#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

THE SECONTIES ACT OF 1555

**WORKHORSE GROUP INC.** (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Nevada

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

26-1394771

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3600 Park 42 Drive, Suite 160E

Sharonville, Ohio

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Workhorse Group Inc. 2017 Incentive Stock Plan (Full Title of the Plan)

James D. Harrington, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Secretary 3600 Park 42 Drive, Suite 160E Sharonville, Ohio

(Name and Address of Agent For Service)

513-360-4704

(Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent For Service)

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Cincinnati, Ohio

Indicate by check mark whether registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement registers shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of Workhorse Group Inc. (the "Company"), consisting of (i) shares that may in the future be issued under the 2017 Incentive Stock Plan (the "2017 Plan") and (ii) shares of common stock that have been acquired or may be acquired in the future by certain employees, directors and consultants of the Company (the "Selling Stockholders") pursuant to the 2017 Plan. The shares of Common Stock described in clauses (i) and (ii) of the preceding sentence are sometimes referred to herein as the "Plan Shares". The 2017 Plan was approved by the Company at the time it was created.

This registration statement contains two parts.

The first part contains a "reoffer" prospectus prepared in accordance with Part I of Form S-3 (in accordance with Instruction C of the General Instructions to Form S-8). The reoffer prospectus permits reoffers and resales on a continuous or delayed basis of certain Plan Shares that constitute "control securities" or "restricted securities," within the meaning of the Securities Act, by the Selling Stockholders identified therein or in a supplement thereto who have acquired or may in the future acquire such securities pursuant to the 2017 Plan. In addition, certain information relating to future issuances under the 2017 Plan is omitted from Part I, as further described below in the following paragraph and under the heading "Item 1. Plan Information".

The second part contains information required to be set forth in the registration statement pursuant to Part II of Form S-8. Pursuant to the Note to Part I of Form S-8, the 2017 Plan information specified by Part I of Form S-8 is not required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Company will provide without charge to any person, upon written or oral request of such person, a copy of each document incorporated by reference in Item 3 of Part II of this registration statement (which documents are also incorporated by reference in the reoffer prospectus as set forth in Form S-8), other than exhibits to such documents that are not specifically incorporated by reference, the other documents required to be delivered to eligible employees pursuant to Rule 428(b) under the Securities Act and additional information about the plan.

45241 (Zip Code) Up to 2,355,625 Shares



# WORKHORSE GROUP INC. Common Stock par value \$0.001

This reoffer prospectus relates to up to 2,355,625 shares of common stock (the "Shares"), \$0.001 par value, of the "Company," that may be offered from time to time by certain Selling Stockholders as described under the caption "Selling Stockholders." (the "Selling Stockholders"). The Selling Stockholders consist of our employees, directors, officers, and consultants who have acquired or will acquire Shares pursuant to direct grants under our 2017 Incentive Stock Plan amended from time to time ("2017 Plan"), pursuant to the exercise of stock options granted under the 2017 Plan or pursuant to Restricted Stock Purchase Offers made pursuant to the 2017 Plan.

We expect to supplement this prospectus from time to time with the names of the Selling Stockholders and the amounts of the shares to be offered for sale by them as Selling Stockholders.

The Selling Stockholders may sell the shares directly or may sell them through brokers or dealers. Except for limited funds to be received upon exercise of the Stock Options assuming a cash exercise, the Company will not receive any of the proceeds from sales made under this reoffer prospectus. The Company is paying the expenses incurred in registering these shares, but all selling and other expenses incurred by each of the Selling Stockholders will be borne by that Selling Stockholder.

Our common shares are traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "WKHS." On August 8, 2022, our closing price on the Nasdaq Capital Market was \$4.47 per share.

### INVESTING IN OUR COMMON STOCK INVOLVES RISKS. PLEASE SEE THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED UNDER "RISK FACTORS" ON PAGE 3.

NEITHER THE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this reoffer prospectus is August 9, 2022.

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No dealer, salesperson or other person is authorized to give any information or to represent anything not contained in this reoffer prospectus. You must not rely on any unauthorized information or representations. This reoffer prospectus and any prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of any offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The information contained in this reoffer prospectus is current only as of its date.

Unless otherwise indicated, all references in this reoffer prospectus to "Workhorse," the "Company," "we," "our," "us," or similar terms refer to Workhorse Group Inc. and its subsidiaries.

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# CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This reoffer prospectus contains or incorporates by reference "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, that reflect our current expectations that involve risks and uncertainties. These statements are made under the "safe harbor" provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When used in this prospectus, the words "anticipate", "expect", "plan", "believe", "seek", "estimate" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These are statements that relate to future periods and include, but are not limited to, statements about the features, benefits and performance of our products, our ability to introduce new product offerings and increase revenue from existing products, expected expenses including those related to selling and marketing, product development and general and administrative, our beliefs regarding the health and growth of the market for

our products, anticipated increase in our customer base, expansion of our products functionalities, expected revenue levels and sources of revenue, expected impact, if any, of legal proceedings, the adequacy of liquidity and capital resources, and expected growth in business. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to: our ability to develop and manufacture our new product portfolio, including the recently announced W750, W56 and W34 platforms; our ability to attract and retain customers for our existing and new products; risks associated with obtaining orders and executing upon such orders; supply chain disruptions, including constraints on steel and semiconductors and resulting increases in costs impacting our company, our customers, our suppliers or the industry; our ability to implement modifications to vehicles to achieve compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and to meet customer demands with respect to the C-1000s; the results of our ongoing review of the Company's business and go-forward operating and commercial plans; our ability to capitalize on opportunities to deliver products to meet customer requirements; our limited operations and need to expand and enhance elements of our production process to fulfill product orders; the ability to protect our intellectual property; negative impacts stemming from the continuing COVID-19 pandemic; market acceptance for our products; our ability to control our expenses; potential competition, including without limitation shifts in technology; global and local business conditions; acts of war (including without limitation the conflict in Ukraine) and/or terrorism; the prices being charged by our competitors; our inability to retain key members of our management team; our inability to raise additional capital to fund our operations and business plan; our inability to maintain our listing of our securities on the Nasdaq Capital Market; our inability to satisfy our customer warranty claims; the outcome of any regulatory or legal proceedings; our liquidity and other risks and uncertainties and other factors discussed from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including our annual report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof. We expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in our expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based, except as required by law.

Any forward-looking statement made by us in this reoffer prospectus speaks only as of the date of this reoffer prospectus. Factors or events that could cause our actual results to differ may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of them. We may not actually achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in our forward-looking statements and you should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. Our forward-looking statements do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, investments or other strategic transactions we may make. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as may be required by any applicable securities laws.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and in accordance therewith file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). Such reports, proxy statements and other information can be read and copied at the Commission's public reference facilities at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. Please call the Commission at 1-800-732-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference facilities. In addition, the Commission maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the Commission. The address of the Commission's website is www.sec.gov.

We make available free of charge on or through our website at www.workhorse.com, our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with or otherwise furnish it to the Commission. Information on our website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus and is not a part of this prospectus.

We will provide without charge to each person to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request, a copy of any or all of the information that has been incorporated by reference in this prospectus but not delivered with this prospectus (other than an exhibit to these filings, unless we have specifically incorporated that exhibit by reference in this prospectus). Any such request should be addressed to us at: 3600 Park 42 Drive, Suite 160E, Sharonville, OH 45241, Attention: Investor Relations.

#### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The Commission allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we have filed with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information we incorporate by reference is an important part of this reoffer prospectus, and later information that we file with the Commission will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future documents we file with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, subsequent to the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering (excluding, in either case, information that has been "furnished" but not "filed" for purposes of the Exchange Act).

- (1) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2022.
- (2) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended June 30, 2022, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 9, 2022.
- (3) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Securities Exchange Commission on January 4, 2022, February 24, 2022, March 1, 2022, March 4, 2022, March 10, 2022, April 6, 2022, April 6, 2022, April 7, 2022, April 8, 2022, April 21, 2022, May 6, 2022, May 10, 2022 and August 9, 2022 (other than any portions thereof deemed furnished and not filed); and
- (4) The description of our common stock contained in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on January 5, 2016 pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report updating such description.

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#### **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should consider carefully the risks and uncertainties and all other information contained in this reoffer prospectus, including the risks and uncertainties concerning our business and an investment in our common stock discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, as well as those discussed in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, together with the other information contained in and incorporated by reference into this reoffer prospectus, before deciding whether to invest in our common stock. Such risks and uncertainties are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties that we are unaware of, or that we believe are not material, may also become important factors that adversely affect our business. If any of such risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition, results of operations, and future prospects could be materially and adversely affected. In that event, the market price of our common stock could decline, and you could lose part or all of your investment.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

Except for limited funds to be received upon exercise of the Stock Options assuming a cash exercise, we will not receive any proceeds from the sale of any of our common stock by the Selling Stockholders. We have agreed to pay all expenses relating to registering the common stock covered by this reoffer prospectus. The Selling Stockholders will pay any brokerage commissions and/or similar charges incurred in connection with the sale of the common stock covered hereby.

#### DETERMINATION OF OFFERING PRICE

The Selling Stockholders may sell the common shares issued to them from time-to-time at prices and on terms then prevailing or at prices related to the then current market price, or in negotiated transactions.

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#### SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

All of the shares of our common stock registered for resale under the Registration Statement of which this reoffer prospectus forms a part have been acquired, or will be acquired prior to the offer and sale of such shares, by the Selling Stockholders pursuant to direct grants under the 2017 Plan, pursuant to the exercise of stock options granted under the 2017 Plan or pursuant to Restricted Stock Purchase Offers made pursuant to the 2017 Plan. We intend to supplement this prospectus from time to time with the names of the Selling Stockholders and the amounts of the shares to be offered for sale by them as Selling Stockholders.

The following table sets forth, as of the date of this prospectus, the number of shares beneficially owned by each current Selling Stockholder. The number of shares in the column "Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to the Offering" represents the total number of shares that a Selling Stockholder currently owns or has the right to acquire within sixty (60) days of the date of this prospectus. The number of shares in the column "Shares Which May be Offered" represents all of the shares that a Selling Stockholder may offer under this reoffer prospectus and includes shares issuable upon the exercise of options and vesting under Restricted Stock Award Agreements that have not yet vested and are not included in the column "Beneficially Owned Prior to the Offering." The table and footnotes assume that the Selling Stockholders will sell all of the shares listed in the column "Shares Which May be Offered." However, because the Selling Stockholders may sell all or some of their shares under this reoffer prospectus from time to time, or in another permitted manner, we cannot assure you as to the actual number of shares that will be sold by the Selling Stockholders or that will be held by the Selling Stockholders after completion of any sales. We do not know how long the Selling Stockholders will hold the shares shere selling them. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Except as described below, none of the Selling Stockholders had an ametrial relationship, with us or any of our subsidiaries within the past three years other than as a result of the ownership of our common stock or other securities.

As of the date of this prospectus, we have not yet identified which, if any, persons who have received or will in the future receive awards pursuant to the 2017 Plan will be Selling Stockholders. Accordingly, we intend to amend or supplement this prospectus from time to time to update the disclosures set forth in the table, below. Because the we have not yet determined which potential Selling Stockholders will be Selling Stockholders, because Selling Stockholders identified in the table when it is supplemented may sell some or all of the shares owned by them which are included in this prospectus, and because there are currently no agreements, arrangements, or understandings with respect to the sale of any such shares, no estimate can be given as to the number of shares available for resale hereby that will be held by the Selling Stockholders will sell all of the offering made hereby. We have assumed, therefore, for purposes of the following table as it may be amended or supplemented, that the Selling Stockholders will sell all of the shares owned by them which are being offered hereby, but will not sell any other shares of our common stock they presently own. To our knowledge, none of the selling shareholders are broker-dealers or affiliates of broker-dealers.

Shares Beneficially						
	Position with the	<b>Owned Prior to</b>	Shares Which May be	<b>Shares Beneficially</b>		
Selling Stockholder* (1)	Company	Offering (2)	Offered (3)	Owned after Offering		

- \* Names of the Selling Stockholders who will sell "control securities" pursuant to this prospectus will be added by prospectus supplement pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act, as permitted by General Instruction C to Form S-8.
- (1) The address for each of the Selling Stockholders is c/o Workhorse Group Inc., 3600 Park 42 Drive, Suite 160E, Sharonville, OH 45241.
- (2) Under Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act, beneficial ownership includes any shares as to which the Selling Stockholder has sole or shared voting power or investment power and also any shares, which the Selling Stockholder has the right to acquire within 60 days. "Shares Beneficially Owned after Offering" assumes the sale of all of the common stock offered by this Reoffer Prospectus and no other purchases or sales of our common stock by the Selling Stockholders.
- (3) Includes shares that are issuable upon exercise of stock options issued pursuant to the Plan, some of which are not, and will not become vested within 60 days from August 9, 2022 and are not included in the calculation of "Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to this Offering."

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The purpose of this reoffer prospectus is to allow the Selling Stockholders to offer for sale Shares acquired by the Selling Stockholders after the date of this reoffer prospectus and include 2,355,625 of such Shares acquired pursuant to the 2017 Plan.

The decision to sell any shares is within the discretion of the holders thereof, subject generally to our policies affecting the timing and manner of sale of common stock by certain individuals. There can be no assurance that any of the shares will be sold by the Selling Stockholders. These dispositions may be at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market price, at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or at negotiated prices.

The Selling Stockholders may use any one or more of the following methods when disposing of common stock or interests therein:

ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;

- block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;
- privately negotiated transactions;
- settlement of short sales entered into after the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part;
- in transactions through broker-dealers that agree with the Selling Stockholders to sell a specified number of such securities at a stipulated price per security;
- through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise;
- a combination of any of the foregoing methods of sale; or
- any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

If a Selling Stockholder effects such transactions by selling shares of our common stock to or through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents, such underwriters, broker-dealers or agents may receive commissions in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from such Selling Stockholder or commissions from purchasers of our common stock for whom they may act as agent or to whom they may sell as principal (which discounts, concessions or commissions as to particular underwriters, broker-dealers or agents may be in excess of those customary in the types of transactions involved).

The Selling Stockholders and any broker-dealer participating in the distribution of our common stock may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any commission paid, or any discounts or concessions allowed to, any such broker-dealer may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. At the time a particular offering of the securities is made, a prospectus supplement, if required, will be distributed which will set forth the aggregate amount of securities being offered and the terms of the offering, including the name or names of any broker-dealers or agents, any discounts, commissions and other terms constituting compensation from the Selling Stockholders and any discounts, commissions or concessions allowed, reallowed or paid to broker-dealers.

The Selling Stockholders may choose not to sell any or may choose to sell less than all of our common stock registered pursuant to the registration statement, of which this reoffer prospectus forms a part.

We will pay the expenses of the registration of our common stock sold by the Selling Stockholders, including, without limitation, Securities and Exchange Commission filings fees; provided, however, that the Selling Stockholders will pay all underwriting discounts and selling commissions, if any. As and when we are required to update this reoffer prospectus, we may incur additional expenses.

Once sold under the registration statement, of which this reoffer prospectus forms a part, our common stock will be freely tradable in the hands of persons other than our affiliates. We have notified the Selling Stockholders of the need to deliver a copy of this reoffer prospectus in connection with any sale of the shares.

In order to comply with certain state securities laws, if applicable, the shares may be sold in such jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In certain states, the shares may not be sold unless the shares have been registered or qualified for sale in such state or an exemption from regulation or qualification is available and is complied with. Sales of shares must also be made by the Selling Stockholders in compliance with all other applicable state securities laws and regulations.

In addition to any shares sold hereunder, Selling Stockholders may, at the same time, sell any shares of common stock owned by them in compliance with all of the requirements of Rule 144, regardless of whether such shares are covered by this reoffer prospectus.

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#### LEGAL MATTERS

Parsons Behle & Latimer PLC, has passed upon the validity of the shares of our common stock offered by the Selling Stockholders under this prospectus.

#### EXPERTS

The audited financial statements incorporated by reference in this Reoffer Prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement have been so incorporated by reference in reliance upon the reports of Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accountants, upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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**Prospectus** 

2,295,625 Shares



# WORKHORSE

# WORKHORSE GROUP INC.

Common Stock par value \$0.001

#### PART I

### **INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

#### Item 1. Plan Information.

The documents containing the information specified in Item 1 will be delivered to participants in the Workhorse Group Inc. 2017 Incentive Stock Plan as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Such documents are not required to be and are not filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this Form S-8, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

#### Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.

Upon written or oral request, any of the documents incorporated by reference in Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement (which documents are incorporated by reference in this Section 10(a) Prospectus), other documents required to be delivered to eligible employees, non-employee directors and consultants, pursuant to Rule 428(b) are available without charge by contacting:

James D. Harrington Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Secretary Workhorse Group Inc. 3600 Park 42 Drive, Suite 160E Sharonville, Ohio 513-360-4704

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#### PART II

# INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents which have been filed by Workhorse Group Inc., a Nevada corporation (the "Registrant"), with the Commission are incorporated into this Registration Statement by reference:

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2022;
- Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended June 30, 2022, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 9, 2022;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Securities Exchange Commission on January 4, 2022, February 24, 2022, March 1, 2022, March 4, 2022, March 10, 2022, April 6, 2022, April 6, 2022, April 6, 2022, April 7, 2022, April 21, 2022, May 6, 2022, May 10, 2022 and August 9, 2022 (other than any portions thereof deemed furnished and not filed); and
- the description of our common stock contained in the Registration Statement on <u>Form 8-A</u> filed on January 5, 2016 pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part of this Registration Statement from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained herein or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated herein by reference modifies or supersedes such earlier statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

#### Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

#### Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not Applicable.

# Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Nevada Revised Statutes provide the registrant with the power to indemnify any of its directors, officers, employees and agents as follows:

a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or
proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, except an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that he or she is or
was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of
another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement
actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner which he or she
reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause
to believe his or her conduct was unlawful;

- a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses, including amounts paid in settlement and attorneys' fees actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense or settlement of the action or suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation. Indemnification may not be made for any claim, issue or matter as to which such a person has been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction, after exhaustion of all appeals therefrom, to be liable to the corporation or for amounts paid in settlement to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought or other court of competent jurisdiction determines upon application that in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnify for such expenses as the court deems proper; and
- to the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, the corporation must indemnify him or her against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense.

The Nevada Revised Statutes further provide that a corporation may make any discretionary indemnification only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances. The determination must be made:

- by the stockholders of the corporation;
- by the board of directors of the corporation by majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to the action, suit or proceeding;
- if a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to the action, suit or proceeding so orders, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion;
- if a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to the action, suit or proceeding cannot be obtained, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion; or
- by court order.

The Nevada Revised Statutes additionally provide that a corporation may purchase and maintain insurance or make other financial arrangements on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise for any liability asserted against him or her and liability and expenses incurred by him or her in his or her capacity as a director, officer, employee or agent, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation has the authority to indemnify him or her against such liability and expenses. As of the date hereof, the registrant has secured such a director and officer liability insurance policy.

The Company's Bylaws requires the Company provide that it shall indemnify any of its directors or officers to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

# Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
4.1	Workhorse Group Inc. 2017 Incentive Stock Plan*
5.1	Opinion of Parsons Behle & Latimer PLC*
23.1	Consent of Grant Thornton LLP*
23.2	Consent of Parsons Behle & Latimer PLC (see Exhibit 5.1)*
24.1	Power of Attorney (included in signature page)*
107	Filing Fee Table*

Filed herewith

#### Item 9. Undertakings.

- (a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:
  - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
    - i To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
    - ii To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high and of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

iii To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (1)(a)(i) and (1)(a)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Loveland, State of Ohio, on this 9th day of August 2022.

# WORKHORSE GROUP INC.

- By: /s/ Richard Dauch Richard Dauch Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
- By: /s/ Robert M. Ginnan Robert M. Ginnan Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)
- By: /s/Gregory T. Ackerson Gregory T. Ackerson Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)

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Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Richard Dauch and Robert M. Ginnan, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, severally, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, in connection with the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, including to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments or supplements) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any applicable securities exchange or securities each acting alone, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully, to all intents and purposes, as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
/s/ Richard Dauch Richard Dauch	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	August 9, 2022
/s/ Robert M. Ginnan Robert M. Ginnan	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	August 9, 2022
/s/ Gregory T. Ackerson Gregory T. Ackerson	Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	August 9, 2022
/s/ Raymond Chess Raymond Chess	Director	August 9, 2022

/s/ Gerald B. Budde Gerald B. Budde	Director	August 9, 2022
/s/ H. Benjamin Samuels H. Benjamin Samuels	Director	August 9, 2022
/s/ Harry DeMott Harry DeMott	Director	August 9, 2022
/s/ Michael L. Clark Michael L. Clark	Director	August 9, 2022
/s/ Pamela Mader Pamela Mader	Director	August 9, 2022
/s/ Jacqueline A. Dedo Jacqueline A. Dedo	Director	August 9, 2022
/s/ William G. Quigley III	Director	August 9, 2022
William G. Quigley III /s/ Austin Scott Miller Austin Scott Miller	Director	August 9, 2022
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# Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number	Description
4.1	Workhorse Group Inc. 2017 Incentive Stock Plan*
5.1	Opinion of Parsons Behle & Latimer PLC*
23.1	Consent of Grant Thornton LLP*
23.2	Consent of Parsons Behle & Latimer PLC (see Exhibit 5.1)*
24.1	Power of Attorney (included in signature page)*
107	<u>Filing Fee Table*</u>
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\* Filed herewith

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This WORKHORSE GROUP INC. 2017 Incentive Stock Plan (the "Plan") is designed to retain directors, executives, selected employees and consultants and reward them for making major contributions to the success of the Company. These objectives are accomplished by making long-term incentive awards under the Plan thereby providing Participants with a proprietary interest in the growth and performance of the Company.

- 1. Definitions.
  - (a) "Board" The Board of Directors of the Company.
  - (b) "Cause" means (a) embezzlement or misappropriation of funds; (b) conviction of, or entry of a plea of nolo contendre to, a felony involving moral turpitude; (c) commission of material acts of dishonesty, fraud, or deceit; (d) breach of any material provisions of any employment agreement, confidentiality agreement or invention assignment agreement; (e) habitual or willful neglect of duties; (f) breach of fiduciary duty; or (g) material violation of any other duty whether imposed by law or the Board.
  - (c) "Code" The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.
  - (d) "Committee" The Compensation Committee of the Company's Board, or such other committee of the Board that is designated by the Board to administer the Plan, composed of not less than two members of the Board who are disinterested persons, as contemplated by Rule 16b-3 ("Rule 16b-3") promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").
  - (e) "Company" WORKHORSE GROUP INC. and its subsidiaries including subsidiaries of subsidiaries.
  - (f) "Exchange Act" The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time.
  - (g) "Fair Market Value" The fair market value of the Company's issued and outstanding Stock as determined in good faith by the Board or Committee.
  - (h) "Grant" The grant of any form of stock option, stock award, or stock purchase offer, whether granted singly, in combination or in tandem, to a Participant pursuant to such terms, conditions and limitations as the Committee may establish in order to fulfill the objectives of the Plan.
  - (i) "Grant Agreement" An agreement between the Company and a Participant that sets forth the terms, conditions and limitations applicable to a Grant.

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- (j) "Option" Either an Incentive Stock Option, in accordance with Section 422 of Code, or a Nonstatutory Option, to purchase the Company's Stock that may be awarded to a Participant under the Plan. A Participant who receives an award of an Option shall be referred to as an "Optionee."
- (k) "Participant" A director, officer, employee or consultant of the Company to whom an Award has been made under the Plan.
- (1) "Restricted Stock Purchase Offer" A Grant of the right to purchase a specified number of shares of Stock pursuant to a written agreement issued under the Plan.
- (m) "Securities Act" The Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time.
- (n) "Stock" Authorized and issued or unissued shares of common stock of the Company.
- (o) "Stock Award" A Grant made under the Plan in stock, denominated in units of stock or denominated in some other method reflecting an increase in value of stock or some other security of the Company, for which the Participant is not obligated to pay additional consideration.
- 2. Administration. The Plan shall be administered by the Board, provided however, that the Board may delegate such administration to the Committee. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Board and/or the Committee shall have authority to (a) grant, in its discretion, Incentive Stock Options in accordance with Section 422 of the Code, or Nonstatutory Options, Stock Awards or Restricted Stock Purchase Offers; (b) determine in good faith the fair market value of the Stock covered by any Grant; (c) determine which eligible persons shall receive Grants and the number of shares, restrictions, terms and conditions (including performance terms and conditions or market criteria) to be included in such Grants; (d) construe and interpret the Plan; (e) promulgate, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to its administration, and correct defects, omissions and inconsistencies in the Plan or any Grant; (f) consistent with the Plan and with the consent of the Participant, as appropriate, amend any outstanding Grant or amend the exercise date or dates thereof; (g) determine the duration and purpose of leaves of absence which may be granted to Participants without constituting termination of their employment for the purpose of the Plan or any Grant; and (h) make all other determinations necessary or advisable for the Plan's administration. The interpretation and construction by the Board of any provisions of the Plan or selection of Participants shall be conclusive and final. No member of the Board or the Committee shall be liable for any action or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Grant for any Grant and Grant or selection of Participants shall be conclusive and final. No member of the Board or the Committee shall be liable for any action or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Grant made thereunder.
- 3. Eligibility; Cancellation.
  - (a) <u>General:</u> The persons who shall be eligible to receive Grants shall be directors, officers, employees or consultants to the Company. The term consultant shall mean any person, other than an employee, who is engaged by the Company to render services and is compensated for such services. An Optionee may hold more than one Option. Any issuance of a Grant to an officer or director of the Company subsequent to the first registration of any of the securities of the Company under the Exchange Act shall comply with the requirements of Rule 16b-3.

(b) Incentive Stock Options: Incentive Stock Options may only be issued to employees of the Company. Incentive Stock Options may be granted to officers or directors, provided they are also employees of the Company. Payment of a director's fee shall not be sufficient to constitute employment by the Company.

The Company shall not grant an Incentive Stock Option under the Plan to any employee if such Grant would result in such employee holding the right to exercise for the first time in any one calendar year, under all Incentive Stock Options granted under the Plan or any other plan maintained by the Company, with respect to shares of

Stock having an aggregate fair market value, determined as of the date of the Option is granted, in excess of \$100,000. Should it be determined that an Incentive Stock Option granted under the Plan exceeds such maximum for any reason other than a failure in good faith to value the Stock subject to such option, the excess portion of such option shall be considered a Nonstatutory Option. To the extent the employee holds two (2) or more such Options which become exercisable for the first time in the same calendar year, the foregoing limitation on the exercisability of such Option as Incentive Stock Options under the Federal tax laws shall be applied on the basis of the order in which such Options are granted. If, for any reason, an entire Option does not qualify as an Incentive Stock Option by reason of exceeding such maximum, such Option shall be considered a Nonstatutory Option.

- (c) <u>Nonstatutory Option</u>: The provisions of the foregoing Section 3(b) shall not apply to any Option designated as a "**Nonstatutory Option**" or which sets forth the intention of the parties that the Option be a Nonstatutory Option.
- (d) <u>Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Purchase Offers:</u> The provisions of this Section 3(b) shall not apply to any Stock Award or Restricted Stock Purchase Offer under the Plan.
- (e) <u>Cancellation and Rescission of Grants.</u> Unless an agreement with a directors, officers, employees or consultants specifies otherwise, the Board or Committee, as applicable, may cancel any unexpired, unpaid, or deferred Grants at any time if the Optionee or Participant is not in compliance with all other applicable provisions of its agreement pertaining to the Grant and/or the Plan.

Upon exercise, payment or delivery pursuant to a Grant, the Optionee or Participant shall certify on a form acceptable to the Board that he or she is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Plan. Failure to comply with all of the provisions of this Section 3(e) prior to, or during the six months after, any exercise, payment or delivery pursuant to a Grant shall cause such exercise, payment or delivery to be rescinded. The Company shall notify the Optionee or Participant in writing of any such rescission within two years after such exercise, payment or delivery. Within ten days after receiving such a notice from the Company, the Optionee or Participant shall pay to the Company the amount of any gain realized or payment received as a result of the rescinded exercise, payment or delivery pursuant to a Grant. Such payment shall be made either in cash or by returning to the Company the number of shares of Stock that the Optionee or Participant received in connection with the rescinded exercise, payment or delivery.

- 4. Stock.
  - (a) Authorized Stock: Stock subject to Grants may be either unissued or reacquired Stock.
  - (b) <u>Number of Shares:</u> Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 5(i) of the Plan, the total number of shares of Stock which may be purchased or granted directly by Options, Stock Awards or Restricted Stock Purchase Offers, or purchased indirectly through exercise of Options granted under the Plan shall not exceed 5,000,000. If any Grant shall for any reason terminate or expire, any shares allocated thereto but remaining unpurchased upon such expiration or termination shall again be available for Grants with respect thereto under the Plan as though no Grant had previously occurred with respect to such shares. Any shares of Stock issued pursuant to a Grant and repurchased pursuant to the terms thereof shall be available for future Grants as though not previously covered by a Grant.
  - (c) <u>Reservation of Shares:</u> The Company shall reserve and keep available at all times during the term of the Plan such number of shares as shall be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Plan. If, after reasonable efforts, which efforts shall not include the registration of the Plan or Grants under the Securities Act, the Company is unable to obtain authority from any applicable regulatory body, which authorization is deemed necessary by legal counsel for the Company for the lawful issuance of shares hereunder, the Company shall be relieved of any liability with respect to its failure to issue and sell the shares for which such requisite authority was so deemed necessary unless and until such authority is obtained.
  - (d) <u>Application of Funds</u>: The proceeds received by the Company from the sale of Stock pursuant to the exercise of Options or rights under Stock Purchase Agreements will be used for general corporate purposes.
  - (e) No Obligation to Exercise: The issuance of a Grant shall impose no obligation upon the Participant to exercise any rights under such Grant.

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- 5. Terms and Conditions of Options. Options granted hereunder shall be evidenced by agreements between the Company and the respective Optionees, in such form and substance as the Board or Committee shall from time to time approve. Option agreements need not be identical, and in each case may include such provisions as the Board or Committee may determine, but all such agreements shall be subject to and limited by the following terms and conditions:
  - (a) <u>Number of Shares:</u> Each Option shall state the number of shares to which it pertains.
  - (b) Exercise Price: Each Option shall state the exercise price, which shall be determined as follows:
    - (i) Any Incentive Stock Option granted to a person who at the time the Option is granted owns (or is deemed to own pursuant to Section 424(d) of the Code) stock possessing more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock of the Company ("**Ten Percent Holder**") shall have an exercise price of no less than 110% of the Fair Market Value of the Stock as of the date of grant; and
    - (ii) Incentive Stock Options granted to a person who at the time the Option is granted is not a Ten Percent Holder and Nonstatutory Options shall have an exercise price of no less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of the Stock as of the date of grant.

For the purposes of this Section 5(b), Fair Market Value, unless otherwise required by any applicable provision of the Code or any regulations issued thereunder, means, as of any given date: (i) if the common stock is listed on a national securities exchange, the closing price of the common stock in the principal trading market for the common stock on such date, as reported by the exchange (or on the last preceding trading date if such security was not traded on such date); (ii) if the common stock is not listed on a national securities exchange, but is traded in the over-the -counter market, the average of the bid and asked prices on such date, as reported by the OTC Bulletin Board or the OTC Markets Inc. or similar publisher of such quotations; and (iii) if the fair market value of the common stock cannot be determined pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) above or if there is no or limited trading volume or limited liquidity in the common stock as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, the Fair Market Value shall be determined by the Board, which determination shall be conclusive and binding.

- (c) <u>Medium and Time of Payment</u>: The exercise price shall become immediately due upon exercise of the Option and shall be paid in cash or check made payable to the Company. Should the Company's outstanding Stock be registered under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act at the time the Option is exercised, then the exercise price may also be paid as follows:
  - (i) in shares of Stock held by the Optionee for the requisite period necessary to avoid a charge to the Company's earnings for financial reporting purposes and valued at Fair Market Value on the exercise date, or

(ii) through a special sale and remittance procedure pursuant to which the Optionee shall concurrently provide irrevocable written instructions (a) to a Company designated brokerage firm to effect the immediate sale of the purchased shares and remit to the Company, out of the sale proceeds available on the settlement date, sufficient funds to cover the aggregate exercise price payable for the purchased shares plus all applicable Federal, state and local income and employment taxes required to be withheld by the Company by reason of such purchase and (b) to the Company to deliver the purchased shares directly to such brokerage firm in order to complete the sale transaction.

At the discretion of the Board, exercisable either at the time of Option grant or of Option exercise, the exercise price may also be paid (i) by Optionee's delivery of a promissory note in form and substance satisfactory to the Company and permissible under applicable securities rules and bearing interest at a rate determined by the Board in its sole discretion, but in no event less than the minimum rate of interest required to avoid the imputation of compensation income to the Optionee under the Federal tax laws, or (ii) in such other form of consideration permitted by the State of Nevada corporations law as may be acceptable to the Board.

(d) <u>Term and Exercise of Options</u>: Any Option granted to an employee of the Company shall become exercisable over a period of no longer than five (5) years and no less than twenty percent (20%) of the shares covered thereby shall become exercisable annually unless the Board determines otherwise. No Option shall be exercisable, in whole or in part, prior to one (1) year from the date it is granted unless the Board shall specifically determine otherwise, as provided herein. In no event shall any Option be exercisable after the expiration of ten (10) years from the date it is granted, and no Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Holder shall, by its terms, be exercisable after the expiration of five (5) years from the date of the Option. Unless otherwise specified by the Board or the Committee in the resolution authorizing such Option, the date of grant of an Option shall be deemed to be the date upon which the Board or the Committee authorizes the granting of such Option.

Each Option shall be exercisable to the nearest whole share, in installments or otherwise, as the respective Option agreements may provide. During the lifetime of an Optionee, the Option shall be exercisable only by the Optionee and shall not be assignable or transferable by the Optionee, and no other person shall acquire any rights therein. To the extent not exercised, installments (if more than one) shall accumulate, but shall be exercisable, in whole or in part, only during the period for exercise as stated in the Option agreement, whether or not other installments are then exercisable.

(e) <u>Termination of Status as Employee, Consultant or Director:</u> If Optionee's status as an employee shall terminate for any reason other than Optionee's disability or death, then Optionee (or if the Optionee shall die after such termination, but prior to exercise, Optionee's personal representative or the person entitled to succeed to the Option) shall have the right to exercise the portions of any of Optionee's Incentive Stock Options which were exercisable as of the date of such termination, in whole or in part, not less than 30 days nor more than three (3) months after such termination (or, in the event of "*termination for Cause*", the Option shall automatically terminate as of the termination of employment as to all shares covered by the Option).

With respect to Nonstatutory Options granted to employees, directors or consultants, the Board may specify such period for exercise, not less than 30 days (except that in the case of "*termination for Cause*" or removal of a director, the Option shall automatically terminate as of the termination of employment or services as to shares covered by the Option, following termination of employment or services as the Board deems reasonable and appropriate. The Option may be exercised only with respect to installments that the Optionee could have exercised at the date of termination of employment or services. Nothing contained herein or in any Option granted pursuant hereto shall be construed to affect or restrict in any way the right of the Company to terminate the employment or services of an Optionee with or without cause.

In the event the terms contained in this Section 5(e) conflict with that of an employment agreement entered between the Company and an Optionee, then the terms of the employment agreement shall govern.

- (f) Disability of Optionee: If an Optionee is disabled (within the meaning of Section 22(e)(3) of the Code) at the time of termination, the three (3) month period set forth in Section 5(e) shall be a period, as determined by the Board and set forth in the Option, of not less than six months nor more than one year after such termination.
- (g) <u>Death of Optionee</u>: If an Optionee dies while employed by, engaged as a consultant to, or serving as a Director of the Company, the portion of such Optionee's Option which was exercisable at the date of death may be exercised, in whole or in part, by the estate of the decedent or by a person succeeding to the right to exercise such Option at any time within (i) a period, as determined by the Board and set forth in the Option, of not less than six (6) months nor more than one (1) year after Optionee's death, which period shall not be more, in the case of a Nonstatutory Option, than the period for exercise following termination of employment or services, or (ii) during the remaining term of the Option, whichever is the lesser. The Option may be so exercised only with respect to installments exercisable at the time of Optionee's death and not previously exercised by the Optionee.

(h) Nontransferability of Option: No Option shall be transferable by the Optionee, except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution.

(i) <u>Recapitalization</u>: Subject to any required action of shareholders, the number of shares of Stock covered by each outstanding Option, and the exercise price per share thereof set forth in each such Option, shall be proportionately adjusted for any increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of Stock of the Company resulting from a stock split, stock dividend, combination, subdivision or reclassification of shares, or the payment of a stock dividend, or any other increase or decrease in the number of such shares affected without receipt of consideration by the Company; provided, however, the conversion of any convertible securities of the Company shall not be deemed to have been "effected without receipt of consideration" by the Company.

In the event of a proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, a merger or consolidation in which the Company is not the surviving entity, or a sale of all or substantially all of the assets or capital stock of the Company (collectively, a "**Reorganization**"), unless otherwise provided by the Board, this Option shall terminate immediately prior to such date as is determined by the Board, which date shall be no later than the consummation of such Reorganization. In such event, if the entity which shall be the surviving entity does not tender to Optionee an offer, for which it has no obligation to do so, to substitute for any unexercised Option a stock option or capital stock of such surviving of such surviving entity, as applicable, which on an equitable basis shall provide the Optionee with substantially the same economic benefit as such unexercised Option, then the Board may grant to such Optionee, in its sole and absolute discretion and without obligation, the right for a period commencing thirty (30) days prior to and ending immediately prior to the date determined by the Board pursuant hereto for termination of the Option or during the remaining term of the Option, whichever is the lesser, to exercise any unexpired Option or Options without regard to the installment provisions of Paragraph 6(d) of the Plan; provided, that any such right granted shall be granted to all Optionees not receiving an offer to receive substitute options on a consistent basis, and provided further, that any such exercise shall be subject to the consummation of such Reorganization.

Subject to any required action of shareholders, if the Company shall be the surviving entity in any merger or consolidation, each outstanding Option thereafter shall pertain to and apply to the securities to which a holder of shares of Stock equal to the shares subject to the Option would have been entitled by reason of such merger or consolidation.

In the event of a change in the Stock of the Company as presently constituted, which is limited to a change of all of its authorized shares without par value into the same number of shares with a par value, the shares resulting from any such change shall be deemed to be the Stock within the meaning of the Plan.

To the extent that the foregoing adjustments relate to stock or securities of the Company, such adjustments shall be made by the Board, whose determination in that respect shall be final, binding and conclusive.

Except as expressly provided in this Section 5(i), the Optionee shall have no rights by reason of any subdivision or consolidation of shares of stock of any class or the payment of any stock dividend or any other increase or decrease in the number of shares of stock of any class, and the number or price of shares of Stock subject to any Option shall not be affected by, and no adjustment shall be made by reason of, any dissolution, liquidation, merger, consolidation or sale of assets or capital stock, or any issue by the Company of shares of stock of any class or securities convertible into shares of stock of any class.

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

- (j) <u>Rights as a Shareholder</u>: An Optionee shall have no rights as a shareholder with respect to any shares covered by an Option until the effective date of the issuance of the shares following exercise of such Option by Optionee. No adjustment shall be made for dividends (ordinary or extraordinary, whether in cash, securities or other property) or distributions or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date such stock certificate is issued, except as expressly provided in Section 5(i) hereof.
- (k) <u>Modification, Acceleration, Extension, and Renewal of Options</u>: Subject to the terms and conditions and within the limitations of the Plan, the Board may modify an Option, or, once an Option is exercisable, accelerate the rate at which it may be exercised, and may extend or renew outstanding Options granted under the Plan or accept the surrender of outstanding Options (to the extent not theretofore exercised) and authorize the granting of new Options in substitution for such Options, provided such action is permissible under Section 422 of the Code and applicable state securities rules. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 5(k), however, no modification of an Option shall, without the consent of the Optionee, alter to the Optionee's detriment or impair any rights or obligations under any Option theretofore granted under the Plan.
- (1) <u>Exercise Before Exercise Date:</u> At the discretion of the Board, the Option may, but need not, include a provision whereby the Optionee may elect to exercise all or any portion of the Option prior to the stated exercise date of the Option or any installment thereof. Any shares so purchased prior to the stated exercise date shall be subject to repurchase by the Company upon termination of Optionee's employment as contemplated by Section 5(n) hereof prior to the exercise date stated in the Option and such other restrictions and conditions as the Board or Committee may deem advisable.
- (m) Other Provisions: The Option agreements authorized under the Plan shall contain such other provisions, including, without limitation, restrictions upon the exercise of the Options, as the Board or the Committee shall deem advisable. Shares shall not be issued pursuant to the exercise of an Option, if the exercise of such Option or the issuance of shares thereunder would violate, in the opinion of legal counsel for the Company, the provisions of any applicable law or the rules or regulations of any applicable governmental or administrative agency or body, such as the Code, the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, applicable state securities rules, Nevada corporation law, and the rules promulgated under the foregoing or the rules and regulations of any exchange upon which the shares of the Company are listed. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the exercise of each Option shall be subject to the condition that if at any time the Company shall determine that (i) the satisfaction of withholding tax or other similar liabilities, or (ii) the listing, registration or qualification of any shares covered by such exercise upon any securities exchange or under any state or federal law, or (iii) the consent or approval of any regulatory body, or (iv) the perfection of any exemption from any such withholding, listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval is necessary or desirable in connection with such exercise or the issuance of shares thereunder, then in any such event, such exercise shall not be effective unless such withholding, listing registration, qualification, consent or approval is necessary or desirable in connection with such exercise or the issuance of shares thereunder, then in any such event, such exercise shall not be effective unless such withholding, listing registration, consent, approval or exemption shall have been effected, obtained or perfected free of any conditions not acceptable to the Company.
- (n) <u>Repurchase Agreement</u>: The Board may, in its discretion, require as a condition to the Grant of an Option hereunder, that an Optionee execute an agreement with the Company, pursuant to forms which shall be approved by the Board of Directors from time to time ("Repurchase Agreement"), (i) restricting the Optionee's right to transfer shares purchased under such Option without first offering such shares to the Company or another shareholder of the Company upon the same terms and conditions as provided therein; and (ii) providing that upon termination of Optionee's employment with the Company, for any reason, the Company (or another shareholder of the Company, as provided in the Repurchase Agreement) shall have the right at its discretion (or the discretion of such other shareholders) to purchase and/or redeem all such shares owned by the Optionee on the date of termination of his or her employment at a price equal to: (A) the fair value of such shares as of such date of termination; or (B) if such repurchase right lapses at 20% of the number of shares prever, the original purchase price of such shares, and upon terms of payment permissible under applicable state securities rules; provided that in the case of Options or Stock Awards granted to officers, directors, consultants or affiliates of the Company, such repurchase provisions may be subject to additional or greater restrictions as determined by the Board or Committee.

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6. Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Purchase Offers.

(a) <u>Types of Grants.</u>

- (i) <u>Stock Award.</u> All or part of any Stock Award under the Plan may be subject to conditions established by the Board or the Committee, and set forth in the Stock Award Agreement, which may include, but are not limited to, continuous service with the Company, achievement of specific business objectives, increases in specified indices, attaining growth rates and other comparable measurements of Company performance. Such Awards may be based on Fair Market Value or other specified valuation. All Stock Awards will be made pursuant to the execution of a Stock Award Agreement pursuant to forms which shall be approved by the Board of Directors from time to time.
- (ii) <u>Restricted Stock Purchase Offer</u>. A Grant of a Restricted Stock Purchase Offer under the Plan shall be subject to such (i) vesting contingencies related to the Participant's continued association with the Company for a specified time and (ii) other specified conditions as the Board or Committee shall determine, in their sole discretion, consistent with the provisions of the Plan. All Restricted Stock Purchase Offers shall be made pursuant to a Restricted Stock Purchase Offer pursuant to forms which shall be approved by the Board of Directors from time to time.

- (b) <u>Conditions and Restrictions.</u> Shares of Stock which Participants may receive as a Stock Award under a Stock Award Agreement or Restricted Stock Purchase Offer under a Restricted Stock Purchase Offer may include such restrictions as the Board or Committee, as applicable, shall determine, including restrictions on transfer, repurchase rights, right of first refusal, and forfeiture provisions. When transfer of Stock is so restricted or subject to forfeiture provisions it is referred to as "Restricted Stock". Further, with Board or Committee approval, Stock Awards or Restricted Stock Purchase Offers may be deferred, either in the form of installments or a future lump sum distribution. The Board or Committee may permit selected Participants to elect to defer distributions of Stock Awards or Restricted Stock Purchase Offers in accordance with procedures established by the Board or Committee to assure that such deferrals comply with applicable requirements of the Code including, at the choice of Participants, the capability to make further deferrals for distribution after retirement. Any deferred distribution, whether elected by the Participant or specified by the Stock Award Agreement, Restricted Stock Purchase Offers or by the Board or Committee, may require the payment be forfeited in accordance with the provisions of Section 6(c). Dividends or dividend equivalent rights may be extended to and made part of any Stock Award or Restricted Stock Purchase Offers denominated in Stock or units of Stock, subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as the Board or Committee may establish.
- (c) Intentionally left blank.
- (d) Nonassignability.
  - Except pursuant to Section 6(e)(iii) and except as set forth in Section 6(d)(ii), no Grant or any other benefit under the Plan shall be assignable or transferable, or payable to or exercisable by, anyone other than the Participant to whom it was granted.
  - (ii) Where a Participant terminates employment and retains a Grant pursuant to Section 6(e)(ii) in order to assume a position with a governmental, charitable or educational institution, the Board or Committee, in its discretion and to the extent permitted by law, may authorize a third party (including but not limited to the trustee of a "blind" trust), acceptable to the applicable governmental or institutional authorities, the Participant and the Board or Committee, to act on behalf of the Participant with regard to such Awards.

- (e) <u>Termination of Employment</u>. If the employment or service to the Company of a Participant terminates, other than pursuant to any of the following provisions under this Section 6(e), all unexercised, deferred and unpaid Stock Awards or Restricted Stock Purchase Offers shall be cancelled immediately, unless the Stock Award Agreement or Restricted Stock Purchase Offer provides otherwise:
  - (i) <u>Retirement Under a Company Retirement Plan</u>. When a Participant's employment terminates as a result of retirement in accordance with the terms of a Company retirement plan, the Board or Committee may permit Stock Awards or Restricted Stock Purchase Offers to continue in effect beyond the date of retirement in accordance with the applicable Grant Agreement and the exercisability and vesting of any such Grants may be accelerated.
  - (ii) <u>Rights in the Best Interests of the Company</u>. When a Participant resigns from the Company and, in the judgment of the Board or Committee, the acceleration and/or continuation of outstanding Stock Awards or Restricted Stock Purchase Offers would be in the best interests of the Company, the Board or Committee may (i) authorize, where appropriate, the acceleration and/or continuation of all or any part of Grants issued prior to such termination and (ii) permit the exercise, vesting and payment of such Grants for such period as may be set forth in the applicable Grant Agreement, subject to earlier cancellation pursuant to Section 9 or at such time as the Board or Committee shall deem the continuation of all or any part of the Participant's Grants are not in the Company's best interest.
  - (iii) Death or Disability of a Participant.
    - (1) In the event of a Participant's death, the Participant's estate or beneficiaries shall have a period up to the expiration date specified in the Grant Agreement within which to receive or exercise any outstanding Grant held by the Participant under such terms as may be specified in the applicable Grant Agreement. Rights to any such outstanding Grants shall pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution in the following order: (a) to beneficiaries so designated by the Participant; if none, then (b) to a legal representative of the Participant; if none, then (c) to the persons entitled thereto as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. Grants so passing shall be made at such times and in such manner as if the Participant were living.
    - (2) In the event a Participant is deemed by the Board or Committee to be unable to perform his or her usual duties by reason of mental disorder or medical condition which does not result from facts which would be grounds for termination for cause, Grants and rights to any such Grants may be paid to or exercised by the Participant, if legally competent, or a committee or other legally designated guardian or representative if the Participant is legally incompetent by virtue of such disability.
    - (3) After the death or disability of a Participant, the Board or Committee may in its sole discretion at any time (1) terminate restrictions in Grant Agreements; (2) accelerate any or all installments and rights; and (3) instruct the Company to pay the total of any accelerated payments in a lump sum to the Participant, the Participant's estate, beneficiaries or representative; notwithstanding that, in the absence of such termination of restrictions or acceleration of payments, any or all of the payments due under the Grant might ultimately have become payable to other beneficiaries.
    - (4) In the event of uncertainty as to interpretation of or controversies concerning this Section 6, the determinations of the Board or Committee, as applicable, shall be binding and conclusive.
- 7. Investment Intent. All Grants under the Plan are intended to be exempt from registration under the Securities Act provided by Rule 701 thereunder. Unless and until the granting of Options or sale and issuance of Stock subject to the Plan are registered under the Securities Act or shall be exempt pursuant to the rules promulgated thereunder, each Grant under the Plan shall provide that the purchases or other acquisitions of Stock thereunder shall be for investment purposes and not with a view to, or for resale in connection with, any distribution thereof. Further, unless the issuance and sale of the Stock have been registered under the Securities Act, each Grant shall provide that no shares shall be purchased upon the exercise of the rights under such Grant unless and until (i) all then applicable requirements of state and federal laws and regulatory agencies shall have been fully complied with to the satisfaction of the Company and its counsel, and (ii) if requested to do so by the Company, the person exercising the rights under the Grant shall (j) give written assurances as to knowledge and experience of such person (or representative) to evaluate the merits and risks of exercising the Option, and (ii) execute and deliver to the Company a letter of investment intent and/or such other form related to applicable exemptions from registration, all in such form and substance as the Company may require. If shares are issued upon exercise of any rights under a Grant without registration under the Securities Act, subsequent registration of such shares shall relieve the purchaser thereof of any inpersentations made upon the exercise of such rights.

8. Amendment, Modification, Suspension or Discontinuance of the Plan. The Board may, insofar as permitted by law, from time to time, with respect to any shares at the time not subject to outstanding Grants, suspend or terminate the Plan or revise or amend it in any respect whatsoever, except that without the approval of the shareholders of the Company, no such revision or amendment shall (i) increase the number of shares subject to the Plan, (ii) decrease the price at which Grants may be granted, (iii) materially increase the benefits to Participants, or (iv) change the class of persons eligible to receive Grants under the Plan; provided, however, no such action shall alter or impair the rights and obligations under any Option, or Stock Award, or Restricted Stock Purchase Offer outstanding as of the date thereof without the written consent of the Participant thereunder. No Grant may be issued while the Plan is suspended or after it is terminated, but the rights and obligations under any Grant issued while the Plan is in effect shall not be impaired by suspension or termination of the Plan.

In the event of any change in the outstanding Stock by reason of a stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of shares, recapitalization, merger, or similar event, the Board or the Committee may adjust proportionally (a) the number of shares of Stock (i) reserved under the Plan, (ii) available for Incentive Stock Options and Nonstatutory Options and (iii) covered by outstanding Stock Awards or Restricted Stock Purchase Offers; (b) the Stock prices related to outstanding Grants; and (c) the appropriate Fair Market Value and other price determinations for such Grants. In the event of any other change affecting the Stock or any distribution (other than normal cash dividends) to holders of Stock, such adjustments as may be deemed equitable by the Board or the Committee, including adjustments to avoid fractional shares, shall be made to give proper effect to such event. In the event of a corporate merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or stock, separation, reorganization or liquidation, the Board or the Committee shall be authorized to issue or assume stock options, whether or not in a transaction to which Section 424(a) of the Code applies, and other Grants by means of substitution of new Grant Agreements for previously issued Grants or an assumption of previously issued Grants.

- 9. Tax Withholding. The Company shall have the right to deduct applicable taxes from any Grant payment and withhold, at the time of delivery or exercise of Options, Stock Awards or Restricted Stock Purchase Offers or vesting of shares under such Grants, an appropriate number of shares for payment of taxes required by law or to take such other action as may be necessary in the opinion of the Company to satisfy all obligations for withholding of such taxes. If Stock is used to satisfy tax withholding, such stock shall be valued based on the Fair Market Value when the tax withholding is required to be made.
- 10. Intentionally Left Blank.
- 11. Notice. Any written notice to the Company required by any of the provisions of the Plan shall be addressed to the chief financial officer or to the chief executive officer of the Company, and shall become effective when it is received by the office of the chief personnel officer or the chief executive officer.
- 12. Indemnification of Board. In addition to such other rights or indemnifications as they may have as directors or otherwise, and to the extent allowed by applicable law, the members of the Board and the Committee shall be indemnified by the Company against the reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred in connection with the defense of any claim, action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appeal thereof, to which they or any of them may be a party by reason of any action taken, or failure to act, under or in connection with the Plan or any Grant granted thereunder, and against all amounts paid by them in settlement thereof (provided such settlement is approved by independent legal counsel selected by the Company) or paid by them in satisfaction of a judgment in any such claim, action, suit or proceeding, except in any case in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such claim, action, suit or proceeding that such Board or Committee member is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duties; provided that within sixty (60) days after institution of any such action, suit or Board proceeding the member involved shall offer the Company, in writing, the opportunity, at its own expense, to handle and defend the same.
- 13. Governing Law. The Plan and all determinations made and actions taken pursuant hereto, to the extent not otherwise governed by the Code or the securities laws of the United States, shall be governed by the law of the State of Nevada and construed accordingly.
- 14. Effective and Termination Dates. The Plan shall become effective on the date it is approved by the holders of a majority of the shares of Stock then outstanding. The Plan shall terminate ten years later, subject to earlier termination by the Board pursuant to Section 8.





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Workhorse Group Inc. 3600 Park 42 Drive Suite 160E Sharonville, Ohio 45241

Re: Workhorse Form S-8

Gentlemen:

We refer to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to be filed on even date by Workhorse Group, a Nevada corporation (the "Company"), with the SEC with respect to the registration of up to an aggregate of 4,651,250 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), to be issued in connection with the Company's 2017 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

As counsel to the Company, we have examined such matters of fact and questions of law as we have considered appropriate for purposes of this letter. With your consent, we have relied upon certificates and other assurances of officers of the Company and others as to factual matters without having independently verified such factual matters. We are opining herein as to the Nevada Revised Statutes, and we express no opinion with respect to the applicability thereto, or the effect thereon, of the laws of any other jurisdiction or, in the case of Nevada, any other laws, or as to any matters of municipal law or the laws of any local agencies within any state.

We have made such examination as we have deemed necessary for the purpose of this opinion. Based upon such examination, it is our opinion, that, when the Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and when the shares of Common Stock to be issued are sold and paid for in the manner described in the Plan, the Common Stock so issued will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. No opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or the Plan. In connection with this opinion, we have examined and relied on the representations and warranties as to factual matters in the Registration Statement. Our knowledge of the Company and its legal and other affairs is limited by the scope of our engagement, which scope includes the delivery of this opinion letter. We do not represent the Company with respect to all legal matters or issues. The Company may employ other independent counsel and, to our knowledge, handles certain matters and issues without the assistance of independent counsel.

This opinion is given as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to advise you of changes that may hereafter be brought to our attention.

We hereby consent to the use of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

PARSONS BEHLE & LATIMER

/s/ Parsons Behle & Latimer

# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We have issued our reports dated March 1, 2022 with respect to the consolidated financial statements and internal control over financial reporting of Workhorse Group Inc. included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, which are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement. We consent to the incorporation by reference of the aforementioned reports in this Registration Statement and to the use of our name as it appears under the caption "Experts."

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

Cincinnati, Ohio August 9, 2022

#### **Calculation of Filing Fee Tables**

# Form S-8

# (Form Type)

# Workhorse Group Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

# Table 1: Newly Registered and Carry Forward Securities

Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation or Carry Forward Rule	Amount Registered (1)	N O F	Proposed Iaximum Offering Price Per Unit (2)	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Fee Rate	mount of gistration Fee
Equity	Common Stock, 0.001 par value per share, to be issued under the 2017 Incentive Stock Plan	Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h)	4,651,250 shares (3)	\$	4.57	\$ 21,256,212.50	.0000927	\$ 1,970.45
<b>Total Offering Amounts</b>						\$21,256,212.50		\$ 1,970.45
Total Fee Offsets								_
Net Fee Due						\$21,256,212.50		\$ 1,970.45

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of Common Stock attributable to these registered shares which become issuable under the Workhorse Group Inc. 2017 Incentive Stock Plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without the Registrant's receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the outstanding shares of the Registrant's Common Stock.

(2) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933. The above calculation is based on the average of the high and low prices as reported by NASDAQ on August 8, 2022, which was \$4.57 per share.

Includes 2,295,625 shares of Common Stock to be issued by the Company pursuant to the 2017 Incentive Stock Plan and 2,355,625 shares of Common Stock that have
 (3) been or may in the future be acquired by the Selling Stockholders (as defined below) pursuant to the 2017 Incentive Stock Plan.