UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 1, 2008

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **0-22818** (Commission File Number)

22-3240619 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

58 South Service Road, Melville, NY 11747 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (631) 730-2200

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On April 4, 2008, the Company filed a Form 8-K regarding equity grants and other compensation matters approved by the Board of Directors on April 1, 2008. This Form 8-K/A amends such April 4 filing to include the form of agreements that will be utilized in connection with such grants.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Form of Option Agreement under the Company's Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plan
10.2	Form of Option Agreement with the Company's Chief Executive Officer under the Company's Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plan
10.3	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement under the Company's Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plan
10.4	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement with the Company's Chief Executive Officer under the Company's Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plan
10.5	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement with Mitchell Ring under the Company's Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plan
10.6	Form of Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock Award under the Company's Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plan

SIGNATURES

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

Date: April 7, 2008

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. (Registrant)

By: <u>/s/ Ira J</u>. Lamel

Name: Ira J. Lamel Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Stock Option Agreement Pursuant To The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plan

(A)	Optionee:		
(B)	Grant Date:	[]
(C)	Shares:		
(D)	Vesting Schedule:	[[[]]]
(E)	Expiration Date:	[]
(F)	Exercise Price:	\$	

Employee ID _____

(G) Option Type:

Non Qualified Stock Option (NQSO)

The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. ("**Company**") has granted you an option to purchase the number of shares of Common Stock of the Company shown in item (C) above (the "**Shares**") at the Exercise Price per share shown in item (F) above. This option is subject to the terms of the Company's 2002 Amended and Restated Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plan ("**Plan**") and to the terms and conditions set forth in this Stock Option Agreement under the Plan ("**Agreement**"). Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Plan.

The details of your option are as follows:

1. Term:

The term of this option commences on the Grant Date shown in item (B) above and, unless it expires earlier due to your termination of service as provided in Section 4 below, the option will expire at the close of business on the Expiration Date shown in item (E) above.

2. Exercise Schedule:

- (a) This option will vest and become exercisable in installments on the schedule indicated in item (D) above.
- (b) However, if one or more of the following events occurs:

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- (i) any merger, consolidation, recapitalization, reorganization, acquisition or other business combination involving the Company, other than (A) any transaction in which the Company is the surviving entity and the holders of the outstanding voting securities of the Company immediately prior to the transaction receive or retain securities representing more than 50% of the voting power of all of the securities of the Company outstanding immediately after the transaction (with each holder's voting power relative to other holders remaining substantially unchanged) or (B) any transaction the purpose of which is to change the jurisdiction of organization of the Company and in which outstanding options under the Plan are assumed by the surviving entity or replaced with comparable options, as determined by the Committee, or
- (ii) any person, group or entity is or becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the voting power of all of the thenoutstanding securities of the Company, or
- (iii) the sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the approval by the stockholders of the Company of a plan of complete liquidation,

then any portion of the option which has not yet vested and become exercisable shall, immediately prior to the record date for distribution with respect to such event, or if there is no such record date, then immediately prior to such event, become immediately vested and exercisable.

- (c) If your service is terminated by the Company without "cause" (as defined in Section 4(c) below), due to your death, or due to your disability (as defined in Section 22(e)(3) of the Code), then any portion of the option which has not yet vested shall become immediately vested and exercisable in full.
- (d) If you elect to terminate your service on or after the earliest date upon which you are eligible for social security retirement benefits (such a termination, "**Retirement**"), then any portion of the option which has not yet vested shall become immediately vested and exercisable in full.

3. Limitation on Incentive Stock Options:

If this option is intended to be treated as an incentive stock option as defined in Section 422 of the Code (see item (G) above), then to the extent that the aggregate fair market value (determined at the time of grant) of shares of the Company with respect to which incentive stock options are exercisable for the first time by you during any calendar year under all plans of the Company or its parent or subsidiary corporations exceeds \$100,000, the options or portions thereof which exceed such limit (according to the order in which they were granted) shall be treated as nonqualified stock options. It should be understood that there is no assurance that this option will, in fact, be treated as an incentive stock option.

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4. Accelerated Termination of Option Term:

- (a) <u>Termination of Service Other Than for Cause</u>. Except as set forth in Section 4(b), if, prior to the Expiration Date of the option, your service is terminated for any reason other than due to termination of your service for "cause" (as defined in Section 4(c) below) you (or after your death, your estate or designated beneficiary) can exercise the portion, if any, of the option that was vested and exercisable at the time of such termination for three months following the termination (or six months in the case of termination or which is not exercised by the end of the three month period after termination (or six month period at the time of termination or which is not exercised by the end of the three month period after termination (or six month period in the case of termination or which is not exercised by the end of the three month period after termination (or six month period in the case of termination due to your death) will automatically terminate and be forfeited. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, no further vesting will occur after your termination of service for any reason. Notwithstanding the foregoing, special exercise provisions will apply (in accordance with Section 5(d)) if your death occurs within ninety (90) days before the Expiration Date and your estate or designated beneficiary does not elect to exercise your vested options on or before the first business day immediately preceding the Expiration Date.
- (b) <u>Termination Without Cause</u>. If, prior to the Expiration Date of the option, your service is terminated as a result of your Retirement or by the Company without "cause" (as defined in Section 4(c) below), then any unvested portion of your option shall become vested and exercisable in accordance with Section 3(c) or 3(d), as applicable. In addition, your option shall remain exercisable for the remaining term of the option through the Expiration Date.
- (c) <u>Termination for Cause</u>. If, prior to the Expiration Date of the option, your service is terminated for cause, any unvested portion of the option will immediately terminate and be forfeited; thereafter you will have three months following such termination to exercise the vested portion of your option. Any portion of your vested option which is not exercised by the end of this three month period will automatically terminate and be forfeited. For purposes of this Agreement, your service may be terminated for "cause" if it is determined, in good faith, that there has been continued gross neglect or material failure in the performance of your duties and obligations to the Company or willful and malicious misconduct on your part in connection with the performance of your duties, including, but not limited to, criminal acts, acts of malfeasance, dishonesty, or willful neglect in the performance of your duties or other acts that adversely affect the business of the Company.
- (d) <u>Death after Termination of Service</u>. If you die after your service has terminated and at a time when all or a portion of the option remains exercisable, your estate or designated beneficiary can exercise that portion of the option that remains exercisable for six months following your death (but not beyond the Expiration Date). Any portion of the option that is not exercised by the end of the six month period will automatically terminate and be forfeited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, special exercise provisions will apply (in accordance with Section 5(d)) if your death

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occurs within ninety (90) days before the Expiration Date and your estate or designated beneficiary does not elect to exercise your options on or before the first business day immediately preceding the Expiration Date.

(e) <u>Service</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, you will be treated as continuing to provide "**service**" as long as you are an employee or consultant of the Company or one or more of its Subsidiaries, and you will be treated as a consultant for so long as you are actively rendering consulting services on a periodic basis to the Company or one or more of its Subsidiaries.

5. Manner of Exercising Option:

- (a) In order to exercise this option with respect to all or any part of the Shares for which this option is at the time exercisable, you (or in the case of exercise after your death, your executor, administrator, heir or beneficiary, as the case may be) must take the following actions:
 - (i) Provide the Secretary of the Company with written notice of such exercise, specifying the number of Shares with respect to which the option is being exercised,
 - (ii) pay the Exercise Price for the purchased Shares in one or more of the following alternative forms: (A) full payment in cash or by check payable to the Company's order; (B) full payment in shares of Common Stock of the Company held for at least six months and valued at fair market value on the exercise date; (C) full payment in combination of shares of Common Stock of the Company held for at least six months and valued at fair market value on the exercise date and cash or check payable to the Company's order; or (D) to the extent the Committee expressly authorizes payment effected as a "cashless exercise" through a broker-dealer sale and remittance procedure pursuant to which you (I) will provide irrevocable written instructions to the designated broker-dealer to effect the immediate sale of the purchased shares and remit to the Company, out of the sale proceeds, an amount equal to the aggregate Exercise Price payable for the purchased shares plus all applicable Federal, State and local income and employment taxes required to be withheld by the Company by reason of such purchase and (II) will provide written directives to the Company to deliver the certificates for the purchased shares directly to such broker-dealer, and
 - (iii) furnish to the Company appropriate documentation that the person or persons exercising the option, if other than you, have the right to exercise this option.
- (b) In no event may this option be exercised for any fractional share.
- (c) You hereby agree to make appropriate arrangements with the Company or subsidiary thereof by which you are employed or retained for the satisfaction of all Federal,

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State or local income tax withholding requirements and Federal social security employee tax requirements applicable to the exercise of this option.

(d) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in the event of your death within ninety (90) days before the Expiration Date, if your estate or designated beneficiary does not exercise your vested options, then, provided the exercise price of your vested options is less than the then fair market value of the Common Stock on the first business day immediately preceding the Expiration Date, then your estate or designated beneficiary will be deemed to have exercised the vested options on such date and given permission to the Company to effectuate a "cashless exercise" through a broker-dealer sale procedure pursuant to which a broker selected by the Company will be provided irrevocable written instructions to effect the immediate sale of all of the shares underlying these options and remit to the Company, out of the sale proceeds, an amount equal to the aggregate Exercise Price payable for the purchased shares plus all applicable Federal, State and local income and employment taxes required to be withheld by the Company by reason of such purchase. The remaining sales proceeds will be transferred to your estate or beneficiary, as applicable.

6. Transferability:

- (a) <u>Nontransferability for Incentive Stock Options</u>. If this option is intended to be an incentive stock option (see item (G) above), then the option may not be assigned or otherwise transferred in any manner other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution (except pursuant to a beneficiary designation), and it may be exercised during your lifetime only by you.
- (b) <u>Limited Transferability for Nonqualified Stock Options</u>. If this option is intended to be a nonqualified stock option (see item (G) above), then this option may be assigned or otherwise transferred by you in the following circumstances: (i) by will or the laws of descent and distribution; (ii) by valid beneficiary designation taking effect at death made in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Directors of the Company or any committee thereof; or (iii) to members of your immediate family, to a trust, partnership or other entity established for the exclusive benefit, or whose owners are comprised, of solely one or more members of your immediate family and/or you. Any option held by a transferee will continue to be subject to the same terms and conditions that were applicable to the option immediately prior to the transfer, except that the option will be transferable by the transferee only by will or the laws of descent and distribution. For purposes of the above, "**immediate family**" means your children, stepchildren, grandchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents, spouse, siblings (including half brother and sisters), nieces, nephews, inlaws and relationships arising because of legal adoption.

7. Privilege of Stock Ownership:

You will not have any rights of a shareholder with respect to the Shares until you have exercised the option, paid the Exercise Price and been issued a stock certificate for the purchased shares.

8. Notices:

Any notice required to be given or delivered to the Company under the terms of this Agreement will be in writing and addressed to the Company in care of its Secretary at its corporate offices. Any notice required to be given or delivered to you will be in writing and addressed to you at the address indicated below your signature line herein. All notices will be deemed to be given or delivered upon personal delivery or upon deposit in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the party to be notified. In addition, the Company may prescribe or permit other forms of notice (including, but not limited to electronic methods and overnight delivery services) for the provision of any notice that is required to be given or delivered pursuant to this Agreement.

9. Incorporation of Plan; Construction:

This Agreement and the option evidenced hereby are made and granted pursuant to the Plan and are in all respects limited by and subject to the express terms and provisions of the Plan. The terms of the Plan are incorporated herein by reference. Any dispute regarding the interpretation of this Agreement will be submitted to the Committee for resolution. The decision of the Committee will be final, binding and conclusive.

The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.

By:	
	NAME/TITLE
Dated:	

I hereby agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Plan.

By: _____

Dated:

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Stock Option Agreement Pursuant To The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plan

(A)	Optionee:	Irwin D. Si	non	Employee ID
(B)	Grant Date:	[]	
(C)	Shares:	[]	
(D)	Vesting Schedule:	[[[]]]	
(E)	Expiration Date:	[]	
(F)	Exercise Price:	[]	

(G) Option Type: Non Qualified Stock Option (NQSO)

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The details of your option are as follows:

1. Term:

The term of this option commences on the Grant Date shown in item (B) above and, unless it expires earlier due to your termination of service as provided in Section 4 below, the option will expire at the close of business on the Expiration Date shown in item (E) above.

2. Exercise Schedule:

- (a) This option will vest and become exercisable in installments on the schedule indicated in item (D) above.
- (b) However, in the event that your service is terminated in a manner which results in accelerated vesting of your equity Awards pursuant to your employment agreement



dated as of July 1, 2003, as amended from time to time, the provisions of which, except as set forth in the following sentence, are incorporated by reference (the "**Employment Agreement**"), then any portion of this option which has not yet vested shall become vested and exercisable in accordance with the terms of the Employment Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of this option, the definition of "Termination for Good Reason" contained in your Employment Agreement shall be modified such that the failure to re-elect you as Chairman of the Board shall not constitute "Good Reason" as long as you continue to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

3. Limitation on Incentive Stock Options:

If this option is intended to be treated as an incentive stock option as defined in Section 422 of the Code (see item (G) above), then to the extent that the aggregate fair market value (determined at the time of grant) of shares of the Company with respect to which incentive stock options are exercisable for the first time by you during any calendar year under all plans of the Company or its parent or subsidiary corporations exceeds \$100,000, the options or portions thereof which exceed such limit (according to the order in which they were granted) shall be treated as nonqualified stock options. It should be understood that there is no assurance that this option will, in fact, be treated as an incentive stock option.

4. Accelerated Termination of Option Term:

- (a) <u>Termination of Service Other Than for Cause</u>. If, prior to the Expiration Date of the option, your service is terminated for any reason other than due to termination of your service for cause (as defined your Employment Agreement) you (or after your death, your estate or designated beneficiary) can exercise the portion, if any, of the option that was vested and exercisable at the time of such termination for three months following the termination (or six months in the case of termination due to your death), but in no event beyond the Expiration Date. Any portion of the option that is either not exercisable at the time of termination or which is not exercised by the end of the three month period after termination (or six month period in the case of termination of service for any reason. Notwithstanding the foregoing, special exercise provisions will apply (in accordance with Section 5(d)) if your death occurs within ninety (90) days before the Expiration Date and your estate or designated beneficiary does not elect to exercise your vested options on or before the first business day immediately preceding the Expiration Date.
- (b) <u>Termination for Cause</u>. If, prior to the Expiration Date of the option, your service is terminated for cause (as defined your Employment Agreement), any unexercised portion of the option (whether or not exercisable) will immediately terminate and be forfeited.

- (c) <u>Death after Termination of Service</u>. If you die after your service has terminated and at a time when all or a portion of the option remains exercisable, your estate or designated beneficiary can exercise that portion of the option that remains exercisable for six months following your death (but not beyond the Expiration Date). Any portion of the option that is not exercised by the end of the six month period will automatically terminate and be forfeited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, special exercise provisions will apply (in accordance with Section 5(d)) if your death occurs within ninety (90) days before the Expiration Date and your estate or designated beneficiary does not elect to exercise your vested options on or before the first business day immediately preceding the Expiration Date.
- (d) <u>Service</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, you will be treated as continuing to provide "**service**" as long as you are an employee or consultant of the Company or one or more of its Subsidiaries, and you will be treated as a consultant for so long as you are actively rendering consulting services on a periodic basis to the Company or one or more of its Subsidiaries.

5. Manner of Exercising Option:

- (a) In order to exercise this option with respect to all or any part of the Shares for which this option is at the time exercisable, you (or in the case of exercise after your death, your executor, administrator, heir or beneficiary, as the case may be) must take the following actions:
 - (i) Provide the Secretary of the Company with written notice of such exercise, specifying the number of Shares with respect to which the option is being exercised,
 - (ii) pay the Exercise Price for the purchased Shares in one or more of the following alternative forms: (A) full payment in cash or by check payable to the Company's order; (B) full payment in shares of Common Stock of the Company held for at least six months and valued at fair market value on the exercise date; (C) full payment in combination of shares of Common Stock of the Company held for at least six months and valued at fair market value on the exercise date and cash or check payable to the Company's order; or (D) to the extent the Committee authorizes payment effected as a "cashless exercise" through a broker-dealer sale and remittance procedure pursuant to which you (I) will provide irrevocable written instructions to the designated broker-dealer to effect the immediate sale of the purchased shares and remit to the Company, out of the sale proceeds, an amount equal to the aggregate Exercise Price payable for the purchased shares plus all applicable Federal, State and local income and employment taxes required to be withheld by the Company by reason of such purchase and (II) will provide written directives to the Company to deliver the certificates for the purchased shares directly to such broker-dealer, and



- (iii) furnish to the Company appropriate documentation that the person or persons exercising the option, if other than you, have the right to exercise this option.
- (b) In no event may this option be exercised for any fractional share.
- (c) You hereby agree to make appropriate arrangements with the Company or subsidiary thereof by which you are employed or retained for the satisfaction of all Federal, State or local income tax withholding requirements and Federal social security employee tax requirements applicable to the exercise of this option.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in the event of your death within ninety (90) days before the Expiration Date, if your estate or designated beneficiary does not exercise your vested options, then, provided the exercise price of your vested options is less than the then fair market value of the Common Stock on the first business day immediately preceding the Expiration Date, then your estate or designated beneficiary will be deemed to have exercised the vested options on such date and given permission to the Company to effectuate a "cashless exercise" through a broker-dealer sale procedure pursuant to which a broker selected by the Company will be provided irrevocable written instructions to effect the immediate sale of all of the shares underlying these options and remit to the Company, out of the sale proceeds, an amount equal to the aggregate Exercise Price payable for the purchased shares plus all applicable Federal, State and local income and employment taxes required to be withheld by the Company by reason of such purchase. The remaining sales proceeds will be transferred to your estate or beneficiary, as applicable

6. Transferability:

- (a) <u>Nontransferability for Incentive Stock Options</u>. If this option is intended to be an incentive stock option (see item (G) above), then the option may not be assigned or otherwise transferred in any manner other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution (except pursuant to a beneficiary designation), and it may be exercised during your lifetime only by you.
- (b) <u>Limited Transferability for Nonqualified Stock Options</u>. If this option is intended to be a nonqualified stock option (see item (G) above), then this option may be assigned or otherwise transferred by you in the following circumstances: (i) by will or the laws of descent and distribution; (ii) by valid beneficiary designation taking effect at death made in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Directors of the Company or any committee thereof; or (iii) to members of your immediate family, to a trust, partnership or other entity established for the exclusive benefit, or whose owners are comprised, of solely one or more members of your immediate family and/or you. Any option held by a transferee will continue to be subject to the same terms and conditions that were applicable to the option immediately prior to the transfer, except that the option will be transferable by the transferee only by will or

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the laws of descent and distribution. For purposes of the above, "**immediate family**" means your children, stepchildren, grandchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents, spouse, siblings (including half brother and sisters), nieces, nephews, in-laws and relationships arising because of legal adoption.

7. Privilege of Stock Ownership:

You will not have any rights of a shareholder with respect to the Shares until you have exercised the option, paid the Exercise Price and been issued a stock certificate for the purchased shares.

8. Notices:

Any notice required to be given or delivered to the Company under the terms of this Agreement will be in writing and addressed to the Company in care of its Secretary at its corporate offices. Any notice required to be given or delivered to you will be in writing and addressed to you at the address indicated below your signature line herein. All notices will be deemed to be given or delivered upon personal delivery or upon deposit in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the party to be notified. In addition, the Company may prescribe or permit other forms of notice (including, but not limited to electronic methods and overnight delivery services) for the provisions of any notice that is required to be given or delivered pursuant to this Agreement.

9. Incorporation of Plan; Construction:

This Agreement and the option evidenced hereby are made and granted pursuant to the Plan and are in all respects limited by and subject to the express terms and provisions of the Plan. The terms of the Plan are incorporated herein by reference. Any dispute regarding the interpretation of this Agreement will be submitted to the Committee for resolution. The decision of the Committee or will be final, binding and conclusive.

The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.

By:

NAME/TITLE

Dated:

I hereby agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Plan.

By: _____ Dated:

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THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. RESTRICTED STOCK AGREEMENT

The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. has granted to the Participant named in the *Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock* (the "*Notice*") to which this Restricted Stock Agreement (this "*Agreement*") is attached an Award of Shares subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Notice and this Agreement. This Award shall constitute a Restricted Share award under the Plan. The Company granted the Award pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plan (the "*Plan*"), as amended to the Date of Grant, the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference. By signing the Notice, the Participant: (a) acknowledges receipt of and represents that the Participant has read and is familiar with the Notice, this Agreement, and the Plan, (b) accepts the Award subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Notice, this Agreement and the Plan and (c) agrees to accept as binding, conclusive and final all decisions or interpretations of the Committee upon any questions arising under the Notice, this Agreement or the Plan.

1. **DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION.**

1.1 Definitions. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Notice or the Plan.

1.2 **Construction.** Captions and titles contained herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement. Except when otherwise indicated by the context, the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular. Use of the term "or" is not intended to be exclusive, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

2. Administration.

All questions of interpretation concerning the Notice and this Agreement shall be determined by the Committee. All determinations by the Committee shall be final and binding upon all persons having an interest in the Award. The Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Company with respect to any matter, right, obligation, or election which is the responsibility of or which is allocated to the Company herein.

3. THE AWARD.

3.1 **Grant and Issuance of Shares.** Upon the later of (a) the Date of Grant and (b) the date the Notice shall have been fully executed, the Participant shall acquire and the Company shall issue, subject to the provisions of this Agreement, a number of Shares equal to the Total Number of Shares set forth in the Notice. As a condition to the issuance of the Shares, the Participant shall execute and deliver to the Company along with the Notice the Assignment Separate from Certificate duly endorsed (with date and number of shares blank) in the form attached to the Notice.

3.2 **No Monetary Payment Required.** The Participant is not required to make any monetary payment (other than to satisfy applicable tax withholding, if any, with respect to the issuance or vesting of the Shares) as a condition to receiving the Shares, the consideration for which shall be past services actually rendered or future services to be rendered to the Company or for its benefit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if required by applicable law, the Participant shall furnish consideration in the form of cash or past services rendered to the Company or for its benefit having a value not less than the par value of the Shares issued pursuant to the Award.

3.3 **Beneficial Ownership of Shares; Certificate Registration.** The Participant hereby authorizes the Company, in its sole discretion, to deposit the Shares with the Company's transfer agent, including any successor transfer agent, to be held in book entry form during the term of the Escrow pursuant to Section 6. Furthermore, the Participant hereby authorizes the Company, in its sole discretion, to deposit, following the term of such Escrow, for the benefit of the Participant with any broker with which the Participant has an account relationship of which the Company has notice any or all Shares which are no longer subject to such Escrow. Except as provided by the foregoing, a certificate for the Shares shall be registered in the name of the Participant, or, if applicable, in the names of the heirs of the Participant.

3.4 **Issuance of Shares in Compliance with Law.** The issuance of the Shares shall be subject to compliance with all applicable requirements of federal, state or foreign law with respect to such securities. No Shares shall be issued hereunder if their issuance would constitute a violation of any applicable federal, state or foreign securities laws or other law or regulations or the requirements of any stock exchange or market system upon which the Shares may then be listed. The inability of the Company to obtain from any regulatory body having jurisdiction the authority, if any, deemed by the Company's legal counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance of any Shares shall relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained. As a condition to the issuance of the Shares, the Company may require the Participant to satisfy any qualifications that may be necessary or appropriate, to evidence compliance with any applicable law or regulation and to make any representation or warranty with respect thereto as may be requested by the Company.

4. VESTING OF SHARES.

4.1 Normal Vesting. Except as provided by Sections 4.2 or 4.3, the Shares shall vest and become Vested Shares as provided in the Notice.

4.2 Acceleration of Vesting in Connection with a Change in Control. In the event that: one or more of the following events occurs (a) any merger, consolidation, recapitalization, reorganization, acquisition or other business combination involving the Company, other than (i) any transaction in which the Company is the surviving entity and the holders of the outstanding voting securities of the Company immediately prior to the transaction receive or retain securities representing more than 50% of the voting power of all of the securities of the Company outstanding immediately after the transaction (with each holder's voting power relative to other holders remaining substantially unchanged) or (ii) any transaction the purpose of which is to change the jurisdiction of organization of the Company and in which

outstanding Awards under the Plan are assumed by the surviving entity, as determined by the Committee; (b) any person, group or entity is or becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the Company; or (c) the sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the approval by the stockholders of the Company of a plan of complete liquidation, then any portion of the Award which has not yet vested shall, immediately prior to the record date for distribution with respect to such event, or if there is no such record date, then immediately prior to such event, become immediately vested.

4.3 Acceleration of Vesting Upon Certain Terminations.

(a) In the event that the Participant's service is terminated by the Company without Cause or as a result of Participant's death or Disability, then any portion of the Award which has not yet vested shall become immediately vested. For this purpose, "*Disability*" shall mean the permanent and total disability of the Participant within the meaning of Section 22(e)(3) of the Code, and "*Cause*" shall mean the continued gross neglect or material failure in the performance of the Participant's duties and obligations to the Company (or if applicable, its Affiliate or Subsidiary) or willful and malicious misconduct on the Participant's part in connection with the performance of his or her service, including, but not limited to, criminal acts, acts of malfeasance, dishonesty, or willful neglect in the performance of his or her duties or other acts that adversely affect the business of the Company, its Affiliates or Subsidiaries.

(b) In addition, with respect to an Award to a Participant who is not a Director, if such Participant terminates his or her service on or after the earliest date upon which such Participant is eligible for social security retirement benefits, then any portion of the Award which has not yet vested shall become immediately vested.

(c) In addition, with respect to an Award to a Director, if the Director's service terminates due to either (a) his or her failure to be re-elected to the Board despite standing for re-election, or (b) if the Company requests that the Director not stand for re-election, then any portion of the Award which has not yet vested shall become immediately vested. If, however, the Director either voluntarily terminates his service, or decides not to stand for re-election for any reason other than a request from the Company, he or she will forfeit any unvested Shares when his or her service terminates.

5. <u>Company Reacquisition Right</u>.

5.1 **Grant of Company Reacquisition Right.** In the event that (a) the Participant's service terminates for any reason other than as provided in Section 4.3, or (b) the Participant, or other holder of the Shares, attempts to sell, exchange, transfer, pledge, or otherwise dispose of (other than pursuant to a transaction approved by the Company), including, without limitation, any transfer to a nominee or agent of the Participant, any Shares which are not Vested Shares (*"Unvested Shares"*), the Company shall automatically reacquire the Unvested Shares, and the Participant shall not be entitled to any payment therefor (the *"Company Reacquisition Right"*).

5.2 **Dividends, Distributions and Adjustments.** Upon the occurrence of a dividend or distribution to the stockholders of the Company paid in Shares or other property, or any other adjustment upon a change in the capital structure of the Company as described in Section 8, any and all new, substituted or additional securities or other property (other than regular, periodic dividends paid on Shares pursuant to the Company's dividend policy) to which the Participant is entitled by reason of the Participant's ownership of Unvested Shares shall be immediately subject to the Company Reacquisition Right and included in the terms "Shares," and "Unvested Shares" for all purposes of the Company Reacquisition Right with the same force and effect as such Unvested Shares immediately prior to the dividend, distribution or adjustment, as the case may be.

6. Escrow.

6.1 **Appointment of Agent.** To ensure that Shares subject to the Company Reacquisition Right will be available for reacquisition, the Participant and the Company hereby appoint the Secretary of the Company, or any other person designated by the Company, as their agent and as attorney-in-fact for the Participant (the "*Agent*") to hold any and all Unvested Shares and to sell, assign and transfer to the Company any such Unvested Shares reacquired by the Company pursuant to the Company Reacquisition Right. The Participant understands that appointment of the Agent is a material inducement to make this Agreement and that such appointment is coupled with an interest and is irrevocable. The Agent shall not be personally liable for any act the Agent may do or omit to do hereunder as escrow agent, agent for the Company, or attorney in fact for the Participant while acting in good faith and in the exercise of the Agent's own good judgment, and any act done or omitted by the Agent pursuant to the advice of the Agent's own attorneys shall be conclusive evidence of such good faith. The Agent may rely upon any letter, notice or other document executed by any signature purporting to be genuine and may resign at any time.

6.2 **Establishment of Escrow.** The Participant authorizes the Company to deposit the Unvested Shares with the Company's transfer agent to be held in book entry form, as provided in Section 3.3, and the Participant agrees to deliver to and deposit with the Agent each certificate, if any, evidencing the Shares and an Assignment Separate from Certificate with respect to such book entry shares and each such certificate duly endorsed (with date and number of Shares blank) in the form attached to the Notice, to be held by the Agent under the terms and conditions of this Section 6 (the "*Escrow*"). Upon the occurrence of a change in the capital structure of the Company, as described in Section 8, in the character or amount of any outstanding stock of the corporation the stock of which is subject to the provisions of this Agreement, any and all new, substituted or additional securities or other property to which the Participant is entitled by reason of his or her ownership of the Shares that remain subject to the Company Reacquisition Right shall be immediately subject to the Escrow to the same extent as the Shares immediately before such event. The Company shall bear the expenses of the Escrow.

6.3 **Delivery of Shares to Participant.** The Escrow shall continue with respect to any Shares for so long as such Shares remain subject to the Company Reacquisition Right. Upon termination of the Company Reacquisition Right with respect to Shares, the Company shall so notify the Agent and direct the Agent to deliver such number of Shares to the Participant. As soon as practicable after receipt of such notice, the Agent shall cause to be

delivered to the Participant the Shares specified by such notice, and the Escrow shall terminate with respect to such Shares.

7. TAX MATTERS.

7.1 Tax Withholding.

(a) **In General.** The Company shall have no obligation to deliver the Shares or to release any Shares from the Escrow established pursuant to Section 6 until the federal, state, local and foreign tax withholding obligations of the Company, if any, which arise in connection with the Award, including, without limitation, obligations arising upon (a) the transfer of Shares to the Participant, (b) the lapsing of any restriction with respect to any Shares, (c) the filing of an election to recognize tax liability, or (d) the transfer by the Participant of any Shares have been satisfied by the Participant. In general, withholding obligations will apply to any Eligible Person who is an Employee of the Company or a Subsidiary on the Date of Grant.

(b) **Withholding in Shares.** The Participant shall satisfy all such withholding obligations by the Company withholding a sufficient number of whole Vested Shares otherwise deliverable to the Participant with a fair market value in an amount of such tax withholding obligations determined utilizing the applicable minimum statutory withholding rates.

7.2 Election Under Section 83(b) of the Code.

(a) The Participant understands that Section 83 of the Code taxes as ordinary income the difference between the amount paid for the Shares, if anything, and the fair market value of the Shares as of the date on which the Shares are "substantially vested," within the meaning of Section 83. In this context, "substantially vested" means that the right of the Company to reacquire the Shares pursuant to the Company Reacquisition Right has lapsed. The Participant understands that he or she may elect to have his or her taxable income determined at the time he or she acquires the Shares rather than when and as the Company Reacquisition Right lapses by filing an election under Section 83(b) of the Code with the Internal Revenue Service no later than thirty (30) days after the date of acquisition of the Shares. The Participant understands that failure to make a timely filing under Section 83(b) will result in his or her recognition of ordinary income, as the Company Reacquisition Right lapses, on the difference between the purchase price, if anything, and the fair market value of the Shares at the time such restrictions lapse. The Participant further understands, however, that if Shares with respect to which an election under Section 83(b) has been made are forfeited to the Company pursuant to its Company Reacquisition Right, such forfeiture will be treated as a sale on which there is realized a loss equal to the excess (if any) of the amount paid (if any) by the Participant for the forfeited Shares over the amount realized (if any) upon their forfeiture. If the Participant has paid nothing for the forfeited Shares and has received no payment upon their forfeiture, the Participant understands that he or she will be unable to recognize any loss on the forfeiture of the Shares even though the Participant incurred a tax liability by making an election under Section 83(b).

(b) The Participant understands that he or she should consult with his or her tax advisor regarding the advisability of filing with the Internal Revenue Service an

election under Section 83(b) of the Code, which must be filed no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the acquisition of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement. Failure to file an election under Section 83(b), if appropriate, may result in adverse tax consequences to the Participant. The Participant acknowledges that he or she has been advised to consult with a tax advisor regarding the tax consequences to the Participant of the acquisition of Shares hereunder. ANY ELECTION UNDER SECTION 83(b) THE PARTICIPANT WISHES TO MAKE MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE PARTICIPANT ACQUIRES THE SHARES. THIS TIME PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. THE PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT TIMELY FILING OF A SECTION 83(b) ELECTION IS THE PARTICIPANT'S SOLE RESPONSIBILITY, EVEN IF THE PARTICIPANT REQUESTS THE COMPANY OR ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO FILE SUCH ELECTION ON HIS OR HER BEHALF.

(c) The Participant will notify the Company in writing if the Participant files an election pursuant to Section 83(b) of the Code. The Company intends, in the event it does not receive from the Participant evidence of such filing, to claim a tax deduction for any amount which would otherwise be taxable to the Participant in the absence of such an election.

8. Adjustments for Changes in Capital Structure.

Subject to any required action by the stockholders of the Company, in the event of any change in the Shares effected without receipt of consideration by the Company, whether through merger, consolidation, reorganization, reincorporation, recapitalization, reclassification, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, split-up, split-off, spin-off, combination of shares, exchange of shares, or similar change in the capital structure of the Company, or in the event of payment of a dividend or distribution to the stockholders of the Company in a form other than Shares (excepting normal cash dividends) that has a material effect on the fair market value of Shares, appropriate adjustments shall be made in the number and kind of shares subject to the Award, in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the Participant's rights under the Award. For purposes of the foregoing, conversion of any convertible securities of the Company shall not be treated as "effected without receipt of consideration by the Company." Any fractional share resulting from an adjustment pursuant to this Section shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number. Such adjustments shall be determined by the Committee, and its determination shall be final, binding and conclusive.

9. RIGHTS AS A STOCKHOLDER, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE OR CONSULTANT.

The Participant shall have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any Shares subject to the Award until the date of the issuance the Shares (as evidenced by the appropriate entry on the books of the Company or of a duly authorized transfer agent of the Company). No adjustment shall be made for dividends, distributions or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date the Shares are issued, except as provided in Section 8. Subject the provisions of this Agreement, the Participant shall exercise all rights and privileges of a stockholder of the Company with respect to Shares deposited in the Escrow pursuant to Section 6. If the Participant is an Employee, the Participant understands and acknowledges that, except as otherwise provided in a separate, written employment agreement between the Company and the Participant, the

Participant's employment is "at will" and is for no specified term. Nothing in this Agreement shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the service of the Company or any Subsidiary or interfere in any way with any right of such entities to terminate the Participant's service at any time.

10. Legends.

The Company may at any time place legends referencing the Company Reacquisition Right and any applicable federal, state or foreign securities law restrictions on all certificates representing the Shares. The Participant shall, at the request of the Company, promptly present to the Company and all certificates representing the Shares in the possession of the Participant in order to carry out the provisions of this Section. Unless otherwise specified by the Company, legends placed on such certificates may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

"THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THIS CORPORATION AND THE REGISTERED HOLDER, OR HIS PREDECESSOR IN INTEREST, A COPY OF WHICH IS ON FILE AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THIS CORPORATION."

11. TRANSFERS IN VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT.

No Shares may be sold, exchanged, transferred, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise disposed of, including by operation of law, in any manner which violates any of the provisions of this Agreement until the date on which such shares become Vested Shares, and any such attempted disposition shall be void. The Company shall not be required (a) to transfer on its books any Shares which will have been transferred in violation of any of the provisions set forth in this Agreement or (b) to treat as owner of such Shares or to accord the right to vote as such owner or to pay dividends to any transferee to whom such Shares will have been so transferred. In order to enforce its rights under this Section, the Company shall be authorized to give a stop transfer instruction with respect to the Shares to the Company's transfer agent.

12. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

12.1 **Termination or Amendment.** The Committee may terminate or amend the Plan or this Agreement at any time; provided, however, that no such termination or amendment may adversely affect the Participant's rights under this Agreement without the consent of the Participant unless such termination or amendment is necessary to comply with applicable law or government regulation. No amendment or addition to this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing.

12.2 **Nontransferability of the Award.** The right to acquire Shares pursuant to the Award shall not be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, exchange, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, or garnishment by creditors of the Participant or the Participant's beneficiary, except transfer by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. All

rights with respect to the Award shall be exercisable during the Participant's lifetime only by the Participant or the Participant's guardian or legal representative.

12.3 **Further Instruments.** The parties hereto agree to execute such further instruments and to take such further action as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the intent of this Agreement.

12.4 **Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Company and, subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth herein, be binding upon the Participant and the Participant's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

12.5 **Delivery of Documents and Notices.** Any document relating to participation in the Plan or any notice required or permitted hereunder shall be given in writing and shall be deemed effectively given (except to the extent that this Agreement provides for effectiveness only upon actual receipt of such notice) upon personal delivery, electronic delivery at the e-mail address, if any, provided for the Participant by the Company, or upon deposit in the U.S. Post Office or foreign postal service, by registered or certified mail, or with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, with postage and fees prepaid, addressed to the other party at the address shown below that party's signature to the Notice or at such other address as such party may designate in writing from time to time to the other party.

(a) **Description of Electronic Delivery.** The Plan documents, which may include but do not necessarily include: the Plan, the Notice, this Agreement, the Plan's prospectus, and any reports of the Company provided generally to the Company's stockholders, may be delivered to the Participant electronically. In addition, the parties may deliver electronically any notices called for in connection with the Escrow and the Participant may deliver electronically the Notice to the Company or to such third party involved in administering the Plan as the Company may designate from time to time. Such means of electronic delivery may include but do not necessarily include the delivery of a link to a Company intranet or the internet site of a third party involved in administering the Plan, the delivery of the document via e-mail or such other means of electronic delivery specified by the Company.

(b) **Consent to Electronic Delivery.** The Participant acknowledges that the Participant has read Section 12.5(a) of this Agreement and consents to the electronic delivery of the Plan documents, the Notice and notices in connection with the Escrow, as described in Section 12.5(a). The Participant acknowledges that he or she may receive from the Company a paper copy of any documents delivered electronically at no cost to the Participant by contacting the Company by telephone or in writing. The Participant further acknowledges that the Participant will be provided with a paper copy of any documents if the attempted electronic delivery of such documents fails. Similarly, the Participant understands that the Participant must provide the Company or any designated third party administrator with a paper copy of any documents if the attempted electronic delivery of such documents fails. The Participant may revoke his or her consent to the electronic delivery of documents described in Section 12.5(a) or may change the electronic mail address to which such documents are to be delivered (if Participant has provided an electronic mail address) at any time by notifying the Company of such revoked consent or revised e-mail address by telephone, postal service or electronic mail.

Finally, the Participant understands that he or she is not required to consent to electronic delivery of documents described in Section 12.5(a).

12.6 **Integrated Agreement.** The Notice, this Agreement and the Plan shall constitute the entire understanding and agreement of the Participant and the Company with respect to the subject matter contained herein or therein and supersedes any prior agreements, understandings, restrictions, representations, or warranties between the Participant and the Company with respect to such subject matter other than those as set forth or provided for herein or therein. To the extent contemplated herein or therein, the provisions of the Notice and the Agreement shall survive any settlement of the Award and shall remain in full force and effect.

12.7 **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York as such laws are applied to agreements between New York residents entered into and to be performed entirely within the State of New York.

12.8 **Counterparts.** The Notice may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. RESTRICTED STOCK AGREEMENT

The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. has granted to the Participant named in the *Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock* (the "*Notice*") to which this Restricted Stock Agreement (this "*Agreement*") is attached an Award of Shares subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Notice and this Agreement. This Award shall constitute a Restricted Share award under the Plan. The Company granted the Award pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plan (the "*Plan*"), as amended to the Date of Grant, the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference. By signing the Notice, the Participant: (a) acknowledges receipt of and represents that the Participant has read and is familiar with the Notice, this Agreement, and the Plan, (b) accepts the Award subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Notice, this Agreement and the Plan and (c) agrees to accept as binding, conclusive and final all decisions or interpretations of the Committee upon any guestions arising under the Notice, this Agreement or the Plan.

1. **DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION.**

1.1 Definitions. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Notice or the Plan.

1.2 **Construction.** Captions and titles contained herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement. Except when otherwise indicated by the context, the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular. Use of the term "or" is not intended to be exclusive, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

2. Administration.

All questions of interpretation concerning the Notice and this Agreement shall be determined by the Committee. All determinations by the Committee shall be final and binding upon all persons having an interest in the Award. The Chief Financial Officer (or in his absence the person designated by the Committee) shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Company with respect to any matter, right, obligation, or election which is the responsibility of or which is allocated to the Company herein.

3. THE AWARD.

3.1 **Grant and Issuance of Shares.** Upon the later of (a) the Date of Grant and (b) the date the Notice shall have been fully executed, the Participant shall acquire and the Company shall issue, subject to the provisions of this Agreement, a number of Shares equal to the Total Number of Shares set forth in the Notice. As a condition to the issuance of the Shares, the Participant shall execute and deliver to the Company along with the Notice the Assignment Separate from Certificate duly endorsed (with date and number of shares blank) in the form attached to the Notice.

3.2 **No Monetary Payment Required.** The Participant is not required to make any monetary payment (other than to satisfy applicable tax withholding, if any, with respect to the issuance or vesting of the Shares) as a condition to receiving the Shares, the consideration for which shall be past services actually rendered or future services to be rendered to the Company or for its benefit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if required by applicable law, the Participant shall furnish consideration in the form of cash or past services rendered to the Company or for its benefit having a value not less than the par value of the Shares issued pursuant to the Award.

3.3 **Beneficial Ownership of Shares; Certificate Registration.** The Participant hereby authorizes the Company, in its sole discretion, to deposit the Shares with the Company's transfer agent, including any successor transfer agent, to be held in book entry form during the term of the Escrow pursuant to Section 6. Furthermore, the Participant hereby authorizes the Company, in its sole discretion, to deposit, following the term of such Escrow, for the benefit of the Participant with any broker with which the Participant has an account relationship of which the Company has notice any or all Shares which are no longer subject to such Escrow. Except as provided by the foregoing, a certificate for the Shares shall be registered in the name of the Participant, or, if applicable, in the names of the heirs of the Participant.

3.4 **Issuance of Shares in Compliance with Law.** The issuance of the Shares shall be subject to compliance with all applicable requirements of federal, state or foreign law with respect to such securities. No Shares shall be issued hereunder if their issuance would constitute a violation of any applicable federal, state or foreign securities laws or other law or regulations or the requirements of any stock exchange or market system upon which the Shares may then be listed. The inability of the Company to obtain from any regulatory body having jurisdiction the authority, if any, deemed by the Company's legal counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance of any Shares shall relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained. As a condition to the issuance of the Shares, the Company may require the Participant to satisfy any qualifications that may be necessary or appropriate, to evidence compliance with any applicable law or regulation and to make any representation or warranty with respect thereto as may be requested by the Company.

4. VESTING OF SHARES.

4.1 Normal Vesting. Except as provided by Section 4.2, the Shares shall vest and become Vested Shares as provided in the Notice.

4.2 **Acceleration of Vesting.** In the event that the Participant's service is terminated in a manner which results in accelerated vesting of his equity Awards pursuant to his employment agreement dated as of July 1, 2003, the provisions of which, except as set forth in the following sentence, are incorporated by reference (the "Employment Agreement"), then any portion of the Award which has not yet vested shall become vested in accordance with the terms of the Employment Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of this Award, the definition of "Termination for Good Reason" contained in the Employment Agreement shall be modified such that the failure to re-elect the Participant as Chairman of the Board shall not

constitute "Good Reason" as long as the Participant continues to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

5. <u>Company Reacquisition Right</u>.

5.1 **Grant of Company Reacquisition Right.** In the event that (a) the Participant's service terminates for any reason other than as provided in Section 4.2, or (b) the Participant, or other holder of the Shares, attempts to sell, exchange, transfer, pledge, or otherwise dispose of (other than pursuant to a transaction approved by the Company), including, without limitation, any transfer to a nominee or agent of the Participant, any Shares which are not Vested Shares (*"Unvested Shares*"), the Company shall automatically reacquire the Unvested Shares, and the Participant shall not be entitled to any payment therefor (the "*Company Reacquisition Right*").

5.2 **Dividends, Distributions and Adjustments.** Upon the occurrence of a dividend or distribution to the stockholders of the Company paid in Shares or other property, or any other adjustment upon a change in the capital structure of the Company as described in Section 8, any and all new, substituted or additional securities or other property (other than regular, periodic dividends paid on Shares pursuant to the Company's dividend policy) to which the Participant is entitled by reason of the Participant's ownership of Unvested Shares shall be immediately subject to the Company Reacquisition Right and included in the terms "Shares," and "Unvested Shares" for all purposes of the Company Reacquisition Right with the same force and effect as such Unvested Shares immediately prior to the dividend, distribution or adjustment, as the case may be.

6. Escrow.

6.1 **Appointment of Agent.** To ensure that Shares subject to the Company Reacquisition Right will be available for reacquisition, the Participant and the Company hereby appoint the Secretary of the Company, or any other person designated by the Company, as their agent and as attorney-in-fact for the Participant (the "*Agent*") to hold any and all Unvested Shares and to sell, assign and transfer to the Company any such Unvested Shares reacquired by the Company pursuant to the Company Reacquisition Right. The Participant understands that appointment of the Agent is a material inducement to make this Agreement and that such appointment is coupled with an interest and is irrevocable. The Agent shall not be personally liable for any act the Agent may do or omit to do hereunder as escrow agent, agent for the Company, or attorney in fact for the Participant while acting in good faith and in the exercise of the Agent's own good judgment, and any act done or omitted by the Agent pursuant to the advice of the Agent's own attorneys shall be conclusive evidence of such good faith. The Agent may rely upon any letter, notice or other document executed by any signature purporting to be genuine and may resign at any time.

6.2 **Establishment of Escrow.** The Participant authorizes the Company to deposit the Unvested Shares with the Company's transfer agent to be held in book entry form, as provided in Section 3.3, and the Participant agrees to deliver to and deposit with the Agent each certificate, if any, evidencing the Shares and an Assignment Separate from Certificate with respect to such book entry shares and each such certificate duly endorsed (with date and number

of Shares blank) in the form attached to the Notice, to be held by the Agent under the terms and conditions of this Section 6 (the "*Escrow*"). Upon the occurrence of a change in the capital structure of the Company, as described in Section 8, in the character or amount of any outstanding stock of the corporation the stock of which is subject to the provisions of this Agreement, any and all new, substituted or additional securities or other property to which the Participant is entitled by reason of his ownership of the Shares that remain subject to the Company Reacquisition Right shall be immediately subject to the Escrow to the same extent as the Shares immediately before such event. The Company shall bear the expenses of the Escrow.

6.3 **Delivery of Shares to Participant.** The Escrow shall continue with respect to any Shares for so long as such Shares remain subject to the Company Reacquisition Right. Upon termination of the Company Reacquisition Right with respect to Shares, the Company shall so notify the Agent and direct the Agent to deliver such number of Shares to the Participant. As soon as practicable after receipt of such notice, the Agent shall cause to be delivered to the Participant the Shares specified by such notice, and the Escrow shall terminate with respect to such Shares.

7. TAX MATTERS.

7.1 Tax Withholding.

(a) **In General.** The Company shall have no obligation to deliver the Shares or to release any Shares from the Escrow established pursuant to Section 6 until the federal, state, local and foreign tax withholding obligations of the Company, if any, which arise in connection with the Award, including, without limitation, obligations arising upon (a) the transfer of Shares to the Participant, (b) the lapsing of any restriction with respect to any Shares, (c) the filing of an election to recognize tax liability, or (d) the transfer by the Participant of any Shares have been satisfied by the Participant. In general, withholding obligations will apply to any Eligible Person who is an Employee of the Company or a Subsidiary on the Date of Grant.

(b) **Withholding in Shares.** The Participant shall satisfy all such withholding obligations by the Company withholding a sufficient number of whole Vested Shares otherwise deliverable to the Participant with a fair market value in an amount of such tax withholding obligations determined utilizing the applicable minimum statutory withholding rates.

7.2 Election Under Section 83(b) of the Code.

(a) The Participant understands that Section 83 of the Code taxes as ordinary income the difference between the amount paid for the Shares, if anything, and the fair market value of the Shares as of the date on which the Shares are "substantially vested," within the meaning of Section 83. In this context, "substantially vested" means that the right of the Company to reacquire the Shares pursuant to the Company Reacquisition Right has lapsed. The Participant understands that he or she may elect to have his taxable income determined at the time he or she acquires the Shares rather than when and as the Company Reacquisition Right lapses by filing an election under Section 83(b) of the Code with the Internal Revenue Service no later than thirty (30) days after the date of acquisition of the Shares. The Participant understands

that failure to make a timely filing under Section 83(b) will result in his recognition of ordinary income, as the Company Reacquisition Right lapses, on the difference between the purchase price, if anything, and the fair market value of the Shares at the time such restrictions lapse. The Participant further understands, however, that if Shares with respect to which an election under Section 83(b) has been made are forfeited to the Company pursuant to its Company Reacquisition Right, such forfeiture will be treated as a sale on which there is realized a loss equal to the excess (if any) of the amount paid (if any) by the Participant for the forfeited Shares over the amount realized (if any) upon their forfeiture. If the Participant has paid nothing for the forfeiture of the Shares even though the Participant incurred a tax liability by making an election under Section 83(b).

(b) The Participant understands that he or she should consult with his tax advisor regarding the advisability of filing with the Internal Revenue Service an election under Section 83(b) of the Code, which must be filed no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the acquisition of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement. Failure to file an election under Section 83(b), if appropriate, may result in adverse tax consequences to the Participant. The Participant acknowledges that he or she has been advised to consult with a tax advisor regarding the tax consequences to the Participant of the acquisition of Shares hereunder. ANY ELECTION UNDER SECTION 83(b) THE PARTICIPANT WISHES TO MAKE MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE PARTICIPANT ACQUIRES THE SHARES. THIS TIME PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. THE PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT TIMELY FILING OF A SECTION 83(b) ELECTION IS THE PARTICIPANT'S SOLE RESPONSIBILITY, EVEN IF THE PARTICIPANT REQUESTS THE COMPANY OR ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO FILE SUCH ELECTION ON HIS BEHALF.

(c) The Participant will notify the Company in writing if the Participant files an election pursuant to Section 83(b) of the Code. The Company intends, in the event it does not receive from the Participant evidence of such filing, to claim a tax deduction for any amount which would otherwise be taxable to the Participant in the absence of such an election.

8. Adjustments for Changes in Capital Structure.

Subject to any required action by the stockholders of the Company, in the event of any change in the Shares effected without receipt of consideration by the Company, whether through merger, consolidation, reorganization, reincorporation, recapitalization, reclassification, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, split-up, split-off, spin-off, combination of shares, exchange of shares, or similar change in the capital structure of the Company, or in the event of payment of a dividend or distribution to the stockholders of the Company in a form other than Shares (excepting normal cash dividends) that has a material effect on the fair market value of Shares, appropriate adjustments shall be made in the number and kind of shares subject to the Award, in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the Participant's rights under the Award. For purposes of the foregoing, conversion of any convertible securities of the Company shall not be treated as "effected without receipt of consideration by the Company." Any fractional share resulting from an adjustment pursuant to this Section shall be rounded down to the nearest whole

number. Such adjustments shall be determined by the Committee, and its determination shall be final, binding and conclusive.

9. RIGHTS AS A STOCKHOLDER, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE OR CONSULTANT.

The Participant shall have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any Shares subject to the Award until the date of the issuance the Shares (as evidenced by the appropriate entry on the books of the Company or of a duly authorized transfer agent of the Company). No adjustment shall be made for dividends, distributions or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date the Shares are issued, except as provided in Section 8. Subject the provisions of this Agreement, the Participant shall exercise all rights and privileges of a stockholder of the Company with respect to Shares deposited in the Escrow pursuant to Section 6. If the Participant is an Employee, the Participant understands and acknowledges that, except as otherwise provided in the Employment Agreement, the Participant's employment is "at will" and is for no specified term. Nothing in this Agreement shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the service of the Company or any Subsidiary or interfere in any way with any right of such entities to terminate the Participant's service at any time.

10. Legends.

The Company may at any time place legends referencing the Company Reacquisition Right and any applicable federal, state or foreign securities law restrictions on all certificates representing the Shares. The Participant shall, at the request of the Company, promptly present to the Company and all certificates representing the Shares in the possession of the Participant in order to carry out the provisions of this Section. Unless otherwise specified by the Company, legends placed on such certificates may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

"THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THIS CORPORATION AND THE REGISTERED HOLDER, OR HIS PREDECESSOR IN INTEREST, A COPY OF WHICH IS ON FILE AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THIS CORPORATION."

11. TRANSFERS IN VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT.

No Shares may be sold, exchanged, transferred, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise disposed of, including by operation of law, in any manner which violates any of the provisions of this Agreement until the date on which such shares become Vested Shares, and any such attempted disposition shall be void. The Company shall not be required (a) to transfer on its books any Shares which will have been transferred in violation of any of the provisions set forth in this Agreement or (b) to treat as owner of such Shares or to accord the right to vote as such owner or to pay dividends to any transferee to whom such Shares will have been so transferred. In order to enforce its rights under this Section, the Company shall be authorized to give a stop transfer instruction with respect to the Shares to the Company's transfer agent.

12. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

12.1 **Termination or Amendment.** The Committee may terminate or amend the Plan or this Agreement at any time; provided, however, that no such termination or amendment may adversely affect the Participant's rights under this Agreement without the consent of the Participant unless such termination or amendment is necessary to comply with applicable law or government regulation. No amendment or addition to this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing.

12.2 **Nontransferability of the Award.** The right to acquire Shares pursuant to the Award shall not be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, exchange, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, or garnishment by creditors of the Participant or the Participant's beneficiary, except transfer by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. All rights with respect to the Award shall be exercisable during the Participant's lifetime only by the Participant or the Participant's guardian or legal representative.

12.3 **Further Instruments.** The parties hereto agree to execute such further instruments and to take such further action as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the intent of this Agreement.

12.4 **Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Company and, subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth herein, be binding upon the Participant and the Participant's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

12.5 **Delivery of Documents and Notices.** Any document relating to participation in the Plan or any notice required or permitted hereunder shall be given in writing and shall be deemed effectively given (except to the extent that this Agreement provides for effectiveness only upon actual receipt of such notice) upon personal delivery, electronic delivery at the e-mail address, if any, provided for the Participant by the Company, or upon deposit in the U.S. Post Office or foreign postal service, by registered or certified mail, or with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, with postage and fees prepaid, addressed to the other party at the address shown below that party's signature to the Notice or at such other address as such party may designate in writing from time to time to the other party.

(a) **Description of Electronic Delivery.** The Plan documents, which may include but do not necessarily include: the Plan, the Notice, this Agreement, the Plan's prospectus, and any reports of the Company provided generally to the Company's stockholders, may be delivered to the Participant electronically. In addition, the parties may deliver electronically any notices called for in connection with the Escrow and the Participant may deliver electronically the Notice to the Company or to such third party involved in administering the Plan as the Company may designate from time to time. Such means of electronic delivery may include but do not necessarily include the delivery of a link to a Company intranet or the internet site of a third party involved in administering the Plan, the delivery of the document via e-mail or such other means of electronic delivery specified by the Company.

(b) **Consent to Electronic Delivery.** The Participant acknowledges that the Participant has read Section 12.5(a) of this Agreement and consents to the electronic delivery of the Plan documents, the Notice and notices in connection with the Escrow, as described in Section 12.5(a). The Participant acknowledges that he or she may receive from the Company a paper copy of any documents delivered electronically at no cost to the Participant by contacting the Company by telephone or in writing. The Participant further acknowledges that the Participant will be provided with a paper copy of any documents if the attempted electronic delivery of such documents fails. Similarly, the Participant understands that the Participant must provide the Company or any designated third party administrator with a paper copy of any documents if the attempted electronic delivery of such documents fails. The Participant may revoke his consent to the electronic delivery of documents described in Section 12.5(a) or may change the electronic mail address to which such documents are to be delivered (if Participant has provided an electronic mail address) at any time by notifying the Company of such revoked consent or revised e-mail address by telephone, postal service or electronic mail. Finally, the Participant understands that he or she is not required to consent to electronic delivery of documents described in Section 12.5(a).

12.6 **Integrated Agreement.** The Notice, this Agreement, the Employment Agreement and the Plan shall constitute the entire understanding and agreement of the Participant and the Company with respect to the subject matter contained herein or therein and supersedes any prior agreements, understandings, restrictions, representations, or warranties between the Participant and the Company with respect to such subject matter other than those as set forth or provided for herein or therein. To the extent contemplated herein or therein, the provisions of the Notice and the Agreement shall survive any settlement of the Award and shall remain in full force and effect.

12.7 **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York as such laws are applied to agreements between New York residents entered into and to be performed entirely within the State of New York.

12.8 **Counterparts.** The Notice may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. RESTRICTED STOCK AGREEMENT

The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. has granted to the Participant named in the *Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock* (the "*Notice*") to which this Restricted Stock Agreement (this "*Agreement*") is attached an Award of Shares subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Notice and this Agreement. This Award shall constitute a Restricted Share award under the Plan. The Company granted the Award pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plan (the "*Plan*"), as amended to the Date of Grant, the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference. By signing the Notice, the Participant: (a) acknowledges receipt of and represents that the Participant has read and is familiar with the Notice, this Agreement, and the Plan, (b) accepts the Award subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Notice, this Agreement and the Plan and (c) agrees to accept as binding, conclusive and final all decisions or interpretations of the Committee upon any guestions arising under the Notice, this Agreement or the Plan.

1. DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION.

1.1 **Definitions**. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Notice or the Plan.

1.2 **Construction.** Captions and titles contained herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement. Except when otherwise indicated by the context, the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular. Use of the term "or" is not intended to be exclusive, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

2. Administration.

All questions of interpretation concerning the Notice and this Agreement shall be determined by the Committee. All determinations by the Committee shall be final and binding upon all persons having an interest in the Award. The Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Company with respect to any matter, right, obligation, or election which is the responsibility of or which is allocated to the Company herein.

3. THE AWARD.

3.1 **Grant and Issuance of Shares.** Upon the later of (a) the Date of Grant and (b) the date the Notice shall have been fully executed, the Participant shall acquire and the Company shall issue, subject to the provisions of this Agreement, a number of Shares equal to the Total Number of Shares set forth in the Notice. As a condition to the issuance of the Shares, the Participant shall execute and deliver to the Company along with the Notice the Assignment Separate from Certificate duly endorsed (with date and number of shares blank) in the form attached to the Notice.

3.2 **No Monetary Payment Required.** The Participant is not required to make any monetary payment (other than to satisfy applicable tax withholding, if any, with respect to the issuance or vesting of the Shares) as a condition to receiving the Shares, the consideration for which shall be past services actually rendered or future services to be rendered to the Company or for its benefit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if required by applicable law, the Participant shall furnish consideration in the form of cash or past services rendered to a the Company or for its benefit having a value not less than the par value of the Shares issued pursuant to the Award.

3.3 **Beneficial Ownership of Shares; Certificate Registration.** The Participant hereby authorizes the Company, in its sole discretion, to deposit the Shares with the Company's transfer agent, including any successor transfer agent, to be held in book entry form during the term of the Escrow pursuant to Section 5. Furthermore, the Participant hereby authorizes the Company, in its sole discretion, to deposit, following the term of such Escrow, for the benefit of the Participant with any broker with which the Participant has an account relationship of which the Company has notice any or all Shares which are no longer subject to such Escrow. Except as provided by the foregoing, a certificate for the Shares shall be registered in the name of the Participant, or, if applicable, in the names of the heirs of the Participant.

3.4 **Issuance of Shares in Compliance with Law.** The issuance of the Shares shall be subject to compliance with all applicable requirements of federal, state or foreign law with respect to such securities. No Shares shall be issued hereunder if their issuance would constitute a violation of any applicable federal, state or foreign securities laws or other law or regulations or the requirements of any stock exchange or market system upon which the Shares may then be listed. The inability of the Company to obtain from any regulatory body having jurisdiction the authority, if any, deemed by the Company's legal counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance of any Shares shall relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained. As a condition to the issuance of the Shares, the Company may require the Participant to satisfy any qualifications that may be necessary or appropriate, to evidence compliance with any applicable law or regulation and to make any representation or warranty with respect thereto as may be requested by the Company.

4. VESTING OF SHARES.

The Shares shall become Vested Shares as provided in the Notice. In addition, in the event that: one or more of the following events occurs (a) any merger, consolidation, recapitalization, reorganization, acquisition or other business combination involving the Company, other than (i) any transaction in which the Company is the surviving entity and the holders of the outstanding voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior to the transaction receive or retain securities representing more than 50% of the voting power of all of the securities of the Company outstanding immediately after the transaction (with each holder's voting power relative to other holders remaining substantially unchanged) or (ii) any transaction the purpose of which is to change the jurisdiction of organization of the Company and in which outstanding Awards under the Plan are assumed by the surviving entity, as determined by the Committee; (b) any person, group or entity is or becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding securities of the voting power of all o

Company; or (c) the sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the approval by the stockholders of the Company of a plan of complete liquidation, then any portion of the Award which has not yet vested shall, immediately prior to the record date for distribution with respect to such event, or if there is no such record date, then immediately prior to such event, become immediately vested.

5. Escrow.

5.1 **Appointment of Agent.** To ensure that Shares subject to this Award are not transferred to the Participant until they become Vested Shares, the Participant and the Company hereby appoint the Secretary of the Company, or any other person designated by the Company, as their agent and as attorney-infact for the Participant (the "*Agent*") to hold any and all Shares and to take all appropriate actions to enforce the Company's rights under section 10 of this Agreement. The Participant understands that appointment of the Agent is a material inducement to make this Agreement and that such appointment is coupled with an interest and is irrevocable. The Agent shall not be personally liable for any act the Agent may do or omit to do hereunder as escrow agent, agent for the Company, or attorney in fact for the Participant while acting in good faith and in the exercise of the Agent's own good judgment, and any act done or omitted by the Agent pursuant to the advice of the Agent's own attorneys shall be conclusive evidence of such good faith. The Agent may rely upon any letter, notice or other document executed by any signature purporting to be genuine and may resign at any time.

5.2 **Establishment of Escrow.** The Participant authorizes the Company to deposit the Shares with the Company's transfer agent to be held in book entry form, as provided in Section 3.3, and the Participant agrees to deliver to and deposit with the Agent each certificate, if any, evidencing the Shares and an Assignment Separate from Certificate with respect to such book entry shares and each such certificate duly endorsed (with date and number of Shares blank) in the form attached to the Notice, to be held by the Agent under the terms and conditions of this Section 5 (the "*Escrow*"). Upon the occurrence of a change in the capital structure of the Company, as described in Section 7, in the character or amount of any outstanding stock of the corporation the stock of which is subject to the provisions of this Agreement, any and all new, substituted or additional securities or other property to which the Participant is entitled by reason of his or her ownership of the Shares that remain subject to the Company Reacquisition Right shall be immediately subject to the Escrow to the same extent as the Shares immediately before such event. The Company shall bear the expenses of the Escrow.

5.3 **Delivery of Shares to Participant.** The Escrow shall continue with respect to any Shares for so long as such Shares remain subject to the Company Reacquisition Right. Upon termination of the Company Reacquisition Right with respect to Shares, the Company shall so notify the Agent and direct the Agent to deliver such number of Shares to the Participant. As soon as practicable after receipt of such notice, the Agent shall cause to be delivered to the Participant the Shares specified by such notice, and the Escrow shall terminate with respect to such Shares.

6. TAX MATTERS.

6.1 Tax Withholding.

(a) **In General.** The Company shall have no obligation to deliver the Shares or to release any Shares from the Escrow established pursuant to Section 5 until the federal, state, local and foreign tax withholding obligations of the Company, if any, which arise in connection with the Award, including, without limitation, obligations arising upon (a) the transfer of Shares to the Participant, (b) the lapsing of any restriction with respect to any Shares, (c) the filing of an election to recognize tax liability, or (d) the transfer by the Participant of any Shares have been satisfied by the Participant. In general, withholding obligations will apply to any Eligible Person who is an Employee of the Company or a Subsidiary on the Date of Grant.

(b) **Withholding in Shares.** The Participant shall satisfy all such withholding obligations by the Company withholding a sufficient number of whole Vested Shares otherwise deliverable to the Participant with a fair market value in an amount of such tax withholding obligations determined utilizing the applicable minimum statutory withholding rates.

6.2 Election Under Section 83(b) of the Code.

(a) The Participant understands that Section 83 of the Code taxes as ordinary income the difference between the amount paid for the Shares, if anything, and the fair market value of the Shares as of the date on which the Shares are "substantially vested," within the meaning of Section 83. In this context, "substantially vested" means that the right of the Company to reacquire the Shares pursuant to the Company Reacquisition Right has lapsed. The Participant understands that he or she may elect to have his or her taxable income determined at the time he or she acquires the Shares rather than when and as the Company Reacquisition Right lapses by filing an election under Section 83(b) of the Code with the Internal Revenue Service no later than thirty (30) days after the date of acquisition of the Shares. The Participant understands that failure to make a timely filing under Section 83(b) will result in his or her recognition of ordinary income, as the Company Reacquisition Right lapses, on the difference between the purchase price, if anything, and the fair market value of the Shares at the time such restrictions lapse. The Participant further understands, however, that if Shares with respect to which an election under Section 83(b) has been made are forfeited to the Company pursuant to its Company Reacquisition Right, such forfeiture will be treated as a sale on which there is realized a loss equal to the excess (if any) of the amount paid (if any) by the Participant for the forfeited Shares over the amount realized (if any) upon their forfeiture. If the Participant has paid nothing for the forfeited Shares and has received no payment upon their forfeiture, the Participant understands that he or she will be unable to recognize any loss on the forfeiture of the Shares even though the Participant incurred a tax liability by making an election under Section 83(b).

(b) The Participant understands that he or she should consult with his or her tax advisor regarding the advisability of filing with the Internal Revenue Service an election under Section 83(b) of the Code, which must be filed no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the acquisition of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement. Failure to file an election under Section 83(b), if appropriate, may result in adverse tax consequences to the Participant. The Participant acknowledges that he or she has been advised to consult with a tax advisor regarding the tax consequences to the Participant of the acquisition of Shares hereunder. ANY ELECTION UNDER SECTION 83(b) THE PARTICIPANT WISHES TO MAKE MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE PARTICIPANT

ACQUIRES THE SHARES. THIS TIME PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. THE PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT TIMELY FILING OF A SECTION 83(b) ELECTION IS THE PARTICIPANT'S SOLE RESPONSIBILITY, EVEN IF THE PARTICIPANT REQUESTS THE COMPANY OR ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO FILE SUCH ELECTION ON HIS OR HER BEHALF.

(c) The Participant will notify the Company in writing if the Participant files an election pursuant to Section 83(b) of the Code. The Company intends, in the event it does not receive from the Participant evidence of such filing, to claim a tax deduction for any amount which would otherwise be taxable to the Participant in the absence of such an election.

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11.1 **Termination or Amendment.** The Committee may terminate or amend the Plan or this Agreement at any time; provided, however, that no such termination or amendment may adversely affect the Participant's rights under this Agreement without the consent of the Participant unless such termination or amendment is necessary to comply with applicable law or government regulation. No amendment or addition to this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing.

11.2 **Nontransferability of the Award.** The right to acquire Shares pursuant to the Award shall not be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, exchange, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, or garnishment by creditors of the Participant or the Participant's beneficiary, except transfer by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. All rights with respect to the Award shall be exercisable during the Participant's lifetime only by the Participant or the Participant's guardian or legal representative.

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(a) **Description of Electronic Delivery.** The Plan documents, which may include but do not necessarily include: the Plan, the Notice, this Agreement, the Plan's prospectus, and any reports of the Company provided generally to the Company's stockholders, may be delivered to the Participant electronically. In addition, the parties may deliver electronically any notices called for in connection with the Escrow and the Participant may deliver electronically the Notice to the Company or to such third party involved in administering the Plan as the Company may designate from time to time. Such means of electronic delivery may include but do not necessarily include the delivery of a link to a Company intranet or the internet site of a third party involved in administering the Plan, the delivery of the document via e-mail or such other means of electronic delivery specified by the Company.

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Company with respect to such subject matter other than those as set forth or provided for herein or therein. To the extent contemplated herein or therein, the provisions of the Notice and the Agreement shall survive any settlement of the Award and shall remain in full force and effect.

11.7 **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York as such laws are applied to agreements between New York residents entered into and to be performed entirely within the State of New York.

11.8 **Counterparts.** The Notice may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. NOTICE OF GRANT OF RESTRICTED STOCK

The Participant has been granted an award (the "*Award*") pursuant to The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plan (the "*Plan*") of certain shares of the Company's common stock (the "*Shares*"), as follows:

Participant:	Employee ID:									
Date of Grant:			[]						
Total Number of Shares: Fair Market Value per Share on Date of Grant: Vesting of Shares: Vesting Date							Location:			
			[The Shares shall vest in accordance with the schedule set forth below.]							
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THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.						PARTICIPANT				
By: Its:						Signature Date				-
						Address				_

ATTACHMENTS: The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2002 Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plan, as amended to the Date of Grant; Restricted Stock Agreement; Assignment Separate from Certificate