

SPOK HOLDINGS, INC. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Spok Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") has adopted the following Corporate Governance Guidelines (the "Guidelines") to assist the Board in the exercise of its responsibilities and to serve the interests of the Company and its stockholders. These Guidelines should be interpreted in the context of all applicable laws and the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), the Company's Bylaws, as amended (the "Bylaws"), and other corporate governance documents. These Guidelines acknowledge the leadership exercised by the Board and are intended to serve as a flexible framework within which the Board may conduct its business and not as a set of legally binding obligations. The Guidelines are subject to modification from time to time by the Board as the Board may deem appropriate in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders or as required by applicable laws and regulations.

These Guidelines are available on the Company's website at <u>www.spok.com</u> and to any stockholder who otherwise requests a copy. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K will state the foregoing.

The Board

Size of the Board

The Company's Bylaws provide that the number of directors will be fixed from time to time by the Board, but in no event will be less than one (1). The Board believes that nine (9) directors is an appropriate size based on the Company's present circumstances. The Board will periodically review the size of the Board, and determine the size that is most effective in relation to future operations.

Independence of the Board

The Board will be comprised of a majority of directors who qualify as independent directors (the "Independent Directors") under the listing standards of the NASDAQ Global Market ("NASDAQ") and the applicable requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). No more than two (2) management executives who are employed by the Company or who was employed by the Company in the previous two (2) years may serve on the Board at the same time.

The Board will review annually the relationships that each director has with the Company (either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company). Following such review, only those directors who the Board affirmatively determines have no material relationship with the Company (either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company) will be considered Independent Directors, subject to additional qualifications prescribed under the listing standards of NASDAQ. The basis for any determination that a relationship is not material will be published in the Company's annual proxy statement or, if the Company does not file an annual proxy statement, in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").



Lead Independent Director

The Board does not have a Lead Independent Director, but the Board reserves the ability to appoint (or to provide that the Chairman of the Board will appoint) a Lead Independent Director and to assign to such Lead Independent Directors such duties as the Board or the Chairman of the Board deems appropriate.

Separate Sessions of Non-Management Directors and Independent Directors

The non-management directors will meet in executive session without management directors or management present on a regularly scheduled basis, but no less than two (2) times a year. The non-management directors will review the Company's implementation of and compliance with its Guidelines and consider such matters as they may deem appropriate at such meetings. Non-management directors are all directors who are not company officers (as that term is defined in Rule 16a-1 (f) under the Securities Act of 1933), including such directors who are not independent by virtue of a material relationship, former status or family membership, or for any other reason.

In addition, if the non-management directors include directors who are not also Independent Directors, the Independent Directors shall also meet separately at least twice per year in executive session.

Director Qualification Standards

The Nominating and Governance Committee is responsible for reviewing with the Board, on an annual basis, the appropriate characteristics, skills and experience required for the Board as a whole and its individual members. In evaluating the suitability of individual candidates (both new candidates and current Board members), the Independent Directors, in recommending candidates for election, and the Board, in approving (and, in the case of vacancies, appointing) such candidates, take into account many factors, including:

- (i) personal and professional integrity, ethics and values;
- (ii) experience in corporate management, such as serving as an officer or former officer of a publicly held company, and a general understanding of marketing, finance, operations, governance and other elements relevant to the success of a publicly-traded company in today's business environment;
- (iii) experience in the Company's industry, domestically and internationally, and with relevant social and public policy concerns;
- (iv) experience as a board member of another publicly held company;
- (v) academic or policy expertise in an area of the Company's operations; and
- (vi) practical and mature business judgment, including ability to make independent analytical inquiries.



The Board evaluates each individual in the context of the Board as a whole, with the objective of assembling a group that can best perpetuate the success of the business and represent stockholder interests through the exercise of sound judgment using its diversity of experience in these various areas. In determining whether to recommend a director for re-election, the Board also considers the director's past attendance at meetings and participation in and contributions to the activities of the Board.

Selection of New Directors

Each member of the Board will stand for election by the stockholders of the Company for an annual term as set forth in the Company's Bylaws. Newly appointed directors who may be appointed to the Board in accordance with the Company's Bylaws shall stand for election to an annual term at the first annual meeting of stockholders of the Company following his or her appointment. In accordance with the Company's Bylaws, unless the Secretary of the Company determines that the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected at any meeting of the stockholders as of the record date for the meeting, a nominee must receive more votes cast for than against his or her election or re-election (with abstentions and broker non-votes not counted as a vote cast either for or against) in order to be elected or re-elected to the Board. The Board shall nominate for re-election as directors only incumbent candidates who tender irrevocable resignations that will be effective upon the occurrence of both (i) the failure to receive the required vote for re-election at any meeting at which they are nominated for re-election and (ii) the Board's acceptance of such resignation. In addition, the Board shall fill Board vacancies only with candidates who tender, at or prior to the time of their appointment to the Board, the same form of resignation tendered by other Board members in accordance with this section of the Guidelines.

In the event one or more Board members fails to receive the required vote for election or re-election (each, a "Subject Director"), either (i) the Nominating and Governance Committee or (ii) if one or more of the members of the Nominating and Governance Committee is a Subject Director or the Board determines that a committee other than the Nominating and Governance Committee should recommend whether to accept the Subject Director's resignation, a committee consisting solely of Independent Directors who are not Subject Directors (the committee described in clause (i) or (ii) of this sentence, the "Committee") will make a recommendation to the Board as to whether to accept or reject the Subject Director's previously tendered resignation, or whether other action should be taken (including whether to request that a Subject Director resign from the Board if no resignation had been previously tendered). The Board, not including any Subject Director, shall act with respect to any Subject Directors, taking into account the recommendation of the Committee, within ninety (90) days from the date of the certification of the election results and shall notify the Subject Directors of its decision. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the result of accepting all tendered resignations then pending and requesting resignations from directors who did not previously submit a resignation would be that the Company would have fewer than three directors who were in office before the election of directors, the Board may determine to extend such 90-day period by an additional ninety (90) days if it determines that such an extension is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

The Committee in making its recommendation, and the Board in making its decision, may each consider all factors it considers relevant, including any stated reasons for "against" votes, whether the underlying cause or causes of the "against" votes are curable, the length of service of each Subject Director, each Subject Director's contributions to the Company, whether the acceptance of any resignation would cause the Company to fail to comply with any listing requirement of NASDAQ or any rule or regulation promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether acceptance of any



resignation would lead to a "change of control" of the Company as determined pursuant to any financing or other material agreement of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, and whether acceptance of any resignation would lead to a default under any material agreement to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or otherwise bound. Subject Directors shall not participate in the deliberation or recommendation(s) of the Committee or in the deliberation or decision(s) of the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if all of the Independent Directors are Subject Directors, then the Committee shall consist of all the Independent Directors, except for the Independent Director whose resignation is under consideration, and furthermore, if the directors who are not Subject Directors constitute less than a quorum of the Board, then (i) all directors, except for the director whose resignation is under consideration, may participate in the Board's deliberation and decisions regarding whether to accept or reject the previously tendered resignations, and (ii) the Board may determine that the effectiveness of its acceptance of any resignations of Subject Directors will occur after the Board has considered the resignations of all Subject Directors.

The Company shall promptly disclose the decision(s) of the Board in a filing with the SEC of a Current Report on Form 8-K. If a Subject Director's tendered resignation is not accepted by the Board or such Subject Director does not otherwise submit his or her resignation to the Board, such director shall continue to serve until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified, or his or her earlier resignation or removal. If a Subject Director's resignation is accepted by the Board, or if a nominee for director is not elected and the nominee is not an incumbent director, then the Board, in its sole discretion, may fill any resulting vacancy or decrease the size of the Board in accordance with the Company's Bylaws.

Selection of Chairman of the Board

The Board will select the Chairman of the Board in accordance with the Company's Bylaws.

No Specific Limitation on Other Board Service

The Board does not believe that its members should be prohibited from serving on boards of other organizations and has not adopted any guidelines limiting such activities, except with respect to members serving on the Audit Committee, as described below. However, the Board may take into account the nature of and time involved in a director's service on the other boards and/or committees in evaluating the suitability of individual director candidates and current directors and making its recommendations to the Company's stockholders.

Due to demanding nature of service on the Audit Committee, the members of the Audit Committee may not serve on the audit committees of the boards of directors of more than two other companies having a class of securities registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, at the same time as they are serving on the Audit Committee.

Service on other boards and/or committees should be consistent with the Company's conflict of interest policies set forth below.

Directors Who Resign Their Current Positions With Their Company

When a director who is currently an officer or employee of the Company resigns or there is a material change to his or her position with the Company, such director should submit his or her resignation to the Board, which the Board may accept or reject.



As each director is subject to election by stockholders as provided in the Company's Bylaws, the Board does not believe it is in the best interests of the Company to establish term limits at this time. Additionally, such term limits may cause the Company to lose the contribution of directors who have been able to develop, over a period of time, increasing insight into the Company's business and therefore can provide an increasingly significant contribution to the Board.



Director Responsibilities

The business and affairs of the Company will be managed by or under the direction of the Board, including through one or more of its committees as set forth in the Bylaws and committee charters. Each director is expected to spend the time and effort necessary to properly discharge his or her responsibilities. These include:

- (1) overseeing the conduct of the Company's business, to evaluate whether the business is being properly managed;
- (2) reviewing and, where appropriate, approving the Company's major financial objectives, plans and actions;
- (3) reviewing and, where appropriate, approving major changes in, and determinations of other major issues respecting, the appropriate auditing and accounting principles and practices to be used in the preparation of the Company's financial statements;
- (4) reviewing and, where appropriate, approving major changes in, and determinations under the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines, Board Committee Charters, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and other Company policies;
- (5) reviewing and, where appropriate, approving actions to be undertaken by the Company that would result in a material change in the financial structure or control of the Company, the acquisition or disposition of any businesses or asset(s) material to the Company into any major new line of business;
- (6) with respect to the Independent Directors, and as directed by the Board, together with the Compensation Committee, regularly evaluating the performance and approving the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer;
- (7) with the input of the Chief Executive Officer and the Compensation Committee, regularly evaluating the performance of principal senior executives;
- (8) with the input of the Nominating and Governance Committee, planning for succession with respect to the position of Chief Executive Officer and monitoring management's succession planning for other key executives; and
- (9) ensuring that the Company's business is conducted with the highest standards of ethical conduct and in conformity with applicable laws and regulations.

Compensation

The Company's executive officers shall not receive additional compensation for their service as directors. Senior management of the Company may report from time to time to the Compensation Committee regarding the status of the Company's non-management director compensation in relation to the other U.S. companies of comparable size and the Company's competitors. Such report will include consideration of both direct and indirect forms of compensation to the Company's non-management directors, including any charitable contributions by the Company to organizations in which a non-management director is involved. Following a review of the report, the Compensation Committee will recommend any changes in non-management director compensation to the Chairman of the Board, which changes will be approved or disapproved by the Board after a full discussion.



Director fees, including a cash component and an equity-based component, are the sole form of compensation that members of the Audit Committee may receive from the Company.

Stock Ownership

The Company encourages directors to purchase shares of the Company's stock. The Board may from time to time adopt a stock ownership policy for directors and designated members of senior management. The current policy requires that the Independent Directors hold 3x times their annual cash compensation (restricted stock included) at all times. The policy further outlines that the Chief Executive Officer hold 3x times his base salary in stock and all Executive Officers hold 1x times their base salary. All Independent Directors, the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Officers have three years to meet this requirement.

Conflicts of Interest

Directors are expected to avoid any action, position or interest that conflicts with the interests of the Company or gives the appearance of a conflict. If an actual or potential conflict of interest develops, the director should immediately report the matter to the Chairman of the Board. Any significant conflict must be resolved or the director should resign. If a director has a personal interest in a matter before the Board, the director will disclose the interest to the Board, excuse himself or herself from discussion on the matter and not vote on the matter.

Board Orientation and Continuing Education of Board Members

The Company will provide new directors with a director orientation program to familiarize them with, among other things, the Company's business, strategic plans, significant financial, accounting and management issues, compliance programs, conflicts policies, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, principal officers, internal auditors and independent auditors.

The Company may make available to directors continuing education programs, and each director is expected to participate in such programs, as management or the Board determines desirable.

Interaction with Institutional Investors, the Press and Customers

The Board believes that management speaks for the Company. Each director should refer all inquiries from institutional investors, the press or customer to management. Individual Board members may, from time to time at the request of management, meet or otherwise communicate with various constituencies that are involved with the Company. If comments from the Board are appropriate, they should, in most circumstances, come from the Chairman of the Board.

Stockholder Communication with the Board

The Company provides a process for stockholders to send communications to the Board, the nonmanagement members as a group, or any of the directors individually. Stockholders may contact any of our directors, including our non-management directors, by writing to them c/o the Corporate Secretary, Spok Holdings, Inc., 6850 Versar Center, Suite 420, Springfield, VA 22151. The Corporate Secretary shall distribute any such communications to the Board or the director(s) designated in such communication.

Board Access to Senior Management



The Board will have complete access to Company management in order to ensure that directors can ask any questions and receive all information necessary to perform their duties. Directors should exercise judgment to ensure that their contact with management does not distract managers from their jobs or disturb the business operations of the Company. Such contact, if in writing, should be copied to the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

Board Access to Independent Advisors

The Board committees may hire independent advisors as set forth in their applicable charters. The Board as a whole shall have access to such advisors and such other independent advisors that the Company retains or that the Board considers necessary to discharge its responsibilities.

Annual Self-Evaluation

Following the end of each fiscal year, the Nominating and Governance Committee will conduct an annual assessment of the Board's performance. The Nominating and Governance Committee will be responsible for establishing the evaluation criteria and implementing the process for such evaluation, as well as considering other corporate governance principles that may, from time to time, merit consideration by the Board.

The assessment should include a review of any areas in which the Board or management believes the Board can make a better contribution to the governance of the Company, as well as a review of the committee structure and assessment of the Board's compliance with the principles set forth in these Guidelines. The purpose of the review will be to improve the performance of the Board as a unit, and not to target the performance of any individual Board member. The Board will utilize the results of its self-evaluation process in assessing the determining the characteristics and critical skills required of prospective candidates for election to the Board.

Board Meetings

Frequency of Meetings

The Board will meet at least four (4) times annually. In addition, special meetings may be called from time to time as determined by the needs of the business. IT is the responsibility of the directors to attend meetings.

Director Attendance

A director is expected to spend the time and effort necessary to properly discharge his or her responsibilities. Accordingly, a director is expected to regularly prepare for and attend meetings of the Board and all committees on which the director sits (including separate meetings of non-management directors and the Independent Directors), with the understanding that, on occasion, a director may be unable to attend a meeting. A director who is unable to attend a meeting is expected to notify the Chairman of the Board or the Chief Executive Officer, or the Chairman of the appropriate committee in advance of such meeting, and, whenever possible, participate in such meeting via teleconference.

Attendance of Non-Directors



The Board encourages the Chairman of the Board or of any committee to bring Company management and outside advisors or consultants from time to time into the Board and/or committee meetings to (i) provide insights into items being discussed by the Board which involved the manager, advisor or consultant, (ii) make presentations to the Board on matters which involve the manager, advisor or consultant, and (iii) bring managers with high potential into contact with the Board. Attendance of nondirectors at Board meetings is at the discretion of the Board.

Agendas

The Chairman together with the Chief Executive Officer shall establish the agenda for each Board meeting and may seek input from management and, as necessary or desired, from the other directors.

Advance Receipt of Meeting Materials

Information regarding the topics to be considered at a meeting is essential to the Board's understanding of the business and preparation of the directors for a productive meeting. To the extent feasible, the meeting agenda and any written materials relating to each Board meeting will be distributed to the directors sufficiently in advance of each meeting to allow for meaningful review of such agenda and materials by the directors. Directors are expected to have reviewed and be prepared to discuss all materials distributed in advance of any meeting.

Committee Matters

Number, Name, Responsibilities and Independence of Committees

The Board currently has four committees, each composed entirely of Independent Directors. From time to time, the Board may form a new committee or disband a current committee, depending upon the circumstances. Each committee will perform its duties as assigned by the Board in compliance with the Company's Bylaws and the committee's charter.

The current committees are:

- (1) <u>Audit Committee.</u> The Audit Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members and shall review the work of the Company's internal accounting and audit processes and audit processes and independent auditors. The committee has sole authority to appoint and terminate the Company's independent auditors and to approve any significant non-audit relationship with the independent auditors.
- (2) <u>Compensation Committee.</u> The Compensation Committee shall consist of at least two (2) members and shall review and approve the Company's goals and objectives relevant to compensation, stays informed as to market levels of compensation and, based on evaluations submitted by management, shall recommend to the Board compensation levels and systems for Board members and officers and other senior employees other than the Chief Executive Officer that correspond to the Company's goals and objectives. The committee shall also review and approve an annual report on executive compensation for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement, in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.



- (3) <u>Nominating and Governance Committee.</u> The Nominating and Governance Committee shall consist of at least (2) members and shall review from time to time when necessary and appropriate the Company's corporate governance guidelines and may make recommendations regarding changes to such guidelines and to the committee charters. The Nominating and Governance Committee shall be responsible for initiating the Board's annual self-evaluation.
- (4) <u>Cyber Security Committee.</u> The Cyber Security Committee shall consist of at least (2) members and shall review from time to time when necessary and appropriate the Cyber security regulations of the Company and may make recommendations regarding changes to such guidelines and to the Company.

Assignment of Committee Members

The Board appoints committee members and committee chairs according to criteria set forth in the applicable committee charter and such other criteria that the Board determines to be appropriate in light of the responsibilities of each committee.

Each member of the Audit Committee must satisfy the independence requirements of Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and must be financially literate, as determined by the Board in its business judgment, or must become financially literate within a reasonable period of time after his or her appointment, and at least one member of the Audit Committee must have accounting or related financial management expertise as determined by the Board in its business judgment. In addition, at least one member of the Audit Committee must meet the definition of "audit committee financial expert" as determined by the Board in its business judgment in accordance with Item 401 (h) of Regulation S-K.

Frequency of Committee Meetings

Each committee will meet on a regularly scheduled basis consistent with their respective charters. In addition, special meetings may be called by the Chairman of the committee from time to time as determined by the needs of the business. It is the responsibility of the directors to attend the meetings of the committees on which they serve.

Committee Agendas

The Chairman of each committee, in consultation with the appropriate members of the Committee, will develop his or her committee's agenda.

Committee Self-Evaluations

Each committee may review from time to time its performance and charter and recommend to the Nominating and Governance Committee and/or to the Board any changes it deems necessary.

Leadership Development

Review of Chief Executive Officer

The Compensation Committee, with input from the Chief Executive Officer, may establish the performance criteria (including both long-term and short-term goals) to be considered in connection with the Chief Executive Officer's next periodic performance evaluation. The Chief Executive Officer may make a presentation or furnish a written report to the Compensation Committee indicating his or her progress against such established performance criteria. Thereafter, with the Chief Executive Officer absent, the Compensation Committee shall meet to review the Chief Executive Officer's performance. The results of



the review and evaluation shall be communicated to the Chief Executive Officer by the Chairman of the Compensation Committee.

Succession Planning

The Board works on a periodic basis with the Chief Executive Officer to review, maintain and revise, if necessary, the Company's succession plan upon the Chief Executive Officer's retirement and in the event of an unexpected occurrence. The Chief Executive Officer shall report to the Nominating and Governance Committee on succession planning for the Chief Executive Officer and senior management positions, including a discussion of assessments, leadership development plans and other relevant factors. There should also be available to the Board on a continuing basis, the Chief Executive Officer's recommendations regarding his or her successor should he or she be unexpectedly disabled.

Management Development

The Board may require that a satisfactory system is in effect for the education, development and orderly succession of senior and mid-level managers throughout the Company.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Corporate Governance Guidelines was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of Spok Holdings, Inc. on December [20], 2016.

Sharon Woods Keisling Corporate Secretary