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

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ELAN CORPORATION, plc
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ireland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

Not Applicable
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Treasury Building
Lower Grand Canal Street
Dublin 2, Ireland
(Address of principal executive offices)

Elan Corporation, plc 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan (2008 Amendment and Restatement)

(Full title of the plan)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per share	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Ordinary Shares, par value 5 Euro cents each (1)	18,000,000(2)	\$8.62(3)	\$155,160,000(3)	\$6097.79

- (1) American Depositary Shares (“Elan ADSs”), evidenced by American Depositary Receipts, issuable upon deposit of Ordinary Shares, par value 5 Euro cents each (the “Ordinary Shares”), of Elan Corporation, plc (“Elan”) are registered on a separate registration statement on Form F-6. Each Elan ADS represents one Ordinary Share.
- (2) The number of Ordinary Shares stated above consists of the aggregate number of additional Ordinary Shares not previously registered which may be issued under the Elan Corporation plc 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan (2008 Amendment and Restatement). In addition, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the amount being registered also includes such indeterminate number of additional Ordinary Shares as may become issuable under the anti-dilution provisions of Elan’s 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan (2008 Amendment and Restatement).
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, computed pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on the basis of the average of the high and low sales prices of an Elan ADS, as reported in the New York Stock Exchange - Composite Transactions System on October 16, 2008.
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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Elan Corporation, plc (“Elan” or the “Registrant”) has prepared this Registration Statement on Form S-8 in accordance with the requirements of Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the “Securities Act”), to register an additional 18,000,000 Ordinary Shares, par value 5 Euro cents each (the “Ordinary Shares”), of the Registrant authorized for issuance under the Elan Corporation, plc 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan (2008 Amendment and Restatement) (the “LTIP”). A Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-135185) containing the original LTIP was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 21, 2006, covering the registration of 10,000,000 Ordinary Shares authorized for issuance under the LTIP. Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, this Registration Statement is being filed to register an additional 18,000,000 Ordinary Shares under the LTIP. Pursuant to such Instruction E, the contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-135185) are incorporated herein by reference. The current registration of 18,000,000 Ordinary Shares will increase the number of shares registered under the LTIP from 10,000,000 Ordinary Shares to 28,000,000 Ordinary Shares.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

The following is a complete list of exhibits filed or incorporated by reference as a part of this Registration Statement:

Exhibit No.	Description
4.1	Memorandum and Articles of Association of Elan. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Elan Corporation, plc (SEC File No. 333-135185) filed with the Commission on June 21, 2006).
4.2	Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement, dated as of May 17, 1996 as further amended and restated as of November 12, 2003, among Elan, The Bank of New York, as Depositary, and the holders from time to time of American Depositary Receipts issued thereunder (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(a) of the Registration Statement on Form F-6 of Elan, Registration No. 333-110428, filed with the Commission on November 12, 2003).
4.3	Specimen of American Depositary Receipt, evidencing American Depositary Shares, representing deposited Ordinary Shares (included in Exhibit 4.2).
*4.4	Elan Corporation, plc 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan (2008 Amendment and Restatement).
*5.1	Opinion of A&L Goodbody Solicitors with respect to the legality of the Ordinary Shares being registered hereby.
*23.1	Consent of A&L Goodbody (included in Exhibit 5.1).
*23.2	Consent of KPMG, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
*24	Powers of Attorney (included on the signature pages of this Registration Statement).

* Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Dublin, Ireland, on the 21st day of October, 2008.

ELAN
CORPORATION,
PLC

By: /s/ Shane M.
Cooke
Name: Shane M.
Cooke
Title:
Executive Vice
President
and
Chief Financial
Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Shane M. Cooke and William F. Daniel, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place, and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign the Registration Statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, to sign any and all pre- or post-effective amendments to the Registration Statement on Form S-8, and to file the same with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite or necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ G. Kelly Martin (G. Kelly Martin)	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	October 21, 2008
/s/ Shane M. Cooke (Shane M. Cooke)	Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President and Director (Principal Financial Officer)	October 21, 2008
s/ Nigel Clerkin (Nigel Clerkin)	Senior Vice President, Finance and Group Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	October 21, 2008
/s/ Kyran McLaughlin (Kyran McLaughlin)	Chairman of the Board	October 21, 2008
/s/ Floyd Bloom, M.D. (Floyd Bloom, M.D.)	Director	October 21, 2008
/s/ Lars Ekman, M.D., Ph.D. (Lars Ekman, M.D., Ph.D.)	Director	October 21, 2008

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/s/ Jonas Frick (Jonas Frick)	Director	October 21, 2008
/s/ Ann Maynard Gray (Ann Maynard Gray)	Director	October 21, 2008
/s/ Gary Kennedy (Gary Kennedy)	Director	October 21, 2008
/s/ Patrick Kennedy (Patrick Kennedy)	Director	October 21, 2008
/s/ Giles Kerr (Giles Kerr)	Director	October 21, 2008
/s/ Kieran McGowan (Kieran McGowan)	Director	October 21, 2008
/s/ Donal O'Connor (Donal O'Connor)	Director	October 21, 2008
/s/ William R. Rohn (William R. Rohn)	Director	October 21, 2008
/s/ Dennis J. Selkoe, M.D. (Dennis J. Selkoe, M.D.)	Director	October 21, 2008
/s/ Jeffrey L. Shames (Jeffrey L. Shames)	Director	October 21, 2008

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ G. Kelly Martin President and Chief Executive Officer October 21, 2008
(G. Kelly Martin)

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ELAN CORPORATION, PLC
2006 LONG TERM INCENTIVE PLAN
(2008 AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT)

The purposes of the 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan are to advance the interests of Elan Corporation, plc and its shareholders by providing a means to attract, retain, and motivate employees, consultants and directors of Elan Corporation, plc, its subsidiaries and affiliates, to provide for competitive compensation opportunities, to encourage long term service, to recognize individual contributions and reward achievement of performance goals, and to promote the creation of long term value for shareholders by aligning the interests of such persons with those of shareholders. The Plan was established pursuant to a resolution of the Board on March 28, 2006, approved by the shareholders at the annual general meeting held on May 25, 2006, it has been amended and restated by resolution of the Board on March 28, 2008 and approved by shareholders at the annual general meeting held on May 22, 2008.

1. Definitions.

For purposes of the Plan, the following terms shall be defined as set forth below:

- (a) "Act" means the Companies Act 1963 as amended from time to time. References to any provision of the Act shall be deemed to include successor provisions thereto and regulations thereunder.
- (b) "Affiliate" means any entity other than the Company and its Subsidiaries that is designated by the Board or the Committee as a participating employer under the Plan; provided, however, that the Company directly or indirectly owns at least 20% of the combined voting power of all classes of stock of such entity or at least 20% of the ownership interests in such entity.
- (c) "Award" means any Option, SAR, Restricted Share, Restricted Share Unit, Performance Share, Performance Unit, Dividend Equivalent, or Other Share-Based Award granted to an Eligible Person under the Plan.
- (d) "Award Agreement" means any written agreement, contract, or other instrument or document evidencing an Award.
- (e) "Beneficiary" means the person, persons, trust or trusts which have been designated by an Eligible Person in his or her most recent written beneficiary designation filed with the Company to receive the benefits specified under this Plan upon the death of the Eligible Person, or, if there is no designated Beneficiary or surviving designated Beneficiary, then the person, persons, trust or trusts entitled by will or the laws of descent and distribution to receive such benefits.
- (f) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (g) "Change in Control" means:
 - (i) The consummation of a merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another entity or any other corporate reorganization if more than 50% of the combined voting power of the continuing or surviving entity's issued shares or securities outstanding immediately after such merger, consolidation or other reorganization is owned by persons who were not shareholders of the Company immediately prior to such merger,

consolidation or other reorganization;

(ii) The sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets;

(iii) Individuals who on the Effective Date of this Plan constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Directors") cease for any reason, including, without limitation, as a result of a tender offer, proxy contest, merger or similar transaction, to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual who becomes a director of the Company subsequent to the Effective Date of this Plan shall be considered an Incumbent Director if such person's election or nomination for election was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Incumbent Directors; but, provided further that any such person whose initial assumption of office is in connection with an actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a person other than the Board, including by reason of agreement intended to avoid or settle any such actual or threatened contest or solicitation, shall not be considered an Incumbent Director; or

(iv) A transaction as a result of which a person or company obtains Control of the Company in pursuance of a compromise or arrangement sanctioned by the court under Section 201 of the Act or becomes bound or entitled to acquire Shares in the Company under Section 204 of the Act; or

(v) Any transaction as a result of which any person becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing at least 50% of the total voting power represented by the Company's then outstanding voting securities (e.g., issued shares). For purposes of this subsection (v), the term "person" shall have the same meaning as when used in sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act but shall exclude (i) a trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or of any Subsidiary and (ii) a company owned directly or indirectly by the shareholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of the Shares of the Company.

(vi) Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an Award that constitutes deferred compensation subject to section 409A of the Code, the definition of "Change in Control" set forth above shall not apply, and the term "Change in Control" shall instead mean a "change in the ownership or effective control" of the Company or "in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets" of the Company within the meaning of section 409A(a)(2)(A)(v) of the Code and the regulations and guidance issued thereunder, but only to the extent this substitute definition is necessary in order for the Award to comply with the requirements prescribed by section 409A of the Code.

(h) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time. References to any provision of the Code shall be deemed to include successor provisions thereto and regulations thereunder.

(i) "Committee" means the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee of the Board, or such other Board committee (which may include the entire Board) as may be designated by the Board to administer the Plan.

(j) "Company" means Elan Corporation, plc, a corporation organized under the laws of Ireland, or any successor corporation.

(k) "Control" means the ownership directly or indirectly of shares in a company carrying more than 50% of the total voting power represented by that company's issued share capital.

(l) "Director" means a member of the Board who is not an employee of the Company, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate.

(m) "Dividend Equivalent" means a right, granted under Section 4(g), to receive cash, Shares, or other property equal in value to dividends paid with respect to a specified number of Shares. Dividend Equivalents may be awarded on a

free-standing basis or in connection with another Award, and may be paid currently or on a deferred basis.

(n) "Effective Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 9(l) below.

(o) "Eligible Person" means (i) an employee or consultant of the Company, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate, including any director who is an employee, or (ii) a Director. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Plan to the

contrary, an Award may be granted to an employee, consultant or Director, in connection with his or her hiring or retention prior to the date the employee, consultant or Director first performs services for the Company, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate; provided, however, that any such Award shall not become vested or exercisable prior to the date the employee, consultant or Director first performs such services.

(p) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time. References to any provision of the Exchange Act shall be deemed to include successor provisions thereto and regulations thereunder.

(q) "Fair Market Value" means, with respect to Shares or other property, the fair market value of such Shares or other property determined by such methods or procedures as shall be established from time to time by the Committee. If the Shares are listed on any established stock exchange or a national market system, unless otherwise determined by the Committee in good faith, the Fair Market Value of Shares shall mean the closing price per Share on the date in question (or, if the Shares were not traded on that day, the next preceding day that the Shares were traded) or, alternatively, the average of the closing price per Share for a period, not to exceed 30 days, preceding the date in question on the principal exchange or market system on which the Shares are traded, as such prices are officially quoted on such exchange.

(r) "ISO" means any Option intended to be and designated as an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code.

(s) "NQSO" means any Option that is not an ISO.

(t) "Option" means a right, granted under Section 4(b), to purchase Shares.

(u) "Other Share-Based Award" means a right, granted under Section 4(h), that relates to or is valued by reference to Shares.

(v) "Participant" means an Eligible Person who has been granted an Award under the Plan.

(w) "Performance Share" means a performance share granted under Section 5(f).

(x) "Performance Unit" means a performance unit granted under Section 4(f).

(y) "Plan" means this 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan.

(z) "Restricted Shares" means an Award of Shares under Section 4(d) that may be subject to certain restrictions and to a risk of forfeiture.

(aa) "Restricted Share Unit" means a unit representing the Company's obligation to deliver or issue one Share for each such unit, granted under Section 4(e), or the cash equivalent, at the end of a specified deferral period.

(bb) "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3, as from time to time in effect and applicable to the Plan and Participants, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

(cc) "SAR" or "Share Appreciation Right" means the right, granted under Section 4(c), to be paid an amount measured by the difference between the exercise price of the right and the Fair Market Value of Shares on the date of exercise of the right, with payment to be made in cash or Shares as specified in the Award or determined by the Committee.

(dd) "Share" means one ordinary share of 5 Euro cents in the capital of the Company as represented by one American Depositary Share and as evidenced by one American Depositary Receipt.

(ee) “Subsidiary” means any company which is, for the time being, a subsidiary of the Company within the meaning of Section 155 of the Act. For the avoidance of doubt, and provided it is not in conflict with the Act, this shall include any corporation (other than the Company) in an unbroken chain of corporations beginning with the Company if each of the corporations (other than the last corporation in the unbroken chain) owns shares possessing 50% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in the chain.

(ff) “Termination of Service” means, unless otherwise defined in an applicable Award Agreement, that a Participant is no longer employed by, providing consulting services to nor a director of the Company, its Subsidiaries and its Affiliates, as the case may be. A Participant employed by or providing service to a Subsidiary of the Company or one of its Affiliates shall also be deemed to incur a Termination of Service if the Subsidiary of the Company or Affiliate ceases to be such a Subsidiary or an Affiliate, as the case may be, and the Participant does not immediately thereafter become an employee or director of, or a consultant to, the Company, another Subsidiary of the Company or an Affiliate. Temporary absences from employment or service because of illness, vacation or leave of absence and transfers among the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates shall not be considered a Termination of Service.

2. Administration.

(a) Authority of the Committee. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee, and the Committee shall have full and final authority to take the following actions, in each case subject to and consistent with the provisions of the Plan:

(i) to select Eligible Persons to whom Awards may be granted;

(ii) to designate Affiliates;

(iii) to determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to each Eligible Person;

(iv) to determine the type and number of Awards to be granted, the number of Shares to which an Award may relate, the terms and conditions of any Award granted under the Plan (including, but not limited to, any exercise price, grant price, or purchase price, any restriction or condition, any schedule for lapse of restrictions or conditions relating to transferability or forfeiture, exercisability, or settlement of an Award, and waiver or accelerations thereof, and waivers of performance conditions relating to an Award, based in each case on such considerations as the Committee shall determine), and all other matters to be determined in connection with an Award;

(v) to determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances an Award may be settled, or the exercise price of an Award may be paid, in cash, Shares or other Awards, or an Award may be canceled, forfeited, exchanged, or surrendered;

(vi) to determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances cash, Shares, other Awards, or other property payable with respect to an Award will be deferred either automatically, at the election of the Committee, or at the election of the Eligible Person;

(vii) to prescribe the form of each Award Agreement, which need not be identical for each Eligible Person;

(viii) to adopt, amend, suspend, waive, and rescind such rules and regulations and appoint such agents as the Committee may deem necessary or advisable to administer the Plan;

(ix) to correct any defect or supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan and to construe and interpret the Plan and any Award, rules and regulations, Award Agreement, or other instrument thereunder;

(x) to accelerate the exercisability or vesting of all or any portion of any Award (provided that, except in the event of vesting due to a Change in Control or Termination of Service, no Award shall vest in full until at least the second anniversary of the grant date of such Award) or to extend the period during which an Award is exercisable;

(xi) to determine whether uncertificated Shares may be used in satisfying Awards and otherwise in connection with the Plan; and

(xii) to make all other decisions and determinations as may be required under the terms of the Plan or as the Committee may deem necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan.

(b) Manner of Exercise of Committee Authority. The Committee shall have sole discretion in exercising its authority under the Plan. Any action of the Committee with respect to the Plan shall be final, conclusive, and binding on all persons, including the Company, Subsidiaries, Affiliates, Eligible Persons, any person claiming any rights under the Plan from or through any Eligible Person, and shareholders. By accepting an Award under the Plan, each Eligible Person accepts the authority and discretion of the Committee as set forth in, and exercised in accordance with, this Plan. The express grant of any specific power to the Committee, and the taking of any action by the Committee, shall not be construed as limiting any power or authority of the Committee. The Committee may delegate to other members of the Board or officers or managers of the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate the authority, subject to such terms as the Committee shall determine, to perform administrative functions and, with respect to Awards granted to persons not subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, to perform such other functions as the Committee may determine, to the extent permitted under Rule 16b-3 (if applicable) and applicable law.

(c) Limitation of Liability. Each member of the Committee shall be entitled to rely or act upon, in good faith, any report or other information furnished to him or her by any officer or other employee of the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate, the Company's independent public accountants, or other professional retained by the Company to assist in the administration of the Plan. No member of the Committee, and no officer or employee of the Company acting on behalf of the Committee, shall be personally liable for any action, determination, or interpretation taken or made in good faith with respect to the Plan, and all members of the Committee and any officer or employee of the Company acting on their behalf shall, to the extent permitted by law, be fully indemnified and protected by the Company with respect to any such action, determination, or interpretation.

(d) No Option or SAR Repricing Without Shareholder Approval. Except as provided in the first sentence of Section 3(c) relating to certain antidilution adjustments, unless the approval of shareholders of the Company is obtained, Options and SARs issued under the Plan shall not be amended to lower their exercise price and Options and SARs issued under the Plan will not be exchanged for other Options or SARs with lower exercise prices.

3. Shares Subject to the Plan.

(a) Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 3(c), the total number of Shares originally reserved for issuance in connection with Awards under the Plan was 10,000,000. The Plan was amended and restated by the Board on March 28, 2008 to increase the number of Shares available for issuance under this Plan by 18,000,000 to a total of 28,000,000 shares subject to approval by the company's shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on May 22, 2008. No Award may be granted if the number of Shares to which such Award relates, when added to the number of Shares previously issued under the Plan, exceeds the number of Shares reserved under the preceding sentence. If any Awards are forfeited, canceled, terminated, exchanged, surrendered or reduced to satisfy the minimum withholding obligations under Section 9(c), such Award is settled in cash or otherwise terminates without a distribution of Shares to the Participant, any Shares counted against the number of Shares reserved and available under the Plan with respect to such Award shall, to the extent of any such forfeiture, settlement, termination, cancellation, exchange or surrender, again be available for Awards under the Plan. Upon the exercise of any Award

granted in tandem with any other Awards, such related Awards shall be canceled to the extent of the number of Shares as to which the Award is exercised.

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(b) All Awards under the Plan, other than Dividend Equivalents, shall be expressed in Shares of stock. The maximum aggregate number of Shares with respect to which all Awards, other than Dividend Equivalents, may be made under the Plan to any individual during any calendar year shall be 1,000,000 Shares, subject to adjustment as described below. A Participant may not accrue Dividend Equivalents during any calendar year in excess of \$1,000,000. The individual limits described in this subsection (b) shall apply without regard to whether the Awards are to be paid in Shares of stock or in cash. All cash payments (other than Dividend Equivalents) shall equal the Fair Market Value of the Shares of stock to which the cash payment relates.

(c) In the event that the Committee shall determine that any dividend in Shares, recapitalization, Share split, reverse split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, spin-off, combination, repurchase, share exchange, extraordinary distribution, or other similar corporate transaction or event, affects the Shares such that an adjustment is appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights of the Participants under the Plan, then the Committee shall make such equitable changes or adjustments as it deems appropriate and, in such manner as it may deem equitable, (i) adjust any or all of (x) the number and kind of shares which may thereafter be issued under the Plan, (y) the number and kind of shares, other securities or other consideration issued or issuable in respect of outstanding Awards, and (z) the exercise price, grant price, or purchase price relating to any Award or (ii) provide for a distribution of cash or property in respect of any Award; provided, however, in each case that, with respect to ISOs, such adjustment shall be made in accordance with Section 424(a) of the Code, unless the Committee determines otherwise; provided further, however, that no adjustment shall be made pursuant to this Section 3 that causes any Award to be treated as deferred compensation pursuant to Section 409A of the Code. In addition, the Committee is authorized to make adjustments in the terms and conditions of, and the criteria and performance objectives, if any, included in, Awards in recognition of unusual or non-recurring events (including, without limitation, events described in the preceding sentence) affecting the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate or the financial statements of the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate, or in response to changes in applicable laws, regulations, or accounting principles.

(d) Any Shares distributed pursuant to an Award may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued Shares or treasury Shares including Shares acquired by purchase in the open market or in private transactions.

4. Specific Terms of Awards.

(a) General. Awards may be granted on the terms and conditions set forth in this Section 4. In addition, the Committee may impose on any Award or the exercise thereof, at the date of grant or thereafter (subject to Section 9(d)), such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Committee shall determine, including terms regarding forfeiture of Awards or continued exercisability of Awards in the event of Termination of Service by the Eligible Person.

(b) Options. The Committee is authorized to grant Options, which may be NQSOs or ISOs, to Eligible Persons on the following terms and conditions:

(i) Exercise Price. The exercise price per Share purchasable under an Option shall be determined by the Committee; provided, however, that the exercise price per Share shall not be less than the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant.

(ii) Option Term. The term of each Option shall be determined by the Committee; provided, however, that such term shall not be longer than ten years from the date of grant of the Option.

(iii) Time and Method of Exercise. The Committee shall determine at the date of grant or thereafter the time or times at which an Option may be exercised in whole or in part (including, without limitation, upon achievement of performance criteria if deemed appropriate by the Committee), the methods by which such exercise price may be paid

or deemed to be paid (including, without limitation, broker-assisted exercise arrangements), the form of such payment (cash or Shares), and the methods by which Shares will be delivered or deemed to be delivered to Eligible Persons.

(iv) Early Exercise. The Committee may provide at the time of grant or any time thereafter, in its sole discretion, that any Option shall be exercisable with respect to Shares that otherwise would not then be exercisable, provided that, in connection with such exercise, the Participant enters into a form of Restricted Share agreement approved by the Committee with respect to the Shares received on exercise.

(v) ISOs. The terms of any ISO granted under the Plan shall comply in all respects with the provisions of Section 422 of the Code, including but not limited to the requirement that the ISO shall be granted within ten years from the earlier of the date of adoption or shareholder approval of the Plan. ISOs may only be granted to employees of the Company or a Subsidiary.

(c) SARs. The Committee is authorized to grant SARs (Share Appreciation Rights) to Eligible Persons on the following terms and conditions:

(i) Right to Payment. A SAR shall confer on the Eligible Person to whom it is granted a right to receive with respect to each Share subject thereto, upon exercise thereof, the excess of (1) the Fair Market Value of one Share on the date of exercise over (2) the exercise price per Share of the SAR, as determined by the Committee as of the date of grant of the SAR (which shall not be less than the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant).

(ii) Other Terms. The Committee shall determine, at the time of grant, the time or times at which a SAR may be exercised in whole or in part (which shall not be more than ten years after the date of grant of the SAR), the method of exercise, method of settlement, form of consideration payable in settlement (whether paid in the form of cash, in Shares of stock or a combination of the two), method by which Shares will be delivered or deemed to be delivered to Eligible Persons, whether or not a SAR shall be in tandem with any other Award, and any other terms and conditions of any SAR. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, a SAR (1) granted in tandem with an NQSO may be granted at the time of grant of the related NQSO or at any time thereafter and (2) granted in tandem with an ISO may only be granted at the time of grant of the related ISO.

(d) Restricted Shares. The Committee is authorized to grant Restricted Shares to Eligible Persons on the following terms and conditions:

(i) Issuance and Restrictions. Restricted Shares shall be subject to such restrictions on transferability and other restrictions, if any, as the Committee may impose at the date of grant or thereafter, which restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such times, under such circumstances (including, without limitation, upon achievement of performance criteria if deemed appropriate by the Committee), in such installments, or otherwise, as the Committee may determine. Except to the extent restricted under the Award Agreement relating to the Restricted Shares, an Eligible Person granted Restricted Shares shall have all of the rights of a shareholder including, without limitation, the right to vote Restricted Shares and the right to receive dividends thereon.

(ii) Forfeiture. Except as otherwise determined by the Committee, at the date of grant or thereafter, upon Termination of Service during the applicable restriction period, Restricted Shares and any accrued but unpaid dividends or Dividend Equivalents that are at that time subject to restrictions shall be forfeited; provided, however, that the Committee may provide, by rule or regulation or in any Award Agreement, or may determine in any individual case, that restrictions or forfeiture conditions relating to Restricted Shares will be waived in whole or in part in the event of Termination of Service resulting from specified causes, and the Committee may in other cases waive in whole or in part the forfeiture of Restricted Shares.

(iii) Certificates for Shares. Restricted Shares granted under the Plan may be evidenced in such manner as the Committee shall determine. If certificates representing Restricted Shares are registered in the name of the Participant, such certificates shall bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions, and restrictions applicable to such

Restricted Shares, and, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the Company shall retain physical possession of the certificate and the Participant shall deliver a stock power to the Company, endorsed in blank, relating to the Restricted Shares.

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(iv) Dividends. Dividends paid on Restricted Shares shall be either paid at the dividend payment date, or deferred for payment to such date as determined by the Committee, in cash or in unrestricted Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such dividends. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, Shares distributed in connection with a Share split or dividend in Shares, and other property distributed as a dividend, shall be subject to restrictions and a risk of forfeiture to the same extent as the Restricted Shares with respect to which such Shares or other property has been distributed.

(v) Early Exercise Options. The Committee shall award Restricted Shares to a Participant upon the Participant's early exercise of an Option under Section 4(b)(iv) hereof. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the lapse of restrictions with respect to such Restricted Shares shall occur on the same schedule as the exercisability of the Option for which the Restricted Shares were exercised.

(e) Restricted Share Units. The Committee is authorized to grant Restricted Share Units to Eligible Persons, subject to the following terms and conditions:

(i) Award and Restrictions. Delivery of Shares or cash, as the case may be, will occur upon expiration of the deferral period specified for Restricted Share Units by the Committee (or, if permitted by the Committee, as elected by the Eligible Person), but consistent with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. In addition, Restricted Share Units shall be subject to such restrictions as the Committee may impose, if any (including, without limitation, the achievement of performance criteria if deemed appropriate by the Committee), at the date of grant or thereafter, which restrictions may lapse at the expiration of the deferral period or at earlier or later specified times, separately or in combination, in installments or otherwise, as the Committee may determine.

(ii) Forfeiture. Except as otherwise determined by the Committee at the date of grant or thereafter, upon Termination of Service during the applicable deferral period or portion thereof to which forfeiture conditions apply (as provided in the Award Agreement evidencing the Restricted Share Units), or upon failure to satisfy any other conditions precedent to the delivery of Shares or cash to which such Restricted Share Units relate, all Restricted Share Units that are at that time subject to deferral or restriction shall be forfeited; provided, however, that the Committee may provide, by rule or regulation or in any Award Agreement, or may determine in any individual case, that restrictions or forfeiture conditions relating to Restricted Share Units will be waived in whole or in part in the event of Termination of Service resulting from specified causes, and the Committee may in other cases waive in whole or in part the forfeiture of Restricted Share Units.

(iii) Dividend Equivalents. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the date of grant, Dividend Equivalents on the specified number of Shares covered by a Restricted Share Unit shall be either (A) paid with respect to such Restricted Share Unit at the dividend payment date in cash or in unrestricted Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such dividends, or (B) deferred with respect to such Restricted Share Unit and the amount or value thereof automatically deemed reinvested in additional Restricted Share Units or other Awards, as the Committee shall determine or permit the Participant to elect.

(f) Performance Shares and Performance Units. The Committee is authorized to grant Performance Shares or Performance Units or both to Eligible Persons on the following terms and conditions:

(i) Performance Period. The Committee shall determine a performance period (the "Performance Period") of one or more years or other periods and shall determine the performance objectives for grants of Performance Shares and Performance Units. Performance objectives may vary from Eligible Person to Eligible Person and shall be based upon the performance criteria as the Committee may deem appropriate. The performance objectives may be determined by reference to the performance of the Company, or of a Subsidiary or Affiliate, or of a division or unit of any of the foregoing. Performance Periods may overlap and Eligible Persons may participate simultaneously with respect to

Performance Shares and Performance Units for which different Performance Periods are prescribed.

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(ii) Award Value. At the beginning of a Performance Period, the Committee shall determine for each Eligible Person or group of Eligible Persons with respect to that Performance Period the range of number of Shares, if any, in the case of Performance Shares, and the range of dollar values, if any,

in the case of Performance Units, which may be fixed or may vary in accordance with such performance or other criteria specified by the Committee, which shall be paid to a Participant as an Award if the relevant measure of Company performance for the Performance Period is met.

(iii) Significant Events. If during the course of a Performance Period there shall occur significant events as determined by the Committee which the Committee expects to have a substantial effect on a performance objective during such period, the Committee may revise such objective.

(iv) Forfeiture. Except as otherwise determined by the Committee, at the date of grant or thereafter, upon Termination of Service during the applicable Performance Period, Performance Shares and Performance Units for which the Performance Period was prescribed shall be forfeited; provided, however, that the Committee may provide, by rule or regulation or in any Award Agreement, or may determine in an individual case, that restrictions or forfeiture conditions relating to Performance Shares and Performance Units will be waived in whole or in part in the event of Termination of Service resulting from specified causes, and the Committee may in other cases waive in whole or in part the forfeiture of Performance Shares and Performance Units.

(v) Payment. Each Performance Share or Performance Unit may be paid in whole Shares, or cash, or a combination of Shares and cash either as a lump sum payment or in installments, all as the Committee shall determine, at the time of grant of the Performance Share or Performance Unit or otherwise, commencing as soon as practicable after the end of the relevant Performance Period.

(g) Dividend Equivalents. The Committee is authorized to grant Dividend Equivalents to Eligible Persons. The Committee may provide, at the date of grant or thereafter, that Dividend Equivalents shall be paid or distributed when accrued or shall be deemed to have been reinvested in additional Shares, or other investment vehicles as the Committee may specify; provided, however, that Dividend Equivalents (other than freestanding Dividend Equivalents) shall be subject to all conditions and restrictions of any underlying Awards to which they relate.

(h) Other Share-Based Awards. The Committee is authorized, subject to limitations under applicable law, to grant to Eligible Persons such other Awards that may be denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on, or related to, Shares, as deemed by the Committee to be consistent with the purposes of the Plan, including, without limitation, unrestricted shares awarded purely as a “bonus” and not subject to any restrictions or conditions, other rights convertible or exchangeable into Shares, purchase rights for Shares, Awards with value and payment contingent upon performance of the Company or any other factors designated by the Committee, and Awards valued by reference to the performance of specified Subsidiaries or Affiliates. The Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of such Awards at date of grant or thereafter. Shares delivered pursuant to an Award in the nature of a purchase right granted under this Section 4(h) shall be purchased for such consideration, paid for at such times, by such methods, and in such forms, including, without limitation, cash, Shares, notes or other property, as the Committee shall determine. Cash awards, as an element of or supplement to any other Award under the Plan, shall also be authorized pursuant to this Section 4(h).

(i) Payment of par value of Shares. The Committee may require that a condition of the delivery of Shares under Section 4(d), 4(e) or 4(f) above is that the Participant pays the par value of Shares to the Company prior to delivery of the Shares, if required to do so under the Act.

5. Certain Provisions Applicable to Awards.

(a) Stand-Alone, Additional, Tandem and Substitute Awards. Awards granted under the Plan may, in the discretion of the Committee, be granted to Eligible Persons either alone or in addition to, in tandem with, or in exchange or substitution for, any other Award granted under the Plan or any award granted under any other plan or agreement of

the Company, any Subsidiary or Affiliate, or any business entity to be acquired by the Company or a Subsidiary or Affiliate, or any other right of an Eligible Person to receive payment from the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate. Awards may be granted in addition to or in tandem with such other Awards or awards, and may be granted ei-

ther as of the same time as, or a different time from, the grant of such other Awards or awards. Subject to the provisions of Section 2(d) hereof prohibiting Option and SAR repricing without shareholder approval, the per Share exercise price of any Option, or grant price of any SAR, which is granted in connection with the substitution of awards granted under any other plan or agreement of the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate, or any business entity to be acquired by the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate, shall be determined by the Committee, in its discretion.

(b) Term of Awards. The term of each Award granted to an Eligible Person shall be for such period as may be determined by the Committee; provided, however, that in no event shall the term of any Option or SAR exceed a period of ten years from the date of its grant (or such shorter period as may be applicable under Section 422 of the Code).

(c) Form of Payment Under Awards. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, payments to be made by the Company or a Subsidiary or Affiliate upon the grant, maturation, or exercise of an Award may be made in such forms as the Committee shall determine at the date of grant or thereafter, including, without limitation, cash, Shares, notes or other property (if permissible under section 409A of the Code), and may be made in a single payment or transfer, in installments, or on a deferred basis. The Committee may make rules relating to installment or deferred payments with respect to Awards, including the rate of interest to be credited with respect to such payments.

(d) Noncompetition. The Committee may, by way of the Award Agreements or otherwise, establish such other terms, conditions, restrictions and/or limitations, if any, of any Award, provided they are not inconsistent with the Plan, including, without limitation, the requirement that the Participant not engage in competition with, solicit customers or employees of, or disclose or use confidential information of the Company or its Subsidiaries and Affiliates.

6. Transferability of Awards.

(a) Restrictions on Transfer. Except as described in this Section 6, or unless otherwise set forth by the Committee in an Award Agreement, Awards shall not be transferable by a Participant except by will or the laws of descent and distribution (except pursuant to a Beneficiary designation) and shall be exercisable during the lifetime of a Participant only by such Participant or his guardian or legal representative. A Participant's rights under the Plan may not be pledged, mortgaged, hypothecated, or otherwise encumbered, and shall not be subject to claims of the Participant's creditors.

(b) Transfer of Nonqualified Stock Options. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may provide in a Award Agreement that a Participant may transfer Nonqualified Stock Options to family members, or one or more trusts or other entities for the benefit of or owned by family members, consistent with the applicable securities laws, according to such terms as the Committee may determine; provided that the Participant receives no consideration for the transfer of a Nonqualified Stock Option and the transferred Nonqualified Stock Option shall continue to be subject to the same terms and conditions as were applicable to the Nonqualified Stock Option immediately before the transfer.

7. Change in Control Provisions.

(a) Assumption of Awards. Upon a Change in Control where the Company is not the surviving corporation (or survives only as a subsidiary of another corporation), unless the Committee determines otherwise, all outstanding Options and SARs that are not exercised shall be assumed by, or replaced with comparable options or rights by, the surviving corporation (or a parent or subsidiary of the surviving corporation), and other outstanding Awards shall be converted to similar awards of the surviving corporation (or a parent or subsidiary of the surviving corporation).

(b) Other Alternatives. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of a Change in Control, the Committee may take any of the following actions with respect to any or all outstanding Awards: (i) determine that outstanding Op-

tions and SARs shall accelerate and become exercisable, in whole or in part, upon the Change in Control or upon such other event as the Committee determines, (ii) determine that the restrictions and conditions on outstanding Restricted Shares, Restricted Share Units, Performance Shares and Performance Units shall lapse, in whole or in part, upon the Change in Control or upon such other event as the Committee determines, (iii) determine that Eligible Persons holding Restricted Share Units, Performance Units, Dividend Equivalents and Other Share-Based Awards shall receive a payment in settlement of such Restricted Share Units, Performance Units, Dividend Equivalents, and Other Share-Based Awards in an amount determined by the Committee, (iv) require that Participants surrender their outstanding Options and SARs in exchange for a payment by the Company, in cash or Stock, as determined by the Committee, in an amount equal to the amount by which the then Fair Market Value of the Shares subject to the Participant's unexercised Options and SARs exceeds the exercise price of the Options or the base amount of SARs, as applicable, or (v) after giving Participants an opportunity to exercise their outstanding Options and SARs, terminate any or all unexercised Options and SARs at such time as the Committee deems appropriate. Such surrender, termination or settlement shall take place as of the date of the Change in Control or such other date as the Committee may specify. The Committee shall have no obligation to take any of the foregoing actions, and, in the absence of any such actions, outstanding Awards shall continue in effect according to their terms (subject to any assumption pursuant to Subsection (a) above).

8. Qualified Performance-Based Compensation.

(a) Designation as Qualified Performance-Based Compensation. The Committee may determine that Restricted Shares, Restricted Share Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units, Dividend Equivalents or Other Share-Based Awards granted to an Employee shall be considered "qualified performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code. The provisions of this Section 8 shall apply to any such Awards that are to be considered "qualified performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code. The Committee may also grant Options or SARs under which the exercisability of the Options is subject to achievement of performance goals as described in this Section 8 or otherwise.

(b) Performance Goals. When Restricted Shares, Restricted Share Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units, Dividend Equivalents or Other Share-Based Awards that are considered to be "qualified performance-based compensation" are granted, the Committee shall establish in writing (i) the objective performance goals that must be met, (ii) the period during which performance will be measured, (iii) the maximum amounts that may be paid if the performance goals are met, and (iv) any other conditions that the Committee deems appropriate and consistent with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code for "qualified performance-based compensation." The performance goals shall satisfy the requirements for "qualified performance-based compensation," including the requirement that the achievement of the goals be substantially uncertain at the time they are established and that the performance goals be established in such a way that a third party with knowledge of the relevant facts could determine whether and to what extent the performance goals have been met. The Committee shall not have discretion to increase the amount of compensation that is payable, but may reduce the amount of compensation that is payable upon achievement of the designated performance goals.

(c) Criteria Used for Objective Performance Goals. The Committee shall use objectively determinable performance goals based on one or more of the following criteria: stock price, earnings per share, price-earnings multiples, net earnings, operating earnings, revenue, number of days sales outstanding in accounts receivable, productivity, margin, EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), net capital employed, return on assets, shareholder return, return on equity, return on capital employed, growth in assets, unit volume, sales, cash flow, market share, relative performance to a comparison group designated by the Committee, or strategic business criteria consisting of one or more objectives based on meeting specified revenue goals, market penetration goals, customer growth, geographic business expansion goals, cost targets or goals relating to acquisitions or divestitures. The performance goals may relate to one or more business units or the performance of the Company as a whole, or any

combination of the foregoing. Performance goals need not be uniform as among Participants.

(d) Timing of Establishment of Goals. The Committee shall establish the performance goals in writing either before the beginning of the performance period or during a period ending no later than the earlier of (i) 90 days after

the beginning of the performance period or (ii) the date on which 25% of the performance period has been completed, or such other date as may be required or permitted under applicable regulations under Section 162(m) of the Code.

(e) **Certification of Results.** The Committee shall certify the performance results for the performance period specified in the Award Agreement after the performance period ends. The Committee shall determine the amount, if any, to be paid pursuant to each Award based on the achievement of the performance goals and the satisfaction of all other terms of the Award Agreement.

(f) **Death, Disability or Other Circumstances.** The Committee may provide in the Award Agreement that Awards under this Section 8 shall be payable, in whole or in part, in the event of the Participant's death or disability, a Change in Control or under other circumstances consistent with the Treasury regulations and rulings under Section 162(m) of the Code.

9. General Provisions.

(a) **Compliance with Legal and Trading Requirements.** The Plan, the granting and exercising of Awards thereunder, and the other obligations of the Company under the Plan and any Award Agreement, shall be subject to all applicable federal, state and foreign laws, rules and regulations, and to such approvals by any stock exchange, regulatory or governmental agency as may be required. The Company, in its discretion, may postpone the issuance or delivery of Shares under any Award until completion of such stock exchange or market system listing or registration or qualification of such Shares or any required action under any state, federal or foreign law, rule or regulation as the Company may consider appropriate, and may require any Participant to make such representations and furnish such information as it may consider appropriate in connection with the issuance or delivery of Shares in compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations. No provisions of the Plan shall be interpreted or construed to obligate the Company to register any Shares under Irish law, US federal or state law or other applicable law. The Shares issued under the Plan may be subject to such other restrictions on transfer as determined by the Committee.

(b) **No Right to Continued Employment or Service.** Neither the Plan nor any action taken thereunder shall be construed as giving any employee, consultant or director the right to be retained in the employ or service of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, nor shall it interfere in any way with the right of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates to terminate any employee's, consultant's or director's employment or service at any time.

(c) **Taxes.** The Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate is authorized to withhold from any Award granted, any payment relating to an Award under the Plan, including from a distribution of Shares, or any payroll or other payment to an Eligible Person, amounts of minimum withholding and other taxes due in connection with any transaction involving an Award, and to take such other action as the Committee may deem necessary or advisable under applicable laws to enable the Company and Eligible Persons to satisfy obligations for the payment of withholding taxes and other tax obligations relating to any Award. This authority shall include authority to withhold or receive Shares or other property and to make cash payments in respect thereof in satisfaction of an Eligible Person's tax obligations; provided, however, that the amount of tax withholding to be satisfied by withholding Shares shall be limited to the minimum amount of taxes, including employment taxes, required to be withheld under applicable Federal, state, foreign and local law.

(d) **Changes to the Plan and Awards.** The Board may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate the Plan or the Committee's authority to grant Awards under the Plan without the consent of shareholders of the Company or Participants, except that any such amendment or alteration shall be subject to the approval of the Company's shareholders to the extent such shareholder approval is required under (i) the rules of any stock exchange or automated quotation system on which the Shares may then be listed or quoted, (ii) the Act or (iii) as it applies to ISOs, to the

extent such shareholder approval is required under Section 422 of the Code; provided, however, that, without the consent of an affected Participant, no amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuation, or termination of the Plan may materially and adversely affect the rights of such Participant under any Award theretofore granted to him or

her. The Committee may waive any conditions or rights under, amend any terms of, or amend, alter, suspend, discontinue or terminate, any Award theretofore granted, prospectively or retrospectively; provided, however, that, without the consent of a Participant, or as provided in Subsection (m) below, no amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuation or termination of any Award may materially and adversely affect the rights of such Participant under any Award theretofore granted to him or her.

(e) No Rights to Awards; No Shareholder Rights. No Eligible Person or employee shall have any claim to be granted any Award under the Plan, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Eligible Persons and employees. No Award shall confer on any Eligible Person any of the rights of a shareholder of the Company unless and until Shares are duly issued or transferred to the Eligible Person in accordance with the terms of the Award.

(f) Unfunded Status of Awards. The Plan is intended to constitute an “unfunded” plan for incentive compensation. With respect to any payments not yet made to a Participant pursuant to an Award, nothing contained in the Plan or any Award shall give any such Participant any rights that are greater than those of a general creditor of the Company; provided, however, that the Committee may authorize the creation of trusts or make other arrangements to meet the Company’s obligations under the Plan to deliver cash, Shares, other Awards, or other property pursuant to any Award, which trusts or other arrangements shall be consistent with the “unfunded” status of the Plan unless the Committee otherwise determines with the consent of each affected Participant.

(g) Nonexclusivity of the Plan. Neither the adoption of the Plan by the Board nor its submission to the shareholders of the Company for approval shall be construed as creating any limitations on the power of the Board to adopt such other incentive arrangements as it may deem desirable, including, without limitation, the granting of options and other awards otherwise than under the Plan, and such arrangements may be either applicable generally or only in specific cases.

(h) Not Compensation for Benefit Plans. No Award payable under this Plan shall be deemed salary or compensation for the purpose of computing benefits under any benefit plan or other arrangement of the Company for the benefit of its employees, consultants or directors unless the Company shall determine otherwise.

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

(j) Employees Subject to Taxation Outside the United States. With respect to Participants who are subject to taxation in countries other than the United States, the Committee may make Awards on such terms and conditions as the Committee deems appropriate to comply with the laws of the applicable countries, and the Committee may create such procedures, addenda and subplans and make such modifications as may be necessary or advisable to comply with such laws.

(k) Governing Law. The validity, construction, and effect of the Plan, any rules and regulations relating to the Plan, and any Award Agreement shall be determined in accordance with the laws of Ireland, without giving effect to principles of conflict of laws thereof.

(l) Effective Date; Plan Termination. The Plan shall become effective as of May 25, 2006 (the “Effective Date”), subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company. The Plan shall terminate as to future awards on the date which is ten (10) years after the Effective Date.

(m) Section 409A. It is intended that the Plan and Awards issued thereunder will comply with Section 409A of the Code (and any regulations and guidelines issued thereunder) to the extent the Awards are subject thereto, and the Plan

and such Awards shall be interpreted on a basis consistent with such intent. The Plan and any Award Agreements issued thereunder may be amended in any respect deemed by the Board or the Committee to be necessary in order to preserve compliance with Section 409A of the Code.

(n) Titles and Headings. The titles and headings of the sections in the Plan are for convenience of reference only. In the event of any conflict, the text of the Plan, rather than such titles or headings, shall control.

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October 20, 2008

Elan Corporation, plc
Treasury Building
Lower Grand Canal Street
Dublin 2,
Ireland

Elan Corporation plc (“Elan”)

Dear Sirs

We are acting as Irish counsel for Elan, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of Ireland, in connection with the proposed registration by Elan of an additional 18,000,000 ordinary shares, par value 5 Euro cents, issuable under the Elan Corporation, plc 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan (2008 Amendment and Restatement) (the “Ordinary Shares”), pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the “Registration Statement”) filed by Elan under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

In connection with this Opinion, we have reviewed copies of such corporate records of Elan as we have deemed necessary as a basis for the opinions hereinafter expressed. In rendering this opinion, we have examined, and have assumed the truth and accuracy of the contents of, such documents and certificates of officers of Elan and of public officials as to factual matters and have conducted such searches in public registries in Ireland as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purposes of this opinion but have made no independent investigation regarding such factual matters. In our examination we have assumed the truth and accuracy of the information contained in such documents, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies and the authenticity of the originals of such documents. We have further assumed that none of the resolutions and authorities of the shareholders or Directors of Elan upon which we have relied have been varied, amended or revoked in any respect or have expired and that the Ordinary Shares will be issued in accordance with such resolutions and authorities. We further assume that Elan will comply with all covenants given and representations and warranties made in connection with the 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan (2008 Amendment and Restatement), including, without limitation, any covenant to maintain sufficient authorised share capital in respect of the Ordinary Shares issuable upon the exercise of any rights under these plans.

Having made such further investigation and reviewed such other documents as we have considered requisite or desirable, subject to the foregoing and to the within additional qualifications and assumptions, we are of the opinion that:

1. Elan has been duly incorporated and is an existing public limited company under the laws of Ireland.
2. The Ordinary Shares have been duly authorised and when issued and paid for in accordance with the terms of the applicable Plan, will be validly issued, fully paid and not subject to calls for any additional payments.
3. Under the laws of Ireland, where Elan is incorporated and has its principal place of business, no personal liability attaches to the holders of the Ordinary Shares solely by reason of their being holders thereof.

The additional assumptions and qualifications to which this Opinion is subject are as follows:

In rendering this Opinion, we have confined ourselves to matters of Irish law. We express no opinion on any laws other than the laws of Ireland (and the interpretation thereof) in force as at the date hereof. Additionally, we express no opinion on compliance by Elan with the requirements of the Irish Stock Exchange Limited which are not of a legal nature.

We hereby consent to the filing of this Opinion with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

This Opinion is being delivered to you and may not be relied upon or distributed to any other person without our prior written consent.

The Opinion is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ireland.

Yours faithfully

A&L Goodbody

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors
Elan Corporation, plc

Dear Sirs:

We consent to the use of our reports, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of Elan Corporation, plc and subsidiaries, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity/(deficit) and other comprehensive income/(loss) and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2007, the related financial statement schedule, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, which reports appear in the Annual Report on Form 20-F of Elan Corporation, plc for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, all incorporated herein by reference. Our report on the consolidated financial statements, dated February 28, 2008, contains an emphasis paragraph which states that effective January 1, 2007, Elan Corporation, plc adopted the provisions of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, and effective January 1, 2006, Elan Corporation, plc adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment.

/s/ KPMG

KPMG
Chartered Accountants
Dublin, Ireland

October 20, 2008