

Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc. (the "Company")  
COMPENSATION COMMITTEE CHARTER

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") shall be as follows:

1. To determine, or recommend to the Board of Directors for determination, the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer (the "CEO") of the Company.
2. To determine, or recommend to the Board of Directors for determination, the compensation of all other executive officers of the Company.
3. To discharge the responsibilities of the Board of Directors relating to the Company's compensation programs and compensation of the Company's executives.
4. To produce an annual compensation committee report on executive compensation for inclusion in the Company's annual proxy statement (or in its Form 10-K if the Company does not file a proxy statement) in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the NASDAQ Stock Market, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), and other regulatory bodies.

The Board of Directors shall determine whether the Committee shall make determinations as a Committee or shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

**COMPOSITION**

The Committee shall consist of two or more members of the Board of Directors, each of whom must be affirmatively determined by the Board of Directors to be “independent” under the rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market, including that the director has no material relationship with the Company that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. In addition, in affirmatively determining the independence of any director who will serve on the Committee, the Board of Directors must consider all factors specifically relevant to determining whether the director has a relationship to the Company (or any parent or subsidiary of the Company), which is material to that director’s ability to be independent from management in connection with the duties of a Committee member, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. the source of compensation of such director, including any consulting, advisory, or other compensatory fee paid by the Company to such director; and
2. whether such director is affiliated with the Company, a subsidiary of the Company, or an affiliate of any subsidiary of the Company.

When considering the sources of a director’s compensation in determining the director’s independence for purposes of service on the Committee, the Board of Directors should consider whether the director receives compensation from any person or entity that would impair the director’s ability to make independent judgments about the Company’s executive compensation. Similarly, when considering any affiliate relationship a director has with the Company, a subsidiary of the Company, or an affiliate of a subsidiary of the Company, in determining the director’s independence for purposes of service on the Committee, the Board of Directors should consider whether the affiliate relationship places the director under the direct or indirect control of the Company or its senior management, or creates a direct relationship between the director and members of senior management, in each case of a nature that would impair the director’s ability to make independent judgments about the Company’s executive compensation. The ownership of Company stock by itself, or possession of a controlling interest through ownership of Company stock by itself, does not preclude the Board of Directors finding that it is appropriate for the director to serve on the Committee.

If the Company fails to comply with the Committee composition requirements stated above because of one vacancy, or one Committee member ceases to be independent as a result of circumstances beyond the member’s

reasonable control, the Company must regain compliance with the composition requirement by the earlier of its next annual stockholders meeting or one year from the occurrence of the event that caused the failure to comply with this composition requirement; provided that if the annual stockholders meeting occurs no later than 180 days following the event that caused the failure to comply with this composition requirement, the Company shall instead have 180 days from such event to regain compliance. The Company must provide notice to NASDAQ immediately upon learning of the event or circumstance that caused the noncompliance.

To the extent the Committee consists of at least three members, one director who does not meet the Committee composition requirements stated in the first paragraph above may be appointed to the Committee, subject to the following:

- the director is not currently an executive officer or employee, or a family member of an executive officer of the Company;
- the Board of Directors, under exceptional and limited circumstances, determines that such individual's membership on the Committee is required by the best interests of the Company and its stockholders;
- the Company discloses either on or through its website or in the proxy statement for the next annual meeting of stockholders subsequent to such determination (or in its Form 10-K if the Company does not file a proxy statement), the nature of the relationship and the reasons for that determination;
- the Company discloses in the proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders (or in its Form 10-K if the Company does not file a proxy statement), the disclosure required by Instruction 1 to Item 407(a) of Regulation S-K regarding its reliance of this exception; and
- such person does not serve under this exception on the Committee for more than two years.

Additionally, no director may serve unless that director (1) is a "Non-Employee Director" for purposes of Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and (2) satisfies the requirements of an "outside director" for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL**

The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. A member shall serve until such member's successor is duly elected and qualified or until such member's earlier resignation or removal. The members of the Committee may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## **CHAIRMAN**

Unless a Chairman is elected by the full Board of Directors, the members of the Committee shall designate a Chairman by majority vote of the full Committee membership. The Chairman shall chair all regular sessions of the Committee and set the agendas for Committee meetings.

## **DELEGATION TO SUBCOMMITTEES**

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Committee shall be entitled to delegate any or all of its responsibilities to a subcommittee of the Committee. In the event the Committee delegates the responsibilities of the Committee to a subcommittee, such subcommittee must comply with the applicable rules and regulations of the NASDAQ Stock Market, the SEC, and other regulatory bodies.

## **MEETINGS**

The Committee shall meet as frequently as circumstances dictate. The Chairman of the Committee or a majority of the members of the Committee

may call meetings of the Committee. Any one or more of the members of the Committee may participate in a meeting of the Committee by means of conference call or similar communication device by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other.

All non-management directors who are not members of the Committee may attend meetings of the Committee, but may not vote. In addition, the Committee may invite to its meetings any director, member of management of the Company, and such other persons as it deems appropriate in order to carry out its responsibilities. The Committee may also exclude from its meetings any persons it deems appropriate.

As part of its review and establishment of the performance criteria and compensation of designated key executives, the Committee should meet separately at least on an annual basis with the CEO and any other corporate officers as it deems appropriate. However, the Committee should also meet from time to time without such officers present, and in all cases, any such officer (including the CEO) shall not be present during voting or deliberations on the compensation of such officer.

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Committee shall carry out the duties and responsibilities set forth below. These functions should serve as a guide with the understanding that the Committee may determine to carry out additional functions and adopt additional policies and procedures as may be appropriate in light of changing business, legislative, regulatory, legal, or other conditions. The Committee shall also carry out any other responsibilities and duties delegated to it by the Board of Directors from time to time related to the purposes of the Committee outlined in this Charter.

In discharging its oversight role, the Committee is empowered to study or investigate any matter of interest or concern that the Committee deems appropriate and shall have the sole authority, without seeking Board approval, to retain outside counsel or other advisors for this purpose, including the authority to approve the fees payable to such counsel or advisors and any other terms of retention.

## **SETTING COMPENSATION FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

1. Establish and review the overall compensation philosophy of the Company.
2. Review and approve the Company's corporate goals and objectives relevant to the compensation for the CEO and other executive officers, including annual performance objectives.
3. Evaluate the performance of the CEO and other executive officers in light of those goals and objectives and, based on such evaluation, approve, or recommend to the full Board of Directors the approval of, the annual salary, bonus, stock options, and other benefits, direct and indirect, of the CEO and other executive officers.
4. In approving or recommending the long-term incentive component of compensation for the CEO and other executive officers, the Committee should consider the Company's performance and relative stockholder return, the value of similar incentive awards to CEOs and other executive officers at comparable companies, and the awards given to the CEO and other executive officers in past years. The Committee is not precluded from approving awards (with or without the ratification of the Board of Directors) as may be required to comply with applicable tax laws, such as Rule 162(m).
5. In connection with executive compensation programs, the Committee should do the following:
  - a) Review and recommend to the full Board of Directors, or approve, new executive compensation programs and any material change to any such existing program or plan;
  - b) Review on a periodic basis the operations of the Company's executive compensation programs to determine whether they are properly coordinated and achieving their intended purposes;
  - c) Establish and periodically review policies for the administration of executive compensation programs; and
  - d) Take steps to modify any executive compensation program that yields payments and benefits that are not reasonably related to executive and corporate performance.
6. Establish and periodically review policies in the area of senior management perquisites.

7. Consider policies and procedures pertaining to expense accounts of senior executives.
8. Review and recommend to the full Board of Directors compensation of directors as well as directors' and officers' indemnification and insurance matters.
9. To the extent not delegated to the Audit Committee by the Board of Directors, review and approve all related party transactions (as specified in Item 404 of Regulation S-K) and review and make recommendations to the full Board of Directors, or approve, any contracts or other transactions with current or former executive officers of the Company, including consulting arrangements, employment contracts, change-in-control agreements, severance agreements, termination arrangements, and loans to employees made or guaranteed by the Company.

#### **MONITORING INCENTIVE- AND EQUITY-BASED COMPENSATION PLANS**

10. Review and make recommendations to the full Board of Directors with respect to, or approve, the Company's incentive-compensation plans and equity-based plans, and review and oversee the activities of the individuals responsible for administering those plans.
11. Review and make recommendations to the full Board of Directors, or approve, all equity compensation plans of the Company that are not otherwise subject to the approval of the Company's stockholders.
12. Review and make recommendations to the full Board of Directors, or approve, all awards of shares or share options pursuant to the Company's equity-based plans.
13. Monitor compliance by executives with the rules and guidelines of the Company's equity-based plans.
14. Review and monitor employee pension, profit sharing, and benefit plans.

#### **AUTHORITY, FUNDING RIGHTS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Committee has the following specific authority, funding rights, and responsibilities.

The foregoing shall not be construed (1) to require the Committee to implement or act consistently with the advice or recommendations of the compensation consultant, legal counsel, or other adviser to the Committee; or

(2) to affect the ability or obligation of the Committee to exercise its own judgment in fulfillment of the duties of the Committee.

The Committee shall conduct the independence assessment outlined above at least annually with respect to any compensation consultant, legal counsel, or other adviser that provides advice to the Committee, other than in-house legal counsel. However, there is no requirement that a compensation consultant, legal counsel, or other compensation adviser to be independent, but only that the Committee consider the enumerated independence factors before selecting, or receiving advice from, a compensation adviser. The Committee may select, or receive advice from, any compensation adviser it prefers, including ones that are not independent, after considering the six independence factors outlined above.

The Committee is not required to conduct an independence assessment for a compensation adviser that acts in a role limited to the following activities for which no disclosure is required under Item 407(e)(3)(iii) of Regulation S-K: (1) consulting on any broad-based plan that does not discriminate in scope, terms, or operation in favor of executive officers or directors of the Company, and that is available generally to all salaried employees; and/or (2) providing information that either is not customized for a particular issuer or that is customized based on parameters that are not developed by the adviser, and about which the adviser does not provide advice.

15. The Committee may, in its sole discretion, retain, or obtain the advice of a compensation consultant, legal counsel, or other adviser.
16. The Committee shall be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, and oversight of the work of any compensation consultant, legal counsel, and other adviser retained by the Committee.
17. The Company must provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for payment of reasonable compensation to a compensation consultant, legal counsel, or any other adviser retained by the Committee.
18. The Committee may select, or receive advice from, a compensation consultant, legal counsel, or other adviser to the Committee, other than in-house legal counsel, only after taking into consideration the following factors:
  - a) the provision of other services to the Company by the person that employs the compensation consultant, legal counsel, or other adviser;

- b) the amount of fees received from the Company by the person that employs the compensation consultant, legal counsel, or other adviser, as a percentage of the total revenue of the person that employs the compensation consultant, legal counsel, or other adviser;
- c) the policies and procedures of the person that employs the compensation consultant, legal counsel, or other adviser that are designed to prevent conflicts of interest;
- d) any business or personal relationship of the compensation consultant, legal counsel, or other adviser with a member of the Committee;
- e) any stock of the Company owned by the compensation consultant, legal counsel, or other adviser; and
- f) any business or personal relationship of the compensation consultant, legal counsel, other adviser or the person employing the adviser with an executive officer of the Company.

## **REPORTS**

- 19. Prepare an annual Committee report on executive compensation for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement (or in its Form 10-K if the Company does not file a proxy statement) in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of NASDAQ, the SEC, and other applicable regulatory bodies.
- 20. Report regularly to the Board of Directors with respect to matters that are relevant to the Committee's discharge of its responsibilities and with respect to such recommendations as the Committee may deem appropriate. The report to the Board of Directors may take the form of an oral report by the Chairman or any other member of the Committee designated by the Committee to make such report.
- 21. Maintain minutes or other records of meetings and activities of the Committee.