

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

**FORM 8-K**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 1, 2006

**CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-10962**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**95-3797580**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2180 Rutherford Road, Carlsbad, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**92008-7328**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (760) 931-1771

**NOT APPLICABLE**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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## SECTION 1 – REGISTRANT’S BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

### Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

#### Officer Employment Agreement with David A. Laverty.

On August 1, 2006, Callaway Golf Company (the “Company”) entered into an officer employment agreement (the “Officer Employment Agreement”) with David A. Laverty, the Company’s new Senior Vice President responsible for global manufacturing operations. The term of the Officer Employment Agreement commenced on August 1, 2006 and terminates on March 31, 2007, unless it is earlier terminated as provided therein.

*Compensation.* Pursuant to the Officer Employment Agreement, the Company has agreed to provide Mr. Laverty: (i) a base salary of \$325,000 per year, (ii) a signing bonus of \$30,000, (iii) an opportunity to participate in the annual bonus and long-term compensation programs and benefit plans available to other members of senior management as they may or may not exist from time to time, except that for 2006 Mr. Laverty is entitled to a guaranteed bonus of fifty percent of his target bonus prorated based upon the amount of time worked in 2006; and (iv) a relocation benefits package to assist with his relocation to California from Maryland. In addition, the Company has agreed to pay Mr. Laverty up to \$400,000 in connection with his reimbursement of his former employer for relocation expenses owed. The Officer Employment Agreement provides that the value of Mr. Laverty’s 2007 long-term incentive award will be reduced by fifty percent of the amount paid by the Company for such reimbursement. Mr. Laverty is required to reimburse the Company for all relocation expenses, including the reimbursement paid to his former employer, if he voluntarily leaves the Company within two years.

*Post-Termination Payments.* Upon termination by the Company without substantial cause or by Mr. Laverty for good reason, including non-renewal of the employment agreement under certain circumstances, Mr. Laverty is entitled to post-termination payments as follows: (i) a cash payment equal to Mr. Laverty’s target bonus for the year of termination prorated based upon the number of days employed for such year, and (ii) the immediate vesting of all unvested equity-based incentive awards held by Mr. Laverty that would have vested had he remained employed for a period of twelve months from the date of such termination.

In addition, provided that Mr. Laverty, among other things, executes a general release of claims in favor of the Company, Mr. Laverty is entitled to (i) special severance payments equal to 0.5 times the sum of his then base salary and annual target bonus, payable over a 12-month period, (ii) payment of COBRA and/or CalCOBRA insurance benefits premiums for the severance period, (iii) the continuation of tax and estate planning services for the severance period, and (iv) outplacement services for the severance period. In addition, provided Mr. Laverty chooses to not engage in any business that competes with the Company, he shall be entitled to incentive payments in an amount equal to 0.5 times his then annual base salary and target bonus, payable over a 12-month period.

*Change in Control Rights.* Upon a Termination Event (as such term is defined in the Officer Employment Agreement), within one year following a Change in Control (as such term is defined in the Officer Employment Agreement), the Agreement provides for the same benefits as in the case of a termination by the Company without substantial cause (as described above), except that the amount of the special severance and the incentive payments are modified. Mr. Laverty’s severance and incentive payments would each equal 1.0 times the sum of his then annual base salary and annual target bonus, payable over a 24-month period.

The description of the terms of the Officer Employment Agreement with Mr. Lavery is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Officer Employment Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.59 and incorporated in this Item 1.01 by this reference.

#### Equity Grant to Mr. Lavery

In conjunction with the Officer Employment Agreement, the Compensation and Management Succession Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors of the Company approved grants of restricted stock, stock options and performance shares, effective as of August 1, 2006, under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan to Mr. Lavery as provided below.

<u>Stock Options</u>	<u>Shares of Restricted Stock</u>	<u>Performance Shares</u>
20,902	5,871	5,871

The stock options have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the effective date of grant. The stock options vest over a three year period with one-third vesting at the end of each year from the date of grant and will expire on August 1, 2016. The Form of Notice of Grant of Stock Option and Option Agreement for Officers is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.

The restricted stock is subject to certain restrictions on transfer and subject to forfeiture if Mr. Lavery ceases to be an employee of the Company. The restricted stock is scheduled to vest on August 1, 2009, subject to accelerated vesting upon certain change in control events and upon certain termination of employment events (as described above). The Form of Restricted Stock Grant for Officers is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.

The performance shares represent the right to receive shares of the Company's common stock and will be paid only if the Company achieves a minimum performance threshold as of the end of the three year performance period from 2006 through 2008, with the number of performance shares earned ultimately determined based on the degree to which the Company meets financial targets as of the end of the performance period. For the 2006-2008 performance period, the financial target metric is Average Economic Profit Spread, which is based on return on invested capital minus the weighted average cost of capital. The final number of performance shares paid to the executive officers will be approved by the Committee. The Form of Performance Unit Grant is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.

## **SECTION 9 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is being filed or furnished herewith:

Exhibit 10.59 Callaway Golf Company Officer Employment Agreement, entered into effective as of August 1, 2006, by and between Callaway Golf Company and David A. Lavery.

**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.

**CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY**

Dated: August 3, 2006

**By: /s/ Bradley J. Holiday**

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Name: Bradley J. Holiday

Title: Senior Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
10.59	Callaway Golf Company Officer Employment Agreement, entered into effective as of August 1, 2006, by and between Callaway Golf Company and David A. Lavery.

**CALLAWAY GOLF COMPANY  
OFFICER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

This Officer Employment Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into effective August 1, 2006, by and between **Callaway Golf Company**, a Delaware corporation, (the "Company") and **David A. Lavery** ("Employee").

1. **TERM.** The Company hereby employs Employee and Employee hereby accepts employment pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Agreement for the period commencing August 1, 2006 and terminating March 31, 2007, unless this Agreement is earlier terminated as hereinafter provided. If Employee is still employed upon expiration of this Agreement, Employee's status shall be one of at-will employment. At all times during the term of this Agreement, Employee shall be considered an employee of the Company within the meaning of all federal, state and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, laws and regulations governing unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, industrial accident, labor and taxes.

2. **TITLE.** Employee shall serve as Senior Vice President, Operations of the Company. Employee's duties shall be the usual and customary duties of the offices in which Employee serves. Employee shall report to Chief Executive Officer or such other person as the Chief Executive Officer shall designate from time to time. The Board of Directors and/or the Chief Executive Officer of the Company may change employee's title, position and/or duties at any time.

3. **SERVICES TO BE EXCLUSIVE.** During the term hereof, Employee agrees to devote Employee's full productive time and best efforts to the performance of Employee's duties hereunder pursuant to the supervision and direction of the Company's Board of Directors, its Chief Executive Officer or their designee. Employee further agrees, as a condition to the performance by the Company of each and all of its obligations hereunder, that so long as Employee is employed by the Company, Employee will not directly or indirectly render services of any nature to, otherwise become employed by, or otherwise participate or engage in any other business without the Company's prior written consent. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to preclude Employee from having outside personal investments and involvement with appropriate community or charitable activities, or from devoting a reasonable amount of time to such matters, provided that this shall in no manner interfere with or derogate from Employee's work for the Company.

4. **COMPENSATION.**

(a) **Base Salary.** The Company agrees to pay Employee a base salary at the rate of \$325,000 per year (prorated for any partial years of employment), payable in equal installments on regularly scheduled Company pay dates.

(b) **Annual Bonus.** The Company shall provide Employee an opportunity to earn an annual bonus based upon participation in the Company's applicable bonus plan as it may or may not exist from time to time. In 2006 only, Employee shall earn a guaranteed bonus of one half of the target bonus otherwise payable to a Senior Vice President, pro-rated for that time that Employee is actually working at the Company. For example, if Employee starts on July 1, 2006, and is therefore at the Company for six months, or one half of the year, he would be paid a guaranteed bonus of \$32,500, representing one half of his target bonus of 40% of Employee's earnings, pro-rated. Employee will also be eligible for a potential discretionary bonus representing the other half of Employee's target bonus of 40% of Employee's earnings, pro-rated for partial year service.

(c) **Long Term Incentive.** In 2006, the Company shall provide Employee an opportunity to participate in the Company's applicable long term incentive plan as it may or may not exist from time to time. Subject to the approval of the Stock Option Committee, or its designee,

Employee will receive a long term incentive award, consistent with the award to other Senior Vice Presidents, effective on the first day he actually commences work at the Company. The award of any long term incentive award in 2007 shall be subject to section 5(f) below.

(d) Signing Bonus. Within fourteen (14) days of Employee commencing employment on site with the Company, the Company shall pay to Employee a signing bonus in the amount of \$30,000, less taxes and other required withholding;

#### 5. EXPENSES AND BENEFITS.

(a) Reasonable and Necessary Expenses. In addition to the compensation provided for in Section 4, the Company shall reimburse Employee for all reasonable, customary and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of Employee's duties hereunder. Employee shall first account for such expenses in accordance with the policies and procedures set by the Company from time to time for reimbursement of such expenses. The amount, nature, and extent of such expenses shall always be subject to the control, supervision and direction of the Company and its Chief Executive Officer.

(b) Paid Time Off. Employee shall accrue paid time off in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Company's Paid Time Off Program, as stated in the Company's Employee Handbook, and as may be modified from time to time. Subject to the maximum accrual permitted under the Paid Time Off Program, Employee shall accrue paid time off at the rate of thirty (30) days per year. The time off may be taken any time during the year subject to prior approval by the Company. The Company reserves the right to pay Employee for unused, accrued benefits in lieu of providing time off.

(c) Insurance. During Employee's employment with the Company pursuant to this Agreement, the Company shall provide for Employee to:

(i) participate in the Company's health insurance and disability insurance plans as the same may be modified from time to time;

(ii) receive, if Employee is insurable under usual underwriting standards, term life insurance coverage on Employee's life, payable to whomever Employee directs, in an amount equal to three (3) times Employee's base salary, not to exceed a maximum of \$1,500,000.00 in coverage, provided that Employee completes the required health statement and application and that Employee's physical condition does not prevent Employee from qualifying for such insurance coverage under reasonable terms and conditions; and

(d) Retirement. Employee shall be permitted to participate in the Company's 401(k) retirement investment plan, employee stock purchase plan and executive deferred compensation plan pursuant to the terms of such plans, as the same may be modified from time to time, to the extent such plans are offered to other officers of the Company.

(e) Estate Planning and Other Perquisites. To the extent the Company provides tax and estate planning and related services, or any other perquisites and personal benefits to other officers generally from time to time, such services and perquisites shall be made available to Employee on the same terms and conditions.

(f) Relocation. Employee's relocation package shall consist of: (i) reasonably priced temporary housing, to include a two bedroom apartment or condominium, in the immediate area surrounding the Company's headquarters, for a period of one year; (ii) reimbursement for two monthly round trip visits, first-class fare (booked sufficiently in advance to obtain a discounted fare), to Employee's current Maryland residence during the one year period before Employee relocates

from Maryland to California; (iii) officer level relocation expense reimbursement pursuant to the Company's relocation policy to also include that the Company will reimburse Employee an additional amount up to but not exceeding \$400,000 for relocation expenses that Employee is obliged to pay and actually pays to his former employer as a result of accepting employment with the Company (if submitted no later than December 15, 2006). The amount set forth herein includes the amount that Employee has estimated that he owes to his former employer grossed up to cover income taxes that Employee will owe as a result of this part of his relocation package. Employee agrees that the Company will reduce the dollar value of any Long Term Incentive Award in 2007 by fifty cents (\$0.50) for each one dollar (\$1.00) that the Company pays for this particular portion of Employee's relocation allowance (for example, if the Company pays \$300,000 to Employee for reimbursement of expenses he pays to his former employer, then the value of any long term incentive award to Employee in 2007 will be reduced by \$150,000); and (v) in the event that Employee elects to sell his permanent residence at the time of his permanent relocation to the Company's headquarters in California, and is unable to privately sell it, despite Employee's best efforts, at a price that is satisfactory to Employee, then the Company will provide an Appraised Value Offer for the Company or its designee to purchase Employee's existing primary residence located at 330 Seattle Slew Place, Havre De Grace, MD 21078, in accordance with the Home Purchase Procedures set forth in Exhibit C to this Agreement. If Employee elects to accept the Appraised Value Offer, then Employee shall cooperate fully with the Company to expedite and complete the sale process. If Employee elects not to accept the Appraised Value Offer, Employee's sole recourse shall be to elect not to have the Company purchase his residence and thereby waive any rights to have the Company purchase his residence. Employee acknowledges that Employee has the duty to make known to the Company, its designee, or any other purchaser the condition of the residence and associated property, particularly any defect that might affect its value, habitability or desirability, and that Employee may be held responsible for all expenses involved in correcting any defects not properly disclosed. Employee acknowledges that the relocation package provided herein is a significant benefit and therefore agrees that if he voluntarily terminates his employment within two years of commencing employment with the Company he shall reimburse the Company for all relocation expenses paid on his behalf pursuant to this Agreement. It is anticipated that Employee will permanently relocate to California within one year of commencing employment with the Company.

6. TAXES. Employee acknowledges that Employee is responsible for all taxes related to Employee's compensation except for those taxes for which the Company is obligated to pay under applicable law or regulation. Employee agrees that the Company may withhold from Employee's compensation any amounts that the Company is required to withhold under applicable law or regulation.

#### 7. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

(a) Termination by the Company Without Substantial Cause. Employee's employment under this Agreement may be terminated by the Company at any time without substantial cause. In the event of a termination by the Company without substantial cause, Employee shall be entitled to receive (i) any compensation accrued and unpaid as of the date of termination; (ii) a cash payment equal to Employee's target bonus for the current year pro-rated over the portion of the year actually employed; and (iii) the immediate vesting of all unvested equity-based incentive awards held by Employee that would have vested had Employee remained employed pursuant to this Agreement for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of such termination. In addition to the foregoing and subject to the provisions thereof, Employee shall be eligible to receive Special Severance as described in subsection 7(g) and Incentive Payments as described in subsection 7(h).

(b) Termination by the Company for Substantial Cause or by Employee Without Good Reason. Employee's employment under this Agreement may be terminated immediately and at any time by the Company for substantial cause or by Employee without good reason. In the event of such a termination, Employee shall be entitled to receive (i) any compensation accrued and unpaid



as of the date of termination; and (ii) no other severance. "Substantial cause" shall mean Employee's (1) failure to substantially perform Employee's duties; (2) material breach of this Agreement; (3) misconduct, including but not limited to, use or possession of illegal drugs during work and/or any other action that is damaging or detrimental in a significant manner to the Company; (4) conviction of, or plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* to, a felony; or (5) failure to cooperate with, or any attempt to obstruct or improperly influence, any investigation authorized by the Board of Directors or any governmental or regulatory agency.

(c) Termination by Employee for Good Reason or Non-Renewal.

(i) Employee's employment under this Agreement may be terminated immediately by Employee for good reason at any time. In the event of a termination by Employee for good reason, Employee shall be entitled to receive (1) any compensation accrued and unpaid as of the date of termination; (2) a cash payment equal to Employee's target bonus for the current year pro-rated over the portion of the year actually employed; and (3) the immediate vesting of all unvested equity-based incentive awards held by Employee that would have vested had Employee remained employed pursuant to this Agreement for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of such termination. In addition to the foregoing and subject to the provisions thereof, Employee shall be eligible to receive Special Severance as described in subsection 7(g) and Incentive Payments as described in subsection 7(h). "Good Reason" shall mean a material breach of this Agreement by the Company.

(ii) Should this Agreement expire pursuant to its terms and Employee becomes an at-will employee pursuant to Section 1, and provided further that the Company has not offered Employee a new employment agreement on substantially the same or better terms and has not otherwise terminated Employee's employment for substantial cause or due to permanent disability, then Employee shall have the option for forty-five (45) days following the expiration of this Agreement to terminate Employee's employment due to the Company's non-renewal. In the event of a termination of employment by Employee for non-renewal, Employee shall be entitled to receive (1) any compensation accrued and unpaid as of the date of termination; (2) a cash payment equal to Employee's target bonus for the current year pro-rated over the portion of the year actually employed; and (3) the immediate vesting of all unvested equity-based incentive awards held by Employee that would have vested had Employee remained employed pursuant to this Agreement for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of such termination. In addition to the foregoing and subject to the provisions thereof, Employee shall be eligible to receive Special Severance as described in subsection 7(g) and Incentive Payments as described in subsection 7(h). It is expressly understood that if Employee and the Company enter into a new written employment agreement, or if the Company offers Employee a new written employment agreement on substantially the same or better terms, then Employee shall have no right or option to terminate employment for non-renewal of this Agreement. It is further understood that any termination of Employee's employment by the Company during any such forty-five day period for reasons other than substantial cause or permanent disability shall be deemed to be a termination by Employee for non-renewal pursuant to this section.

(d) Termination Due to Permanent Disability. Subject to all applicable laws, Employee's employment under this Agreement may be terminated immediately by the Company in the event Employee becomes permanently disabled. Permanent disability shall be defined as Employee's failure to perform or being unable to perform all or substantially all of Employee's duties under this Agreement for a continuous period of more than six (6) months on account of any physical or mental disability, either as mutually agreed to by the parties or as reflected in the opinions of three (3) qualified physicians, one of which has been selected by the Company, one of which has been selected by Employee, and one of which has been selected by the two other physicians jointly. In the event of a termination by the Company due to Employee's permanent disability, Employee shall be entitled to (i) any compensation accrued and unpaid as of the date of termination; (ii) a cash payment equal to Employee's target bonus for the current year pro-rated over the portion of the year actually

employed; (iii) severance payments equal to Employee's then current base salary at the same rate and on the same schedule as in effect at the time of termination for a period of six (6) months from the date of termination; (iv) the immediate vesting of all unvested equity-based incentive awards held by Employee that would have vested had Employee remained employed pursuant to this Agreement for a period of six (6) months from the date of such termination; (v) the payment of premiums owed for COBRA insurance benefits for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of termination; and (vi) no other severance. The Company shall be entitled to take as an offset against any amounts due pursuant to subsections (iii) and (v) above, any amounts received by Employee pursuant to disability or other insurance, or similar sources, provided by the Company.

(e) Termination by Mutual Agreement of the Parties. Employee's employment pursuant to this Agreement may be terminated at any time upon the mutual agreement in writing of the parties. Any such termination of employment shall have the consequences specified in such agreement.

(f) Pre-Termination Rights. The Company shall have the right, at its option, to require Employee to vacate Employee's office or otherwise remain off the Company's premises and to cease any and all activities on the Company's behalf without such action constituting a termination of employment or a breach of this Agreement.

(g) Special Severance.

(i) Amount in Event of a Termination Pursuant to Section 7(a) or 7(c). In the event of a termination pursuant to Sections 7(a) or 7(c) of this Agreement, Special Severance shall consist of a total amount equal to 0.500 times the sum of Employee's most recent annual base salary and annual target bonus, payable in equal installments on the same pay schedule as in effect at the time of termination over a period of twelve (12) months from the date of termination.

(ii) Amount in the Event of a Termination Pursuant to Section 9. In the event of a termination pursuant to Section 9 of this Agreement, then Special Severance shall consist of a total amount equal to 1.000 times the sum of the Employee's most recent annual base salary and annual target bonus, payable in equal installments on the same pay schedule as in effect at the time of termination over a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of termination. All such Special Severance shall be subject to the provisions of Section 9(c).

(iii) Additional Special Severance. In addition to the Special Severance referenced above, Employee shall be entitled to the payment of premiums owed for COBRA and/or CalCOBRA insurance benefits and the continuation of the tax and estate planning service benefit (on the then-existing terms and conditions) through the period during which Employee is receiving Special Severance. In addition, the Company shall offer to provide, at Company expense, up to one (1) year of outplacement services through a professional outplacement firm of the Company's choosing.

(iv) Conditions on Receiving Special Severance and/or Additional Special Severance. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary, it is expressly understood that any obligation of the Company to pay Special Severance and/or Additional Special Severance pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to Employee's continued compliance with the terms and conditions of Sections 8 and 11; Employee's continued forbearance from directly, indirectly or in any other way, disparaging the Company, its officers or employees, vendors, customers, products or activities, or otherwise interfering with the Company's press, public and media relations; and the execution by Employee, prior to receiving any Special Severance or Additional Special Severance, of a release in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

(h) Incentive Payments.

(i) Amount in the Event of a Termination Pursuant to Sections 7(a) or 7(c). In the event of a termination pursuant to Sections 7(a) or 7(c) of this Agreement, Employee shall be offered the opportunity to receive Incentive Payments in a total amount equal to 0.500 times the sum of Employee's most recent annual base salary and target bonus, payable in equal installments on the same pay schedule in effect at the time of termination over a period of twelve (12) months from the date of termination.

(ii) Amount in the Event of a Termination Pursuant to Section 9. In the event of a termination pursuant to Section 9 of this Agreement, Employee shall be offered the opportunity to receive Incentive Payments in a total amount equal to 1.000 times the sum of Employee's most recent annual base salary and annual target bonus, payable in equal installments on the same pay schedule as in effect at the time of termination over a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of termination. All such Incentive Payments shall be subject to the provisions of Section 9(c).

(iii) Terms and Conditions for Incentive Payments. Employee may receive Incentive Payments so long as Employee chooses not to engage (whether as an owner, employee, agent, consultant, or in any other capacity) in any business or venture that competes with the business of the Company or any of its affiliates. If Employee chooses to engage in such activities, then the Company shall have no obligation to make further Incentive Payments commencing upon the date which Employee chooses to do so.

(iv) Sole Consideration. Employee and the Company agree and acknowledge that the sole and exclusive consideration for the Incentive Payments is Employee's forbearance as described in subsection 7(h)(iii) above. In the event that subsection 7(h)(iii) is deemed unenforceable or invalid for any reason, then the Company will have no obligation to make Incentive Payments for the period of time during which it has been deemed unenforceable or invalid. The obligations and duties of this subsection 7(h) shall be separate and distinct from the other obligations and duties set forth in this Agreement, and any finding of invalidity or unenforceability of this subsection 7(h) shall have no effect upon the validity or invalidity of the other provisions of this Agreement.

(i) Treatment of Special Severance, Additional Special Severance and Incentive Payments. Any Special Severance, Additional Special Severance and Incentive Payments shall be subject to usual and customary employee payroll practices and all applicable withholding requirements.

(j) Other. Except for the amounts specifically provided pursuant to this Section 7, Employee shall not be entitled to any further compensation, bonus, damages, restitution, relocation benefits, or other severance benefits upon termination of employment. The amounts payable to Employee pursuant to these Sections shall not be treated as damages, but as compensation to which Employee may be entitled by reason of termination of employment under the applicable circumstances. The Company shall not be entitled to set off against the amounts payable to Employee pursuant to this Section 7 any amounts earned by Employee in other employment after termination of Employee's employment with the Company pursuant to this Agreement, or any amounts which might have been earned by Employee in other employment had Employee sought such other employment. The provisions of this Section 7 shall not limit Employee's rights under or pursuant to any other agreement or understanding with the Company regarding any pension, profit sharing, insurance or other employee benefit plan of the Company to which Employee is entitled pursuant to the terms of such plan.

(k) Treatment of Special Severance and Incentive Payments; Catch-Up Payments. Any Special Severance and Incentive Payments shall be subject to usual and customary employee payroll practices and all applicable withholding requirements. If required pursuant to Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any regulations or other binding guidance promulgated thereunder, to delay the payment of any Special Severance or Incentive Payments for six (6) months following termination, then on the day following the end of such six-month period the Company shall make a Catch-Up Payment equal to the total amount of such payments that would have been made during the six-month period but for the application of Section 409A plus interest calculated at the one-year Treasury Bill rate.

(l) Forfeiture. If the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to material noncompliance of the Company, as a result of the intentional misconduct or gross negligence of the Employee, with any financial reporting requirement under the United States securities laws, or if the Employee is one of the persons subject to automatic forfeiture under section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, then, in addition to any penalty prescribed by section 304, the Employee shall forfeit all of the following: any bonus paid in the twelve (12) month period following the date of the filing of the financial document embodying the restatement, any gain on the sale of Company securities during that same period, the right to receive Special Severance and Incentive Payments, and any unvested and/or unexercised equity-based incentive awards.

#### 8. OTHER EMPLOYEE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS.

In addition to any other duties and obligations set forth in this Agreement, Employee shall be obligated as follows:

(a) Compliance. Employee shall be required to comply with all policies and procedures of the Company as such shall be adopted, modified or otherwise established by the Company from time to time, including but not limited to the Company's Code of Conduct.

(b) Trade Secrets and Confidential Information.

(i) As used in this Agreement, the term "Trade Secrets and Confidential Information" means information, whether written or oral, not generally available to the public, regardless of whether it is suitable to be patented, copyrighted and/or trademarked, which is received from the Company and/or its affiliates, either directly or indirectly, including but not limited to concepts, ideas, plans and strategies involved in the Company's and/or its affiliates' products, the processes, formulae and techniques disclosed by the Company and/or its affiliates to Employee or observed by Employee, the designs, inventions and innovations and related plans, strategies and applications which Employee develops during the term of this Agreement in connection with the work performed by Employee for the Company and/or its affiliates; and third party information which the Company and/or its affiliates has/have agreed to keep confidential.

(ii) While employed by the Company, Employee will have access to and become familiar with Trade Secrets and Confidential Information. Employee acknowledges that Trade Secrets and Confidential Information are owned and shall continue to be owned solely by the Company and/or its affiliates. Employee agrees that Employee will not, at any time, whether during or subsequent to Employee's employment by the Company and/or its affiliates, use or disclose Trade Secrets and Confidential Information for any competitive purpose or divulge the same to any person other than the Company or persons with respect to whom the Company has given its written consent, unless Employee is compelled to make disclosure by governmental process. In the event Employee believes that Employee is legally required to disclose any Trade Secrets or Confidential Information, Employee shall give reasonable notice to the Company prior to disclosing such information and shall assist the Company in taking such legally permissible steps as are reasonable and necessary to protect the Trade Secrets or Confidential Information, including, but not limited to execution by the receiving party of a non-disclosure agreement in a form acceptable to the Company.

(iii) Employee agrees to execute such secrecy, non-disclosure, patent, trademark, copyright and other proprietary rights agreements, if any, as the Company may from time to time reasonably require.

(iv) The provisions of this subsection 8(b) shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement, and shall be binding upon Employee in perpetuity.

(c) Assignment of Rights.

(i) As used in this Agreement, "Designs, Inventions and Innovations," whether or not they have been patented, trademarked, or copyrighted, include, but are not limited to designs, inventions, innovations, ideas, improvements, processes, sources of and uses for materials, apparatus, plans, systems and computer programs relating to the design, manufacture, use, marketing, distribution and management of the Company's and/or its affiliates' products.

(ii) As a material part of the terms and understandings of this Agreement, Employee agrees to assign to the Company all Designs, Inventions and Innovations developed, conceived and/or reduced to practice by Employee, alone or with anyone else, in connection with the work performed by Employee for the Company during Employee's employment with the Company, regardless of whether they are suitable to be patented, trademarked and/or copyrighted.

(iii) Employee agrees to disclose in writing to the President of the Company any Design, Invention or Innovation relating to the business of the Company and/or its affiliates, which Employee develops, conceives and/or reduces to practice in connection with any work performed by Employee for the Company, either alone or with anyone else, while employed by the Company and/or within twelve (12) months of the termination of employment. Employee shall disclose all Designs, Inventions and Innovations to the Company, even if Employee does not believe that Employee is required under this Agreement, or pursuant to California Labor Code Section 2870, to assign Employee's interest in such Design, Invention or Innovation to the Company. If the Company and Employee disagree as to whether or not a Design, Invention or Innovation is included within the terms of this Agreement, it will be the responsibility of Employee to prove that it is not included.

(iv) Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 2870, the obligation to assign as provided in this Agreement does not apply to any Design, Invention or Innovation to the extent such obligation would conflict with any state or federal law. The obligation to assign as provided in this Agreement does not apply to any Design, Invention or Innovation that Employee developed entirely on Employee's own time without using the Company's equipment, supplies, facilities or Trade Secrets and Confidential Information, except those Designs, Inventions or Innovations that either relate at the time of conception or reduction to practice to the Company's and/or its affiliates' business, or actual or demonstrably anticipated research of the Company and/or its affiliates; or result from any work performed by Employee for the Company and/or its affiliates.

(v) Employee agrees that any Design, Invention and/or Innovation which is required under the provisions of this Agreement to be assigned to the Company shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Company. Upon the Company's request, at no expense to Employee, Employee shall execute any and all proper applications for patents, copyrights and/or trademarks, assignments to the Company, and all other applicable documents, and will give testimony when and where requested to perfect the title and/or patents (both within and without the United States) in all Designs, Inventions and Innovations belonging to the Company.

(vi) The provisions of this subsection 8(c) shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement, and shall be binding upon Employee in perpetuity.

(d) Competing Business. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Employee agrees that, while employed by the Company, Employee will not, directly or indirectly (whether as employee, agent, consultant, holder of a beneficial interest, creditor, or in any other capacity), engage in any business or venture which conflicts with Employee's duties under this Agreement, including services that are directly or indirectly in competition with the business of the Company or any of its affiliates, or have any interest in any person, firm, corporation, or venture which engages directly or indirectly in competition with the business of the Company or any of its affiliates. For purposes of this section, the ownership of interests in a broadly based mutual fund shall not constitute ownership of the stocks held by the fund.

(e) Other Employees. Except as may be required in the performance of Employee's duties hereunder, Employee shall not cause or induce, or attempt to cause or induce, any person now or hereafter employed by the Company or any of its affiliates to terminate such employment. This obligation shall remain in effect while Employee is employed by the Company and for a period of one (1) year thereafter.

(f) Suppliers. While employed by the Company, and for one (1) year thereafter, Employee shall not cause or induce, or attempt to cause or induce, any person or firm supplying goods, services or credit to the Company or any of its affiliates to diminish or cease furnishing such goods, services or credit.

(g) Conflict of Interest. While employed by the Company, Employee shall comply with all Company policies regarding actual or apparent conflicts of interest with respect to Employee's duties and obligations to the Company.

(h) Non-Disparagement. While employed by the Company, and for one (1) year thereafter, Employee shall not in any way undertake to harm, injure or disparage the Company, its officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, vendors, products, or customers, or their successors, or in any other way exhibit an attitude of hostility toward them.

(i) Surrender of Equipment, Books and Records. Employee understands and agrees that all equipment, books, records, customer lists and documents connected with the business of the Company and/or its affiliates are the property of and belong to the Company. Under no circumstances shall Employee remove from the Company's facilities any of the Company's and/or its affiliates' equipment, books, records, documents, lists or any copies of the same without the Company's permission, nor shall Employee make any copies of the Company's and/or its affiliates' books, records, documents or lists for use outside the Company's office except as specifically authorized by the Company. Employee shall return to the Company and/or its affiliates all equipment, books, records, documents and customer lists belonging to the Company and/or its affiliates upon termination of Employee's employment with the Company.

#### 9. RIGHTS UPON A CHANGE IN CONTROL.

(a) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if upon or at any time during the term of this Agreement there is a Termination Event (as defined below) that occurs within one (1) year following any Change in Control (as defined in Exhibit A), Employee shall be treated as if Employee had been terminated by the Company without substantial cause pursuant to Section 7(a).

(b) A "Termination Event" shall mean the occurrence of any one or more of the following, and in the absence of Employee's permanent disability (defined in Section 7(d)),

Employee's death, or any of the factors enumerated in Section 7(b) providing for termination by the Company for substantial cause:

(i) the termination or material breach of this Agreement by the Company;

(ii) a failure by the Company to obtain the assumption of this Agreement by any successor to the Company or any assignee of all or substantially all of the Company's assets or business;

(iii) any material diminishment in the title, position, duties, responsibilities or status that Employee had with the Company, as a publicly traded entity, immediately prior to the Change in Control;

(iv) any reduction, limitation or failure to pay or provide any of the compensation, reimbursable expenses, equity-based incentive awards, incentive programs, or other benefits or perquisites provided to Employee under the terms of this Agreement or any other agreement or understanding between the Company and Employee, or pursuant to the Company's policies and past practices as of the date immediately prior to the Change in Control; or

(v) any requirement that Employee relocate or any assignment to Employee of duties that would make it unreasonably difficult for Employee to maintain the principal residence Employee had immediately prior to the Change in Control.

(c) To the extent that any or all of the payments and benefits provided for in this Agreement and pursuant to any other agreements with Employee constitute "parachute payments" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and, but for this Section 9, would be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, then the aggregate amount of such payments and benefits shall be reduced by the minimum amounts necessary to equal one dollar less than the amount which would result in such payments and benefits being subject to such excise tax. The reduction, unless the employee elects otherwise, shall be in such order that provides employee with the greatest after-tax amount possible. All determinations required to be made under this Section 9, including whether a payment would result in a parachute payment and the assumptions to be utilized in arriving at such determination, shall be made by a nationally recognized accounting firm agreed to by the Company and Employee. The Company shall pay the cost of the accounting firm, and the accounting firm shall provide detailed supporting calculations both to the Company and the Employee. The determination of the accounting firm shall be final and binding upon the Company and the Employee, except that if, as a result of subsequent events or conditions (including a subsequent payment or the absence of a subsequent payment or a determination by the Internal Revenue Service or applicable court), it is determined that the excess parachute payments, excise tax or any reduction in the amount of payments and benefits, is or should be other than as determined initially, an appropriate adjustment shall be made, as applicable, to reflect the final determination.

#### 10. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and the successors and assigns of the Company. Employee shall have no right to assign Employee's rights, benefits, duties, obligations or other interests in this Agreement, it being understood that this Agreement is personal to Employee.

(b) Entire Understanding. This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other representations, warranties or agreements whatsoever as to that subject matter have been made by Employee or the Company. This Agreement shall not be modified, amended or terminated except by another instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto. This Agreement replaces and supersedes any and all prior understandings or agreements between Employee and the Company regarding employment.

(c) Notices. Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted hereunder, shall be deemed properly given when actually received or within five (5) days of mailing by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, to Employee at the address currently on file with the Company, and to the Company at:

Company: Callaway Golf Company  
2180 Rutherford Road  
Carlsbad, California 92008  
Attn: Steven C. McCracken  
Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer

or to such other address as Employee or the Company may from time to time furnish, in writing, to the other.

(d) Headings. The headings of the several sections and paragraphs of this Agreement are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and are not a part of and are not intended to govern, limit or aid in the construction of any term or provision hereof.

(e) Waiver. Failure of either party at any time to require performance by the other of any provision of this Agreement shall in no way affect that party's rights thereafter to enforce the same, nor shall the waiver by either party of any breach of any provision hereof be held to be a waiver of any succeeding breach of any provision or a waiver of the provision itself.

(f) Applicable Law. This Agreement shall constitute a contract under the internal laws of the State of California and shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of said state as to both interpretation and performance.

(g) Severability. In the event any provision or provisions of this Agreement is or are held invalid, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

(h) Advertising Waiver. Employee agrees to permit the Company and/or its affiliates, and persons or other organizations authorized by the Company and/or its affiliates, to use, publish and distribute advertising or sales promotional literature concerning the products of the Company and/or its affiliates, or the machinery and equipment used in the manufacture thereof, in which Employee's name and/or pictures of Employee taken in the course of Employee's provision of services to the Company and/or its affiliates, appear. Employee hereby waives and releases any claim or right Employee may otherwise have arising out of such use, publication or distribution.

(i) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts which, when fully executed by the parties, shall be treated as one agreement.

#### **11. IRREVOCABLE ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES.**

**(a) Employee and the Company agree that any dispute, controversy or claim arising hereunder or in any way related to this Agreement, its interpretation, enforceability, or applicability, or relating to Employee's employment, or the termination thereof, that cannot be resolved by mutual agreement of the parties shall be submitted to binding arbitration. This includes, but is not limited to, alleged violations of federal, state and/or local statutes, claims based on any purported breach of duty arising in contract or tort, including breach of contract, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, violation of public policy,**



violation of any statutory, contractual or common law rights, but excluding workers' compensation, unemployment matters, or any matter falling within the jurisdiction of the state Labor Commissioner. The parties agree that arbitration is the parties' only recourse for such claims and hereby waive the right to pursue such claims in any other forum, unless otherwise provided by law. Any court action involving a dispute which is not subject to arbitration shall be stayed pending arbitration of arbitrable disputes.

(b) Employee and the Company agree that the arbitrator shall have the authority to issue provisional relief. Employee and the Company further agree that each has the right, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1281.8, to apply to a court for a provisional remedy in connection with an arbitrable dispute so as to prevent the arbitration from being rendered ineffective.

(c) Any demand for arbitration shall be in writing and must be communicated to the other party prior to the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations.

(d) The arbitration shall be administered by JAMS pursuant to its Employment Arbitration Rules and Procedures. The arbitration shall be conducted in San Diego by a former or retired judge or attorney with at least 10 years experience in employment-related disputes, or a non-attorney with like experience in the area of dispute, who shall have the power to hear motions, control discovery, conduct hearings and otherwise do all that is necessary to resolve the matter. The parties must mutually agree on the arbitrator. If the parties cannot agree on the arbitrator after their best efforts, an arbitrator will be selected from JAMS pursuant to its Employment Arbitration Rules and Procedures. The Company shall pay the costs of the arbitrator's fees.

(e) The arbitration will be decided upon a written decision of the arbitrator stating the essential findings and conclusions upon which the award is based. The arbitrator shall have the authority to award damages, if any, to the extent that they are available under applicable law(s). The arbitration award shall be final and binding, and may be entered as a judgment in any court having competent jurisdiction. Either party may seek review pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1286, et seq.

(f) It is expressly understood that the parties have chosen arbitration to avoid the burdens, costs and publicity of a court proceeding, and the arbitrator is expected to handle all aspects of the matter, including discovery and any hearings, in such a way as to minimize the expense, time, burden and publicity of the process, while assuring a fair and just result. In particular, the parties expect that the arbitrator will limit discovery by controlling the amount of discovery that may be taken (e.g., the number of depositions or interrogatories) and by restricting the scope of discovery only to those matters clearly relevant to the dispute. However, at a minimum, each party will be entitled to at least one (1) deposition and shall have access to essential documents and witnesses as determined by the arbitrator.

(g) The provisions of this Section shall survive the expiration or termination of the Agreement, and shall be binding upon the parties.

**THE PARTIES HAVE READ SECTION 11 AND IRREVOCABLY AGREE TO ARBITRATE ANY DISPUTE IDENTIFIED ABOVE.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (*Employee*)                      \_\_\_\_\_ (*Company*)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed effective the date first written above.

**EMPLOYEE**

**COMPANY**

Callaway Golf Company, a Delaware corporation

\_\_\_\_\_  
David A. Lavery

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven C. McCracken  
Senior Executive Vice President,  
Chief Administrative Officer

## CHANGE IN CONTROL

A “Change in Control” means the following and shall be deemed to occur if any of the following events occurs:

1. Any person, entity or group, within the meaning of Section 13(d) or 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) but excluding the Company and its subsidiaries and any employee benefit or stock ownership plan of the Company or its subsidiaries and also excluding an underwriter or underwriting syndicate that has acquired the Company’s securities solely in connection with a public offering thereof (such person, entity or group being referred to herein as a “Person”) becomes the beneficial owner (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 30% or more of either the then outstanding shares of Common Stock or the combined voting power of the Company’s then outstanding securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors; or

2. Individuals who, as of the effective date hereof, constitute the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Incumbent Board”) cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board of Directors of the Company, provided that any individual who becomes a director after the effective date hereof whose election, or nomination for election by the Company’s shareholders, is approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered to be a member of the Incumbent Board unless that individual was nominated or elected by any Person having the power to exercise, through beneficial ownership, voting agreement and/or proxy, 20% or more of either the outstanding shares of Common Stock or the combined voting power of the Company’s then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, in which case that individual shall not be considered to be a member of the Incumbent Board unless such individual’s election or nomination for election by the Company’s shareholders is approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board; or

3. Consummation by the Company of the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition, in one transaction or a series of transactions, by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company’s assets or a reorganization or merger or consolidation of the Company with any other person, entity or corporation, other than

(a) a reorganization or merger or consolidation that would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto (or, in the case of a reorganization or merger or consolidation that is preceded or accomplished by an acquisition or series of related acquisitions by any Person, by tender or exchange offer or otherwise, of voting securities representing 5% or more of the combined voting power of all securities of the Company, immediately prior to such acquisition or the first acquisition in such series of acquisitions) continuing to represent, either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of another entity, more than 50% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of the Company or such other entity outstanding immediately after such reorganization or merger or consolidation (or series of related transactions involving such a reorganization or merger or consolidation), or

(b) a reorganization or merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization or reincorporation of the Company (or similar transaction) that does not result in a material change in beneficial ownership of the voting securities of the Company or its successor; or

4. Approval by the shareholders of the Company or an order by a court of competent jurisdiction of a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

## RELEASE OF CLAIMS – GENERAL RELEASE

This Release of Claims – General Release (“Release”) is effective as of the date provided for in Section 10 below, and is made by and between \_\_\_\_\_ (“Employee”), pursuant to the Officer Employment Agreement (the “Agreement”) to which this document is attached, and **Callaway Golf Company** (the “Company”), a Delaware corporation. This Release is entered into in light of the fact that Employee’s employment with the Company will terminate and Employee will be eligible to receive Special Severance pursuant to Section 7 of the Agreement.

1. Consideration. In consideration for the payment of Special Severance, Employee agrees to the terms and provisions set forth in this Release.

2. Release.

(a) Employee hereby irrevocably and unconditionally releases and forever discharges the Company, its predecessors, successors, subsidiaries, affiliates and benefit plans, and each and every past, present and future officer, director, employee, representative and attorney of the Company, its, predecessors, successors, subsidiaries, affiliates and benefit plans, and their successors and assigns (collectively referred to herein as the “Releasees”), from any, every, and all charges, complaints, claims, causes of action, and lawsuits of any kind whatsoever, including, to the extent permitted under the law, all claims which Employee has against the Releasees, or any of them, arising from or in any way related to circumstances or events arising out of Employee’s employment by the Company, including, but not limited to, harassment, discrimination, retaliation, failure to progressively discipline Employee, termination of employment, violation of state and/or federal wage and hour laws, violations of any notice requirement, violations of the California Labor Code, or breach of any employment agreement, together with any and all other claims Employee now has or may have against the Releasees through and including Employee’s date of termination from the Company, provided, however, that Employee does not waive or release the right to enforce the Agreement, the right to enforce any stock option, restricted stock, retirement, welfare or other benefit plan, agreement or arrangement, or any rights to indemnification or reimbursement, whether pursuant to charter and by-laws of the Company or its affiliates, applicable state laws, D&O insurance policies, or otherwise. EMPLOYEE ALSO SPECIFICALLY AGREES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT EMPLOYEE IS WAIVING ANY RIGHT TO RECOVERY AGAINST RELEASEES BASED ON STATE OR FEDERAL AGE, SEX, PREGNANCY, RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, MARITAL STATUS, RELIGION, VETERAN STATUS, DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MEDICAL CONDITION OR OTHER ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, TITLE VII, THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, THE CALIFORNIA FAIR HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT ACT, THE AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1967, THE FAMILY MEDICAL RIGHTS ACT, THE CALIFORNIA FAMILY RIGHTS ACT OR BASED ON THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OR THE WORKER ADJUSTMENT AND RETRAINING NOTIFICATION ACT, ALL AS AMENDED, WHETHER SUCH CLAIM BE BASED UPON AN ACTION FILED BY EMPLOYEE OR A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.

(b) Employee understands that rights or claims under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (29 U.S.C. § 621, *et seq.*) that may arise after the date this Release is executed are not waived. Nothing in this Release shall be construed to prohibit Employee from exercising Employee’s right to file a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or from participating in any investigation or proceeding conducted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

(c) Employee understands and agrees that if Employee files such a charge, the Company has the right to raise the defense that the charge is barred by this Release.

3. Employee also waives all rights under section 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California. Section 1542 provides as follows:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor.

4. Governing Law. This Release shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the internal laws of the State of California.

5. Binding Effect. This Release shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

**6. Irrevocable Arbitration of Disputes.**

(a) Employee and the Company agree that any dispute, controversy or claim arising hereunder or in any way related to this Release, its interpretation, enforceability, or applicability, or relating to Employee's employment, or the termination thereof, that cannot be resolved by mutual agreement of the parties shall be submitted to binding arbitration. This includes, but is not limited to, alleged violations of federal, state and/or local statutes, claims based on any purported breach of duty arising in contract or tort, including breach of contract, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, violation of public policy, violation of any statutory, contractual or common law rights, but excluding workers' compensation, unemployment matters, or any matter falling within the jurisdiction of the state Labor Commissioner. The parties agree that arbitration is the parties' only recourse for such claims and hereby waive the right to pursue such claims in any other forum, unless otherwise provided by law. Any court action involving a dispute which is not subject to arbitration shall be stayed pending arbitration of arbitrable disputes.

(b) Employee and the Company agree that the arbitrator shall have the authority to issue provisional relief. Employee and the Company further agree that each has the right, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1281.8, to apply to a court for a provisional remedy in connection with an arbitrable dispute so as to prevent the arbitration from being rendered ineffective.

(c) Any demand for arbitration shall be in writing and must be communicated to the other party prior to the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations.

(d) The arbitration shall be administered by JAMS pursuant to its Employment Arbitration Rules and Procedures. The arbitration shall be conducted in San Diego by a former or retired judge or attorney with at least 10 years experience in employment-related disputes, or a non-attorney with like experience in the area of dispute, who shall have the power to hear motions, control discovery, conduct hearings and otherwise do all that is necessary to resolve the matter. The parties must mutually agree on the arbitrator. If the parties cannot agree on the arbitrator after their best efforts, an arbitrator will be selected from JAMS pursuant to its Employment Arbitration Rules and Procedures. The Company shall pay the costs of the arbitrator's fees.

(e) The arbitration will be decided upon a written decision of the arbitrator stating the essential findings and conclusions upon which the award is based. The arbitrator

shall have the authority to award damages, if any, to the extent that they are available under applicable law(s). The arbitration award shall be final and binding, and may be entered as a judgment in any court having competent jurisdiction. Either party may seek review pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1286, et seq.

(f) It is expressly understood that the parties have chosen arbitration to avoid the burdens, costs and publicity of a court proceeding, and the arbitrator is expected to handle all aspects of the matter, including discovery and any hearings, in such a way as to minimize the expense, time, burden and publicity of the process, while assuring a fair and just result. In particular, the parties expect that the arbitrator will limit discovery by controlling the amount of discovery that may be taken (e.g., the number of depositions or interrogatories) and by restricting the scope of discovery only to those matters clearly relevant to the dispute. However, at a minimum, each party will be entitled to at least one deposition and shall have access to essential documents and witnesses as determined by the arbitrator.

(g) The provisions of this Section shall survive the expiration or termination of the Release, and shall be binding upon the parties.

**THE PARTIES HAVE READ SECTION 6 AND IRREVOCABLY AGREE TO ARBITRATE ANY DISPUTE IDENTIFIED ABOVE.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Employee)                      \_\_\_\_\_ (Company)

7. Counterparts. This Release may be executed in one or more counterparts which, when fully executed by the parties, shall be treated as one agreement.

8. Advice of Counsel. The Company hereby advises Employee in writing to discuss this Release with an attorney before executing it. Employee further acknowledges that the Company will provide Employee twenty-one (21) days within which to review and consider this Release before signing it. Should Employee decide not to use the full twenty-one (21) days, then Employee knowingly and voluntarily waives any claims that he was not in fact given that period of time or did not use the entire twenty-one (21) days to consult an attorney and/or consider this Release.

9. Right to Revoke. The parties acknowledge and agree that Employee may revoke this Release for up to seven (7) calendar days following Employee's execution of this Release and that it shall not become effective or enforceable until the revocation period has expired. The parties further acknowledge and agree that such revocation must be in writing addressed to Steven C. McCracken, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Callaway Golf Company, 2180 Rutherford Road, Carlsbad, California 92008, and received no later than midnight on the seventh day following the execution of this Release by Employee. If Employee revokes this Release under this section, it shall not be effective or enforceable, and Employee will not receive the consideration described in Section 1 above.

10. Effective Date. If Employee does not revoke this Release in the timeframe specified in Section 9 above, the Release shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on the eighth day after it is fully executed by the parties.

11. Severability. In the event any provision or provisions of this Release is or are held invalid, the remaining provisions of this Release shall not be affected thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Release on the dates set forth below, to be effective as of the date set forth in Section 10 above.

**Employee**

**Company**

Callaway Golf Company, a Delaware corporation

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Employee's Name]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Authorized Signature]

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PURCHASE PROCEDURES**

Callaway Golf will enter into a contract with a third party agency (the "Relocation Company") to make an offer and, upon acceptance of the offer, to purchase Employee's current home pursuant to an Appraised Value Offer according to the procedures set forth below. If Employee accepts said offer, and if the home is purchased by the Relocation Company on behalf of Callaway Golf, then Callaway Golf will be responsible for any loss on the sale of Employee's home by the Relocation Company and will retain all resale profits on the sale of the home, if any are generated.

The Relocation Company will assist Callaway Golf and Employee in determining an Appraised Value Offer for Employee's home. The Relocation Company will provide Employee with a list of qualified relocation appraisers who are experienced in determining a Selling Price for such a home. Employee will select three (3) appraisers from the list (Employee may not select an appraiser who has appraised the home within the last six (6) months). Employee shall notify the Relocation Company of his choices, and Relocation Company will order two (2) appraisals using two of the appraisers selected. In turn, each appraiser will contact Employee (or the person Employee designates) to schedule an appointment to do the appraisal.

The two appraisers will determine the Anticipated Selling Price of Employee's home, which shall be defined as the price at which the property is anticipated to sell in a competitive and open market transaction, assuming an arm's length transaction, within sixty (60) days. In estimating the Anticipated Selling Price, the appraisers will look at competing listings, recent comparable sales, and other market variables through the eyes of a typical buyer.

In conjunction with the appraisal process, the Relocation Company will order all appropriate inspections at Callaway Golf's expense. Other inspections may be ordered, as recommended by the appraisers, realtors, or inspectors. Employee will cooperate with the Relocation Company and any and all appraisers, it being understood that an Appraised Value Offer cannot be made without the results of all inspections.

The appraisers will contact the Relocation Company with the results of their appraisals, including their Anticipated Selling Prices, and will follow up with written appraisal reports. The reports will be reviewed for accuracy and consistency by the Relocation Company. Approximately three (3) weeks from the date the last appraiser visits Employee's home, the Relocation Company will contact Employee to present an Appraised Value Offer and all inspection results, including copies of all appraisals.

The Appraised Value Offer will be the average of the two (2) Anticipated Selling Prices submitted by the appraisers. If the two Anticipated Selling Prices differ by more than five percent (5%), a third appraisal will be ordered (using the third appraiser Employee properly selected from the list provided by the Relocation Company). If three appraisals are needed, then the Appraised Value Offer will be the average of the two (2) closest Anticipated Selling Prices.

Employee shall have ten (10) days to accept the offer starting upon the day the Appraised Value Offer is communicated to Employee. Employee shall communicate his acceptance, in writing to the Relocation Company. If Employee chooses to accept the Appraised Value Offer from the Relocation Company, Contracts of Sale, a deed package, and all necessary documents required to sell Employee's home to the Relocation Company will be forwarded to Employee. Prompt execution and notarization of these documents will be required if Employee elects to accept the Appraised Value Offer. If Employee has not previously terminated any existing listing agreement, then Employee will



be responsible for payment of any commission owed to any agent upon sale to the Relocation Company. If Employee does not accept the Appraised Value Offer within ten (10) days, it shall expire by its own terms and Callaway Golf shall thereafter have no further duty to assist Employee with the sale of Employee's home.

If Employee accepts the Appraised Value Offer, Callaway Golf, through the Relocation Company, will assume responsibility of all mortgage payments, utilities, and maintenance of the home as of the date of possession. Possession is defined as the day Employee fully executes the Contracts of Sale or vacates, whichever is later.

Employee's Equity will be the Appraised Value Offer minus the mortgage balance, mortgage interest proration, tax proration, costs of any repairs, and all other liens against the property. The Equity will be paid to Employee directly by the Relocation Company or Callaway Golf. Employee has no expectation of any payments other than payment of the Equity.

Employee shall be responsible for all maintenance and repair of the property and all expenses associated with the property, including mortgage payments, until such time as Callaway Golf and/or the Relocation Company take possession. During the implementation of these Home Purchase Procedures, Employee shall reasonably cooperate with Callaway Golf and the Relocation Company in any efforts to secure the sale of the property to a third party. It is acknowledged that the Relocation Company will be marketing the property on behalf of Callaway Golf during this time, and that Employee shall cooperate in keeping it in order and scheduling showings.

Disclosure: it is the duty of the seller to make known or public to a buyer the condition of the property, particularly with respect to any defect that could affect its value, habitability, or desirability. Employee may be held responsible for all expenses involved in correcting defect(s) or problems that are not disclosed and subsequently discovered.