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CURRENT REPORT

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 1, 2013

MARATHON PATENT GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

The information set forth in Item 5.02 is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

Appointment of Chief Technology Officer

On March 1, 2013, Mr. Nathaniel Bradley was appointed as the Company's Chief Technology Officer and President of IP Services. Mr. Bradley, 37, is a recognized pioneer and active expert in the new media internet technology sector. He is the named inventor of several Internet technology patents and patents pending with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Mr. Bradley is the named inventor of several patented Internet and Mobile technology inventions. Mr. Bradley is a recognized pioneer and active expert in the new media and mobile Internet technology sector. He is also the named inventor of over 80 Internet technology patents and patents pending with United States Patent & Trademark Office. Over the past decade, Mr. Bradley has been involved in the expansion, reduction to practice, mass commercialization and enforcement of Internet patents related to the customization of Internet content to end users. Mr. Bradley is developing an Intellectual Property Services operation for the Marathon Patent Group at the University of Arizona Science & Technology Park in Tucson. In his past experience as Chief Technology & Product Officer Mr. Bradley has been involved in the development and spin-out divestiture of VoiceAmerica, Radio Pilot, World Talk Radio & BoomBox Radio. He has been involved in the acquisition and consolidation of Internet Radio operations and mobile marketing operations including Augme Mobile in 2010. Mr. Bradley has also been involved with patent enforcement and patent litigation since 2007.

Pursuant to the Employment Agreement between the Company and Mr. Bradley dated March 1, 2013 ("Bradley Employment Agreement"), Mr. Bradley shall serve as the Company's Chief Technology Officer and President of IP Services for two (2) years. The Bradley Employment Agreement shall be automatically renewed for successive one (1) year periods thereafter. Mr. Bradley shall be entitled to a base salary at an annual rate of \$195,000, with such upward adjustments as shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion. Mr. Bradley shall also be entitled to an annual bonus if the Company meets or exceeds criteria adopted by the Compensation Committee of the Board for earning bonuses. Mr. Bradley shall be awarded five (5) year stock options to purchase an aggregate of one million (1,000,000) shares of the Company's common stock, with a strike price based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on March 1, 2013 as reported by the OTC Bulletin Board, vesting in twenty-four (24) equal installments on each monthly anniversary of March 1, 2013, provided Mr. Bradley is still employed by the Company on each such date.

There is no family relationship between Mr. Bradley and any of our other officers and directors. There are no understandings or arrangements between Mr. Bradley and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Bradley was selected as an officer.

Except for the aforementioned Bradley Employment Agreement, there has not been any transaction or currently proposed transaction, in which the Company was or is to be a participant and the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and in which Mr. Bradley had or will have a direct or indirect material interest since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year.

The forgoing description of the principal terms of the Bradley Employment Agreement is a general description only, does not purport to be complete, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the terms of the Bradley Employment Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

Appointment of Chief Operating Officer

On March 1, 2013, Mr. James Crawford was appointed as the Company's Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Crawford, 37, was a founding member of Kino Interactive, LLC, a developer of enhanced communication software and digital media solutions, and of AudioEye, Inc. Mr. Crawford's experience as an entrepreneur spans the entire life cycle of companies from start-up capital to compliance officer and director of reporting public companies. Prior to his involvement as Chief Operating Officer of Marathon Patent Group., Mr. Crawford served as a director and officer of Augme Technologies, Inc. beginning March 2006, and assisted the company in maneuvering through the initial challenges of acquisitions executed by the company through 2011 that established the company as a leading mobile marketing company in the United States. Mr. Crawford is experienced in public company finance and compliance functions. He has extensive experience in the area of intellectual property creation, management and licensing. Mr. Crawford also served on the board of directors Modavox® and Augme Technologies, and as founder and managing member of Kino Digital, Kino Communications, and Kino Interactive; and formerly as the Chief Information Officer of Augme Technologies, Inc. and its subsidiary Hipcricket, Inc. which Mr. Crawford led a team at Augme that acquired it in 2010. He has been involved in several technology acquisitions and consolidations within the Internet Radio sector, mobile marketing and intellectual property assets. Mr. Crawford is the named inventor on over 80 patents pending in the mobile marketing sector with a strong background in computer science and proficient in several programming languages. Mr. Crawford has received specialized training in the area of corporate compliance. He has also been involved with patent litigation and enforcement since 2007.

Pursuant to the Employment Agreement between the Company and Mr. Crawford dated March 1, 2013 ("Crawford Employment Agreement"), Mr. Crawford shall serve as the Company's Chief Operating Officer for two (2) years. The Crawford Employment Agreement shall be automatically renewed for successive one (1) year periods thereafter. Mr. Crawford shall be entitled to a base salary at an annual rate of \$185,000, with such upward adjustments as shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion. Mr. Crawford shall also be entitled to an annual bonus if the Company meets or exceeds criteria adopted by the Compensation Committee of the Board for earning bonuses. Mr. Crawford shall be awarded five (5) year stock options to purchase an aggregate of five hundred thousand (500,000) shares of the Company's common stock, with a strike price based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on March 1, 2013 as reported by the OTC Bulletin Board, vesting in twenty-four (24) equal installments on each monthly anniversary of March 1, 2013, provided Mr. Crawford is still employed by the Company on each such date.

There is no family relationship between Mr. Crawford and any of our other officers and directors. There are no understandings or arrangements between Mr. Crawford and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Crawford was selected as an officer.

Except for the aforementioned Crawford Employment Agreement, there has not been any transaction or currently proposed transaction, in which the Company was or is to be a participant and the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and in which Mr. Crawford had or will have a direct or indirect material interest since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year.

The forgoing description of the principal terms of the Crawford Employment Agreement is a general description only, does not purport to be complete, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the terms of the Bradley Employment Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 10.2, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On March 6, 2013, the Company issued a press release. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

The exhibit listed in the following Exhibit Index is filed as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 10.1 | Employment Agreement between the Company and Nathaniel Bradley dated March 1, 2013 |
| 10.2 | Employment Agreement between the Company and James Crawford dated March 1, 2013 |
| 99.1 | Text of Press Release issued by the Company on March 6, 2013 |
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SIGNATURES

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

Date: March 6, 2013

MARATHON PATENT GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Doug Croxall

Name: Doug Croxall Title: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of the 1st day of March, 2013 (the "<u>Effective Date</u>"), by and between Marathon Patent Group, Inc., a Nevada corporation with an address at 2331 Mill Road, Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 (the "<u>Company</u>"), and Nathaniel Bradley, with an address at 4200 S. Saguaro Path Court, Tucson, Arizona 85730 ("<u>Executive</u>").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Executive desires to be employed by the Company as its Chief Technology Officer and President of IP Services and the Company wishes to employ Executive in such capacity;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the respective covenants and agreements of the parties contained in this document, the Company and Executive hereby agree as follows:

1. <u>Employment and Duties</u>. The Company agrees to employ and Executive agrees to serve as the Company's Chief Technology Officer and President of IP Services. The duties and responsibilities of Executive shall include the duties and responsibilities as the Board of Directors of the Company (the "<u>Board</u>") may from time to time assign to Executive.

Executive shall devote such amount of his time, attention, and energies to the business of the Company as the Company and Executive shall reasonably and mutually agree is necessary for Executive to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of his position so long as any of Executive's other duties do not interfere with Executives duties to the Company. Provided that none of the additional activities interferes with the performance of the duties and responsibilities of Executive or are determined to be inconsistent with the position, standing, stature, reputation or best interests of the Company, nothing in this Section 1, shall prohibit Executive from (a) serving as a director or member of a committee of, making investments in, or consulting or working with entities that do not, in the good faith determination of the Board, a conflict of interest with the business of the Company; (b) delivering lectures, fulfilling speaking engagements, and any writing or publication relating to his area of expertise; (c) serving as a director or trustee of any governmental, charitable or educational organization or (d) engaging in additional activities in connection with personal investments and community affairs; *provided* that such activities are not inconsistent with Executive's duties under this Agreement and do not violate the terms of Section 13.

The Company recognizes that Executive is currently the Chief Executive Officer, President and a director of AudioEye, Inc., a Delaware corporation (collectively with its related entities, "AudioEye"), and has a pre-existing business relationship with AudioEye which includes but is not limited to equity ownership of AudioEye by Executive.

- 2. <u>Term.</u> The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period of two (2) years and shall be automatically renewed for successive one (1) year periods thereafter unless either party provides the other party with written notice of his or its intention not to renew this Agreement at least three (3) months prior to the expiration of the initial term or any renewal term of this Agreement, as applicable. "Employment Period" shall mean the initial two (2) year term plus renewal periods, if any.
- 3. <u>Place of Employment.</u> Executive's job site shall be at the University of Arizona Science and Technology Park in Tucson, Arizona. The parties acknowledge, however, that Executive may be required to travel in connection with the performance of his duties hereunder.
- 4. <u>Base Salary</u>. For all services to be rendered by Executive pursuant to this Agreement, the Company agrees to pay Executive during the Employment Period a base salary (the "<u>Base Salary</u>") at an annual rate of \$195,000, with such upward adjustments to the Base Salary as shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion. The Base Salary shall be paid in periodic installments in accordance with the Company's regular payroll practices.
- 5. <u>Bonuses</u>. During the Employment Period, Executive shall be entitled to an annual bonus (each, a "<u>Bonus</u>") if the Company meets or exceeds criteria adopted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "<u>Compensation Committee</u>") (or by the independent members of the Board of Directors, if there is no Compensation Committee) for earning Bonuses. Bonuses shall be paid by the Company to Executive promptly after determination that the relevant targets have been met, it being understood that the attainment of any financial targets associated with any Bonus shall not be determined until following the completion of the Company's annual audit and public announcement of such results, which shall in no event occur later than March 15th of any calendar year. The target Bonus for Executive shall be established by the Compensation Committee with respect to each calendar year during the Employment Period and shall generally be in keeping with industry standard bonuses paid to similar level executives in the Company's industry. The Compensation Committee may provide for lesser or greater percentage Bonus payments for Executive upon achievement of partial or additional criteria established or determined by the Compensation Committee from time to time.
- 6. <u>Severance Compensation</u>. Upon termination of Executive's employment prior to expiration of the Employment Period unless the Executive's employment is terminated for Cause or Executive terminates his employment without Good Reason, the Executive shall be entitled to receive any and all reasonable expenses paid or incurred by the Executive in connection with and related to the performance of his duties and responsibilities for the Company during the period ending on the termination date, any accrued but unused vacation time through the termination date in accordance with Company policy and an amount equal to Executive's Base Salary and Bonus Plans during the prior twelve (12) months (the "<u>Separation Period</u>"), as in effect as of the date of termination (the "<u>Separation Payment</u>"), provided that Executive (a) executes an agreement releasing Company and its affiliates from any liability associated with this Agreement in form and terms satisfactory to the Company and that all time periods imposed by law permitting cancellation or revocation of such release by the Executive shall have passed or expired, and (b) complies with his other obligations under this Agreement as provided in Section 12 and 13 hereof, as a condition to such Separation Payment. Subject to anything to the contrary in Section 11(d)(3), the Separation Payment shall be paid in in accordance with the customary payroll practices of the Company.

Subject to the Executive's (1) timely election of continuation coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended ("COBRA") with respect to the Company's group health insurance plans in which the Employee participated immediately prior to the termination date ("COBRA Continuation Coverage"), and (2) continued payment of premiums for such plans at the active employee rate (excluding, for purposes of calculating cost, an employee's ability to pay premiums with pre-tax dollars), the cost of COBRA Continuation Coverage for the Executive and his eligible dependents until the earliest of (x) the Executive or his eligible dependents, as the case may be, ceasing to be eligible under COBRA, and (y) twelve (12) months following the termination date (the benefits provided under this clause (ii), the "Medical Continuation Benefits") or until such time as Executive shall obtain reasonably equivalent benefits from subsequent employment or spousal benefits.

7. <u>Equity Awards</u>. Executive shall be eligible for such grants of awards under the Company's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (or any successor or replacement plan adopted by the Board of Directors and approved by the stockholders of the Company) (the "<u>Plan</u>") as the Compensation Committee may from time to time determine and as set forth below (the "<u>Share Awards</u>"). Share Awards shall be subject to the applicable Plan terms and conditions, provided, however, that Share Awards shall be subject to any additional terms and conditions as are provided herein or in any award certificate(s), which shall supersede any conflicting provisions governing Share Awards provided under the Plan.

Executive shall be awarded five (5) year stock options to purchase an aggregate of one million (1,000,000) shares of the Company's common stock, with a strike price based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on the Effective Date as reported by the OTC Bulletin Board, vesting in twenty-four (24) equal installments on each monthly anniversary of the Effective Date, provided Executive is still employed by the Company on each such date (the "2013 Option Award"). Any unvested portion of the 2013 Option Award shall immediately vest if (i) Executive's employment or this Agreement is terminated by Executive for Good Reason or by the Company without Cause, or (ii) upon termination by the Company within six months following the occurrence of a Change of Control (defined below).

8. <u>Clawback Rights</u>. All amounts paid to Executive by the Company (other than Executive's Base Salary and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to paragraph 9 hereof) during the Employment Period and any time thereafter and any and all stock based compensation (such as options and equity awards) granted during the Employment Period and any time thereafter (collectively, the "<u>Clawback Benefits</u>") shall be subject to "<u>Clawback Rights</u>" as follows: during the period that the Executive is employed by the Company and upon the termination or expiration of the Executive's employment and for a period of three (3) years thereafter, if any of the following events occur, Executive agrees to repay or surrender to the Company the Clawback Benefits as set forth below:

- (a) if a restatement (a "Restatement") of any financial results from which any Clawback Benefits to Executive shall have been determined (such restatement resulting from material non-compliance of the Company with any financial reporting requirement under the federal securities laws and shall not include a restatement of financial results resulting from subsequent changes in accounting pronouncements or requirements which were not in effect on the date the financial statements were originally prepared), then the Executive agrees to immediately repay or surrender upon demand by the Company any Clawback Benefits which were determined by reference to any Company financial results which were later restated, to the extent the Clawback Benefits amounts paid exceed the Clawback Benefits amounts that would have been paid, based on the restatement of the Company's financial information All Clawback Benefits amounts resulting from such Restatements shall be retroactively adjusted by the Compensation Committee to take into account the restated results and if any excess portion of the Clawback Benefits resulting from such restated results is not so repaid or surrendered by the Executive within ninety (90) days of the revised calculation being provided to the Executive by the Company following a publicly announced restatement, the Company shall have the right to take any and all action to effectuate such adjustment.
- (b) if any breach of any Agreement by Executive relating to confidentiality, non-competition, non-raid of employees, or non-solicitation of vendors or customers (including, without limitation, Sections 12 or 13 hereof) or if any material breach of Company policy or procedures which causes harm to the Company occurs, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, then the Executive agrees to repay or surrender any Clawback Benefits upon demand by the Company and if not so repaid or surrendered within ninety (90) days of such demand, the Company shall have the right to take any and all action to effectuate such adjustment.

The Clawback Rights shall terminate following a Change of Control, subject to applicable law, rules and regulations. The amount of Clawback Benefits to be repaid or surrendered to the Company shall be determined by the Compensation Committee and applicable law, rules and regulations. All determinations by the Compensation Committee with respect to the Clawback Rights shall be final and binding on the Company and Executive. The parties acknowledge it is their intention that the foregoing Clawback Rights as relates to Restatements conform in all respects to the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the "Dodd Frank Act") and requires recovery of all "incentive-based" compensation, pursuant to the provisions of the Dodd Frank Act and any and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect. Accordingly, the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed automatically amended from time to time to assure compliance with the Dodd Frank Act and such rules and regulation as hereafter may be adopted and in effect.

9. <u>Expenses</u>. Executive shall be entitled to prompt reimbursement by the Company for all reasonable ordinary and necessary travel, entertainment, and other expenses incurred by Executive while employed (in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Company for its senior executive officers) in the performance of his duties and responsibilities under this Agreement; provided, that Executive shall properly account for such expenses in accordance with Company policies and procedures.

10. Other Benefits; Vacation. During the term of this Agreement, the Executive shall be eligible to participate in incentive, stock purchase, savings, retirement (401(k)), and welfare benefit plans, including, without limitation, health, medical, dental, vision, life (including accidental death and dismemberment) and disability insurance plans (collectively, "Benefit Plans"), in substantially the same manner and at substantially the same levels as the Company makes such opportunities available to the Company's managerial or salaried executive employees. During the term of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to accrue, on a pro rata basis, fifteen (15) paid vacation days per year. Vacation shall be taken at such times as are mutually convenient to Executive and the Company and no more than fifteen (15) consecutive days shall be taken at any one time without the advance approval of the Chief Executive Officer.

11. <u>Termination of Employment.</u>

- (a) <u>Death.</u> If Executive dies during the Employment Period, this Agreement and the Executive's employment with the Company shall automatically terminate and the Company shall have no further obligations to the Executive or his heirs, administrators or executors with respect to compensation and benefits accruing thereafter, except for the obligation to pay to the Executive's heirs, administrators or executors any earned but unpaid Base Salary, unpaid *pro rata* annual Bonus for the current year through the date of death, reimbursement of any and all reasonable expenses paid or incurred by the Executive in connection with and related to the performance of his duties and responsibilities for the Company during the period ending on the termination date and any accrued but unused vacation time through the termination date in accordance with Company policy. The Company shall deduct, from all payments made hereunder, all applicable taxes, including income tax, FICA and FUTA, and other appropriate deductions. In addition, the Executive's spouse and minor children shall be entitled to Medical Continuation Benefits.
- (b) <u>Disability</u>. In the event that, during the term of this Agreement the Executive shall be prevented from performing his duties and responsibilities hereunder to the full extent required by the Company by reason of Disability (as defined below), this Agreement and the Executive's employment with the Company shall automatically terminate and the Company shall have no further obligations or liability to the Executive or his heirs, administrators or executors with respect to compensation and benefits accruing thereafter, except for the obligation to pay the Executive or his heirs, administrators or executors any earned but unpaid Base Salary, unpaid *pro rata* annual Bonus for the current year accrued through the Executive's last date of employment with the Company, reimbursement of any and all reasonable expenses paid or incurred by the Executive in connection with and related to the performance of his duties and responsibilities for the Company during the period ending on the termination date and any accrued but unused vacation time through the termination date in accordance with Company policy. The Company shall deduct, from all payments made hereunder, all applicable taxes, including income tax, FICA and FUTA, and other appropriate deductions through the last date of the Executive's employment with the Company. In addition, the Executive's spouse and minor children shall be entitled to Medical Continuation Coverage. For purposes of this Agreement, "<u>Disability</u>" shall mean a physical or mental disability that prevents the performance by the Executive, with or without reasonable accommodation, of his duties and responsibilities hereunder for a period of not less than an aggregate of three (3) months during any twelve (12) consecutive months.

(c) <u>Cause</u>.

- At any time during the Employment Period, the Company may terminate this Agreement and the Executive's employment hereunder for Cause. For purposes of this Agreement, "Cause" shall mean: (a) the willful and continued failure of the Executive to perform substantially his duties and responsibilities for the Company (other than any such failure resulting from Executive's death or Disability) after a written demand by the Board for substantial performance is delivered to the Executive by the Company, which specifically identifies the manner in which the Board believes that the Executive has not substantially performed his duties and responsibilities, which willful and continued failure is not cured by the Executive within thirty (30) days of his receipt of such written demand; (b) the conviction of, or plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* to, a felony, or (c) fraud, dishonesty or gross misconduct which is materially and demonstratively injurious to the Company. Termination under clauses (b) or (c) of this Section 11(c)(1) shall not be subject to cure.
- For purposes of this Section 11(c), no act, or failure to act, on the part of Executive shall be considered "willful" unless done, or omitted to be done, by him in bad faith and without reasonable belief that his action or omission was in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the Company. Prior to any termination for Cause, Executive will be given five (5) business days written notice specifying the alleged Cause event and will be entitled to appear (with counsel) before the full Board to present information regarding his views on the Cause event, and after such hearing, there is at least a majority vote of the full Board (other than Executive) to terminate him for Cause. After providing the notice in foregoing sentence, the Board may suspend the Executive with full pay and benefits until a final determination pursuant to this Section 11(c) has been made.
- (3) Upon termination of this Agreement for Cause, the Company shall have no further obligations or liability to the Executive or his heirs, administrators or executors with respect to compensation and benefits thereafter, except for the obligation to pay the Executive any earned but unpaid Base Salary, reimbursement of any and all reasonable expenses paid or incurred by the Executive in connection with and related to the performance of his duties and responsibilities for the Company during the period ending on the termination date and any accrued but unused vacation time through the termination date in accordance with Company policy. The Company shall deduct, from all payments made hereunder, all applicable taxes, including income tax, FICA and FUTA, and other appropriate deductions.

(d) Good Reason and Without Cause.

At any time during the term of this Agreement, subject to the conditions set forth in Section 11(d)(2) below, the Executive may terminate this Agreement and the Executive's employment with the Company for "Good Reason." For purposes of this Agreement, "Good Reason" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events: (A) the assignment, without the Executive's consent, to the Executive of duties that are significantly different from, and that result in a substantial diminution of, the duties that he assumed on the Effective Date (including reporting to anyone other than solely and directly to the Board); (B) the assignment, without the Executive's consent, to the Executive of a title that is different from and subordinate to the title Chief Technology Officer and President of IP Services of the Company, provided, however, for the absence of doubt following a Change of Control, should the Executive cease to retain either the title or responsibilities assumed on the Effective Date, or Executive is required to serve in a diminished capacity or lesser title in a division or unit of another entity (including the acquiring entity), such event shall constitute Good Reason regardless of the title of Executive in such acquiring company, division or unit; (C) the occurrence of a Change of Control; (D) material breach by the Company of this Agreement; or (E) the re-location of Executive to an office outside of Tucson, Arizona.

- (2) Except with respect to subparagraph "(C)" in Section 11(d)(1) above, the Executive shall not be entitled to terminate this Agreement for Good Reason unless and until he shall have delivered written notice to the Company within ninety (90) days of the date upon which the facts giving rise to Good Reason occurred of his intention to terminate this Agreement and his employment with the Company for Good Reason, which notice specifies in reasonable detail the circumstances claimed to provide the basis for such termination for Good Reason, and the Company shall not have eliminated the circumstances constituting Good Reason within thirty (30) days of its receipt from the Executive of such written notice.
- (3) In the event that the Executive terminates this Agreement and his employment with the Company for Good Reason or the Company terminates this Agreement and Executive's employment with the Company without Cause, the Company shall pay or provide to the Executive (or, following his death, to the Executive's heirs, administrators or executors) the Separation Payment amount; provided, however, that in the event Executive elects to terminate this Agreement for Good Reason in accordance with subparagraph "(C)" in Section 11(d)(1), such election must be made within ninety (90) days of the occurrence of the Change of Control and Executive shall be entitled to receive the Separation Payment in one lump sum cash payment within sixty (60) days after the termination date. The Company shall deduct, from all payments made hereunder, all applicable taxes, including income tax, FICA and FUTA, and other appropriate deductions.
- Executive shall not be required to mitigate the amount of any payment provided for in this Section 11(d) by seeking other employment or otherwise, nor shall the amount of any payment provided for in this Section 11(d) be reduced by any compensation earned by the Executive as the result of employment by another employer or business or by profits earned by Executive from any other source at any time before and after the termination date. The Company's obligation to make any payment pursuant to, and otherwise to perform its obligations under, this Agreement shall not be affected by any offset, counterclaim or other right that the Company may have against Executive for any reason. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the benefits to Executive under this Agreement shall be reduced by the amount of any insurance proceeds payable to Executive.
- (e) <u>Without "Good Reason" by Executive</u>. At any time during the term of this Agreement, the Executive shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement and the Executive's employment with the Company without Good Reason by providing prior written notice of at least thirty (30) days to the Company. Upon termination by the Executive of this Agreement or the Executive's employment with the Company without Good Reason, the Company shall have no further obligations or liability to the Executive or his heirs, administrators or executors with respect to compensation and benefits thereafter, except for the obligation to pay the Executive any earned but unpaid Base Salary, reimbursement of any and all reasonable expenses paid or incurred by the Executive in connection with and related to the performance of his duties and responsibilities for the Company during the period ending on the termination date and any accrued but unused vacation time through the termination date in accordance with Company policy. The Company shall deduct, from all payments made hereunder, all applicable taxes, including income tax, FICA and FUTA, and other appropriate deductions.

- (f) Change of Control. For purposes of this Agreement, "Change of Control" shall mean the occurrence of any one or more of the following: (i) the accumulation (if over time, in any consecutive twelve (12) month period), whether directly, indirectly, beneficially or of record, by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) of 50.1% or more of the shares of the outstanding Common Stock of the Company, whether by merger, consolidation, sale or other transfer of shares of Common Stock (other than a merger or consolidation where the stockholders of the Company prior to the merger or consolidation are the holders of a majority of the voting securities of the entity that survives such merger or consolidation), (ii) a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or (iii) during any period of twelve (12) consecutive months, the individuals who, at the beginning of such period, constitute the Board, and any new director whose election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the directors then still in office who either were directors at the beginning of the 12-month period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved, cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change of Control for the purposes of this Agreement: (A) any acquisitions of Common Stock or securities convertible, exercisable or exchangeable into Common Stock by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored by or maintained by the Company.
- (g) Any termination of the Executive's employment by the Company or by Executive (other than termination by reason of Executive's death) shall be communicated by written Notice of Termination to the other party of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, a "Notice of Termination" shall mean a written notice which shall indicate the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon and shall set forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination of the Executive's employment under the provision so indicated, provided, however, failure to provide timely notification shall not affect the employment status of Executive.

12. Confidential Information.

- (a) <u>Disclosure of Confidential Information.</u> The Executive recognizes, acknowledges and agrees that he has had and will continue to have access to secret and confidential information regarding the Company, its subsidiaries and their respective businesses ("<u>Confidential Information</u>"), including but not limited to, its products, methods, formulas, software code, patents, sources of supply, customer dealings, data, know-how, trade secrets and business plans, provided such information is not in or does not hereafter become part of the public domain, or become known to others through no fault of the Executive. The Executive acknowledges that such information is of great value to the Company, is the sole property of the Company, and has been and will be acquired by him in confidence. In consideration of the obligations undertaken by the Company herein, the Executive will not, at any time, during or after his employment hereunder, reveal, divulge or make known to any person, any information acquired by the Executive during the course of his employment, which is treated as confidential by the Company, and not otherwise in the public domain. The provisions of this Section 12 shall survive the termination of the Executive's employment hereunder. Information will not be deemed to be Confidential Information if: (i) the information was in Executive's possession or within Executive's knowledge before the Company disclosed it to Executive; (ii) the information was or became generally known to those who could take economic advantage of it; (iii) Executive obtained the information from a third party that was not known by Executive to be bound by a confidentiality agreement or other obligation of confidentiality to the Company or any other party with respect to such information; or (iv) Executive is required to disclose the information pursuant to legal process (e.g. a subpoena), provided that Executive notifies the Company promptly upon receiving or becoming aware of such legal process.
- (b) The Executive affirms that he will not rely upon the protected trade secrets or confidential or proprietary information of any prior employer(s) in providing services to the Company or its subsidiaries.
- (c) In the event that the Executive's employment with the Company terminates for any reason, the Executive shall deliver forthwith to the Company any and all originals and copies, including those in electronic or digital formats, of Confidential Information; provided, however, Executive shall be entitled to retain (i) papers and other materials of a personal nature, including, but not limited to, photographs, correspondence, personal diaries, calendars and rolodexes, personal files and phone books, (ii) information showing his compensation or relating to reimbursement of expenses, (iii) information that he reasonably believes may be needed for tax purposes and (iv) copies of plans, programs and agreements relating to his employment, or termination thereof, with the Company.

13. <u>Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation</u>.

(a) The Executive agrees and acknowledges that the Confidential Information that the Executive has already received and will receive is valuable to the Company and that its protection and maintenance constitutes a legitimate business interest of the Company, to be protected by the non-competition restrictions set forth herein. The Executive agrees and acknowledges that the non-competition restrictions set forth herein are reasonable and necessary and do not impose undue hardship or burdens on the Executive. The Executive also acknowledges that the products and services developed or provided by the Company, its affiliates and/or its clients or customers are or are intended to be sold, provided, licensed and/or distributed to customers and clients primarily in and throughout the United States (the "Territory") (to the extent the Company comes to operate, either directly or through the engagement of a distributor or joint or co-venturer, or sell a significant amount of its products and services to customers located, in areas other than the United States during the term of the Employment Period, the definition of Territory shall be automatically expanded to cover such other areas), and that the Territory, scope of prohibited competition, and time duration set forth in the non-competition restrictions set forth below are reasonable and necessary to maintain the value of the Confidential Information of, and to protect the goodwill and other legitimate business interests of, the Company, its affiliates and/or its clients or customers. The provisions of this Section 13 shall survive the termination of the Executive's employment hereunder.

- (b) The Executive hereby agrees and covenants that he shall not without the prior written consent of the Company, directly or indirectly, in any capacity whatsoever, including, without limitation, as an employee, employer, consultant, principal, partner, shareholder, officer, director or any other individual or representative capacity (other than (i) as a holder of less than two (2%) percent of the outstanding securities of a Company whose shares are traded on any national securities exchange or (ii) as a limited partner, passive minority interest holder in a venture capital fund, private equity fund or similar investment entity which holds or may hold an equity or debt position in portfolio companies that are competitive with the Company; provided however, that the Executive shall be precluded from serving as an operating partner, general partner, manager or governing board designee with respect to such portfolio companies), or whether on the Executive's own behalf or on behalf of any other person or entity or otherwise howsoever, during the Employment Period and the Separation Period and thereafter to the extent described below, within the Territory:
 - (1) Engage, own, manage, operate, control, be employed by, consult for, participate in, or be connected in any manner with the ownership, management, operation or control of any business in competition with the business of the Company;
 - (2) Recruit, solicit or hire, or attempt to recruit, solicit or hire, any employee, or independent contractor of the Company to leave the employment (or independent contractor relationship) thereof, whether or not any such employee or independent contractor is party to an employment agreement, for the purpose of competing with the business of the Company;
 - Attempt in any manner to solicit or accept from any customer of the Company, with whom Executive had significant contact during Executive's employment by the Company (whether under this Agreement or otherwise), business of the kind or competitive with the business done by the Company with such customer or to persuade or attempt to persuade any such customer to cease to do business or to reduce the amount of business which such customer has customarily done or might do with the Company, or if any such customer elects to move its business to a person other than the Company, provide any services of the kind or competitive with the business of the Company for such customer, or have any discussions regarding any such service with such customer, on behalf of such other person; or
 - (4) Interfere with any relationship, contractual or otherwise, between the Company and any other party, including, without limitation, any supplier, distributor, co-venturer or joint venturer of the Company, for the purpose of soliciting such other party to discontinue or reduce its business with the Company.

With respect to the activities described in Paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4) above, the restrictions of this Section 13(b) shall continue during the Employment Period and until one (1) year following the termination of this Agreement or of the Executive's employment with the Company (including upon expiration of this Agreement), whichever occurs later; provided, however, that if this Agreement or Executive's employment is terminated by Executive for Good Reason or by Company without Cause, then the restrictions of this Section 13(b) shall terminate concurrently with the termination and shall be of no further effect.

14. Section 409A.

The provisions of this Agreement are intended to comply with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "<u>Code</u>") and any final regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder ("<u>Section 409A</u>") and shall be construed in a manner consistent with the requirements for avoiding taxes or penalties under Section 409A. The Company and Executive agree to work together in good faith to consider amendments to this Agreement and to take such reasonable actions which are necessary, appropriate or desirable to avoid imposition of any additional tax or income recognition prior to actual payment to Executive under Section 409A.

To the extent that Executive will be reimbursed for costs and expenses or in-kind benefits, except as otherwise permitted by Section 409A, (a) the right to reimbursement or in-kind benefits is not subject to liquidation or exchange for another benefit, (b) the amount of expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits, provided during any taxable year shall not affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits to be provided, in any other taxable year; provided that the foregoing clause (b) shall not be violated with regard to expenses reimbursed under any arrangement covered by Section 105(b) of the Code solely because such expenses are subject to a limit related to the period the arrangement is in effect and (c) such payments shall be made on or before the last day of the taxable year following the taxable year in which you incurred the expense.

A termination of employment shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of any provision of this Agreement providing for the payment of any amounts or benefits upon or following a termination of employment unless such termination constitutes a "Separation from Service" within the meaning of Section 409A and, for purposes of any such provision of this Agreement references to a "termination," "termination of employment" or like terms shall mean Separation from Service.

Each installment payable hereunder shall constitute a separate payment for purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b), including Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b)(2)(iii). Each payment that is made within the terms of the "short-term deferral" rule set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4) is intended to meet the "short-term deferral" rule. Each other payment is intended to be a payment upon an involuntary termination from service and payable pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii), et. seq., to the maximum extent permitted by that regulation, with any amount that is not exempt from Code Section 409A being subject to Code Section 409A.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, if Executive is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A at the time of Executive's termination, then only that portion of the severance and benefits payable to Executive pursuant to this Agreement, if any, and any other severance payments or separation benefits which may be considered deferred compensation under Section 409A (together, the "Deferred Compensation Separation Benefits"), which (when considered together) do not exceed the Section 409A Limit (as defined herein) may be made within the first six (6) months following Executive's termination of employment in accordance with the payment schedule applicable to each payment or benefit. Any portion of the Deferred Compensation Separation Benefits in excess of the Section 409A Limit otherwise due to Executive on or within the six (6) month period following Executive's termination will accrue during such six (6) month period and will become payable in one lump sum cash payment on the date six (6) months and one (1) day following the date of Executive's termination of employment. All subsequent Deferred Compensation Separation Benefits, if any, will be payable in accordance with the payment schedule applicable to each payment or benefit. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if Executive dies following termination but prior to the six (6) month anniversary of Executive's termination date, then any payments delayed in accordance with this paragraph will be payable in a lump sum as soon as administratively practicable after the date of Executive's death and all other Deferred Compensation Separation Benefits will be payable in accordance with the payment schedule applicable to each payment or benefit.

For purposes of this Agreement, "Section 409A Limit" will mean a sum equal (x) to the amounts payable prior to March 15 following the year in which Executive terminations plus (y) the lesser of two (2) times: (i) Executive's annualized compensation based upon the annual rate of pay paid to Executive during the Company's taxable year preceding the Company's taxable year of Executive's termination of employment as determined under Treasury Regulation 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii)(A)(1) and any IRS guidance issued with respect thereto; or (ii) the maximum amount that may be taken into account under a qualified plan pursuant to Section 401(a)(17) of the Code for the year in which Executive's employment is terminated.

15. <u>Miscellaneous.</u>

- (a) The Executive acknowledges that the services to be rendered by him under the provisions of this Agreement are of a special, unique and extraordinary character and that it would be difficult or impossible to replace such services. Furthermore, the parties acknowledge that monetary damages alone would not be an adequate remedy for any breach by the Executive of Section 12 or Section 13 of this Agreement. Accordingly, the Executive agrees that any breach or threatened breach by him of Section 12 or Section 13 of this Agreement shall entitle the Company, in addition to all other legal remedies available to it, to apply to any court of competent jurisdiction to seek to enjoin such breach or threatened breach. The parties understand and intend that each restriction agreed to by the Executive hereinabove shall be construed as separable and divisible from every other restriction, that the unenforceability of any restriction shall not limit the enforceability, in whole or in part, of any other restriction, and that one or more or all of such restrictions may be enforced in whole or in part as the circumstances warrant. In the event that any restriction in this Agreement is more restrictive than permitted by law in the jurisdiction in which the Company seeks enforcement thereof, such restriction shall be limited to the extent permitted by law. The remedy of injunctive relief herein set forth shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other rights or remedies that the Company may have at law or in equity.
- (b) Neither the Executive nor the Company may assign or delegate any of their rights or duties under this Agreement without the express written consent of the other; *provided*, *however*, that the Company shall have the right to delegate its obligation of payment of all sums due to the Executive hereunder, provided that such delegation shall not relieve the Company of any of its obligations hereunder.

- (c) During the term of this Agreement, the Company (i) shall indemnify and hold harmless Executive and his heirs and representatives as, and to the extent, provided in the Company's bylaws and (ii) shall cover Executive under the Company's directors' and officers' liability insurance on the same basis as it covers other senior executive officers and directors of the Company.
- (d) This Agreement constitutes and embodies the full and complete understanding and agreement of the parties with respect to the Executive's employment by the Company, supersedes all prior understandings and agreements, whether oral or written, between the Executive and the Company, and shall not be amended, modified or changed except by an instrument in writing executed by the party to be charged (it being understood that, pursuant to Section 7, Share Awards shall govern with respect to the subject matter thereof). The invalidity or partial invalidity of one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not invalidate any other provision of this Agreement. No waiver by either party of any provision or condition to be performed shall be deemed a waiver of similar or dissimilar provisions or conditions at the same time or any prior or subsequent time.
- (e) This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, be binding upon and enforceable against, the parties hereto and their respective successors, heirs, beneficiaries and permitted assigns.
- (f) The headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
- All notices, requests, demands and other communications required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when personally delivered, sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or by reputable national overnight delivery service (e.g. Federal Express) for overnight delivery to the party at the address set forth in the preamble to this Agreement, or to such other address as either party may hereafter give the other party notice of in accordance with the provisions hereof. Notices shall be deemed given on the sooner of the date actually received or the third business day after deposited in the mail or one business day after deposited with an overnight delivery service for overnight delivery.
- (h) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York without reference to principles of conflicts of laws and each of the parties hereto irrevocably consents to the jurisdiction and venue of the federal and state courts located in the County and State of New York.
- (i) This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one of the same instrument. The parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date set forth above.
- (j) The Executive represents and warrants to the Company that he has the full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform his obligations hereunder and that the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of his obligations hereunder will not conflict with any agreement to which Executive is a party.

| (k) The Company represents and warrants to Executive that it has the full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder and that the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of its obligations hereunder will not conflict with any agreement to which the Company is a party. | | | | | |
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| [Signature page follows immediately] | | | | | |

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Executive and the Company have caused this Executive Employment Agreement to be executed as of the date first above written.

THE COMPANY:

MARATHON PATENT GROUP, INC.

By: <u>/S/ Doug Croxall</u>
Name: Doug Croxall
Title: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE:

S/ Nathaniel Bradley Nathaniel Bradley

EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of the 1st day of March, 2013 (the "<u>Effective Date</u>"), by and between Marathon Patent Group, Inc., a Nevada corporation with an address at 2331 Mill Road, Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 (the "<u>Company</u>"), and James Crawford, with an address at 4215 324th Ave SE Fall City, Washington 98024 ("<u>Executive</u>").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Executive desires to be employed by the Company as its Chief Operating Officer and the Company wishes to employ Executive in such capacity;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the respective covenants and agreements of the parties contained in this document, the Company and Executive hereby agree as follows:

1. <u>Employment and Duties</u>. The Company agrees to employ and Executive agrees to serve as the Company's Chief Operating Officer. The duties and responsibilities of Executive shall include the duties and responsibilities as the Board of Directors of the Company (the "<u>Board</u>") may from time to time assign to Executive.

Executive shall devote such amount of his time, attention, and energies to the business of the Company as the Company and Executive shall reasonably and mutually agree is necessary for Executive to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of his position so long as any of Executive's other duties do not interfere with Executives duties to the Company. Provided that none of the additional activities interferes with the performance of the duties and responsibilities of Executive or are determined to be inconsistent with the position, standing, stature, reputation or best interests of the Company, nothing in this Section 1, shall prohibit Executive from (a) serving as a director or member of a committee of, making investments in, or consulting or working with entities that do not, in the good faith determination of the Board, a conflict of interest with the business of the Company; (b) delivering lectures, fulfilling speaking engagements, and any writing or publication relating to his area of expertise; (c) serving as a director or trustee of any governmental, charitable or educational organization or (d) engaging in additional activities in connection with personal investments and community affairs; *provided* that such activities are not inconsistent with Executive's duties under this Agreement and do not violate the terms of Section 13.

The Company recognizes that Executive is currently the Chief Operating Officer, Treasurer and a director of AudioEye, Inc., a Delaware corporation (collectively with its related entities, "AudioEye"), and has a pre-existing business relationship with AudioEye which includes but is not limited to equity ownership of AudioEye by Executive.

- 2. <u>Term.</u> The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period of two (2) years and shall be automatically renewed for successive one (1) year periods thereafter unless either party provides the other party with written notice of his or its intention not to renew this Agreement at least three (3) months prior to the expiration of the initial term or any renewal term of this Agreement, as applicable. "<u>Employment Period</u>" shall mean the initial two (2) year term plus renewal periods, if any.
- 3. <u>Place of Employment.</u> Executive's job site shall be at the Seattle, Washington metropolitan area. The parties acknowledge, however, that Executive may be required to travel in connection with the performance of his duties hereunder.
- 4. <u>Base Salary</u>. For all services to be rendered by Executive pursuant to this Agreement, the Company agrees to pay Executive during the Employment Period a base salary (the "<u>Base Salary</u>") at an annual rate of \$185,000, with such upward adjustments to the Base Salary as shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion. The Base Salary shall be paid in periodic installments in accordance with the Company's regular payroll practices.
- 5. <u>Bonuses</u>. During the Employment Period, Executive shall be entitled to an annual bonus (each, a "<u>Bonus</u>") if the Company meets or exceeds criteria adopted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "<u>Compensation Committee</u>") (or by the independent members of the Board of Directors, if there is no Compensation Committee) for earning Bonuses. Bonuses shall be paid by the Company to Executive promptly after determination that the relevant targets have been met, it being understood that the attainment of any financial targets associated with any Bonus shall not be determined until following the completion of the Company's annual audit and public announcement of such results, which shall in no event occur later than March 15th of any calendar year. The target Bonus for Executive shall be established by the Compensation Committee with respect to each calendar year during the Employment Period and shall generally be in keeping with industry standard bonuses paid to similar level executives in the Company's industry. The Compensation Committee may provide for lesser or greater percentage Bonus payments for Executive upon achievement of partial or additional criteria established or determined by the Compensation Committee from time to time.
- 6. <u>Severance Compensation</u>. Upon termination of Executive's employment prior to expiration of the Employment Period unless the Executive's employment is terminated for Cause or Executive terminates his employment without Good Reason, the Executive shall be entitled to receive any and all reasonable expenses paid or incurred by the Executive in connection with and related to the performance of his duties and responsibilities for the Company during the period ending on the termination date, any accrued but unused vacation time through the termination date in accordance with Company policy and an amount equal to Executive's Base Salary and Bonus Plans during the prior twelve (12) months (the "Separation Period"), as in effect as of the date of termination (the "Separation Payment"), provided that Executive (a) executes an agreement releasing Company and its affiliates from any liability associated with this Agreement in form and terms satisfactory to the Company and that all time periods imposed by law permitting cancellation or revocation of such release by the Executive shall have passed or expired, and (b) complies with his other obligations under this Agreement as provided in Section 12 and 13 hereof, as a condition to such Separation Payment. Subject to anything to the contrary in Section 11(d)(3), the Separation Payment shall be paid in in accordance with the customary payroll practices of the Company.

Subject to the Executive's (1) timely election of continuation coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended ("COBRA") with respect to the Company's group health insurance plans in which the Employee participated immediately prior to the termination date ("COBRA Continuation Coverage"), and (2) continued payment of premiums for such plans at the active employee rate (excluding, for purposes of calculating cost, an employee's ability to pay premiums with pre-tax dollars), the cost of COBRA Continuation Coverage for the Executive and his eligible dependents until the earliest of (x) the Executive or his eligible dependents, as the case may be, ceasing to be eligible under COBRA, and (y) twelve (12) months following the termination date (the benefits provided under this clause (ii), the "Medical Continuation Benefits") or until such time as Executive shall obtain reasonably equivalent benefits from subsequent employment or spousal benefits.

7. <u>Equity Awards</u>. Executive shall be eligible for such grants of awards under the Company's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (or any successor or replacement plan adopted by the Board of Directors and approved by the stockholders of the Company) (the "<u>Plan</u>") as the Compensation Committee may from time to time determine and as set forth below (the "<u>Share Awards</u>"). Share Awards shall be subject to the applicable Plan terms and conditions, provided, however, that Share Awards shall be subject to any additional terms and conditions as are provided herein or in any award certificate(s), which shall supersede any conflicting provisions governing Share Awards provided under the Plan.

Executive shall be awarded five (5) year stock options to purchase an aggregate of five hundred thousand shares of the Company's common stock, with a strike price based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on the Effective Date as reported by the OTC Bulletin Board, vesting in twenty-four (24) equal installments on each monthly anniversary of the Effective Date, provided Executive is still employed by the Company on each such date (the "2013 Option Award"). Any unvested portion of the 2013 Option Award shall immediately vest if (i) Executive's employment or this Agreement is terminated by Executive for Good Reason or by the Company without Cause, or (ii) upon termination by the Company within six months following the occurrence of a Change of Control (defined below).

8. <u>Clawback Rights</u>. All amounts paid to Executive by the Company (other than Executive's Base Salary and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to paragraph 9 hereof) during the Employment Period and any time thereafter and any and all stock based compensation (such as options and equity awards) granted during the Employment Period and any time thereafter (collectively, the "<u>Clawback Benefits</u>") shall be subject to "<u>Clawback Rights</u>" as follows: during the period that the Executive is employed by the Company and upon the termination or expiration of the Executive's employment and for a period of three (3) years thereafter, if any of the following events occur, Executive agrees to repay or surrender to the Company the Clawback Benefits as set forth below:

- (a) if a restatement (a "Restatement") of any financial results from which any Clawback Benefits to Executive shall have been determined (such restatement resulting from material non-compliance of the Company with any financial reporting requirement under the federal securities laws and shall not include a restatement of financial results resulting from subsequent changes in accounting pronouncements or requirements which were not in effect on the date the financial statements were originally prepared), then the Executive agrees to immediately repay or surrender upon demand by the Company any Clawback Benefits which were determined by reference to any Company financial results which were later restated, to the extent the Clawback Benefits amounts paid exceed the Clawback Benefits amounts that would have been paid, based on the restatement of the Company's financial information All Clawback Benefits amounts resulting from such Restatements shall be retroactively adjusted by the Compensation Committee to take into account the restated results and if any excess portion of the Clawback Benefits resulting from such restated results is not so repaid or surrendered by the Executive within ninety (90) days of the revised calculation being provided to the Executive by the Company following a publicly announced restatement, the Company shall have the right to take any and all action to effectuate such adjustment.
- (b) if any breach of any Agreement by Executive relating to confidentiality, non-competition, non-raid of employees, or non-solicitation of vendors or customers (including, without limitation, Sections 12 or 13 hereof) or if any material breach of Company policy or procedures which causes harm to the Company occurs, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, then the Executive agrees to repay or surrender any Clawback Benefits upon demand by the Company and if not so repaid or surrendered within ninety (90) days of such demand, the Company shall have the right to take any and all action to effectuate such adjustment.

The Clawback Rights shall terminate following a Change of Control, subject to applicable law, rules and regulations. The amount of Clawback Benefits to be repaid or surrendered to the Company shall be determined by the Compensation Committee and applicable law, rules and regulations. All determinations by the Compensation Committee with respect to the Clawback Rights shall be final and binding on the Company and Executive. The parties acknowledge it is their intention that the foregoing Clawback Rights as relates to Restatements conform in all respects to the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the "<u>Dodd Frank Act</u>") and requires recovery of all "incentive-based" compensation, pursuant to the provisions of the Dodd Frank Act and any and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect. Accordingly, the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed automatically amended from time to time to assure compliance with the Dodd Frank Act and such rules and regulation as hereafter may be adopted and in effect.

- 9. <u>Expenses</u>. Executive shall be entitled to prompt reimbursement by the Company for all reasonable ordinary and necessary travel, entertainment, and other expenses incurred by Executive while employed (in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Company for its senior executive officers) in the performance of his duties and responsibilities under this Agreement; provided, that Executive shall properly account for such expenses in accordance with Company policies and procedures.
 - 10. Other Benefits; Vacation. During the term of this Agreement, the Executive shall be eligible to participate in incentive, stock purchase, savings, retirement (401(k)), and welfare benefit plans, including, without limitation, health, medical, dental, vision, life (including accidental death and dismemberment) and disability insurance plans (collectively, "Benefit Plans"), in substantially the same manner and at substantially the same levels as the Company makes such opportunities available to the Company's managerial or salaried executive employees. During the term of this Agreement, Executive shall be entitled to accrue, on a pro rata basis, fifteen (15) paid vacation days per year. Vacation shall be taken at such times as are mutually convenient to Executive and the Company and no more than fifteen (15) consecutive days shall be taken at any one time without the advance approval of the Chief Executive Officer.

11. Termination of Employment.

- (a) <u>Death.</u> If Executive dies during the Employment Period, this Agreement and the Executive's employment with the Company shall automatically terminate and the Company shall have no further obligations to the Executive or his heirs, administrators or executors with respect to compensation and benefits accruing thereafter, except for the obligation to pay to the Executive's heirs, administrators or executors any earned but unpaid Base Salary, unpaid *pro rata* annual Bonus for the current year through the date of death, reimbursement of any and all reasonable expenses paid or incurred by the Executive in connection with and related to the performance of his duties and responsibilities for the Company during the period ending on the termination date and any accrued but unused vacation time through the termination date in accordance with Company policy. The Company shall deduct, from all payments made hereunder, all applicable taxes, including income tax, FICA and FUTA, and other appropriate deductions. In addition, the Executive's spouse and minor children shall be entitled to Medical Continuation Benefits.
- (b) <u>Disability</u>. In the event that, during the term of this Agreement the Executive shall be prevented from performing his duties and responsibilities hereunder to the full extent required by the Company by reason of Disability (as defined below), this Agreement and the Executive's employment with the Company shall automatically terminate and the Company shall have no further obligations or liability to the Executive or his heirs, administrators or executors with respect to compensation and benefits accruing thereafter, except for the obligation to pay the Executive or his heirs, administrators or executors any earned but unpaid Base Salary, unpaid *pro rata* annual Bonus for the current year accrued through the Executive's last date of employment with the Company, reimbursement of any and all reasonable expenses paid or incurred by the Executive in connection with and related to the performance of his duties and responsibilities for the Company during the period ending on the termination date and any accrued but unused vacation time through the termination date in accordance with Company policy. The Company shall deduct, from all payments made hereunder, all applicable taxes, including income tax, FICA and FUTA, and other appropriate deductions through the last date of the Executive's employment with the Company. In addition, the Executive's spouse and minor children shall be entitled to Medical Continuation Coverage. For purposes of this Agreement, "<u>Disability</u>" shall mean a physical or mental disability that prevents the performance by the Executive, with or without reasonable accommodation, of his duties and responsibilities hereunder for a period of not less than an aggregate of three (3) months during any twelve (12) consecutive months.

(c) <u>Cause</u>.

- At any time during the Employment Period, the Company may terminate this Agreement and the Executive's employment hereunder for Cause. For purposes of this Agreement, "Cause" shall mean: (a) the willful and continued failure of the Executive to perform substantially his duties and responsibilities for the Company (other than any such failure resulting from Executive's death or Disability) after a written demand by the Board for substantial performance is delivered to the Executive by the Company, which specifically identifies the manner in which the Board believes that the Executive has not substantially performed his duties and responsibilities, which willful and continued failure is not cured by the Executive within thirty (30) days of his receipt of such written demand; (b) the conviction of, or plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* to, a felony, or (c) fraud, dishonesty or gross misconduct which is materially and demonstratively injurious to the Company. Termination under clauses (b) or (c) of this Section 11(c)(1) shall not be subject to cure.
- For purposes of this Section 11(c), no act, or failure to act, on the part of Executive shall be considered "willful" unless done, or omitted to be done, by him in bad faith and without reasonable belief that his action or omission was in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the Company. Prior to any termination for Cause, Executive will be given five (5) business days written notice specifying the alleged Cause event and will be entitled to appear (with counsel) before the full Board to present information regarding his views on the Cause event, and after such hearing, there is at least a majority vote of the full Board (other than Executive) to terminate him for Cause. After providing the notice in foregoing sentence, the Board may suspend the Executive with full pay and benefits until a final determination pursuant to this Section 11(c) has been made.
- (3) Upon termination of this Agreement for Cause, the Company shall have no further obligations or liability to the Executive or his heirs, administrators or executors with respect to compensation and benefits thereafter, except for the obligation to pay the Executive any earned but unpaid Base Salary, reimbursement of any and all reasonable expenses paid or incurred by the Executive in connection with and related to the performance of his duties and responsibilities for the Company during the period ending on the termination date and any accrued but unused vacation time through the termination date in accordance with Company policy. The Company shall deduct, from all payments made hereunder, all applicable taxes, including income tax, FICA and FUTA, and other appropriate deductions.

(d) Good Reason and Without Cause.

At any time during the term of this Agreement, subject to the conditions set forth in Section 11(d)(2) below, the Executive may terminate this Agreement and the Executive's employment with the Company for "Good Reason." For purposes of this Agreement, "Good Reason" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events: (A) the assignment, without the Executive's consent, to the Executive of duties that are significantly different from, and that result in a substantial diminution of, the duties that he assumed on the Effective Date (including reporting to anyone other than solely and directly to the Board); (B) the assignment, without the Executive's consent, to the Executive of a title that is different from and subordinate to the title Chief Operating Officer of the Company, provided, however, for the absence of doubt following a Change of Control, should the Executive cease to retain either the title or responsibilities assumed on the Effective Date, or Executive is required to serve in a diminished capacity or lesser title in a division or unit of another entity (including the acquiring entity), such event shall constitute Good Reason regardless of the title of Executive in such acquiring company, division or unit; (C) the occurrence of a Change of Control; (D) material breach by the Company of this Agreement; or (E) the re-location of Executive to an office outside of the Seattle, Washington metropolitan area.

- (2) Except with respect to subparagraph "(C)" in Section 11(d)(1) above, the Executive shall not be entitled to terminate this Agreement for Good Reason unless and until he shall have delivered written notice to the Company within ninety (90) days of the date upon which the facts giving rise to Good Reason occurred of his intention to terminate this Agreement and his employment with the Company for Good Reason, which notice specifies in reasonable detail the circumstances claimed to provide the basis for such termination for Good Reason, and the Company shall not have eliminated the circumstances constituting Good Reason within thirty (30) days of its receipt from the Executive of such written notice.
- (3) In the event that the Executive terminates this Agreement and his employment with the Company for Good Reason or the Company terminates this Agreement and Executive's employment with the Company without Cause, the Company shall pay or provide to the Executive (or, following his death, to the Executive's heirs, administrators or executors) the Separation Payment amount; provided, however, that in the event Executive elects to terminate this Agreement for Good Reason in accordance with subparagraph "(C)" in Section 11(d)(1), such election must be made within ninety (90) days of the occurrence of the Change of Control and Executive shall be entitled to receive the Separation Payment in one lump sum cash payment within sixty (60) days after the termination date. The Company shall deduct, from all payments made hereunder, all applicable taxes, including income tax, FICA and FUTA, and other appropriate deductions.
- Executive shall not be required to mitigate the amount of any payment provided for in this Section 11(d) by seeking other employment or otherwise, nor shall the amount of any payment provided for in this Section 11(d) be reduced by any compensation earned by the Executive as the result of employment by another employer or business or by profits earned by Executive from any other source at any time before and after the termination date. The Company's obligation to make any payment pursuant to, and otherwise to perform its obligations under, this Agreement shall not be affected by any offset, counterclaim or other right that the Company may have against Executive for any reason. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the benefits to Executive under this Agreement shall be reduced by the amount of any insurance proceeds payable to Executive.
- (e) <u>Without "Good Reason" by Executive</u>. At any time during the term of this Agreement, the Executive shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement and the Executive's employment with the Company without Good Reason by providing prior written notice of at least thirty (30) days to the Company. Upon termination by the Executive of this Agreement or the Executive's employment with the Company without Good Reason, the Company shall have no further obligations or liability to the Executive or his heirs, administrators or executors with respect to compensation and benefits thereafter, except for the obligation to pay the Executive any earned but unpaid Base Salary, reimbursement of any and all reasonable expenses paid or incurred by the Executive in connection with and related to the performance of his duties and responsibilities for the Company during the period ending on the termination date and any accrued but unused vacation time through the termination date in accordance with Company policy. The Company shall deduct, from all payments made hereunder, all applicable taxes, including income tax, FICA and FUTA, and other appropriate deductions.

- (f) Change of Control. For purposes of this Agreement, "Change of Control" shall mean the occurrence of any one or more of the following: (i) the accumulation (if over time, in any consecutive twelve (12) month period), whether directly, indirectly, beneficially or of record, by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) of 50.1% or more of the shares of the outstanding Common Stock of the Company, whether by merger, consolidation, sale or other transfer of shares of Common Stock (other than a merger or consolidation where the stockholders of the Company prior to the merger or consolidation are the holders of a majority of the voting securities of the entity that survives such merger or consolidation), (ii) a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or (iii) during any period of twelve (12) consecutive months, the individuals who, at the beginning of such period, constitute the Board, and any new director whose election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the directors then still in office who either were directors at the beginning of the 12-month period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved, cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change of Control for the purposes of this Agreement: (A) any acquisitions of Common Stock or securities convertible, exercisable or exchangeable into Common Stock by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored by or maintained by the Company.
- (g) Any termination of the Executive's employment by the Company or by Executive (other than termination by reason of Executive's death) shall be communicated by written Notice of Termination to the other party of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, a "Notice of Termination" shall mean a written notice which shall indicate the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon and shall set forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination of the Executive's employment under the provision so indicated, provided, however, failure to provide timely notification shall not affect the employment status of Executive.

12. Confidential Information.

- (a) <u>Disclosure of Confidential Information.</u> The Executive recognizes, acknowledges and agrees that he has had and will continue to have access to secret and confidential information regarding the Company, its subsidiaries and their respective businesses ("<u>Confidential Information</u>"), including but not limited to, its products, methods, formulas, software code, patents, sources of supply, customer dealings, data, know-how, trade secrets and business plans, provided such information is not in or does not hereafter become part of the public domain, or become known to others through no fault of the Executive. The Executive acknowledges that such information is of great value to the Company, is the sole property of the Company, and has been and will be acquired by him in confidence. In consideration of the obligations undertaken by the Company herein, the Executive will not, at any time, during or after his employment hereunder, reveal, divulge or make known to any person, any information acquired by the Executive during the course of his employment, which is treated as confidential by the Company, and not otherwise in the public domain. The provisions of this Section 12 shall survive the termination of the Executive's employment hereunder. Information will not be deemed to be Confidential Information if: (i) the information was in Executive's possession or within Executive's knowledge before the Company disclosed it to Executive; (ii) the information was or became generally known to those who could take economic advantage of it; (iii) Executive obtained the information from a third party that was not known by Executive to be bound by a confidentiality agreement or other obligation of confidentiality to the Company or any other party with respect to such information; or (iv) Executive is required to disclose the information pursuant to legal process (e.g. a subpoena), provided that Executive notifies the Company promptly upon receiving or becoming aware of such legal process.
- (b) The Executive affirms that he will not rely upon the protected trade secrets or confidential or proprietary information of any prior employer(s) in providing services to the Company or its subsidiaries.
- (c) In the event that the Executive's employment with the Company terminates for any reason, the Executive shall deliver forthwith to the Company any and all originals and copies, including those in electronic or digital formats, of Confidential Information; provided, however, Executive shall be entitled to retain (i) papers and other materials of a personal nature, including, but not limited to, photographs, correspondence, personal diaries, calendars and rolodexes, personal files and phone books, (ii) information showing his compensation or relating to reimbursement of expenses, (iii) information that he reasonably believes may be needed for tax purposes and (iv) copies of plans, programs and agreements relating to his employment, or termination thereof, with the Company.

13. <u>Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation</u>.

(a) The Executive agrees and acknowledges that the Confidential Information that the Executive has already received and will receive is valuable to the Company and that its protection and maintenance constitutes a legitimate business interest of the Company, to be protected by the non-competition restrictions set forth herein. The Executive agrees and acknowledges that the non-competition restrictions set forth herein are reasonable and necessary and do not impose undue hardship or burdens on the Executive. The Executive also acknowledges that the products and services developed or provided by the Company, its affiliates and/or its clients or customers are or are intended to be sold, provided, licensed and/or distributed to customers and clients primarily in and throughout the United States (the "Territory") (to the extent the Company comes to operate, either directly or through the engagement of a distributor or joint or co-venturer, or sell a significant amount of its products and services to customers located, in areas other than the United States during the term of the Employment Period, the definition of Territory shall be automatically expanded to cover such other areas), and that the Territory, scope of prohibited competition, and time duration set forth in the non-competition restrictions set forth below are reasonable and necessary to maintain the value of the Confidential Information of, and to protect the goodwill and other legitimate business interests of, the Company, its affiliates and/or its clients or customers. The provisions of this Section 13 shall survive the termination of the Executive's employment hereunder.

- (b) The Executive hereby agrees and covenants that he shall not without the prior written consent of the Company, directly or indirectly, in any capacity whatsoever, including, without limitation, as an employee, employer, consultant, principal, partner, shareholder, officer, director or any other individual or representative capacity (other than (i) as a holder of less than two (2%) percent of the outstanding securities of a Company whose shares are traded on any national securities exchange or (ii) as a limited partner, passive minority interest holder in a venture capital fund, private equity fund or similar investment entity which holds or may hold an equity or debt position in portfolio companies that are competitive with the Company; provided however, that the Executive shall be precluded from serving as an operating partner, general partner, manager or governing board designee with respect to such portfolio companies), or whether on the Executive's own behalf or on behalf of any other person or entity or otherwise howsoever, during the Employment Period and the Separation Period and thereafter to the extent described below, within the Territory:
 - (1) Engage, own, manage, operate, control, be employed by, consult for, participate in, or be connected in any manner with the ownership, management, operation or control of any business in competition with the business of the Company;
 - (2) Recruit, solicit or hire, or attempt to recruit, solicit or hire, any employee, or independent contractor of the Company to leave the employment (or independent contractor relationship) thereof, whether or not any such employee or independent contractor is party to an employment agreement, for the purpose of competing with the business of the Company;
 - Attempt in any manner to solicit or accept from any customer of the Company, with whom Executive had significant contact during Executive's employment by the Company (whether under this Agreement or otherwise), business of the kind or competitive with the business done by the Company with such customer or to persuade or attempt to persuade any such customer to cease to do business or to reduce the amount of business which such customer has customarily done or might do with the Company, or if any such customer elects to move its business to a person other than the Company, provide any services of the kind or competitive with the business of the Company for such customer, or have any discussions regarding any such service with such customer, on behalf of such other person; or
 - (4) Interfere with any relationship, contractual or otherwise, between the Company and any other party, including, without limitation, any supplier, distributor, co-venturer or joint venturer of the Company, for the purpose of soliciting such other party to discontinue or reduce its business with the Company.

With respect to the activities described in Paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4) above, the restrictions of this Section 13(b) shall continue during the Employment Period and until one (1) year following the termination of this Agreement or of the Executive's employment with the Company (including upon expiration of this Agreement), whichever occurs later; provided, however, that if this Agreement or Executive's employment is terminated by Executive for Good Reason or by Company without Cause, then the restrictions of this Section 13(b) shall terminate concurrently with the termination and shall be of no further effect.

14. Section 409A.

The provisions of this Agreement are intended to comply with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "<u>Code</u>") and any final regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder ("<u>Section 409A</u>") and shall be construed in a manner consistent with the requirements for avoiding taxes or penalties under Section 409A. The Company and Executive agree to work together in good faith to consider amendments to this Agreement and to take such reasonable actions which are necessary, appropriate or desirable to avoid imposition of any additional tax or income recognition prior to actual payment to Executive under Section 409A.

To the extent that Executive will be reimbursed for costs and expenses or in-kind benefits, except as otherwise permitted by Section 409A, (a) the right to reimbursement or in-kind benefits is not subject to liquidation or exchange for another benefit, (b) the amount of expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits, provided during any taxable year shall not affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits to be provided, in any other taxable year; provided that the foregoing clause (b) shall not be violated with regard to expenses reimbursed under any arrangement covered by Section 105(b) of the Code solely because such expenses are subject to a limit related to the period the arrangement is in effect and (c) such payments shall be made on or before the last day of the taxable year following the taxable year in which you incurred the expense.

A termination of employment shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of any provision of this Agreement providing for the payment of any amounts or benefits upon or following a termination of employment unless such termination constitutes a "Separation from Service" within the meaning of Section 409A and, for purposes of any such provision of this Agreement references to a "termination," "termination of employment" or like terms shall mean Separation from Service.

Each installment payable hereunder shall constitute a separate payment for purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b), including Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b)(2)(iii). Each payment that is made within the terms of the "short-term deferral" rule set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4) is intended to meet the "short-term deferral" rule. Each other payment is intended to be a payment upon an involuntary termination from service and payable pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii), et. seq., to the maximum extent permitted by that regulation, with any amount that is not exempt from Code Section 409A being subject to Code Section 409A.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, if Executive is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A at the time of Executive's termination, then only that portion of the severance and benefits payable to Executive pursuant to this Agreement, if any, and any other severance payments or separation benefits which may be considered deferred compensation under Section 409A (together, the "Deferred Compensation Separation Benefits"), which (when considered together) do not exceed the Section 409A Limit (as defined herein) may be made within the first six (6) months following Executive's termination of employment in accordance with the payment schedule applicable to each payment or benefit. Any portion of the Deferred Compensation Separation Benefits in excess of the Section 409A Limit otherwise due to Executive on or within the six (6) month period following Executive's termination will accrue during such six (6) month period and will become payable in one lump sum cash payment on the date six (6) months and one (1) day following the date of Executive's termination of employment. All subsequent Deferred Compensation Separation Benefits, if any, will be payable in accordance with the payment schedule applicable to each payment or benefit. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if Executive dies following termination but prior to the six (6) month anniversary of Executive's termination date, then any payments delayed in accordance with this paragraph will be payable in a lump sum as soon as administratively practicable after the date of Executive's death and all other Deferred Compensation Separation Benefits will be payable in accordance with the payment schedule applicable to each payment or benefit.

For purposes of this Agreement, "Section 409A Limit" will mean a sum equal (x) to the amounts payable prior to March 15 following the year in which Executive terminations plus (y) the lesser of two (2) times: (i) Executive's annualized compensation based upon the annual rate of pay paid to Executive during the Company's taxable year preceding the Company's taxable year of Executive's termination of employment as determined under Treasury Regulation 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii)(A)(1) and any IRS guidance issued with respect thereto; or (ii) the maximum amount that may be taken into account under a qualified plan pursuant to Section 401(a)(17) of the Code for the year in which Executive's employment is terminated.

15. <u>Miscellaneous.</u>

- (a) The Executive acknowledges that the services to be rendered by him under the provisions of this Agreement are of a special, unique and extraordinary character and that it would be difficult or impossible to replace such services. Furthermore, the parties acknowledge that monetary damages alone would not be an adequate remedy for any breach by the Executive of Section 12 or Section 13 of this Agreement. Accordingly, the Executive agrees that any breach or threatened breach by him of Section 12 or Section 13 of this Agreement shall entitle the Company, in addition to all other legal remedies available to it, to apply to any court of competent jurisdiction to seek to enjoin such breach or threatened breach. The parties understand and intend that each restriction agreed to by the Executive hereinabove shall be construed as separable and divisible from every other restriction, that the unenforceability of any restriction shall not limit the enforceability, in whole or in part, of any other restriction, and that one or more or all of such restrictions may be enforced in whole or in part as the circumstances warrant. In the event that any restriction in this Agreement is more restrictive than permitted by law in the jurisdiction in which the Company seeks enforcement thereof, such restriction shall be limited to the extent permitted by law. The remedy of injunctive relief herein set forth shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other rights or remedies that the Company may have at law or in equity.
- (b) Neither the Executive nor the Company may assign or delegate any of their rights or duties under this Agreement without the express written consent of the other; *provided*, *however*, that the Company shall have the right to delegate its obligation of payment of all sums due to the Executive hereunder, provided that such delegation shall not relieve the Company of any of its obligations hereunder.

- (c) During the term of this Agreement, the Company (i) shall indemnify and hold harmless Executive and his heirs and representatives as, and to the extent, provided in the Company's bylaws and (ii) shall cover Executive under the Company's directors' and officers' liability insurance on the same basis as it covers other senior executive officers and directors of the Company.
- (d) This Agreement constitutes and embodies the full and complete understanding and agreement of the parties with respect to the Executive's employment by the Company, supersedes all prior understandings and agreements, whether oral or written, between the Executive and the Company, and shall not be amended, modified or changed except by an instrument in writing executed by the party to be charged (it being understood that, pursuant to Section 7, Share Awards shall govern with respect to the subject matter thereof). The invalidity or partial invalidity of one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not invalidate any other provision of this Agreement. No waiver by either party of any provision or condition to be performed shall be deemed a waiver of similar or dissimilar provisions or conditions at the same time or any prior or subsequent time.
- (e) This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, be binding upon and enforceable against, the parties hereto and their respective successors, heirs, beneficiaries and permitted assigns.
- (f) The headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
- All notices, requests, demands and other communications required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when personally delivered, sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or by reputable national overnight delivery service (e.g. Federal Express) for overnight delivery to the party at the address set forth in the preamble to this Agreement, or to such other address as either party may hereafter give the other party notice of in accordance with the provisions hereof. Notices shall be deemed given on the sooner of the date actually received or the third business day after deposited in the mail or one business day after deposited with an overnight delivery service for overnight delivery.
- (h) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York without reference to principles of conflicts of laws and each of the parties hereto irrevocably consents to the jurisdiction and venue of the federal and state courts located in the County and State of New York.
- (i) This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one of the same instrument. The parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date set forth above.
- (j) The Executive represents and warrants to the Company that he has the full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform his obligations hereunder and that the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of his obligations hereunder will not conflict with any agreement to which Executive is a party.

| (k) The Company represents and warrants to Executive that it has the full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder and that the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of its obligations hereunder will not conflict with any agreement to which the Company is a party. | | | | | |
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| [Signature page follows immediately] | | | | | |

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Executive and the Company have caused this Executive Employment Agreement to be executed as of the date first above written.

THE COMPANY:

MARATHON PATENT GROUP, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Doug Croxall</u> Name: Doug Croxall Title: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE:

/S/ James Crawford James Crawford



Marathon Patent Group Establishes Its Intellectual Property Research and Services Center to Provide Support for Patent Holders

Alexandria, VA - March 6, 2013- Marathon Patent Group, Inc. (OTCBB: MARA), an Intellectual Property services and monetization company, announced today that it has established a new IP Research and Services Center at the University of Arizona Science & Technology Park in Tucson, Arizona. The center is expected to generate revenues from IP consulting services, facilitate licensing clients, and provide IP licensing support to operating businesses with significant IP assets.

The IP Research and Services Center will be headed by Nathaniel Bradley, an accomplished inventor and IP strategist. Joining Mr. Bradley is a team of engineers, inventors, and research specialists. In addition to Mr. Bradley, who will serve as Marathon's Chief Technology Officer & President of IP Services, joining MPG are James Crawford, Chief Operating Officer of Marathon, and Douglas Bender, who assumes the role of MPG's Vice President of Engineering. For more detailed biographical information please visit www.marathonpg.com.

"We are pleased to be able to establish Marathon's IP Research and Services Center at the University of Arizona Science and Technology Park," said Doug Croxall, Chief Executive Officer of Marathon Patent Group. "We look forward to the revenue we expect it will generate from patent consulting services and the new licensing and monetization clients that it will facilitate. Led by Nate Bradley, we believe that MPG now has in-house among the most skilled IP consultants in the field."

Mr. Bradley is the named inventor on five patented Internet and mobile technology inventions, and is the named inventor or co-inventor on over 80 Internet technology patents and patents pending with United States Patent & Trademark Office. He has been involved in the development, spin-out or divestiture of VoiceAmerica®, Radio Pilot, World Talk Radio and BoomBox® Radio. He also has been instrumental in the acquisition and consolidation of Internet radio operations and mobile marketing businesses, including Augme Mobile®.

"The IP Research & Services team is delighted to have the opportunity to be a part of Marathon Patent Group," said Nathaniel Bradley, Marathon's new CTO and President of IP Services. "Doug's relationships and experience with identifying and monetizing IP rights speaks volumes about what we can achieve together. The center intends to build on its foundation of experience and relationships placing it in a strong position to source and monetize new IP opportunities for MPG."

Last week, MPG announced that it had entered into a strategic relationship with IPNav the leader in full-service patent monetization. IPNav has completed more than 600 licensing transactions to date, generating more than \$600 million generated in patent licenses, settlements and awards. IPNav will source and execute monetization opportunities on behalf of MPG. IPNav's headquarters is located in Dallas, TX with offices in Dublin, Paris, Shanghai, and Tel Aviv.

About Marathon Patent Group

Marathon Patent Group (MPG) is an intellectual property services and monetization company that serves a wide range of patent holders and technologies from Fortune 500 to independent inventors. MPG provides clients advice and services that enable them to realize financial and strategic return on their IP rights. MPG serves clients through two complimentary business units: the IP Research & Services Center, which helps to identify and manage patents, and the IP Licensing and Enforcement Group, which acquires IP assets, partners with patent holders, and monetizes patent portfolios through actively managed patent licensing campaigns. MPG is based in Alexandria, Virginia. www.marathonpg.com

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