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AMERICAN SOFTWARE, INC.

470 East Paces Ferry Road, N.E.

Atlanta, Georgia 30305

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of AMERICAN SOFTWARE, INC. (the Company) will be held at the offices of the Company, 470 East Paces Ferry Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 12:00 noon for the following purposes:

1. To elect seven directors of the Company, three of whom will be elected by the holders of Class A Common Shares and four of whom will be elected by the holders of Class B Common Shares.
2. To consider and vote upon an amendment to the Company s 2001 Stock Option Plan to increase the number of Class A Common Shares that may be subject to options granted under that Plan from 4,375,000 Shares to 5,275,000 Shares.
3. To consider and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Only shareholders of record of the Company at the close of business on July 11, 2008 will be entitled to vote at the meeting.

Shareholders are requested to vote, date, sign and mail their proxies in the form enclosed even though they plan to attend the meeting. If shareholders are present at the meeting, their proxies may be withdrawn, and they may vote personally on all matters brought before the meeting, as described more fully in the enclosed Proxy Statement.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

James R. McGuone,

Secretary

July 28, 2008

IMPORTANT

We encourage you to attend the Annual Meeting. In order that there may be a proper representation at the meeting, each shareholder is requested to return his or her proxy in the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage if mailed in the United States. Attention by shareholders to this request will reduce the Company s expense in soliciting proxies.

PROXY STATEMENT
FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
OF AMERICAN SOFTWARE, INC.

TO BE HELD AT
AMERICAN SOFTWARE, INC.
470 EAST PACES FERRY ROAD, N.E.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
ON AUGUST 18, 2008

This Proxy Statement is furnished to Class A shareholders by the Board of Directors of AMERICAN SOFTWARE, INC., 470 East Paces Ferry Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30305 (the Company), in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 12:00 noon and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders. This Proxy Statement and accompanying proxy card and Notice of Annual Meeting are first being mailed to shareholders on or about July 28, 2008.

If the enclosed form of proxy is properly executed and returned, the shares represented thereby will be voted in accordance with its terms. If no choices are specified, the proxy will be voted:

FOR Election of W. Dennis Hogue, Dr. John J. Jarvis and James B. Miller, Jr. as Class A Directors.

FOR Approval of an amendment to the Company's 2001 Stock Option Plan to increase the number of Class A Common Shares that may be subject to options granted under that Plan from 4,375,000 Shares to 5,275,000 Shares.

In addition, a properly executed and returned proxy card gives the authority to vote in accordance with the proxy-holders' best judgment on such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof. Any proxy given pursuant to this solicitation may be revoked, either in writing furnished to the Secretary of the Company prior to the meeting or personally by attendance at the meeting, by the person giving the proxy insofar as the proxy has not been exercised at the meeting and the shareholder attending the meeting informs the Secretary of the Company of his or her intent to revoke the proxy.

RECORD DATE AND VOTING OF SECURITIES

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on July 11, 2008 as the record date for determining the holders of common stock entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting. On July 11, 2008, the Company had outstanding and entitled to vote a total of 22,481,556 Class A Common Shares (Class A shares) and 2,886,586 Class B Common Shares (Class B shares).

Other than in the election of directors, in which holders of Class A shares and Class B shares vote as separate classes, each outstanding Class A share is entitled to one-tenth vote per share and each outstanding Class B share is entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be brought before the meeting. The Class A directors and the Class B directors will be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the respective classes. Any other matter submitted to the meeting must be approved or ratified by a majority vote of the outstanding shares (adjusted as described above) present or represented by proxies at the meeting. A one-third quorum of 7,493,852 Class A shares and of 962,196 Class B shares is required to be present or represented by proxy at the meeting in order to conduct all of the business expected to come before the meeting. Votes that are withheld, broker or other nominee non-votes and votes of abstention cast by any shareholder on a particular action will be counted towards the quorum requirement, but will not be counted as a vote for or against the action.

PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company are elected annually to hold office until the election and qualification of their successors at the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Of the seven directors to be elected, three are to be elected by the holders of the outstanding Class A shares and four are to be elected by the holders of the outstanding Class B shares. The persons named in the enclosed proxy card intend to vote Class A shares for the election of W. Dennis Hogue, Dr. John J. Jarvis and James B. Miller, Jr., the Class A director nominees. In the event any of these individuals should be unavailable to serve as a director, the proxy will be voted in accordance with the best judgment of the person or persons acting under it. The Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any director nominees will be unavailable for election as a director. If any of the nominees is unable to serve, the remaining Board members may elect a substitute to fill the resulting vacancy.

It is anticipated that Mr. Edenfield and Dr. Newberry, who together own all of the Class B shares, will vote their Class B shares in favor of the election of James C. Edenfield, J. Michael Edenfield, Dr. Thomas L. Newberry and Thomas L. Newberry, V as Class B directors. Thus, it is expected that James C. Edenfield, J. Michael Edenfield, Dr. Thomas L. Newberry and Thomas L. Newberry, V will be elected as Class B directors.

The directors, their ages, their principal occupations for at least the past five years, other public company directorships held by them and the year each was first elected as a director of the Company are set forth below.

Name of Nominee	Age	Principal Occupation; Directorships	Year First Elected Director
CLASS A DIRECTORS:			
W. Dennis Hogue(1)	55	Chief Executive Officer of Hogue Enterprises, Inc.; President of American Durahomes	2001
John J. Jarvis(2)	66	Retired; former Executive Director of The Logistics Institute Asia Pacific	2001
James B. Miller, Jr.(3)	68	Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Fidelity Southern Corporation, the parent company of Fidelity Bank	2002
CLASS B DIRECTORS:			
James C. Edenfield(4)	73	President, Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer of American Software, Inc. and American Software USA, Inc.; Chairman of Board of Directors of Logility, Inc.	1971
J. Michael Edenfield(5)	50	Executive Vice President of American Software, Inc. and President and Chief Executive Officer of Logility, Inc.; currently a director of Logility, Inc. and INSIGHT, Inc.	2001
Thomas L. Newberry(6)	75	Chairman of the Board of American Software, Inc.	1971
Thomas L. Newberry, V(7)	41	Founder and Chief Executive Officer of The 1% Club, Inc.	2001

- (1) Since January 2005, Mr. Hogue has served as Chief Executive Officer of Hogue Enterprises, Inc., a real estate investment company. Since November 2007, Mr. Hogue has served as President of American Durahomes, a provider of durable and affordable homes. From July 2003 to January 2005, he served as Chief Executive Officer of Datatrac Corporation, a software developer and wireless communications provider for the expedited product delivery industry. From April 2002 to June 2003, Mr. Hogue was Chief Executive Officer and President of Mercari Technologies, a provider of shelf-space optimization technology for the retail market. Mercari Technologies sold its principal assets in December 2002. Prior to joining Mercari Technologies, he served as Chief Executive Officer of Global Food Exchange, a provider of web-based procurement solutions to the global food market, from January 2001 to March 2002. Prior to joining Global Food Exchange, Mr. Hogue served as President and Chief Executive Officer of E3

Corporation, an international provider of inventory management solutions to the wholesale and retail market, from December 1999 to December 2000. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Florida State University in 1974.

- (2) Dr. Jarvis is retired. From 2001 until January 1, 2004 he was Executive Director of The Logistics Institute Asia Pacific, which is a collaboration between the National University of Singapore and the Georgia Institute of Technology. From 1990 to 2001, he was Chair of the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he was a member of the faculty from 1968 to 2003. Dr. Jarvis was co-founder of CAPS Logistics, Inc., a provider of software and consulting services in logistics, which was acquired by Baan NV in 1998. Dr. Jarvis has served as President of the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE), Secretary of the Institute of Management Sciences (TIMS) and President of the Operations Research Society of America (ORSA). He has served on the Councils of ORSA and TIMS and on the Boards of the Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences and IIE. Dr. Jarvis earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering in 1963 and a Masters of Science degree in Industrial Engineering in 1965, both from the University of Alabama, and a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1968.
- (3) Mr. Miller is currently the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Fidelity Southern Corporation, the parent corporation of Fidelity Bank, positions he has held since 1979. He has been Chairman of Fidelity Bank since 1998. He is a director of Interface, Inc., a textile manufacturing company. Since 2003, Mr. Miller has been Chairman of Berlin American Company, a private real estate company. Since 2006, Mr. Miller has been Chairman of Prescott Automotive Group, a private automobile dealer, and Trinity Apex, a real estate business. Mr. Miller holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Florida State University and an L.L.B. from Vanderbilt University Law School.
- (4) James C. Edenfield is a co-founder of the Company and has served as Chief Executive Officer since November 1989 and as Co-Chief Executive Officer prior to that time. Prior to founding the Company, Mr. Edenfield held several executive positions with and was a director of Management Science America, Inc., an Atlanta-based applications software development and sales company. He holds a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Mr. Edenfield is the father of J. Michael Edenfield.
- (5) J. Michael Edenfield has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Logility, Inc., a majority-owned subsidiary of the Company, since January 1997. From June 1994 until October 1997, he served as Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Mr. Edenfield has served as Executive Vice President of the Company from June 1994 to the present. From May 1987 to June 1994, Mr. Edenfield served in various positions with American Software USA, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Mr. Edenfield holds a Bachelor of Industrial Management degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology.
- (6) Dr. Newberry is a co-founder of the Company and served as Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Company until November 1989. Prior to founding the Company, he held executive positions with several companies engaged in computer systems analysis, software development and sales, including Management Science America, Inc., where he was also a director. Dr. Newberry holds Bachelor, Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is the father of Thomas L. Newberry, V.
- (7) Thomas L. Newberry, V founded The 1% Club, Inc. in October 1992 and has acted as its Chief Executive Officer since that time. The 1% Club sponsors programs designed to assist entrepreneurs and their families in accomplishing their goals. He is also the author of motivational books and audio programs dedicated to improving performance in business operations and salesmanship. Mr. Newberry earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia State University in 1989.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT CLASS A

SHAREHOLDERS VOTE FOR MESSRS. HOGUE, JARVIS AND MILLER.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board of Directors held seven meetings during fiscal 2008. No director of the Company attended fewer than 75% of the total meetings of the Board of Directors and committee meetings on which such Board member served and was eligible to attend during this period.

Each of Mr. James C. Edenfield and Dr. Thomas L. Newberry have stated in their respective Schedule 13Gs, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, that they, acting as a group, share voting power with respect to all shares beneficially held by them because they have established a practice of consulting with each other regarding the voting of such shares. As a result, the Company qualifies as a controlled company as defined in Rule 4350(c)(5) of the Nasdaq Marketplace Rules. Please see Security Ownership of Management and Certain Beneficial Owners, below. Therefore, the Company is not subject to the provisions of Rule 4350(c) of the Nasdaq Marketplace Rules that otherwise would require the Company to have (i) a majority of independent directors on the Board; (ii) a compensation committee composed solely of independent directors; (iii) a nominating committee, composed solely of independent directors; (iv) compensation of the Company's executive officers determined by a majority of the independent directors or a compensation committee composed solely of independent directors; and (v) director nominees selected, or recommended for the Board's selection, either by a majority of the independent directors or a nominating committee composed solely of independent directors.

In light of the voting power of Mr. Edenfield and Dr. Newberry, and in view of the fact that Board vacancies occur infrequently, the Board has determined that the Board, rather than a nominating committee, is the most appropriate body for identifying director candidates and selecting nominees to be presented at the Annual Meeting of shareholders. Each member of the Board participates in this process. It is the view of the Board that this function has been performed effectively by the Board, and that it is appropriate for the Company not to have a separate nominating committee or charter for this purpose. The Board has further determined that it would not be productive to have a fixed policy with respect to consideration of candidates recommended by security holders. However, if a shareholder communication includes a recommendation of a candidate for director, the Board will consider that candidate along with any other candidates for a Board position.

Candidates for membership on the Board are recommended by current members of the Board or management. When evaluating candidates for membership on the Board, the Board considers a number of factors, including:

business expertise and skills;

understanding of the Company's business and industry;

judgment and integrity;

educational and professional background; and

commitments to other businesses and responsibilities.

Shareholders may contact the Board or any of the individual directors by writing to them c/o Mr. Vincent C. Klinges, Chief Financial Officer, American Software, Inc., 470 East Paces Ferry Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30305. Inquiries sent by mail may be sorted and summarized by Mr. Klinges or his designee before they are forwarded to the addressee.

Although the Company does not have a policy with regard to Board members' attendance at the Company's Annual Meetings of shareholders, all of the directors are encouraged to attend such meetings. All of the Company's directors were in attendance at the 2007 Annual Meeting, except for Mr. Miller, who could not attend.

The Company has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which applies to all directors, officers and employees of the Company, including its Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Controller. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on the Company's website at www.amsoftware.com/marketing.

The Board of Directors has an Audit Committee, which presently consists of Messrs. Miller (Chairman), Hogue and Jarvis. The Audit Committee held four meetings during fiscal 2008, in addition to its consultations with our independent registered public accounting firm and management in connection with review of interim financial statements. The Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market ("Nasdaq Rules") require audit committees to be composed of not less than three members who are independent, as that term is defined in the Nasdaq Rules. The Board of Directors has determined that all of the Audit Committee members meet the Nasdaq definition of independent.

The Company's Audit Committee Charter outlines the composition requirements of the Audit Committee as described above, as well as its duties and responsibilities. The primary responsibility of the Audit Committee is to provide assistance to the Company in connection with the financial reporting process. The functions of the Audit Committee include making an annual recommendation of independent public accountants to the Company, reviewing the scope and results of the independent public accountants' audit, monitoring the adequacy of the Company's accounting, financial and operating controls, reviewing from time to time the Company's periodic financial statements and other financial reports with management and with the independent registered public accounting firm, pre-approving audit services and permitted non-audit services and related fees, and reviewing with management and the independent registered public accounting firm the financial statements to be included in the Company's annual report. The Board of Directors has determined that James B. Miller, Jr., Chairman of the Audit Committee, is an audit committee financial expert as defined in the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Board has a Compensation Committee, consisting of John J. Jarvis and Thomas L. Newberry. During fiscal 2008, the Compensation Committee met on two occasions. The Compensation Committee has authority to establish the compensation of Chief Executive Officer and to consult with the Chief Executive Officer about the compensation of the other named executive officers. In addition, the Compensation Committee, acting as the Special Stock Option Committee, has the authority to grant stock options to the Chief Executive Officer and the other named executive officers under the Company's 2001 Stock Option Plan. See Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis, below, for a further discussion of the Compensation Committee and the functions it performs.

Two different committees of the Board administer the 2001 Stock Option Plan, depending on whether the option grant is to an officer or director or to other employees. The Special Stock Option Committee, which consists of John J. Jarvis and Thomas L. Newberry, as the members of the Compensation Committee, administers stock option grants to executive officers and directors. The Stock Option Committee, which consists of James C. Edenfield and Thomas L. Newberry, administers grants to other employees. The functions of these Committees are to grant options and establish the terms of those options, as well as to construe and interpret the Plan and to adopt rules in connection therewith. During fiscal 2008, the Stock Option Committee acted by written consent on eight occasions in connection with the grant of stock options under the Company's 2001 Stock Option Plan. The Special Stock Option Committee, concurrently with its role as the Compensation Committee, acted by written consent on one occasion during fiscal 2008.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

We believe that attracting, retaining and motivating effective executive officers is critical to the overall success of our business. To achieve these goals we have adopted executive compensation programs that we have designed to reward performance and emphasize the creation of shareholder value. Our Compensation Committee and Chief Executive Officer are responsible for establishing executive compensation policies and overseeing executive compensation practices. In the following Compensation Discussion and Analysis we describe the material elements of compensation for our executive officers identified in the Summary Compensation Table (the "named executive officers"). Our named executive officers are: James C. Edenfield, President and Chief Executive Officer; J. Michael Edenfield, Executive Vice President of the Company, and President and Chief Executive Officer of Logility; Jeffrey W. Coombs, Senior Vice President of American Software USA, Inc.; and Vincent C. Klinges, Chief Financial Officer of the Company and of Logility, Inc. Please see the Summary Compensation Table below for detailed components of their fiscal 2008 compensation.

Oversight of Compensation Program

The Compensation Committee of the Board (the "Committee") is responsible for establishing and reviewing the overall compensation philosophy of the Company. The Committee and the Chief Executive Officer together review and establish executive compensation plans. The Committee and the Chief Executive Officer share these responsibilities in the manner described below.

Role of Compensation Committee. The Committee reviews and establishes all elements of compensation of the Chief Executive Officer. The Committee also reviews and consults with the Chief Executive Officer about salaries and other compensation of the other executive officers and acts as the Special Stock Option Committee with respect to stock option grants to all executive officers, including the Chief Executive Officer. In making decisions about stock option grants, the Committee obtains from Logility information about, and takes into consideration, stock option grants made or proposed to be made by Logility under its own stock option plan to the named executive officers of the Company.

Role of Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer reviews and establishes all non-equity related elements of compensation of the executive officers of the Company and its subsidiaries, other than his own compensation. With respect to the major elements of executive compensation plans, the Chief Executive Officer consults with and seeks input from the Committee. The Chief Executive Officer has no direct authority in connection with stock option grants to executive officers, but makes recommendations to the Committee regarding levels of option grants to specific individuals.

J. Michael Edenfield. J. Michael Edenfield is Executive Vice President of the Company, and also serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Logility, Inc., which is 88% owned by the Company. Logility's common stock is publicly held and is listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market. As Mr. Edenfield's day-to-day responsibilities focus primarily on Logility, the compensation committee of the Logility board of directors, by mutual agreement between the Company and Logility, has assumed responsibility for establishing most of the primary elements of his compensation, including his salary, annual bonus plan, participation in the Logility stock option plan and employee benefits. The Committee retains the authority to grant stock options to Mr. Edenfield under our stock option plan, and communicates with the Logility compensation committee in order to coordinate stock option decisions.

Vincent C. Klinges. Vincent Klinges serves both as our Chief Financial Officer and as Chief Financial Officer of Logility. By mutual agreement between the Company and Logility, we establish most of the primary elements of Mr. Klinges' compensation, including Mr. Klinges' salary, annual bonus plan, participation in our stock option plan and other employee benefits. The Logility compensation committee retains the authority to grant stock options to Mr. Klinges under the Logility option plan, and communicates with the Committee in order to coordinate stock option decisions.

Executive Compensation Philosophy

We believe that a compensation program which promotes our ability to attract, retain and motivate outstanding executives will help us meet our long-range objectives, thereby serving the interests of the Company's shareholders. Our executive officer compensation program is designed to achieve these objectives:

Provide compensation opportunities that are competitive with those of companies of a similar size.

Create a strong connection between executives' compensation and our annual and long-term financial performance.

Include above-average elements of financial risk through performance-based incentive compensation that offers an opportunity for above-average financial reward to executives.

Design incentive compensation benchmarks that closely align the interests of executive officers with those of our shareholders.

Elements of Compensation

Base Salaries. We establish the salaries of our named executive officers at levels that we believe are, when viewed in conjunction with their potential bonus income and stock option grants, competitive and reasonable in light of their experience, prior performance and level of responsibility. The Committee reviews and establishes the salary of our Chief Executive Officer, while the Chief Executive Officer reviews and establishes the salaries of our other officers, including the named executive officers, except that the compensation committee of the Logility Board of Directors establishes the salary of the chief executive officer of Logility, J. Michael Edenfield, who also is a named executive officer of the Company.

Salaries of our named executive officers in fiscal 2008 are shown in the Salary column of the Summary Compensation Table, below.

Incentive Compensation. Each of our named executive officers has a bonus plan established during the first quarter of a fiscal year, covering that fiscal year. The Committee establishes the bonus plan for our Chief Executive Officer. Our Chief Executive Officer establishes the bonus plans for our other officers, including the other named executive officers, except that the compensation committee of the Logility Board of Directors establishes the bonus plan for the chief executive officer of Logility, J. Michael Edenfield. In each case, the bonus plan is customized for the individual executive officer. We use these bonus plans, in tandem with stock option grants, as tools to attract and retain qualified executives while at the same time aligning their interests with those of our shareholders. To accomplish this, we establish bonus plans with attainable goals, using formulas tied to important factors that positively affect return on investment.

The following summarizes the incentive compensation arrangements for the named executive officers in the fiscal years ended April 30, 2008 and 2009:

James C. Edenfield. From May 1, 1983 through April 30, 1995, the compensation of James C. Edenfield, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, was determined under an employment contract entered into by him and the Company on January 17, 1983, as subsequently amended. The contract expired at the end of fiscal 1995, but his compensation has continued to be determined on substantially the same basis after that time. The original contract provided for an annual base salary of \$434,500, payable monthly, plus expenses and normal employee fringe benefits. In fiscal 2008, Mr. Edenfield's salary was maintained at \$512,500. For fiscal 2009, the Committee has decided to continue the existing salary level of \$512,500. In addition, Mr. Edenfield's original employment contract provided for an annual bonus of 5% of the increase of each fiscal year's pre-tax earnings over the pre-tax earnings of the preceding fiscal year. The Committee determined that the same bonus terms would continue for fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2009. For fiscal 2008, Mr. Edenfield did not receive a bonus.

J. Michael Edenfield. For fiscal 2008, the compensation committee of the Logility Board of Directors established Mr. Edenfield's base salary at \$286,000 and approved certain perquisites, as set forth in the Summary Compensation Table, below. The committee also established that he would have the opportunity to receive a bonus targeted at \$370,000, based upon Logility achieving a specified target level of operating income, with a maximum potential bonus of \$600,000. For fiscal 2008, Mr. Edenfield did not receive a bonus, as Logility, did not achieve the required operating income level. For fiscal 2009, the compensation committee has established an incentive compensation plan for Mr. Edenfield similar to the plan in effect for fiscal 2008. The potential bonus again is targeted at \$370,000, based upon Logility achieving the specified target level of operating income, with a maximum potential bonus of \$600,000. Mr. Edenfield will not receive an incentive bonus for 2009 unless Logility attains at least 84% of the operating income bonus target. If that level is reached, the minimum bonus will be \$100,000, with the actual incentive bonus being pro rated between \$100,000 and \$370,000 depending on the level of actual operating income between the minimum and the target level. If actual operating income exceeds the operating income bonus target, the bonus amount will be equal to actual operating income divided by the operating earnings bonus target amount, multiplied by \$370,000. The above incentive plan reflects the committee's belief that incentive compensation plans should provide for a minimum bonus if Logility achieves operating results that are reasonably attainable and a higher bonus if operating results reach exceptional levels.

Vincent C. Klinges. For fiscal 2008, Mr. Klinges received a bonus equal to 2.25% of the increase in operating income of the Company in fiscal 2008 over fiscal 2007, excluding stock option-related expenses, with a maximum bonus of \$75,000 and a minimum bonus of \$9,000, provided that he remained with the Company on June 30, 2008. For fiscal 2008, Mr. Klinges received a bonus of \$9,000. For fiscal 2009, his bonus arrangement remains the same, except that the maximum bonus is increased to \$85,000 and the minimum bonus is increased to \$10,000. His continuation requirement for bonus eligibility is June 30, 2009. Mr. Klinges' salary has been increased to \$198,000 for fiscal 2009.

Jeffrey W. Coombs. For fiscal 2008, Mr. Coombs had a bonus arrangement based upon the operating performance of the ERP Division of the Company, measured by increases in its total revenue, license fees and contribution to operating income. For fiscal 2008, Mr. Coombs received a bonus of \$9,000. For fiscal 2009, his bonus arrangement is similar, with increased bonus amounts relative to percentage increases in performance criteria, an increase in the maximum bonus level to \$70,000 and an increase in the minimum bonus to \$10,000. His continuation requirement for bonus eligibility is June 30, 2009. Mr. Coombs' salary has been increased to \$199,948 for fiscal 2009.

Bonuses paid to our named executive officers in fiscal 2008 are shown in the Bonuses column of the Summary Compensation Table, below.

Stock Option Plans.

The Committee, which is responsible for grants of stock options to the named executive officers, believes that granting stock options to executive officers is an effective means to reward them for their prior performance, to serve as incentive for promotion of Company profitability and other long-term objectives, and to maintain their overall compensation at competitive levels. Thus, option grants reflect both a retrospective and prospective approach to executive compensation. As compared to executive bonus plans, stock options address longer term compensation and incentives. To establish option grant levels, the Committee has monitored developments and trends among publicly held technology companies regarding equity and non-equity based incentive compensation. The Committee continues to believe that stock options represent the most efficient and effective means for the Company to achieve the compensatory and incentive objectives referred to above.

The Committee typically grants stock options to executive officers once annually, typically during the month of June or July, while the salary and bonus plans for executives are being considered and finalized. The option exercise prices are fixed as of the close of trading of Class A shares on Nasdaq on the date on which the

Committee meets or acts to finalize its option decisions, which is the date of grant. Options granted to executives during the past several years have terms of six years and vest ratably over a five-year period. We expect this practice to continue.

In October 2007, consistent with the above factors and objectives, the Compensation Committee granted stock options to the named executive officers in the following amounts: James C. Edenfield 100,000 shares; J. Michael Edenfield 80,000 shares; Vincent C. Klinges 50,000 shares; and Jeffrey W. Coombs 20,000 shares.

In July 2008, the Compensation Committee, after again considering the above factors and objectives, granted stock options to the named executive officers in the following amounts: James C. Edenfield 100,000 shares; J. Michael Edenfield 80,000 shares; Vincent C. Klinges 50,000 shares; and Jeffrey W. Coombs 20,000 shares.

Personal Benefits and Perquisites. We provide a variety of health, retirement and other benefits to all employees. Our executive officers are eligible to participate in the benefit plans on the same basis as all other employees. These benefit plans include medical, dental, life and disability insurance. Our Chief Executive Officer, James C. Edenfield, receives the use of an automobile owned by the Company and we also pay the cost of two club memberships for him. Otherwise, our executive officers do not receive any personal benefits or perquisites that are not available on a non-discriminatory basis to all employees except for limited supplemental insurance expense reimbursement and except for perquisites that the compensation committee of the Logility Board of Directors has approved for J. Michael Edenfield. The perquisites of the named executive officers in fiscal 2008 were as set forth in the All Other Compensation column and footnote 2 to the Summary Compensation Table, below.

Pension Benefits. We do not provide pension benefit plans to our employees or to our named executive officers.

Non-Qualified Defined Contribution or Other Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plans. We do not provide non-qualified contribution plans or other non-qualified deferred compensation options to any of our employees or to our named executive officers.

Stock Purchase Plan. We formerly had in place a stock purchase plan for our employees, providing to them an opportunity to acquire our shares at a discount to market prices. We discontinued this plan several years ago after concluding that the cost of maintaining and accounting for such a plan exceeded the benefit that we perceived our employees gained from such a plan.

Impact of Regulatory Requirements

Section 162(m) of the Code generally disallows a tax deduction to a public company for compensation in excess of \$1 million paid to the company's chief executive officer and any other executive officer required to be reported to its stockholders under the Exchange Act by reason of such executive officer being one of the four most highly compensated executive officers. However, qualifying performance-based compensation is not subject to the deduction limitation if certain requirements are met. Section 409A of the Code provides for certain requirements that a plan that provides for the deferral of compensation must meet, including requirements relating to when payments under such a plan may be made, acceleration of benefits, and the timing of elections under such a plan. Failure to satisfy these requirements will generally lead to an accelerated timing of inclusion in income of deferred compensation, as well as certain penalties and interest.

Although we consider the tax implications of Section 162(m) and Section 409A of the Code, we do not have a formal policy in place requiring that part or all compensation must qualify under these sections, in order to preserve flexibility with respect to the design of our compensation programs.

Compensation Committee Report

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management, and based on the Committee's review and discussions with management, has recommended to the full Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 30, 2008, as well as the Proxy Statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors

John J. Jarvis, PhD. (Chairman)

Thomas L. Newberry, PhD.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

Dr. Jarvis and Dr. Newberry have been selected by the Board of Directors to serve on the Compensation Committee. Neither member of the Committee was an officer or employee of the Company or had any relationship with the Company requiring disclosure under Securities and Exchange Commission regulations.

Summary Compensation Table

The following table reflects compensation paid to the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and each of the other executive officers of the Company (referred to herein as the named executive officers) for fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2008.

Name	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (1)(\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compen- sation (\$)	Change In Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compen- sation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compen- sation (2)(\$)	Total (\$)
James C. Edenfield, President and Chief Executive Officer	2008	512,500	-0-	-0-	113,396	-0-	-0-	28,827	654,723
	2007	512,500	291,675	-0-	131,583	-0-	-0-	28,585	964,343
J. Michael Edenfield, Executive Vice President; President and Chief Executive Officer of Logility, Inc.(3)	2008	286,000	-0-	-0-	118,342	-0-	-0-	22,210	426,552
	2007	275,000	389,266	-0-	132,268	-0-	-0-	23,022	819,556
Vincent C. Klinges, Chief Financial Officer of the Company and of	2008	186,000	9,000	-0-	61,469	-0-	-0-	-0-	256,469
	2007	174,000	60,000	-0-	67,526	-0-	-0-	-0-	301,526

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Logility, Inc.(4)

Jeffrey W. Coombs,	2008	193,948	9,000	-0-	25,100	-0-	-0-	-0-	228,048
Senior Vice President of American Software USA, Inc.	2007	187,948	7,500	-0-	31,604	-0-	-0-	-0-	227,052

- (1) The value of stock and option awards in this column equals the accounting charge for equity compensation expense recognized by the Company in its fiscal years ended April 30, 2007 and 2008 for stock options granted in those fiscal years and previous fiscal years as required by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R. For discussion of relevant assumptions used in calculating grant date fair value and

current year expense pursuant to FAS 123R, see Note 7 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 30, 2008.

- (2) Amounts shown as All Other Compensation are attributable to perquisites and other personal benefits, and to other items of compensation that are not reported elsewhere in the Summary Compensation Table. Perquisites and other personal benefits for James C. Edenfield include amounts reimbursed for medical insurance coverage obtained through the Company and paid by him, the use of a Company-owned automobile and two club memberships. Perquisites and other personal benefits for J. Michael Edenfield include amounts reimbursed for medical insurance coverage obtained through the Company and paid by him, an automobile allowance and a club membership.
- (3) Logility, Inc. is an 88%-owned subsidiary of the Company. All salary, bonus and personal benefits amounts for Mr. Edenfield were paid by Logility. The amount shown as Option Awards for Mr. Edenfield for 2007 includes \$42,514 related to stock options granted by Logility, and the amount shown for 2008 includes \$41,094 related to stock options granted by Logility.
- (4) Thirty-nine percent of Mr. Klinges' salary and bonus paid in fiscal 2007 and 2008 was paid by Logility.

Employment Agreements

We do not have formal employment contracts with our executive officers covering compensation matters. Accordingly, we set their compensation annually, under compensation plans individualized for each executive officer.

Change of Control Agreements

We do not have contracts that provide for compensation of our executive officers, or any of our other employees, that are triggered by change of control events. Stock option grants to our employees do, however, include provisions that cause the vesting of those options to be accelerated in the event of a change of control, as defined in the applicable stock option plan.

Stock Options

Stock Option Plans

We have outstanding stock options granted under three stock option plans. We adopted the 1991 Employee Stock Option Plan (the Employee Option Plan) and the Directors and Officers Stock Option Plan (the Directors and Officers Option Plan) in 1991. These Plans terminated effective September 1, 2000 when we replaced them with the 2001 Stock Option Plan (the 2001 Option Plan). Options outstanding under the Employee Option Plan and the Directors and Officers Option Plan remain in effect, but since the termination of these plans we have not been able to grant new options under them. All employees of the Company and its subsidiaries, totaling 315 persons as of April 30, 2008, are eligible to participate in the 2001 Option Plan. The following sections describe these three stock option plans.

1991 Employee Stock Option Plan. We designed this Plan to provide additional incentives to increase employees' efforts on our behalf and remain in our employ. We selected participants from key personnel, but no director, officer or 10% shareholder of the Company was eligible to participate. These options are exercisable at any time within the option period, but no more than ten years from the grant date. As of April 30, 2008, there were outstanding under this Plan options to purchase 329,095 Class A shares.

Directors and Officers Stock Option Plan. We designed this Plan to provide our directors and officers and those of our subsidiaries with additional incentives to increase their efforts on our behalf and, for employees, to remain in our employ. We selected participants from among the directors and officers of the Company or a subsidiary. We determined the number of options granted under this Plan to officers on a case by case basis. The option prices for officer option grants were equal to the closing market price of the shares.

on the grant dates and became exercisable over a four-year period from the grant date. Each non-employee member of our Board of Directors received an automatic grant of nonqualified stock options to purchase 5,000 shares on April 30 and October 31 of each year. The option prices for director option grants were equal to the closing market price of the shares on the grant dates and were exercisable one year after grant. Once vested, these options are exercisable at any time within the option period, but no more than ten years from the date of grant. As of April 30, 2008 there were outstanding under this Plan options to purchase 250,000 Class A shares.

2001 Stock Option Plan. The 2001 Stock Option Plan became effective September 1, 2000, and was amended in 2007 to increase the number of authorized shares. We designed this Plan to attract and retain the best available talent and encourage the highest level of performance by officers, employees, directors, advisors and consultants, and to provide them with incentives to put forth maximum efforts for the success of our business. We grant options to purchase Class A shares under this Plan in the form of incentive stock options and non-qualified stock options. We determine the number of options we grant under this Plan on an individual basis, except with respect to non-employee directors, who receive grants of non-qualified options to purchase 5,000 shares upon election and 3,000 shares at the end of each fiscal quarter. The price of each grant is equal to the closing market price of the shares on the date of grant. As of the close of business on June 30, 2008, the market value of Class A shares was \$5.64 per share.

In February 2005, the Board reduced the duration of standard stock option grants from ten years to six years, both for employee stock options and stock options granted to non-employee directors. At that time, the option vesting schedule was increased, in general, from four to five years. Stock options we grant to a person who owns 10% or more of the combined voting power of all classes of capital stock of the Company at the time of grant are limited to a five-year term (with a four-year vesting schedule) if the option is to be classified as an incentive stock option. In the event of a change in control, all options automatically become fully vested.

We have authorized a total of 4,375,000 Class A shares for issuance pursuant to options granted under this Plan. As of April 30, 2008, under this Plan option holders had exercised 1,633,576 option shares, there were 2,338,076 option shares outstanding, and 403,348 shares remained available for stock option grants. The 2001 Stock Option Plan is proposed to be amended and is more fully described in Proposal 2: Amendment of 2001 Stock Option Plan, below.

Stock Option Committees. Two separate committees administer the 2001 Stock Option Plan: (i) the Special Stock Option Committee (comprised of John J. Jarvis and Thomas L. Newberry, as members of the Compensation Committee) is responsible for option grants to officers and directors, and (ii) the Stock Option Committee (comprised of Mr. Edenfield and Thomas L. Newberry) is responsible for other option grants. The members of these Committees are not eligible to participate in the portion of the Plan that they administer, except pursuant to the formula option grant program for non-employee directors. Under the Plan, the functions of these Committees are to grant options and establish the terms of those options, as well as to construe and interpret the Plan and adopt rules in connection with options that the particular committee grants.

Fiscal 2008 Grants of Stock Options

The following table discloses the potential payouts under the stock options awarded to the named executive officers for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2008.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)(1)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)(2)	Closing Price (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)(3)
		Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)					
James C. Edenfield	10/19/07							100,000	8.85	8.85	242,910	
J. Michael Edenfield	10/19/07							80,000	8.85	8.85	194,328	
Vincent C. Klinges	10/19/07							50,000	8.85	8.85	121,455	
Jeffrey W. Coombs	10/19/07							20,000	8.85	8.85	48,582	

- (1) The stock options vest ratably on the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth anniversaries of the option grant date and expire in six years.
- (2) The exercise price is determined based on the closing price of the shares as traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market on the grant date.
- (3) For purposes of FAS 123R and this table, the grant date fair value or options is determined using the Black-Scholes option valuation model with the following assumptions: exercise price equal to fair market value of stock (\$8.85) on grant date; dividend yield (4.0%); expected volatility rate (40%); risk-free interest rate (4.0%); and expected option term of 4.5 years.

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2008 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The table below discloses outstanding exercisable and unexercisable stock options outstanding as of April 30, 2008 for the named executive officers.

Name	Option Awards					Stock Awards			
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)(1)	Option Expiration Date(2)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Shares, Units, or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units, or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)	
James C. Edenfield	0	20,000		5.60	07/19/2014				
	20,000	60,000		5.69	10/10/2011				
	20,000	80,000		5.97	07/17/2012				
	0	100,000		8.85	10/19/2013				
J. Michael Edenfield									
American Software stock options	95,000	0		2.87	05/19/2009				
	130,000	0		3.93	06/22/2010				
	97,500	0		2.00	06/15/2011				
	32,500	0		2.00	06/15/2011				
	84,232	0		3.12	06/27/2012				
	45,768	0		3.12	06/27/2012				
	25,000	0		5.60	07/19/2014				
	12,500	12,500		5.60	07/19/2014				
	26,728	10,728		5.69	10/10/2011				
	5,272	37,272		5.69	10/10/2011				
	8,000	21,000		5.97	07/17/2012				
	0	11,000		5.97	07/17/2012				
	0	62,799		8.85	10/19/2013				

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	0	17,201	8.85	10/19/2013
Logility stock options(3)	25,000	0	4.50	06/16/2009
	20,000	0	3.30	05/31/2011
	5,000	0	2.55	12/04/2012
	18,750	6,250	4.00	07/19/2014
	8,000	32,000	8.18	07/17/2012
Vincent C. Klinges				
American Software stock options	30,126	0	3.12	06/27/2012
	4,874	0	3.12	06/27/2012
	2,554	0	5.60	07/19/2014
	16,196	6,250	5.60	07/19/2014
	10,064	577	5.69	10/10/2011
	13,936	35,423	5.69	10/10/2011
	10,000	19,374	5.97	07/17/2012
	0	20,626	5.97	07/17/2012
	0	35,447	8.85	10/19/2013
	0	14,553	8.85	10/19/2013

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards				
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)(1)	Option Expiration Date(2)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Shares, Units, or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units, or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)	
Logility stock options(3)	5,000	0		10.00	12/20/2009				
Jeffrey W. Coombs	661	0		5.60	07/19/2014				
	18,089	6,250		5.60	07/19/2014				
	2,302	0		5.30	04/29/2011				
	12,698	10,000		5.30	04/29/2011				
	4,000	16,000		5.97	07/17/2012				
	0	2,349		8.85	10/19/2013				
	0	17,651		8.85	10/19/2013				

- (1) The number of shares underlying options awarded and the related exercise prices shown in the table are the amounts on the applicable grant date.
- (2) The stock option grants prior to March 2005 expire in ten years and vest ratably on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the option grant date. The stock option grants during or following March 2005 expire in six years and vest ratably on the first, second, third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of the option grant date.
- (3) These options were granted under a Logility stock option plan and represent options to purchase shares of Logility Common Stock. *2008 Option Exercises and Stock Vested*

The following table sets forth the actual value received by the named executive officers upon the exercise of stock options in fiscal 2008.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)
James C. Edenfield	90,000	489,000		
J. Michael Edenfield(1)	170,816	1,187,804		
Vincent C. Klinges	106,000	727,674		

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Jeffrey W. Coombs

139,767

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- (1) A portion of each amount shown as Option Awards for Mr. Edenfield relates to stock options granted by Logility to purchase shares of Logility stock, as follows: number of shares acquired on exercise 19,816 for Logility and 151,000 for American Software; value realized on exercise \$160,054 for Logility and \$1,027,750 for American Software.

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

During fiscal 2008, the Company compensated Dr. Newberry, the Chairman of the Board, at the rate of \$18,000 per annum, and other Directors who are not employed by the Company at the rate of \$12,000 per annum, plus \$600 for each half-day or \$1,200 for each full day meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee of the Board that they attended.

Directors are eligible to receive stock option grants under the Company's 2001 Stock Option Plan. Under the terms of that Plan, newly-elected Directors who are not employed by the Company automatically receive stock option grants of 5,000 shares each upon their initial election and 3,000 shares each as of the end of each fiscal quarter, with exercise prices equal to the market price on the dates of such grants. These options become exercisable one year after the date of grant and expire six years after the date of grant (ten years for options granted prior to March 2005). They do not terminate if the director ceases to serve on the Board of the Company after the options become exercisable. Under this program, W. Dennis Hogue, John J. Jarvis, James B. Miller, Jr., Thomas L. Newberry and Thomas L. Newberry, V each received option grants totaling 12,000 shares in fiscal 2008.

The following table provides compensation information for non-employee members of our Board for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2008.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards \$(1)	Non-Equity Inventive Compensation (\$)	Change In Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensa- tion Earnings (\$)	All Other Compen- sation (\$)	Total (\$)
W. Dennis Hogue	18,600	-0-	27,737	-0-	-0-	-0-	46,337
John J. Jarvis	19,200	-0-	27,737	-0-	-0-	-0-	46,937
James B. Miller, Jr.	15,000	-0-	27,737	-0-	-0-	-0-	42,737
Thomas L. Newberry	23,400	-0-	27,737	-0-	-0-	7,741(2)	58,878
Thomas L. Newberry, V	18,000	-0-	27,737	-0-	-0-	-0-	45,737

(1) The amounts shown in the Option Awards column equal the amounts we recognized during fiscal 2008 as compensation expenses for financial reporting purposes as a result of options granted in fiscal 2008. Stock options issued in fiscal 2008 were valued using the Black-Scholes option valuation model with the following assumptions: exercise price equal to fair market value of stock on the grant date; dividend yield of 3% to 6%; expected volatility rate of 37% to 44%; risk-free interest rate of 2.8% to 4.6%; and expected term of 3.3 to 4.5 years.

(2) This amount represents the cost to the Company of medical and dental insurance that Dr. Newberry receives as Chairman of the Board.

CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS

The Company and Logility have previously entered into various agreements (the Intercompany Agreements), including a Services Agreement, a Facilities Agreement and a Tax Sharing Agreement. The Intercompany Agreements are further described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2008, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In fiscal 2008, Logility paid the following amounts to the Company under the terms of the Intercompany Agreements: Services Agreement \$1,233,953, and Facilities Agreement \$427,846. Under the Tax Sharing Agreement, the Company accrued a receivable of \$909,454 and received a payment of \$1.76 million from Logility during fiscal 2008.

As a result of the various transactions between the Company and Logility, amounts payable to and receivable from Logility arise from time to time. On April 30, 2008, there was a receivable from Logility in the amount of \$638,139.

PROPOSAL 2: AMENDMENT OF 2001 STOCK OPTION PLAN

General

On June 30, 2008, the Board of Directors approved, subject to shareholder approval, an amendment to the American Software, Inc. 2001 Stock Plan (the Plan) that would increase the number of shares of Common Stock that may be subject to options granted under the Plan by 900,000 shares, from 4,375,000 shares to 5,275,000 shares.

Under the Plan, the Company may grant options to executive officers or other key employees of the Company or any subsidiary, advisors or consultants to the Company or any subsidiary, or members of the Board of Directors. Option grants may be in the form of Nonexempt Grants, which may not necessarily comply with the requirements of Rule 16b-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Rule 16b-3), or Exempt Grants, which are intended to comply with the requirements of Rule 16b-3. Option grants to directors and to officers who are subject to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are intended to comply with the requirements of Rule 16b-3.

Options may be either incentive stock options or nonqualified stock options. The number of options granted is determined by the particular committee that administers such grants. See Administration, below. Option grants to nonemployee directors can only be nonqualified stock options, the number of which is fixed by the Plan as follows: each nonemployee director who is newly elected or appointed subsequent to the date on which the Plan became effective is granted an option to purchase 5,000 shares of Common Stock upon his or her election or appointment, and thereafter is granted an option to purchase 3,000 shares of Common Stock as of the last day of each fiscal quarter, beginning on the last day of the first full fiscal quarter following his or her election or appointment.

The following summary of the Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Plan, which governs in the event of any conflict. Copies of the Plan are available from the Company upon written request, to the attention of Pat McManus, Investor Relations, 470 East Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30305.

Purpose of Plan

The purpose of the Plan is to attract and retain the best available talent and encourage the highest level of performance by officers, employees, directors, advisors and consultants, and to provide them with incentives to put forth maximum efforts for the success of the Company's business.

Shares Subject to the Plan

Currently, the Class A shares that may be issued under the Plan cannot exceed in the aggregate 4,375,000 shares, subject to adjustment as provided below. Such shares may be shares of original issuance or treasury shares. Any shares that are subject to Stock Options granted under the Plan that are terminated, expire unexercised, are forfeited or are surrendered will again be available for issuance under the Plan.

As of June 30, 2008, 1,633,576 shares have been issued pursuant to the exercise of stock options and 2,337,826 shares were subject to outstanding options, leaving only 403,598 shares available for new options. If approved, the proposed amendment would increase the number of available shares under the Plan to 1,303,598 shares as of June 30, 2008.

The Board or the applicable stock option committee makes or provides for such adjustments in the maximum number of shares, in the number of shares covered by outstanding options granted under the Plan, in the option exercise price applicable to any such options or in the kind of shares covered under the Plan (including shares of another issuer), as the Board or such committee, in its sole discretion, exercised in good faith, may determine is equitably required to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights of participants that otherwise

would result from any stock dividend, stock split, combination, spin-off, reorganization, partial or complete liquidation, issuance of rights or warrants to purchase securities or any other corporate transaction or event having an effect similar to any of the foregoing.

Administration

The Plan is administered by the Board of Directors and by the Stock Option Committee and the Special Stock Option Committee. The Special Stock Option Committee, composed of nonemployee directors, is responsible for the administration and granting of stock options to executive officers of the Company. The Stock Option Committee, consisting of other directors of the Company, is responsible for the administration and granting of stock options to other employees and eligible persons. The Stock Option Committee is composed of James C. Edenfield and Thomas L. Newberry. The Special Stock Option Committee is composed of John J. Jarvis and Thomas L. Newberry.

Eligibility

All Directors and employees (315 persons as of April 30, 2008) are eligible to participate in the Plan. Additionally, advisors and consultants to the Company may be eligible for option grants, if deemed appropriate by the Stock Option Committee.

Exercise Price

The exercise price per share of any option granted under the Plan is set in each case by the respective Committee that administers the Plan or by the entire Board. For incentive stock options granted under the Plan, the exercise price must be at least 100% of the fair market value of Common Stock on the date of grant (110% for 10% stockholders). For nonqualified stock options granted under the Plan, the exercise price may be less than the fair market value per share on the date upon which the option is granted. For option grants to Nonemployee Directors, which may be only nonqualified stock options, the exercise price per share shall not be less than 100% of the market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant. As of the close of business on June 30, 2008, the market value of Common Stock was \$5.64 per share.

Terms of Options

The terms of individual option grants are determined by the particular Board committee granting the option, as discussed above in Administration . If the committees continue their current practices, options granted pursuant to the Plan generally will expire on the sixth anniversary of the grant date and will become exercisable in equal portions over a five-year period (other than options granted to non-employee directors, which vest one year following the date of grant).

Exercise of Options

Options granted pursuant to the Plan are exercisable according to the terms of the Plan and at such times and under such conditions as determined by the Committee that administers the option and as set forth in the option grant agreement relating to the options being exercised. The option plan agreement may specify whether the option price may be paid by the participant (i) in full by payment of cash or check acceptable to the Company equal to the exercise price and any required tax withholding payment; (ii) by the transfer to the Company of shares of Company stock owned by the participant for at least six months, having an aggregate fair market value per share at the date of exercise equal to the aggregate option price (except at a time when the Company is prohibited from purchasing or acquiring its own shares); or (iii) by a combination of such methods of payment. In the absence of specification, only the payment method in clause (i) will be permitted. Any option agreement may provide for deferred payment from the proceeds of sale through a bank or broker of some of all of the shares to which such exercise relates.

Non-Transferability of Options

An option granted under the Plan is not transferable other than by will or the applicable laws of descent and distribution. During the lifetime of a participant, options may be exercised only by such participant or his guardian or legal representative.

Death, Disability, Retirement or Termination of Employment

Following a participant's termination of employment, options held by such person pursuant to the Plan are generally exercisable only with respect to the portions thereof in which the participant is then vested. Under the Plan, upon termination of employment, stock options remain exercisable for three months, or twelve months if termination results from death or disability, but in any event not beyond the original option term.

Change of Control

Currently, option agreements relating to options granted under the Plan generally provide for exercise of the option prior to normal vesting in the event the Company (i) is merged, consolidated or reorganized into or with another company and, as a result, less than two-thirds of the combined voting power of the then-outstanding securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (Voting Stock) of such corporation immediately after such transaction are held in the aggregate by the holders of Voting Stock of the Company immediately prior to such transaction; (ii) sells or transfers all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and as a result of such sale or transfer less than two-thirds of the combined voting power of the then-outstanding Voting Stock immediately after such sale or transfer is held in the aggregate by the holders of Voting Stock of the Company immediately prior to such sale or transfer; (iii) any person has become the beneficial owner of securities representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting stock of the Company other than by gift or inheritance; or (iv) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of any such period constitute the directors of the Company cease to constitute a majority thereof, subject to certain exceptions, including situations where continuing directors approve the addition of new directors.

Tax Consequences

The following is a brief summary of the principal federal income tax consequences of the grant and exercise of an option under the Plan and the subsequent disposition of shares of Common Stock acquired upon such exercise. Under the Plan, at the time of grant the respective Committee designates each option either an incentive stock option or a nonqualified stock option, with differing tax consequences to the participant and to the Company for each type of option.

Nonqualified Options

The grant of a nonqualified option will not result in any immediate tax consequence to the Company or the participant. Upon exercise of a nonqualified option granted under the Plan, the amount by which the fair market value on the date of exercise of the shares received upon such exercise exceeds the option price will be taxed as ordinary income to the participant, and the Company generally will be entitled to a deduction in an equal amount in the year the option is executed. Such amount will not be an item of tax preference to a participant.

Upon the subsequent disposition of shares acquired upon the exercise of an option (Option Stock), a participant may realize short-term or long-term capital gain or loss (assuming such shares of Option Stock constitute capital assets in a participant's hands), depending upon the holding period of such shares of Option Stock, equal to the difference between the selling price and the tax basis of the shares of Option Stock sold. The tax basis for this purpose will equal the sum of the exercise price and the amount of ordinary income realized by the participant as a result of such exercise.

Incentive Options

Neither the grant nor the exercise of an incentive stock option will have any immediate tax consequences to the Company or the participant. (However, in calculating income for purposes of computing an individual participant's alternative minimum tax, the favorable tax treatment generally accorded incentive stock options is not applicable.)

When a participant sells Option Stock received upon the exercise of his incentive stock options, any amount he receives in excess of the option price will be taxed as a long-term capital gain at the maximum applicable tax rate (and any loss will be a long-term capital loss) if he has held his shares for at least two years from the date of granting the option to him and for at least one year after the issuance of such shares to him. If the shares are not held for more than two years from the date of granting the option to him or are not held for more than one year after the issuance of such shares, (i) ordinary income will be realized in the year of the disposition in an amount equal to the difference between the fair market value of the shares on the date the option was exercised and the option price, and (ii) either capital gain or loss will be recognized in an amount equal to the difference between the selling price and the fair market value of the shares on the date the option was exercised. If the selling price is less than the fair market value on the date the option is exercised, but more than the exercise price, (i) ordinary income equal to the difference between the exercise price and the fair market value on the date of exercise is recognized, and (ii) a capital loss equal to the difference between the fair market value on the date of exercise and the sales price results.

The Company is not permitted to take a deduction for federal income tax purposes because of the granting or exercise of any incentive stock option, except to the extent that ordinary income may be realized by a participant on the exercise or sale of Option Stock.

Termination

The 2001 Stock Plan will terminate on May 16, 2010, unless sooner terminated by the Board of Directors. In general, no amendment, discontinuance or termination of the Plan will have any effect on options outstanding thereunder at the time of termination.

Board Recommendation

The Board of Directors believes it is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders to approve the proposed amendment so that the Company will be able to continue to provide adequate incentives and to attract and retain the services of competent personnel. Therefore, the Board of Directors recommends to the shareholders the adoption of the proposed amendment to the 2001 Stock Option Plan, increasing the authorized shares under the Plan from 4,375,000 shares to 5,275,000 shares.

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares in attendance or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Shareholders Meeting is required for approval of the amendment.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2001 STOCK OPTION PLAN.**

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT AND INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Audit Committee Report

The following is the Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of American Software, Inc. for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2008.

The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee. As set forth in the charter, the Audit Committee's job is one of oversight. It is not the duty of the Audit Committee to prepare the financial statements of the Company, to plan or conduct audits, or to determine that the financial statements of the Company are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company's management is responsible for preparing the Company's financial statements and for maintaining internal controls. The registered public accounting firm of the Company is responsible for auditing the financial statements and for expressing an opinion as to whether those audited financial statements fairly present the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows to the Company in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to the fiscal year 2008 audit, the Audit Committee: (1) reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2008 with Company management and KPMG LLP (KPMG), the Company's independent registered public accounting firm; (2) discussed with KPMG the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 114 relating to the conduct of the audit; (3) reviewed with management the bases for management's report on internal control over financial reporting, required under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and related rules; and (4) received written disclosures and the letter from KPMG regarding its independence as required by Independence Standards Board No. 1. The Audit Committee discussed with KPMG the independence of KPMG from the Company.

Based on the Audit Committee's review of the audited financial statements and discussions with management and KPMG, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2008 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Nasdaq listing requirements require audit committees to be composed of not less than three members who are independent directors, as that term is defined in the listing requirements. The Audit Committee believes that its members meet the definition of independent directors set forth in those rules.

BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

James B. Miller, Jr., Chairman

W. Dennis Hogue

John J. Jarvis

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

General. During the fiscal year ended April 30, 2008, the Company engaged KPMG to provide certain audit services, including the audit of the annual financial statements, quarterly reviews of the financial statements included in our Forms 10-Q, services performed in connection with filing this Proxy Statement and the Annual Report on Form 10-K by the Company with the SEC, attendance at meetings with the Audit Committee and consultation on matters relating to accounting, tax and financial reporting. KPMG has acted as independent registered public accounting firm for the Company since 1983. Neither KPMG nor any of its associates has any relationship to the Company or any of its subsidiaries except in its capacity as independent registered public accounting firm.

The Company expects that representatives of KPMG will attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. These representatives will be available to respond to appropriate questions raised orally and will be given the opportunity to make a statement if they so desire. The Audit Committee has appointed KPMG as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2009.

Audit Fees and All Other Fees. The aggregate fees billed to the Company by KPMG for services rendered during fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007, including fees billed in connection with services rendered to Logility, Inc., are summarized below:

Audit Fees. Fees for audit services totaled approximately \$996,000 in fiscal 2008 and approximately \$1,051,000 in fiscal 2007, including fees associated with the annual audit and the reviews of financial statements in quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, including Sarbanes Oxley 404 audit fees.

Audit Related Fees. Fees for audit related services totaled zero in fiscal 2008 and in fiscal 2007.

Tax Fees. There were no fees for tax services, including tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning, billed to the Company by KPMG in fiscal 2008 or in fiscal 2007.

All Other Fees. The Company's independent registered public accounting firm did not receive fees for other services not described above in fiscal 2008 or in fiscal 2007.

During fiscal 2008, KPMG did not utilize any leased personnel in connection with the audit.

In accordance with the rules of Nasdaq and the SEC, the approval of the Audit Committee is required for all independent audit engagement fees and terms and all permitted non-audit engagements (including the fees and terms thereof) that the independent registered public accounting firm performs for the Company. This authority does not extend to engagement fees and terms of engagement with respect to the engagement of an independent registered public accounting firm by its subsidiary, Logility, Inc.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT AND CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table sets forth, as of June 30, 2008 (unless otherwise indicated), the beneficial ownership of Class A shares and Class B shares by (i) each stockholder known to management to own beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding shares of our common stock; and (ii) each current director, each nominee for director, each of our named executive officers, and our executive officers and directors as a group. Unless otherwise noted, (i) we believe that the beneficial owner set forth in the table has sole voting and investment power, and (ii) the address of each person listed below is 470 East Paces Ferry Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30305.

Name of Beneficial Owner or Description of Group	Shares Beneficially Owned		Percent of Class	
	Class A	Class B	Class A(1)	Class B(1)
<i>Beneficial owners of more than 5%</i>				
James C. Edenfield	285,225(2)(3)	2,886,586(2)(4)	1.3%(5)	100.0%
Thomas L. Newberry	285,225(2)(6)	2,886,586(2)(7)	1.3%(5)	100.0%
Renaissance Technologies LLC	1,424,700(8)	-0-	6.3%	
Wells Fargo & Company	1,181,673(9)	-0-	5.3%	
Brown Capital Management, Inc.	1,170,393(10)	-0-	5.2%	
<i>Directors and Named Executive Officers</i>				
James C. Edenfield	285,225(2)(3)	2,886,586(2)(4)	1.3%(5)	100.0%
Thomas L. Newberry	285,225(2)(6)	2,886,586(2)(7)	1.3%(5)	100.0%
Jeffrey W. Coombs	48,000(11)	-0-	0.2%	
J. Michael Edenfield	605,308(12)	-0-	2.6%	
W. Dennis Hogue	80,000(11)	-0-	0.4%	
John J. Jarvis	80,000(13)	-0-	0.4%	
Vincent C. Klinges	164,256(14)	-0-	0.7%	
James B. Miller, Jr.	83,000(15)	-0-	0.4%	
Thomas L. Newberry, V	15,000(11)	-0-	0.1%	
ALL DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AS A GROUP (10 Persons)	1,360,789(16)	2,886,586	5.8%	100.0%

- (1) Share percentages are based on an aggregate of 22,481,556 Class A shares outstanding as of June 30, 2008, plus 60-day option shares held by the person or group in question. There were 2,886,586 Class B shares outstanding as of June 30, 2008.
- (2) Each of Dr. Newberry and Mr. Edenfield have filed an amended Schedule 13G with the Securities and Exchange Commission stating that they, acting as a group, share voting power with respect to all shares beneficially held by them. Accordingly, Mr. Edenfield's beneficially owned shares include shares of which Dr. Newberry is the record owner or as to which he controls or shares voting or dispositive rights as well as Dr. Newberry's 60-day option shares. Similarly, Dr. Newberry's beneficially owned shares include shares of which Mr. Edenfield is the record owner or as to which he controls or shares voting or dispositive rights as well as Mr. Edenfield's 60-day option shares.
- (3) Includes 80,000 shares that may be acquired upon the exercise of Mr. Edenfield's own stock options exercisable within 60 days and 60,000 shares held by the James C. and Norma T. Edenfield Foundation, Inc., as to which Mr. Edenfield has shared voting and investment power; also includes 145,225 Class A shares of which Dr. Newberry is the record owner or which are Dr. Newberry's 60-day option shares, as to which Mr. Edenfield shares voting power. If all Class B shares were converted into Class A shares, Mr. Edenfield would beneficially own 3,171,811 Class A shares, which would represent approximately 12.4% of the total Class A shares that would be issued and outstanding after such conversion.
- (4) Includes 904,999 Class B shares of which Dr. Newberry is the record owner, as to which Mr. Edenfield shares voting power.
- (5) For all matters except the election of directors, which involves class voting, Mr. Edenfield and Dr. Newberry together beneficially own approximately 56.8% of the combined, weighted voting rights of the outstanding Class A and Class B shares. See Record Date and Voting of Securities.

- (6) Includes 104,000 shares that may be acquired upon the exercise of Dr. Newberry's own stock options exercisable within 60 days; also includes 140,000 Class A shares of which Mr. Edenfield is the record owner or holder of voting power or which are Mr. Edenfield's 60-day option shares, as to which Dr. Newberry shares voting power. If all Class B shares were converted into Class A shares, Dr. Newberry would beneficially own 3,171,811 Class A shares, which would represent approximately 12.4% of the total Class A shares that would be issued and outstanding after such conversion.
- (7) Includes 1,981,587 Class B shares of which Mr. Edenfield is the record owner, as to which Dr. Newberry shares voting power.
- (8) Based on Schedule 13G dated February 12, 2008. Of this amount, the reporting person has sole voting power as to 1,374,782 of the shares and sole dispositive power as to all of the shares, which are owned of record by its investment advisory clients. Renaissance Technologies reported address is 800 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022.
- (9) Based on Schedule 13G dated January 28, 2008, filed on behalf of a group, acting as parent holding company. Of this amount, the reporting person has sole voting power as to all of the shares and sole dispositive power as to all of the shares. Wells Fargo's reported address is 420 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94163.
- (10) Based on Schedule 13G dated February 29, 2008. Of this amount, the reporting person has sole voting power as to 493,293 of the shares and sole dispositive power as to all of the shares, which are owned of record by its investment advisory clients. Brown Capital Management's reported address is 1201 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.
- (11) Represents shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days.
- (12) Includes 583,000 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days.
- (13) Includes 69,000 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days.
- (14) Includes 104,000 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days.
- (15) Includes 68,000 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days.
- (16) Includes 1,151,000 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days.

SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") requires the Company's executive officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of the Company's equity securities, to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). Officers, directors and holders of more than 10% of the Class A shares are required under regulations promulgated by the Commission to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

Based upon a review by the Company of filings made under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and representations from its 10% shareholders, executive officers and directors, all of the reports required to be filed by such persons during fiscal 2008 were filed on a timely basis, except for reports related to grants of stock options to four executive officers during the second quarter and a report filed by the Company's Secretary, James R. McGuone, with respect to a stock option exercise and sale of shares, which were inadvertently filed after the dates on which they were required to be filed.

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

Proposals of shareholders intended to be presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders must be forwarded in writing and received at the principal executive offices of the Company no later than March 30, 2009 directed to the attention of the Secretary, to be considered for inclusion in the Company's Proxy Statement for that Annual Meeting. Any such proposals must comply in all respects with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

OTHER MATTERS

As of the date of this Proxy Statement, the Board of Directors does not intend to present, and has not been informed that any other person intends to present, any matter for action at the Annual Meeting other than those specifically referred to in this Proxy Statement. If other matters properly come before the meeting, it is intended that the holders of the proxies will act with respect thereto in accordance with their best judgment.

The Company will bear the cost of this solicitation of proxies. In addition to solicitation by mail, employees of the Company may solicit proxies by telephone, in writing or in person. The Company may request brokerage houses, nominees, custodians and fiduciaries to forward soliciting material to the beneficial owners of stock held of record and will reimburse such persons for any reasonable expense in forwarding the material.

Copies of the 2008 Annual Report of the Company are being mailed to shareholders together with this Proxy Statement, proxy card and Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Additional copies may be obtained from Pat McManus, Investor Relations, 470 East Paces Ferry Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30305.

A COPY OF THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2008, AS FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, WILL BE FURNISHED WITHOUT CHARGE TO SHAREHOLDERS BENEFICIALLY OR OF RECORD AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JULY 11, 2008, ON REQUEST TO PAT McMANUS, INVESTOR RELATIONS, 470 EAST PACES FERRY ROAD, N.E., ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30305.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

James R. McGuone, Secretary

Atlanta, Georgia

July 28, 2008

