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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): September 10, 2009

CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC.

Tennessee
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

0-25225
(Commission File Number)

62-1749513
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On September 10, 2009, the following compensatory plans or arrangements were approved for certain officers and/or directors of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. (the “Company”). In accordance with the instructions to Item 5.02 to Form 8-K, the information provided in this Current Report on Form 8-K covers only those current executive officers who were “named executive officers” in the Company’s most recent filing with the Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that required disclosure pursuant to Item 402(c) of Regulation S-K.

2009 Annual Bonus Plan (the “2009 Bonus Plan”)

Reference is made to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 31, 2008 and filed with the Commission on August 6, 2008 and the 2009 Bonus Plan filed as Exhibit 10.1 thereto. The level of bonus under the 2009 Bonus Plan was based upon achievement of certain levels of operating income from continuing operations during 2009, with the intention that payments under the 2009 Bonus Plan qualify as “performance based” compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (“Section 162(m)”) to the maximum amount allowed under the Company’s 2002 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (the “Omnibus Plan”).

On September 10, 2009, the Company’s Compensation Committee (the “Committee”) certified achievement of performance under the 2009 Bonus Plan at the 60.24% level, which resulted in bonuses to the following officers as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>2009 Bonus</u>
Michael A. Woodhouse	\$753,000
Sandra B. Cochran	\$96,977
Douglas Barber	\$301,200
N.B. Forrest Shoaf	\$174,778
Terry Maxwell	\$146,431
Edward A. Greene	\$104,594

Abolition of 2009 LTPP

Reference is made to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 25, 2008 and filed with the Commission on October 1, 2008, which is incorporated herein by this reference, and which describes the 2009 Long Term Performance Plan (“2009 LTPP”). Owing to the volatile operating and economic environment in which the Company is operating, the Committee determined that the 2009 LTPP was not fulfilling the purposes for which it was designed and implemented. Accordingly, the Committee abolished the 2009 LTPP and determined to make interim discretionary awards representing a 50% payout of one year’s award (the 2009 LTPP being a two-year plan) under the 2009 LTPP, the approximate performance level that had been achieved to that point. This resulted in the following payments to the following officers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>LTPP Termination</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Michael A. Woodhouse	A.	\$752,015
Sandra B. Cochran		\$84,109
Douglas Barber		\$300,809
N.B. Forrest Shoaf		\$162,088
Terry Maxwell		\$83,571
Edward A. Greene		\$78,338

2010 Annual Bonus Plan (the “2010 Bonus Plan”)

The 2010 Bonus Plan was adopted on September 10, 2009 in order to reward officers of the Company and its subsidiaries for the Company’s 2010 financial performance. The payment of a bonus is dependent upon the Company achieving a minimum level of operating income from continuing operations during 2010 (the “Performance Goal”). The Company intends for payments under the 2010 Bonus Plan to qualify as “performance based” compensation under Section 162(m) to the maximum amount allowed under the Omnibus Plan. A copy of the 2010 Bonus Plan is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by this reference as if copied verbatim.

If the Performance Goal is not met, no bonus will be paid to any “Covered Employee,” which means an officer to whom Section 162(m) applies. If the Performance Goal is met, each officer then would be eligible for a bonus of between 45% and 125% of his or her 2010 base salary. The Committee could decrease but could not increase the bonus paid to any “Covered Employee,” based upon such factors as the Committee, in its discretion, deems appropriate. The following table indicates the maximum bonus (expressed as a percentage of base salary) for which any of the following officers would be eligible assuming achievement of the Performance Goal:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Eligible Bonus</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Michael A. Woodhouse	A.	125%
Sandra B. Cochran		100%
Douglas Barber		100%
N.B. Forrest Shoaf		70%
Terry Maxwell		70%
Edward A. Greene		50%

2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the “2010 LTI”)

On September 10, 2009, the Committee established the 2010 LTI and each officer’s “LTI Percentage” as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>LTI</u>
	<u>Percentage</u>
Michael A. Woodhouse	250%
Sandra B. Cochran	175%
Douglas Barber	200%
N.B. Forrest Shoaf	130%
Terry Maxwell	80%
Edward A. Greene	75%

The 2010 LTI consists of two components – a stock option grant and participation in the 2010 Long-Term Performance Plan (the “2010 LTTP”). The stock option grants were awarded by the Committee on September 10, 2009 as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of</u>
	<u>Shares</u>
Michael A. Woodhouse	106,978
Sandra B. Cochran	37,442
Douglas Barber	42,791
N.B. Forrest Shoaf	23,057
Terry Maxwell	11,888
Edward A. Greene	11,145

The exercise price of those options was \$31.58, the closing market price of the Company’s stock on the date of the grant. The options will vest ratably over a three year period.

2010 LTTP participants receive awards consisting of either cash or performance shares (“LTTP Awards”). The payment of a LTTP Award is dependent upon the Company achieving a minimum level of operating income from continuing operations during 2010 (the “Performance Goal”). The Company intends for payments under the 2010 LTTP to qualify as “performance based” compensation under Section 162(m) to the maximum amount allowed under the Omnibus Plan.

If the Performance Goal is not met, no LTTP Award will be paid to any “Covered Employee,” which means an officer to whom Section 162(m) applies. If the Performance Goal is met, each officer then would be eligible for an LTTP Award based upon his or her LTI Percentage. The Committee could decrease but could not increase the LTTP Award paid to any “Covered Employee,” based upon such factors as the Committee, in its discretion, deems appropriate.

Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On September 10, 2009, the Company's Board of Directors, following the recommendation of the Company's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, adopted Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company (the "By-laws"). The following is a summary of the material amendments contained in the By-laws, which is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the By-laws that are filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which by this reference is incorporated herein as if copied verbatim:

- Article 2, Section 2.2 was added to clarify that shareholder nominations for persons to serve as directors are required to comply with requirements set forth in Article 5 of the By-Laws. Article 2, Section 2.4 was added to clarify that directors can only be removed in accordance with the Company's charter.
- Article 3, Section 3.1 was amended to provide that the Chairman of the Board may appoint any officer other than one who is an "executive officer" for the purposes of Item 401(b) of the Commission's Regulation S-K.
- Article 5, Sections 5.1 and 5.7 were amended or added to provide that for business to be properly brought before an annual or special meeting by a shareholder, the shareholder must have been a shareholder of record of the Company (and, with respect to any beneficial owner, if different, on whose behalf such business is proposed, such beneficial owner must have been the beneficial owner of shares of the Company) at the time of giving of the notice.
- Article 5, Section 5.8(a) was added to revise the advance notice requirements for shareholder proposals (including proposed nominations for directors), including requirements that notice be received at the principal executive offices of the Company not less than 90 and no more than 120 calendar days in advance of the anniversary date of the previous year's annual meeting of shareholders. Article II, Section 12(a) further clarifies that an adjournment or postponement of an annual meeting of shareholders does not commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of a shareholder's notice.
- Article 5, Section 5.8(b) was added to specify the information that a shareholder who is making a proposal (including proposed nominations for directors) must provide about: (i) the shareholder (including stock ownership and derivative or hedged positions, voting agreements and information about dividends or fees relative to the value of the Company's securities); (ii) the proposal (including a description of the proposal and the shareholder's interest therein) if the proposal is other than a nomination; and (iii) the nominee, if the proposal is a nomination for a director.

- Article 5, Section 5.8(c) was added to establish the date by which a shareholder's proposals for board nominees must be received if the size of the board of directors is increased without a public announcement naming the nominees and specifying the size of the board.
- Article 5, Section 5.8(d) was added to provide definitions for "public announcement," "Shareholder Associated Person" and certain related definitions.
- Article 5, Sections 5.8(e), 5.8(f) and 5.8(g) were added to establish the effect of a shareholder's providing inaccurate or non-compliant information, to state that shareholders also must comply with applicable law when making a proposal and to clarify that proposals made by shareholders under SEC Rule 14a-8 are not governed by the bylaws.
- Article 5, Section 5.9 was added to provide the content of the questionnaire to be submitted by any person who is nominated by a shareholder to serve as a director.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

See Exhibit Index immediately following the signature page to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: September 16, 2009

CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY
STORE, INC.

By: /s/ N.B. Forrest Shoaf
Name: N.B. Forrest Shoaf
Title: Senior Vice President, Secretary
and Chief Legal Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

- 3.1 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. (as amended through September 10, 2009)
- 10.1 Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. FY 2010 Annual Bonus Plan

**BYLAWS
OF
CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC.**

**ARTICLE 1
OFFICES**

Section 1.1. Tennessee Office. The principal office of the Corporation in the State of Tennessee shall be located in the City of Lebanon, County of Wilson.

Section 1.2. Other Offices. The Corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Tennessee, as the Board of Directors may designate or as the business of the Corporation may from time to time require.

**ARTICLE 2
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 2.1 Number and Qualification. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than 5 nor more than 13 directors as such number may be set by resolution of the Board of Directors from time to time. Directors need not be shareholders or residents of the State of Tennessee but must be of legal age.

Section 2.2 Nominations by Shareholders. In order for a shareholder to nominate persons for election as directors of the Corporation, the shareholder must comply with the requirements of Article 5 of these bylaws.

Section 2.3 Election and Term of Office. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of shareholders; but if any such annual meeting is not held or if the directors are not elected at any such annual meeting, directors may be elected at any special meeting of the shareholders. Directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the shares entitled to vote in the election at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Directors shall hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders and thereafter until their respective successors have been elected and qualified. Any director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or the Secretary. The resignation shall take effect upon delivery unless the notice specifies a later date.

Section 2.4 Removal of Directors. Directors may be removed only in accordance with the Charter of the Corporation.

Section 2.5 Director Vacancies. Newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors, and vacancies occurring in any existing directorship for any reason, including removal of a director, may be filled by the vote of a majority of the remaining directors then in office, even if less than a quorum exists.

Section 2.6 Executive and Other Committees. The Board of Directors, by a resolution adopted by a majority of the directors, may designate committees consisting of one or more persons

who may or may not be directors, and the Board may delegate to any committee any authority that the Board of Directors deems desirable, including the right to delegate to an Executive Committee the power to exercise all the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the affairs and property of this Corporation. All members of committees that exercise powers of the Board of Directors must be members of the Board and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Section 2.7 Compensation. Unless otherwise restricted by the Charter or these bylaws, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to fix the compensation of directors. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the directors may be paid their expenses, if any, of attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors and may be paid a fixed sum for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors or a stated salary as a director. No such payment shall preclude any director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor. Members of special or standing committees may be allowed like compensation for attending committee meetings.

ARTICLE 3 **OFFICERS**

Section 3.1 Number. This Corporation shall have a Chairman of the Board, a President and a Secretary, and such other officers as may from time to time be appointed by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board or the President. The Chairman of the Board may appoint any officer or assistant officer other than one who is an "executive officer" for purposes of Item 401(b) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the United States federal securities laws, subject to that person's appointment being ratified by the Board of Directors. The same person may hold any two or more offices, except the offices of President and Secretary.

Section 3.2 Election and Term. The officers shall be elected or appointed at the annual meeting (or at a special meeting called for that purpose) of the Board of Directors that immediately follows the annual meeting of shareholders of the Corporation. Each officer shall serve until the expiration of the term for which he or she is elected, and thereafter until a successor has been elected and qualified or until his death or until he shall resign, but any officer may be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors or if appointed by the Chairman of the Board or the President, by those officers. Such removal shall be without prejudice to the contractual rights, if any, of the person so removed. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or the Secretary. The resignation shall take effect at the time specified in the notice, or, if no time is specified, then upon its acceptance.

Section 3.3 Duties. All officers shall have the authority and perform those duties in the management of the Corporation which are normally incident to their offices and as the Board of Directors provides from time to time, including those duties specified below.

A. Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall, when present, preside at meetings of the Board of Directors and shareholders and shall exercise all powers and perform all other duties assigned by the Board of Directors. Until reassigned by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation.

B. President. Subject to any supervisory powers given by the Board of Directors to the Chairman of the Board, the President shall be the chief operating officer of the Corporation and shall,

subject to the control of the Board of Directors, have general supervision, direction, and control of the business and the officers and employees of the Corporation. In the absence of the Chairman of the Board, or if there is no Chairman of the Board, the President shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors or shareholders unless the Board of Directors has designated a lead director to do so.

C. Vice Presidents. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice Presidents, in order of their rank as fixed by the Board of Directors, or if not ranked, a Vice President designated by the Board of Directors, shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the President. The Vice Presidents shall have the other powers and perform the other duties prescribed for them respectively by the Board of Directors, by the President, or by the Chairman of the Board and may have additional designations such as "Executive," "Senior," or "Assistant."

D. Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer (who may be either the Controller or a vice president or both) shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct books and records of accounts of the properties and business transactions of the Corporation, including amounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, losses, capital, retained earnings, and shares. The books of account shall be open at all reasonable times for inspection by any director. The Chief Financial Officer shall arrange for deposit of all moneys and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Corporation with the depositories designated generally by the Board of Directors, shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as provided by the Board of Directors, shall render to the Chairman, President and directors, whenever requested, an account of all transactions as Chief Financial Officer and an account of the financial condition of the Corporation.

E. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a corporate minute book. The minute book shall contain minutes of all meetings and actions of directors, committees of directors, and shareholders. The Secretary shall keep or cause a transfer agent to keep a share register or a duplicate share register showing the names of all shareholders and their addresses, the number and classes of shares held by each, the number and date of certificates issued for shares, and the number and date of cancellation of certificates surrendered for cancellation. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the shareholders and of the Board of Directors, as required by law or these bylaws, and shall keep the seal of the Corporation, if any. The Board of Directors may also from time to time designate Assistant Secretaries to assist the Secretary or, in the absence of the Secretary, to carry out the duties of the Secretary.

Section 3.4 Officer Vacancies. If any office becomes vacant by reason of the death, resignation, disqualification or removal of the incumbent, or from any other cause, the Board of Directors may, by the vote of a majority, elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired term in respect to which the vacancy occurred or was created. In case of the absence of any officer of the Corporation, or for any reason that the Board of Directors considers sufficient, the Board, for the time being, may delegate the powers of the absent officer to any other officer or to any director, except where otherwise provided by these bylaws or by statute.

Section 3.5 Bonds of Officers. The Board of Directors shall determine which officers of the Corporation, if any, shall give bond, and the bond terms and amount, the expense of the bond to be paid by the Corporation.

Section 3.6 Compensation. The Board of Directors, or one of its duly appointed committees, shall fix the salaries of the executive officers of the Corporation subject to applicable legal and NASDAQ requirements. The compensation of other officers and employees of the Corporation shall be set by the executive officers of the Corporation pursuant to authority delegated to such executive officers from time to time.

ARTICLE 4 **MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS**

Section 4.1 Meetings. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the same place as, and immediately following, the annual meeting of the shareholders, at which time the Board of Directors shall elect the officers of the Corporation. The Board may also designate more frequent intervals for regular meetings. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chairman of the Board, by the President or by any 2 directors. The directors shall designate the place of any meeting.

Section 4.2 Notice of Directors' Meeting. The annual and all regular Board meetings may be held without further notice. Special meetings shall be held upon notice of time, date and place sent by any usual means of communication not less than one (1) day before the special meeting. A director may waive the right to notice in writing before, during, or after a meeting. Unless a director promptly objects to holding the meeting for lack of notice, any meeting at which all of the directors are present shall be a valid meeting whether or not notice of the meeting was given, and any business may be transacted at that meeting.

Section 4.3 Quorum and Vote. The presence of a majority of the directors constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. A meeting may be adjourned despite the absence of a quorum, and notice of an adjourned meeting is not necessary if the time and place to which the meeting is adjourned are fixed at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken, and if the period of adjournment does not exceed one month in any one adjournment. The vote of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the vote of a greater or different number is required by the Charter, these bylaws or the laws of the State of Tennessee.

Section 4.4 Presence through Communications Equipment. Meetings of the Board of Directors, and any meeting of any Board committee, may be held through any communications equipment (*e.g.*, conference telephone) if all persons participating can hear each other, and participation in a meeting pursuant to this subparagraph shall constitute presence at that meeting.

Section 4.5 Meetings and Actions of Committees. Meetings and actions of committees shall be governed by, and held and taken in accordance with, the provisions of this Article 4. The context of those Sections changes as necessary to substitute the committee and its members for the Board of Directors and its members. The time of regular meetings of committees may be determined either by resolution of the Board of Directors or by resolution of the committee. Special meetings of committees may also be called by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, by the President, or by resolution of the Board of Directors, and notice of special meetings of committees shall also be given to any alternative members who have the right to attend meetings of the committee.

Section 4.6 Action Without a Meeting. Whenever the directors are required or permitted to take any action by vote, the action may be taken without a meeting by written consent. The written consent shall (i) set forth the action taken, (ii) be signed by all directors entitled to vote on that action, (iii) indicate each director's vote or abstention, and (iv) be delivered to the Corporation for inclusion in its corporate records. Action taken by written consent shall be effective when the last director signs the consent unless the consent specifies a later effective date.

ARTICLE 5 **MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS**

Section 5.1 Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held at the time and place, either within or without the State of Tennessee, designated by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Unless another date is specified by the directors, the annual meeting shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of November of each year, or as close to that date as practicable.

Section 5.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the shareholders may be called by a majority of the Board of Directors. The directors shall designate the time, date and place of a special meeting. Shareholders may call a special meeting only in accordance with the Charter of the Corporation.

Section 5.3 Notice of Shareholder Meetings. Written or printed notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting, and, in the case of a special meeting, the purposes for which the special meeting is called and identifying those calling the special meeting, shall be delivered either personally or by mail by or at the direction of the President, the Secretary or the person calling the meeting, to each shareholder entitled to vote at the meeting. The notice shall be delivered not less than 10 days nor more than 2 months before the date of the meeting. If mailed, the notice shall be considered delivered when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the shareholder at the address which appears on the stock transfer books of the Corporation; if delivered personally, the notice shall be considered delivered when actually received by the shareholder. The person giving the notice shall certify that the required notice has been given. Any shareholder may, in writing, waive the right to notice of annual or special meetings either before, during or after the meeting.

Section 5.4 Quorum Requirements. A majority of the shares entitled to vote on a matter shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A meeting may be adjourned despite the absence of a quorum, and notice of an adjourned meeting is not necessary if the time and place to which the meeting is adjourned are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken. Other than for the election of directors, who are chosen by plurality votes, when a quorum is present at any meeting and votes cast in favor of an action exceed votes cast in opposition to that action, then the action shall constitute corporate action and shall decide any question brought before that meeting, unless the question is one upon which, by express provision of the Charter, these bylaws or by the laws of the State of Tennessee, a larger or different vote is required, in which case the express provision shall govern the decision on that question.

Section 5.5 Voting and Proxies. Every shareholder entitled to vote at a meeting may do so either in person or by written proxy. The written proxy shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes before being voted. A proxy entitles the holder of that proxy to vote at any adjournment of the meeting, but shall not be valid after the

final adjournment of that meeting. No proxy shall be valid after the expiration of 11 months from the date of its execution, unless the proxy provides otherwise.

Section 5.6 Record Date for Shareholder Notice, Voting and Consent.

(a) To determine the shareholders entitled to notice of any meeting, or entitled to vote or to consent to corporate action without a meeting, the Board of Directors may fix a record date in advance. The record date shall not be more than 70 days nor less than 10 days before the date of any meeting or any action without a meeting. Only shareholders of record on the specified date are entitled to notice and to vote or to give consents, notwithstanding any transfer of shares on the books of the Corporation after the record date.

(b) If the Board of Directors does not fix a record date: (1) the record date for determining shareholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a shareholders' meeting is the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the day on which notice is given; and (2) the record date for determining shareholders entitled to consent in writing to corporate action without a meeting is the date on which the first written consent is given.

Section 5.7 Business at Annual and Special Meetings. No business may be transacted at an annual or special meeting of shareholders other than business that is:

- (a) specified in a notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto) given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or an authorized committee thereof,
- (b) otherwise brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or an authorized committee thereof, or
- (c) otherwise brought before the meeting by a "Noticing Shareholder" who complies with the notice procedures set forth in Article 5, Section 5.8 of these bylaws.

A "Noticing Shareholder" must be either a "Record Holder" or a "Nominee Holder." A "Record Holder" is a shareholder that holds of record stock of the Corporation entitled to vote at the meeting on the business (including any election of a director) to be appropriately conducted at the meeting. A "Nominee Holder" is a shareholder that holds such stock through a nominee or "street name" holder of record and can demonstrate to the Corporation such indirect ownership of such stock and such Nominee Holder's entitlement to vote such stock on such business. Clause (c) of this Section 5.7 shall be the exclusive means for a Noticing Shareholder to make director nominations or submit other business before a meeting of shareholders (other than proposals brought under Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and included in the Corporation's notice of meeting, which proposals are not governed by these bylaws). Notwithstanding anything in these by-laws to the contrary, no business shall be conducted at a shareholders' meeting except in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article 5, Section 5.8 of these bylaws and this Section 5.7.

Section 5.8 Notice of Shareholder Business to be Conducted at a Meeting of Shareholders. In order for a Noticing Shareholder to properly bring any item of business before a meeting of shareholders, the Noticing Shareholder must give timely notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Corporation in compliance with the requirements of this Section 5.8. This Section 5.8 shall constitute an "advance notice provision" for annual meetings for purposes of Rule 14a-4(c)(1) under the Exchange Act.

(a) To be timely, a Noticing Shareholder's notice shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation: (i) in the case of an annual meeting of shareholders, not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day and not later than the close of business on the 90th day prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event the date of the annual meeting is more than 30 days before or more than 60 days after such anniversary date, notice by the shareholder to be timely must be so delivered not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to the date of such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to the date of such annual meeting or, if the first public announcement of the date of such annual meeting is less than 100 days prior to the date of such annual meeting, the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made by the Corporation.; and (ii) in the case of a special meeting of shareholders called for the purpose of electing directors, not earlier than the close of business on the one-hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to such special meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the ninetieth (90th) day prior to such special meeting or the tenth (10th) day following the date on which notice of the date of the special meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of the special meeting was made, whichever first occurs. In no event shall any adjournment or postponement of an annual meeting, or the announcement thereof, commence a new time period for the giving of a shareholder's notice as described above.

(b) To be in proper form, whether in regard to a nominee for election to the Board of Directors or other business, a Noticing Shareholder's notice to the Secretary must:

- (i) Set forth, as to the Noticing Shareholder and, if the Noticing Shareholder holds for the benefit of another, the beneficial owner on whose behalf the nomination or proposal is made, the following information together with a representation as to the accuracy of the information:
 - (A) the name and address of the Noticing Shareholder as they appear on the Corporation's books and, if the Noticing Shareholder holds for the benefit of another, the name and address of such beneficial owner (collectively "Holder"),
 - (B) the class or series and number of shares of the Corporation that are, directly or indirectly, owned beneficially and/or of record, and the date such ownership was acquired,
 - (C) any option, warrant, convertible security, stock appreciation right, or similar right with an exercise or conversion privilege or a settlement payment or mechanism at a price related to any class or series of shares of the Corporation or with a value derived in whole or in part from the value of any class or series of shares of the Corporation, whether or not the instrument or right shall be subject to settlement in the underlying class or series of capital stock of the Corporation or otherwise (a "Derivative Instrument") that is directly or indirectly owned beneficially by the Holder and any other direct or indirect opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any increase or decrease in the value of shares of the Corporation,
 - (D) any proxy, contract, arrangement, understanding, or relationship pursuant to which the Holder has a right to vote or has granted a right to vote any shares of any security of the Corporation,
 - (E) any short interest in any security of the Corporation (for purposes of these bylaws a person shall be deemed to have a short interest in a security if the

Holder directly or indirectly, through any contract, arrangement, understanding, relationship or otherwise, has the opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any decrease in the value of the subject security),

- (F) any rights to dividends on the shares of the Corporation owned beneficially by the Holder that are separated or separable from the underlying shares of the Corporation,
- (G) any proportionate interest in shares of the Corporation or Derivative Instruments held, directly or indirectly, by a general or limited partnership or limited liability company or similar entity in which the Holder is a general partner or, directly or indirectly, beneficially owns an interest in a general partner, is the manager, managing member or directly or indirectly beneficially owns an interest in the manager or managing member of a limited liability company or similar entity,
- (H) any performance-related fees (other than an asset-based fee) that the Holder is entitled to based on any increase or decrease in the value of shares of the Corporation or Derivative Instruments, if any,
- (I) any arrangements, rights, or other interests described in Sections 5.8(b)(i)(C)-(H) held by members of such Holder's immediate family sharing the same household,
- (J) a representation that the Noticing Shareholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person(s) named or propose the business specified in the notice and whether or not such shareholder intends to deliver a proxy statement and/or form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Corporation's outstanding shares required to approve the nomination(s) or the business proposed and/or otherwise to solicit proxies from shareholders in support of the nomination(s) or the business proposed,
- (K) a certification regarding whether or not such shareholder and Shareholder Associated Persons have complied with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements in connection with such shareholder's and/or Shareholder Associated Persons' acquisition of shares or other securities of the Corporation and/or such shareholder's and/or Shareholder Associated Persons' acts or omissions as a shareholder of the Corporation,
- (L) any other information relating to the Holder that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for, as applicable, the proposal and/or for the election of directors in a contested election pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, and
- (M) any other information as reasonably requested by the Corporation.

Such information shall be provided as of the date of the notice and shall be supplemented by the Holder not later than 10 days after the record date for the meeting to disclose such ownership as of the record date.

- (ii) If the notice relates to any business other than a nomination of a director or directors that the shareholder proposes to bring before the meeting, the notice must set forth:

(A) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the meeting (including the text of any resolutions proposed for consideration), the reasons for conducting such business at the meeting, and any material direct or indirect interest of the Holder or any Shareholder Associated Persons in such business, and

(B) a description of all agreements, arrangements and understandings, direct and indirect, between the Holder, and any other person or persons (including their names) in connection with the proposal of such business by the Holder.

(iii) Set forth, as to each person, if any, whom the Holder proposes to nominate for election or reelection to the Board of Directors:

(A) all information relating to the nominee (including, without limitation, the nominee's name, age, business and residence address and principal occupation or employment and the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation that are owned beneficially or of record by the nominee) that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors in a contested election pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder (including such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected), and

(B) a description of any agreements, arrangements and understandings between or among such shareholder or any Shareholder Associated Person, on the one hand, and any other persons (including any Shareholder Associated Person), on the other hand, in connection with the nomination of such person for election as a director,

(C) a description of all direct and indirect compensation and other material monetary agreements, arrangements, and understandings during the past three years, and any other material relationships, between or among the Holder and respective affiliates and associates, or others acting in concert therewith, on the one hand, and each proposed nominee, and his or her respective affiliates and associates, or others acting in concert therewith, on the other hand, including, without limitation all information that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404 of Regulation S-K if the Holder making the nomination or on whose behalf the nomination is made, if any, or any affiliate or associate thereof or person acting in concert therewith, were the "registrant" for purposes of Item 404 and the nominee were a director or executive officer of such registrant.

(iv) With respect to each nominee for election or reelection to the Board of Directors, the Noticing Shareholder shall include a completed and signed questionnaire, representation, and agreement required by Section 5.9 of these bylaws. The Corporation may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as may reasonably be required by the Corporation to determine the eligibility of the proposed nominee to serve as an independent director of the Corporation or that could be material to a reasonable shareholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of the nominee.

(c) Notwithstanding anything in Section 5.8(a) to the contrary, if the number of directors to be elected to the Board of Directors is increased and there is no public announcement by the

Corporation naming all of the nominees for director or specifying the size of the increased Board of Directors at least 100 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, a shareholder's notice required by these bylaws shall also be considered timely, but only with respect to nominees for any new positions created by such increase, if it shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which the public announcement naming all nominees or specifying the size of the increased Board of Directors is first made by the Corporation.

(d) For purposes of these bylaws, "public announcement" shall mean disclosure in a press release reported by a national news service or in a document publicly filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13, 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. As used in these By-laws, the term "Shareholder Associated Person" means, with respect to any shareholder, (i) any person acting in concert with such shareholder, (ii) any beneficial owner of shares of stock of the Corporation owned of record or beneficially by such shareholder (other than a shareholder that is a depository) and (iii) any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with any shareholder, or any Shareholder Associated Person identified in clauses (i) or (ii) above. The terms "Affiliate" and "Associate" are fairly broad and are defined by reference to Rule 12b-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). An "affiliate" is any "person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the person specified." "Control" is defined as the "possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management policies of a person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise."

The term "associate" of a person means:

1. any corporation or organization (other than the registrant or a majority-owned subsidiary of the registrant) of which such person is an officer or partner or is, directly or indirectly, the beneficial owner of 10 percent or more of any class of equity securities,
2. any trust or other estate in which such person has a substantial beneficial interest or as to which such person serves as trustee or in a similar fiduciary capacity, and
3. any relative or spouse of such person, or any relative of such spouse, who has the same home as such person or who is a director or officer of the registrant or any of its parents or subsidiaries.

(e) Only those persons who are nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in these bylaws shall be eligible to serve as directors. Only such business shall be conducted at a meeting of shareholders as shall have been brought before the meeting in accordance with the procedures set forth in these bylaws, provided, however, that, once business has been properly brought before the meeting in accordance with this Section 5.8(e), nothing in this Section 5.8(e) shall be deemed to preclude discussion by any shareholder of such business.. If any information submitted pursuant to this Section 5.8 by any shareholder proposing a nominee(s) for election as a director at a meeting of shareholders is inaccurate in any material respect, such information shall be deemed not to have been provided in accordance with this Section 5.8. Except as otherwise provided by law, the charter, or these bylaws, the Chairman of the meeting shall have the power and duty to determine

whether a nomination or any business proposed to be brought before the meeting was made or proposed, as the case may be, in compliance with the procedures set forth in these bylaws and, if he should determine that any proposed nomination or business is not in compliance with these bylaws, he shall so declare to the meeting and any such nomination or business not properly brought before the meeting shall be disregarded or not be transacted.

(f) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of these bylaws, a Noticing Shareholder also shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in these bylaws; provided, however, that any references in these bylaws to the Exchange Act or the rules thereunder are not intended to and shall not limit the requirements applicable to nominations or proposals as to any other business to be considered pursuant to Section 5.7 or Section 5.8.

(g) Nothing in these bylaws shall be deemed to affect any rights of shareholders to request inclusion of proposals in the Corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act. Notice of shareholder proposals that are, or that the Noticing Shareholder intends to be, governed by Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act are not governed by these bylaws.

Section 5.9 Submission of Questionnaire, Representation and Agreement. To be eligible to be a nominee for election or reelection as a director of the Corporation by a Holder, a person must complete and deliver (in accordance with the time periods prescribed for delivery of notice under Section 5.8 of these bylaws) to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation a written questionnaire providing the information requested about the background and qualifications of such person and the background of any other person or entity on whose behalf the nomination is being made and a written representation and agreement (the questionnaire, representation, and agreement to be in the form provided by the Secretary upon written request) that such person:

- (a) is not and will not become a party to:
 - (i) any agreement, arrangement or understanding with, and has not given any commitment or assurance to, any person or entity as to how the person, if elected as a director of the Corporation, will act or vote on any issue or question (a "Voting Commitment") that has not been disclosed to the Corporation, or
 - (ii) any Voting Commitment that could limit or interfere with the person's ability to comply, if elected as a director of the Corporation, with the person's fiduciary duties under applicable law,

(b) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the Corporation with respect to any direct or indirect compensation, reimbursement, or indemnification in connection with service or action as a director that has not been disclosed therein, and

(c) in the person's individual capacity and on behalf of any person or entity on whose behalf the nomination is being made, would be in compliance, if elected as a director of the Corporation, and will comply with all applicable publicly disclosed corporate governance, conflict of interest, confidentiality, and stock ownership and trading policies and guidelines of the Corporation.

ARTICLE 6
CAPITAL STOCK

Section 6.1 Stock Certificates. The Board of Directors may determine to issue to each shareholder a certificate or certificates of capital stock of the Corporation in the form prescribed by the Board. Unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors, all certificates shall be signed in the name of the Corporation by the Chairman of the Board, or the President and by the Chief Financial Officer, or the Secretary, of the Corporation. Any or all of the signatures on the certificates may be facsimile. If any officer, transfer agent, or registrar who has signed or whose facsimile signature has been placed on a certificate ceases to be an officer, transfer agent, or registrar before that certificate is issued, it may be issued by the Corporation with the same effect as if that person were an officer, transfer agent, or registrar at the date of issue. The Board of Directors also may elect, in lieu of issuing certificates, to provide for the issuance of uncertificated shares of the capital stock of the Corporation; however, all shares of the same class must be either certificated or uncertificated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, shares of the Corporation's stock may also be evidenced by registration in the holder's name in uncertificated book-entry form on the books of the Corporation in accordance with a direct registration system approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission and by NASDAQ or any securities exchange on which the stock of the Corporation may from time to time be traded.

Section 6.2 Transfer of Shares. Subject to any restrictions on transfer imposed by either the applicable securities laws or any shareholder agreement, shares of stock may be transferred on the books of the Corporation by delivery and surrender of the properly assigned certificate, or with respect to a transfer of uncertificated shares, a written order to the Corporation, in a form acceptable to the Corporation and its transfer agent, authorizing and instructing the Corporation to effect the transfer.

Section 6.3 Loss of Certificates. In case of loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate of stock, a duplicate certificate may be issued upon the terms prescribed by the Board of Directors, including provision for indemnification of the Corporation secured by a bond or other security sufficient to protect the Corporation against any claim that may be made against it, including any expense or liability, on account of the alleged loss, theft, or destruction of the certificate or the issuance of the replacement certificate.

ARTICLE 7
INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 7.1 Right to Indemnification. This Corporation, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law as then in effect, shall indemnify any person (an "Indemnitee") who was or is involved in any manner (including, without limitation, as a party or a witness), or is threatened to be involved, in any threatened, pending or completed investigation, claim, action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, including without limitation, any action, suit, or proceeding by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor (each, a "Proceeding"), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, or employee or agent of another Corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with any Proceedings. This indemnification shall be a contract

right and shall include the right to receive payment in advance of any expenses incurred by an Indemnitee in connection with Proceedings, consistent with the provisions of applicable law as then in effect.

Section 7.2 Contracts and Funding. The Corporation may enter into contracts with any director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation in furtherance of the provisions of this Article 7, and may create a trust fund, grant a security interest, or use other means (including, without limitation, a letter of credit) to ensure the payment of all amounts necessary to effect indemnification as provided in this Article.

Section 7.3 Employee Benefit Plans. For purposes of this Article 7, references to "other enterprises" shall include employee benefit plans and employee welfare benefit plans; references to "fines" shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to any employee benefit plan; and references to "serving at the request of the Corporation" shall include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation which imposes duties on, or involves services by, that director, officer, employee or agent with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants or beneficiaries; and a person who acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan shall be deemed to have acted in a manner not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation.

Section 7.4 Indemnification Not Exclusive Right. The right of indemnification and advancement of expenses provided in this Article 7 is not exclusive of any other rights to which a person seeking indemnification may otherwise be entitled, under any statute, bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding the office. The provisions of this Article shall benefit the heirs and legal representatives of any person entitled to indemnity under this Article and shall be applicable to Proceedings commenced or continuing after the adoption of this Article, whether arising from acts or omissions occurring before or after adoption.

Section 7.5 Advancement of Expenses and Procedures. In furtherance, but not in limitation, of the provisions in this Article 7, the following procedures and remedies apply with respect to advancement of expenses and the right to indemnification:

A. Advancement of Expenses. All reasonable expenses incurred by or on behalf of an Indemnitee in connection with Proceedings shall be advanced from time to time to the Indemnitee - by the Corporation within 20 days after the receipt by the Corporation of a statement or statements from the Indemnitee requesting the advance, whether prior to or after final disposition of a Proceeding. Each statement shall reasonably evidence the expenses incurred by the Indemnitee, and if required by law at the time of the advance, shall include or be accompanied by an undertaking by or on behalf of the Indemnitee to repay the amounts advanced if it should ultimately be determined that the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified against those expenses.

B. Written Request for Indemnification. To obtain indemnification under this Article 7, an Indemnitee shall submit to the Secretary of the Corporation a written request, including all documentation and information reasonably available to the Indemnitee and reasonably necessary to determine whether and to what extent the Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification (the "Supporting Documentation"). The determination of the Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification shall be made within a reasonable time after receipt by the Corporation of the written request for

indemnification together with the Supporting Documentation. The Secretary of the Corporation, promptly upon receipt of a request for indemnification, shall advise the Board of Directors in writing of that request.

C. Procedure for Determination. An Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification shall be determined: (1) by the Board of Directors by majority vote of a Board quorum consisting of directors not at the time parties to the Proceeding; (2) if a quorum cannot be obtained under subdivision (C)(1), by a majority vote of a committee duly designated by the Board of Directors (in which designation directors who are parties may participate), consisting solely of 2 or more directors not at time parties to the Proceeding; (3) by independent special legal counsel selected by the Board of Directors or its committee in the manner prescribed in subdivision (C)(1) or (C)(2); or if those subdivisions cannot be satisfied, selected by majority vote of the full Board (in which selection directors who are parties may participate); or (4) by the shareholders, but shares owned by or voted under the control of directors who are at the time parties to the Proceeding may not be voted on the determination.

ARTICLE 8 **RECORDS AND REPORTS**

Section 8.1 Maintenance of Certain Records. The Corporation shall keep at its principal executive office, or at the office of its transfer agent or registrar, and as otherwise determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, a record of its shareholders, giving the names and addresses of all shareholders and the number and class of shares held by each.

Section 8.2 Inspection of Records by Shareholders.

(a) A shareholder may, during regular business hours on 5 business days prior written demand on the Corporation, inspect and copy:

(1) the Corporation's then existing charter and all amendments currently in effect;

(2) the Corporation's then existing bylaws and all amendments currently in effect;

(3) resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors creating one or more classes or series of shares, and fixing their relative rights, preferences, and limitations, if shares issued pursuant to those resolutions are outstanding;

(4) the Minutes of all shareholders' meetings and records of all action taken by shareholders without a meeting, if any, for the past 3 years;

(5) all written communications to shareholders generally within the past 3 years, including certain financial statements prepared for the past 3 years;

(6) a list of the names and business addresses of the current directors and officers; and

(7) the most recent annual report delivered to the Tennessee Secretary of State.

(b) Shareholders may inspect other specified corporate records pursuant to Section 48-26-102 of the Tennessee Business Corporation Act.

Section 8.3 Inspection of Records by Directors. Every director has the right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records and documents of every kind and the physical properties of the Corporation and each of its subsidiaries. Inspection by a director may be made in person or by an agent or attorney duly designated by the director, and the right of inspection includes the right to copy and make extracts.

ARTICLE 9
GENERAL CORPORATE MATTERS

Section 9.1 Record Date for Purposes Other than Notice and Voting.

(a) For purposes of determining the shareholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of any rights, or entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any other lawful action (other than notice of a meeting, voting, or action by the shareholders by written consent without a meeting), the Board of Directors may fix, in advance, a record date, which shall not be more than 70 days before that action, and only shareholders of record on the date fixed are entitled to receive the dividend, distribution, or allotment of rights or to exercise the rights, notwithstanding any transfer of any shares on the books of the Corporation after the specified record date, except as otherwise provided in the Tennessee Business Corporation Act.

(b) If the Board of Directors does not fix a record date, the record date for determining shareholders for any of these purposes shall be at the close of business on the day on which the board adopts the applicable resolution.

Section 9.2 Contracts. Except as otherwise required by law, the Charter or these bylaws, any contracts or other instruments may be executed and delivered in the name and on behalf of the Corporation by such officer or officers (including any assistant officer) of the Corporation as the Board of Directors may from time to time direct. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances as the Board of Directors may determine. Subject to any restrictions imposed by the Board of Directors or the Chairman of the Board, the President or any Vice President of the Corporation may delegate contractual power to others under his jurisdiction, it being understood, however, that any such delegation of power shall not relieve such officer of responsibility with respect to the exercise of such delegated power.

Section 9.3 Distributions. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, declare, and the Corporation may pay, distributions on its outstanding shares of capital stock in the manner and upon the terms and conditions provided by applicable law. The record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive the payment of any distribution shall be determined by the Board of Directors, subject to the rules of any exchange or trading market on which the Corporation's shares are then traded.

Section 9.4 Seal. The Corporation may adopt a corporate seal and may modify it from time to time. The seal shall contain the name of the Corporation, the year of its incorporation, and the word "Tennessee."

ARTICLE 10
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended, supplemented or repealed as provided by the laws of the State of Tennessee and the Charter of the Corporation.

CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC.
and
SUBSIDIARIES

FY 2010 ANNUAL BONUS PLAN

ARTICLE I
General

1.1 Establishment of the Plan. Pursuant to the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. 2002 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (the "Omnibus Plan"), the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. (the "Company") hereby establishes this FY 2010 Annual Bonus Plan (the "ABP").

1.2 Plan Purpose. The purpose of this ABP is to specify appropriate opportunities to earn a bonus with respect to the Company's 2010 fiscal year in order to reward officers of the Company and of its subsidiaries for the Company's financial performance during fiscal year 2010 and to further align their interests with those of the shareholders of the Company.

1.3 ABP Subject to Omnibus Plan. This ABP is established pursuant to, and it comprises a part of the Omnibus Plan. Accordingly, all of the terms of the Omnibus Plan are incorporated in this ABP by reference as if included verbatim. In case of a conflict between the terms and conditions of the ABP and the Omnibus Plan, the terms and conditions of the Omnibus Plan shall supersede and control the issue. It is intended that the ABP shall in all respects be subject to and governed by the provisions of the Omnibus Plan and, except to the extent Annual Bonuses (as defined herein) are paid on an accelerated basis pursuant to a Change in Control, that all Annual Bonuses paid to Covered Employees shall constitute qualified performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code. The terms of this ABP shall in all respects be so interpreted and construed as to be consistent with this intention.

ARTICLE II
Definitions

2.1 Omnibus Plan Definitions. Capitalized terms used in this ABP without definition have the meanings ascribed to them in the Omnibus Plan, unless otherwise expressly provided.

2.2 Other Definitions. In addition to those terms defined in the Omnibus Plan and elsewhere in this ABP, whenever used in this ABP, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

- (a) "2010 Operating Income" means, operating income during the 2010 fiscal year, excluding extraordinary gains or losses and the effects of any sale of assets (other than in the ordinary course of business), the effects of any
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refinancing of the Company's long-term indebtedness, the effects of changes in accounting principles.

- (b) "Annual Bonus" means the Award paid to a Participant after the Committee determines that the Performance Goal has been achieved and exercised its discretion in determining whether to pay the Eligible Bonus or some different amount.
- (c) "Eligible Bonus" means an Award equal to a percentage of a Participant's applicable annual base salary established within the first 90 days of the Performance Period or, in the case of new hires or Participants who are promoted, established at the time of hiring or promotion and the portion of fiscal year 2010 for which the salary is applicable, consistent with those established for the same or similar position by the Committee within the first 90 days of the Performance Period.
- (d) "Performance Goal" means achievement of 2010 Operating Income in an amount equal to or greater than an amount established by the Committee within the first 90 days of the Performance Period.
- (e) "Performance Period" means the Company's 2010 fiscal year.

ARTICLE III
Eligibility; Calculation and Payment of Awards

3.1 Plan Eligibility. The Participants in the ABP shall be those persons designated by the Committee during the first 90 days of the Company's 2010 fiscal year, and those hired or promoted during the fiscal year and at that time designated as Participants by the Committee.

3.2 Bonus Eligibility. If the Performance Goal is achieved, each Participant shall be eligible to receive his or her Eligible Bonus. The Annual Bonus, however, shall be determined by the Committee based upon such measures, if any, that the Committee in its discretion shall employ.

3.3 Calculation and Payment of Awards. After the close of the Performance Period, the Committee shall certify in writing the achievement of the Performance Goal and the amounts of any Annual Bonus payable to each Participant. No Annual Bonus shall be paid to any Covered Employee if the Performance Goal is not achieved. Any Annual Bonus due shall be paid within a reasonable time after certification of the achievement of the Performance Goal by the Committee and, in any event, on or prior to March 31, 2011.

3.4 Committee Discretion; Limit on Awards. Subject to Section 3.2, The Committee shall have the discretion to establish the amount of any Annual Bonus payable to any Participant, except that the Annual Bonus of any Covered Employee shall not exceed either his or her Eligible Bonus or the Section 162(m) Cash Maximum.

ARTICLE IV
Termination of Employment

4.1 Termination of Employment. Except upon death or disability, if, prior to the certification of the Award as set forth in Section 3.3, a Participant's employment is terminated or the Participant voluntarily resigns, all of the Participant's rights to an Annual Bonus shall be forfeited. If a Participant's employment is terminated because of a Participant's death or disability, the Eligible Bonus shall be reduced to reflect only the period of employment prior to termination. The adjusted Award shall be based upon the number of days of employment during the Performance Period. In the case of a Participant's disability, the employment termination shall be deemed to have occurred on the date the Committee determines that the disability has occurred, pursuant to the Company's then-effective group long-term disability insurance benefit for officers. Any Annual Bonus thereafter determined by the Committee shall be payable at the time specified in Section 3.3.

ARTICLE V
Change in Control

5.1 Change in Control. If a Change in Control takes place during fiscal 2010, (i), the Performance Goal shall be deemed to have been met if the Company's operating income through the end of the fiscal month preceding the Change in Control equals or exceeds 50% of the Company's operating income for the comparable period in the 2009 fiscal year, (ii) all Annual Bonuses established by the Committee shall be immediately payable in cash to Participants upon the date of the Change of Control (subject to any election previously made by a Participant to defer receipt of such Bonus), and (iii) unless expressly terminated, this ABP shall continue in effect throughout the remainder of fiscal 2010 with the amount of any Bonuses payable at the end of 2010 reduced by the amount of any Bonuses paid upon the Change in Control.