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March 13, 2007

Dear Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the Cell Therapeutics, Inc. (CTI) Special Meeting of Shareholders, to be held at CTI s offices at 501 Elliott Avenue West, Suite 400, Seattle, WA 98119 on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 10:00 A.M.

Information concerning the business to be conducted at the meeting is included in the accompanying Notice of Special Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement. The Annual Meeting that was originally scheduled for June 23, 2006 and then rescheduled for November 30, 2006, and adjourned, has not been held as we have been unable to obtain a quorum for that meeting. We are now holding a Special Meeting to vote on a single proposal to increase the number of authorized shares of our common stock, which proposed action includes amending and restating our articles of incorporation, as outlined in the accompanying proxy statement. On January 31, 2007, the CTI board of directors approved a one-for-four reverse stock split of our common stock to be effective on or about April 15, 2007, following the Special Meeting. You are not being asked to approve the reverse split but all share numbers in the proxy are presented prior to the reverse stock split unless otherwise noted.

YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, it is important that your shares be represented. Therefore, we urge our U.S. shareholders to sign, date and promptly return the enclosed proxy in the enclosed postage paid envelope, and we urge our Italian shareholders to request and return an Italian proxy card together with a completed certificate of participation. If your shares are held in a bank or brokerage account, you may be eligible to vote your proxy electronically or by telephone. Please refer to the enclosed voting form for instructions.

I look forward to greeting you personally, and on behalf of the board of directors and management, I would like to express our appreciation for your interest in CTI.

Sincerely,

James A. Bianco, M.D.

President & Chief Executive Officer

Shareholder

Cell Therapeutics, Inc., 501 Elliott Avenue West, Suite 400, Seattle, WA 98119

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CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Notice of Special Meeting of Shareholders

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

To Our Shareholders:

The Special Meeting of Shareholders of Cell Therapeutics, Inc. (the Company) will be held at the Company's offices at 501 Elliott Avenue West, Suite 400, Seattle, WA 98119 on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., for the following purposes:

- (1) To approve an amendment to our amended and restated articles of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares from 210,000,000 to 410,000,000 and to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 200,000,000 to 400,000,000 (which will be 100,000,000 authorized shares of common stock following the effective date of our one-for-four reverse stock split of the common stock), including amending and restating our articles of incorporation;

(2) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting, and all adjournments and postponements thereof. All shareholders are invited to attend the meeting. Shareholders of record at the close of business on March 12, 2007, the record date fixed by the board of directors, are entitled to vote at the meeting and all adjournments and postponements thereof. A complete list of shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting will be open to examination by the shareholders beginning ten days prior to the meeting for any purpose germane to the meeting during normal business hours at the office of the Secretary of the Company at 501 Elliott Avenue West, Suite 400, Seattle, Washington 98119.

Whether or not you intend to be present at the meeting, U.S. shareholders are requested to sign and date the enclosed proxy and return it in the enclosed envelope, and Italian shareholders are requested to request and return an Italian proxy card together with a completed certificate of participation. If your shares are held in a bank or brokerage account, you may be eligible to vote your proxy electronically or by telephone. Please refer to the enclosed voting form for instructions.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Louis A. Bianco

Executive Vice President, Finance & Administration

Seattle, Washington

March 13, 2007

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. ACCORDINGLY, YOU ARE URGED TO SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING. IF YOU ARE ONE OF OUR SHAREHOLDERS IN ITALY, PLEASE REMEMBER TO REQUEST A CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE CENTRAL DEPOSITORY SYSTEM FROM YOUR BROKER AND INCLUDE IT IN THE SAME ENVELOPE OR TELECOPY IT TOGETHER WITH YOUR ITALIAN

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(see page 2 for more information on Italian voting procedures).

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CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC.

501 Elliott Avenue West, Suite 400

Seattle, WA 98119

PROXY STATEMENT

Information Regarding Proxies

General

This Proxy Statement and the accompanying form of proxy are furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the board of directors of Cell Therapeutics, Inc. (the Company or CTI) for use at our Special Meeting of Shareholders (the Special Meeting), to be held at our headquarters at 501 Elliott Avenue West, Suite 400, Seattle, WA 98119 on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., and at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Only shareholders of record on our books at the close of business on March 12, 2007, which we will refer to as the record date, will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Special Meeting.

At the Special Meeting, shareholders will be asked to:

- (1) approve an amendment to our amended and restated articles of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares from 210,000,000 to 410,000,000 and to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 200,000,000 to 400,000,000 (100,000,000 following the effective date of our one-for-four reverse stock split of the common stock), including amending and restating our articles of incorporation (Proposal 1);

This proxy statement and the accompanying proxy card are being first mailed to shareholders on or about March 19, 2007.

Important Information for our Shareholders in Italy about Voting Procedures

If you hold our shares as a result of a merger with Novuspharma S.p.A. or if you acquired our stock on the MTAX, you may hold shares of our common stock indirectly through the facilities of the Italian clearing agency, called Monte Titoli, and through the banks and brokers participating in the Monte Titoli system (unless you or your broker has taken action to remove your shares from the Monte Titoli system). We refer to persons holding our stock through Monte Titoli as our shareholders in Italy or our Italian Shareholders. Monte Titoli, in turn, holds these shares of our common stock through the U.S. clearing agency, called the Depository Trust Company, or DTC. Pursuant to U.S. law, DTC will transfer its voting power over the shares in Monte Titoli's account to Monte Titoli. Monte Titoli has agreed with us that it will re-transfer its voting power over such shares to the persons holding Certifications of Participation in the Italian Central Depository System issued pursuant to Italian law (Article 85(4) of Legislative Decree no. 58/1998 and Article 34 of CONSOB Regulation 11768/1998).

In order to increase the number of shares owned by our shareholders in Italy that vote at the Special Meeting so that we can achieve a quorum and take action at the Special Meeting, certain Italian banks have agreed subject to the shareholder's contrary instructions thereto to make book entry transfer of their share positions at Monte Titoli to their U.S. correspondent banks, which will transfer the shares to an account of the Italian bank at a U.S. affiliate broker-dealer on the record date. This will permit such broker-dealers under the securities laws of the United States and the rules of the New York Stock Exchange to vote these shares at the Special Meeting in the event that the Italian shareholders do not instruct their broker to vote the shares pursuant to the procedures provided in this proxy statement and on the proxy card prepared for our shareholders in Italy. Our Italian shareholders will, however, maintain their right to instruct the US broker-dealer so that the broker-dealer refrains

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from taking any action in relation to such shareholder's shares, including voting the shares. Accordingly, if you do not vote your shares by valid proxy or you do not provide any specific instruction in relation thereto on or before the date of the Special Meeting and your shares are held through an Italian bank participating in this transfer procedure, your shares will be voted by the U.S. broker pursuant to the discretionary authority granted them under Rule 452 of the New York Stock Exchange. However, you may still vote your shares yourself as provided below.

All of our Italian shareholders are cordially invited to attend our Special Meeting. If you hold our stock in Italy through Monte Titoli, your broker is required by Italian law to provide you with a Certification of Participation in the Italian Central Depository System, which we refer to as your Certification. If you wish to attend our Special Meeting and vote in person, please present your Certification to the inspector of elections at the Special Meeting. Alternatively, if you would like to vote by mail, you must obtain an Italian proxy card. If you did not receive an Italian proxy card with this proxy statement, you may print one from our Internet site at www.cticseattle.com. Please mark your votes on the Italian proxy card and return it and your Certification by mail to the address shown on the card by the deadline shown on the card. Your name as you write it on your Italian proxy card must exactly match your name as printed on your Certification. Italian privacy law prevents us from learning in advance the names of the persons holding Certifications. Thus, you must include your Certification (or a complete copy of your Certification) in the same envelope as your Italian proxy card in order for your vote to be counted (that is, in order to prove to our inspector of election that you have the right to vote). Holders of Certifications may also name a substitute proxy by any other means permitted by Washington law and our bylaws. If you use an alternate means, the person you name as your proxy must provide your Certification, or a complete copy thereof, together with your written authorization naming such person as your proxy, to our inspector of election in order to verify the authenticity of your proxy designation.

We strongly encourage our Italian shareholders to obtain a Certification and submit it, together with an Italian proxy card, by mail to the address shown on the Italian proxy card. A significant percentage of our shares are held by persons in Italy. If our Italian shareholders do not take the time to vote, we will not be able to obtain a quorum, in which case we would be unable to conduct any business at the Special Meeting. **Your vote is important. Please obtain a Certification and vote today.**

Solicitation of Proxies

This solicitation is made on behalf of our board of directors. All expenses in connection with the solicitation of proxies will be borne by us. In addition to solicitation by mail, our officers, directors or other regular employees may solicit proxies by telephone, facsimile, electronic communication or in person. These individuals will not receive any additional compensation for these services. We have engaged The Proxy Advisory Group, LLC, to assist in the solicitation of proxies for a \$7,500 services fee and the reimbursement of customary disbursements.

Voting Rights and Outstanding Shares

Each share of our common stock outstanding on the record date is entitled to one vote per share at the Special Meeting. Each share of our Series A preferred stock outstanding on the record date is entitled to approximately 597.9 votes per share. We do not have any other class of capital stock outstanding. At the close of business on the record date, there were issued and outstanding 155,141,271 shares of common stock and 7,945 shares of our Series A preferred stock. Our common stock and Series A preferred stock will vote together as a single class on the proposal to be presented at the Special Meeting. The presence at the Special Meeting in person or by proxy of holders of record of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast is required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at the Special Meeting. Votes held by persons abstaining will be counted in determining whether a quorum is present.

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All votes will be tabulated by the inspector of elections appointed for the meeting, who will separately tabulate affirmative and negative votes and abstentions. If a quorum exists at the Special Meeting, all shares of common stock and Series A preferred stock represented by properly executed proxies that are not revoked will be voted in accordance with the instructions, if any, given therein. Proxy cards that are signed and returned without specifying a vote or an abstention on any proposal specified therein will be voted according to the recommendations of the board of directors on such proposals.

For Proposal 1, abstentions will have the same effect as votes against Proposal 1 to amend our articles of incorporation, since approval of this proposal is based on the number of votes entitled to be cast.

Voting Electronically or by Telephone

If your shares are registered in the name of a bank or brokerage firm, you may be eligible to vote your shares electronically over the Internet or by telephone. A large number of banks and brokerage firms participate in the ADP Investor Communication Services online program. This program provides eligible shareholders who receive a paper copy of the annual report and proxy statement the opportunity to vote via the Internet or by telephone. If your bank or brokerage firm participates in ADP's program, your voting form will provide instructions. If your voting form does not reference Internet or telephone information, please complete and return the paper proxy card in the self-addressed postage paid envelope provided.

Revocability of Proxies

Any shareholder of record executing a proxy has the power to revoke it at any time prior to the voting thereof on any matter by delivering written notice to our Corporate Secretary, Donald W. Wyatt, at our principal executive offices, by executing and delivering another proxy dated as of a later date or by voting in person at the meeting. For our Italian shareholders, any written notice of revocation or another proxy, in either case dated as of a later date, must also be accompanied by another Certification of Participation in the Italian Central Depository System.

Voting Agreements

At the time of our merger with Novuspharma, we entered into an agreement with Monte Titoli, S.p.A., the Italian central clearing agency, in order to ensure that persons receiving beneficial interests in shares of our common stock as a result of the merger would be able to vote those shares. Monte Titoli agreed that each time it is designated as proxy by the U.S. clearing agency, The Depository Trust Company, or DTC, Monte Titoli will execute a further omnibus proxy transferring its voting power to the persons who hold Certifications of Participation in the Italian Central Depository System, issued pursuant to Italian law (Article 85(4) of Legislative Decree no. 58/1998 and Article 34 of CONSOB Regulation 11768/1998).

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PROPOSAL 1

**APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO OUR ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED SHARES**

Summary

We are asking our shareholders to approve the amendment of our amended and restated articles of incorporation to (a) increase the number of authorized stock from 210,000,000 shares to 410,000,000 shares and (b) increase the number of shares of our common stock authorized for issuance from 200,000,000 shares to 400,000,000 shares. The additional common stock to be authorized by adoption of the amendment would have rights identical to our currently outstanding common stock.

On January 31, 2007, our Board of Directors voted to approve an amendment to our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation effecting a four-to-one reverse split of our common stock in order to increase the price of our common stock and make it more available to a broader range of investors in the secondary market, including institutional investors. Certain institutional investors are precluded from purchasing shares below a certain minimum price. The effective date of this amendment was delayed until after the date of the special meeting to avoid confusion regarding how many shares of our common stock will be outstanding as of the record date and as of the date of the special meeting. Shareholder approval of this amendment was not required under the laws of the state of Washington, the jurisdiction of our incorporation, since at the date of adoption by the Board of Directors only one class of stock was outstanding. Pursuant to this amendment, at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, 2007, each four shares of our common stock then outstanding will be exchanged and combined, automatically, into one share of our common stock, and that on that date, the number of authorized shares of our common stock will be reduced from 200,000,000 to 50,000,000. Because our Proposal 1 seeks to increase the amount of authorized shares and the number of shares authorized to be issued as common stock prior to this reverse stock split, the amount of authorized shares of common stock referred to in the January 31, 2007 amendment will be changed. Accordingly, if Proposal 1 is approved at the Special Meeting, the number of authorized shares will be reduced on April 15, 2007 from 410,000,000 to 110,000,000 and the number of authorized shares of our common stock will be reduced from 400,000,000 to 100,000,000. The number of authorized shares of our preferred stock will be maintained at 10,000,000 and will not be affected by this amendment to our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.

Article II of our amended and restated articles of incorporation currently authorizes us to issue up to 210,000,000 shares of stock, 200,000,000 of which are designated as common stock, no par value, and 10,000,000 shares of which are designated as preferred stock, no par value. Our common stock is all of a single class, with equal voting, distribution, liquidation and other rights. As of March 12, 2007, 155,141,271 shares of common stock were issued and outstanding, 7,945 shares of our Series A preferred stock were outstanding, 7,045,748 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance under our 1994 Equity Incentive Plan, 2003 Equity Incentive Plan and the Novuspharma S.p.A. Stock Option Plan, 230,895 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance under our 1996 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, 15,666 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance in connection with restricted stock rights issued in connection with a license agreement with PG-TXL Company, L.P., warrants to purchase 800,000 shares of our common stock were issued and outstanding, 2,740,700 shares of our common stock were reserved for issuance upon conversion of our 5.75% convertible senior subordinated notes due June 15, 2008, 837,941 shares of our common stock were reserved for issuance upon conversion of our 5.75% convertible subordinated notes due June 15, 2008, 4,085,188 shares of our common stock were reserved for issuance upon conversion of our 4% convertible senior subordinated notes due 2010, 2,662,591 shares of our common stock were reserved for issuance upon conversion of our 6.75% convertible senior notes due October 31, 2010, 20,573,452 shares of our common stock were reserved for issuance upon conversion of our 7.5% convertible senior notes due April 30, 2011 and 4,750,370 shares of our common stock were reserved for issuance upon conversion of our Series A preferred stock. In addition, in a series of closings on February 12, 14 and 15 2007, in connection with a financing transaction involving the issuance of the Series A preferred stock, we issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 5,979,065 shares of

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common stock. Those warrants are not currently exercisable and will not be exercisable in accordance with their terms until we have a sufficient increase in the authorized shares of common stock to allow exercise. Adoption of this proposed amendment would not affect the rights of the holders of our currently outstanding common stock.

We engage in periodic discussions with potential partners, strategic investments and acquisition candidates, including product lines, as part of our business model. For example, on January 17, 2007, we sent an unsolicited letter to senior management and the board of directors of DOR BioPharma, Inc. (DOR) outlining the potential key terms of a proposed business combination with DOR and us. DOR made this offer public pursuant to a Form 8-K it filed with the SEC on January 19, 2007. Should we pursue this proposed transaction with DOR, we would expect the principal terms of the offer to include the issuance of shares of our common stock representing up to 19.9% of our outstanding common stock at that time and additional contingent value rights payable in cash upon the achievement of certain milestones with regard to one of DOR's products. Were we to proceed with this transaction on the proposed terms, our shareholders would not be entitled to vote on the transaction under Washington state law or the rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market. According to a press release issued by DOR on March 6, 2007, DOR has retained an investment bank to assist DOR in evaluating acquisition interest it has received from several parties, including but not limited to our proposal. There can be no assurance that we will proceed with this transaction or that any proposal we negotiate will be acceptable to DOR or its shareholders. Additional business and financial information regarding DOR can be found in that company's reports with the SEC on both the SEC's website, www.sec.gov, and DOR's website, www.dorbiopharma.com. Should we continue to pursue this proposed business combination, we would need to increase our authorized shares of common stock. In addition, as noted in our periodic filings, we need to raise cash from financing sources in order to fund our ongoing operations and therefore engage in discussions with various financing sources regarding share issuances from time to time. If any of these discussions came to a definitive understanding, it is possible that we could use some or all of the newly authorized shares in connection with one or more such transactions subsequent to the increase in the number of authorized shares. We also plan to continue to issue shares of our common stock pursuant to our stock incentive plans subsequent to the increase in the number of authorized shares. Subject to the above, however, as of March 12, 2007, we have no plan, commitment, arrangement, understanding or agreement, either oral or written, regarding the issuance of common stock in connection with one or more such transactions subsequent to the increase in the number of authorized shares.

We anticipate that we may issue additional shares of common stock in the future in connection with one or more of the following:

acquisitions;

strategic investments;

partnerships, collaborations and other similar transactions;

corporate transactions, such as stock splits or stock dividends;

financing transactions, such as public or private offerings of common stock or convertible securities;

our stock incentive plans; and

other corporate purposes that have not yet been identified.

As of March 12, 2007, we had approximately 1,100,000 authorized, unissued and unreserved shares of common stock. In order to provide our board of directors with certainty and flexibility to undertake such transactions to support our future business growth, our board of directors deems it is in the best interests of our shareholders and the company to increase the number of authorized shares of our common stock.

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Approval of the amendment to our amended and restated articles of incorporation requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes held by holders of our common stock and our Series A preferred stock that are entitled to vote at the Special Meeting. The holders of our common stock and the holders of our Series A preferred stock will vote together as a single class. Holders of our common stock will be entitled to one vote per share of common stock, and holders of our Series A preferred stock will be entitled to approximately 597.9 votes per share of Series A preferred stock.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS**A VOTE FOR THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND OUR ARTICLES OF****INCORPORATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED SHARES.**

If this Proposal 1 is adopted, the additional authorized shares of common stock would become issuable upon the approval of our board of directors at such times, in such amounts, and upon such terms as our board of directors may determine, without further approval of the shareholders, unless such approval is expressly required by applicable law, regulatory agencies, the Nasdaq stock market, the MTAX or any other exchange or quotation service on which our common stock may then be listed. Furthermore, current shareholders will have no preemptive rights to purchase additional shares. Shareholder approval of this amendment will not, by itself, cause any change in our capital accounts. However, any future issuance of additional shares of common stock authorized pursuant to this Proposal 1 would ultimately result in dilution of existing shareholders' equity interests.

The proposed form of amended and restated articles of incorporation is attached to this proxy statement as *Appendix A*, and includes changes as set forth in this Proposal 1, in addition to generally amending and restating our articles of incorporation into one document for ease of reference and clarity. If the proposed amended and restated articles of incorporation are adopted, they will become effective upon filing of our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Washington.

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table provides certain information regarding beneficial ownership of common stock as of March 12, 2007, by (1) each shareholder known by us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our outstanding shares of common stock (including shares of common stock issuable on conversion of the Series A preferred stock, which votes with common stock as a group on an as-converted basis), (2) each of our directors, (3) our chief executive officer and each of our four most highly compensated executive officers other than our chief executive officer as of the end of our last fiscal year and (4) all directors and executive officers as a group:

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner (1)	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned (2)	Shares Subject to Options (3)	Percentage Ownership (2)
James A. Bianco, M.D.** (4)	1,716,081	1,265,405	1.1%
John H. Bauer** (5)	41,000	36,000	*
Louis A. Bianco (6)	720,790	577,517	*
Daniel Eramian (7)	116,667	61,667	*
Vartan Gregorian, Ph.D.** (5)	91,000	81,000	*
Mary O. Munding, Dr. PH** (5)	87,150	83,000	*
Phillip M. Nudelman, Ph.D.** (5)	139,311	86,906	*
Jack W. Singer, M.D.** (6)	1,014,655	675,190	*
Scott C. Stromatt, M.D. (8)	235,625	210,625	*
Fred Telling** (5)	17,500	15,000	*
Group comprised of Novartis AG and Novartis Pharma AG			
Lichtstrasse 35, CH-4002 Basel, Switzerland (9)	8,312,000		5.2%
All directors and executive officers as a group (10 persons) (10)	4,179,779	3,092,310	2.6%

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* Less than 1%

** Denotes director of CTI

- (1) The address of the individuals listed, unless otherwise provided, is 501 Elliott Avenue West, Suite 400, Seattle, Washington 98119.
- (2) Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. This table is based upon information supplied by officers, directors, Schedules 13D, 13G and 13F and Forms 3 and 4 filed with the SEC. Shares of common stock subject to options, warrants or other convertible notes currently exercisable or convertible, or exercisable or convertible within 60 days of March 12, 2007, are deemed outstanding for computing the percentage of the person holding the option or warrant but are not deemed outstanding for computing the percentage of any other person. Except as indicated in the footnotes to this table and pursuant to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock beneficially owned. In determining the number of shares of common stock outstanding on March 12, 2007, we have included 4,750,370 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the Series A preferred stock; the Series A preferred stock votes together with the common stock on an as-converted basis.
- (3) All options included in this table are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 12, 2007.
- (4) Number of shares beneficially owned includes 125,000 shares of unvested restricted stock which shares have contingent vesting terms and will vest upon the filing of an NDA with the FDA related to the approval of XYOTAX if such event occurs on or before December 14, 2008.
- (5) Number of shares beneficially owned includes 2,500 shares of unvested restricted stock.
- (6) Number of shares beneficially owned includes 15,000 shares of unvested restricted stock.
- (7) Number of shares beneficially owned includes 27,500 shares of unvested restricted stock.
- (8) Number of shares beneficially owned includes 17,500 shares of unvested restricted stock.
- (9) Information concerning stock ownership was obtained from our transfer agent as of the record date.
- (10) Number of shares beneficially owned includes 212,500 shares of unvested restricted stock for all directors and executive officers as a group, of which 125,000 shares are contingent and would vest as described in the above footnotes.

Other Business

As of the date of this proxy statement, we know of no other business that will be presented for action at the Special Meeting. We have not received any advance notice of business to be brought before the Special Meeting by any shareholder. If other business requiring a vote of the shareholders should come before the Special Meeting, the person designated as your proxy will vote or refrain from voting in accordance with his best judgment.

Shareholder Proposals

A shareholder who intends to nominate a candidate for election to the board of directors or to present a proposal of business at the 2007 Annual Meeting and desires that information regarding the proposal be included in the 2007 Annual Meeting proxy statement and proxy materials must ensure that such information is received in writing by our secretary at our principal executive offices not later than June 28, 2007. In addition, our bylaws provide that a proposal for action to be presented by any shareholder at an annual meeting, including the nomination of a candidate for election to the board of directors, will be considered out of order and will not be acted upon unless the proposal is received in writing by our secretary at our principal executive offices at least 90 days before the first anniversary of the previous year's Annual Meeting. The notice must also provide certain other information as described in the bylaws. Copies of the bylaws are available to shareholders free of charge upon request to our secretary.

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Communication with the Company

Any interested party wishing to communicate directly with the presiding director, other non-management directors or our Board as a whole, may do so by writing to our Corporate Secretary at Cell Therapeutics, Inc., 501 Elliott Ave. W., Suite 400, Seattle, WA 98119. All communications will be delivered to the director or directors to whom they are addressed.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Louis A. Bianco

Executive Vice President, Finance & Administration

Seattle, Washington

March 13, 2007

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* All shares shown on a post-split basis.

APPENDIX A

**AMENDED AND RESTATED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

OF

CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the corporation (the Corporation) is Cell Therapeutics, Inc.

ARTICLE II

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL STOCK

1. **Classes.** The Corporation shall be authorized to issue two classes of shares of stock to be designated, respectively, Common Stock and Preferred Stock. The total number of shares which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is One Hundred Ten Million (110,000,000); the total number of authorized shares of Common Stock shall be One Hundred Million (100,000,000) and the total number of authorized shares of Preferred Stock shall be Ten Million (10,000,000).*

2. **Preferred Stock.** Shares of Preferred Stock may be issued from time to time in one or more series. Shares of Preferred Stock which may be redeemed, purchased or acquired by the Corporation may be reissued except as otherwise provided by law. The Board of Directors of the Corporation is hereby authorized to fix the designations and powers, preferences and rights, if any, and qualifications, limitations or other restrictions thereof, including, without limitation, the dividend rate (and whether dividends are cumulative), conversion rights, if any, voting rights, rights and terms of redemption (including sinking fund provisions, if any), redemption price and liquidation preferences of any wholly unissued series of Preferred Stock and the number of shares constituting any such series and the designation thereof, or any of them; and to increase or decrease the number of shares of any series subsequent to the issue of shares of that series, but not below the number of shares of such series then outstanding.

(a) **Series A 3% Convertible Preferred Stock**

Section 1. **Definitions.** Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein that are defined in the Purchase Agreement shall have the meanings given such terms in the Purchase Agreement. For the purposes hereof, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Alternate Consideration shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(e).

Bankruptcy Event means any of the following events: (a) the Corporation or any Significant Subsidiary (as such term is defined in Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X) thereof commences a case or other proceeding under any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment of debt, relief of debtors, dissolution, insolvency or liquidation or similar law of any jurisdiction relating to the Corporation or any Significant Subsidiary thereof; (b) there is commenced against the Corporation or any Significant Subsidiary thereof any such case or proceeding that is not dismissed within 60 days after commencement; (c) the Corporation or any Significant Subsidiary thereof is adjudicated insolvent or bankrupt or any order of relief or other order approving any such case or proceeding is entered; (d) the Corporation or any Significant Subsidiary thereof suffers any appointment of any custodian or the like for it or any substantial part of its property that is not discharged or stayed within 60 calendar days after such appointment; (e) the Corporation or any Significant Subsidiary thereof makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (f) the Corporation or any Significant Subsidiary thereof calls a meeting of its creditors with a view to arranging a composition, adjustment or restructuring of its debts; or (g) the Corporation or any Significant Subsidiary

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thereof, by any act or failure to act, expressly indicates its consent to, approval of or acquiescence in any of the foregoing or takes any corporate or other action for the purpose of effecting any of the foregoing.

Business Day means any day except Saturday, Sunday, any day which shall be a federal legal holiday in the United States or any day on which banking institutions in the State of New York are authorized or required by law or other governmental action to close.

Buy-In shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(d)(iii).

Change of Control Transaction means the occurrence after the date hereof of any of (i) an acquisition by an individual, legal entity or group (as described in Rule 13d-5(b)(1) promulgated under the Exchange Act) of effective control (whether through legal or beneficial ownership of capital stock of the Corporation, by contract or otherwise) of in excess of 33% of the voting securities of the Corporation (other than by means of conversion or exercise of Series A Preferred Stock and the Warrants issued together with the Series A Preferred Stock), or (ii) the Corporation merges into or consolidates with any other Person, or any Person merges into or consolidates with the Corporation and, after giving effect to such transaction, the shareholders of the Corporation immediately prior to such transaction own less than 66% of the aggregate voting power of the Corporation or the successor entity of such transaction, or (iii) the Corporation sells or transfers all or substantially all of its assets to another Person and the shareholders of the Corporation immediately prior to such transaction own less than 66% of the aggregate voting power of the acquiring entity immediately after the transaction, or (iv) a replacement at one time or within a one year period of more than one-half of the members of the Corporation's board of directors which is not approved by a majority of those individuals who are members of the board of directors on the date hereof (or by those individuals who are serving as members of the board of directors on any date whose nomination to the board of directors was approved by a majority of the members of the board of directors who are members on the date hereof), or (v) the execution by the Corporation of an agreement to which the Corporation is a party or by which it is bound, providing for any of the events set forth in clauses (i) through (iv) herein.

Closing Date means the Trading Day when all of the Transaction Documents have been executed and delivered by the applicable parties thereto and all conditions precedent to (i) each Holder's obligations to pay the Subscription Amount and (ii) the Corporation's obligations to deliver the Securities have been satisfied or waived.

Commission means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Common Stock means the Corporation's common stock, no par value per share, and stock of any other class of securities into which such securities may hereafter be reclassified or changed into.

Common Stock Equivalents means any securities of the Corporation or the Subsidiaries which would entitle the holder thereof to acquire at any time Common Stock, including, without limitation, any debt, preferred stock, rights, options, warrants or other instrument that is at any time convertible into or exchangeable for, or otherwise entitles the holder thereof to receive, Common Stock.

Conversion Amount means the sum of the Stated Value at issue.

Conversion Date shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(a).

Conversion Price shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(b).

Conversion Shares means, collectively, the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock in accordance with the terms hereof.

Dividend Payment Date shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(a).

Equity Conditions means, during the period in question, (i) the Corporation shall have duly honored all conversions scheduled to occur or occurring by virtue of one or more Notices of Conversion of the applicable Holder on or prior to the dates so requested or required, if any, (ii) the Corporation shall have paid all liquidated damages and other amounts owing to the applicable Holder in respect of the Series A

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Preferred Stock, (iii) there is an effective Registration Statement pursuant to which the Company is permitted to issue the Conversion Shares or the Holders are permitted to utilize the prospectus thereunder to resell all of the shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Transaction Documents (and the Corporation believes, in good faith, that such effectiveness will continue uninterrupted for the foreseeable future), (iv) the Common Stock is trading on a Trading Market and all of the shares issuable pursuant to the Transaction Documents are listed for trading on such Trading Market (and the Corporation believes, in good faith, that trading of the Common Stock on a Trading Market will continue uninterrupted for the foreseeable future), (v) there is a sufficient number of authorized, but unissued and otherwise unreserved, shares of Common Stock for the issuance of all of the shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Transaction Documents, (vi) there is no existing Triggering Event or no existing event which, with the passage of time or the giving of notice, would constitute a Triggering Event, (vii) the issuance of the shares in question to the applicable Holder would not violate the limitations set forth in Section 6(c) herein, (viii) there has been no public announcement of a pending or proposed Fundamental Transaction or Change of Control Transaction that has not been consummated and (ix) the applicable Holder is in possession of any information furnished by the Corporation that constitutes, or may constitute, material non-public information.

Exchange Act means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Forced Conversion Amount means the sum of (i) 100% of the aggregate Stated Value then outstanding, (ii) accrued but unpaid dividends and (iii) all liquidated damages and other amounts due in respect of the Series A Preferred Stock.

Forced Conversion Date shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8(a).

Forced Conversion Notice shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8(a).

Forced Conversion Notice Date shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8(a).

Fundamental Transaction shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7(e).

Holder shall have the meaning given such term in Section 2.

Junior Securities means the Common Stock and all other Common Stock Equivalents of the Corporation other than those securities which are explicitly senior or pari passu to the Series A Preferred Stock in dividend rights or liquidation preference.

Liquidation shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.

Notice of Conversion shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(a).

Optional Redemption shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8(b).

Optional Redemption Amount means the sum of (i) 100% of the aggregate Stated Value then outstanding, (ii) accrued but unpaid dividends and (iii) all liquidated damages and other amounts due in respect of the Series A Preferred Stock.

Optional Redemption Date shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8(b).

Optional Redemption Notice shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8(b).

Optional Redemption Notice Date shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8(b).

Original Issue Date means the date of the first issuance of any shares of the Series A Preferred Stock regardless of the number of transfers of any particular shares of Series A Preferred Stock and regardless of the number of certificates which may be issued to evidence such Series A Preferred Stock.

Purchase Agreement means the Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of the Original Issue Date, to which the Corporation and the original Holders are parties, as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms.

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Securities Act means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Series A Preferred Stock shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.

Share Delivery Date shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(e).

Stated Value shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2, as the same may be increased pursuant to Section 3.

Subscription Amount means, as to each Purchaser, the amount in United States dollars and in immediately available funds to be paid for the Series A Preferred Stock purchased pursuant to the Purchase Agreement as specified below such Purchaser's name on the signature page of the Purchase Agreement and next to the heading Subscription Amount.

Subsidiary shall have the meaning set forth in the Purchase Agreement.

Threshold Period shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8(a).

Trading Day means a day on which the principal Trading Market is open for business.

Trading Market means the following exchanges on which the Common Stock is listed for trading on the date in question: the Nasdaq Capital Market or the Nasdaq Global Market.

Transaction Documents shall have the meaning set forth in the Purchase Agreement.

Triggering Event shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9(a).

Triggering Redemption Amount means, for each share of Series A Preferred Stock, the sum of (i) the greater of (A) 130% of the Stated Value and (B) the product of (a) the VWAP on the Trading Day immediately preceding the date of the Triggering Event and (b) the Stated Value divided by the then Conversion Price, (ii) all accrued but unpaid dividends thereon and (iii) all liquidated damages and other costs, expenses or amounts due in respect of the Series A Preferred Stock.

Triggering Redemption Payment Date shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9(b).

VWAP means, for any date, the price determined by the first of the following clauses that applies: (a) if the Common Stock is then listed or quoted on a Trading Market, the daily volume weighted average price of the Common Stock for such date (or the nearest preceding date) on the Trading Market on which the Common Stock is then listed or quoted for trading as reported by Bloomberg L.P. (based on a Trading Day from 9:30 a.m. (New York City time) to 4:02 p.m. (New York City time)); (b) if the OTC Bulletin Board is not a Trading Market, the volume weighted average price of the Common Stock for such date (or the nearest preceding date) on the OTC Bulletin Board; (c) if the Common Stock is not then quoted for trading on the OTC Bulletin Board and if prices for the Common Stock are then reported in the Pink Sheets published by Pink Sheets, LLC (or a similar organization or agency succeeding to its functions of reporting prices), the most recent bid price per share of the Common Stock so reported; or (d) in all other cases, the fair market value of a share of Common Stock as determined by an independent appraiser selected in good faith by the Holders and reasonably acceptable to the Corporation, the fees and expenses of which shall be paid by the Corporation.

Section 2. Designation, Amount and Par Value. The series of preferred stock shall be designated as its Series A 3% Convertible Preferred Stock (the Series A Preferred Stock) and the number of shares so designated shall be up to 20,000 (which shall not be subject to increase without the written consent of all of the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock (each, a Holder and collectively, the Holders)). Each share of Series A Preferred Stock shall have no par value per share and a stated value equal to \$1,000, subject to increase set forth in Section 3(a) below (the Stated Value).

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Section 3. Dividends.

a) Dividends. Holders shall be entitled to receive, and the Corporation shall pay, cumulative dividends at the rate per share (as a percentage of the Stated Value) of 3% per annum (subject to increase pursuant to Section 9(b) of this Article II.2(a)), payable quarterly on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1, beginning on the first such date after the Original Issue Date, on each Conversion Date (with respect only to shares of Series A Preferred Stock being converted) and on each Optional Redemption Date (with respect only to Series A Preferred Stock being redeemed) (each such date, a Dividend Payment Date) (if any Dividend Payment Date is not a Trading Day, the applicable payment shall be due on the next succeeding Trading Day) in cash; provided, however, that if funds are not legally available for the payment of dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock, such dividends shall accrete to, and increase, the Stated Value. Dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year, consisting of twelve 30-day periods, shall accrue daily commencing on the Original Issue Date, and shall be deemed to accrue from such Original Issue Date whether or not earned or declared and whether or not there are profits, surplus or other funds of the Corporation legally available for the payment of dividends. Any dividends that are not paid within three Trading Days following a Dividend Payment Date shall continue to accrue and shall entail a late fee, payable in cash, at the rate of 18% per annum or the lesser rate permitted by applicable law (such late fee shall accrue daily from the Dividend Payment Date through and including the date of payment).

b) So long as any Series A Preferred Stock shall remain outstanding, neither the Corporation nor any Subsidiary thereof shall redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire directly or indirectly any Junior Securities except as expressly permitted by Section 9(a)(v). So long as any Series A Preferred Stock shall remain outstanding, neither the Corporation nor any Subsidiary thereof shall directly or indirectly pay or declare any dividend or make any distribution upon (other than a dividend or distribution described in Section 6 of this Article II.2(a)) or dividends due and paid in the ordinary course on preferred stock of the Corporation at such times when the Corporation is in compliance with its payment and other obligations hereunder, nor shall any distribution be made in respect of, any Junior Securities as long as any dividends due on the Series A Preferred Stock remain unpaid, nor shall any monies be set aside for or applied to the purchase or redemption (through a sinking fund or otherwise) of any Junior Securities or shares pari passu with the Series A Preferred Stock.

Section 4. Voting.

a) Voting Rights. Except as otherwise provided herein or as otherwise required by law, each holder of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall have the right to the number of votes equal to the number of Conversion Shares then issuable upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock held by such Holder in all matters as to which shareholders are required or permitted to vote, and with respect to such vote, such Holder shall have full voting rights and powers equal to the voting rights and powers of the holders of Common Stock, and shall be entitled, notwithstanding any provision in these articles of incorporation, to vote, together with the holders of Common Stock as a single class, with respect to any question upon which holders of Common Stock have the right to vote; provided, however, as to any Holder the right to vote such shares shall be limited to the number of shares issuable to such Holder pursuant to Section 6(c) on the record date for such vote. To the extent permitted under RCW Chapter 23B, and in accordance with Article V.1 of these Articles, the Corporation's shareholders may take action by the affirmative vote of a majority of all shareholders of this Corporation entitled to vote on an action. This Section is specifically intended to reduce the voting requirements otherwise prescribed under RCW 23B.010.030, 23B.11.030, 23B.11.035 and 23B.12.020 in accordance with RCW 23B.07.270. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 23B.10.040, subsections 1(a),(e) and (f), but subject to the provisions of the Section 4(b) below, the Corporation may take any of the actions described in RCW 23B.10.040, subsections 1(a), (e) and (f) by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the Series A Preferred Stock and the Common Stock, voting together as one class, with each holder of Series A Preferred Stock having the number of votes set forth above.

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b) **Restrictions on Corporate Action.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 4(a) above, as long as any shares of Series A Preferred Stock are outstanding, the Corporation shall not, without the affirmative vote of the Holders of a majority of the then outstanding shares of the Series A Preferred Stock, (a) alter or change adversely the powers, preferences or rights given to the Series A Preferred Stock or alter or amend this Article II.2(a), (b) authorize or create any class of stock ranking as to dividends, redemption or distribution of assets upon a Liquidation (as defined in Section 5 of this Article II.2(a)) senior to or otherwise pari passu with the Series A Preferred Stock, (c) amend its articles of incorporation or other charter documents in any manner that adversely affects any rights of the Holders, (d) increase the number of authorized shares of Series A Preferred Stock, or (e) enter into any agreement with respect to any of the foregoing.

Section 5. **Liquidation.** Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary (a Liquidation), the Holders shall be entitled to receive out of the assets, whether capital or surplus, of the Corporation an amount equal to the Stated Value, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon and any other fees or liquidated damages owing thereon, for each share of Series A Preferred Stock before any distribution or payment shall be made to the holders of any Junior Securities, and if the assets of the Corporation shall be insufficient to pay in full such amounts, then the entire assets to be distributed to the Holders shall be ratably distributed among the Holders in accordance with the respective amounts that would be payable on such shares if all amounts payable thereon were paid in full. A Fundamental Transaction or Change of Control Transaction shall not be deemed a Liquidation. The Corporation shall mail written notice of any such Liquidation, not less than 45 days prior to the payment date stated therein, to each Holder.

Section 6. **Conversion.**

a) **Conversions at Option of Holder.** Each share of Series A Preferred Stock shall be convertible, at any time and from time to time from and after the Original Issue Date at the option of the Holder thereof, into that number of shares of Common Stock (subject to the limitations set forth in Section 6(c)) determined by dividing the Stated Value of such share of Series A Preferred Stock by the Conversion Price. Holders shall effect conversions by providing the Corporation with the form of conversion notice attached hereto as Annex A (a Notice of Conversion). Each Notice of Conversion shall specify the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be converted, the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock owned prior to the conversion at issue, the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock owned subsequent to the conversion at issue and the date on which such conversion is to be effected, which date may not be prior to the date the applicable Holder delivers by facsimile such Notice of Conversion to the Corporation (such date, the Conversion Date). If no Conversion Date is specified in a Notice of Conversion, the Conversion Date shall be the date that such Notice of Conversion to the Corporation is deemed delivered hereunder. The calculations and entries set forth in the Notice of Conversion shall control in the absence of manifest or mathematical error. To effect conversions of shares of Series A Preferred Stock, a Holder shall not be required to surrender the certificate(s) representing such shares of Series A Preferred Stock to the Corporation unless all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock represented thereby are so converted, in which case such Holder shall deliver the certificate representing such shares of Series A Preferred Stock promptly following the Conversion Date at issue. Shares of Series A Preferred Stock converted into Common Stock or redeemed in accordance with the terms hereof shall be canceled and shall not be reissued.

b) **Conversion Price.** The conversion price for the Series A Preferred Stock shall equal \$1.6725 subject to adjustment herein (the Conversion Price).

c) **Beneficial Ownership Limitation.** The Corporation shall not effect any conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock, and a Holder shall not have the right to convert any portion of the Series A Preferred Stock, to the extent that, after giving effect to the conversion set forth on the applicable Notice of Conversion, such Holder (together with such Holder's Affiliates, and any other person or entity acting as a group together with such Holder or any of such Holder's Affiliates) would beneficially own in excess of the Beneficial Ownership Limitation (as defined below). For purposes of the foregoing sentence, the number of

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shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by such Holder and its Affiliates shall include the number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to which such determination is being made, but shall exclude the number of shares of Common Stock which are issuable upon (A) conversion of the remaining, unconverted Stated Value of Series A Preferred Stock beneficially owned by such Holder or any of its Affiliates and (B) exercise or conversion of the unexercised or unconverted portion of any other securities of the Corporation subject to a limitation on conversion or exercise analogous to the limitation contained herein (including the Warrants) beneficially owned by such Holder or any of its Affiliates. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, for purposes of this Section 6(c), beneficial ownership shall be calculated in accordance with Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. To the extent that the limitation contained in this Section 6(c) applies, the determination of whether the Series A Preferred Stock is convertible (in relation to other securities owned by such Holder together with any Affiliates) and of how many shares of Series A Preferred Stock are convertible shall be in the sole discretion of such Holder, and the submission of a Notice of Conversion shall be deemed to be such Holder's determination of whether the shares of Series A Preferred Stock may be converted (in relation to other securities owned by such Holder together with any Affiliates) and how many shares of the Series A Preferred Stock are convertible, in each case subject to such aggregate percentage limitations. To ensure compliance with this restriction, each Holder will be deemed to represent to the Corporation each time it delivers a Notice of Conversion that such Notice of Conversion has not violated the restrictions set forth in this paragraph and the Corporation shall have no obligation to verify or confirm the accuracy of such determination. In addition, a determination as to any group status as contemplated above shall be determined in accordance with Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. For purposes of this Section 6(c), in determining the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock, a Holder may rely on the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock as stated in the most recent of the following: (A) the Corporation's most recent Form 10-Q or Form 10-K, as the case may be, (B) a more recent public announcement by the Corporation or (C) a more recent notice by the Corporation or the Corporation's transfer agent setting forth the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding. Upon the written or oral request of a Holder, the Corporation shall within two Trading Days confirm orally and in writing to such Holder the number of shares of Common Stock then outstanding. In any case, the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock shall be determined after giving effect to the conversion or exercise of securities of the Corporation, including the Series A Preferred Stock, by such Holder or its Affiliates since the date as of which such number of outstanding shares of Common Stock was reported. The Beneficial Ownership Limitation shall be 4.99% of the number of shares of the Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to the issuance of shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of Series A Preferred Stock held by the applicable Holder. The Beneficial Ownership Limitation provisions of this Section 6(c) may be waived by such Holder, at the election of such Holder, upon not less than 61 days' prior notice to the Corporation, to change the Beneficial Ownership Limitation to 9.99% of the number of shares of the Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to the issuance of shares of Common Stock upon conversion of Series A Preferred Stock held by the applicable Holder and the provisions of this Section 6(c) shall continue to apply. Upon such a change by a Holder of the Beneficial Ownership Limitation from such 4.99% limitation to such 9.99% limitation, the Beneficial Ownership Limitation shall not be further waived by such Holder. The provisions of this paragraph shall be construed and implemented in a manner otherwise than in strict conformity with the terms of this Section 6(c) to correct this paragraph (or any portion hereof) which may be defective or inconsistent with the intended Beneficial Ownership Limitation herein contained or to make changes or supplements necessary or desirable to properly give effect to such limitation. The limitations contained in this paragraph shall apply to a successor holder of Series A Preferred Stock. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this provision shall not apply to any Holder that has elected to waive this provision (A) on its signature page to the Purchase Agreement or (B) in a writing acceptable to the Company.

d) Mechanics of Conversion

i. Delivery of Certificate Upon Conversion. Not later than five Trading Days after each Conversion Date (the Share Delivery Date), the Corporation shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to

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the converting Holder (A) a certificate or certificates, which shall be free of restrictive legends and trading restrictions, representing the number of shares of Common Stock being acquired upon the conversion of shares of Series A Preferred Stock and (B) a bank check in the amount of accrued and unpaid dividends. The Corporation shall use its best efforts to deliver any certificate or certificates required to be delivered by the Corporation under this Section 6 electronically through the Depository Trust Company or another established clearing corporation performing similar functions. If, in the case of any Notice of Conversion, such certificate or certificates are not delivered to or as directed by the applicable Holder by the seventh Trading Day after the Conversion Date, the applicable Holder shall be entitled to elect to rescind such Conversion Notice by written notice to the Corporation at any time on or before its receipt of such certificate or certificates, in which event the Corporation shall promptly return to such Holder any original Series A Preferred Stock certificate delivered to the Corporation and such Holder shall promptly return any Common Stock certificates representing the shares of Series A Preferred Stock tendered for conversion to the Corporation.

ii. Obligation Absolute; Partial Liquidated Damages. The Corporation's obligation to issue and deliver the Conversion Shares upon conversion of Series A Preferred Stock in accordance with the terms hereof are absolute and unconditional, irrespective of any action or inaction by a Holder to enforce the same, any waiver or consent with respect to any provision hereof, the recovery of any judgment against any Person or any action to enforce the same, or any setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, limitation or termination, or any breach or alleged breach by such Holder or any other Person of any obligation to the Corporation or any violation or alleged violation of law by such Holder or any other person, and irrespective of any other circumstance which might otherwise limit such obligation of the Corporation to such Holder in connection with the issuance of such Conversion Shares; provided, however, that such delivery shall not operate as a waiver by the Corporation of any such action that the Corporation may have against such Holder. In the event a Holder shall elect to convert any or all of the Stated Value of its Series A Preferred Stock, the Corporation may not refuse conversion based on any claim that such Holder or any one associated or affiliated with such Holder has been engaged in any violation of law, agreement or for any other reason, unless an injunction from a court, on notice to Holder, restraining and/or enjoining conversion of all or part of the Series A Preferred Stock of such Holder shall have been sought and obtained. In the absence of such injunction, the Corporation shall issue Conversion Shares and, if applicable, cash, upon a properly noticed conversion. If the Corporation fails to deliver to a Holder such certificate or certificates pursuant to Section 6(d)(i) on the second Trading Day after the Share Delivery Date applicable to such conversion, the Corporation shall pay to such Holder, in cash, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, for each \$10,000 of Stated Value of Series A Preferred Stock being converted, \$50 per Trading Day for each Trading Day after such second Trading Day after the Share Delivery Date until such certificates are delivered. Nothing herein shall limit a Holder's right to pursue actual damages or declare a Triggering Event pursuant to Section 9 for the Corporation's failure to deliver Conversion Shares within the period specified herein and such Holder shall have the right to pursue all remedies available to it hereunder, at law or in equity including, without limitation, a decree of specific performance and/or injunctive relief. The Exercise of any such rights shall not prohibit a Holder from seeking to enforce damages pursuant to any other Section hereof or under applicable law.

iii. Compensation for Buy-In on Failure to Timely Deliver Certificates Upon Conversion. If the Corporation fails to deliver to a Holder the applicable certificate or certificates by the second Trading Day following the Share Delivery Date pursuant to Section 6(d)(i), and if after such date such Holder is required by its brokerage firm to purchase (in an open market transaction or otherwise), or the Holder's brokerage firm purchases, shares of Common Stock to deliver in satisfaction of a sale by such Holder of the Conversion Shares which such Holder was entitled to receive upon the conversion relating to such Share Delivery Date (a Buy-In), then the Corporation shall (A) pay in cash to such Holder (in addition to any other remedies available to or elected by such Holder) the amount by which (x) such Holder's total purchase price (including any brokerage commissions) for the shares of Common Stock so purchased exceeds (y) the product of (1) the aggregate number of shares of

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Common Stock that such Holder was entitled to receive from the conversion at issue multiplied by (2) the actual sale price at which the sell order giving rise to such purchase obligation was executed (including any brokerage commissions) and (B) at the option of such Holder, either reissue (if surrendered) the shares of Series A Preferred Stock equal to the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock submitted for conversion or deliver to such Holder the number of shares of Common Stock that would have been issued if the Corporation had timely complied with its delivery requirements under Section 6(d)(i). For example, if a Holder purchases shares of Common Stock having a total purchase price of \$11,000 to cover a Buy-In with respect to an attempted conversion of shares of Series A Preferred Stock with respect to which the actual sale price (including any brokerage commissions) giving rise to such purchase obligation was a total of \$10,000 under clause (A) of the immediately preceding sentence, the Corporation shall be required to pay such Holder \$1,000. The Holder shall provide the Corporation written notice indicating the amounts payable to such Holder in respect of the Buy-In and, upon request of the Corporation, evidence of the amount of such loss. Nothing herein shall limit a Holder's right to pursue any other remedies available to it hereunder, at law or in equity including, without limitation, a decree of specific performance and/or injunctive relief with respect to the Corporation's failure to timely deliver certificates representing shares of Common Stock upon conversion of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock as required pursuant to the terms hereof.

iv. **Reservation of Shares Issuable Upon Conversion.** The Corporation covenants that it will at all times reserve and keep available out of its authorized and unissued shares of Common Stock for the sole purpose of issuance upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock and payment of dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock, each as herein provided, free from preemptive rights or any other actual contingent purchase rights of Persons other than the Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, not less than such aggregate number of shares of the Common Stock as shall (subject to the terms and conditions in the Purchase Agreement) be issuable (taking into account the adjustments and restrictions of Section 7) upon the conversion of all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock and payment of dividends hereunder. The Corporation covenants that all shares of Common Stock that shall be so issuable shall, upon issue, be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and, if the Conversion Shares Registration Statement is then effective under the Securities Act, shall be registered for public sale in accordance with such Conversion Shares Registration Statement.

v. **Fractional Shares.** Upon a conversion hereunder, the Corporation shall not be required to issue stock certificates representing fractions of shares of Common Stock, but may if otherwise permitted, make a cash payment in respect of any final fraction of a share based on the VWAP at such time.

vi. **Transfer Taxes.** The issuance of certificates for shares of the Common Stock on conversion of this Series A Preferred Stock shall be made without charge to any Holder for any documentary stamp or similar taxes that may be payable in respect of the issue or delivery of such certificates, provided that the Corporation shall not be required to pay any tax that may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issuance and delivery of any such certificate upon conversion in a name other than that of the Holders of such shares of Series A Preferred Stock so converted and the Corporation shall not be required to issue or deliver such certificates unless or until the Person or Persons requesting the issuance thereof shall have paid to the Corporation the amount of such tax or shall have established to the satisfaction of the Corporation that such tax has been paid.

Section 7. **Certain Adjustments.**

a) **Stock Dividends and Stock Splits.** If the Corporation, at any time while this Series A Preferred Stock is outstanding: (A) pays a stock dividend or otherwise makes a distribution or distributions payable in shares of Common Stock on shares of Common Stock or any other Common Stock Equivalents (which, for avoidance of doubt, shall not include any shares of Common Stock issued by the Corporation upon conversion of, or payment of a dividend on, this Series A Preferred Stock); (B) subdivides outstanding shares of Common Stock into a larger number of shares; (C) combines (including by way of a reverse stock

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split) outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares; or (D) issues, in the event of a reclassification of shares of the Common Stock, any shares of capital stock of the Corporation, then the Conversion Price shall be multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator shall be the number of shares of Common Stock (excluding any treasury shares of the Corporation) outstanding immediately before such event and of which the denominator shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event. Any adjustment made pursuant to this Section 7(a) shall become effective immediately after the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive such dividend or distribution and shall become effective immediately after the effective date in the case of a subdivision, combination or re-classification.

b) [RESERVED].

c) Subsequent Rights Offerings. If the Corporation, at any time while this Series A Preferred Stock is outstanding, shall issue rights, options or warrants to all holders of Common Stock (and not to Holders) entitling them to subscribe for or purchase shares of Common Stock at a price per share that is lower than the VWAP on the record date referenced below, then the Conversion Price shall be multiplied by a fraction of which the denominator shall be the number of shares of the Common Stock outstanding on the date of issuance of such rights or warrants plus the number of additional shares of Common Stock offered for subscription or purchase, and of which the numerator shall be the number of shares of the Common Stock outstanding on the date of issuance of such rights or warrants plus the number of shares which the aggregate offering price of the total number of shares so offered (assuming delivery to the Corporation in full of all consideration payable upon exercise of such rights, options or warrants) would purchase at such VWAP. Such adjustment shall be made whenever such rights or warrants are issued, and shall become effective immediately after the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive such rights, options or warrants.

d) Pro Rata Distributions. If the Corporation, at any time while this Series A Preferred Stock is outstanding, distributes to all holders of Common Stock (and not to Holders) evidences of its indebtedness or assets (including cash and cash dividends) or rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase any security (other than Common Stock, which shall be subject to Section 7(c)), then in each such case the Conversion Price shall be adjusted by multiplying such Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to the record date fixed for determination of shareholders entitled to receive such distribution by a fraction of which the denominator shall be the VWAP determined as of the record date mentioned above, and of which the numerator shall be such VWAP on such record date less the then fair market value at such record date of the portion of such assets, evidence of indebtedness or rights or warrants so distributed applicable to one outstanding share of the Common Stock as determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation in good faith. In either case the adjustments shall be described in a statement delivered to the Holders describing the portion of assets or evidences of indebtedness so distributed or such subscription rights applicable to one share of Common Stock. Such adjustment shall be made whenever any such distribution is made and shall become effective immediately after the record date mentioned above.

e) Fundamental Transaction. If, at any time while this Series A Preferred Stock is outstanding, (A) the Corporation effects any merger or consolidation of the Corporation with or into another Person, (B) the Corporation effects any sale of all or substantially all of its assets in one transaction or a series of related transactions, (C) any tender offer or exchange offer (whether by the Corporation or another Person) is completed pursuant to which holders of Common Stock are permitted to tender or exchange their shares for other securities, cash or property, or (D) the Corporation effects any reclassification of the Common Stock or any compulsory share exchange pursuant to which the Common Stock is effectively converted into or exchanged for other securities, cash or property (in any such case, a Fundamental Transaction), then, upon any subsequent conversion of this Series A Preferred Stock, the Holders shall have the right to receive, for each Conversion Share that would have been issuable upon such conversion immediately prior to the occurrence of such Fundamental Transaction, the same kind and amount of securities, cash or property as it would have been entitled to receive upon the occurrence of such Fundamental Transaction if it had been, immediately prior to such Fundamental Transaction, the holder of one share of Common Stock (the

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Alternate Consideration). For purposes of any such conversion, the determination of the Conversion Price shall be appropriately adjusted to apply to such Alternate Consideration based on the amount of Alternate Consideration issuable in respect of one share of Common Stock in such Fundamental Transaction, and the Corporation shall apportion the Conversion Price among the Alternate Consideration in a reasonable manner reflecting the relative value of any different components of the Alternate Consideration. If holders of Common Stock are given any choice as to the securities, cash or property to be received in a Fundamental Transaction, then the Holders shall be given the same choice as to the Alternate Consideration it receives upon any conversion of this Series A Preferred Stock following such Fundamental Transaction. To the extent necessary to effectuate the foregoing provisions, any successor to the Corporation or surviving entity in such Fundamental Transaction shall articles of incorporation or an amendment to its articles of incorporation with the same terms and conditions and issue to the Holders new preferred stock consistent with the foregoing provisions and evidencing the Holders' right to convert such preferred stock into Alternate Consideration. The terms of any agreement pursuant to which a Fundamental Transaction is effected shall include terms requiring any such successor or surviving entity to comply with the provisions of this Section 7(e) and insuring that this Series A Preferred Stock (or any such replacement security) will be similarly adjusted upon any subsequent transaction analogous to a Fundamental Transaction.

f) Calculations. All calculations under this Section 7 shall be made to the nearest cent or the nearest 1/100th of a share, as the case may be. For purposes of this Section 7, the number of shares of Common Stock deemed to be issued and outstanding as of a given date shall be the sum of the number of shares of Common Stock (excluding any treasury shares of the Corporation) issued and outstanding.

g) Notice to the Holders.

i. Adjustment to Conversion Price. Whenever the Conversion Price is adjusted pursuant to any provision of this Section 7, the Corporation shall promptly mail to each Holder a notice setting forth the Conversion Price after such adjustment and setting forth a brief statement of the facts requiring such adjustment. If the Company enters into a Variable Rate Transaction, despite the prohibition set forth in the Purchase Agreement, the Company shall be deemed to have issued Common Stock or Common Stock Equivalents at the lowest possible conversion price at which such securities may be converted or exercised.

ii. Notice to Allow Conversion by Holder. If (A) the Corporation shall declare a dividend (or any other distribution in whatever form) on the Common Stock, (B) the Corporation shall declare a special nonrecurring cash dividend on or a redemption of the Common Stock, (C) the Corporation shall authorize the granting to all holders of the Common Stock of rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase any shares of capital stock of any class or of any rights, (D) the approval of any shareholders of the Corporation shall be required in connection with any reclassification of the Common Stock, any consolidation or merger to which the Corporation is a party, any sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation, of any compulsory share exchange whereby the Common Stock is converted into other securities, cash or property or (E) the Corporation shall authorize the voluntary or involuntary dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, then, in each case, the Corporation shall cause to be filed at each office or agency maintained for the purpose of conversion of this Series A Preferred Stock, and shall cause to be delivered to each Holder at its last address as it shall appear upon the stock books of the Corporation, at least 20 calendar days prior to the applicable record or effective date hereinafter specified, a notice stating (x) the date on which a record is to be taken for the purpose of such dividend, distribution, redemption, rights or warrants, or if a record is not to be taken, the date as of which the holders of the Common Stock of record to be entitled to such dividend, distributions, redemption, rights or warrants are to be determined or (y) the date on which such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, transfer or share exchange is expected to become effective or close, and the date as of which it is expected that holders of the Common Stock of record shall be entitled to exchange their shares of the Common Stock for securities, cash or other property deliverable upon such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, transfer or share exchange, provided that the failure to deliver such notice or any defect therein or in the delivery thereof shall not

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affect the validity of the corporate action required to be specified in such notice. The Holder is entitled to convert the Stated Value of its Series A Preferred Stock (or any part hereof) during the 20-day period commencing on the date of such notice through the effective date of the event triggering such notice.

Section 8. Forced Conversion and Optional Redemption.

a) Forced Conversion. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if after the six month anniversary of the Original Issue Date the VWAP for each of any 20 consecutive Trading Day period (Threshold Period) exceeds \$3.345, subject to adjustment for reverse and forward stock splits, stock dividends, stock combinations and other similar transactions of the Common Stock that occur after the Original Issue Date, the Corporation may, within 1 Trading Day after the end of any such Threshold Period, deliver a written notice to all Holders (a Forced Conversion Notice and the date such notice is delivered to all Holders, the Forced Conversion Notice Date) to cause each Holder to convert all or part of such Holder's Series A Preferred Stock (as specified in such Forced Conversion Notice) plus all accrued but unpaid dividends thereon and all liquidated damages and other amounts due in respect of the Series A Preferred Stock pursuant to Section 6, with the Conversion Date for purposes of Section 6 deemed to occur on the third Trading Day following the Forced Conversion Notice Date (such third Trading Day, the Forced Conversion Date). The Corporation may not deliver a Forced Conversion Notice, and any Forced Conversion Notice delivered by the Corporation shall not be effective, unless all of the Equity Conditions have been met on each Trading Day during the applicable Threshold Period through and including the later of the Forced Conversion Date and the Trading Day after the date that the Conversion Shares issuable pursuant to such forced conversion are actually delivered to the Holders pursuant to the Forced Conversion Notice. Any Forced Conversion Notices shall be applied ratably to all of the Holders based on each Holder's initial purchases of Series A Preferred Stock hereunder, provided that any voluntary conversions by a Holder shall be applied against such Holder's pro rata allocation, thereby decreasing the aggregate amount forcibly converted hereunder if less than all shares of the Series A Preferred Stock are forcibly converted. For purposes of clarification, a Forced Conversion shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 6, including, without limitation, the provisions requiring payment of liquidated damages and limitations on conversions.

b) Optional Redemption at Election of Holder. Subject to the provisions of this Section 8, at any time after the two year anniversary of the Original Issue Date, the Holder may deliver a notice to the Corporation (an Optional Redemption Notice and the date such notice is deemed delivered hereunder, the Optional Redemption Notice Date) requiring the Corporation to redeem some or all of the then outstanding Series A Preferred Stock for cash in an amount equal to the Optional Redemption Amount on the fifth Trading Day following the Optional Redemption Notice Date (such date, the Optional Redemption Date and such redemption, the Optional Redemption). The Optional Redemption Amount is payable in full on the Optional Redemption Date. If the Corporation fails to pay the Optional Redemption Amount in full on the Optional Redemption Date, the Corporation shall pay interest thereon at a rate equal to the lesser of 18% per annum or the maximum rate permitted by applicable law, accruing daily from the first day following the Optional Redemption Date until such Optional Redemption Amount, plus any interest thereon, is paid in full. The Corporation shall honor all Notices of Conversion tendered from the time of delivery of the Optional Redemption Notice through the date the Optional Redemption Amount is paid in full.

Section 9. Redemption Upon Triggering Events.

a) Triggering Event means any one or more of the following events (whatever the reason and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court, or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

i. if the Company fails to provide at all times an effective registration statement that permits the Company to issue the Conversion Shares or which allows the Holder to sell the Conversion Shares pursuant thereto, subject to a grace period of 20 calendar days;

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- ii. the Corporation shall fail to deliver certificates representing Conversion Shares issuable upon a conversion hereunder that comply with the provisions hereof prior to the fifth Trading Day after such certificates are required to be delivered hereunder, or the Corporation shall provide written notice to any Holder, including by way of public announcement, at any time, of its intention not to comply with requests for conversion of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock in accordance with the terms hereof;
 - iii. the Corporation shall fail to have available a sufficient number of authorized and unreserved shares of Common Stock to issue to such Holder upon a conversion hereunder;
 - iv. unless specifically addressed elsewhere in these articles of incorporation as a Triggering Event, the Corporation shall fail to observe or perform any other covenant, agreement or warranty contained in, or otherwise commit any breach of the Transaction Documents, and such failure or breach shall not, if subject to the possibility of a cure by the Corporation, have been cured within 30 calendar days after the date on which written notice of such failure or breach shall have been delivered;
 - v. the Corporation shall be party to a Change of Control Transaction;
 - vi. there shall have occurred a Bankruptcy Event;
 - vii. the Common Stock shall fail to be listed or quoted for trading on a Trading Market for more than five Trading Days, which need not be consecutive Trading Days; or
 - viii. any monetary judgment, writ or similar final process shall be entered or filed against the Corporation, any Subsidiary or any of their respective property or other assets for greater than \$50,000, and such judgment, writ or similar final process shall remain unvacated, unbonded or unstayed for a period of 45 calendar days.
- b) Upon the occurrence of a Triggering Event, each Holder shall (in addition to all other rights it may have hereunder or under applicable law) have the right, exercisable at the sole option of such Holder, to require the Corporation to redeem all of the Series A Preferred Stock then held by such Holder for a redemption price, in shares of Common Stock, equal to the Triggering Redemption Amount. The Triggering Redemption Amount shall be due and payable within five Trading Days of the date on which the notice for the payment therefor is provided by a Holder (the Triggering Redemption Payment Date). If the Corporation fails to pay in full the Triggering Redemption Amount hereunder on the date such amount is due in accordance with this Section, the Corporation will pay interest thereon at a rate equal to the lesser of 18% per annum or the maximum rate permitted by applicable law, accruing daily from such date until the Triggering Redemption Amount, plus all such interest thereon, is paid in full. For purposes of this Section, a share of Series A Preferred Stock is outstanding until such date as the applicable Holder has been paid the Triggering Redemption Amount in cash.

Section 10. Negative Covenants. So long as any shares of Series A Preferred Stock are outstanding, unless the holders of at least 67% in Stated Value of the then outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall have otherwise given prior written consent, the Corporation shall not, and shall not permit any of its subsidiaries (whether or not a Subsidiary on the Original Issue Date) to, directly or indirectly:

- a) amend these articles of incorporation, its bylaws or other charter documents so as to materially and adversely affect any rights of any Holder;
- b) repay, repurchase or offer to repay, repurchase or otherwise acquire any shares of its Common Stock, Common Stock Equivalents or Junior Securities, except for the Conversion Shares to the extent permitted or required under the Transaction Documents or as otherwise permitted by the Transaction Documents; provided, however, that this restriction shall not apply to the repurchase of up to 1,000,000 shares of Common Stock in any 12 month period (subject to adjustment for reverse and forward stock splits, stock dividends, stock combinations and other similar transactions of the Common Stock that occur after the Original Issue Date) from employees, officers, directors, consultants or other persons performing services for this Corporation or any Subsidiary pursuant to agreements approved by a majority of the Board of

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Directors or under which this Corporation has the option to repurchase such shares at cost or at cost upon the occurrence of certain events, such a termination of employment.

- c) pay cash dividends or distributions on Junior Securities of the Corporation; or
- d) enter into any agreement or understanding with respect to any of the foregoing.

Section 11. Miscellaneous.

a) Notices. Any and all notices or other communications or deliveries to be provided by the Holders hereunder including, without limitation, any Notice of Conversion, shall be in writing and delivered personally, by facsimile, or sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier service, addressed to the Corporation, at the address set forth above, facsimile number (206) 272-4302, Attention: President or such other facsimile number or address as the Corporation may specify for such purposes by notice to the Holders delivered in accordance with this Section 11. Any and all notices or other communications or deliveries to be provided by the Corporation hereunder shall be in writing and delivered personally, by facsimile, or sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier service addressed to each Holder at the facsimile number or address of such Holder appearing on the books of the Corporation, or if no such facsimile number or address appears on the books of the Corporation, at the principal place of business of the Holders. Any notice or other communication or deliveries hereunder shall be deemed given and effective on the earliest of (i) the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via facsimile at the facsimile number specified in this Section 11 prior to 5:30 p.m. (New York City time) on any date, (ii) the date immediately following the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via facsimile at the facsimile number specified in this Section 11 between 5:30 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on any date, (iii) the second Business Day following the date of mailing, if sent by nationally recognized overnight courier service, or (iv) upon actual receipt by the party to whom such notice is required to be given.

b) Absolute Obligation. Except as expressly provided herein, no provision of this Article II.2(a) shall alter or impair the obligation of the Corporation, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay liquidated damages, accrued dividends and accrued interest, as applicable, on the shares of Series A Preferred Stock at the time, place, and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

c) Lost or Mutilated Series A Preferred Stock Certificate. If a Holder's Series A Preferred Stock certificate shall be mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed, the Corporation shall execute and deliver, in exchange and substitution for and upon cancellation of a mutilated certificate, or in lieu of or in substitution for a lost, stolen or destroyed certificate, a new certificate for the shares of Series A Preferred Stock so mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed, but only upon receipt of evidence of such loss, theft or destruction of such certificate, and of the ownership hereof reasonably satisfactory to the Corporation.

d) Governing Law. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Article II.2(a) shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Washington, without regard to the principles of conflict of laws thereof.

e) Waiver. Any waiver by the Corporation or a Holder of a breach of any provision of this Article II.2(a) shall not operate as or be construed to be a waiver of any other breach of such provision or of any breach of any other provision of this Article II.2(a) or a waiver by any other Holders. The failure of the Corporation or a Holder to insist upon strict adherence to any term of this Article II.2(a) on one or more occasions shall not be considered a waiver or deprive that party (or any other Holder) of the right thereafter to insist upon strict adherence to that term or any other term of this Article II.2(a). Any waiver by the Corporation or a Holder must be in writing.

f) Severability. If any provision of this Article II.2(a) is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the balance of this Article II.2(a) shall remain in effect, and if any provision is inapplicable to any Person or circumstance, it shall nevertheless remain applicable to all other Persons and circumstances. If it shall be

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found that any interest or other amount deemed interest due hereunder violates the applicable law governing usury, the applicable rate of interest due hereunder shall automatically be lowered to equal the maximum rate of interest permitted under applicable law.

g) Next Business Day. Whenever any payment or other obligation hereunder shall be due on a day other than a Business Day, such payment shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day.

h) Headings. The headings contained herein are for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this Article II.2(a) and shall not be deemed to limit or affect any of the provisions hereof.

i) Status of Converted or Redeemed Series A Preferred Stock. Shares of Series A Preferred Stock may only be issued pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. If any shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be converted, redeemed or reacquired by the Corporation, such shares shall resume the status of authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock and shall no longer be designated as Series A 3% Convertible Preferred Stock.

ARTICLE III

DIRECTORS

The number of directors of the Corporation shall be as set forth in the bylaws. The Board of Directors shall be divided into three classes: Class I, Class II and Class III, which shall be as equal in number as may be possible.

Each director shall serve for a term ending on the third annual meeting of shareholders following the annual meeting at which the director was elected. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, each director shall serve until his successor is duly elected and qualified or until his death, resignation or removal.

At a meeting of shareholders called expressly for that purpose, the entire Board of Directors, or any member thereof, may be removed from office at any time, but only (a) for Cause and (b) if the number of votes cast to remove the director by holders of shares then entitled to vote in an election of directors exceed the number of votes cast not to remove the director. For purposes of this Article III, Cause shall be limited to (a) action by a director involving willful malfeasance having a material adverse effect on the Corporation or (b) a director being convicted of a felony; provided that any action by a director shall not constitute Cause if, in good faith, the director believed such action to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, or if a director shall be entitled, under applicable law, these Articles of Incorporation, the bylaws of the Corporation or a contract with the Corporation, to be indemnified with respect to such action.

ARTICLE IV

SHAREHOLDERS RIGHTS

1. Shareholders of the Corporation have no preemptive rights to acquire additional shares issued by the Corporation.
2. Holders of Common Stock shall be entitled to receive the net assets of the Corporation upon dissolution.

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ARTICLE V

VOTING RIGHTS

1. Holders of the Corporation's outstanding Common Stock shall have unlimited voting rights; provided, however, that a simple majority of all votes entitled to be cast by a voting group will be sufficient to approve any (a) plan of merger, (b) plan of share exchange, or (c) sale of assets other than in the usual and regular course of business of the Corporation.
2. At each election of directors, every shareholder entitled to vote at such election has the right to vote the number of shares of stock held by such shareholder for each of the directors to be elected. No cumulative voting for directors shall be permitted.

ARTICLE VI

LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS

No director of the Corporation shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for his or her conduct as a director, which conduct takes place on or after the date this Article becomes effective, except for (i) acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law by the director, (ii) conduct violating RCW 23B.08.310, or (iii) any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property or services to which the director is not legally entitled. If, after this Article becomes effective, the Washington Business Corporation Act is amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the Corporation shall be deemed eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Washington Business Corporation Act, as so amended. Any amendment to or repeal of this Article shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Corporation for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such director occurring prior to such amendment or repeal. This provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for any act or omission occurring prior to the date of this Article becomes effective.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law, and all rights and powers conferred herein on shareholders and directors are subject to this reserved power.

CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC.,

A Washington corporation

[Date: _____, 2007]

By:

James A. Bianco, M.D.

President and Chief Executive Officer

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[PROXY CARD (face)]

Cell Therapeutics, Inc.

Special Meeting of the Shareholders

April 10, 2007

This Proxy is Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors

The shareholder(s) hereby appoint(s) James A. Bianco, M.D. and Phillip M. Nudelman, Ph.D., and each of them, as proxies, with full power of substitution, to represent and vote for, and on behalf of, the shareholder(s), the number of shares of common stock of Cell Therapeutics, Inc. that the shareholder(s) would be entitled to vote if personally present at the Special Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 10, 2007, or at any adjournment or postponement thereof. The shareholder(s) direct(s) that this proxy be voted as follows:

In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting. This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein by the shareholder(s). **IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR PROPOSAL 1.**

Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) on the stock certificate(s). When shares are held jointly, each person must sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. An authorized person should sign on behalf of corporations, partnerships and associations and give his or her title.

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The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** the Proposal regarding:

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| (1) Approval of the amended and restated articles of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares from 210,000,000 to 410,000,000 and to increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance from 200,000,000 to 400,000,000.
SIGNATURE (PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX)_____ | FOR
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SIGNATURE (PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX)_____

DATE _____

SIGNATURE (JOINT OWNERS)_____

DATE _____

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[ITALIAN PROXY CARD]

Cell Therapeutics, Inc.

Assemblea Speciale degli azionisti

10 aprile 2007

La presente delega è sollecitata per conto del Consiglio di Amministrazione

Il/i sottoscritto/i, _____ il/i cui nominativo/i compare/compaiono sull' allegata certificazione rilasciata ai sensi dell' articolo 31, lett. b) del D.Lgs. 24.06.1998 n. 213, delega/delegano James A. Bianco, M.D. e Philip M. Nudelman, Ph.D., e ciascuno con il potere di nominare propri sostituti, a rappresentarlo/li nell' Assemblea Speciale degli azionisti di Cell Therapeutics Inc. che si terrà il 10 aprile 2007 ed in ogni successivo differimento o rinvio della stessa, nonché ad esercitare i diritti di voto connessi alle azioni ordinarie di Cell Therapeutics, Inc. rispetto alle quali il/i sottoscritto/i avrebbe/avrebbero il potere di votare qualora fosse/fossero personalmente presente/i nell' Assemblea Speciale. Il/i sottoscritto/i richiede/richiedono che questa delega sia esercitata come segue:

A loro discrezione, i soggetti delegati ai sensi della presente delega hanno il diritto di votare su tutte le ulteriori questioni che vengano in essere prima dell' Assemblea Speciale. La presente delega, debitamente sottoscritta ed inviata congiuntamente alla certificazione rilasciata dall' intermediario ai sensi dell' articolo 31, lett. b) del D.Lgs. 24.06.1998 n. 213 conferisce il potere di votare conformemente alle seguenti istruzioni ricevute dal/i socio/i. **NEL CASO IN CUI NON SIA CONTENUTA ALCUNA ISTRUZIONE, LA PRESENTE DELEGA CONFERISCE IL POTERE DI VOTARE A FAVORE DELLA PROPOSTA 1.**

Siete pregati di sottoscrivere la presente delega in modo leggibile, indicando il Vostro nominativo, corrispondente a quello riportato nella certificazione rilasciata dall' intermediario ai sensi dell' articolo 31, lett. b) del D.Lgs. 24.06.1998 n. 213. Qualora l' azione sia cointestata, ciascuno dei cointestatari dovrà sottoscrivere la presente delega. Se si sottoscrive in qualità di procuratore, esecutore, curatore, fiduciario o tutore occorre specificare tale titolo. Le società di capitali, società di persone e associazioni sottoscrivono tramite un legale rappresentante che dovrà indicare tale titolo.

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Il Consiglio di Amministrazione raccomanda il voto **A FAVORE** della Proposta relativa a:

	A FAVORE	CONTRO	ASTENUTO
(1) Approvazione di una modifica del riformulato e modificato atto costitutivo di Cell Therapeutics, Inc. al fine di aumentare il numero delle azioni autorizzate da 210.000.000 a 410.000.000 e di aumentare il numero delle azioni ordinarie autorizzate da 200.000.000 a 400.000.000.

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ISTRUZIONI DI VOTO

- (a) Firmare e datare la presente delega nell'apposito spazio qui sotto.
- (b) Trasmettere sia la delega firmata che la certificazione rilasciata dall'intermediario ai sensi dell'articolo 31, lett. b) del D.lgs 24.06.1998n. 213 (o una copia integrale della stessa) al seguente indirizzo, o per posta o via fax:

Cell Therapeutics, Inc.

Attn: Corporate Secretary

501 Elliott Ave. W., Suite 400

Seattle, WA 98119

FAX: 00+1 (206) 284-6206

- (c) È necessario allegare la certificazione rilasciata dall'intermediario ai sensi dell'articolo 31, lett. b) del D.lgs. 24.06.1989 n. 213 (o una copia integrale della stessa) perché il proprio voto venga computato;
- (d) Scadenza: la delega dovrà essere recapitata al suddetto indirizzo (per posta o per fax) non più tardi dell'8 aprile 2007. Qualora delegiate il vostro voto successivamente al 1° aprile 2007, è vivamente consigliato di inviare la documentazione anche via fax al numero suddetto. Tutte le altre deleghe di voto concesse dal sottoscritto in relazione alle azioni ordinarie di Cell Therapeutics Inc., in base alle quali il sottoscritto avrebbe il potere di votare nell'Assemblea Speciale o in ogni suo ulteriore differimento o rinvio, qualora fosse presente, sono espressamente revocate.

FIRMA _____

DATA _____

FIRMA (COINTESTATARI) _____ DATA _____

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[ITALIAN PROXY CARD (English translation)]

Cell Therapeutics, Inc.

Special Meeting of the Shareholders

April 10, 2007

This Proxy is Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors

The shareholder(s) whose name(s) appear(s) on the enclosed certifications(s) issued by authorized intermediaries pursuant to article 31 of the Italian Law Decree no. 213 of 1998, hereby appoint(s) James A. Bianco, M.D. and Phillip M. Nudelman, Ph.D., and each of them, as proxies, with full power of substitution, to represent and vote for, and on behalf of, the shareholder(s), the number of shares of common stock of Cell Therapeutics, Inc. that the shareholder(s) would be entitled to vote if personally present at the Special Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 10, 2007, or at any adjournment or postponement thereof. The shareholder(s) direct(s) that this proxy be voted as follows:

In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting. This proxy, when properly executed and submitted together with your certification issued by the authorized intermediaries pursuant to article 31 of the Italian Law Decree no. 213 of 1998, will be voted in the manner directed herein by the shareholder(s). **IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR PROPOSAL 1.**

Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) on the stock certifications(s) issued by the authorized intermediaries pursuant to article 31 of the Italian Law Decree no. 213 of 1998. When shares are held jointly, each person must sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. An authorized person should sign on behalf of corporations, partnerships and associations and give his or her title.

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The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** the Proposal regarding:

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| (1) | Approval of the amended and restated articles of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares from 210,000,000 to 410,000,000 and to increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance from 200,000,000 to 400,000,000. | FOR
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VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) Please sign and date this card in the space provided below.
- (b) Please submit BOTH this signed proxy card AND the certification issued by the authorized intermediaries pursuant to article 31 of the Italian Law Decree n. 213 of 1998 (or a complete copy) to the following address either by mail or by fax:

Cell Therapeutics, Inc.

Attn: Corporate Secretary

501 Elliott Ave. W., Suite 400

Seattle, WA 98119

FAX: 00 +1 (206) 284-6206

- (c) You MUST include the certification issued by the authorized intermediaries pursuant to article 31 of the Italian Law Decree n. 213 of 1998 (or a complete copy) together with this proxy card for your vote to be counted.
- (d) **Deadline:** Your proxy card must be received at the above address (by mail or fax) no later than April 8, 2007. If you are depositing your vote in the mail after April 1, 2007, we recommend that you also submit the papers by fax to the above number. All other proxies heretofore given by the undersigned to vote shares of stock of Cell Therapeutics Inc., which the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present at the Special Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof, are hereby expressly revoked.

SIGNATURE (PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX) _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE (JOINT OWNERS) _____ DATE _____