification, by a stock split, by the issuance of a distribution on Shares payable in Shares, or otherwise) the number of Shares then outstanding into a greater number of Shares, then (i) the maximum number of Shares available for the Plan as provided in Section 3 and the numerical Share limit set forth in Section 9 shall be increased proportionately, and the kind of shares or other securities available for the Plan shall be appropriately adjusted, (ii) the number of Shares (or other kind of shares or securities) that may be acquired under any Award shall be increased proportionately, and (iii) the price, if any, for each Share (or other kind of shares or securities) subject to then outstanding Awards shall be reduced proportionately, without changing the aggregate purchase price or value as to which outstanding Awards remain exercisable or subject to restrictions.

(ii) If at any time, or from time to time, the Company shall consolidate as a whole (by reclassification, reverse stock split, or otherwise) the number of Shares then outstanding into a lesser number of Shares, then (i) the maximum number of Shares available for the Plan as provided in Section 3 and the numerical Share limit set forth in Section 9 shall be decreased proportionately, and the kind of shares or other securities available for the Plan shall be appropriately adjusted, (ii) the number of Shares (or other kind of shares or securities) that may be acquired under any Award shall be decreased proportionately, and (iii) the price, if any, for each Share (or other kind of shares or securities) subject to then outstanding Awards shall be increased proportionately, without changing the aggregate purchase price, if any, or value as to which outstanding Awards remain exercisable or subject to restrictions.

(iii) Whenever the number of Shares subject to outstanding Awards and the price, if any, for each Share subject to outstanding Awards are required to be adjusted as provided in this Section 11(a), the Administrator shall promptly prepare a notice setting forth, in reasonable detail, the event requiring adjustment, the amount of the adjustment, the method by which such adjustment was calculated, and the change in price and the number of Shares, other securities, cash, or property purchasable subject to each Award after giving effect to the adjustments. The Administrator shall promptly give each Participant such a notice.

(iv) Adjustments under Sections 11(a)(i) and 11(a)(ii) shall be made by the Administrator, and its determination as to what adjustments shall be made and the extent thereof shall be final, binding, and conclusive. No fractional interest shall be issued under the Plan on account of any such adjustments.

(v) Except as set forth in Sections 11(a)(i) and 11(a)(ii), in the event that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of Shares, other securities, or other property), recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, repurchase, or exchange of Shares or other securities of the Company, or other change in the

corporate structure of the Company affecting the Shares occurs, the Administrator, in order to prevent diminution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, may (in its sole discretion) adjust the number and class of Shares that may be delivered under the Plan and/or the number, class, and price of Shares covered by each outstanding Award, and the numerical Share limit set forth in Section 9.

(b) <u>Dissolution or Liquidation</u>. In the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, the Administrator will notify each Participant as soon as practicable prior to the effective date of such proposed transaction.

(c) <u>Change in Control</u>. In the event of a Change in Control, each outstanding Award will be treated as the Administrator determines, including, without limitation, that each Award be assumed or an equivalent right substituted by the successor corporation or a Parent or Subsidiary of the successor corporation. The Administrator will not be required to treat all Awards similarly in the transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the successor corporation does not assume or substitute for the Award, the restriction period of any Award of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall immediately be accelerated and the restrictions shall expire, and, with respect to Awards with performance-based vesting, all performance goals or other vesting criteria will be deemed achieved at one hundred percent (100%) of target levels and all other terms and conditions met.

Following such assumption or substitution in connection with a Change in Control, if a Participant's status as Service Provider is terminated without Cause within twenty four (24) months following the Change in Control, then the restriction period of any Award of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall immediately be accelerated and the restrictions shall expire, and, with respect to Awards with performance-based vesting, all performance goals or other vesting criteria will be deemed achieved at one hundred percent (100%) of target levels and all other terms and conditions met.

If a Change in Control involves a Restructuring or occurs in connection with a series of related transactions involving a Restructuring and if such Restructuring is in the form of a Non-Surviving Event and as a part of such Restructuring, stock, other securities, cash, or property shall be issuable or deliverable in exchange for Shares, then the Participant shall be entitled to purchase or receive (in lieu of the Shares that the Participant would otherwise be entitled to purchase or receive), as appropriate for the form of Award, the number of shares, other securities, cash, or property to which that number of Shares would have been entitled in connection with such Restructuring.

Notwithstanding anything in this Section 11(c) to the contrary, if a payment under an Award Agreement is subject to Section 409A of the Code and if the change in control definition contained in the Award Agreement or other agreement related to the Award does not comply with the definition of "change in control" for purposes of a distribution under Code Section 409A, then any payment of an amount that is otherwise accelerated under this Section will be delayed until the earliest time that such payment would be permissible under Code Section 409A without triggering any penalties applicable under Code Section 409A.

(d) <u>Restructuring Without a Change in Control</u>. In the event a Restructuring shall occur at any time while there is any outstanding Award hereunder and that Restructuring does not occur in connection with a Change in Control or a series of related transactions involving a Change in Control, then:

(i) the restriction period of any Award of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall not immediately be accelerated, and the restrictions shall not expire, merely because of the occurrence of the Restructuring; and

following actions:

(ii) at the option of the Administrator, the Administrator may (but shall not be required to) cause the Company to take any one or more of the

(1) accelerate in whole or in part the expiration of some or all of the restrictions on any Restricted Stock Award;

(2) if the Restructuring is in the form of a Non-Surviving Event, cause the surviving entity to assume in whole or in part any one or more of the outstanding Awards upon such terms and provisions as the Administrator deems desirable; or

(3) redeem in whole or in part any one or more of the outstanding Awards (whether or not then exercisable) in consideration of a cash payment, as such payment may be reduced for tax withholding obligations in an amount equal to the Fair Market Value, determined as of the date immediately preceding the consummation of the Restructuring, of the aggregate number of Shares subject to the Award and as to which the Award is being redeemed.

The Company shall promptly notify each Participant of any election or action taken by the Company under this Section 11(d). In the event of any election or action taken by the Company pursuant to this Section 11(d) that requires the amendment or cancellation of any Award Agreement as may be specified in any notice to the Participant thereof, that Participant shall promptly deliver that Award Agreement to the Company in order for that amendment or cancellation to be implemented by the Company and the Administrator. The failure of the Participant to deliver any such Award Agreement to the Company as provided in the preceding sentence shall not in any manner affect the validity or enforceability of any action taken by the Company and the Administrator under this Section 11(d), including without limitation any redemption of an Award as of the consummation of a Restructuring. Any cash payment to be made by the Company of the Award Agreement evidencing that Award; provided, however, that any such redemption shall be paid to the Participant thereof currently with the delivery to the Company of the Award Agreement evidencing that Award; provided, however, that any such redemption of an outstanding Award is to be accelerated upon or after the consummation of a Restructuring that does not occur in connection with a consummation. If all or any portion of a Non-Surviving Event, and as a part of that Restructuring shares of stock, other securities, cash, or property shall be issuable or deliverable in exchange for Shares, then the Participant shall thereafter be entitled to purchase or receive (in lieu of Shares would have been entitled in

connection with the Restructuring and such Award shall be subject to adjustments that shall be as nearly equivalent as may be practical to the adjustments provided for in this Section 11.

(e) <u>Notice of Restructuring</u>. The Company shall attempt to keep all Participants informed with respect to any Restructuring or of any potential Restructuring to the same extent that the Company's stockholders are informed by the Company of any such event or potential event.

12. <u>Tax</u>.

(a) <u>Withholding Requirements</u>. Prior to the delivery of any Shares or cash pursuant to an Award (or exercise thereof), the Company will have the power and the right to deduct or withhold, or require a Participant to remit to the Company, an amount sufficient to satisfy federal, state, local, foreign or other taxes (including the Participant's FICA obligation) required to be withheld with respect to such Award (or exercise thereof).

(b) <u>Withholding Arrangements</u>. The Administrator, in its sole discretion and pursuant to such procedures as it may specify from time to time, may permit a Participant to satisfy such tax withholding obligation, in whole or in part by (without limitation) (a) paying cash, (b) electing to have the Company withhold otherwise deliverable cash or Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld, (c) delivering to the Company already-owned Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld, (c) delivering to the Company already-owned Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld, (c) delivering to the Company already-owned Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld, provided the delivery of such Shares will not result in any adverse accounting consequences as the Administrator determines in its sole discretion, or (d) selling a sufficient number of Shares otherwise deliverable to the Participant through such means as the Administrator may determine in its sole discretion (whether through a broker or otherwise) equal to the amount required to be withheld. The amount of the withholding requirement will be deemed to include any amount which the Administrator agrees may be withheld at the time the election is made, not to exceed the amount determined by using the maximum federal, state or local marginal income tax rates applicable to the Participant with respect to the Award on the date that the amount of tax to be withheld is to be determined. The Fair Market Value of the Shares to be withheld or delivered will be determined as of the date that the taxes are required to be withheld.

(c) <u>Compliance With Section 409A</u>. Awards will be designed and operated in such a manner that they are either exempt from the application of, or comply with, the requirements of Section 409A such that the grant, payment, settlement or deferral will not be subject to the additional tax or interest applicable under Section 409A, except as otherwise determined in the sole discretion of the Administrator. The Plan and each Award Agreement under the Plan is intended to meet the requirements of Section 409A and will be construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent, except as otherwise determined in the sole discretion of the Administrator. To the extent that an Award or payment, or the settlement or deferral thereof, is subject to Section 409A the Award will be granted, paid, settled or deferred in a manner that will meet the requirements of Section 409A, such that the grant, payment, settlement or deferral will not be subject to the additional tax or interest applicable under Section 409A.

13. No Effect on Employment or Service. Neither the Plan nor any Award will confer upon a Participant any right with respect to continuing the Participant's relationship as a Service

Provider with the Company, nor will they interfere in any way with the Participant's right or the Company's right to terminate such relationship at any time, with or without cause, to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws.

14. Date of Grant. The date of grant of an Award will be, for all purposes, the date on which the Administrator makes the determination granting such Award, or such other later date as is determined by the Administrator. Notice of the determination will be provided to each Participant within a reasonable time after the date of such grant.

15. Term of Plan. Subject to Section 19 of the Plan, the Plan will become effective upon approval of the Plan by the stockholders of the Company at the 2022 annual stockholder meeting. It will continue in effect until the Company's annual stockholder meeting in 2027, but in no event beyond December 31, 2027, unless terminated earlier under Section 16 of the Plan.

16. Amendment and Termination of the Plan.

(a) Amendment and Termination. The Administrator may at any time amend, alter, suspend or terminate the Plan.

(b) Stockholder Approval. The Company will obtain stockholder approval of any Plan amendment to the extent necessary and desirable to comply with Applicable Laws.

(c) <u>Effect of Amendment or Termination</u>. No amendment, alteration, suspension or termination of the Plan will impair the rights of any Participant, unless mutually agreed otherwise between the Participant and the Administrator, which agreement must be in writing and signed by the Participant and the Company. Termination of the Plan will not affect the Administrator's ability to exercise the powers granted to it hereunder with respect to Awards granted under the Plan prior to the date of such termination.

17. Conditions Upon Issuance of Shares.

(a) Legal Compliance. Shares will not be issued pursuant to the exercise of an Award unless the exercise of such Award and the issuance and delivery of such Shares will comply with Applicable Laws and will be further subject to the approval of counsel for the Company with respect to such compliance.

(b) <u>Investment Representations</u>. As a condition to the exercise of an Award, the Company may require the person exercising such Award to represent and warrant at the time of any such exercise that the Shares are being purchased only for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares if, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, such a representation is required.

18. <u>Inability to Obtain Authority</u>. The inability of the Company to obtain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the Company's counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, will relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority will not have been obtained.

19. <u>Stockholder Approval</u>. The Plan will be subject to approval by the stockholders of the Company after the date the Plan is adopted by the Board. Such stockholder approval will be obtained in the manner and to the degree required under Applicable Laws.

20. <u>Forfeiture Events</u>. The Administrator may specify in an Award Agreement that the Participant's rights, payments, and benefits with respect to an Award will be subject to the reduction, cancellation, forfeiture, or recoupment upon the occurrence of certain specified events, in addition to any otherwise applicable vesting or performance conditions of an Award. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary under this Plan, an Award will be subject to the Company's clawback policy as may be established and/or amended from time to time (the "Clawback Policy"). The Administrator may require a Participant to forfeit, return or reimburse the Company all or a portion of the Award and any amounts paid thereunder pursuant to the terms of the Clawback Policy or as necessary or appropriate to comply with Applicable Laws.

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION 2020 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

1. Purposes of the Plan. The purposes of this Plan are:

- · to attract and retain the best available personnel for positions of substantial responsibility,
- · to provide incentives to individuals who perform services to the Company, and
- to promote the success of the Company's business.

The Plan permits the grant of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units.

2. Definitions. As used herein, the following definitions will apply:

(a) "Administrator" means the Board or any of its Committees as will be administering the Plan, in accordance with Section 4 of the Plan.

(b) "<u>Applicable Laws</u>" means the requirements relating to the administration of equity-based awards under U.S. state corporate laws, U.S. federal and state securities laws, the Code, any stock exchange or quotation system on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted and the applicable laws of any foreign country or jurisdiction where Awards are, or will be, granted under the Plan.

(c) "Award" means, individually or collectively, a grant under the Plan of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units.

(d) "Award Agreement" means the written or electronic agreement setting forth the terms and provisions applicable to each Award granted under the Plan. The Award Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

(e) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(f) "<u>Cause</u>" means (i) the commission of any act of fraud, embezzlement or theft by the Participant in connection with such Participant's responsibilities as a Service Provider; (ii) conviction of, or a plea of "guilty" or "nolo contendere" to, a felony under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or a comparable offense under Applicable Laws for non-U.S. Service Providers; (iii) any unauthorized use or disclosure by Participant of proprietary information or trade secrets of the Company (or any Parent or Subsidiary); (iv) a willful act by Participant which constitutes misconduct and is materially injurious to the Company (or any Parent or Subsidiary); or (v) continued violations by Participant of Participant's obligations to the Company after there has been delivered to the Service Provider a written demand for performance from the Company.

(g) "Change in Control" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) Any "person" (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing more than fifty percent (50%) of the total voting power represented by the Company's then outstanding voting securities; or

(ii) The consummation of the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets; or

(iii) A change in the composition of the Board as a result of which fewer than a majority of the directors are Incumbent Directors; or

(iv) The consummation of a merger or consolidation of the Company with any other corporation, other than a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity or its parent) more than fifty percent (50%) of the total voting power represented by the voting securities of the Company or such surviving entity or its parent outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation.

(h) "<u>Code</u>" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Reference to a specific section of the Code or Treasury Regulation thereunder will include such section or regulation, any valid regulation or other official applicable guidance promulgated under such section, and any comparable provision of any future legislation or regulation amending, supplementing or superseding such section or regulation.

(i) "<u>Committee</u>" means a committee of Directors or of other individuals satisfying Applicable Laws appointed by the Board in accordance with Section 4 hereof.

(j) "Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company.

(k) "Company" means National Instruments Corporation, a Delaware corporation, or any successor thereto.

(I) "Consultant" means any person, including an advisor, engaged by the Company or a Parent or Subsidiary of the Company to render services to such entity.

(m) "Director" means a member of the Board.

(n) "Disability" shall have the meaning given it in the employment agreement of the Participant; provided, however, that if that Participant has no employment agreement, "Disability" shall mean, as determined by the Administrator in the sole discretion exercised in good faith of the Board, a physical or mental impairment of sufficient severity that either the Participant is unable to continue performing the duties he or she performed before such impairment or the Participant's condition entitles him or her to disability benefits under any insurance or employee benefit plan of the Company or its Subsidiaries and that impairment or condition is cited by the Company as the reason for termination if the Participant ceases to be a Service Provider.

(o) "<u>Employee</u>" means any person, including Officers and Directors, employed by the Company or a Parent or Subsidiary of the Company. Neither service as a Director nor payment of a director's fee by the Company will be sufficient to constitute "employment" by the Company.

(p) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(q) "Exchange Program" means a program under which outstanding Awards are surrendered or cancelled in exchange for Awards of the same type, a different type of award, and/or cash. The Administrator will determine the terms and conditions of any Exchange Program in its sole discretion.

(r) "Fair Market Value" means, as of any date, the value of Common Stock as the Administrator may determine in good faith.

(s) "Fiscal Year" means the fiscal year of the Company.

(t) "Incumbent Directors" means directors who either (A) are Directors as of the effective date of the Plan, or (B) are elected, or nominated for election, to the Board with the affirmative votes of at least a majority of the Incumbent Directors at the time of such election or nomination (but will not include an individual whose election or nomination is in connection with an actual or threatened proxy contest relating to the election of directors to the Company).

(u) "Non-Surviving Event" means an event of Restructuring as described in Section 2(dd)(ii).

(v) "Officer" means a person who is an officer of the Company within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(w) "Outside Director" means a Director who is not an Employee.

(x) "Parent" means a "parent corporation," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code.

(y) "Participant" means the holder of an outstanding Award.

(z) "Period of Restriction" means the period during which the transfer of Shares of Restricted Stock are subject to restrictions and therefore, the Shares are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture. Such restrictions may be based on the passage of time, the achievement of target levels of performance, or the occurrence of other events as determined by the Administrator.

(aa) "Plan" means this 2020 Equity Incentive Plan.

(bb) "Restricted Stock" means Shares issued pursuant to a Restricted Stock award under Section 6 of the Plan.

(cc) "<u>Restricted Stock Unit</u>" means a bookkeeping entry representing an amount equal to the Fair Market Value of one Share, granted pursuant to Section 7. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents an unfunded and unsecured obligation of the Company.

(dd) "Restructuring" means the occurrence of any one or more of the following:

(i) The merger or consolidation of the Company with any person, whether effected as a single transaction or a series of related transactions, with the Company remaining the continuing or surviving entity of that merger or consolidation and the Shares remaining outstanding and not changed into or exchanged for stock or other securities of any other person or of the Company, cash, or other property; or

(ii) The merger or consolidation of the Company with any person, whether effected as a single transaction or a series of related transactions, with (i) the Company not being the continuing or surviving entity of that merger or consolidation or (ii) the Company remaining the continuing or surviving entity of that merger or consolidation but all or a part of the outstanding Shares are changed into or exchanged for stock or other securities of any other person or the Company, cash, or other property.

(ee) "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act or any successor to Rule 16b-3, as in effect when discretion is being exercised with respect to the Plan.

(ff) "Section 16(b)" means Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.

(gg) "Section 409A" means Code Section 409A, as it has been and may be amended from time to time, and any proposed or final Treasury Regulations and Internal Revenue Service guidance that has been promulgated or may be promulgated thereunder from time to time.

(hh) "Service Provider" means an Employee, Director or Consultant. The Administrator shall determine in good faith and in the exercise of its discretion whether an individual has become or has ceased to be a Service Provider and the effective date of such individual's status as, or cessation of status as, a Service Provider. For purposes of an individual's rights, if any, under the Plan as of the time of the Administrator's determination, all such determinations by the Administrator shall be final, binding and conclusive.

(ii) "Share" means a share of the Common Stock, as adjusted in accordance with Section 11 of the Plan.

(jj) "Subsidiary" means a "subsidiary corporation," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code.

(kk) "Voting Securities" means any securities that are entitled to vote generally in the election of Directors, in the admission of general partners or in the selection of any other similar governing body.

3. Stock Subject to the Plan.

(a) <u>Stock Subject to the Plan</u>. Subject to the provisions of Section 11 of the Plan, the maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be awarded and sold under the Plan is 4,500,000 plus (i) such number of Shares which have been reserved but not issued under the Company's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2015 Plan"), the Company's 2010 Incentive Plan (the "2010 Plan") and the Company's 2005 Incentive Plan (the "2005 Plan") as of the date stockholders approve the Plan, and (ii) any Shares subject to awards under the Company's 2015 Plan, 2010 Plan or 2005 Plan that, after the date stockholders approve the Plan, expire or otherwise terminate without having been vested in full or Shares issued under such plans that are forfeited to or repurchased by the Company due to failure to vest. Shares shall not be deemed to have been issued pursuant to the Plan with respect to any portion of an Award that is settled in cash. The Shares may be authorized, but unissued, or reacquired Common Stock.

(b) Lapsed Awards. If an Award expires, is surrendered pursuant to an Exchange Program, is forfeited to or repurchased by the Company or otherwise terminates, the forfeited, repurchased or unissued Shares which were subject thereto will become available for future grant or sale under the Plan (unless the Plan has terminated). However, Shares that have actually been issued under the Plan under any Award will not be returned to the Plan and will not become available for future distribution under the Plan; provided, however, that if unvested Shares of Restricted Stock are repurchased by the Company or are forfeited to the Company, such Shares will become available for future grant under the Plan. Shares used to pay the tax withholding obligations related to an Award or the purchase price of an Award will become available for future grant or sale under the Plan. To the extent an Award under the Plan is paid out in cash rather than Shares, such cash payment will not result in reducing the number of Shares available for issuance under the Plan.

(c) <u>Share Reserve</u>. The Company, during the term of this Plan, will at all times reserve and keep available such number of Shares as will be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Plan.

4. Administration of the Plan.

(a) Procedure.

(i) Multiple Administrative Bodies. Different Committees with respect to different groups of Service Providers may administer the Plan.

(ii) <u>Rule 16b-3</u>. To the extent desirable to qualify transactions hereunder as exempt under Rule 16b-3, the transactions contemplated hereunder will be structured to satisfy the requirements for exemption under Rule 16b-3.

(iii) <u>Other Administration</u>. Other than as provided above, the Plan will be administered by (A) the Board or (B) a Committee, which committee will be constituted to satisfy Applicable Laws. The Administrator may, in its discretion and to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws, delegate to a Committee, including but not limited to, a Committee comprised of one or more Officers, the authority to grant one or more Awards, without further approval of the Administrator, on such terms and conditions as the Administrator, in its discretion, deems appropriate. To the extent of any delegation by the Administrator, references to the Administrator in the Plan and any Award Agreement shall be deemed also to include reference to the applicable delegate(s).

(b) <u>Powers of the Administrator</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, and in the case of a Committee, subject to the specific duties delegated by the Board to such Committee, the Administrator will have the authority, in its discretion:

(i) to determine the Fair Market Value;

(ii) to select the Service Providers to whom Awards may be granted hereunder;

(iii) to determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, of any Award granted hereunder. Such terms may include, but are not limited to, performance goals applicable to an Award, which may differ from Participant to Participant and from Award to Award;

(iv) to approve forms of agreement for use under the Plan;

(v) to institute an Exchange Program;

(vi) to construe and interpret the terms of the Plan and Awards granted pursuant to the Plan;

(vii) to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan, including rules and regulations relating to sub-plans established for the purpose of satisfying applicable foreign laws or for qualifying for favorable tax treatment under applicable foreign laws;

(viii) to modify or amend each Award (subject to Section 16(c) of the Plan);

(ix) to authorize any person to execute on behalf of the Company any instrument required to effect the grant of an Award previously granted by the Administrator;

(x) to allow Participants to satisfy withholding tax obligations in such manner as prescribed in Section 12 of the Plan;

(xi) to allow a Participant to defer the receipt of the payment of cash or the delivery of Shares that would otherwise be due to such Participant under an Award pursuant to such procedures as the Administrator may determine; and

(xii) to make all other determinations deemed necessary or advisable for administering the Plan.

(c) Effect of Administrator's Decision. The Administrator's decisions, determinations and interpretations will be final and binding on all Participants and any other holders of Awards.

(d) <u>No Liability</u>. Under no circumstances shall the Company, its Parent or Subsidiary companies, the Administrator, or the Board incur liability for any indirect, incidental, consequential or special damages (including lost profits) of any form incurred by any person, whether or not foreseeable and regardless of the form of the act in which such a claim may be brought, with respect to the Plan or the Company's, its Parent or Subsidiary companies', the Administrator's or the Board's roles in connection with the Plan.

5. Eligibility. Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units may be granted to Service Providers.

6. Restricted Stock.

(a) <u>Grant of Restricted Stock</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Administrator, at any time and from time to time, may grant Shares of Restricted Stock to Service Providers in such amounts as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, will determine.

(b) <u>Restricted Stock Agreement</u>. Each Award of Restricted Stock will be evidenced by an Award Agreement that will specify the Period of Restriction, the number of Shares granted, and such other terms and conditions as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, will determine. Unless the Administrator determines otherwise, Shares of Restricted Stock will be held by the Company as escrow agent until the restrictions on such Shares have lapsed.

(c) <u>Transferability</u>. Except as provided in this Section 6, Shares of Restricted Stock may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated until the end of the applicable Period of Restriction.

(d) <u>Other Restrictions</u>. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may impose such other restrictions on Shares of Restricted Stock as it may deem advisable or appropriate.

(e) <u>Removal of Restrictions</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 6, Shares of Restricted Stock covered by each Restricted Stock grant made under the Plan will be released from escrow as soon as practicable after the last day of the Period of Restriction or at such other time as the Administrator may determine. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may reduce or waive any restrictions for such Award and may accelerate the time at which any restrictions will lapse or be removed.

(f) <u>Voting Rights</u>. During the Period of Restriction, Service Providers holding Shares of Restricted Stock granted hereunder may exercise any voting rights with respect to those Shares, unless the Administrator determines otherwise.

(g) <u>Dividends and Other Distributions</u>. During the Period of Restriction, Service Providers holding Shares of Restricted Stock will be entitled to receive any cash dividends paid with respect to such Shares, unless the Administrator determines otherwise. During the Period of Restriction, if dividends or distributions are paid in Shares, Service Providers holding Shares of Restricted Stock will be entitled to such dividends or distributions. The Shares received pursuant to any such dividend or distribution will be subject to the same restrictions on transferability and forfeitability as the Shares of Restricted Stock with respect to which they were issued.

(h) <u>Return of Restricted Stock to Company</u>. On the date set forth in the Award Agreement, the Restricted Stock for which restrictions have not lapsed will revert to the Company and again will become available for grant under the Plan.

7. Restricted Stock Units.

(a) <u>Grant</u>. Restricted Stock Units may be granted at any time and from time to time as determined by the Administrator. After the Administrator determines that it will grant Restricted Stock Units under the Plan, it will advise the Participant in writing or electronically of the terms, conditions, and restrictions related to the grant, including the number of Restricted Stock Units and the form of payout, which, subject to Section 7(d), may be left to the discretion of the Administrator.

(b) <u>Vesting Criteria and Other Terms</u>. The Administrator will set vesting criteria in its discretion, which, depending on the extent to which the criteria are met, will determine the number of Restricted Stock Units that will be paid out to the Participant. The Administrator may set vesting criteria based upon the achievement of Company-wide, business unit, or individual goals (including, but not limited to, continued employment), or any other basis determined by the Administrator in its discretion.

(c) <u>Earning Restricted Stock Units</u>. Upon meeting the applicable vesting criteria, the Participant will be entitled to receive a payout as determined by the Administrator. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time after the grant of Restricted Stock Units, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may reduce or waive any vesting criteria that must be met to receive a payout and may accelerate the time at which any restrictions will lapse or be removed.

(d) Form and Timing of Payment. Payment of earned Restricted Stock Units will be made as soon as practicable after the date(s) set forth in the Award Agreement. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may pay earned Restricted Stock Units in cash, Shares, or a combination thereof.

(e) Cancellation. On the date set forth in the Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement, all unearned Restricted Stock Units will be forfeited to the Company.

8. Leaves of Absence/Transfer Between Locations. Unless the Administrator provides otherwise and except as required by Applicable Laws, vesting of Awards granted hereunder will be suspended during any unpaid leave of absence. A Participant will not cease to be an Employee in the case of (i) any leave of absence approved by the Company or (ii) transfers between locations of the Company or between the Company, its Parent, or any Subsidiary.

9. <u>Outside Director Limitations</u>. No Outside Director may be granted, in any Fiscal Year, Awards covering more than 20,000 Shares. Any Awards provided to an individual for his or her services as an Employee, or for his or her services as a Consultant other than an Outside Director, will be excluded for purposes of this Section 9.

10. <u>Transferability of Awards</u>. Unless determined otherwise by the Administrator, an Award may not be sold, pledged, assigned, hypothecated, transferred, or disposed of in any manner other than by will or by the laws of descent or distribution and may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Participant, only by the Participant. If the Administrator makes an Award transferable, such Award will contain such additional terms and conditions as the Administrator deems appropriate.

11. Adjustments; Dissolution or Liquidation; Merger or Change in Control.

(a) <u>Adjustment of Awards and Authorized Shares</u>. The terms of an Award and the number of Shares authorized pursuant to Section 3 for issuance under the Plan and the numerical Share limit set forth in Section 9 shall be subject to adjustment from time to time, in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) If at any time, or from time to time, the Company shall subdivide as a whole (by reclassification, by a stock split, by the issuance of a distribution on Shares payable in Shares, or otherwise) the number of Shares then outstanding into a greater number of Shares, then (i) the maximum number of Shares available for the Plan as provided in Section 3 and the numerical Share limit set forth in Section 9 shall be increased proportionately, and the kind of shares or other securities available for the Plan shall be appropriately adjusted, (ii) the number of Shares (or other kind of shares or securities) that may be acquired under any Award shall be increased proportionately, and (iii) the price, if any, for each Share (or other kind of shares or securities) subject to then outstanding Awards shall be reduced proportionately, without changing the aggregate purchase price or value as to which outstanding Awards remain exercisable or subject to restrictions.

(ii) If at any time, or from time to time, the Company shall consolidate as a whole (by reclassification, reverse stock split, or otherwise) the number of Shares then outstanding into a lesser number of Shares, then (i) the maximum number of Shares available for the Plan as provided in Section 3 and the numerical Share limit set forth in Section 9 shall be decreased proportionately, and the kind of shares or other securities available for the Plan shall be appropriately adjusted, (ii) the number of Shares (or other kind of shares or securities) that may be acquired under any Award shall be decreased proportionately, and (iii) the price, if any, for each Share (or other kind of shares or securities) subject to then outstanding Awards shall be increased proportionately, without changing the aggregate purchase price, if any, or value as to which outstanding Awards remain exercisable or subject to restrictions.

(iii) Whenever the number of Shares subject to outstanding Awards and the price, if any, for each Share subject to outstanding Awards are required to be adjusted as provided in this Section 11(a), the Administrator shall promptly prepare a notice setting forth, in reasonable detail, the event requiring adjustment, the amount of the adjustment, the method by which such adjustment was calculated, and the change in price and the number of Shares, other securities, cash, or property purchasable subject to each Award after giving effect to the adjustments. The Administrator shall promptly give each Participant such a notice.

(iv) Adjustments under Sections 11(a)(i) and 11(a)(ii) shall be made by the Administrator, and its determination as to what adjustments shall be made and the extent thereof shall be final, binding, and conclusive. No fractional interest shall be issued under the Plan on account of any such adjustments.

(v) Except as set forth in Sections 11(a)(i) and 11(a)(ii), in the event that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of Shares, other securities, or other property), recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, repurchase, or exchange of Shares or other securities of the Company, or other change in the corporate structure of the Company affecting the Shares occurs, the

Administrator, in order to prevent diminution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, may (in its sole discretion) adjust the number and class of Shares that may be delivered under the Plan and/or the number, class, and price of Shares covered by each outstanding Award, and the numerical Share limit set forth in Section 9.

(b) <u>Dissolution or Liquidation</u>. In the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, the Administrator will notify each Participant as soon as practicable prior to the effective date of such proposed transaction.

(c) <u>Change in Control</u>. In the event of a Change in Control, each outstanding Award will be treated as the Administrator determines, including, without limitation, that each Award be assumed or an equivalent right substituted by the successor corporation or a Parent or Subsidiary of the successor corporation. The Administrator will not be required to treat all Awards similarly in the transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the successor corporation does not assume or substitute for the Award, the restriction period of any Award of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall immediately be accelerated and the restrictions shall expire, and, with respect to Awards with performance-based vesting, all performance goals or other vesting criteria will be deemed achieved at one hundred percent (100%) of target levels and all other terms and conditions met.

Following such assumption or substitution in connection with a Change in Control, if a Participant's status as Service Provider is terminated without Cause within twenty four (24) months following the Change in Control, then the restriction period of any Award of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall immediately be accelerated and the restrictions shall expire, and, with respect to Awards with performance-based vesting, all performance goals or other vesting criteria will be deemed achieved at one hundred percent (100%) of target levels and all other terms and conditions met.

If a Change in Control involves a Restructuring or occurs in connection with a series of related transactions involving a Restructuring and if such Restructuring is in the form of a Non-Surviving Event and as a part of such Restructuring, stock, other securities, cash, or property shall be issuable or deliverable in exchange for Shares, then the Participant shall be entitled to purchase or receive (in lieu of the Shares that the Participant would otherwise be entitled to purchase or receive), as appropriate for the form of Award, the number of shares, other securities, cash, or property to which that number of Shares would have been entitled in connection with such Restructuring.

Notwithstanding anything in this Section 11(c) to the contrary, if a payment under an Award Agreement is subject to Section 409A of the Code and if the change in control definition contained in the Award Agreement or other agreement related to the Award does not comply with the definition of "change in control" for purposes of a distribution under Code Section 409A, then any payment of an amount that is otherwise accelerated under this Section will be delayed until the earliest time that such payment would be permissible under Code Section 409A without triggering any penalties applicable under Code Section 409A.

(d) <u>Restructuring Without a Change in Control</u>. In the event a Restructuring shall occur at any time while there is any outstanding Award hereunder and that Restructuring does not occur in connection with a Change in Control or a series of related transactions involving a Change in Control, then:

(i) the restriction period of any Award of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall not immediately be accelerated, and the restrictions shall not expire, merely because of the occurrence of the Restructuring; and

(ii) at the option of the Administrator, the Administrator may (but shall not be required to) cause the Company to take any one or more of the following actions:

(1) accelerate in whole or in part the expiration of some or all of the restrictions on any Restricted Stock Award;

(2) if the Restructuring is in the form of a Non-Surviving Event, cause the surviving entity to assume in whole or in part any one or more of the outstanding Awards upon such terms and provisions as the Administrator deems desirable; or

(3) redeem in whole or in part any one or more of the outstanding Awards (whether or not then exercisable) in consideration of a cash payment, as such payment may be reduced for tax withholding obligations in an amount equal to the Fair Market Value, determined as of the date immediately preceding the consummation of the Restructuring, of the aggregate number of Shares subject to the Award and as to which the Award is being redeemed.

The Company shall promptly notify each Participant of any election or action taken by the Company under this Section 11(d). In the event of any election or action taken by the Company pursuant to this Section 11(d) that requires the amendment or cancellation of any Award Agreement as may be specified in any notice to the Participant thereof, that Participant shall promptly deliver that Award Agreement to the Company in order for that amendment or cancellation to be implemented by the Company and the Administrator. The failure of the Participant to deliver any such Award Agreement to the Company as provided in the preceding sentence shall not in any manner affect the validity or enforceability of any action taken by the Company and the Administrator under this Section 11(d), including without limitation any redemption of an Award as of the consummation of a Restructuring. Any cash payment to be made by the Company pursuant to this Section 11(d) in connection with the redemption of any outstanding Awards shall be paid to the Participant thereof currently with the delivery to the Company of the Award Agreement evidencing that Award; provided, however, that any such redemption shall be effective upon the consummation of the Restructuring notwithstanding that the payment of the redemption price may occur subsequent to the consummation. If all or any portion of an outstanding Award is to be accelerated upon or after the consummation of a Restructuring that does not occur in connection with a Change in Control and is in the form of a Non-Surviving Event, and as a part of that Restructuring shares of stock, other securities, cash, or property shall be issuable or deliverable in exchange for Shares, then the Participant shall thereafter be entitled to purchase or receive (in lieu of the number of Shares would otherwise be entitled to purchase or receive) the number of shares of stock, other securities, cash, or property to which such number of Shares would otherwise be entitled to purchase or receive) the number of Shar

(e) <u>Notice of Restructuring</u>. The Company shall attempt to keep all Participants informed with respect to any Restructuring or of any potential Restructuring to the same extent that the Company's stockholders are informed by the Company of any such event or potential event.

12. <u>Tax</u>

(a) <u>Withholding Requirements</u>. Prior to the delivery of any Shares or cash pursuant to an Award (or exercise thereof), the Company will have the power and the right to deduct or withhold, or require a Participant to remit to the Company, an amount sufficient to satisfy federal, state, local, foreign or other taxes (including the Participant's FICA obligation) required to be withheld with respect to such Award (or exercise thereof).

(b) <u>Withholding Arrangements</u>. The Administrator, in its sole discretion and pursuant to such procedures as it may specify from time to time, may permit a Participant to satisfy such tax withholding obligation, in whole or in part by (without limitation) (a) paying cash, (b) electing to have the Company withhold otherwise deliverable cash or Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld, (c) delivering to the Company already-owned Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld, provided the delivery of such Shares will not result in any adverse accounting consequences as the Administrator determines in its sole discretion, or (d) selling a sufficient number of Shares otherwise deliverable to the Participant through such means as the Administrator may determine in its sole discretion (whether through a broker or otherwise) equal to the amount required to be withheld. The amount of the withholding requirement will be deemed to include any amount which the Administrator agrees may be withheld at the time the election is made, not to exceed the amount determined by using the maximum federal, state or local marginal income tax rates applicable to the Participant with respect to the Award on the date that the amount of tax to be withheld.

(c) <u>Compliance With Section 409A</u>. Awards will be designed and operated in such a manner that they are either exempt from the application of, or comply with, the requirements of Section 409A such that the grant, payment, settlement or deferral will not be subject to the additional tax or interest applicable under Section 409A, except as otherwise determined in the sole discretion of the Administrator. The Plan and each Award Agreement under the Plan is intended to meet the requirements of Section 409A and will be construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent, except as otherwise determined in the sole discretion of the Administrator. To the extent that an Award or payment, or the settlement or deferral thereof, is subject to Section 409A the Award will be granted, paid, settled or deferred in a manner that will meet the requirements of Section 409A, such that the grant, payment, settlement or deferral will not be subject to the additional tax or interest applicable under Section 409A.

13. No Effect on Employment or Service. Neither the Plan nor any Award will confer upon a Participant any right with respect to continuing the Participant's relationship as a Service Provider with the Company, nor will they interfere in any way with the Participant's right or the Company's right to terminate such relationship at any time, with or without cause, to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws.

14. <u>Date of Grant</u>. The date of grant of an Award will be, for all purposes, the date on which the Administrator makes the determination granting such Award, or such other later date as is determined by the Administrator. Notice of the determination will be provided to each Participant within a reasonable time after the date of such grant.

15. <u>Term of Plan</u>. Subject to Section 19 of the Plan, the Plan will become effective upon approval of the Plan by the stockholders of the Company at the 2020 annual stockholder meeting. It will continue in effect until the Company's annual stockholder meeting in 2025, but in no event beyond December 31, 2025, unless terminated earlier under Section 16 of the Plan.

16. Amendment and Termination of the Plan.

(a) Amendment and Termination. The Administrator may at any time amend, alter, suspend or terminate the Plan.

(b) <u>Stockholder Approval</u>. The Company will obtain stockholder approval of any Plan amendment to the extent necessary and desirable to comply with Applicable Laws.

(c) <u>Effect of Amendment or Termination</u>. No amendment, alteration, suspension or termination of the Plan will impair the rights of any Participant, unless mutually agreed otherwise between the Participant and the Administrator, which agreement must be in writing and signed by the Participant and the Company. Termination of the Plan will not affect the Administrator's ability to exercise the powers granted to it hereunder with respect to Awards granted under the Plan prior to the date of such termination.

17. Conditions Upon Issuance of Shares.

(a) Legal Compliance. Shares will not be issued pursuant to the exercise of an Award unless the exercise of such Award and the issuance and delivery of such Shares will comply with Applicable Laws and will be further subject to the approval of counsel for the Company with respect to such compliance.

(b) <u>Investment Representations</u>. As a condition to the exercise of an Award, the Company may require the person exercising such Award to represent and warrant at the time of any such exercise that the Shares are being purchased only for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares if, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, such a representation is required.

18. <u>Inability to Obtain Authority</u>. The inability of the Company to obtain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the Company's counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, will relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority will not have been obtained.

19. <u>Stockholder Approval</u>. The Plan will be subject to approval by the stockholders of the Company after the date the Plan is adopted by the Board. Such stockholder approval will be obtained in the manner and to the degree required under Applicable Laws.

20. <u>Forfeiture Events</u>. The Administrator may specify in an Award Agreement that the Participant's rights, payments, and benefits with respect to an Award will be subject to the reduction, cancellation, forfeiture, or recoupment upon the occurrence of certain specified events, in addition to any otherwise applicable vesting or performance conditions of an Award. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary under this Plan, an Award will be subject to the Company's clawback policy as may be established and/or amended from time to time (the "Clawback Policy"). The Administrator may require a Participant to forfeit, return or reimburse the Company all or a portion of the Award and any amounts paid thereunder pursuant to the terms of the Clawback Policy or as necessary or appropriate to comply with Applicable Laws.

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION

2015 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

1. Purposes of the Plan. The purposes of this Plan are:

- to attract and retain the best available personnel for positions of substantial responsibility,
- · to provide incentives to individuals who perform services to the Company, and
- to promote the success of the Company's business.

The Plan permits the grant of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units.

2. <u>Definitions</u>. As used herein, the following definitions will apply:

(a) "Administrator" means the Board or any of its Committees as will be administering the Plan, in accordance with Section 4 of the Plan.

(b) "<u>Applicable Laws</u>" means the requirements relating to the administration of equity-based awards under U.S. state corporate laws, U.S. federal and state securities laws, the Code, any stock exchange or quotation system on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted and the applicable laws of any foreign country or jurisdiction where Awards are, or will be, granted under the Plan.

(c) "Award" means, individually or collectively, a grant under the Plan of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units.

(d) "Award Agreement" means the written or electronic agreement setting forth the terms and provisions applicable to each Award granted under the Plan. The Award Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

(e) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(f) "<u>Cause</u>" means (i) the commission of any act of fraud, embezzlement or theft by the Participant in connection with such Participant's responsibilities as a Service Provider; (ii) conviction of, or a plea of "guilty" or "nolo contendere" to, a felony under the laws of the United States or any state thereof; (iii) any unauthorized use or disclosure by Participant of proprietary information or trade secrets of the Company (or any Parent or Subsidiary); (iv) a willful act by Participant which constitutes misconduct and is materially injurious to the Company (or any Parent or Subsidiary); or (v) continued violations by Participant of Participant's obligations to the Company after there has been delivered to the Employee a written demand for performance from the Company.

(g) "Change in Control" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) Any "person" (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing fifty percent (50%) or more of the total voting power represented by the Company's then outstanding voting securities; or

(ii) The consummation of the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets;

(iii) A change in the composition of the Board as a result of which fewer than a majority of the directors are Incumbent Directors; or

(iv) The consummation of a merger or consolidation of the Company with any other corporation, other than a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto continuing to represent (either by

remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity or its parent) at least fifty percent (50%) of the total voting power represented by the voting securities of the Company or such surviving entity or its parent outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation.

(h) "<u>Code</u>" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Reference to a specific section of the Code or Treasury Regulation thereunder will include such section or regulation, any valid regulation or other official applicable guidance promulgated under such section, and any comparable provision of any future legislation or regulation amending, supplementing or superseding such section or regulation.

(i) "<u>Committee</u>" means a committee of Directors or of other individuals satisfying Applicable Laws appointed by the Board in accordance with Section 4 hereof.

(j) "Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company.

(k) "Company" means National Instruments Corporation, a Delaware corporation, or any successor thereto.

(I) "Consultant" means any person, including an advisor, engaged by the Company or a Parent or Subsidiary to render services to such entity.

(m) "Determination Date" means the latest possible date that will not jeopardize the qualification of an Award granted under the Plan as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code.

(n) "Director" means a member of the Board.

(o) "<u>Disability</u>" shall have the meaning given it in the employment agreement of the Participant; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if that Participant has no employment agreement, "Disability" shall mean, as determined by the Administrator in the sole discretion exercised in good faith of the Board, a physical or mental impairment of sufficient severity that either the Participant is unable to continue performing the duties he or she performed before such impairment or the Participant's condition entitles him or her to disability benefits under any insurance or employee benefit plan of the Company or its Subsidiaries and that impairment or condition is cited by the Company as the reason for termination if the Participant ceases to be a Service Provider.

(p) "Earnings" for any Fiscal Year shall mean the operating income of the Company on a consolidated basis before taxes, interest, foreign currency exchange gains or losses, other gains or losses and other extraordinary items for such Fiscal Year.

(q) "<u>Earnings Attainment</u>" for any Fiscal Year means a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the percentage which Earnings constitutes of Net Sales for such Fiscal Year, and the denominator of which shall be 18%. In the event that there shall be no Earnings for such Fiscal Year, the Earnings Attainment for such Fiscal Year shall be zero. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Earnings Attainment for any Fiscal Year shall not exceed one.

(r) "Effective Date" means the date on which this Plan will take effect.

(s) "Employee" means any person, including Officers and Directors, employed by the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary of the Company. Neither service as a Director nor payment of a director's fee by the Company will be sufficient to constitute "employment" by the Company.

(t) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(u) "Exchange Program" means a program under which outstanding Awards are surrendered or cancelled in exchange for Awards of the same type, a different type of award, and/or cash. The Administrator will determine the terms and conditions of any Exchange Program in its sole discretion.

(v) "Excluded Items" includes, without limitation, (i) incentive compensation, (ii) in-process research and development expenses, (iii) acquisition costs, (iv) compensation expense from equity compensation, (v) operating expenses from acquired businesses, (vi) amortization of acquired intangible assets, and (vii) such other unusual or one-time items as may be identified by the Administrator.

(w) "Fair Market Value" means, as of any date, the value of Common Stock as the Administrator may determine in good faith.

(x) "Fiscal Year" means the fiscal year of the Company.

(y) "Incumbent Directors" means directors who either (A) are Directors as of the Effective Date, or (B) are elected, or nominated for election, to the Board with the affirmative votes of at least a majority of the Incumbent Directors at the time of such election or nomination (but will not include an individual whose election or nomination is in connection with an actual or threatened proxy contest relating to the election of directors to the Company);

(z) "Inside Director" means a Director who is an Employee.

(aa) "<u>Net Income</u>" means as to any Performance Period, the Company's or a business unit's income after taxes determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, adjusted for any Excluded Items approved for exclusion by the Administrator.

(bb) "Net Sales" for any Fiscal Year shall mean the net sales of the Company on a consolidated basis for such Fiscal Year.

(cc) "Non-Surviving Event" means an event of Restructuring as described in Section 2(nn)(ii).

(dd) "Officer" means a person who is an officer of the Company within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(ee) "Outside Director" means a Director who is not an Employee.

(ff) "Parent" means a "parent corporation," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code.

(gg) "Participant" means the holder of an outstanding Award.

(h) "Performance Goals" means the goal(s) (or combined goal(s)) determined by the Administrator (in its discretion) to be applicable to a Participant with respect to an Award granted under the Plan. As determined by the Administrator, the Performance Goals for any Award applicable to a Participant may provide for a targeted level or levels of achievement using one or more of the following measures: stock price; revenue; profit; bookings; cash flow; customer retention; customer satisfaction; net bookings; net income; net profit; Sales Attainment; operating cash flow; operating expenses; total earnings; Earnings Attainment; earnings per share, diluted or basic; earnings per share from continuing operations, diluted or basic; earnings before interest and taxes; earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization; pre-tax profit; net asset turnover; inventory turnover; capital expenditures; net earnings; operating earnings; gross or operating margin; profit margin; debt; working capital; return on equity; return on net assets; return on total assets; return on capital; return on investment; return on sales; net or gross sales; economic value added; cost of capital; change in assets; expense reduction levels; debt reduction; productivity; new product introductions; delivery performance; and total stockholder return. The Performance Goals may differ from Participant to Participant and from Award to Award. Any criteria used may be (A) measured in absolute terms, (B) measured in terms of growth, (C) compared to another company or companies, (D) measured against the market as a whole and/or according to applicable market indices, (E) measured against the performance of the Company as a whole or a segment of the Company and/or (F) measured on a pre-tax or post-tax basis (if applicable). Further, any Performance

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Goals may be used to measure the performance of the Company as a whole or a business unit or other segment of the Company, or one or more product lines or specific markets and may be measured relative to a peer group or index. The Performance Goals may differ from Participant to Participant and from Award to Award. Prior to the Determination Date, the Administrator will determine whether any significant element(s) will be included in or excluded from the calculation of any Performance Goal with respect to any Participant. In all other respects, Performance Goals will be calculated in accordance with the Company's financial statements, generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), or under a methodology (including non-GAAP adjustments) established by the Administrator prior to the Determination Date and which is consistently applied with respect to a Performance Goal in the relevant Performance Performance Performance Coal in the relevant Performance Performan

(ii) "Performance Period" means any Fiscal Year of the Company or such longer or shorter period as determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion.

(jj) "<u>Period of Restriction</u>" means the period during which the transfer of Shares of Restricted Stock are subject to restrictions and therefore, the Shares are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture. Such restrictions may be based on the passage of time, the achievement of target levels of performance, or the occurrence of other events as determined by the Administrator.

(kk) "Plan" means this 2015 Equity Incentive Plan.

(II) "Restricted Stock" means Shares issued pursuant to a Restricted Stock award under Section 6 of the Plan.

(mm) "<u>Restricted Stock Unit</u>" means a bookkeeping entry representing an amount equal to the Fair Market Value of one Share, granted pursuant to Section 7. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents an unfunded and unsecured obligation of the Company.

(nn) "Restructuring" means the occurrence of any one or more of the following:

(i) The merger or consolidation of the Company with any person, whether effected as a single transaction or a series of related transactions, with the Company remaining the continuing or surviving entity of that merger or consolidation and the Shares remaining outstanding and not changed into or exchanged for stock or other securities of any other person or of the Company, cash, or other property; or

(ii) The merger or consolidation of the Company with any person, whether effected as a single transaction or a series of related transactions, with (i) the Company not being the continuing or surviving entity of that merger or consolidation or (ii) the Company remaining the continuing or surviving entity of that merger or consolidation but all or a part of the outstanding Shares are changed into or exchanged for stock or other securities of any other person or the Company, cash, or other property.

(oo) "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act or any successor to Rule 16b-3, as in effect when discretion is being exercised with respect to the Plan.

(pp) "Sales Attainment" for any Fiscal Year means a fraction, the numerator of which shall equal the percentage increase in Net Sales for such Fiscal Year over the Net Sales for the immediately preceding Fiscal Year, and the denominator of which shall be 20%. In the event that there shall be no increase in the Net Sales for such Fiscal Year from that of the immediately preceding Fiscal Year, the Sales Attainment for such Fiscal Year shall be zero. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Sales Attainment for any Fiscal Year exceed one.

(qq) "Section 16(b)" means Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.

(rr) "Service Provider" means an Employee, Director or Consultant.

(ss) "Share" means a share of the Common Stock, as adjusted in accordance with Section 10 of the Plan.

(tt) "Subsidiary" means a "subsidiary corporation," whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code.

(uu) "Voting Securities" means any securities that are entitled to vote generally in the election of Directors, in the admission of general partners or in the selection of any other similar governing body.

3. Stock Subject to the Plan.

(a) <u>Stock Subject to the Plan</u>. Subject to the provisions of Section 10 of the Plan, the maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be awarded and sold under the Plan is 3,000,000 plus (a) such number of Shares which have been reserved but not issued under the Company's 2010 Incentive Plan (the "2010 Plan") and the Company's 2005 Incentive Plan (the "2005 Plan") as of the date stockholders approve the Plan, (b) any Shares returned to the Company's 1994 Incentive Stock Option Plan, 2010 Plan or 2005 Plan as a result of termination of options or repurchase of Shares issued under such plans. Shares shall not be deemed to have been issued pursuant to the Plan with respect to any portion of an Award that is settled in cash. The Shares may be authorized, but unissued, or reacquired Common Stock.

(b) Lapsed Awards. If an Award expires, is surrendered pursuant to an Exchange Program, is forfeited to or repurchased by the Company or otherwise terminates, the forfeited, repurchased or unissued Shares which were subject thereto will become available for future grant or sale under the Plan (unless the Plan has terminated). However, Shares that have actually been issued under the Plan under any Award will not be returned to the Plan and will not become available for future distribution under the Plan; provided, however, that if unvested Shares of Restricted Stock are repurchased by the Company or are forfeited to the Company, such Shares will become available for future grant under the Plan. Shares used to pay the tax and exercise price of an Award will become available for future grant or sale under the Plan. To the extent an Award under the Plan is paid out in cash rather than Shares, such cash payment will not result in reducing the number of Shares available for issuance under the Plan.

(c) <u>Share Reserve</u>. The Company, during the term of this Plan, will at all times reserve and keep available such number of Shares as will be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Plan.

4. Administration of the Plan.

(a) Procedure.

(i) Multiple Administrative Bodies. Different Committees with respect to different groups of Service Providers may administer the Plan.

(ii) <u>Section 162(m)</u>. To the extent that the Administrator determines it to be desirable to qualify Awards granted hereunder as "performancebased compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code, the Plan will be administered by a Committee of two or more "outside directors" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code.

(iii) <u>Rule 16b-3</u>. To the extent desirable to qualify transactions hereunder as exempt under Rule 16b-3, the transactions contemplated hereunder will be structured to satisfy the requirements for exemption under Rule 16b-3.

(iv) <u>Other Administration</u>. Other than as provided above, the Plan will be administered by (A) the Board or (B) a Committee, which committee will be constituted to satisfy Applicable Laws.



(b) <u>Powers of the Administrator</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, and in the case of a Committee, subject to the specific duties delegated by the Board to such Committee, the Administrator will have the authority, in its discretion:

(i) to determine the Fair Market Value;

(ii) to select the Service Providers to whom Awards may be granted hereunder;

(iii) to determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, of any Award granted hereunder;

(iv) to approve forms of agreement for use under the Plan;

(v) to institute an Exchange Program;

(vi) to construe and interpret the terms of the Plan and Awards granted pursuant to the Plan;

(vii) to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan, including rules and regulations relating to sub-plans established for the purpose of satisfying applicable foreign laws or for qualifying for favorable tax treatment under applicable foreign laws;

(viii) to modify or amend each Award (subject to Section 15(c) of the Plan);

(ix) to authorize any person to execute on behalf of the Company any instrument required to effect the grant of an Award previously granted by the Administrator;

(x) to allow a Participant to defer the receipt of the payment of cash or the delivery of Shares that would otherwise be due to such Participant under an Award pursuant to such procedures as the Administrator may determine; and

(xi) to make all other determinations deemed necessary or advisable for administering the Plan.

(c) Effect of Administrator's Decision. The Administrator's decisions, determinations and interpretations will be final and binding on all Participants and any other holders of Awards.

(d) <u>No Liability</u>. Under no circumstances shall the Company, its Parent or Subsidiary companies, the Administrator, or the Board incur liability for any indirect, incidental, consequential or special damages (including lost profits) of any form incurred by any person, whether or not foreseeable and regardless of the form of the act in which such a claim may be brought, with respect to the Plan or the Company's, its Parent or Subsidiary companies', the Administrator's or the Board's roles in connection with the Plan.

5. Eligibility. Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units may be granted to Service Providers.

6. Restricted Stock.

(a) <u>Grant of Restricted Stock</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Administrator, at any time and from time to time, may grant Shares of Restricted Stock to Service Providers in such amounts as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, will determine.

(b) <u>Restricted Stock Agreement</u>. Each Award of Restricted Stock will be evidenced by an Award Agreement that will specify the Period of Restriction, the number of Shares granted, and such other terms and conditions as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, will determine. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, for Awards of Restricted Stock intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code, during any Fiscal Year no Participant will receive more than an aggregate of 50,000 Shares of Restricted Stock; provided, however, that in connection with a Participant's initial service as an Employee, he or she may be granted up to an additional 50,000 Shares of Restricted Stock. Unless the Administrator determines otherwise, Shares of

Restricted Stock will be held by the Company as escrow agent until the restrictions on such Shares have lapsed.

(c) <u>Transferability</u>. Except as provided in this Section 6, Shares of Restricted Stock may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated until the end of the applicable Period of Restriction.

(d) Other Restrictions. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may impose such other restrictions on Shares of Restricted Stock as it may deem advisable or appropriate.

(e) <u>Removal of Restrictions</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 6, Shares of Restricted Stock covered by each Restricted Stock grant made under the Plan will be released from escrow as soon as practicable after the last day of the Period of Restriction or at such other time as the Administrator may determine. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may reduce or waive any restrictions for such Award and may accelerate the time at which any restrictions will lapse or be removed.

(f) Voting Rights. During the Period of Restriction, Service Providers holding Shares of Restricted Stock granted hereunder may exercise any voting rights with respect to those Shares, unless the Administrator determines otherwise.

(g) <u>Dividends and Other Distributions</u>. During the Period of Restriction, Service Providers holding Shares of Restricted Stock will be entitled to receive any cash dividends paid with respect to such Shares, unless the Administrator determines otherwise. During the Period of Restriction, if dividends or distributions are paid in Shares, Service Providers holding Shares of Restricted Stock will be entitled to such dividends or distributions. The Shares received pursuant to any such dividend or distribution will be subject to the same restrictions on transferability and forfeitability as the Shares of Restricted Stock with respect to which they were issued.

(h) <u>Return of Restricted Stock to Company</u>. On the date set forth in the Award Agreement, the Restricted Stock for which restrictions have not lapsed will revert to the Company and again will become available for grant under the Plan.

(i) <u>Section 162(m) Performance Restrictions</u>. For purposes of qualifying grants of Restricted Stock as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator (which, for these purposes, will be a Committee established as set forth in Section 4(a)(ii)), in its discretion, may set restrictions based upon the achievement of Performance Goals. The Performance Goals will be set by the Administrator on or before the Determination Date. In granting Restricted Stock which is intended to qualify under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator will follow any procedures determined by it from time to time to be necessary or appropriate to ensure qualification of the Award under Section 162(m) of the Code (e.g., in determining the Performance Goals).

7. Restricted Stock Units.

(a) <u>Grant</u>. Restricted Stock Units may be granted at any time and from time to time as determined by the Administrator. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, for Restricted Stock Units intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code, during any Fiscal Year no Participant will receive more than an aggregate of 50,000 Restricted Stock Units; provided, however, that in connection with a Participant's initial service as an Employee, he or she may be granted up to an additional 50,000 Restricted Stock Units. After the Administrator determines that it will grant Restricted Stock Units under the Plan, it will advise the Participant in writing or electronically of the terms, conditions, and restrictions related to the grant, including the number of Restricted Stock Units and the form of payout, which, subject to Section 7(d), may be left to the discretion of the Administrator.

(b) <u>Vesting Criteria and Other Terms</u>. The Administrator will set vesting criteria in its discretion, which, depending on the extent to which the criteria are met, will determine the number of Restricted Stock Units



that will be paid out to the Participant. The Administrator may set vesting criteria based upon the achievement of Company-wide, business unit, or individual goals (including, but not limited to, continued employment), or any other basis determined by the Administrator in its discretion.

(c) <u>Earning Restricted Stock Units</u>. Upon meeting the applicable vesting criteria, the Participant will be entitled to receive a payout as determined by the Administrator. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time after the grant of Restricted Stock Units, the Administrator, in its sole discretion, may reduce or waive any vesting criteria that must be met to receive a payout and may accelerate the time at which any restrictions will lapse or be removed.

(d) Form and Timing of Payment. Payment of earned Restricted Stock Units will be made as soon as practicable after the date(s) set forth in the Award Agreement. The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may pay earned Restricted Stock Units in cash, Shares, or a combination thereof. Shares represented by Restricted Stock Units that are fully paid in cash again will not reduce the number of Shares available for grant under the Plan.

(e) Cancellation. On the date set forth in the Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement, all unearned Restricted Stock Units will be forfeited to the Company.

(f) <u>Section 162(m) Performance Restrictions</u>. For purposes of qualifying grants of Restricted Stock Units as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator (which, for these purposes, will be a Committee established as set forth in Section 4(a)(ii)), in its discretion, may set restrictions based upon the achievement of Performance Goals. The Performance Goals will be set by the Administrator on or before the Determination Date. In granting Restricted Stock Units that are intended to qualify under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator will follow any procedures determined by it from time to time to be necessary or appropriate to ensure qualification of the Award under Section 162(m) of the Code (e.g., in determining the Performance Goals).

8. Leaves of Absence/Transfer Between Locations. Unless the Administrator provides otherwise and except as required by Applicable Laws, vesting of Awards granted hereunder will be suspended during any unpaid leave of absence. A Participant will not cease to be an Employee in the case of (i) any leave of absence approved by the Company or (ii) transfers between locations of the Company or between the Company, its Parent, or any Subsidiary.

9. <u>Transferability of Awards</u>. Unless determined otherwise by the Administrator, an Award may not be sold, pledged, assigned, hypothecated, transferred, or disposed of in any manner other than by will or by the laws of descent or distribution and may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Participant, only by the Participant. If the Administrator makes an Award transferable, such Award will contain such additional terms and conditions as the Administrator deems appropriate.

10. Adjustments; Dissolution or Liquidation; Merger or Change in Control.

(a) <u>Adjustment of Awards and Authorized Shares</u>. The terms of an Award and the number of Shares authorized pursuant to Section 3 for issuance under the Plan and the numerical Share limits set forth in Sections 6 and 7 shall be subject to adjustment from time to time, in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) If at any time, or from time to time, the Company shall subdivide as a whole (by reclassification, by a stock split, by the issuance of a distribution on Shares payable in Shares, or otherwise) the number of Shares then outstanding into a greater number of Shares, then (i) the maximum number of Shares available for the Plan as provided in Section 3 and the numerical Share limits set forth in Sections 6 and 7 shall be increased proportionately, and the kind of shares or other securities available for the Plan shall be appropriately adjusted, (ii) the number of Shares (or other kind of shares or securities) that may be acquired under any Award shall be increased proportionately, and (iii) the price, if any, for each Share (or other kind of shares or securities) subject to then outstanding Awards

shall be reduced proportionately, without changing the aggregate purchase price or value as to which outstanding Awards remain exercisable or subject to restrictions.

(ii) If at any time, or from time to time, the Company shall consolidate as a whole (by reclassification, reverse stock split, or otherwise) the number of Shares then outstanding into a lesser number of Shares, then (i) the maximum number of Shares available for the Plan as provided in Section 3 and the numerical Share limits set forth in Sections 6 and 7 shall be decreased proportionately, and the kind of shares or other securities available for the Plan shall be appropriately adjusted, (ii) the number of Shares (or other kind of shares or securities) that may be acquired under any Award shall be decreased proportionately, and (iii) the price, if any, for each Share (or other kind of shares or securities) subject to then outstanding Awards shall be increased proportionately, without changing the aggregate purchase price, if any, or value as to which outstanding Awards remain exercisable or subject to restrictions.

(iii) Whenever the number of Shares subject to outstanding Awards and the price, if any, for each Share subject to outstanding Awards are required to be adjusted as provided in this Section 10(a), the Administrator shall promptly prepare a notice setting forth, in reasonable detail, the event requiring adjustment, the amount of the adjustment, the method by which such adjustment was calculated, and the change in price and the number of Shares, other securities, cash, or property purchasable subject to each Award after giving effect to the adjustments. The Administrator shall promptly give each Participant such a notice.

(iv) Adjustments under Sections 10(a)(i) and 10(a)(ii) shall be made by the Administrator, and its determination as to what adjustments shall be made and the extent thereof shall be final, binding, and conclusive. No fractional interest shall be issued under the Plan on account of any such adjustments.

(v) Except as set forth in Sections 10(a)(i) and 10(a)(ii), in the event that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of Shares, other securities, or other property), recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, repurchase, or exchange of Shares or other securities of the Company, or other change in the corporate structure of the Company affecting the Shares occurs, the Administrator, in order to prevent diminution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, may (in its sole discretion) adjust the number and class of Shares that may be delivered under the Plan and/or the number, class, and price of Shares covered by each outstanding Award, and the numerical Share limits set forth in Sections 6 and 7.

(b) <u>Dissolution or Liquidation</u>. In the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, the Administrator will notify each Participant as soon as practicable prior to the effective date of such proposed transaction.

(c) <u>Change in Control</u>. In the event of a Change in Control, each outstanding Award will be treated as the Administrator determines, including, without limitation, that each Award be assumed or an equivalent right substituted by the successor corporation or a Parent or Subsidiary of the successor corporation. The Administrator will not be required to treat all Awards similarly in the transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the successor corporation does not assume or substitute for the Award, the restriction period of any Award of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall immediately be accelerated and the restrictions shall expire, and, with respect to Awards with performance-based vesting, all Performance Goals or other vesting criteria will be deemed achieved at one hundred percent (100%) of target levels and all other terms and conditions met.

Following such assumption or substitution in connection with a Change in Control, if a Participant's status as Service Provider is terminated without Cause within twenty four (24) months following the Change in Control, then the restriction period of any Award of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall immediately be accelerated and the restrictions shall expire, and, with respect to Awards with

performance-based vesting, all Performance Goals or other vesting criteria will be deemed achieved at one hundred percent (100%) of target levels and all other terms and conditions met.

If a Change in Control involves a Restructuring or occurs in connection with a series of related transactions involving a Restructuring and if such Restructuring is in the form of a Non-Surviving Event and as a part of such Restructuring Shares, other securities, cash, or property shall be issuable or deliverable in exchange for Shares, then the Participant shall be entitled to purchase or receive (in lieu of the Total Shares that the Participant would otherwise be entitled to purchase or receive), as appropriate for the form of Award, the number of Shares, other securities, cash, or property to which that number of Total Shares would have been entitled in connection with such Restructuring.

Notwithstanding anything in this Section 10(c) to the contrary, if a payment under an Award Agreement is subject to Section 409A of the Code and if the change in control definition contained in the Award Agreement or other agreement related to the Award does not comply with the definition of "change in control" for purposes of a distribution under Code Section 409A, then any payment of an amount that is otherwise accelerated under this Section will be delayed until the earliest time that such payment would be permissible under Code Section 409A without triggering any penalties applicable under Code Section 409A.

(d) <u>Restructuring Without a Change in Control</u>. In the event a Restructuring shall occur at any time while there is any outstanding Award hereunder and that Restructuring does not occur in connection with a Change in Control or a series of related transactions involving a Change in Control, then:

(i) the restriction period of any Award of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall not immediately be accelerated and the restrictions expire merely because of the occurrence of the Restructuring; and

(ii) at the option of the Administrator, the Administrator may (but shall not be required to) cause the Company to take any one or more of the following actions:

(1) accelerate in whole or in part the expiration of some or all of the restrictions on any Restricted Stock Award;

(2) if the Restructuring is in the form of a Non-Surviving Event, cause the surviving entity to assume in whole or in part any one or more of the outstanding Awards upon such terms and provisions as the Administrator deems desirable; or

(3) redeem in whole or in part any one or more of the outstanding Awards (whether or not then exercisable) in consideration of a cash payment, as such payment may be reduced for tax withholding obligations in an amount equal to the Fair Market Value, determined as of the date immediately preceding the consummation of the Restructuring, of the aggregate number of Shares subject to the Award and as to which the Award is being redeemed.

The Company shall promptly notify each Participant of any election or action taken by the Company under this Section 10(d). In the event of any election or action taken by the Company pursuant to this Section 10(d) that requires the amendment or cancellation of any Award Agreement as may be specified in any notice to the Participant thereof, that Participant shall promptly deliver that Award Agreement to the Company in order for that amendment or cancellation to be implemented by the Company and the Administrator. The failure of the Participant to deliver any such Award Agreement to the Company as provided in the preceding sentence shall not in any manner affect the validity or enforceability of any action taken by the Company and the Administrator under this Section 10(d), including without limitation any redemption of an Award as of the consummation of a Restructuring. Any cash payment to be made by the Company of the Award Agreement evidencing that Award; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any such redemption shall be effective upon the consummation of the Restructuring notwithstanding that the payment of the redemption price may

occur subsequent to the consummation. If all or any portion of an outstanding Award is to be exercised or accelerated upon or after the consummation of a Restructuring that does not occur in connection with a Change in Control and is in the form of a Non-Surviving Event, and as a part of that Restructuring shares of stock, other securities, cash, or property shall be issuable or deliverable in exchange for Shares, then the Participant shall thereafter be entitled to purchase or receive (in lieu of the number of Shares that the Participant would otherwise be entitled to purchase or receive) the number of Shares, other securities, cash, or property to which such number of Shares would have been entitled in connection with the Restructuring and such Award shall be subject to adjustments that shall be as nearly equivalent as may be practical to the adjustments provided for in this Section 10.

(e) <u>Notice of Restructuring</u>. The Company shall attempt to keep all Participants informed with respect to any Restructuring or of any potential Restructuring to the same extent that the Company's stockholders are informed by the Company of any such event or potential event.

11. Tax Withholding

(a) <u>Withholding Requirements</u>. Prior to the delivery of any Shares or cash pursuant to an Award (or exercise thereof), the Company will have the power and the right to deduct or withhold, or require a Participant to remit to the Company, an amount sufficient to satisfy federal, state, local, foreign or other taxes (including the Participant's FICA obligation) required to be withheld with respect to such Award (or exercise thereof).

(b) Withholding Arrangements. The Administrator, in its sole discretion and pursuant to such procedures as it may specify from time to time, may permit a Participant to satisfy such tax withholding obligation, in whole or in part by (without limitation) (a) paying cash, (b) electing to have the Company withhold otherwise deliverable cash or Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld, (c) delivering to the Company already-owned Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld, (c) delivering to the Company already-owned Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld, provided the delivery of such Shares will not result in any adverse accounting consequences as the Administrator determines in its sole discretion, or (d) selling a sufficient number of Shares otherwise deliverable to the Participant through such means as the Administrator may determine in its sole discretion (whether through a broker or otherwise) equal to the amount required to be withheld. The amount of the withholding requirement will be deemed to include any amount which the Administrator agrees may be withheld at the time the election is made, not to exceed the amount determined by using the maximum federal, state or local marginal income tax rates applicable to the Participant with respect to the Award on the date that the amount of tax to be withheld is to be determined. The Fair Market Value of the Shares to be withheld or delivered will be determined as of the date that the taxes are required to be withheld.

12. <u>No Effect on Employment or Service</u>. Neither the Plan nor any Award will confer upon a Participant any right with respect to continuing the Participant's relationship as a Service Provider with the Company, nor will they interfere in any way with the Participant's right or the Company's right to terminate such relationship at any time, with or without cause, to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws.

13. <u>Date of Grant</u>. The date of grant of an Award will be, for all purposes, the date on which the Administrator makes the determination granting such Award, or such other later date as is determined by the Administrator. Notice of the determination will be provided to each Participant within a reasonable time after the date of such grant.

14. <u>Term of Plan</u>. Subject to Section 18 of the Plan, the Plan will become effective upon its adoption by the Board. It will continue in effect until the Company's annual stockholder meeting in 2020, but in no event beyond December 31, 2020, unless terminated earlier under Section 15 of the Plan.

15. Amendment and Termination of the Plan.

(a) Amendment and Termination. The Administrator may at any time amend, alter, suspend or terminate the Plan.

(b) <u>Stockholder Approval</u>. The Company will obtain stockholder approval of any Plan amendment to the extent necessary and desirable to comply with Applicable Laws.

(c) Effect of Amendment or Termination. No amendment, alteration, suspension or termination of the Plan will impair the rights of any Participant, unless mutually agreed otherwise between the Participant and the Administrator, which agreement must be in writing and signed by the Participant and the Company. Termination of the Plan will not affect the Administrator's ability to exercise the powers granted to it hereunder with respect to Awards granted under the Plan prior to the date of such termination.

16. Conditions Upon Issuance of Shares.

(a) Legal Compliance. Shares will not be issued pursuant to the exercise of an Award unless the exercise of such Award and the issuance and delivery of such Shares will comply with Applicable Laws and will be further subject to the approval of counsel for the Company with respect to such compliance.

(b) <u>Investment Representations</u>. As a condition to the exercise of an Award, the Company may require the person exercising such Award to represent and warrant at the time of any such exercise that the Shares are being purchased only for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares if, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, such a representation is required.

17. <u>Inability to Obtain Authority</u>. The inability of the Company to obtain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the Company's counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, will relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority will not have been obtained.

18. <u>Stockholder Approval</u>. The Plan will be subject to approval by the stockholders of the Company after the date the Plan is adopted. Such stockholder approval will be obtained in the manner and to the degree required under Applicable Laws.



Calculation of Filing Fee Tables

FORM S-8 Registration Statement Under the Securities Act of 1933

(Form Type)

Emerson Electric Co. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

| Table 1: Newly Registered Securities | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| | Security Type | Security Class Title | Fee Calculation Rule | Amount Registered (1) | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit | Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | Fee Rate | Amount of Registration Fee (4) |
| Fees to be Paid | Equity | Common Stock, par value \$0.50 per share | | 2,113,555 (2) | \$94.01 (3) | \$198,695,305.55 | 0.0001476 | \$29,327.43 |
| Total Offering Amounts | | | | | | \$198,695,305.55 | | \$29,327.43 |
| | Total Fee Offsets | | | | | | | |
| Net Fee Due | | | | | | | | \$29,327.43 |

(1)Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the number of shares of common stock, par value \$0.50 per share ("Emerson Common Stock") of Emerson Electric Co. (the "Registrant") registered hereunder includes an indeterminable number of shares of Common Stock that become issuable by reason of any share dividend, share split or other similar transaction.

(2)Represents shares of Emerson Common Stock issuable under outstanding and unvested restricted stock unit and performance stock unit awards granted under the National Instruments Corporation 2022 Equity Incentive Plan, the National Instruments Corporation 2020 Equity Incentive Plan and the National Instruments Corporation 2015 Equity Incentive Plan that were assumed by the Registrant in connection with the completion of the transactions contemplated by that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 12, 2023, by and between the Registrant, Emersub CXIV, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Registrant, and National Instruments Corporation and thereupon converted into time-based restricted stock units with respect to Emerson Common Stock.

(3)Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rules 457(c) and 457(h) under the Securities Act on the basis of the average of the high and low sales prices reported for the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on October 5, 2023.

(4)Rounded up to the nearest penny.