

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

36-2681268
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

233 South Wacker Drive
Suite 4200
Chicago, IL 60606-6303
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

2012 HEIDRICK & STRUGGLES GLOBALSHARE PROGRAM
(Full title of the plan)

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be registered	Amount to be registered(1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, issuable under the 2012 GlobalShare Program	1,971,528	\$16.50 (2)	\$32,530,212	\$3,728

- (1) This Registration Statement covers 1,971,528 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock") of Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. (the "Company") pursuant to the 2012 Heidrick & Struggles GlobalShare Program (the "Plan"); such amount consists of (i) 1,300,000 shares of Common Stock, consisting of newly authorized shares of Common Stock and any remaining shares of Common Stock which were previously authorized for issuance under the 2007 Heidrick & Struggles GlobalShare Program, as amended (the "Prior Program") and not subject to outstanding awards under the Prior Program; and (ii) 671,528 shares of Common Stock currently subject to outstanding awards under the Prior Program that cease to be subject to such awards (other than by reason of exercise or settlement). In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate number of additional shares to be offered or sold pursuant to the Plan by reason of any stock split, reverse stock split, split up, spin-off, or other distribution of stock or property of the Company, combination or exchange of shares or Common Stock, dividend in kind, or other like change in capital structure.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 457(h) of the Securities Act, the proposed maximum offering price is estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee. The offering price per share and aggregate offering price are based upon the average of the high and low prices for the Common Stock as reported on The NASDAQ Stock Market on May 23, 2012 (\$16.50), in accordance with Rule 457(c) of the Securities Act.

Explanatory Note

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is being filed to register 1,971,528 shares of Common Stock pursuant to the Plan, consisting of (i) 1,300,000 shares of Common Stock, which includes newly authorized shares of Common Stock and any remaining shares of Common Stock which were previously authorized for issuance under the Prior Program, and not subject to outstanding awards under the Prior Program; and (ii) 671,528 shares of Common Stock currently subject to outstanding awards under the Prior Program that cease to be subject to such awards (other than by reason of exercise or settlement). Shares of Common Stock subject to an award granted under the Plan which is forfeited or otherwise expires or terminates will again be available for use under the Plan.

Part I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

As permitted by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), this Registration Statement omits the information specified in Part I of Form S-8. The documents containing the information specified in Part I has been or will be delivered to the participants in the Plan as required by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act.

Part II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents are hereby incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement:

- (a) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, filed on March 15, 2012;
- (b) Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2012, filed on April 30, 2012;
- (c) Our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 5, 2012;
- (d) all other reports filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), since December 31, 2011; and
- (e) The description of our Common Stock, which was included in our Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed with the SEC on March 31, 1999, and was incorporated by reference in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on April 21, 1999, pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act.

In addition, all documents that we subsequently file 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 into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

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

We are incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the “Delaware Law”) provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any persons who were, are, or are threatened to be made, parties to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of such corporation), by reason of the fact that such person is or was an officer, director, employee or agent of such corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys’ fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, provided that such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to our best interests and, for any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

A Delaware corporation may indemnify officers and directors against expenses (including attorneys’ fees) in connection with the defense or settlement of an action by or in the right of the corporation under the same conditions, except that no indemnification is permitted without judicial approval if the officer or director is adjudged to be liable to the corporation. Where an officer or director is successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action referred to above, the corporation must indemnify him or her against the expenses which such officer or director actually and reasonably incurred.

In accordance with Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware Law, our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended and restated, contains a provision to limit the personal liability of our director’s violations of their fiduciary duty. This provision eliminates each director’s liability to us and our stockholders for monetary damages except (i) for any breach of the director’s duty of loyalty to us or to our stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the Delaware Law providing for liability of directors for unlawful payment of dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions or (iv) for any transaction from which a director derived an improper personal benefit. In addition, our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended and restated, authorizes us to purchase and maintain insurance to protect itself and any director, officer, employee or agent of us or another business entity against any expense, liability or loss incurred by him or her in any such capacity or arising out of his or her status as such.

Our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended and restated, provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law, as now in effect or as amended, it will indemnify any person (and such person’s heirs, executors or administrators) who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any action (other than action by or in the right of the Company) by reason of the fact that he or she is or was director, officer, employee or agent of the Company or was serving, at the Company’s request, as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise. Any amendment of this provision will not reduce the Company’s indemnification obligations relating to actions taken before an amendment.

We maintain directors and officers liability insurance, which covers directors and officers against certain claims or liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
4.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.02 of this Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-61023))
4.2	Amended and Restated By-laws of the Registrant (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.02 of the Registrant's Form 10-K filed March 26, 2003 (File No. 000-25837))
4.3	2012 Heidrick & Struggles GlobalShare Program (incorporated by reference from Appendix A to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement for the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, filed on April 17, 2012 (File No. 000-25837))
4.4	Form of Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit Participation Agreement.
4.5	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Participation Agreement.
4.6	Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Grant Agreement.
4.7	Form of Performance Stock Unit Participation Agreement
5.1	Opinion of Reed Smith LLP.
23.1	Consent of KPMG LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
23.2	Consent of Reed Smith LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).

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 of 1933;

(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 end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement;

(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 (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(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 SEC by the Company pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, 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 Company hereby undertakes that, for the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) 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 of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC 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 Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Company 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 Company 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.

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 Chicago, State of Illinois, on May 25, 2012.

Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.,
a Delaware corporation

/s/ L. Kevin Kelly
L. Kevin Kelly
Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints L. Kevin Kelly and Richard W. Pehlke (with full power to each of them to act alone) as his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead in any and all capacities to sign any and all amendments or post-effective amendments 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, to sign any and all applications, registration statements, notices or other document necessary or advisable to comply with the applicable state securities laws, and to file the same, together with all other documents in connection therewith, with the appropriate state securities authorities, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their or his substitute or substitutes, 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, thereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their 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 below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Principal Executive Officer:

/s/ L. Kevin Kelly
L. Kevin Kelly
Chief Executive Officer
Dated: May 25, 2012

Principal Financial Officer:

/s/ Richard W. Pehlke
Richard W. Pehlke
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
Dated: May 25, 2012

Principal Accounting Officer

/s/ Matthew W. Hallgren
Matthew W. Hallgren
Chief Accounting Officer
Dated: May 25, 2012

Directors:

/s/ Richard I. Beattie
Richard I. Beattie
Dated: May 25, 2012

/s/ John A. Fazio
John A. Fazio
Dated: May 25, 2012

/s/ Mark Foster

Mark Foster

Dated: May 25, 2012

/s/ Jill Kanin-Lovers

Jill Kanin-Lovers

Dated: May 25, 2012

/s/ Gary E. Knell

Gary E. Knell

Dated: May 25, 2012

/s/ V. Paul Unruh

V. Paul Unruh

Dated: May 25, 2012

/s/ Jane D. Hartley

Jane D. Hartley

Dated: May 25, 2012

/s/ L. Kevin Kelly

L. Kevin Kelly

Dated: May 25, 2012

/s/ Robert E. Knowling, Jr.

Robert E. Knowling, Jr.

Dated: May 25, 2012

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**Non-Employee Director
Restricted Stock Unit Participation
Agreement**

**Name of Non-Employee Director
Address of Non-Employee Director**

This Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit Participation Agreement (the "Agreement") is dated as of this _____ day of _____, 20____ and sets forth the terms and conditions of the Award described below made by Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. (the "Company") to _____ (the "Participant"), pursuant to the 2012 Heidrick & Struggles GlobalShare Program, as amended (the "Program").

As of _____ (the "Grant Date"), the Company has granted _____ Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") to the Participant as set forth herein. The RSUs are granted pursuant to the Program and are governed by the terms and conditions of the Program. All defined terms used herein, unless specifically defined in this Agreement, have the meanings assigned to them in the Program. The Participant agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the Agreement and the Program, and has received and reviewed a copy of the Program and the Prospectus for the Program dated May __, 2012.

The RSUs granted under this Agreement shall not become valid or enforceable unless and until the Participant executes the Agreement and it is accepted by the Company. By the Participant's signature and the Company's signature below, the Participant and the Company agree that this constitutes the signature page of the Agreement. Participant further agrees that the RSUs are granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Agreement and the Program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed the Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

Name: **Participant Name**

Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.

By: _____

Name:

Title:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the agreements of the Participant herein provided and pursuant to the Program, the parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions. All capitalized terms used herein, unless specifically defined herein, shall have the same meanings as established in the Program.

2. Participation. Pursuant to the Program and contingent upon the execution of the Agreement, the Company hereby grants to the Participant _____ RSUs subject to the terms and conditions herein. As a material condition and inducement to the Company's grant of RSUs to the Participant, the Participant agrees that he or she has received and reviewed the Program and further agrees to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement and the Program, as may be amended by the Company from time to time.

3. Vesting of RSUs. All RSUs granted under the Agreement shall vest on the date the Participant ceases to be a Director of the Company.

4. Characteristics of RSUs.

- a. RSUs are not Shares and the grant of RSUs shall provide only those rights expressly set forth in the Agreement and the Program. The Participant is not deemed to be a stockholder in the Company or have any of the rights of a stockholder in the Company by virtue of the grant of RSUs.
- b. The Participant does not have voting rights or any other rights inherent to the ownership of Shares, including the rights to dividends, or other liquidating or non-liquidating distributions, by virtue of being granted RSUs.
- c. Neither the RSUs nor any right hereunder or under the Program shall be transferable or be subject to attachment, execution or other similar process. In the event of any attempt by the Participant to alienate, assign, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of the RSUs or of any right hereunder or under the Program, except as provided for in the Program, or in the event of any levy or any attachment, execution or similar process upon the rights or interest conferred by the RSUs, the Company may terminate the RSUs by notice to the Participant, and the RSUs and any related rights, including the right to dividend equivalents as described in Section 7, shall thereupon be cancelled.

5. Effect of Vesting.

- a. When the Participant's RSUs vest under the terms of Section 3, such Participant shall receive as full consideration for the RSUs a number of Shares equal to the number of RSUs which vested on such date.
- b. The RSUs granted to the Participant shall be maintained in a bookkeeping account with the custodian appointed by the Committee from time to time (the "Custodian") for such Participant until the RSUs are converted into Shares pursuant to this Section 5, at which time the Shares shall be issued to the Participant in accordance with Section 6 below.

6. Delivery of Shares to the Participant. As soon as practicable after the RSUs vest and are converted into Shares, the Custodian shall, without transfer or issue tax or other incidental expense to the Participant, deliver to the Participant by first-class insured mail addressed to the Participant at the address shown on page 1 or the last address of record on file with the Custodian, (a) a statement from the Custodian referencing the number of Shares held in the Participant's name in book entry account, or (b) at the Participant's request, certificate(s) for the number of Shares as to which the RSUs vested. In any event, Shares due the Participant shall be delivered as described above no later than March 15 of the year following the calendar year in which such RSUs vest.

7. Dividend Equivalents. The Company shall credit the Participant's RSU account with an amount equal to the dividends, if any, that would be paid with respect to the unvested RSUs as if the RSUs were actual Shares to a shareholder as of the Record date. Such amount shall be credited to the Participant's RSU account at the same time dividends are paid with respect to the Shares, shall be subject to the vesting provisions set forth in Section 3 of the Agreement, and shall be paid to the Participant in cash, as soon as practical following when the Participant's related RSUs vest and are issued as Shares to the Participant.

8. Miscellaneous.

- a. The Agreement shall, subject to the terms hereof, terminate upon the vesting of all RSUs and dividend equivalents granted to the Participant hereunder, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties hereto.
- b. The Agreement may be amended by the written agreement of the Company and the Participant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the Company may amend, alter or discontinue the Agreement, without the consent of the Participant so long as such amendment, alteration or discontinuance would not impair any of the rights or obligations under any Award theretofore granted to the Participant under the Program; and (ii) the Committee may amend the Agreement in such manner as it deems necessary to permit the granting of Awards meeting the requirements of the Code or other applicable laws.
- c. The parties agree that the Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the United States and, in particular, those of the State of Illinois without regard to its conflict of law principles, as Illinois is the situs of the principal corporate office of the Company. Furthermore, unless the Company affirmatively elects in writing to allow the proceeding to be brought (or itself brings such a proceeding) in a different venue, the parties agree that any suit, action or proceeding with respect to the Program, the RSUs or the Agreement shall be brought in the state courts in Chicago, Illinois or in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The parties hereby accept the exclusive jurisdiction of those courts for the purpose of any such suit,

action or proceeding. Venue for any such action, in addition to any other venue required or otherwise mandated by statute, will be in Chicago, Illinois. Each party further agrees to waive any applicable right to a jury trial, and expressly elects to have the matter heard as a bench trial.

- d. Unless waived by the Company, any notice to the Company required under or relating to the Agreement shall be in writing and addressed to:

Executive Vice President and General Counsel
Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.
233 South Wacker Drive
Suite 4200
Chicago, IL 60606-6303

9. Program Governs. All terms and conditions of the Program are incorporated herein and made part hereof as if stated herein. If there is any conflict between the terms and conditions of the Program and the Agreement, the terms and conditions of the Program, as interpreted by the Committee, shall govern.

10. Data Privacy. By signing below, the Participant voluntarily acknowledges and consents to the collection, use, processing and transfer of personal data as described in this Section 10. The Participant is not obliged to consent to such collection, use, processing and transfer of personal data. However, the Participant's failure to provide the consent may affect the Participant's ability to participate in the Program. The Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates hold certain personal information about the Participant, including the Participant's name, home address and telephone number, date of birth, social security number, nationality, any shares of stock or directorships held in the Company, details of all options or any other rights or entitlements to shares of stock in the Participant's favor, for the purpose of managing and administering the Program ("Data"). The Company, its Subsidiaries and its Affiliates will transfer Data amongst themselves as necessary for the purpose of implementation, administration and management of the Participant's participation in the Program, and the Company and any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates may each further transfer Data to any third parties assisting in the implementation, administration and management of the Program. These recipients may be located in the European Economic Area, or elsewhere throughout the world, such as the United States. The Participant authorizes them to receive, possess, use, retain and transfer the Data, in electronic or other form, for the purposes of implementing, administering and managing the Participant's participation in the Program, including any requisite transfer of such Data as may be required for the administration of the Program and/or the subsequent holding of Shares on the Participant's behalf to a broker or other third party with whom the Participant may elect to deposit any Shares acquired pursuant to the Program. The Participant may, at any time, review Data, require any necessary amendments to it or withdraw the consents herein in writing by contacting the Company; however, by withdrawing consent, the Participant will affect his or her ability to participate in the Program.

11. Execution of the Agreement.

- a. The Parties agree that this Agreement shall be considered executed by both parties executing the Agreement as the first page hereof, which is a part hereof.
- b. This Agreement, or any amendments thereto, may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Participant Name

Restricted Stock Unit Participation Agreement

This Restricted Stock Unit Participation Agreement (the "Agreement") is dated as of this _____ day of _____, 20____ and sets forth the terms and conditions of the Award described below made by Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. (the "Company") to _____ (the "Participant"), pursuant to the 2012 Heidrick & Struggles GlobalShare Program, (the "Program").

As of _____, 20____ (the "Grant Date"), the Company has granted _____ Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") to the Participant as set forth herein. The RSUs are granted pursuant to the Program and are governed by the terms and conditions of the Program. All defined terms used herein, unless specifically defined in this Agreement, have the meanings assigned to them in the Program. The Participant agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the Agreement and the Program, and has received and reviewed a copy of the Program and the Prospectus for the Program dated May __, 2012.

The RSUs granted under this Agreement shall not become valid or enforceable unless and until the Participant executes the Agreement and it is accepted by the Company. By the Participant's signature and the Company's signature below, the Participant and the Company agree that this constitutes the signature page of the Agreement. Participant further agrees that the RSUs are granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Agreement and the Program. Agreements that are not signed and returned are considered null and void.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed the Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

Name: **Participant Name**

Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.

By: _____

Name:

Title:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the agreements of the Participant herein provided and pursuant to the Program, the parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions. All capitalized terms used herein, unless specifically defined herein, shall have the same meanings as established in the Program.

2. Participation. Pursuant to the Program and contingent upon the execution of the Agreement, the Company hereby grants to the Participant _____ RSUs subject to the terms and conditions herein. As a material condition and inducement to the Company's grant of RSUs to the Participant, the Participant agrees that he or she has received and reviewed the Program and the Prospectus, and further agrees to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement and the Program, as may be amended by the Company from time to time.

3. Vesting of RSUs.

- a. Subject to Section 3(b) and Section 4 below, all RSUs granted under the Agreement shall vest in accordance with the schedule set forth below; provided the Participant has been in Continuous Service through each vesting date. For purposes of the Agreement, "Continuous Service" shall mean the Participant's service with the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate as an employee, or the Participant's service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company, has not been interrupted or terminated, and shall include any period during which the Participant is on an approved leave of absence from the Company or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates.

Vesting Date

Number of Shares Vesting

- b. Notwithstanding the terms of Section 3(a) above, if the Participant's Continuous Service is terminated as a result of the Participant's death or Disability, all RSUs granted to the Participant under the Agreement will immediately vest.
- c. In the case of a Participant who is both an employee of the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate and a member of the Board of Directors of the Company, Continuous Service shall not end until the Participant's service as both an employee and a director terminates.

4. Change-in-Control

- a. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, upon a Change in Control if the RSUs are Assumed (as defined in the Program) by the entity effecting the Change in Control (or a successor or parent corporation), the RSUs will vest as provided in Section 3(a) or, if earlier, will become fully vested upon the termination of the Participant's employment during the two-year period beginning on the date of a Change in Control, if such termination is due to: (i) a termination by the Company without Cause or (ii) a voluntary termination by the Participant due to the existence of Good Reason.

- b. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, if the Restricted Stock Units are not Assumed by the entity effecting the Change in Control (or a successor or parent corporation), the RSUs will become fully vested on the date of the Change in Control. For each RSU covered by this Agreement which then has not otherwise expired, the Participant will receive a payment equal to the consideration (consisting of cash or other property (including securities of a successor or parent corporation)) which holders of Company Stock received (or will receive) in the Change-in-Control transaction multiplied by each share of Company Shares represented by the RSUs covered by this Agreement that have then not otherwise expired. Such payment shall be made in the same form as such consideration and at such date(s) as specified by the Committee.

5. Characteristics of RSUs.

- a. RSUs are not Shares and the grant of RSUs shall provide only those rights expressly set forth in the Agreement and the Program. The Participant is not deemed to be a stockholder in the Company or have any of the rights of a stockholder in the Company by virtue of the grant of RSUs.
- b. The Participant does not have voting rights or any other rights inherent to the ownership of Shares, including the rights to dividends (other than as provided in Section 10), or other liquidating or non-liquidating distributions, by virtue of being granted RSUs.
- c. Neither the RSUs nor any right hereunder or under the Program shall be transferable or be subject to attachment, execution or other similar process. In the event of any attempt by the Participant to alienate, assign, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of the RSUs or of any right hereunder or under the Program, except as provided for in the Program, or in the event of any levy or any attachment, execution or similar process upon the rights or interest conferred by the RSUs, the Company may terminate the RSUs by notice to the Participant and the RSUs and any related rights, including the right to dividend equivalents as described in Section 10, shall thereupon be cancelled.

6. Effect of Vesting.

- a. If, and at the time, the Participant's RSUs vest under the terms of Section 3 or Section 4, such Participant shall receive as full consideration for the RSUs a number of Shares equal to the number of RSUs which vested on such date.
- b. The RSUs granted to the Participant shall be maintained in a bookkeeping account with the custodian appointed by the Committee from time to time (the "Custodian") for such Participant if and until the RSUs are converted into Shares pursuant to this Section 6, at which time the Shares shall be issued to the Participant in accordance with Section 9 below.

7. Forfeiture of RSUs. Subject to the next following sentence, the Participant's RSUs shall be forfeited to the Company upon the Participant's termination of Continuous Service with the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates (a) for any reason other than the Participant's death or Disability that occurs prior to the date the RSUs vest as provided in Section 3 above or (b) for any reason other than the Participant's termination by the Company without Cause or the Participant's voluntary termination due to the existence of Good Reason, in either case during the two-year period beginning on the date of a Change in Control, as provided in Section 4 above. The foregoing provisions of this Section 7 shall be subject to the provisions of the Company's Bonus, Restricted Stock Unit and Bonus Cash Deferral Retirement Policy (the "Retirement Policy"), and any other Company plan or written employment, severance or similar agreement that has been or may be executed by the Participant and the Company, and the provisions in such Retirement Policy or agreement concerning the vesting of RSUs in connection with the Participant's termination of Continuous Service shall supercede any inconsistent or contrary provision of this Section 7.

8. Compensation Recovery. The Participant's RSU will be subject to any clawback policy developed by the Board of Directors or Human Resources and Compensation Committee that is consistent with applicable law.

9. Delivery of Shares to the Participant. As soon as practicable after the RSUs vest and are converted into Shares, and subject to Section 11, the Custodian shall, without transfer or issue tax or other incidental expense to the Participant, deliver to the Participant by first-class insured mail addressed to the Participant at the address shown on page 1 or the last address of record on file with the Custodian, (a) a statement from the Custodian referencing the number of Shares held in the Participant's name in a book entry account, or (b) at the Participant's request, certificate(s) for the number of Shares as to which the RSUs vested. In any event, Shares due the Participant shall be delivered as described above no later than March 15 of the year following the calendar year in which such RSUs vest.

10. Dividend Equivalents. The Company shall credit the Participant's RSU account with an amount equal to the dividends, if any, that would be paid with respect to the unvested RSUs as if the RSUs were actual Shares to a shareholder as of the Record date. Such amount shall be credited to the Participant's RSU account at the same time dividends are paid with respect to the Shares, shall be subject to the vesting and forfeiture provisions set forth in Sections 3, 4 and 7 of the Agreement, and shall be paid to the Participant in cash, on the first payroll date following when the Participant's related RSUs vest and are issued as Shares to the Participant, or as soon as practical thereafter.

11. Tax Withholdings and Payments.

- a. The Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate is authorized to withhold from any payment to be made to the Participant, amounts of income tax withholding and other taxes due in connection with compensation or any other transaction under the Program, including the receipt of Shares under Section 6. The Participant shall hold the Company harmless for any damages caused by his or her failure to so comply and for any other damages caused by his or her actions or inactions.

- b. The Participant may pay withholding taxes attributable to the receipt of Shares in cash, by having Shares withheld by the Company from any Shares that would otherwise be received by the Participant under the Agreement (in which case, the number of Shares so withheld shall have an aggregate Fair Market Value at the time of such withholding sufficient to satisfy the applicable withholding taxes), or by any other method approved by the Committee. If the Participant does not satisfy the withholding obligation by cash payment within a reasonable time established by the Committee, the Participant's withholding obligation shall be satisfied by the Company's withholding of Shares from the vested RSUs.
- c. The Company shall deduct from the dividend equivalents paid to the Participant pursuant to Section 10 the Participant's withholding obligation arising from such payment.

12. Miscellaneous.

- a. The granting of an Award under the Program and the Agreement shall impose no obligation on the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate to continue the employment relationship or any other relationship between it and the Participant and shall not lessen or affect the Company's, Subsidiary's or Affiliate's right to terminate its relationship with the Participant. The Participant shall have no claim to be granted any further or other Award under the Program, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of the Participants. The Participant acknowledges and agrees that: (i) the Program is established voluntarily by the Company, it is discretionary in nature and it may be modified, amended, suspended or terminated by the Company at any time; (ii) the grant of RSUs is voluntary and occasional and does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of RSUs, or benefits in lieu of RSUs, even if RSUs have been granted repeatedly in the past; (iii) all decisions with respect to future RSU grants, if any, will be at the sole discretion of the Company; (iv) participation in the Program is voluntary; (v) the RSUs are not a part of normal or expected compensation or salary for any purposes, including, but not limited to, calculating any severance, resignation, termination, redundancy, end of service payments, bonuses, long-service awards, pension or retirement benefits or similar payments; (vi) the future value of the underlying shares is unknown and cannot be predicted with certainty; and (vii) in consideration of the grant of RSUs, no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages shall arise from termination of the RSUs or diminution in value of the RSUs or Shares received upon vesting including (without limitation) any claim or entitlement resulting from termination of the Participant's active employment by the Company or a Subsidiary or Affiliate (for any reason whatsoever and whether or not in breach of local labor laws) and the Participant hereby releases the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates from any such claim that may arise; if, notwithstanding the foregoing, any such claim is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have arisen, then, by signing this Agreement, the Participant shall be deemed irrevocably to have waived the Participant's entitlement to pursue such claim.

- b. The Agreement shall, subject to the terms hereof, terminate upon the forfeiture and/or vesting of all RSUs and dividend equivalents granted to the Participant hereunder, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties hereto.
- c. The Agreement may be amended by the written agreement of the Company and the Participant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the Company may amend, alter or discontinue the Agreement, without the consent of the Participant so long as such amendment, alteration or discontinuance would not impair any of the rights or obligations under any Award theretofore granted to the Participant under the Program; and (ii) the Committee may amend the Agreement in such manner as it deems necessary to permit the granting of Awards meeting the requirements of the Code or other applicable laws.
- d. The parties agree that the Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the United States and, in particular, those of the State of Illinois without regard to its conflict of law principles, as Illinois is the situs of the principal corporate office of the Company. Furthermore, to the extent not prohibited under applicable law, and unless the Company affirmatively elects in writing to allow the proceeding to be brought (or itself brings such a proceeding) in a different venue, the parties agree that any suit, action or proceeding with respect to the Program, the RSUs or the Agreement shall be brought in the state courts in Chicago, Illinois or in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The parties hereby accept the exclusive jurisdiction of those courts for the purpose of any such suit, action or proceeding. Venue for any such action, in addition to any other venue required or otherwise mandated by statute, will be in Chicago, Illinois. Each party further agrees to waive any applicable right to a jury trial, and expressly elects to have the matter heard as a bench trial.
- e. Unless waived by the Company, any notice to the Company required under or relating to the Agreement shall be in writing and addressed to:

General Counsel
Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.
233 South Wacker Drive
Suite 4200
Chicago, IL 60606-6303

13. Program Governs. All terms and conditions of the Program are incorporated herein and made part hereof as if stated herein. If there is any conflict between the terms and conditions of the Program and the Agreement, the terms and conditions of the Program, as interpreted by the Committee, shall govern.

14. Data Privacy. By signing below, the Participant voluntarily acknowledges and consents to the collection, use, processing and transfer of personal data as described in this Section 14. The Participant is not obliged to consent to such collection, use, processing and transfer of personal data. However, the Participant's failure to provide the consent may affect the Participant's ability to participate in the Program. The Company and its Subsidiaries and

Affiliates hold certain personal information about the Participant, including the Participant's name, home address and telephone number, date of birth, employee identification number, salary, nationality, job title, any shares of stock or directorships held in the Company, details of all options or any other rights or entitlements to shares of stock in the Participant's favor, for the purpose of managing and administering the Program ("Data"). The Company, its Subsidiaries and its Affiliates will transfer Data amongst themselves as necessary for the purpose of implementation, administration and management of the Participant's participation in the Program, and the Company and any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates may each further transfer Data to any third parties assisting in the implementation, administration and management of the Program. These recipients may be located in the European Economic Area, or elsewhere throughout the world, such as the United States. The Participant authorizes them to receive, possess, use, retain and transfer the Data, in electronic or other form, for the purposes of implementing, administering and managing the Participant's participation in the Program, including any requisite transfer of such Data as may be required for the administration of the Program and/or the subsequent holding of Shares on the Participant's behalf to a broker or other third party with whom the Participant may elect to deposit any Shares acquired pursuant to the Program. The Participant may, at any time, review Data, require any necessary amendments to it or withdraw the consents herein in writing by contacting the Company; however, by withdrawing consent, the Participant will affect his or her ability to participate in the Program.

15. Execution of the Agreement.

- a. The Parties agree that this Agreement shall be considered executed by both parties executing the Agreement as the first page hereof, which is a part hereof.
- b. This Agreement, or any amendments thereto, may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Participant Name

**Non-Qualified Stock Option
Grant Agreement**

This Non-Qualified Stock Option Grant Agreement (the "Agreement") is dated as of this _____ of _____, 20____ and sets forth the terms and conditions of the Award described below made by Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. (the "Company") to _____ (the "Participant"), pursuant to the 2012 Heidrick & Struggles GlobalShare Program (the "Program").

As of _____, 20____ (the "Grant Date"), the Company has granted an option (the "Option") to purchase _____ shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$.01 (the "Shares"), at \$_____ **per Share** (the "Option Price"). This Option is granted pursuant to the Program and is governed by the terms and conditions of the Program. All defined terms used herein, unless specifically defined in this Agreement, have the meanings assigned to them in the Program. The Participant agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the Agreement and the Program and has received and reviewed a copy of the Program and the Prospectus for the Program dated May __, 2012.

The Option granted under this Agreement shall not become valid or enforceable unless and until the Participant executes the Agreement and it is accepted by the Company. By the Participant's signature and the Company's signature below, the Participant and the Company agree that this constitutes the signature page of the Agreement. Participant further agrees that the Option is granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Agreement and the Program. Agreements that are not signed and returned are considered null and void.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed the Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

Name: **Participant Name**

Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.

By: _____

Name:

Title:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the agreements of the Participant herein provided and pursuant to the Program, the parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions. All capitalized terms used herein, unless specifically defined herein, shall have the same meanings as established in the Program.

2. Participation. Pursuant to the Program and contingent upon the execution of the Agreement, the Company hereby grants to the Participant an Option to purchase _____ Shares at \$_____ **per Share** subject to the terms and conditions herein. As a material condition and inducement to the Company's grant of the Option to the Participant, the Participant agrees that he or she has received and reviewed the Program and further agrees to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement and the Program, as may be amended by the Company from time to time.

3. Vesting and Exercisability of Options.

- a. Subject to Sections 3(b), (c) and (d) below and Section 4, the Option granted under the Agreement shall vest in accordance with the schedule set forth below; provided the Participant has been in Continuous Service through each vesting date. For purposes of the Agreement, "Continuous Service" shall mean the Participant's service with the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate as an employee, or the Participant's service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company, has not been interrupted or terminated, and shall include any period during which the Participant is on an approved leave of absence from the Company or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates.

Vesting Date

Option Vesting

The Participant may exercise the Option with respect to the number of Shares that have vested, provided that the Option shall terminate at the close of business on _____, 20____ (the "Option Termination Date"). The Option may be exercised in whole or in part, but only with respect to full Shares, and shall be void and of no effect after the Option Termination Date, unless cancelled earlier pursuant to Section 3 (c) or (d) below.

- b. If the Participant's Continuous Service is terminated as a result of the Participant's death or Disability, the Option shall immediately vest. The Participant's estate or designated beneficiary shall be entitled to exercise the outstanding Option until the earlier of 180 days following the termination of such Continuous Service or the Option Termination Date.
- c. If the Participant's Continuous Service is terminated for Cause, the outstanding Option shall be cancelled to the extent not previously exercised and all rights hereunder and under the Program shall terminate on the date of such termination of Continuous Service.

- d. If the Participant's Continuous Service is terminated for any reason other than those specifically described in this Section 3 or Section 4, the Participant's Option shall terminate immediately to the extent not yet exercisable pursuant to Section 3 hereof, and the Participant shall be entitled to exercise the outstanding Option until the earlier of 60 days following such termination of Continuous Service or the Option Termination Date.
- e. In the case of a Participant who is both an employee of the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate and a member of the Board of Directors of the Company, Continuous Service shall not end until the Participant's service as both an employee and a director terminates.
- f. The foregoing provisions of this Section 3 shall be subject to the provisions of any Company plan or written employment, severance or similar agreement that has been or may be executed by the Participant and the Company, and the provisions in such agreement concerning the vesting and exercise of the Option in connection with the Participant's termination of Continuous Service shall supercede any inconsistent or contrary provision of this Section 3.

4. Change-in-Control.

- a. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, if the Option is Assumed (as defined in the Program) by the entity effecting the Change in Control (or a successor or parent corporation), the Option will vest as provided in Section 3(a) or, if earlier, will become fully vested upon the termination of the Participant's employment during the two-year period beginning on the date of a Change in Control, if such termination is due to: (i) a termination by the Company without Cause or (ii) a voluntary termination by the Participant due to the existence of Good Reason. Any Options that were or became vested on the date of such termination of employment shall be exercisable until the earlier of six (6) months following the Participant's termination of employment and the expiration date of the Option.
- b. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, if the Option is not Assumed by the entity effecting the Change in Control (or a successor or parent corporation), the Option will become fully vested on the date of the Change in Control. For each Option covered by this Award Agreement which then has not otherwise expired, the Participant will receive a payment equal to the excess, if any, of the consideration (consisting of cash or other property (including securities of a successor or parent corporation)) which holders of Company Shares

received (or will receive) in the Change-in-Control transaction over the exercise price specified in this Agreement. Such payment shall be made in the same form as such consideration and at such date(s) as specified by the Committee.

5. Exercise of the Option. Written notice of an election to exercise any portion of the Option shall be given by the Participant, or his or her personal representative in the event of the Participant's death, in accordance with procedures established by the Committee. At the time of exercise, payment of the purchase price for the Shares with respect to which the Option is being exercised must be made by (a) a cash payment, (b) in cash received from the broker-dealer to whom the Participant has submitted an exercise notice and irrevocable instructions to deliver the purchase price to the Company from the proceeds of the sale of Shares subject to the Option, (c) by having Shares withheld by the Company from any Shares that would otherwise be received upon exercise of the Option, or (d) by any other method approved by the Committee.

6. Tax Withholdings and Payments.

- a. The Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate is authorized to withhold from any payment to be made to the Participant, amounts of income tax withholding and other taxes due in connection with the exercise of the Option. The Participant shall hold the Company harmless for any damages caused by his or her failure to so comply and for any other damages caused by his or her actions or inactions.
- b. The Participant may pay such withholding taxes in any method specified in Section 5 above. If the Participant does not satisfy the withholding obligation within a reasonable time established by the Committee, the Participant's withholding obligation shall be satisfied by the Company's withholding of Shares from the Shares that would otherwise be received upon exercise of the Option.

7. Delivery of Shares to the Participant. As soon as practicable after the Participant's payment of the Option exercise price and withholding taxes, the custodian appointed by the Committee from time to time (the "Custodian") shall, without transfer or issue tax or other incidental expense to the Participant, deliver to the Participant by first-class insured mail addressed to the Participant at the address shown on page 1 or the last address of record on file with the Custodian, or direct deposit, if applicable, (a) a statement from the Custodian referencing the number of Shares held in the Participant's name in book entry account, or (b) at the Participant's request, certificate(s) for the number of Shares as to which the Option has been exercised, and/or (c) the proceeds of the sale of Shares in excess of the option exercise price and withholding tax obligation.

8. Characteristics of Options.

- a. Options are not Shares and the grant of Options shall provide only those rights expressly set forth in the Agreement and the Program. The Participant is not deemed to be a stockholder in the Company or have any of the rights of a stockholder in the Company until he or she acquires Shares upon exercise of the Option.

- b. The Participant does not have voting rights or any other rights inherent to the ownership of Shares, including the rights to dividends, or other liquidating or non-liquidating distributions, by virtue of being granted the Option.
- c. The Option shall, during the Participant's lifetime, be exercisable only by the Participant, and neither it nor any right hereunder or under the Program shall be transferable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, or be subject to attachment, execution or other similar process; provided, however, that to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Participant may designate a beneficiary pursuant to procedures which may be established by the Committee. In the event of any attempt by the Participant to alienate, assign, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of the Option or of any right hereunder or under the Program, except as provided for in the Program, or in the event of any levy or any attachment, execution or similar process upon the rights or interest conferred by the Option, the Company may terminate the Option by notice to the Participant and the Option shall thereupon be cancelled. Any person or persons to whom the Participant's rights under the Option have passed by will or by the applicable laws of descent and distribution shall be subject to all the terms and conditions of the Program and the Agreement applicable to the Participant.

9. Compensation Recovery. The Option will be subject to any clawback policy developed by the Board of Directors or Human Resources and Compensation Committee that is consistent with applicable law.

10. Miscellaneous.

- a. The granting of an Award under the Program and the Agreement shall impose no obligation on the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate to continue the employment relationship or any other relationship between it and the Participant and shall not lessen or affect the Company's, Subsidiary's or Affiliate's right to terminate its relationship with the Participant. The Participant shall have no claim to be granted any further or other Award under the Program, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of the Participants. The Participant acknowledges and agrees that: (i) the Program is established voluntarily by the Company, it is discretionary in nature and it may be modified, amended, suspended or terminated by the Company at any time; (ii) the grant of an Option is voluntary and occasional and does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of Options, or benefits in lieu of an Option, even if Options have been granted repeatedly in the past; (iii) all decisions with respect to future Option grants, if any, will be at the sole discretion of the

Company; (iv) participation in the Program is voluntary; (v) the Options are not a part of normal or expected compensation or salary for any purposes, including, but not limited to, calculating any severance, resignation, termination, redundancy, end of service payments, bonuses, long-service awards, pension or retirement benefits or similar payments; (vi) the future value of the underlying shares is unknown and cannot be predicted with certainty; and (vii) in consideration of the grant of an Option, no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages shall arise from termination of the Option or diminution in value of the Option including (without limitation) any claim or entitlement resulting from termination of the Participant's active employment by the Company or a Subsidiary or Affiliate (for any reason whatsoever and whether or not in breach of local labor laws) and the Participant hereby releases the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates from any such claim that may arise; if, notwithstanding the foregoing, any such claim is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have arisen, then, by signing this Agreement, the Participant shall be deemed irrevocably to have waived the Participant's entitlement to pursue such claim.

- b. The Agreement shall, subject the terms hereof, terminate upon the forfeiture and/or exercise of the entire Option granted to the Participant hereunder, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties hereto.
- c. The Agreement may be amended by the written agreement of the Company and the Participant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the Company may amend, alter or discontinue the Agreement, without the consent of the Participant so long as such amendment, alteration or discontinuance would not impair any of the rights or obligations under any Award theretofore granted to the Participant under the Program; and (ii) the Committee may amend the Agreement in such manner as it deems necessary to permit the granting of Awards meeting the requirements of the Code or other applicable laws.
- d. The parties agree that the Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the United States and, in particular, those of the State of Illinois without regard to its conflict of law principles, as Illinois is the situs of the principal corporate office of the Company. Furthermore, to the extent not prohibited under applicable law, and unless the Company affirmatively elects in writing to allow the proceeding to be brought (or itself brings such a proceeding) in a different venue, the parties agree that any suit, action or proceeding with respect to the Program, the Option or the Agreement shall be brought in the state courts in Chicago, Illinois or in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The parties hereby accept the exclusive jurisdiction of those courts for the purpose of any such suit, action or proceeding. Venue for any such action, in addition to any other venue required or otherwise mandated by statute, will be in Chicago, Illinois. Each party further agrees to waive any applicable right to a jury trial, and expressly elects to have the matter heard as a bench trial.

e. Unless waived by the Company, any notice to the Company required under or relating to the Agreement shall be in writing and addressed to:

General Counsel
Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.
233 South Wacker Drive
Suite 4200
Chicago, IL 60606-6303

11. Program Governs. All terms and conditions of the Program are incorporated herein and made part hereof as if stated herein. If there is any conflict between the terms and conditions of the Program and the Agreement, the terms and conditions of the Program, as interpreted by the Committee, shall govern.

12. Data Privacy. By signing below, the Participant voluntarily acknowledges and consents to the collection, use, processing and transfer of personal data as described in this Section 12. The Participant is not obliged to consent to such collection, use, processing and transfer of personal data. However, the Participant's failure to provide the consent may affect the Participant's ability to participate in the Program. The Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates hold certain personal information about the Participant, including the Participant's name, home address and telephone number, date of birth, employee identification number, salary, nationality, job title, any shares of stock or directorships held in the Company, details of all options or any other rights or entitlements to shares of stock in the Participant's favor, for the purpose of managing and administering the Program ("Data"). The Company, its Subsidiaries and its Affiliates will transfer Data amongst themselves as necessary for the purpose of implementation, administration and management of the Participant's participation in the Program, and the Company and any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates may each further transfer Data to any third parties assisting in the implementation, administration and management of the Program. These recipients may be located in the European Economic Area, or elsewhere throughout the world, such as the United States. The Participant authorizes them to receive, possess, use, retain and transfer the Data, in electronic or other form, for the purposes of implementing, administering and managing the Participant's participation in the Program, including any requisite transfer of such Data as may be required for the administration of the Program and/or the subsequent holding of Shares on the Participant's behalf to a broker or other third party with whom the Participant may elect to deposit any Shares acquired pursuant to the Program. The Participant may, at any time, review Data, require any necessary amendments to it or withdraw the consents herein in writing by contacting the Company; however, by withdrawing consent, the Participant will affect his or her ability to participate in the Program.

13. Execution of the Agreement.

a. The Parties agree that this Agreement shall be considered executed by both parties executing the Agreement as the first page hereof, which is a part hereof.

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- b. This Agreement, or any amendments thereto, may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Participant Name**Performance Stock Unit Participation Agreement**

This Performance Stock Unit Participation Agreement (the "Agreement") is dated as of this _____ day of _____, 20____ and sets forth the terms and conditions of the Award described below made by Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. (the "Company") to _____ (the "Participant"), pursuant to the 2012 Heidrick & Struggles GlobalShare Program, (the "Program").

As of _____, 20____ (the "Grant Date"), the Company has granted a target award of _____ Performance Stock Units ("PSUs") to the Participant as set forth herein. The PSUs are granted pursuant to the Program and are governed by the terms and conditions of the Program. All defined terms used herein, unless specifically defined in this Agreement, have the meanings assigned to them in the Program. The Participant agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the Agreement and the Program, and has received and reviewed a copy of the Program and the Prospectus for the Program dated May __, 2012.

The PSUs granted under this Agreement shall not become valid or enforceable unless and until the Participant executes the Agreement and it is accepted by the Company. By the Participant's signature and the Company's signature below, the Participant and the Company agree that this constitutes the signature page of the Agreement. Participant further agrees that the PSUs are granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Agreement and the Program. Agreements that are not signed and returned are considered null and void.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed the Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

Name: **Participant Name**

Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the agreements of the Participant herein provided and pursuant to the Program, the parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions. All capitalized terms used herein, unless specifically defined herein, shall have the same meanings as established in the Program.

2. Participation. Pursuant to the Program and contingent upon the execution of the Agreement, the Company hereby grants to the Participant a target award of _____ PSUs subject to the terms and conditions herein. As a material condition and inducement to the Company's grant of PSUs to the Participant, the Participant agrees that he or she has received and reviewed the Program and the Prospectus, and further agrees to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement and the Program, as may be amended by the Company from time to time.

3. Vesting of PSUs.

(a) The number of _____ PSUs granted under the Agreement that shall vest on _____, 20____ is subject to the following conditions:

(i) Attainment of Operating Income goals, based on the average of the Company's Operating Income for each year in the three-year award period as follows:

(A) An Operating Income target will be set at the beginning of 20____, 20____ and 20____.

(B) After the end of each year in the award period, the actual Operating Income for such year, expressed as a percentage of target Operating Income, will be determined.

(C) After the end of the third year in the award period, the average of the percentage of Operating Income attainment for each year as determined in (B) above will be determined.

The percentage of the target award of _____ PSUs that shall vest at the end of the award period will be in accordance with the schedule set forth below.

Average Percentage of
Operating Income

Percentage of
Target PSUs Vesting

For performance greater than _____% and less than _____%, or performance less than _____% and greater than _____%, the vesting percentage will be interpolated.

Except as set forth in Section 4 below, the portion of the target PSU Award that does not vest in accordance with the schedule set forth above shall be forfeited to the Company.

- (ii) The Participant has been in Continuous Service through the vesting date. For purposes of the Agreement, "Continuous Service" shall mean the Participant's service with the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate as an employee, or the Participant's service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company, has not been interrupted or terminated, and shall include any period during which the Participant is on an approved leave of absence from the Company or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates.
- (b) Notwithstanding the terms of Section 3(a) above, if the Participant's Continuous Service is terminated as a result of the Participant's death or Disability, the target number of PSUs granted to the Participant under the Agreement will immediately vest.
- (c) In the case of a Participant who is both an employee of the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate and a member of the Board of Directors of the Company, Continuous Service shall not end until the Participant's service as both an employee and a director terminates.

4. Change in Control.

- (a) Unless the Committee determines otherwise, upon a Change in Control if the PSUs are Assumed (as defined in the Program) by the entity effecting the Change in Control (or a successor or parent corporation), the number of PSUs subject to this Agreement will be fixed at the greater of the target number of PSUs or the number of PSUs that would have vested pursuant to Section 3(a) above if the date of the Change in Control was the end of the award period. The fixed number of PSUs will vest on the date set forth in Section 3(a) or, if earlier, will become fully vested upon the termination of the Participant's employment during the two-year period beginning on the date of a Change in Control (as defined below), if such termination is due to: (i) a termination by the Company without Cause, or (ii) a voluntary termination by the Participant due to the existence of Good Reason.
- (b) Unless the Committee determines otherwise, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, if the PSUs are not Assumed by the entity effecting the Change in Control (or a successor or parent corporation), a number of PSUs equal to the greater of the target number of PSUs or the number of PSUs that would have vested pursuant to Section 3(a) above if the date of the Change in Control was the end of the award period will become fully vested on the date of the Change in Control. For each vested PSU, the Participant will receive a payment equal to the consideration (consisting of cash or other property (including securities of a successor or parent corporation)) which holders of Company Stock received (or will receive) in the Change-in-Control transaction multiplied by the number of vested PSUs. Such payment shall be made in the same form as such consideration and at such date(s) as specified by the Committee.

5. Characteristics of PSUs.

- (a) PSUs are not Shares and the grant of a target number of PSUs shall provide only those rights expressly set forth in the Agreement and the Program. The Participant is not deemed to be a stockholder in the Company or have any of the rights of a stockholder in the Company by virtue of the grant of PSUs.
- (b) The Participant does not have voting rights or any other rights inherent to the ownership of Shares, including the rights to dividends (other than as provided in Section 10), or other liquidating or non-liquidating distributions, by virtue of being granted PSUs.
- (c) Neither the PSUs nor any right hereunder or under the Program shall be transferable or be subject to attachment, execution or other similar process. In the event of any attempt by the Participant to alienate, assign, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of the PSUs or of any right hereunder or under the Program, except as provided for in the Program, or in the event of any levy or any attachment, execution or similar process upon the rights or interest conferred by the PSUs, the Company may terminate the PSUs by notice to the Participant and the PSUs and any related rights, including the right to dividend equivalents as described in Section 10, shall thereupon be cancelled.

6. Effect of Vesting.

- (a) If, and at the time, the Participant's PSUs vest under the terms of Section 3 or Section 4, such Participant shall receive as full consideration for the PSUs a number of Shares equal to the number of PSUs which vested on such date.
- (b) The PSUs granted to the Participant shall be maintained in a bookkeeping account with the custodian appointed by the Committee from time to time (the "Custodian") for such Participant if and until the PSUs are converted into Shares pursuant to this Section 6, at which time the Shares shall be issued to the Participant in accordance with Section 9 below.

7. Forfeiture of PSUs. The Participant's PSUs shall be forfeited to the Company upon the Participant's termination of Continuous Service with the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates (a) for any reason other than the Participant's death or Disability that occurs prior to the date the PSUs vest as provided in Section 3(a) above or (b) for any reason other than the Participant's termination by the Company without Cause or the Participant's voluntary termination due to the existence of Good Reason, in either case during the two-year period beginning on the date of a Change in Control, as provided in Section 4 above. The foregoing provisions of this Section 7 shall be subject to the provisions of any Company plan or written employment, severance or similar agreement that has been or may be executed by the Participant and the Company, and the provisions in such agreement concerning the vesting of the PSUs in connection with the Participant's termination of Continuous Service shall supercede any inconsistent or contrary provision of this Section 7.

8. Compensation Recovery. The Participant's PSUs will be subject to any clawback policy developed by the Board of Directors or Human Resources and Compensation Committee that is consistent with applicable law.

9. Delivery of Shares to the Participant. As soon as practicable after the PSUs vest and are converted into Shares, and subject to Section 11, the Custodian shall, without transfer or issue tax or other incidental expense to the Participant, deliver to the Participant by first-class insured mail addressed to the Participant at the address shown on page 1 or the last address of record on file with the Custodian, (a) a statement from the Custodian referencing the number of Shares held in the Participant's name in a book entry account, or (b) at the Participant's request, certificate(s) for the number of Shares as to which the PSUs vested. In any event, Shares due the Participant shall be delivered as described above no later than March 15 of the year following the calendar year in which such PSUs vest.

10. Dividend Equivalents. The Company shall credit the Participant's PSU account with an amount equal to the dividends, if any, that would be paid with respect to the unvested PSUs as if the PSUs were actual Shares to a shareholder as of the Record date. Such amount shall be credited to the Participant's PSU account at the same time dividends are paid with respect to the Shares, shall be subject to the vesting and forfeiture provisions set forth in Sections 3, 4 and 7 of the Agreement, and shall be paid to the Participant in cash, on the first payroll date following the date the Participant's related PSUs vest and are issued as Shares to the Participant.

11. Tax Withholdings and Payments.

- (a) The Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate is authorized to withhold from any payment to be made to the Participant, amounts of income tax withholding and other taxes due in connection with compensation or any other transaction under the Program, including the receipt of Shares under Section 6. The Participant shall hold the Company harmless for any damages caused by his or her failure to so comply and for any other damages caused by his or her actions or inactions.
- (b) The Participant may pay withholding taxes attributable to the receipt of Shares in cash, by having Shares withheld by the Company from any Shares that would otherwise be received by the Participant under the Agreement (in which case, the number of Shares so withheld shall have an aggregate Fair Market Value at the time of such withholding sufficient to satisfy the applicable withholding taxes), or by any other method approved by the Committee. If the Participant does not satisfy the withholding obligation by cash payment within a reasonable time established by the Committee, the Participant's withholding obligation shall be satisfied by the Company's withholding of Shares from the vested PSUs.
- (c) The Company shall deduct from the dividend equivalents paid to the Participant pursuant to Section 10 the Participant's withholding obligation arising from such payment.

12. Miscellaneous.

- (a) The granting of an Award under the Program and the Agreement shall impose no obligation on the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate to

continue the employment relationship or any other relationship between it and the Participant and shall not lessen or affect the Company's, Subsidiary's or Affiliate's right to terminate its relationship with the Participant. The Participant shall have no claim to be granted any further or other Award under the Program, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of the Participants. The Participant acknowledges and agrees that: (i) the Program is established voluntarily by the Company, it is discretionary in nature and it may be modified, amended, suspended or terminated by the Company at any time; (ii) the grant of PSUs is voluntary and occasional and does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of PSUs, or benefits in lieu of PSUs, even if PSUs have been granted repeatedly in the past; (iii) all decisions with respect to future PSU grants, if any, will be at the sole discretion of the Company; (iv) participation in the Program is voluntary; (v) the PSUs are not a part of normal or expected compensation or salary for any purposes, including, but not limited to, calculating any severance, resignation, termination, redundancy, end of service payments, bonuses, long-service awards, pension or retirement benefits or similar payments; (vi) the future value of the underlying shares is unknown and cannot be predicted with certainty; and (vii) in consideration of the grant of PSUs, no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages shall arise from termination of the PSUs or diminution in value of the PSUs or Shares received upon vesting including (without limitation) any claim or entitlement resulting from termination of the Participant's active employment by the Company or a Subsidiary or Affiliate (for any reason whatsoever and whether or not in breach of local labor laws) and the Participant hereby releases the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates from any such claim that may arise; if, notwithstanding the foregoing, any such claim is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have arisen, then, by signing this Agreement, the Participant shall be deemed irrevocably to have waived the Participant's entitlement to pursue such claim.

- (b) The Agreement shall, subject to the terms hereof, terminate upon the forfeiture and/or vesting of all PSUs and dividend equivalents granted to the Participant hereunder, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties hereto.
- (c) The Agreement may be amended by the written agreement of the Company and the Participant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the Company may amend, alter or discontinue the Agreement, without the consent of the Participant so long as such amendment, alteration or discontinuance would not impair any of the rights or obligations under any Award theretofore granted to the Participant under the Program; and (ii) the Committee may amend the Agreement in such manner as it deems necessary to permit the granting of Awards meeting the requirements of the Code or other applicable laws.
- (d) The parties agree that the Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the United States and, in particular, those of the State of Illinois without regard to its conflict of law

principles, as Illinois is the situs of the principal corporate office of the Company. Furthermore, to the extent not prohibited under applicable law, and unless the Company affirmatively elects in writing to allow the proceeding to be brought (or itself brings such a proceeding) in a different venue, the parties agree that any suit, action or proceeding with respect to the Program, the PSUs or the Agreement shall be brought in the state courts in Chicago, Illinois or in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The parties hereby accept the exclusive jurisdiction of those courts for the purpose of any such suit, action or proceeding. Venue for any such action, in addition to any other venue required or otherwise mandated by statute, will be in Chicago, Illinois. Each party further agrees to waive any applicable right to a jury trial, and expressly elects to have the matter heard as a bench trial.

- (e) Unless waived by the Company, any notice to the Company required under or relating to the Agreement shall be in writing and addressed to:

Executive Vice President and General Counsel
Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.
233 South Wacker Drive
Suite 4200
Chicago, IL 60606-6303

13. Program Governs. All terms and conditions of the Program are incorporated herein and made part hereof as if stated herein. If there is any conflict between the terms and conditions of the Program and the Agreement, the terms and conditions of the Program, as interpreted by the Committee, shall govern.

14. Data Privacy. By signing below, the Participant voluntarily acknowledges and consents to the collection, use, processing and transfer of personal data as described in this Section 14. The Participant is not obliged to consent to such collection, use, processing and transfer of personal data. However, the Participant's failure to provide the consent may affect the Participant's ability to participate in the Program. The Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates hold certain personal information about the Participant, including the Participant's name, home address and telephone number, date of birth, employee identification number, salary, nationality, job title, any shares of stock or directorships held in the Company, details of all options or any other rights or entitlements to shares of stock in the Participant's favor, for the purpose of managing and administering the Program ("Data"). The Company, its Subsidiaries and its Affiliates will transfer Data amongst themselves as necessary for the purpose of implementation, administration and management of the Participant's participation in the Program, and the Company and any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates may each further transfer Data to any third parties assisting in the implementation, administration and management of the Program. These recipients may be located in the European Economic Area, or elsewhere throughout the world, such as the United States. The Participant authorizes them to receive, possess, use, retain and transfer the Data, in electronic or other form, for the purposes of implementing, administering and managing the Participant's participation in the Program, including any requisite transfer of such Data as may be required for the administration of the Program and/or the subsequent holding of Shares on the Participant's behalf to a broker or other third party with whom the Participant may elect to deposit any Shares acquired pursuant to the Program. The Participant may, at any time, review Data, require any necessary amendments to it or withdraw the consents herein in writing by contacting the Company; however, by withdrawing consent, the Participant will affect his or her ability to participate in the Program.

15. Execution of the Agreement.

- (a) The Parties agree that this Agreement shall be considered executed by both parties executing the Agreement as the first page hereof, which is a part hereof.
- (b) This Agreement, or any amendments thereto, may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

May 25, 2012

Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 4200
Chicago, IL 60606

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), of 1,971,528 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company (the "Shares") issuable under the Company's 2012 Heidrick & Struggles GlobalShare Program (the "Plan") pursuant to the registration statement on Form S-8 filed by the Company on May 25, 2012 (the "Registration Statement") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). This opinion is being furnished at the Company's request in connection with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or the prospectus forming a part thereof, other than as to the issue of the Shares.

In connection with the foregoing, we have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of (1) the Registration Statement; (2) the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company; (3) the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company; (4) the Plan; (5) certain resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Company and (6) such documents, corporate records, certificates of public officials, and other instruments as we have deemed necessary or advisable for the purpose of rendering this opinion. As to questions of fact material to this opinion that have not been independently established, we have relied upon certificates or comparable documents of officers and representatives of the Company and we have made such investigations of law as we have deemed necessary and relevant as a basis hereof. We have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents, certificates and records submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents, certificates and records of all documents, certificates and records submitted to us as copies, and the truthfulness of all statements of fact contained therein.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that, as of the date hereof, when the Shares shall have been duly registered on the books of the transfer agent and registrar therefor in the name or on behalf of the purchasers, and have been issued by the Company against payment therefor in the circumstances contemplated by the Plan and assuming in each case that the individual issuances, grants or awards under the Plan are duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company and duly issued, granted or awarded and exercised and paid for, for consideration at least equal to the par value thereof

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and otherwise in accordance with the requirements of law and the Plan (and the agreements and awards duly adopted thereunder and in accordance therewith), the issue and sale of the Shares will have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company and the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We do not express or purport to express any opinions with respect to laws other than the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, including the applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting such law.

We consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Reed Smith LLP

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors
Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.:

We consent to the use of our report dated March 14, 2012, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2011, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, incorporated herein by reference.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Chicago, Illinois
May 25, 2012