WOLF HALDENSTEIN ADLER 1 ORIGINAL FREEMAN & HERZ LLP FRANCIS M. GREGOREK (144785) 2 BETSY C. MANIFOLD (182450) 2006 م الل 3 FRANCIS A. BOTTINI, JR. (175783) RACHELE R. RICKERT (190634) RICHARD W. WIEKING CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT Symphony Towers 750 B Street, Suite 2770 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 5 San Diego, CA 92101 Telephone: 619/239-4599 6 Facsimile: 619/234-4599 7 Attorneys for Plaintiff Pinchus Berliner 8 [Additional Counsel Appear On Signature Page] 9 10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 11 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 12 SAN JOSE DIVISION 4269 13 14 PINCHUS BERLINER, in the Right of and Case No. for the Benefit of Applied Micro Circuit 15 Corporation, Inc. 16 Plaintiff. VERIFIED SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE 17 COMPLAINT 18 DAVID M. RICKEY, JOEL O. HOLLIDAY, JURY TRIAL DEMANDED 19 THOMAS TULLIE, ANIL BEDI, LASZLO GAL, WILLIAM E. BENDUSH, KENNETH 20 L. CLARK, BRENT E. LITTLE, GREGORY A. WINNER, CESAR CESARATTO. 21 KAMBIZ HOOSHMAND, MURRAY A. GOLDMAN, FRED SHLAPAK, ARTHUR 22 B. STABENOW, JULIE H. SULLIVAN, HARVEY P. WHITE and DAVID B. 23 WRIGHT. 24 Defendants. 25 and 26 APPLIED MICRO CIRCUITS 27 CORPORATION. 28 Nominal Defendant

VERIFIED SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Pinchus Berliner, by and through his attorneys, derivatively on behalf of Applied Micro Circuits Corporation, alleges upon personal knowledge as to himself and his own acts, and upon information and belief as to all other matters, based upon, *inter alia*, the investigation conducted by and through his attorneys, which included, among other things, a review of Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filings, news reports, press releases, and other publicly available documents regarding the Company as follows:

SUMMARY

- 1. Plaintiff, derivatively on behalf of nominal defendant Applied Micro Circuits Corporation ("AMCC" or the "Company"), seeks relief for the damages sustained, and to be sustained by AMCC, against certain former and current top executives and its Board of Directors for violations of state and federal law, including their breaches of fiduciary duties, abuse of control, gross mismanagement, waste of corporate assets and unjust enrichment, and violations of Section 14(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), which occurred between March 1, 1998 and the present (the "Relevant Period").
- 2. AMCC's senior management has engaged in certain transactions, including the exercise of improperly back-dated options, to reap millions of dollars in unlawful windfall profits at the expense of the Company.
- 3. A stock option granted to an employee of the Company allows the employee to purchase Company stock at a specified price referred to as the "exercise price" for a specified period of time. Stock options are granted as part of employees' compensation packages to create incentives for them to boost profitability and the Company's stock value. When an employee exercises an option, he or she purchases the stock from the Company at the exercise price, regardless of the stock's price at the time the option is exercised.
- 4. The unlawful conduct occurred while defendants were directing the Company. These defendants authorized or failed to halt the back-dating of options in dereliction of their fiduciary duties to the Company as directors and/or officers, thus causing or allowing the Company to suffer millions of dollars in harm.
 - 5. Options are required to be priced at the price of the Company stock on the day of

the grant. If an option is back-dated to a day on which a market price was lower than the price on the day the option is granted, then the employee pays less and the Company gets less money for the stock when the option is exercised. Furthermore, the purchaser of the option gets a greater compensation than that to which he or she is entitled. Such conduct is unlawful.

- 6. On May 31, 2006, the Company announced that the Audit Committee of AMCC's Board of Directors is reviewing the Company's historical stock options grant practices and related accounting.
- 7. On June 12, 2006, the Company announced that it had received an informal inquiry from the SEC requesting documents related to AMCC's stock option grants and practices. On June 27, 2006, AMCC announced that it received a subpoena from the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California requesting documents relating to the Company's historical stock option practices. The Company also announced that it was contacted by the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California, which has opened its own investigation into the Company's historical stock option practices.
- 8. On June 30, 2006, the Company announced that due to the delay in the filing of its Annual Report on SEC Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2006, AMCC received a letter from The Nasdaq Stock Market indicating that the Company's common stock is subject to delisting pursuant to Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 4310(c)(14). This Rule requires the Company to make on a timely basis all filings with the SEC, as required by the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act").
- 9. Back-dating the options violated the Company's stock option plans. Back-dating the options also breached defendants' fiduciary duties of care, loyalty, and good faith to the Company.
- 10. Defendants' conduct has unjustly enriched AMCC's top executives, including the Management Defendants identified below, and has exposed the Company to great expense and liability, to the detriment of the Company and its shareholders.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

11. This Court has jurisdiction over all claims asserted herein pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

§1331, because plaintiff's claims arise in part under the Constitution and the laws of the United States. This Court also has supplemental jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367(a). Additionally, this Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(a)(2) in that plaintiff and defendants are citizens of different states and the matter in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interests and costs. This action is not a collusive action designed to confer jurisdiction on a court of the United States that it would not otherwise have.

12. Venue is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to Section 27 of the Exchange Act and 28 U.S.C. §1391(a)(1) because one or more of defendants either resides or maintains executives offices in this Judicial District, and a substantial portion of the acts and transactions constituting the violations of law alleged in this Complaint occurred in substantial part in this Judicial District. Moreover, defendants have received substantial compensation in this Judicial District by doing business here and engaging in numerous activities that had an effect in this Judicial District.

PARTIES

The Plaintiff

- 13. Plaintiff Pinchus Berliner is a New York resident and has been a holder of the Company's common stock since June 2000.
- 14. As a current holder of AMCC common stock and a holder during the period of the wrongs alleged herein, and pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23.1, plaintiff has standing to assert these claims on behalf of the Company and will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Company and its other stockholders.

The Management Defendants

- 15. Defendant David M. Rickey ("Rickey") is the former Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Company. Upon information and belief, defendant Rickey resides in California.
- 16. Defendant Joel O. Holliday ("Holliday") is the former Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Upon information and belief, defendant Holliday resides in California.

- 17. Defendant Thomas Tullie ("Tullie") joined AMCC in 1996 and is currently the Company's Chief Operating Officer. Upon information and belief, defendant Tullie resides in California.
- 18. Defendant Anil Bedi ("Bedi") is the former Vice President of Marketing. Upon information and belief, defendant Bedi resides in California.
- 19. Defendant Laszlo Gal ("Gal") joined the Company in January of 1997 and served as Vice President of Engineering until April 1999. Upon information and belief, defendant Gal resides in California.
- 20. Defendant William E. Bendush ("Bendush") was a Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from 1999 through 2003. Upon information and belief, defendant Bendush resides in California.
- 21. Defendant Kenneth L. Clark ("Clark") is the former Vice President, Operations of the Company. Upon information and belief, defendant Clark resides in California.
- 22. Defendant Brent E. Little ("Little") joined the Company in 1991 and is currently a Senior Vice President/General Manager Storage of the Company. Upon information and belief, defendant Little resides in California.
- 23. Defendant Gregory A. Winner ("Winner") is the Senior Vice President Engineering of the Company. He has been working at AMCC since 1999. Upon information and belief, defendant Winner resides in California.
- 24. Defendants Rickey, Holliday, Tullie, Bedi, Gal, Bendush, Clark, Little and Winner are sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Management Defendants."

The Director Defendants

25. Defendant Cesar Cesaratto ("Cesaratto") is currently the Chairman of the Board and has been a director since April 2002. He became a member of the Compensation Committee in May of 2003 and is currently a member of the Committee. Upon information and belief, defendant Cesaratto resides in Europe.

- 26. Defendant Kambiz Hooshmand ("Hooshmand") is currently the CEO, President and a Director of the Company. Defendant Hooshmand joined the Company in March 2005. Upon information and belief, defendant Hooshmand resides in California.
- 27. Defendant Dr. Murray A. Goldman ("Goldman") is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Company. He has been a member of the Compensation Committee since June 2005. Upon information and belief, defendant Goldman resides in Texas.
- 28. Defendant Fred Shlapak ("Shlapak") is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Company. Upon information and belief, defendant Shlapak resides in Texas.
- 29. Defendant Arthur B. Stabenow ("Stabenow") has served as a director of the Company since July 1988. Defendant Stabenow has been a member of the Compensation Committee since 1998. Upon information and belief, defendant Stabenow resides in California.
- 30. Defendant Julie H. Sullivan ("Sullivan") became a director of the Company in 2005. Defendant Sullivan is a member of the Compensation Committee and resides in California.
- 31. Defendant Harvey P. White ("White") has served as a Director of AMCC since April 1999. Defendant White was a member of the Compensation Committee from 2000-2003. Upon information and belief, defendant White resides in California.
- 32. Defendant David B. Wright ("Wright") has been a member of the Board of Directors since November 2004. Defendant Wright joined the Compensation Committee in November 2004 and is currently a member of the Committee. Upon information and belief, defendant Wright resides in California.
- 33. Defendants Cesaratto, Hooshmand, Goldman, Shlapak, Stabenow, Sullivan, White and Wright, are sometimes collectively referred to as the "Director Defendants."

The Nominal Defendant

34. Nominal defendant AMCC is a Delaware corporation with its executive offices and principal place of business at 215 Moffett Park Drive, Sunnyvale, California 94089. According to the Company's website, AMCC provides the essential building blocks for the processing, moving and storing of information worldwide. AMCC is a global leader in network and embedded PowerPC processing, optical transport and storage solutions. The Company's products enable the

development of converged IP-based networks offering high-speed secure data, high-definition video and high-quality voice for carrier, metropolitan, access and enterprise applications. AMCC provides networking equipment vendors with industry-leading network and communications processing, Ethernet, SONET and switch fabric solutions. AMCC is also the leading vendor of high-port count SATA RAID controllers enabling low-cost, high-performance, high-capacity storage.

OBLIGATIONS AND DUTIES OF THE DEFENDANTS

35. By reason of their positions as directors, officers, and/or fiduciaries of the Company and because of their ability to control the business, corporate and financial affairs of the Company, each of the defendants owed the Company and its shareholders the duty to exercise due care and diligence in the management and administration of the affairs of the Company and in the use and preservation of its property and assets; the duty of loyalty, to put the interests of the Company above their own financial interests; and the duty of candor, including full and candid disclosure of all material facts related thereto. Further, defendants owed a duty to the Company and its shareholders to ensure that the Company operated in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, and that the Company not engage in any unsafe, unsound, or illegal business practices. The conduct of defendants complained of herein involves knowing violations of their duties as directors of the Company, and the absence of good faith on their part, which defendants were aware or should have been aware, posed a risk of serious injury to the Company.

To discharge these duties, defendants were required to exercise reasonable and prudent supervision over the management, policies, practices, controls, and financial and corporate affairs of the Company. By virtue of this obligation of ordinary care and diligence, defendants were required, among other things, to:

- (a) manage, conduct, supervise, and direct the employees, businesses and affairs of the Company in accordance with laws, rules and regulations, and the charter and bylaws of the Company;
- (b) neither violate nor knowingly or recklessly permit any officer, director or employee of the Company to violate applicable laws, rules and regulations, and to exercise reasonable control and supervision over such officers and employees;

ensure the prudence and soundness of policies and practices undertaken or proposed to be undertaken by the Company;

- (c) remain informed as to how the Company was, in fact, operating, and upon receiving notice or information of unsafe, imprudent or unsound practices, to make reasonable investigation in connection therewith and to take steps to correct that condition or practice, including, but not limited to, maintaining and implementing an adequate system of financial controls to gather and report information internally, to allow defendants to perform their oversight function properly to prevent the use of non-public corporate information for personal profit;
- (d) supervise the preparation, filing and/or dissemination of any SEC filing, press releases, audits, reports or other information disseminated by the Company, and to examine and evaluate any reports of examinations or investigations concerning the practices, products or conduct of officers of the Company, and to make full and accurate disclosure of all material facts, concerning *inter alia*, each of the subjects and duties set forth above; and
- (e) preserve and enhance the Company's reputation as befits a public corporation and to maintain public trust and confidence in the Company as a prudently managed institution fully capable of meeting its duties and obligations.
- 36. Defendants breached their duties of loyalty, full disclosure, due care and/or good faith by back-dating options and/or allowing defendants to cause, or by themselves causing, the Company to misrepresent its financial results, as detailed herein, and/or by failing to prevent defendants from taking such illegal actions.

AMCC'S STOCK OPTION PLANS

- 37. During the Relevant Period the Company had three stock option plans:
- a. The 1992 Stock Option Plan (the "1992 Plan") provides for the grant of stock options to employees, directors and consultants. Incentive stock options, however, under the 1992 Plan, may only be granted to AMCC employees, including officers who are employees. The 1992 Plan provides that "the exercise price for an option cannot be less than 100% of the fair market value of the common stock subject to the option on the date of grant."
- b. The 1997 Directors' Stock Option Plan (the "1997 Plan") provides automatic and nondiscretionary grants to outside directors. The 1997 Plan provides that "the exercise price per share shall be 100% of the fair market value per share on the date of grant of the first option."

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The 1998 Stock Incentive Plan (the "1998 Plan") provides for the grant of c. nonstatutory stock options to employees and consultants. The Board, or a committee thereof, has the authority to issue stock options under the 1998 Plan. The 1998 Plan provides that "the exercise price of each share of common stock is set forth in the notice of grant and is not less than the fair market value per share of the common stock on the date of grant."

The Suspicious Stock Option Grants

- 38. On March 27, 1998, the Company allegedly awarded defendants Rickey, Holliday, Tullie, Bedi and Gal stock option grants at an exercise price of \$23.63. About a month thereafter, on May 1, 1998, the stock rose to \$29.00.
- 39. The Company allegedly awarded stock option grants to defendants Rickey, Tullie, Clark and Little on April 23, 1999 at an exercise price of \$12.97 and to defendant Bendush on April 20, 1999 at an exercise price of \$12.06. Shortly thereafter, the stock price increased to \$19.40 on June 23, 1999.
- 40. On August 3, 1999, the Company purportedly awarded defendant Little stock option grants at an exercise price of \$20.37. Just a few weeks later, on September 17, 1999, the stock rose to a price of \$32.16.
- 41. Defendant Rickey allegedly received stock option grants on January 19, 2000 at an exercise price of \$71.97. Just a month thereafter, the stock price dramatically soared to \$112.03.
- 42. On December 21, 2000, AMCC awarded suspicious stock option grants to defendants Rickey, Tullie, Winner, Bendush and Little. Approximately a month thereafter, the stock price rose over thirty dollars from the exercise price of \$53.88 to \$86.50 on January 19, 2001

The Consequences

43. As a result of the back-dating and other manipulation of options issued to the Management Defendants, they have been unjustly enriched in the amount of millions of dollars at the expense of the Company. The Company has received and will receive less money from the Management Defendants when they exercise their options at prices substantially lower than they would have if the options had not been back-dated.

- 44. The practice of back-dating stock options not only lined the pockets of the Company's executives at the direct expense of the Company, but also resulted in the overstatement of the Company's profits. This is because options priced below the stock's fair market value when they were awarded brought the recipient an instant paper gain that must be accounted for as additional compensation and treated as an expense to the Company. The Company must account for the options at a lower price, and may have to restate its results to reflect the previously unreported expenses.
- 45. The practice of back-dating options has caused the Company to suffer additional adverse consequences, including (i) the drop in its stock price attributable to the market's loss of confidence in the Company's management, thus increasing the Company's cost of borrowing and otherwise harming its operations, and (ii) exposure to the cost of defending against and potential liability for regulatory actions and private securities class actions.

THE AMCC BOARD

- 46. During the Relevant Period, the Company, through the actions of its Board of Directors and its Compensation Committee, granted stock options for the purchase of millions of shares of the Company's common stock to the Management Defendants.
- 47. Director Defendants misrepresented and actively concealed and caused the Company to misrepresent and actively conceal in public SEC filings that the stock options were priced at no less than the fair market value of the stock on the date of the grant, thereby affirmatively concealing the claims set forth herein. The stock option plans, referenced above, were exhibits that were incorporated by reference each year in the Company's Annual Reports on SEC Form 10-K. Also, the Management Defendants' compensation, including their stock option grants, were disclosed in the Company's yearly proxy statements promulgated in connection with the Company's annual meetings. Director Defendants' misrepresentations about their stock option grant pricing practices were known to be false or were made in reckless disregard of their truth or falsity, and the concealment could not have been discovered through reasonable diligence by the typical shareholder.

- 48. Contrary to the provisions in the Option Plans and public disclosures, as shown by the pattern of grant dates that were highly favorable to the Management Defendants, the stock options were not, in fact, priced on the date of the grant, but were in fact back-dated illegally and/or designed solely to benefit the Management Defendants.
- 49. Director Defendants stood in a fiduciary relationship with the Company's shareholders and thereby owed them duties of due care and loyalty. These duties require the Board to act in good faith, with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances, and in a manner he or she reasonably believes to be in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders.
- 50. Director Defendants violated their fiduciary duties to the Company by failing to act with due care, loyalty and good faith when they either expressly authorized the practice of backdating options, or in conscious abrogation of their fiduciary duties, permitted it to occur.
- 51. Instead of properly disclosing these improper stock option grant backdating practices and the corresponding understatement of compensation costs, Director Defendants caused or allowed these practices to continue unabated throughout the Relevant Period.
- 52. Director Defendants' breaches of their fiduciary duties have exposed the Company to a number of harms including: the expense of internal investigation; the expense of SEC investigations; the potential liability under tax laws and federal securities laws; the possibility of having to restate financial results; and liability to stock purchasers.

DERIVATIVE ACTION AND DEMAND FUTILITY ALLEGATIONS

- 53. Plaintiff brings this action derivatively in the right and for the benefit of the Company to redress the injuries suffered, and to be suffered, by the Company as a direct result of the breach of fiduciary duty, waste of corporate assets, and unjust enrichment, alleged herein. The Company is named as a nominal defendant solely in a derivative capacity.
- 54. Plaintiff will adequately and fairly represent the interest of the Company in enforcing and prosecuting its rights.
- 55. Plaintiff is and has continuously been an owner of the Company stock during the wrongful conduct alleged herein.

- 56. Plaintiff did not make demand on the Board of Directors of the Company to bring this action on behalf of the Company because such a demand would have been a futile, wasteful and useless act for the following reasons:
- (a) All of the Director Defendants authorized, approved, ratified or have failed to rectify some or all of the back-dated stock option grants at issue here and are named as defendants herein.
- (b) The Compensation Committee was at all relevant times responsible for overseeing the Company's stock option plans. The Compensation Committee was required to report back to the entire Board on all aspects of compensation prior to approving any one stock option grant. The members of the Compensation Committee, and the Board by its approval of their recommendations, enabled, or through conscious abdication of duty, permitted the Company to back-date stock options issued to the Management Defendants. By such actions, defendants breached their fiduciary duties to the Company. The back-dating of stock options was in direct violation of the stock option plans;
- (c) The back-dating of options as alleged herein was unlawful and not within defendants' business judgment to acquire, authorize, ratify or facilitate;
- (d) There was no basis or justification for back-dating the stock options. It was designed solely to benefit the Management Defendants in a manner that was inconsistent with the Company's stock option plans, and the Company's public disclosures, to the detriment of the Company. Hence, the transactions constituted a waste of corporate assets, and could not have been the product of the proper exercise of business judgment by the defendants;
- (e) All of the defendants signed the Company's Annual Reports on Form 10-K between 1998 and 2000, which contained the Company's financial statements, which failed to account for the back-dated stock options as compensation and an expense of the Company. As a result, those financial statements of the Company may have overstated its profits and may need to be restated. Any suit by the defendants to remedy the wrongs complained of herein could also expose them to suit for securities fraud; thus, they are hopelessly conflicted in making any

supposedly independent determination of a demand that they cause the Company to bring this action;

- (f) All of the defendants participated in, approved, or through abdication of duty, permitted the wrongs alleged herein to have occurred and participated in efforts to conceal or disguise those wrongs from the Company stockholders and/or acting with negligence and gross negligence disregarded the wrongs complained of herein, and therefore are not disinterested parties;
- (g) On information and belief, defendants are protected against liability for breaches of fiduciary duty alleged in the Complaint by directors' and officers' liability insurance policies. However, under those policies, if defendants were to cause the Company to sue itself or certain officers of AMCC, there would be no directors' and officers' insurance protection. This is yet another reason why defendants are hopelessly conflicted in making any independent determination that would cause the Company to bring this action.
- (h) Despite defendants' breaches of duty, the Board of Directors has not recommended that any defendant be relieved of his or her duties as director. By maintaining the *status quo* in light of these breaches of duty, the entire Board failed to exercise proper business judgment and therefore lacks independence.
- (i) Most egregiously, the Board of Directors did not require that the Management Defendants immediately disgorge all of their ill-gotten gains from their improper manipulation of their stock option grants, did not require them to return all unexecuted stock options to the Company, and did not require them to disgorge their bonuses and equity-based compensation to the Company, despite their indisputable breaches of fiduciary duties, which worked a direct harm to the Company. Nor did they take any other action, including commencing legal proceedings, to protect the interests of the Company.

COUNT I

Against All Defendants For Violations of Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act

57. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation set forth above, as if set forth herein.

- 58. Director Defendants issued, caused to be issued, and participated in the issuance of materially false and misleading statements to shareholders which were contained in the Company's Definitive Proxies filed on July 10, 2002 and July 17, 2003 which misrepresented or failed to disclose, *inter alia*, the facts set forth above. By reasons of the conduct alleged herein, each Director defendant violated Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act. The information would have been material to the Company's shareholders in determining whether to elect directors to manage their Company.
- 59. Plaintiff, on behalf of the Company, thereby seeks to void the election of Director Defendants based upon the misleading and incomplete proxy materials, and to recover damages caused by defendants' failure to disclose the improper compensation described herein.

COUNT II

Against All Defendants for Breach of Fiduciary Duty

- 60. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation set forth above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 61. The defendants owe the Company fiduciary obligations. By reason of their fiduciary relationships, the defendants owed and owe the Company the highest obligation of good faith, fair dealing, loyalty and due care.
- 62. The defendants, and each of them, violated and breached their fiduciary duties of care, loyalty, reasonable inquiry, oversight, good faith and supervision.
- 63. Each of the defendants authorized, or by abdication of duty, permitted the stock options granted to the Management Defendants to be back-dated. These actions were not a good faith exercise of prudent business judgment to protect and promote the Company's corporate interests.
- 64. As a direct and proximate result of the defendants' breaches of their fiduciary duties, defendants have caused, and will continue to cause, the Company to suffer substantial monetary damages as a result of the wrongdoing described herein, as well as further and even greater damage in the future, including damage to the Company's reputation, business and good will.

65. The Company has been directly and substantially injured by reason of the defendants' intentional breach and/or reckless disregard of their fiduciary duties to the Company. Plaintiff, as a shareholder and representative of the Company, seeks damages and other relief for the Company, in an amount to be proven at trial.

COUNT III

Against All Defendants for Gross Mismanagement

- 66. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation set forth above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 67. By their actions alleged herein, the defendants abandoned and abdicated their responsibilities and fiduciary duties with regard to prudently managing the assets and business of the Company in a manner consistent with the operations of a publicly held corporation.
- 68. As a direct and proximate result of the defendants' gross mismanagement and breaches of duty alleged herein, the Company has sustained and will continue to sustain significant damages in the millions of dollars.
- 69. As a result of the misconduct and breaches of duty alleged herein, the defendants are liable to the Company.

COUNT IV

Against Defendants For Waste Of Corporate Assets

- 70. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation set forth above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 71. By engaging in the wrongdoing alleged herein, defendants wasted corporate assets by, among other things, improperly granting stock option grants, improperly manipulating stock options, failing to recover improperly secured profits, damaging the goodwill and reputation of the Company, and exposing the Company to civil and criminal liability, for which they are liable.
- 72. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' wrongful conduct, the Company has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

COUNT V

Against The Management Defendants for Unjust Enrichment and Breach of the Duty of Loyalty

- 73. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation set forth above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 74. As a result of the back-dating of the options granted to them, the Management Defendants have been and will continue to be unjustly enriched at the expense of and to the detriment of the Company.
- 75. Accordingly, this Court should order the Management Defendants to disgorge all profits, benefits and other compensation obtained by the Management Defendants, and each of them, from their wrongful conduct and fiduciary breaches described herein, and should order the options held by the Management Defendants, which have not yet been exercised, to be repriced at the market price of the Company's stock on the dates the Court finds that those options were actually, in fact, granted.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment as follows:

- A. Against all of the defendants and in favor of the Company for the amount of damages sustained by the Company as a result of the defendants' breaches of fiduciary duties, gross mismanagement, waste of corporate assets and unjust enrichment;
- B. Extraordinary equitable and/or injunctive relief as permitted by law, equity, and state statutory provisions sued hereunder, including declaring the improper compensation awards complained of herein to be null and void; and attaching, impounding, imposing a constructive trust on or otherwise restricting the proceeds of defendants' trading activities or their other assets so as to assure that plaintiff on behalf of the Company has an effective remedy;
- C. Awarding to the Company restitution from the Management Defendants, and each of them, and ordering disgorgement of all profits, benefits and other compensation obtained by the Management Defendants as a result of the conduct alleged herein;
- D. Awarding to plaintiff the costs and disbursements of the action, including reasonable attorneys' fees, accountants' and experts' fees, costs, and expenses; and

Granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. E. JURY DEMAND 2 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all claims so triable. 3 Dated: July 1/ , 2006 **WOLF HALDENSTEIN ADLER** 4 FREEMAN & HERZ LLP FRANCIS M. GREGOREK 5 BETSY C. MANIFOLD FRANCIS A. BOTTINI, JR. 6 RACHELE R. RICKERT 7 8 BETSY C. MANIFOLD 9 750 B Street, Suite 2770 San Diego, CA 92101 10 Telephone: 619/239-4599 11 Facsimile: 619/234-4599 12 WOLF HALDENSTEIN ADLER 13 FREEMAN & HERZ LLP LAWRENCE P. KOLKER 14 GUSTAVO BRUCKNER RACHEL S. POPLOCK 15 270 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10016 16 Telephone: 212/545-4600 Facsimile: 212/545-4653 17 LAW OFFICES OF JACOB T. FOGEL, P.C. 18 JACOB T. FOGEL 19 32 Court Street - Suite # 602 Brooklyn, New York 11201 20 Attorneys for Plaintiff Pinchus Berliner 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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