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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS:

The 2008 Annual Meeting of the shareholders of Clearfield, Inc. (formerly known as APA Enterprises, Inc.), a Minnesota corporation (the "Company"), will be held at the offices, located at 5480 Nathan Lane, Suite 120, Plymouth, MN 55442, on February 27, 2008, at 3:30 p.m., Central Standard Time, to consider and vote upon the following matters:

1. Election of six directors.

- 2. Amendment of the 2007 Stock Compensation Plan of the Company to increase the number of shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance thereunder from 750,000 to 1,500,000.
 - 3. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

We have fixed the close of business on January 23, 2008, as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. Our transfer books will not be closed.

Whether or not you expect to be present personally at the Annual Meeting, please complete, date, sign, and return the accompanying proxy in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope at your earliest convenience. This will insure your participation in the decisions to be made by the shareholders. We sincerely hope that all shareholders who can attend the Annual Meeting will do so.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janna R. Severance Secretary

January 28, 2008

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PROXY STATEMENT

FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS February 27, 2008

SOLICITATION AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES

The accompanying proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors of Clearfield, Inc (formerly known as APA Enterprises, Inc.) (the "Company") in connection with the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company, to be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. Minneapolis time at 5480 Nathan Lane, Suite 120, Plymouth, MN 55442 and any adjournments thereof. This Proxy Statement and the accompanying form of proxy card are first being mailed to shareholders on or about January 28, 2008.

How to Vote

oBy signing and returning the enclosed proxy card, you will be giving your proxy to our Board of Directors and authorizing them to vote your shares.

How Your Proxy Will be Voted; Board Recommendations

oUnless revoked, all properly executed proxies will be voted as specified. Proxies that are signed but that lack any specification will, subject to the following, be voted as follows, in accordance with the recommendations of the Board: FOR all nominees for director and FOR the amendment to the Stock Compensation Plan. If any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, or if any of the persons named to serve as directors should decline or be unable to serve, the persons named in the Proxy will vote in accordance with their discretion.

How to Revoke Your Proxy

o You have the power to revoke your proxy at any time before the convening of the Annual Meeting. Revocations of proxy will be honored if received by us, at the Company, addressed to the attention of Bruce Blackey, Chief Financial Officer, before the meeting on February 27, 2008. In addition, on the day of the meeting, prior to the convening thereof, revocations may be delivered to the tellers who will be seated at the door of the meeting room.

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Abstentions

oIf you abstain from voting as to any matter, your shares shall be deemed present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and for purposes of calculating the vote with respect to such matter, but shall not be deemed to have been voted in favor of such matter. Abstentions, therefore, as to any proposal will have the same effect as votes against such proposal.

Broker Non-Votes

oIf a broker turns in a "non-vote" proxy, indicating a lack of voting instruction by the beneficial holder of the shares and a lack of discretionary authority on the part of the broker to vote on a particular matter, then the shares covered by such non-vote proxy will be considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum but will not be considered to be represented at the meeting for purposes of calculating the vote required for approval of such matter.

Cost of Solicitation

oWe will pay all expenses in connection with the solicitation of proxies. Proxies are being solicited primarily by mail, but officers, directors, and other employees of the Company may also solicit proxies by telephone, telegraph, or personal calls. No extra compensation will be paid by us for such solicitation. We may reimburse brokers, banks, and other nominees holding shares for others for the cost of forwarding proxy materials to, and obtaining proxies from, their principals.

VOTING RIGHTS

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on January 23, 2008, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. As of that date, we had issued and outstanding 11,872,331 shares of Common Stock. Each holder of record of our Common Stock is entitled to one vote for each share registered in the shareholder's name as of the record date. The Articles of Incorporation of the Company do not grant the shareholders the right to vote cumulatively for the election of directors. No shareholder will have appraisal rights or similar dissenter's rights as a result of any matters expected to be voted on at the meeting.

The presence in person or by proxy of holders of a majority of the shares of Common Stock entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

CHANGE OF FISCAL YEAR

In August 2007, we changed our fiscal year end from March 31 to September 30, resulting in a six-month transitional year beginning on April 1, 2007, and ending on September 30, 2007. All references in this Proxy Statement to fiscal year 2007 mean such six-month transition year. Fiscal year 2008 is the period beginning October 1, 2007, and ending on September 30, 2008.

OWNERSHIP OF COMMON STOCK

The following table shows as of January 23, 2008, the stock ownership of (i) all persons known by us to be beneficial owners of more than five percent of our outstanding shares of Common Stock, (ii) each director and each nominee for election as a director, (iii) the Named Executive Officers (as defined below under the caption "Executive Compensation"), and (iv) all current directors and executive officers as a group:

| Name and Address of Beneficial Owner | Number of Shares Beneficially Owned | Percentage of Outstanding Shares |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Anil K. Jain | 1,670,502 (1) | 14.1 |
| Cheryl Beranek Podzimek | 49,100 (2) | * |
| Bruce G. Blackey | -0- | * |
| Herman Lee | 777,150 | 6.5 |
| John G. Reddan | 28,500 (3) | * |
| Ronald G. Roth | 536,056 (3,6) | 4.5 |
| Stephen L. Zuckerman, M.D. | 40,500 (3) | * |
| Donald R. Hayward | 2,500(4) | * |
| All current directors and executive officers as a group (7 persons) | 2,327,158 (5) | 19.4 |

- Less than 1%.
- (1) Includes 5,250 shares held by Dr. Jain as custodian for minor relatives. Dr. Jain disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (2) Includes 29,100 shares that may be acquired upon exercise of options that are or will become exercisable within sixty days of the record date.
- (3)Includes 27,500 shares that may be acquired upon exercise of options that are or will become exercisable within sixty days of the record date.
- (4)Includes 2,500 shares that may be acquired upon exercise of options that are or will become exercisable within sixty days of the record date.
- (5) Includes 114,100 shares that may be acquired upon exercise of options that are or will become exercisable within sixty days of the record date.
- (6) Includes 156,760 shares owned by spouse. Mr. Roth disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.

PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Nominating Committee has named the individuals listed below for election as directors, each to serve until the next annual meeting of the shareholders and until his or her successor is elected and qualified or until his earlier resignation or removal. All of the nominees are currently directors.

Unless instructed not to vote for the election of directors or not to vote for any specific nominee, your proxy will be voted to elect the listed nominees. If any nominee withdraws as a candidate or is otherwise unavailable to stand for election at the meeting, the named proxies will vote for such other persons as they may determine, in their discretion. We do not anticipate that any candidate will withdraw.

The following information is provided with respect to the nominees for directors:

| Name | Age | Director Since |
|----------------------------|-----|----------------|
| Anil K. Jain | 61 | 1979 |
| Ronald G. Roth | 62 | 2002 |
| Stephen L. Zuckerman, M.D. | 67 | 2002 |
| John G. (Jack) Reddan | 76 | 2002 |
| Cheryl Beranek Podzimek | 45 | 2007 |
| Donald R. Hayward | 50 | 2007 |

Dr. Anil K. Jain served as president of the Company from 1979 through June 2007, as Chairman of the Board from 1987 through June 2007, and as chief executive officer from 1988 through June 2007. He also served as chief financial officer and treasurer from 1979 through August 2000 and from 2003 through June 2007. Dr. Jain is a past director and former chairman of Minnesota Project Innovation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation.

Ronald G. Roth was elected Chairman of the Board of the Company in June 2007. Mr. Roth was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Waste Systems Corp., a privately held waste hauling and disposal company, for 25 years prior to its sale to a national sold waste management company in 1995. From 1995 to 2001, he was Chairman of the Board of Access Cash International L.L.C., a North American provider of ATMs and related processing and financial services until its sale. Since 1990 he has been an owner of, and has served in various capacities, including director and officer, with Phillips Recycling Systems. Mr. Roth holds a B.A. in Marketing from Michigan State University.

Dr. Stephen L. Zuckerman served as a director of the Company from January 1986 through August 1991 and was reappointed to the Board in February 2002. Dr. Zuckerman has been actively involved for many years with developing companies in the high tech area. He served as chairman of the board of ProtaTek International Inc., a biotechnology company manufacturing for the human and veterinary marketplace (1984 to 1987), as co-founder and chairman of the board of Hypertension Diagnostic Inc., also a biotechnology company that has developed a methodology for early detection of blood vessel disorders (1988 to 1991), and as a member of the board of Biosensor Inc. (1989 to 1991) and Micromedics Inc. (1986 to 1991 and February 2002 to present). From 1982 to 1995 Dr. Zuckerman was president of M-T Venture Capital Fund, Inc., a Minnesota corporation created to invest in early-stage biotechnology and medical technology companies. Since 1976, Dr. Zuckerman has consulted in the health care delivery field, focusing his efforts on the regionalization of health care services. He was the designer, founder and director of the University of Minnesota Hospitals' Outreach Program from 1976 to 1984. Besides his internal medicine practice, Dr. Zuckerman presently is chairman of the board of The Foundation for Rural Health Care, a nonprofit organization that owns and manages three rural nursing homes, and a member of the board of Micromedics,

Inc. He is also president of M-T Venture Capital Fund II, Inc. and chairman of the board of Minnesota Film Arts, an organization created thru the merger of the University Film Society and the Oak Street Cinema, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2000 to present).

John G. (Jack) Reddan joined the Board of Directors in November 2002. Mr. Reddan, retired, most recently has worked as a volunteer with the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area (Presbyterian Church USA) in various roles. From 1992 to 1994 he worked as a volunteer with the Presbyterian Border Ministries in McAllen, Texas. Mr. Reddan's professional career spanned over thirty years as both a general and program manager with Unisys.

Cheryl Beranek Podzimek joined APA in July 2003 as President of its subsidiary, APACN. In June 2007, she was named President and CEO of the Company. Prior to 2003, Ms. Podzimek was President of Americable, which was acquired by APA Cables & Networks ("APACN") in June 2003. She served as President of Americable from 2002 to 2003. From 2001 to 2002 Ms. Podzimek was Chief Operating Officer of Americable. Previously, Ms. Podzimek held a variety of lead marketing positions with emerging high-growth technology companies. She served as Vice President of Marketing from 1996-2001 at Transition Networks, a manufacturer of network connectivity products, Director of Marketing from 1992 to 1996 at Tricord Systems, an early stage multi-processor based super server manufacturer, and Director of Marketing from 1988 to 1992 at Digi International, a designer and manufacturer of connectivity products. Ms. Podzimek holds a Bachelors of Science Degree from Southwest Minnesota State University and a Masters of Science Degree from North Dakota State University.

Donald R. Hayward is currently President of Engel Diversified Industries (EDI), a privately held manufacturing company. Immediately prior to joining EDI, Mr. Hayward held the position of Director of Corporate Services at Minnesota Technology, Inc. (MTI) a publicly funded, private non-profit in support of Minnesota's technology community. Prior to 1998, Mr. Hayward spent nearly 20 years working in business administration, finance and manufacturing for LecTec, Pine Island & Goodhue Elevator Associations, the Pillsbury Corporation as well as private elementary school. Mr. Hayward holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Economics from the University of Wisconsin.

Board Meetings. The Board of Directors held 6 meetings during fiscal 2007. All directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of each committee on which they served.

Committees

The Company has an audit committee, a compensation committee, and a nominating committee, each of which is comprised of all non-employees (outside directors). The members of these committees during fiscal 2007 were as follows:

| Audit Committee | Compensation Committee | Nominating Committee |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ronald Roth | Ronald Roth, Chairman | Ronald Roth, Chairman |
| Stephen Zuckerman | Stephen Zuckerman | Stephen Zuckerman |
| Jack Reddan, Chairman | Jack Reddan | Jack Reddan |

Audit Committee. The audit committee has sole authority to appoint, review and discharge our independent public accountants. The committee also reviews and approves in advance the services provided by the independent public accountants and reviews our internal accounting controls. The audit committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors. All members of the Audit Committee are "independent" under the current Nasdaq stock market listing standards. The Board has identified John G. Reddan as the current member of our Audit Committee who meets the definition of an "Audit Committee Financial Expert" under rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. During fiscal 2007, the Audit Committee held 3 meetings. See "RELATIONSHIP WITH INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS – Report of Audit Committee" below.

Compensation Committee. The compensation committee develops general compensation policies and establishes compensation plans and specific compensation levels for executive officers. The compensation committee met once during fiscal 2007 to consider the compensation of the executive officers. See "EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

Nominating Committee. The nominating committee selects nominees for election as directors of the Company. In fiscal 2007, the nominating committee met once, at which time it selected nominees for election at the upcoming annual meeting. The nominating committee will consider qualified director nominees recommended by shareholders for election in 2009 and beyond. Our process for receiving and evaluating Board member nominations from our shareholders is described below under the caption "Nominations."

Compensation of Directors

The following table provides information on the compensation paid in fiscal 2007 to each of our non-employee directors. Dr. Jain, who was employed by the Company during part of fiscal 2007, and Cheryl Podzimek who was and is an employee, received no compensation for their Board activities.

| | | | | | | | Change in | | |
|----------------|----|---------|---------|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | | | | | | Pension | | |
| | | Fees | | | | Non-Equity | Value and | | |
| | Ea | rned or | | | | Incentive | Nonqualified | | |
| | F | Paid in | Stock | | Option | Plan | Deferred | All other | |
| | | Cash | Award | s | Awards | Compensation | Compensation | Compensation | Total |
| Name | | (\$) | (\$)(1) | | (\$) | (\$) | Earnings | (\$) | (\$) |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Ronald G. Rot | \$ | 5,000 | | - | \$ 1,558 | - | - | - | \$ 6,558 |
| John G. Reddan | \$ | 5,000 | | - | \$ 1,558 | - | - | - | \$ 6,558 |
| Stephen L. | | | | | | | | | |
| Zuckerman | \$ | 5,000 | | - | \$ 1,558 | - | - | - | \$ 6,558 |
| Don Hayward | | - | | - | \$ 129 | - | - | - | \$ 129 |

(1)On August 23, 2007, each board member was granted a six year option to purchase 2,500 shares of the Company's Common Stock at an exercise price of \$1.28 per share with a one year vesting period. This represents the amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, in accordance with FAS 123(R). The assumptions used to determine the valuation of the awards are discussed in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Note N to our consolidated financial statements, each included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 21, 2007. Each of the option awards, computed in accordance with FAS 123(R), is the same as the amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes as reflected in this column. The full grant date fair value of all the awards to these directors, computed in accordance with FAS 123(R), is \$11,206.

As of September 30, 2007, each non-employee director had 27,500 options outstanding with the exception of Don Hayward who had 2,500 options outstanding.

Code of Ethics

The Company has adopted a code of ethics applicable to its chief executive officer and senior financial officer. The code is available at no charge by request to the Company in writing, to the attention of the Comptroller. Additionally, the code is filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Company's Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, and is available on our website (www.clearfieldconnection.com).

Nomination of Director Candidates

Effective May 27, 2005, the Board of Directors appointed a standing nominating committee for selection of nominees for election to the Board of Directors. The committee's charter is available on our website (www.clearfieldconnection.com) or by request in writing to the Company (Attn: Chief Financial Officer).

The nominating committee determines the required selection criteria and qualifications of director nominees based upon the needs of the Company at the time nominees are considered. In general, at a minimum, a candidate must possess the ability to apply good business judgment and must be in a position to properly exercise his or her duties of loyalty and care. In addition, the committee evaluates candidates based on financial literacy, knowledge of the Company's industry or other background relevant to the Company's needs, status as a shareholder in the Company, "independence" for purposes of compliance with the rules of the SEC and the Nasdaq Stock Market, and willingness, ability, and availability for service. Candidates will be preferred who hold an established executive level position in business, finance, law, education, research or government. When current Board members are considered for nomination for reelection, the nominating committee also takes into consideration their prior Company Board contributions, performance and meeting attendance records.

The nominating committee has not utilized the services of any third party search firm to assist in the identification or evaluation of Board member candidates. However, the committee may engage a third party to provide such services in the future, as it deems necessary or appropriate at the time in question.

The nominating committee will consider qualified candidates for possible nomination that are submitted by our shareholders. Shareholders who wish to make such a submission may do so by sending the following information to the nominating committee c/o Clearfield, Inc., Attn: Chief Financial Officer: (1) name of the candidate and a brief biographical sketch and résumé; (2) contact information for the candidate and a document evidencing the candidate's willingness to serve as a director if elected; (3) a signed statement as to the submitting shareholder's current status as an owner and the number of shares currently held. Nominations are further subject to the requirements of Section 2.14-a of the Company's Bylaws. Our Bylaws are available on our website (www.clearfieldconnection.com) or by request in writing to the Company (Attn: Chief Financial Officer).

This information will be evaluated against the criteria established by the committee and the specific needs of the Company at that time. Based upon such preliminary assessment, candidate(s) who appear best suited to meet the needs of the Company may be invited to participate in a series of interviews, which are used as a further means of evaluating potential candidates. On the basis of information learned during this process, the committee will determine which nominee(s) to propose for election at the next annual meeting. The committee will use the same process for evaluating all nominees, regardless of the source of the nomination.

No candidates for director nominations were submitted to the committee by any shareholders in connection with the 2008 Annual Meeting. Any shareholders desiring to present a nomination for consideration by the committee prior to our 2009 annual meeting must do so at least 90 days prior to the one year anniversary of this year's Annual Meeting (i.e. 90 days prior to February 27, 2009), as required by Section 2.14-a of our Bylaws.

Shareholder Communication with the Board

We do not have a formal procedure for shareholder communication with our Board of Directors. In general, our officers are easily accessible by telephone or mail. Any matter intended for the Board, or for any individual member or members of the Board, should be directed to our Comptroller at the Company address with a request to forward the same to the intended recipient. All such communications will be forwarded unopened.

We encourage all incumbent directors, as well as all nominees for election as director, to attend the annual meeting of shareholders. All incumbent directors and nominees attended the annual meeting in August 2007.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Summary Compensation Table. The following table sets forth certain information regarding compensation paid during our six month transitional year ended September 30, 2007 to our chief executive officers during such year (the "Named Executive Officers").

Change in Pension Value and Non-equilitynqualified IncentiveDeferred Name and Fiscal Stock Option PlarCompensatio All Other **Principal Positions** Year Awards Aw Salary **Bonus** Total Anil K. Jain 2007 \$ 105,055(1) 0 -- \$ 71,225(2) \$ 176,280 President, former Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Cheryl Beranek Podzimek -- \$ -- \$ -- \$ -- \$ 5,491(4) \$ 110,137 2007 \$ 73,846 \$ 30,800(3) \$ President and Chief **Executive Officer**

⁽¹⁾ Consists of salary for the period from April 1, 2007, through June 21, 2007, and separation payments for the period from June 22, 2007, through September 30, 2007.

⁽²⁾ Consists of taxable fringe benefits and Company contribution on Mr. Jain's behalf to 401(k) plan and accumulated vacation of \$67.562.

⁽³⁾ Consists of bonus award to Ms. Podzimek in the amount of \$30,800 related to fiscal year 2007.

⁽⁴⁾ Consists of Company contribution on Ms. Podzimek's behalf to 401(k) plan.

Change of Control Arrangement. We have an agreement with Cheryl Beranek Podzimek providing for certain benefits in the event of a change in control (as defined in the agreement) of the Company. If, following a change in control, or if the Company sells substantially of the assets of APACN (a "Subsidiary Sale") and within six months after the change of control of the Company or within six months after the closing of the Subsidiary Sale, Ms. Podzimek voluntarily terminates her employment for "good reason" (as defined in the agreement), shall be entitled to payment of any bonus accrued at the time of termination and to continuation of her salary then in effect for up to twelve months.

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In June 2007, Dr. Jain's employment terminated. Pursuant to the terms of a September 15, 2005 agreement regarding separation upon change of control or under other circumstances, we are obligated to pay him an amount equal to twice his annual salary, as in effect as the date of termination, over a period of two years, payable in installments corresponding to our regular payroll dates. The aggregate amount payable to Dr. Jain under this arrangement is \$380,085.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards

There were no grants of Plan Based Awards in fiscal year 2007 to officers of the Company.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

| Option Awards Equity incentive Plan Awards: # | |
|---|------------|
| # of # of of | |
| Securities Securities Securities | |
| Underlying Underlying underlying | |
| Unexercised Unexercised Option | Option |
| Options (#) Options (#) Unearned Exercise | Expiration |
| Name Exercisable Unexercisable Options Price | Date |
| Anil K. Jain | |
| Cheryl Beranek | |
| Podzimek 18,000 17,000 \$ 2.55 1 | 10/30/2009 |
| 10,000 \$ 1.30 | 8/18/2011 |

Option Exercises and Stock Vested

There were no options exercised or stock vested in fiscal year 2007 to officers of the Company.

Pension Benefits

There were no pension benefits in fiscal year 2007 to officers of the Company.

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

There was no nonqualified deferred compensation in fiscal year 2007 to officers of the Company.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND TRANSACTIONS

Lease for Company Facility. Prior to October 30, 2007, we leased our principal executive office and manufacturing facility in Blaine, Minnesota, from Jain-Olsen Properties, a partnership consisting of Anil K. Jain and Kenneth A. Olsen. Both of them are former officers of the Company. In addition, Mr. Olsen is a former director and Dr. Jain is a current director of the Company. On October 30, 2007, we (i) purchased this facility at appraised fair market value, pursuant to an option to purchase contained in the lease, (ii) terminated the lease, and (iii) sold the property to a third party.

India Facility. Prior to June 28, 2007, Kul B. Jain, brother of our former chief executive officer, Anil K. Jain, was a director of our APA Optronics (India) Private Limited subsidiary that was established in fiscal 2005. Kul B. Jain was paid approximately \$250 per month in this position. He was not an employee of APA Optronics (India) or APA Enterprises, Inc. On June 28, 2007, we sold all of our interest in our Indian subsidiary to an entity controlled by Anil K. Jain, our former chief executive officer, on terms deemed by the independent directors to be fair and reasonable to the Company. The purchase price of \$500,000 is payable over 5 years and is secured by pledges of stock and Dr. Jain's payments under his separation agreement, as well as by a guarantee from Dr. Jain.

Split Dollar Insurance. In November 1989, we adopted a split dollar life insurance plan (the "1989 Plan") for the benefit of Anil K. Jain. Under the terms of the 1989 Plan, we pay the premiums on a \$5 million insurance policy (the "Policy") on the lives of Dr. Jain and his spouse. The Policy is a whole life, joint and survivor policy, on which all premiums are paid by us and income is imputed to Dr. Jain in an amount equal to the term rate for his insurance as established by the insurer. No premium payments have been made since January 1996. The Policy is owned by the Jain Children's Irrevocable Trust dated November 28, 1989, (the "Trust"). The 1989 Plan is designed so that we will recover all premium payments and advances made by us on account of the Policy held by the Trust. Our interest in the premium payments and advances is secured by a collateral assignment of the Policy. Upon the death of the last to die of Dr. Jain and his spouse, we will be reimbursed from the insurance proceeds paid to the Trust in an amount equal to the total premiums and advances made by us. In the event the trustee of the Trust surrenders the Policy for its cash surrender value at some date in the future, we will be reimbursed for the premiums paid on the Policy.

SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Based solely upon a review of Forms 3, 4 and 5 and amendments thereto furnished to the Company and any written representations that no Forms 5 was required, the Company believes that all reports required to be filed by its officers, directors, and greater than 10% beneficial shareholders under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act were timely filed.

PROPOSAL 2: AMENDMENT OF 2007 STOCK COMPENSATION PLAN