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**TAYLOR DEVICES, INC.
90 TAYLOR DRIVE
NORTH TONAWANDA, NEW YORK 14120-0748**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF TAYLOR DEVICES, INC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of TAYLOR DEVICES, INC. ("Company") will be held at the Holiday Inn, 1881 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Amherst, New York on November 11, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. for the following purposes:

1. To elect one Class 1 director of the Company to serve a three-year term expiring in 2008, or until the election and qualification of his successor.
2. To approve and adopt the 2005 Taylor Devices, Inc. Stock Option Plan and reserve 140,000 shares of the Company's common stock for grant of options under the Plan to certain employees and directors of the Company.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on September 23, 2005 as the record date for determining which shareholders shall be entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. **SHAREHOLDERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO BE PRESENT PERSONALLY MAY ATTEND THE MEETING BY PROXY. SUCH SHAREHOLDERS ARE REQUESTED TO DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY. THE PROXY MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME BEFORE IT IS VOTED.**

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Reginald B. Newman II

Reginald B. Newman II
Secretary

DATED: September 27, 2005
North Tonawanda, New York

**PROXY STATEMENT
FOR THE
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
OF
TAYLOR DEVICES, INC.
90 TAYLOR DRIVE
NORTH TONAWANDA, NEW YORK 14120-0748**

**TO BE HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN
1881 NIAGARA FALLS BOULEVARD
AMHERST, NEW YORK
NOVEMBER 11, 2005**

This Proxy Statement is furnished to shareholders by the Board of Directors of Taylor Devices, Inc. (the "Company") in connection with the solicitation of proxies for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on November 11, 2005 at 10:00 A.M., and at any adjournments of the meeting, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders. This Proxy Statement and the accompanying form of proxy are being mailed to Shareholders commencing on or about September 27, 2005.

If the enclosed form of proxy is properly executed and returned, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted in accordance with the proxy's instructions. Any proxy given pursuant to this solicitation may be revoked by the shareholder at any time prior to its use by written notice to the Secretary of the Company.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on September 23, 2005 as the record date for determining the holders of common stock entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting. On September 23, 2005, the Company had outstanding and entitled to vote a total of 3,102,057 shares of common stock. Each outstanding share of common stock is entitled to one vote on all matters to be brought before the meeting.

CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table sets forth information as to persons known by the Company to be the beneficial owners of more than 5% of the Company's common stock:

<u>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</u>	<u>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership (1)</u>	<u>Percent of Class</u>
Tayco Developments, Inc. 100 Taylor Drive North Tonawanda, NY 14120	697,567	22.5%

- (1) In addition to shares that it owns in the Company, the Taylor family also owns shares in Tayco Developments, Inc. ("Developments"). Including shares beneficially owned by Messrs. Douglas P. Taylor and Richard G. Hill in both the Company or Developments, the Taylor family owns or controls 93,671 shares or 3.0% of the Company's stock and 145,834 shares or 14.8% of Developments' stock. The Company, acting as transfer agent, is the source of the information presented.

JOSEPH P. GASTEL, ESQ.

Joseph P. Gastel passed away on June 23, 2005 after an extended illness. Mr. Gastel ably served the Company and Developments as its patent counsel for many years. Since 1984, he also served as a Director and Secretary of both companies - a service, we are told by his family, of which he was most proud. To every role, Joe brought remarkable humility, integrity and wise counsel. On behalf of the shareholders and Board of Directors of both companies, may I say that he will be sincerely missed.

Douglas P. Taylor

NEW DIRECTOR

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Upon the recommendation of the Nominating committee, on July 29, 2005, Reginald B. Newman II was elected to the Board of Directors of the Company to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Gastel, and he is now being proposed as the Board's nominee for election by the shareholders. Mr. Newman holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Northwestern University. Since 1960 he has been employed by NOCO Energy Corp., a retailer of petroleum and other energy related products, and was appointed Chairman in 1998. He currently serves as director of M&T Corporation, Rand Capital Corporation and Dunn Tire Corporation, and is Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the University of Buffalo Foundation, Inc. The State University of New York at Buffalo awarded Mr. Newman the 1997 Executive of the Year Award. In 1998 he received the Walter P. Cooke Award for Notable and Meritorious Service to the University and received the President's Medal award in 2003. Mr. Newman is a former member of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership and served as Chairman from 1996 through 1998.

Item 1.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Each year, those directors comprising one of the three Classes of the Board of Directors of the Company are elected by the shareholders to serve a three-year term. Upon being elected, Mr. Newman will hold office until 2008 or the election and qualification of his successor. The persons named on the enclosed proxy will vote all shares present at the Annual Meeting for the election of the nominee, unless a shareholder, by his or her proxy, directs otherwise. In the event that Mr. Newman is unable to serve as director, proxies will be voted in accordance with the best judgment of the person or persons acting under such authority. Management expects that the nominee will be able to serve.

Nominees and Directors

Certain information regarding Mr. Newman's beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock, as well as information on those directors whose terms of office continue beyond the date of the 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, is set forth below. Unless otherwise indicated, each person has held the position indicated with either the Company or another organization for the past five years, and has sole voting and investment power with respect to the securities beneficially owned. Beneficial ownership includes securities which can be acquired pursuant to currently exercisable options, or options which become exercisable within 60 days of the date of this Proxy Statement.

NOMINEES

Nominee for Class 1 Director

Name	Age	Principal Occupation	First Appointed Director	Number of Shares	% of Class
<u>Term Expiring 2005</u>					
Reginald B. Newman II (1)	68	Chairman of the Board of Directors of NOCO Energy Corp.	2005	10,000	0.3

Class 2 Directors Continuing in Office

Name	Age	Principal Occupation	First Elected Director	Number of Shares	% of Class
<u>Term expiring in 2006</u>					
Donald B. Hofmar	75	Retired January 1, 2005 as President of Bell Mar, Inc.	1991	29,000 (5)	0.9
Richard G. Hill (2)	55	Executive Vice President of the Company	1991	84,993 (4)(5)	2.7

Class 3 Directors Continuing in Office

Name	Age	Principal Occupation	First Elected Director	Number of Shares	% of Class
Term expiring in 2007					
Douglas P. Taylor (2)	57	President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company	1976	34,928 (3)(5)	1.1
Randall L. Clark (6)	62	Chairman of the Board of Directors of Dunn Tire Corporation	1996	20,000 (5)	0.6
All directors and executive officers as a group (6 persons)				180,921 (7)	5.4

- (1) Mr. Newman also serves on the board of directors of M&T Bank Corporation and Rand Capital Corporation, which are publicly traded companies.
- (2) Messrs. Taylor and Hill are brothers in law and both are directors of Tayco Realty Corporation ("Tayco Realty"). Mr. Taylor is also a director of Developments.
- (3) Includes 1,307 shares held beneficially and of record by Sandi Taylor, wife of Douglas P. Taylor. As to all such shares, Mr. Taylor disclaims any beneficial ownership. These shares represent less than 1% of the Company's stock.
- (4) Includes 3,014 shares held beneficially and of record held by Joyce Taylor Hill, wife of Mr. Hill and sister of Douglas P. Taylor, and 656 shares as custodian for their children. As to all such shares, Mr. Hill disclaims any beneficial ownership.
- (5) Includes options granted to directors and officers and which have not been exercised: 15,000 options held by Mr. Clark, 35,000 by the Estate of the late Mr. Gastel, 20,000 by Mr. Hofmar, 20,000 by Mr. Hill, and 10,000 by Mr. Taylor. These options were granted pursuant to the 2001 Taylor Devices, Inc. Stock Option Plan ("2001 Plan").
- (6) Mr. Clark also serves on the board of directors of several other area corporations, including Computer Task Group Inc., which is a publicly traded company.
- (7) Includes an option grant of 2,000 shares to Mark V. McDonough, Chief Financial Officer of the Company.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

In fiscal 2005, the Board of Directors met four times with Mr. Hofmar and Mr. Clark in attendance, including one meeting held on August 22, 2004 attended by the late Joseph P. Gastel. Board members traditionally attend the annual meeting of shareholders. In 2004, all Board members, except for the late Mr. Gastel, attended the annual meeting, notwithstanding that the Company does not have a policy with regard to Board members' attendance. Subsequent to a proposal from the Nominating Committee, the Board of Directors elected Mr. Newman as a member, secretary and committee member to fill the vacancies left by the late Mr. Gastel.

The Executive Committee, between meetings of the Board of Directors and to the extent permitted by law, exercises all of the powers and authority of the Board in the management of the business of the Company. The Executive Committee, comprised of Messrs. Taylor, Hill and the late Mr. Gastel, met once in fiscal 2005, with Messrs. Taylor and Hill in attendance.

The Audit Committee, comprised of Messrs. Hofmar, Clark and the late Mr. Gastel, is governed by a Charter which was adopted by the Board of Directors and subsequently revised on August 22, 2003. The Audit Committee met four times in fiscal 2005 with Messrs. Hofmar and Clark in

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attendance. Mr. Newman has been appointed to the Audit Committee.

The Compensation Committee, comprised of Messrs. Hofmar, Clark and the late Mr. Gastel, was formed to review the compensation of the Company's executive officers, and make recommendations in that regard to the Board, as a whole. The Compensation Committee met once in fiscal 2005 with Messrs. Hofmar and Clark in attendance. Mr. Newman has been appointed to the Compensation Committee.

The Stock Option Committee, comprised of Messrs. Hofmar, Clark and the late Mr. Gastel, administers the Company's Stock Option Plans. The Committee met twice in fiscal 2005 with Messrs. Hofmar and Clark in attendance. Mr. Newman has been appointed to the Stock Option Committee.

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Messrs. Hofmar, Clark and the late Mr. Gastel, is governed by a Nominating Committee Charter adopted by the Board of Directors on February 9, 2005 and attached as Appendix A to this proxy statement. The Nominating Committee met once in fiscal 2005 with Messrs. Hofmar and Clark in attendance.

The Audit Committee Report

The information contained in this Audit Committee Report shall not be deemed to be soliciting material, or deemed to be filed with or incorporated by reference in filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Mr. Newman has been appointed to the Audit Committee. Messrs. Hofmar, Clark and Newman are independent directors within the meaning of Rule 4350(d)(2) of the applicable NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards.

As required by the terms of the Audit Committee Charter, the undersigned members of the Audit Committee have:

1. reviewed and discussed the Company's audited financial statements with management of the Company;
2. reviewed and discussed with the Company's independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as it may be amended or supplemented; and
3. received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent accountants, as required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 ("Independence Discussions with Audit Committees") as may be modified or supplemented, and has discussed with the independent accountant, the independent accountants' independence;

Based on the foregoing, the Audit Committee has recommended to the Company's Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for fiscal 2005 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

Respectfully submitted,

Donald B. Hofmar
Randall L. Clark
Reginald B. Newman II

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Messrs. Clark and Hofmar, are independent directors, within the meaning of Rule 4200(a)(15) of the applicable NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards. The Nominating Committee is governed by the terms of the Nominating Committee Charter and its Attachments (together, the "Charter") in its consideration and selection of nominees proposed for election to the Board of Directors, including those recommended by shareholders. The Charter sets forth criteria which the Nominating Committee believes are necessary for a director of the Company to possess, and provides a description of the procedures to be followed when making a recommendation as to any nominee. So long as the individuals proposed by shareholders meet the required criteria, the Committee will consider such recommendations on the same basis as other candidates. The Charter also describes the Committee's process for identifying and evaluating nominees for director, including those nominated by shareholders. Mr. Newman, Management's proposed nominee for election to the Board of Directors, was recommended by Messrs. Clark and Hofmar, each of whom is a non-management director.

For a complete statement of the criteria and procedures to be followed to propose a candidate to the Committee for consideration as a nominee to the Board of Directors, shareholders should carefully review the copy of the Charter attached to this proxy statement as Appendix A.

Director Compensation

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Each member of the Board of Directors receives a fee of \$2,500 for each Board meeting attended. The Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the meeting receives an additional fee of \$2,250 per meeting for secretarial services.

The Audit Committee meets independently of the Board of Directors not less than four times each year and each director receives a fee of \$1,000 per meeting. The Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the meeting receives an additional fee of \$500 per meeting for secretarial services.

Pursuant to the formula set forth in the 2001 Plan, on April 18, 2005, the fixed date of the grant, each director was granted options to purchase 5,000 shares of the Company's stock. The exercise price on April 18, 2005 was \$2.875, which was the mean between the high and low prices for a share of common stock as quoted by NASDAQ on that date. If there is only one price quoted for the day of the grant, the fair market value shall be such price; and if no such price is quoted for the day of the grant, the fair market value shall be the previous closing price. In the event that no previous closing price is available, then the fair market value of one share of Common Stock on the day the option is granted shall be determined by the Committee or by the Board. The mean between the high and the low prices of the stock on August 2, 2005 was \$3.030 per share.

Current Directors and Officers

For information concerning Messrs. Taylor, Hill, Hofmar, Clark and Newman, see "Election of Directors- Nominees and Directors" above.

Mark V. McDonough, (45), has served as Chief Financial Officer of the Company and as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of Developments since 2003. Until he joined the Company, Mr. McDonough served as Director of Finance at Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics, Inc. Prior to that time, he had been employed as Corporate Controller with International Motion Control, Inc. Both are manufacturing companies in the Western New York region.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Based solely on a review of Forms 3 and 4 furnished to the Company during its most recent fiscal year, and written representations from the Company's directors and executive officers that no Form 5 is required, all reporting persons filed the required Forms on a timely basis.

Code of Ethics

The Company has adopted a Code of Ethics (the "Code") which is a compilation of written standards reasonably designed to deter wrongdoing and promote honest and ethical conduct. Code requirements include, among others, the preparation of full, fair, timely and understandable disclosure in documents that the Company files with and submits to the Securities Exchange Commission; compliance with governmental laws, rules and regulations; prompt internal reporting of violations to the Code; and accountability for adherence to the Code.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following table sets forth certain information concerning compensation of and stock options held by the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. No other executive officer has compensation which exceeds \$100,000 annually in salary and bonus.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name / Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Annual Compensation			Long-term Compensation Awards
		Salary (1)	Bonus	Other Annual Compensation (3)	Number of Underlying Options Sars (2)
Douglas P. Taylor Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer	2005	\$187,699	\$ 514	\$ 54,169	5,000
	2004	\$184,995	\$ 648	\$ 39,866	5,000
	2003	\$184,995	\$ 599	\$ 49,336	5,000
Richard G. Hill Executive Vice President	2005	\$147,116	\$ 338	\$ 30,777	5,000
	2004	\$144,997	\$ 421	\$ 41,861	5,000
	2003	\$144,997	\$ 384	\$ 50,200	5,000

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Mark V. McDonough	2005	\$ 98,345	\$ 25	\$ 34,187	2,000
Chief Financial Officer	2004	\$ 85,789	\$ 16	\$ 12,631	2,000

- (1) Automotive vehicles owned by the Company are made available to the President and Executive Vice President named above and use of such vehicles is not limited to business purposes. The value of any personal economic benefit associated with such use cannot reasonably be determined by the Company.
- (2) Pursuant to the terms of the 2001 Plan, incentive options were granted to Messrs. Taylor and Hill on April 18, 2004 at an option price of \$2.250 per share. An incentive option was granted to Mr. McDonough on August 5, 2004 at an option price of \$2.070 per share. The option price is the mean between the high and low prices for a share of Common Stock as quoted by NASDAQ on this date.
- (3) Other compensation, as paid and accrued to the above named executive officers, is as follows:

	Director Fees	Director Bonus	Affiliate Mgm't Incentive	Auto Allowance	401(k) / Stock Purchase Plan	Stock Options Exercised	Total
Douglas P. Taylor:							
Fiscal 5/31/05	\$ 7,500	\$ 200	\$19,464	\$2,880	\$ 925	\$41,750	\$54,169
Fiscal 5/31/04	\$ 7,500	\$1,000	\$27,771	\$2,640	\$ 955	\$ -	\$39,866
Fiscal 5/31/03	\$11,000	\$1,000	\$33,477	\$2,880	\$ 979	\$ -	\$49,336
Richard G. Hill:							
Fiscal 5/31/05	\$ 7,500	\$ 200	\$18,630	\$2,880	\$1,567	\$ -	\$30,777
Fiscal 5/31/04	\$ 7,500	\$1,000	\$26,219	\$2,640	\$4,502	\$ -	\$41,861
Fiscal 5/31/03	\$11,000	\$1,000	\$30,724	\$2,880	\$4,596	\$ -	\$50,200
Mark V. McDonough:							
Fiscal 5/31/05	\$ -	\$ 500	\$12,000	\$ -	\$ 827	\$20,860	\$34,187
Fiscal 5/31/04	\$ -	\$ 100	\$12,000	\$ -	\$ 531	\$ -	\$12,631

**OPTION/SAR GRANTS
IN FISCAL YEAR MAY 31, 2005**

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Options Granted (1)	Individual Grants			Potential Realizable Value at Assumed Annual Rates of Stock Price Appreciation for Option Term		Grant Date Present Value (2)
		Percent of Total Options Granted Employees in FY05	Exercise Price	Expiration Date	5%	10%	
Douglas P. Taylor, Chairman, President and CEO	5,000	24%	\$2.875	4/18/15	\$9,040	\$22,910	\$13,022
Richard G. Hill, Vice President	5,000	24%	\$2.875	4/18/15	\$9,040	\$22,910	\$13,022
Mark V. McDonough Chief Financial Officer	2,000	10%	\$2.070	8/05/14	\$2,604	\$ 6,598	\$ 3,347

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(1) Incentive stock options were granted to non-directors on August 5, 2004 pursuant to the 2001 Plan.

(2) The Black Scholes option valuation model was used to estimate the grant date present value of each option at August 5, 2004 at \$1.67 and at April 18, 2005 at \$2.60.

**AGGREGATED OPTION/SAR EXERCISES
IN LAST FISCAL YEAR AND
YEAR END OPTION/SAR VALUES
5/31/05**

Name	Number of Shares Acquired On Exercise	Value Realized	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options at Fiscal Year End Exercisable (E) Unexercisable (U)	Value of Unexercised In-the- Money Options at Fiscal Year End Exercisable (E) Unexercisable (U) (1)
Douglas P. Taylor Chairman, President and CEO	10,000	\$41,750	10,000 (E)	-
Richard G. Hill Executive Vice President	-	-	20,000 (E)	\$5,450
Mark V. McDonough Chief Financial Officer	4,000	\$20,860	-	-

(1) Value is the difference between the market value of the Company's Common Stock on May 31, 2005 of \$2.865 and the exercise price for the options.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table sets forth information regarding equity compensation plans of the Company as of May 31, 2005.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants, and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders			
1994 Stock Option Plan	4,222	\$4.46	-
	40,000	\$4.13	-

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1998 Stock Option Plan	66,000	\$2.99	22,500
	-	-	250,915
2001 Stock Option Plan			
2004 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (1)			
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	none		
Total	110,222		273,415

(1) As of May 31, 2005, 250,915 shares were available for issuance through an employee stock purchase plan. Eligible employees may purchase shares at fair market value through payroll deductions. The Company may contribute a specified percentage of the employees' contribution based on the length of time the eligible employee has been an employee of the Company.

Employment Agreements

As of December 1, 2000, Messrs. Taylor and Hill (each, an "Executive") entered into Employment Agreements with the Company (together, the "Agreements"). The Agreements provide that, each year, the term will be for three years going forward (the "Term"). Under the Agreements, Messrs. Taylor and Hill are entitled to receive base salaries of not less than \$174,000 per year and \$138,000, respectively, together with such employee benefits and perquisites as were available to them immediately prior to December 1, 2000. Should the Executive voluntarily resign, the Company may, in the discretion of the Board, pay the Executive a severance payment which the Board may determine at the time. The Company retains the right to terminate each Executive for "Cause", without compensation. "Cause" is defined to include personal dishonesty, incompetence, willful misconduct, any breach of fiduciary duty involving personal profit, intentional failure to perform stated duties, willful violation of law, or willful material breach of the Agreement. If the Company terminates either Executive without cause, or if either Executive resigns because the Company has failed to appoint him to the office he currently holds, or makes any material change in his functions, duties, or responsibilities, then the terminated Executive is entitled to a payment equal to the greater of the payments due him for the remaining Term or 1.2 times the average of his three preceding years' cash compensation plus contributions to employee benefit plans. In the event of a "Change of Control," as defined in the Agreements, followed by termination of the Executive's employment, the Company has agreed to pay each Executive a sum equal to the greater of the payments due him for the remaining Term, or 2.99 times the average of the five preceding years' cash compensation plus contributions to employee benefit plans. If an Executive voluntarily terminates his employment when there has not been a Change in Control, then the Agreements provide that the Executive will not compete with the Company for a period of one year in any city, town or county where the Company's principal office is located.

Indemnification Insurance for Directors and Officers

On August 24, 2005, the Company purchased a director and officer indemnification insurance policy written by the Illinois National Insurance Company through the American International Group. The renewal was for a one year period at an annual premium of \$63,660. The policy provides indemnification benefits and the payment of expenses in actions instituted against any director or officer of the Company for claimed liability arising out of his conduct in such capacities. No payments or claims for indemnification or expenses have been made under any directors and officers' insurance policies purchased by the Company.

The Company has entered into Indemnity Agreements with its directors and certain officers. Although the New York Business Corporation Law (the "BCL") and the By-laws authorize the Company to indemnify directors and officers, they do not require the directors and officers to be indemnified during the pendency of litigation or specify the times at which the Company is obligated to reimburse an indemnified person for expenses. The Indemnity Agreements provide that the Company will advance litigation expenses to the person indemnified while the action is pending, upon the indemnified person's assurance (as required by the BCL) that the advance will be returned if the indemnified person is ultimately found not to be entitled to it.

Item 2.

APPROVAL OF 2005 TAYLOR DEVICES, INC. STOCK OPTION PLAN

The 2005 Taylor Devices, Inc. Stock Option Plan ("2005 Plan") provides for the grant of options to purchase common stock in the Company to certain employees of the Company as well as to the Company's directors. The employees will be selected by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, which is comprised of two or more Directors, appointed by the Board, selected from those directors who

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are not employees of the Company ("Committee"). The current Compensation Committee members are Messrs. Clark, Newman and Hofmar. If shareholders at the Annual Meeting adopt the 2005 Plan, the Committee will remain the same. Committee members are eligible to participate in the 2005 Plan on a restricted basis pursuant to a predetermined formula.

The Committee is authorized to designate an option as either an "Incentive Stock Option" or a "Non-Qualified Stock Option" under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"). If the 2005 Plan is approved by the shareholders, a maximum of 140,000 shares of common stock will be reserved for the grant of options.

Incentive Stock Options to purchase 5,000 shares of common stock will be granted annually to each employee-Director, and Non-Qualified Stock Options to purchase 5,000 shares of common stock will be granted annually to each non-employee Director, on April 18 of each year that the 2005 Plan is in effect, commencing April 18, 2006. No additional options may be granted to such individuals, absent an amendment to the 2005 Plan, which amendment must be approved by the shareholders. If the President of the Company determines, in his sole discretion, that on such date that the Company is in possession of material non public information concerning the Company's business, the grant shall be delayed until the third day following publication of such information, or the date of the event which renders such information immaterial.

The option price shall be 100% of the fair market value of each share of common stock on the date the option is granted. If an Incentive Stock Option is granted to an individual owning (directly or indirectly) more than 10% of the total combined voting power of outstanding common stock of the Company, the purchase price per share shall be 110% of the fair market value of the stock at the date of grant, and the option, by its terms, will not be exercisable more than five years from the date of grant.

For purposes of the 2005 Plan, "fair market value" is the mean between the high and low prices for a share of common stock, as quoted by the NASDAQ system for the date of grant. If no such price is quoted for such date, the fair market value shall be determined by reference to the previous closing price. In the event no closing price is available, then the fair market value of one share of common stock on the date the option is granted shall be determined by the Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Options granted under the 2005 Plan shall terminate on the date determined by the Committee and specified in the option agreement which will accompany each grant of an option, but, in any event, not later than 10 years after the date of grant (or five years in the case of an option granted to a more than ten percent shareholder). An option held by an individual whose employment is terminated shall terminate (1) if the option holder's employment is terminated due to becoming permanently and totally disabled, one year after the date of termination of employment (in the case of Incentive Stock Options) and upon the expiration date (in the case of Non-Qualified Stock Options); (2) if the option holder's employment is terminated due to death or who dies within three months after termination of employment (a) in the case of an Incentive Stock Option, one year after the date of termination of employment, and (b) in the case of a Non-Qualified Option, within one year from the date of the Optionee's death; (3) immediately, if employment is terminated for cause, unless some other expiration date is fixed by the Committee; or (4) three months after the date employment terminates for any other reason (in the case of Incentive Stock Options), or (in the case of Non-Qualified Stock Options) 18 months after employment terminates or such other date as the Committee may fix. Whether an authorized leave of absence for military or governmental service constitutes termination of employment for purposes of the 2005 Plan shall be determined by the Committee. In no event, however, shall any option be exercisable after its expiration date.

No option granted under the 2005 Plan is assignable or transferable, other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution; during the lifetime of the optionee, the option shall be exercisable only by the optionee.

The full text of the 2005 Plan is annexed as Appendix B.

Accounting Treatment

Current accounting standards permit, but do not require, the Company to treat the grant or exercise of an option as a charge against earnings. The Company intends to treat the exercise (but not the grant) of an option as a charge against earnings. Commencing June 1, 2006, SEC Regulations will require the Company to treat an option grant as a charge against earnings.

Tax Treatment

The Company is advised by counsel that, under the present provisions of the Code and Code regulations, the federal income tax treatment of stock options under the 2005 Plan will depend upon whether the option is (1) an Incentive Stock Option intended to qualify under Section 422 of the Code or (2) a Non-Qualified Stock Option (all other options).

The federal income tax consequences described in this section are based on laws and regulations in effect on August 26, 2005, and there is no assurance that the laws and regulations will not change in the future and affect the tax consequences of the matters discussed in this section. Optionees also may be subject to additional taxes under state tax laws which may differ from the applicable federal income tax laws described in this section.

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Incentive Stock Options. Generally, no taxable income is recognized by an employee upon the grant or exercise of an Incentive Stock Option. If common stock acquired pursuant to the exercise of an Incentive Stock Option is (i) held by the employee for at least two years from the date of grant and at least one year from the date the common stock is transferred to that employee, and, (ii) that employee remains employed by the Company at all times from the date of grant of the option until three months before the date of exercise (or one year before the date of exercise in the case of a disabled employee or three months before death in the case of a deceased employee), the employee will not recognize income for regular tax purposes upon the exercise of the option. However, exercise of an Incentive Stock Option may result in recognition of income for alternative minimum tax purposes. Neither the grant nor exercise of an Incentive Stock Option, nor any gain derived from the disposition of stock acquired by the exercise of an Incentive Stock Option will constitute taxable "wages" for Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) and Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) purposes.

Upon the later disposition of the common stock, the employee will recognize long-term capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the sales price and the purchase price. Under these circumstances, the Company will not receive a tax deduction at the time of either exercise or disposition. If the common stock acquired pursuant to the exercise of an Incentive Stock Option is not held by the employee for the time periods indicated above or otherwise fails to qualify, the option will be treated as a Non-Qualified Stock Option and the disposition will be subject to the income tax treatment described below under "Non-Qualified Stock Options".

The Committee may, in its discretion, grant options that expire later than three months after termination of employment. Options exercised later than three months after termination of employment (except in the case of disability of the employee or death of the employee within three months of termination, in which case the applicable period is one year) will be treated for income tax purposes as Non-Qualified Stock Options.

The amount by which the fair market value of the common stock on the exercise date of an Incentive Stock Option exceeds the purchase price will be an item of "tax preference" for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Non-Qualified Stock Options. Unlike an Incentive Stock Option, the exercise of a Non-Qualified Stock Option results in the recognition of income for tax purposes which is subject to income tax withholding and may be subject to FICA tax withholding. However, the exercise of a Non-Qualified Stock Option does not result in an item of "tax preference" for purposes of the federal alternative minimum income tax.

Upon exercise of a Non-Qualified Stock Option, an optionee will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the common stock over the option price on the date of exercise. A person subject to the "short-swing profit rule" of Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (a "Reporting Person") will not recognize ordinary income under the foregoing sentence for so long as the sale of the stock at a profit would subject such Reporting Person to suit under the short swing profit rule.

To the Company. In general, the Company will be entitled to a deduction (subject to any general limitations) in connection with awards under the Plan only at such time, and in such amount, as optionees recognize ordinary income in connection with the awards. Thus, in the case of an Incentive Stock Option, assuming there is no disqualifying disposition, the Company will not be entitled to a deduction because the optionees will not recognize ordinary income. If there is a disqualifying disposition, the optionee shall recognize ordinary income and the Company will therefore be entitled to claim the available deduction. In addition, when exercise of a Non-Qualified Stock Option results in ordinary income to the optionee, the Company will be entitled to claim the available deduction.

Gain and Loss. If common stock acquired through the exercise of an Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Qualified Stock Option is sold, the optionee will generally recognize capital gain (or loss) equal to the amount by which the proceeds of sale exceed (or are less than) the optionee's basis in that common stock. For purposes of computing gain, the optionee's basis in the common stock will generally be its option price plus the amount of ordinary income recognized by the optionee (if any) upon exercise of the option. The gain (or loss) will be long term if the common stock acquired under the 2005 Plan has been held for more than 12 months.

If an optionee pays part or all of the exercise price of an Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Qualified Stock Option by surrendering previously acquired Company common stock, then such optionee's tax basis (and capital gains holding period) in the surrendered shares carries over to an equivalent number of shares purchased by exercise of the Option. If the optionee uses stock previously acquired as Incentive Stock Option stock for purposes of paying for stock in a later exercise but prior to the expiration of the required holding period for the Incentive Stock Option stock, such exchange will be treated as a disqualifying disposition of such previously acquired stock. In such a case, the basis of the exchanged shares is equal to the basis of the previously acquired stock used to exercise the option plus the additional compensation recognized by the optionee by reason of the disqualifying disposition. Any option shares acquired for consideration other than the exchange of the previously acquired stock will have a basis equal to the amount paid to exercise the option.

Stock Characteristics

The common stock to be issued or transferred pursuant to the 2005 Plan will be stock which will be made available, at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company, either from authorized but unissued shares, or from shares reacquired by the Company, including shares purchased on the open market. Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of options under the 2005 Plan by a Reporting Person shall not be sold or transferred for at least six months after the date of grant.

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No preemptive rights are applicable to the shares covered by the 2005 Plan. The cash proceeds to be received by the Company upon exercise of the options will be used for general corporate purposes.

On September 23, 2005, there were 121,972 options outstanding under the Taylor Devices, Inc. 2001 Stock Option Plan, 80,054 options had been exercised, and 10,750 options remained available for grant. The options under the 2005 Plan will be in addition to options available under the 2001 Plan. The Company intends to grant the remaining options under the 2001 Plan to eligible employees during the fiscal year ending May 31, 2006.

Resolution

In order to adopt the 2005 Plan, Shareholders are requested to approve and adopt the following resolution at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders:

RESOLVED, that the 2005 Taylor Devices, Inc. Stock Option Plan, attached as Appendix B to the Company's Proxy Statement and furnished to Shareholders in connection with the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company held on November 11, 2005, be, and hereby is, approved and adopted.

If approved and adopted, the 2005 Plan will become effective on the date of adoption by Shareholders.

Management recommends a vote "FOR" Item 2.

EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

The Company adopted an Employee Stock Purchase Plan in 2002. As of September 23, 2005, there are 250,915 shares available for distribution to qualified employees. The Company also provides a 401(k) plan.

TRANSACTIONS WITH MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS

The Company leases a portion of the property for its operations from its affiliate, Tayco Realty, Inc. ("Tayco Realty"), pursuant to the terms of a lease which expires October 31, 2005. Rental payments by the Company for fiscal 2005 totaled \$159,600. The total rent paid by the Company is determined by a base rate of \$10.64 per square foot and is subject to adjustment for increases in taxes, maintenance costs and for utilization of additional space by the Company. The Company also pays for certain expenses incurred for the operation of the facility. Developments owns approximately 42% of Tayco Realty, with 58% owned by the Company.

In connection with the financing arrangements, as of November 1, 1994, the Company entered into a Series Lease with the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency. Subsequently, pursuant to the Lease Agreement dated July 1, 2000 (the "Sublease") between the Company and Developments, the Company subleases approximately 800 square feet of office and research and development space located at 100 Taylor Drive, North Tonawanda, to Developments at a base annual rental of \$12,000. The rate of any rental increase may not exceed 10% annually and may be waived by both parties in writing. The Sublease automatically renews on each anniversary of its commencement date, unless either party gives three months' written notice to the other of termination. The Sublease provides that on April 1 of each year, management of both companies will review the agreement to determine possible increases for expenses due to increased taxes, maintenance costs, or for additional space utilized by Developments. In fiscal 2005, the Company received total rental payments of \$12,000 from Developments.

Under a License Agreement ("License Agreement") dated November 1, 1959, between the Company and Developments, the Company was granted preferential rights to market, in the United States and Canada, all existing and future inventions and patents developed by Developments. The term of this License Agreement is the life of the last-to-expire patent on which the Company is paying royalties, which is the year 2021. During the life of each patent, the Company records a royalty, payable to Developments, equal to five percent of sales value of patented items sold and shipped. The Company incurred royalty charges from Developments of \$165,000 and \$322,000 in the years ended May 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Under the License Agreement, payments of royalties are required to be made quarterly. In connection with past arrearages which had accrued for royalties payable to Developments, the Company has been making payments to Developments pursuant to promissory notes, the most recent of which is in the amount of \$583,296, dated June 1, 2005. Royalties owed by the Company to Developments during the 2005 fiscal year are current.

The License Agreement also provides for Developments to pay the Company 10% of the gross royalties received from third parties who are permitted to make, use and sell machinery and equipment under patents not subject to the License Agreement, as well as on apparatus and equipment subject to the License Agreement but modified by the Company, with rights to such modification having been assigned to Developments. No royalties were received in the year ended May 31, 2005. Royalties, if any, are paid quarterly.

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Although the Company and Developments share common management and a close business relationship, as separate corporations responsible to their own shareholders, interests may diverge regarding development and licensing of future inventions and patents. In that case, Developments would be permitted to license future inventions and patents to parties other than the Company, rendering the Company's option on future inventions and patents under its License Agreement only minimally beneficial.

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors, on recommendation of the Audit Committee, has selected Lumsden & McCormick, LLP to continue as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for fiscal year 2006. A representative of Lumsden & McCormick, LLP will attend the 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. This representative will be available to respond to appropriate questions and will be given the opportunity to make a statement if they so desire.

The Audit Committee of the Company approves all professional services, including tax related services, provided to the Company by Lumsden & McCormick, LLP. With regard to "Audit and Audit-Related" services, the Committee reviews the annual audit plan and approves the estimated audit budget in advance. The aggregate fees billed by Lumsden & McCormick, LLP for professional services to the Company were \$74,500 and \$85,000 for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2005 and 2004.

Audit Fees

The aggregate fees billed by Lumsden & McCormick, LLP for professional services rendered in connection with the audit of the Company's annual financial statements, the review of the Company's quarterly financial statements and services that are normally provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements were \$70,500 and \$66,000 for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2005 and 2004.

Audit-Related Fees

The aggregate fees billed by Lumsden & McCormick, LLP for professional assurance and related services reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the Company's financial statements, but not included under Audit Fees, were zero and \$4,500 for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2005 and 2004.

Tax Fees

The aggregate fees billed by Lumsden & McCormick, LLP for professional services for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning were \$4,000 and \$14,500 for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2005 and 2004.

All Other Fees

None.

Pre-approval Policies and Procedures

The Audit Committee has adopted a policy that requires advance approval of all audit, audit-related, tax services, and other services performed by the independent auditor. The policy provides for pre-approval by the Audit Committee of specifically defined audit and non-audit services. Unless the specific service has been previously pre-approved with respect to that year, the Audit Committee must approve the permitted service before the independent auditor is engaged to perform it.

SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS AND PROPOSALS

Although the Board of Directors does not have a formal procedure for shareholders to send communications to the Board of Directors, a shareholder may communicate with the Company at its website at www.taylordevices.com/Investors.htm. The Company will relay communications to specified individual directors if an express request to do so is included in the shareholder communication.

Proposals of shareholders intended to be presented to the year 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders must be received by the Secretary of the Company prior to June 1, 2006 for inclusion in the Proxy Statement and form of proxy. Shareholders wishing to propose a matter for consideration at the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders must follow certain specified advance notice procedures set forth in the Company's By Laws, a copy of which is available upon written request to: Reginald B. Newman II, Secretary, Taylor Devices, Inc., 90 Taylor Drive, P.O. Box 748, North Tonawanda, New York 14120 0748.

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The By Laws designate procedures for the calling and conduct of a meeting of shareholders, including, but not limited to, specifying who may call the meeting, what business may be conducted, the procedures with respect to the making of shareholder proposals, and the procedures and requirements for shareholder nomination of directors.

The Company will provide without charge, on the written request of any person from whom a proxy is solicited, on the written request of such person, a copy of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2005. A written request should be addressed to Kathleen A. Nicosia, Shareholder Relations Manager, 90 Taylor Drive, North Tonawanda, New York 14120-0748.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Company are contained in the Company's 2005 Annual Report which accompanies this Proxy Statement.

OTHER MATTERS

Voting

Under the Business Corporation Law of New York ("BCL") and the Company's By Laws, the presence, in person or by proxy, of a majority of the outstanding common shares is necessary to constitute a quorum of the shareholders to take action at the Annual Meeting. The shares which are present or represented by a proxy will be counted for quorum purposes regardless of whether or not a broker with discretionary authority fails to exercise discretionary voting authority with respect to any particular matter.

Directors standing for election must be elected by a plurality of votes cast at the Annual Meeting and elected to their class terms. The 2005 Taylor Devices, Inc. Stock Option Plan must be approved by a majority of affirmative votes cast at the Annual Meeting by shareholders entitled to vote. "Other business," if properly brought before the meeting, must be adopted by a majority of affirmative votes cast at the meeting.

For voting purposes, all proxies marked "for", "against", "abstain", or "withhold authority" will be counted in accordance with such instruction as to each item. In no event will an abstention be counted as a vote cast. No broker non votes will be counted for any item.

Expenses

The expenses of this solicitation, including the costs of preparing and mailing this Proxy Statement and accompanying material, will be borne by the Company. The Company has retained the services of Regan & Associates, Inc. to assist in the solicitation of proxies under a contract providing for payment of \$3,500, plus reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses. In addition to solicitations by mail, Regan & Associates, Inc. and regular employees of the Company may solicit proxies in person, by mail or by telephone, but no employee of the Company will receive any compensation for solicitation activities in addition to his or her regular compensation. Expenses may also include the charges and expenses of brokerage houses, nominees, custodians and fiduciaries for forwarding proxies and proxy materials to beneficial owners of shares.

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. If any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy to vote on such matters in accordance with their judgment.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ Reginald B. Newman II

Reginald B. Newman II
Secretary

Dated: September 27, 2005
North Tonawanda, New York

Appendix A

TAYLOR DEVICES, INC.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHARTER

The Nominating Committee of Taylor Devices, Inc. shall be a standing committee of the Board of Directors; and shall be comprised of not fewer than three members of the Board, all of whom shall be "independent" within the meaning of applicable NASD listing standards. Such standards are set forth on Attachment A, "Director Independence Standards," and may be revised from time to time.

In its consideration and selection of nominees proposed for election to the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee shall at all times be governed by the "Director Nominating Process and Policy," attached as Attachment B; and shall take into account the qualifications set forth on Attachment C, "Director Qualification Criteria."

The Nominating Committee shall consider recommendations for director nominees made by shareholders (including self-nominees) on the same basis as other candidates, so long as the individuals proposed by shareholders meet Taylor's Director Qualification Criteria, and each submission is accompanied by the information required in paragraph 4 of Attachment B.

Shareholder recommendations for director nominees may be made in writing c/o the Corporate Secretary's Office, at the address shown on Attachment D, "Shareholder Communications with the Board," or electronically at Taylor's internet web site.

Attachment A - *Director Independence Standards*

Attachment B - *Director Nominating Process and Policy*

Attachment C - *Director Qualification Criteria*

Attachment D - *Shareholder Communications with the Board*

Approved by the Board of Directors
of Taylor Devices, Inc. on
February 9, 2005

ATTACHMENT A

Taylor Devices, Inc. Director Independence Standards

The Board of Directors of Taylor Devices, Inc. has adopted Director Independence Standards to assist in its determination of director independence. To be considered "independent" for purposes of these standards, the Board must determine that the director has no material relationship with Taylor, other than as a director, that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. In each case, the Board will broadly consider all relevant facts and circumstances and will apply the following standards, based on the independence standards established by the NASD:

1. A director will not be considered "independent" if the following conditions are present:
 - ◆ The director is, or at any time during the past three years, was employed by Taylor or by any parent or subsidiary of Taylor;
 - ◆ The director, or a Family Member of the director, accepted any payments from Taylor or any parent or subsidiary of Taylor in excess of \$60,000 during the current or any of the past three fiscal years, other than compensation for Board or Board committee service; payments arising solely from investments in Taylor's securities; compensation paid to a family member who is a non-executive employee of Taylor; benefits under a tax-qualified retirement plan or non-discretionary spending; or certain loans permitted under Section 13(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;
 - ◆ The director is a Family Member of an individual who is, or at any time during the past three years was, employed by Taylor or by any parent or subsidiary of Taylor as an executive officer;
 - ◆ The director, or a Family Member of the director, is a partner in, or a controlling shareholder or an executive officer of, any organization to which Taylor made, or from which Taylor received, payments (other than payments arising solely from investments in Taylor's securities or payments under non-discretionary charitable contribution matching programs) for property or services in the current or any of the past three fiscal years that exceed 5% of the recipient's consolidated gross revenues for that year, or \$200,000, whichever is more;
 - ◆ The director, or a Family Member of the Director, was employed as an executive officer of another entity where at any time during the past three years any of Taylor's present executives serve on that entity's compensation

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committee; or

- ◆ The director, or a Family Member of the Director, is a current partner or employee of Taylor's outside auditor or worked on Taylor's audit at any time during any of the past three years.

2. For purposes of these standards, a "Family Member" includes a person's spouse, parents, children, and siblings, whether by blood, marriage or adoption, or anyone residing in such person's home.

ATTACHMENT B

Taylor Devices, Inc. Director Nominating Process and Policy

The following is the process and policy that the Nominating Committee of Taylor shall follow when selecting nominees for director to the Board of Directors of the Company.

1. The Committee shall utilize the Director Qualification Criteria established by the Committee to select the most qualified candidates.
2. The Committee shall solicit candidate recommendations from Committee members, other Directors and management.
3. The Committee may engage the services of search firms and advisors to help the Committee identify and screen potential director nominees.
4. The Committee shall consider recommendations for director nominees made by shareholders and other sources (including self-nominees) if these individuals meet the Director Qualification Criteria. For consideration by the Committee, the submission must be sent to the Corporate Secretary's Office and shall include a detailed background of the suggested candidate demonstrating how the individual meets the Director Qualification Criteria. If a candidate proposed by a shareholder or other source meets the Director Qualification Criteria, the individual will be considered on the same basis as other candidates.
5. The Committee shall assess the Board's current and anticipated strengths and needs based upon the Board's current profile and Taylor's current and future needs. The Committee should select candidates so that the Board has an appropriate balance of expertise or experience in accounting and finance, technology, management, international business outside of the United States, compensation, corporate governance, strategy, industry knowledge and general business matters.
6. The Committee shall screen the slate of director candidates to identify the individuals who best fit the Director Qualification Criteria and the Committee's assessment of the Board's needs.
7. During the selection process, the Committee shall seek inclusion and diversity within the Board and adhere to Taylor's policy of maintaining an environment free from discrimination based upon race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual preference or orientation, marital status or any other unlawful factor.
8. Prior to nomination of a new director, the Committee may retain an advisor to check the references and background on the candidate. In addition, the Committee will follow other prudent practices prior to nomination, such as interviews of the potential nominee with Board members and senior management.
9. Based upon the results of the foregoing, the Committee shall (a) recommend for election by the Board, a candidate to fill a vacancy or a newly created directorship, or (b) for each annual meeting, recommend for nomination by the Board a slate of directors for the election by shareholders.

ATTACHMENT C

Taylor Devices, Inc. Director Qualification Criteria

Taylor Devices, Inc. strives to have a Board of Directors consisting of members who will work diligently to promote the long-term interests of the Taylor and its shareholders. Taylor's Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors will take into account the following criteria when

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determining the qualifications of a candidate for director.

10. **INTEGRITY.** Directors should have the highest level of integrity and ethical character and share Taylor's values.
11. **REPUTATION.** Directors should have reputations, both personal and professional, consisting with Taylor's image and reputation.
12. **JUDGMENT.** Directors should have the ability to exercise sound business judgment on a broad range of issues.
13. **KNOWLEDGE.** Directors should be financially literate and have a sound understanding of business strategy, business environment, corporate governance and board operations.
14. **INDEPENDENCE.** Directors who are not current or former management should meet the Director Independence Standards. In addition, directors should be independent in their thought and judgment so that they represent the long-term interests of all shareholders of Taylor.
15. **EXPERIENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.** Directors should have significant experience, and proven performance in professional endeavors. In particular, directors should have experience as a CEO, COO, CFO, or other high level business or leadership position in companies, government, educational or other non-profit institutions.
16. **BOARD INTERACTION.** Directors should value board and team performance over individual performance, demonstrate respect for others and facilitate superior board performance. Directors should be actively involved in the Board and its decision-making.
17. **COMMITMENT.** Directors should be able and willing to devote the required amount of time to Taylor's affairs, including preparing for and attending meetings of the Board and its committees. Other board memberships, current occupation, meeting attendance and preparedness at meetings should be taken into consideration.
18. **SKILLS.** Directors should have expertise in one or more of the following areas: accounting and finance, technology, management, international business outside of the United States, compensation, corporate governance, strategy, industry knowledge and general business matters.
19. **LONG-TERM COMMITMENT.** Directors should have the ability and commitment to serve on the Board for an extended period.

ATTACHMENT D

Taylor Devices, Inc. Shareholder Communications with the Board

Shareholders of Taylor Devices, Inc. may communicate with the Board of Directors or individual directors through the Corporate Secretary's Office of Taylor, as follows:

Taylor Devices, Inc.
Corporate Secretary
90 Taylor Drive
PO Box 748
North Tonawanda, New York 14120-0748

Shareholder communications received by the Corporate Secretary's Office shall be handled in the following manner:

20. Shareholder communications will be reviewed by the Corporate Secretary's Office to determine the appropriate action.
21. Any communications that (a) allege or report misconduct or fiscal improprieties, (b) raise issues about internal accounting controls or other accounting or audit matters, or (c) raise concerns about other significant matters will be directed to the Chairman of the Audit Committee.
22. If a shareholder communication requests information about Taylor, the Board, or any individual director, and the request can be answered with information that can be shared publicly, the Corporate Secretary's Office may respond without notifying the directors.

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23. If a shareholder communication makes a recommendation for a director nominee to Taylor's Board of Directors, the Corporate Secretary's Office will forward the recommendation and supporting information to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
24. If a shareholder communication is of another nature, the Corporate Secretary's Office will determine if a response is appropriate and can be made by Taylor. If a response is appropriate, the Company may respond directly on behalf of the Board or any of the directors.
25. The Corporate Secretary's Office will periodically provide the Chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the Audit Committee, or the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, as appropriate, with information about the number and types of shareholder communications received, the number of responses sent, and the disposition, if applicable.
26. Copies of shareholder communications shall be provided to any director upon the director's request. If a director requests that all shareholder communications sent to the director care of the Company be forwarded to him, the Corporate Secretary's Office shall promptly forward all such communications to the director.
27. The Corporate Secretary's Office will keep copies of all shareholder communications for a period of time consistent with Taylor's records retention policy.
28. Taylor does not guarantee the confidentiality of any communication from shareholders.

Appendix B

TAYLOR DEVICES, INC.

TEXT OF THE 2005 TAYLOR DEVICES, INC. STOCK OPTION PLAN AS PROPOSED

1. PURPOSES OF THE PLAN

The purpose of the Taylor Devices, Inc. 2005 Stock Option Plan is to provide a method by which those employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries who are largely responsible for the management, growth, and protection of the business, and who are making and can continue to make substantial contributions to the success of the business, may be encouraged to acquire a larger stock ownership in the Company thus increasing their proprietary interest in the business, providing them with greater incentive for their continued employment, and promoting the interests of the Company and all its shareholders. Accordingly, the Company will, from time to time during the term of the Plan, grant to such employees as may be selected in the manner provided in the Plan, options to purchase shares of Common Stock of the Company subject to the conditions provided in the Plan.

2. DEFINITIONS

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms have the meanings set forth below.

- (a) "Board of Directors" or "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (b) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- (c) "Committee" means the Compensation Committee of the Company as described in Section 3 of the Plan.
- (d) "Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company, \$0.025 par value.
- (e) "Company" means Taylor Devices, Inc., a New York corporation with its principal place of business at 90 Taylor Drive, North Tonawanda, New York.

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- (f) "Grant Date" as used with respect to a particular Option, means the date as of which such Option is granted by the Board or Committee pursuant to the Plan.
- (g) "Incentive Stock Option" means an Option that qualifies as an Incentive Stock Option as described in Section 422 of the Code.
- (h) "Non-Qualified Stock Option" means any Option granted under the Plan other than an Incentive Stock Option.
- (i) "Option" means an option granted pursuant to Section 5 of the Plan to purchase shares of Common Stock and which shall be designated as either an Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Qualified Stock Option.
- (j) "Optionee" means an individual to whom an Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Qualified Stock Option is granted pursuant to the Plan.
- (k) "Permanent and Total Disability," as applied to an Optionee, means that the Optionee has (1) established to the satisfaction of the Company that the Optionee is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve months, all within the meaning of Section 22(e)(3) of the Code, and (2) satisfied any requirement imposed by the Committee.
- (l) "Plan" means the Taylor Devices, Inc. 2005 Stock Option Plan as set forth herein and as may be amended from time to time.
- (m) "Subsidiary" means any stock corporation of which a majority of the voting common or capital stock is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company and any company designated as such by the Committee, but only during the period of such ownership or designation.

3. ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN

- (a) The Plan shall be administered by the Committee, which shall be composed of two or more Directors who are appointed by the Board of Directors and selected from those Directors who are not employees of the Company or a Subsidiary. The Board may from time to time remove members from or add members to the Committee. Vacancies on the Committee, howsoever caused, shall be filled by the Board. The Board shall select one of the Committee's members as Chairman. The Committee shall hold meetings at such times and places as it may determine, subject to such rules as to procedures not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan as are prescribed by the Board, set forth in the Company's By-Laws as applicable to the Executive Committee, and as prescribed by the Committee itself. A majority of the authorized number of members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Acts reduced to or approved in writing by a majority of the members of the Committee then serving shall be valid acts of the Committee.
- (b) The Committee shall be vested with full authority to make such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or desirable to administer the Plan and to interpret the provisions of the Plan. Any determination, decision, or action of the Committee in connection with the construction, interpretation, administration, or application of the Plan shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon all Optionees and any person claiming under or through an Optionee unless otherwise determined by the Board.
- (c) Any determination, decision, or action of the Committee provided for in the Plan may be made or taken by action of the Board, if it so determines, with the same force and effect as if such determination, decision, or action had been made or taken by the Committee. No member of the Committee or of the Board shall be liable for any determination, decision, or action made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Option granted under the Plan. The fact that a member of the Board who is not then a member of the Committee shall at the time be, or shall theretofore have been, or thereafter may be a person who has received or is eligible to receive an Option shall not disqualify him or her from taking part in and voting at any time as a member of the Board in favor or against any amendment or repeal of the Plan, provided that such vote shall be in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee.

4. STOCK SUBJECT TO THE PLAN

- (a) The Common Stock to be issued or transferred under the Plan will be the Company's Common Stock which will be made available, at the discretion of the Board, either from authorized but unissued Common Stock or from Common Stock reacquired by the Company, including shares purchased in the open market.
- (b) The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock which may be issued under the Plan shall not exceed 140,000 shares. In the event that any outstanding Option under the Plan for any reason expires or is terminated, the shares of Common Stock allocable to the

unexercised portion of such Option may again be made subject to Option under the Plan.

5. GRANT OF THE OPTIONS

(a) Key Employees Who Are Not Directors

The Committee may from time to time, subject to the provisions of the Plan, grant Options to key employees of the Company or of a Subsidiary who are not Directors to purchase shares of Common Stock allotted in accordance with Section 4 of the Plan. The Committee may designate any Option granted as either an Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Qualified Stock Option, or the Committee may designate a portion of the Option as an Incentive Stock Option and the remaining portion as a Non-Qualified Stock Option.

(b) Directors

Incentive Stock Options to purchase 5,000 shares of Common Stock shall be granted annually to each of those persons who are then employee Directors of the Company, and Non-Qualified Stock Options to purchase 5,000 shares of Common Stock shall be granted annually to each of those persons who are then non-employee Directors of the Company, on April 18 of each year, commencing April 18, 2006. Each such option shall vest and be exercisable immediately upon grant and shall expire upon the date 10 years thereafter. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of the Plan to the contrary, no additional Options may be granted to Directors absent an amendment to the Plan in accordance with Section 13. If the President of the Company determines in his or her sole discretion that on such date the Company is in possession of material non-public information concerning its business, such grant shall be delayed until the third day following publication of such information or the date of an event which renders such information immaterial.

6. OPTION PRICE

The purchase price per share of any Option granted under the Plan shall be 100 percent of the fair market value of one share of Common Stock on the date the Option is granted, except that the purchase price per share shall be 110 percent of the fair market value in the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to an individual described in subsection 7(b) of the Plan. For purposes of the Plan, the fair market value of a share of Common Stock shall be the mean between the high and low prices for a share of Common Stock as quoted by the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System for the day of the grant; if there is only one price quoted for the day of grant, then the fair market value shall be such price; and if no such price is quoted for the day of the grant, the fair market value shall be the previous closing price. In the event that no previous closing price is available, then the fair market value of one share of Common Stock on the day the Option is granted shall be determined by the Committee or by the Board. The purchase price shall be subject to adjustment only as provided in Section 14 of the Plan.

7. ELIGIBILITY OF OPTIONEES

(a) Options shall be granted only to persons who either are key employees or non-employee Directors of the Company or of a Subsidiary as determined by the Committee at the time of the grant. The term "employees" shall include persons who are Directors or Officers who are also employees of the Company or of any Subsidiary.

(b) Any other provision of the Plan notwithstanding, an individual who owns more than ten percent of the total combined voting power of outstanding Common Stock of the Company or any Subsidiary shall not be eligible for the grant of an Incentive Stock Option unless the special requirements set forth in sections 6 and 9(a) of the Plan are satisfied. For purposes of this subsection (b), in determining stock ownership, an individual shall be considered as owning the stock owned, directly or indirectly, by or for his or her brothers and sisters, spouse, ancestors, and lineal descendants. Stock owned, directly or indirectly, by or for a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust shall be considered as being owned proportionately by or for its shareholders, partners, or beneficiaries. Stock with respect to which such individual holds an Option shall not be counted. Outstanding stock shall include all stock actually issued and outstanding immediately after the grant of the option. Outstanding stock shall not include shares authorized for issue under outstanding Options held by the Optionee or by another person.

(c) Subject to the terms, provisions, and conditions of the Plan and subject to review by the Board, the Committee shall have exclusive jurisdiction to (1) select the key employees to be granted Options (it being understood that more than one Option may be granted to the same person), (2) determine the number of shares subject to each Option, (3) determine the date or dates when Options will be granted, (4) determine the purchase price of the shares subject to each Option in accordance with Section 6 of the Plan, (5) determine the date or dates when each Option may be exercised within the term of the Option specified pursuant to Section 9 of the Plan, (6) determine whether or not an option constitutes an Incentive Stock Option, and (7) prescribe the form, which will be consistent with the Plan, of the documents evidencing any Options granted under the Plan.

(d) Neither anything contained in the Plan or in any document under the Plan nor the grant of any Option under the Plan shall confer upon any Optionee any right to continue in the employ of the Company or of any Subsidiary or limit in any respect the right of the

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Company or any Subsidiary to terminate the Optionee's employment at any time and for any reason.

8. NON-TRANSFERABILITY

No Option granted under the Plan shall be assignable or transferable by the Optionee other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and during the lifetime of an Optionee, the Option shall be exercisable only by such Optionee.

9. TERM AND EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

(a) Each Option granted under the Plan shall terminate on the date determined by the Committee and specified in the Option Agreement, provided that each Option shall terminate not later than ten years after the Grant Date. However, any Option designated as an Incentive Stock Option granted to a more than ten percent shareholder shall terminate not later than five years after the Grant Date. The Committee, at its discretion, may provide further limitations on the exercisability of Options granted under the Plan. An Option may be exercised only during the continuance of the Optionee's employment, except as provided in Section 10 of the Plan.

(b) A person electing to exercise an Option shall give written notice to the Company, in such form as the Committee shall have prescribed or approved, of such election and of the number of shares he or she has elected to purchase and shall at the time of exercise tender the full purchase price of any shares he or she has elected to purchase. The purchase price upon the exercise of an Option shall be paid in full in cash; provided, however, that in lieu of cash, with the approval of the Committee at or prior to exercise, an Optionee may exercise his or her Option by tendering to the Company shares of Common Stock owned by him or her and having a fair market value equal to the cash exercise price applicable to his or her Option, with the then fair market value of such stock to be determined in the manner provided in Section 6 of the Plan (with respect to the determination of the fair market value of Common Stock on the date an Option is granted). However, if an Optionee pays the Option exercise price of a Non-Qualified Stock Option in whole or in part in the form of unrestricted Common Stock already owned by the Optionee, the Company may require that the Optionee have owned the stock for a period of time that would not cause the exercise to create a charge to the Company earnings. Such provisions may be used by the Company to prevent a pyramid exercise.

(c) As conditions to exercising an Option, the Optionee must (1) arrange to pay the Company any amount required to be withheld under any tax law on the account of the exercise, and (2) in the case of an Incentive Stock Option, agree to notify the Company of any disqualifying disposition (as defined in Section 421 of the Code) of the Common Stock acquired upon the exercise and agree to pay the Company any amount required to be withheld under any tax law on account of the disposition. Any payment on account of withholding taxes shall be made in a form acceptable to the Committee.

(d) An Optionee or a transferee of an Option shall have no rights as a shareholder with respect to any shares covered by his or her Option until the date the Stock Certificate is issued evidencing ownership of the shares. No adjustment shall be made for dividends (ordinary or extraordinary) whether in cash, securities, or other property, or distributions or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date such Stock Certificate is issued, except as provided in Section 14 of the Plan.

(e) An Optionee may, in accordance with other provisions of the Plan, elect to exercise Options in any order, notwithstanding the fact that Options granted to him or her prior to the grant of the Options selected for exercise are unexpired.

(f) To the extent that the aggregate fair market value (determined as of the Grant Date) of Common Stock with respect to which Options are exercisable for the first time by any Optionee during any calendar year (under all plans of the Company and its Subsidiaries) exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), the Options or portions thereof which exceed such limit (according to the order in which granted) shall be treated as Non-Qualified Stock Options.

10. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

If an Optionee severs from all employment with the Company and/or its Subsidiaries, any Option granted to him or her under the Plan shall terminate as follows:

(a) An Option held by an Optionee whose employment is terminated due to becoming Permanently and Totally Disabled shall terminate (i) in the case of an Incentive Stock Option, one year after the date of termination of employment, and (ii) in the case of a Non-Qualified Stock Option, upon its expiration date;

(b) An Option held by an Optionee whose employment is terminated due to death or who dies within three months after termination of employment shall terminate (i) in the case of an Incentive Stock Option, one year after the date of termination of employment, and (ii) in the case of a Non-Qualified Stock Option, within one year from the date the Optionee's death, and the Option shall be exercisable within such period of one year by the executor or administrator of the Optionee's estate or by the person to whom the Optionee shall have transferred such right by last will and testament or by the laws of descent or distribution;

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(c) An Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Qualified Stock Option held by an Optionee whose employment terminates for cause, as determined by the Committee, shall expire immediately upon the date of termination unless some other expiration date is fixed by the Committee; and

(d) An Option held by an Optionee whose employment terminates for any reason other than those specified in subsection (a), (b), or (c) above shall expire (i) in the case of an Incentive Stock Option, three months after the date of termination of employment, and (ii) in the case of a Non-Qualified Stock Option, unless another date is fixed by the Committee, eighteen months after the date of termination.

The foregoing notwithstanding, no Option shall be exercisable after its expiration date.

Whether an authorized leave of absence or an absence for military or governmental service shall constitute termination of employment for purposes of the Plan shall be determined by the Committee, which determination shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon the affected Optionee and any person claiming under or through such Optionee. Termination of employment with any Subsidiary in order to accept employment with another Subsidiary or while remaining an employee of the Company or of any of its Subsidiaries shall not be a termination of employment for the purposes of this Section 10.

11. MODIFICATION, EXTENSION, AND RENEWAL

Subject to the terms and conditions and within the limitations of the Plan, the Committee may modify, extend, or renew outstanding Options (to the extent not theretofore exercised) and authorize the granting of new Options in substitution therefor. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may grant to an Optionee, if he or she is otherwise eligible and consents thereto, a new or modified Option in lieu of an outstanding Option for a number of shares at an exercise price and for a term which are greater or less than under the earlier Option or may do so by cancellation and re-grant, amendment, substitution, or otherwise, subject only to the general limitations and conditions of the Plan. The foregoing notwithstanding, no modification of an Option shall, without consent of the Optionee, alter or impair any rights or obligations under any Option theretofore granted under the Plan.

12. PERIOD IN WHICH GRANTS MAY BE MADE

Options may be granted pursuant to the Plan and at any time on or before November 11, 2010.

13. AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF THE PLAN

The Board may at any time terminate, modify, or suspend the Plan, provided that, without the approval of the shareholders of the Company, no amendment or modification shall be made by the Board which (a) increases the maximum number of shares as to which Options may be granted under the Plan; (b) alters the method by which the Option price is determined; (c) extends any Option for a period of longer than ten years after the date of the grant; (d) materially modifies the requirements as to eligibility for participation in the Plan; or (e) alters this Section 13 so as to defeat its purpose. Further, no amendment, modification, or suspension, or termination of the Plan shall in any manner affect any Option theretofore granted under the Plan without the consent of the Optionee or any person validly claiming under or through the Optionee.

14. CHANGES IN CAPITALIZATION

(a) In the event that the Common Stock, as presently constituted, shall be changed into or exchanged for a different number or kind or shares of stock or other securities of the Company or of another corporation (whether by reason of merger, consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification, split-up, combination of shares, or otherwise), or if the number of shares of Common Stock shall be increased through the payment of a stock dividend, then subject to the provisions of the subsection (c) below, there shall be substituted for or added to each share of Common Stock which was theretofore appropriated or which thereafter may become subject to an Option under the Plan the number and kind of shares of stock or other securities into which each outstanding share of Common Stock shall be so changed, or for which each such share shall be exchanged, or to which each such share shall be entitled, as the case may be. Outstanding Options shall also be appropriately amended as to the price and other terms as may be necessary to reflect the foregoing events. The maximum number of shares of Common Stock upon which Options and Incentive Stock Options may be granted, as provided in Section 4(a) of the Plan, shall be adjusted proportionately to reflect any of the foregoing events.

(b) If there shall be any other change in the number or kind of outstanding shares of stock of the Company, or any stock or other securities into which such stock shall have been changed, or for which it shall be exchanged, and if the Board or the Committee, as the case may be, shall, in its sole discretion, determine that such change equitably requires an adjustment in any Option which was theretofore granted, or which may thereafter be granted under the Plan, then such adjustment shall be made in accordance with such determination.

(c) Fractional shares resulting from any adjustment in Options pursuant to this Section 14 may be settled as the Board or the Committee, as the case may be, shall determine.

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(d) To the extent that the foregoing adjustments relate to stock or securities of the Company, such adjustments shall be made by the Committee, whose determination in that respect shall be final, binding, and conclusive. Notice of any adjustment shall be given by the Company to each holder of an Option which shall have been so adjusted.

(e) The grant of an Option pursuant to the Plan shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company to make adjustments, reclassification, reorganizations, or changes of its capital or business structure or to merge, consolidate, dissolve, liquidate, sell or transfer all or any part of its business assets.

15. LISTING AND REGISTRATION OF SHARES

(a) No Option granted pursuant to the Plan shall be exercisable in whole or in part if at any time the Board or the Committee, as the case may be, shall determine, in its discretion, that the listing, registration, or qualification of the shares of Common Stock subject to such Option on any securities exchange or under any applicable law, or the consent or approval of any government regulatory body, is necessary or desirable as a condition of or in connection with the granting of such Option or the issue of shares thereunder unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent, or approval shall have been affected or obtained free of any conditions not acceptable to the Board.

(b) If a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to shares issuable upon exercise of any Option granted under the Plan is not in effect at the time of exercise, the person exercising such Option shall give the Committee a written statement, satisfactory in form and substance to the Committee, that he or she is acquiring the shares for his or her own account for investment and not with a view to their disposition, the Company may place upon any stock certificate for shares issuable upon exercise of such Option such legend as the Committee may prescribe to prevent disposition of the shares in violation of the Securities Act of 1933 or any other applicable law.

16. TRANSFER OF OPTION SHARES

Shares acquired by persons subject to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, pursuant to the exercise of Options or a portion thereof, shall not be sold or transferred for at least six months after the date of grant.

17. EFFECTIVE DATE OF PLAN

Subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company at the 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the Plan shall be effective as of November 11, 2005.