

**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): March 21, 2006

CIRCOR INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-14962
(Commission file number)

04-3477276
(IRS employer
identification no.)

**25 CORPORATE DRIVE, SUITE 130
BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01803-4238**
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(781) 270-1200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Executive Officer Agreements

On March 21, 2006, the Company entered into an Indemnification Agreement and an Executive Change of Control Agreement with Wayne F. Robbins in connection with Mr. Robbins’ recent appointment as Group Vice President—Circor Instrumentation Technologies. The Indemnification Agreement is identical to the form of Indemnification Agreement previously entered into between the Company and each of its directors and executive officers. A copy of this Indemnification Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1. Under the Executive Change of Control Agreement, if a “change in control” (as defined in the Agreement) occurs and Mr. Robbins’ employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by Mr. Robbins with good reason within twelve months of such change in control, Mr. Robbins will receive a lump sum amount in cash equal to one times the sum of his then current base salary and highest bonus during the three preceding fiscal years, all of his stock options and stock-based awards will become immediately exercisable, he will be fully vested in any accrued benefit under the supplemental executive retirement plan and the Company will pay health insurance premiums for Mr. Robbins and his family for one year. A copy of the Executive Change of Control Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.2.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
10.1	Indemnification Agreement with Wayne F. Robbins
10.2	Executive Change of Control Agreement with Wayne F. Robbins

SIGNATURE

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

Date: March 24, 2006

CIRCOR INTERNATIONAL, INC.

/S/ Kenneth W. Smith

By: Kenneth W. Smith

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made as of this 21st day of March 2006 ("Agreement"), by and between CIRCOR International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company," which term shall include, where appropriate, any Entity (as hereinafter defined) controlled directly or indirectly by the Company) and Wayne F. Robbins ("Indemnitee").

WHEREAS, it is essential to the Company that it be able to retain and attract as officers and directors the most capable persons available;

WHEREAS, increased corporate litigation has subjected officers and directors to litigation risks and expenses, and the limitations on the availability of directors and officers liability insurance have made it increasingly difficult for the Company to attract and retain such persons;

WHEREAS, the Company's Amended and Restated By-laws require it to indemnify its officers and directors to the fullest extent permitted by law and permit it to make other indemnification arrangements and agreements;

WHEREAS, the Company desires to provide Indemnitee with specific contractual assurance of Indemnitee's rights to full indemnification against litigation risks and expenses (regardless of, among other things, any amendment to or revocation of any such By-laws or any change in the ownership of the Company or the composition of its Board of Directors); and

WHEREAS, Indemnitee is relying upon the rights afforded under this Agreement in continuing in Indemnitee's position as an officer or director of the Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the covenants contained herein, the Company and Indemnitee do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. Definitions.

(a) "Corporate Status" describes the status of a person who is serving or has served (i) as a director or officer of the Company, (ii) in any capacity with respect to any employee benefit plan of the Company, or (iii) as a director, partner, trustee, officer, employee or agent of any other Entity at the request of the Company. For purposes of subsection (iii) of this Section 1(a), an officer or director of the Company who is serving or has served as a director, partner, trustee, officer, employee or agent of a Subsidiary shall be deemed to be serving at the request of the Company.

(b) "Entity" shall mean any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, foundation, association, organization or other legal entity.

(c) "Expenses" shall mean all fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with any Proceeding (as defined below), including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, disbursements and retainers (including, without limitation, any such fees,

disbursements and retainers incurred by Indemnatee pursuant to Sections 10 and 11(c) of this Agreement), fees and disbursements of expert witnesses, private investigators and professional advisors (including, without limitation, accountants and investment bankers), court costs, transcript costs, fees of experts, travel expenses, duplicating, printing and binding costs, telephone and fax transmission charges, postage, delivery services, secretarial services, and other disbursements and expenses.

(d) “Indemnifiable Expenses,” “Indemnifiable Liabilities” and “Indemnifiable Amounts” shall have the meanings ascribed to those terms in Section 3(a) below.

(e) “Liabilities” shall mean judgments, damages, liabilities, losses, penalties, excise taxes, fines and amounts paid in settlement.

(f) “Proceeding” shall mean any threatened, pending or completed claim, action, suit, arbitration, alternate dispute resolution process, investigation, administrative hearing, appeal, or any other proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative or investigative, whether formal or informal, including a proceeding initiated by Indemnatee pursuant to Section 10 of this Agreement to enforce Indemnatee’s rights hereunder.

(g) “Subsidiary” shall mean any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other Entity of which the Company owns (either directly or through or together with another Subsidiary of the Company) either (i) a general partner, managing member or other similar interest or (ii) (A) 50% or more of the voting power of the voting capital equity interests of such corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture or other Entity, or (B) 50% or more of the outstanding voting capital stock or other voting equity interests of such corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture or other Entity.

2. Services of Indemnatee. In consideration of the Company’s covenants and commitments hereunder, Indemnatee agrees to serve or continue to serve as a director or officer of the Company. However, this Agreement shall not impose any obligation on Indemnatee or the Company to continue Indemnatee’s service to the Company beyond any period otherwise required by law or by other agreements or commitments of the parties, if any.

3. Agreement to Indemnify. The Company agrees to indemnify Indemnatee as follows:

(a) Subject to the exceptions contained in Section 4(a) below, if Indemnatee was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any Proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the Company) by reason of Indemnatee’s Corporate Status, Indemnatee shall be indemnified by the Company against all Expenses and Liabilities incurred or paid by Indemnatee in connection with such Proceeding (referred to herein as “Indemnifiable Expenses” and “Indemnifiable Liabilities,” respectively, and collectively as “Indemnifiable Amounts”).

(b) Subject to the exceptions contained in Section 4(b) below, if Indemnatee was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any Proceeding by or in the right of

the Company to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of Indemnatee's Corporate Status, Indemnatee shall be indemnified by the Company against all Indemnifiable Expenses.

(c) If Indemnatee, in connection with Indemnatee's Corporate Status, is compelled or asked to be a witness in connection with any Proceeding but is not otherwise a Party or threatened to be made a party to such Proceeding, Indemnatee shall be indemnified by the Company against all Indemnifiable Expenses.

4. Exceptions to Indemnification. Indemnatee shall be entitled to indemnification under Sections 3(a) and 3(b) above in all circumstances other than the following:

(a) If indemnification is requested under Section 3(a) and it has been adjudicated finally by a court of competent jurisdiction that, in connection with the subject of the Proceeding out of which the claim for indemnification has arisen, Indemnatee failed to act (i) in good faith and (ii) in a manner Indemnatee reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, Indemnatee had reasonable cause to believe that Indemnatee's conduct was unlawful, Indemnatee shall not be entitled to payment of Indemnifiable Amounts hereunder.

(b) If indemnification is requested under Section 3(b) and

(i) it has been adjudicated finally by a court of competent jurisdiction that, in connection with the subject of the Proceeding out of which the claim for indemnification has arisen, Indemnatee failed to act (A) in good faith and (B) in a manner Indemnatee reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, Indemnatee shall not be entitled to payment of Indemnifiable Expenses hereunder; or

(ii) it has been adjudicated finally by a court of competent jurisdiction that Indemnatee is liable to the Company with respect to any claim, issue or matter involved in the Proceeding out of which the claim for indemnification has arisen, including, without limitation, a claim that Indemnatee received an improper personal benefit, no Indemnifiable Expenses shall be paid with respect to such claim, issue or matter unless the Court of Chancery or another court in which such Proceeding was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, Indemnatee is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such Indemnifiable Expenses which such court shall deem proper.

5. Procedure for Payment of Indemnifiable Amounts. Indemnatee shall submit to the Company a written request specifying the Indemnifiable Amounts for which Indemnatee seeks payment under Section 3 of this Agreement and the basis for the claim. The Company shall pay such Indemnifiable Amounts to Indemnatee within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of the request. At the request of the Company, Indemnatee shall furnish such documentation and information as are reasonably available to Indemnatee and necessary to establish that Indemnatee is entitled to indemnification hereunder.

6. Indemnification for Expenses of a Party Who is Wholly or Partly Successful. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, and without limiting any such provision, to the extent that Indemnatee is, by reason of Indemnatee's Corporate Status, a

party to and is successful, on the merits or otherwise, in any Proceeding, Indemnatee shall be indemnified against all Expenses reasonably incurred by Indemnatee or on Indemnatee's behalf in connection therewith. If Indemnatee is not wholly successful in such Proceeding but is successful, on the merits or otherwise, as to one or more but less than all claims, issues or matters in such Proceeding, the Company shall indemnify Indemnatee against all Expenses reasonably incurred by Indemnatee or on Indemnatee's behalf in connection with each successfully resolved claim, issue or matter. For purposes of this Agreement, the termination of any claim, issue or matter in such a Proceeding by dismissal, with or without prejudice, shall be deemed to be a successful result as to such claim, issue or matter.

7. Effect of Certain Resolutions. Neither the settlement or termination of any Proceeding nor the failure of the Company to award indemnification or to determine that indemnification is payable shall create an adverse presumption that Indemnatee is not entitled to indemnification hereunder. In addition, the termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not create a presumption that Indemnatee did not act in good faith and in a manner which Indemnatee reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that Indemnatee's action was unlawful.

8. Agreement to Advance Expenses; Conditions. The Company shall pay to Indemnatee all Indemnifiable Expenses incurred by Indemnatee in connection with any Proceeding, including a Proceeding by or in the right of the Company, in advance of the final disposition of such Proceeding. To the extent required by Delaware law, Indemnatee hereby undertakes to repay the amount of Indemnifiable Expenses paid to Indemnatee if it is finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that Indemnatee is not entitled under this Agreement to indemnification with respect to such Expenses. This undertaking is an unlimited general obligation of Indemnatee.

9. Procedure for Advance Payment of Expenses. Indemnatee shall submit to the Company a written request specifying the Indemnifiable Expenses for which Indemnatee seeks an advancement under Section 8 of this Agreement, together with documentation evidencing that Indemnatee has incurred such Indemnifiable Expenses. Payment of Indemnifiable Expenses under Section 8 shall be made no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the Company's receipt of such request.

10. Remedies of Indemnatee.

(a) Right to Petition Court. In the event that Indemnatee makes a request for payment of Indemnifiable Amounts under Sections 3 and 5 above or a request for an advancement of Indemnifiable Expenses under Sections 8 and 9 above and the Company fails to make such payment or advancement in a timely manner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, Indemnatee may petition the Court of Chancery to enforce the Company's obligations under this Agreement.

(b) Burden of Proof. In any judicial proceeding brought under Section 10(a) above, the Company shall have the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that Indemnatee is not entitled to payment of Indemnifiable Amounts hereunder.

(c) Expenses. The Company agrees to reimburse Indemnatee in full for any Expenses incurred by Indemnatee in connection with investigating, preparing for, litigating, defending or settling any action brought by Indemnatee under Section 10(a) above, or in connection with any claim or counterclaim brought by the Company in connection therewith.

(d) Validity of Agreement. The Company shall be precluded from asserting in any Proceeding, including, without limitation, an action under Section 10(a) above, that the provisions of this Agreement are not valid, binding and enforceable or that there is insufficient consideration for this Agreement and shall stipulate in court that the Company is bound by all the provisions of this Agreement.

(e) Failure to Act Not a Defense. The failure of the Company (including its Board of Directors or any committee thereof, independent legal counsel or stockholders) to make a determination concerning the permissibility of the payment of Indemnifiable Amounts or the advancement of Indemnifiable Expenses under this Agreement shall not be a defense in any action brought under Section 10(a) above, and shall not create a presumption that such payment or advancement is not permissible.

11. Defense of the Underlying Proceeding.

(a) Notice by Indemnatee. Indemnatee agrees to notify the Company promptly upon being served with any summons, citation, subpoena, complaint, indictment, information, or other document relating to any Proceeding which may result in the payment of Indemnifiable Amounts or the advancement of Indemnifiable Expenses hereunder; provided, however, that the failure to give any such notice shall not disqualify Indemnatee from the right to receive payments of Indemnifiable Amounts or advancements of Indemnifiable Expenses unless the Company is materially and adversely prejudiced thereby.

(b) Indemnatee's Option to Control Defense. Subject to the provisions of Section 11(c) below, the Indemnatee shall have the right to control the defense of any Proceeding brought against the Indemnatee including, but not limited to, the selection of defense counsel and the determination of whether or not to consent to the entry of any judgment against Indemnatee or enter into any settlement or compromise. Alternatively, Indemnatee may elect to tender defense of the Proceeding to the Company by providing the

Company with written notice as soon as practicable after Indemnatee has learned of the circumstances giving rise to Indemnatee's claim for indemnification in connection with such Proceeding. Upon receipt of Indemnatee's notice tendering defense of the Proceeding to the Company, the Company, at the Company's sole cost and expense, shall provide such defense with counsel reasonably acceptable to the Indemnatee. In no event, however, shall the Company consent to the entry of any judgment against Indemnatee or enter into any settlement or compromise without the prior written consent of the Indemnatee.

(c) Limitations of Defense by Indemnatee. Notwithstanding paragraph 11(b) above and except as otherwise provided by paragraph 11(d) below, the Company's obligation to indemnify Indemnatee with respect to legal fees shall be limited to the fees charged by counsel unanimously selected by Indemnatee and all other persons similarly entitled to indemnification by the Company in the same Proceeding on account of their Corporate Status to defend the interests of all such persons entitled to indemnification.

(d) Indemnatee's Right to Individual Counsel. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 11(c) above, if in a Proceeding to which Indemnatee is a party by reason of Indemnatee's Corporate Status, Indemnatee reasonably concludes that it may have separate defenses or counterclaims to assert with respect to any issue which may not be consistent with the position of other defendants in such Proceeding, Indemnatee shall be entitled to be represented by separate legal counsel of Indemnatee's choice at the expense of the Company. In addition, if the Company fails to comply with any of its obligations under this Agreement or in the event that the Company or any other person takes any action to declare this Agreement void or unenforceable, or institutes any action, suit or proceeding to deny or to recover from Indemnatee the benefits intended to be provided to Indemnatee hereunder, Indemnatee shall have the right to retain counsel of Indemnatee's choice, at the expense of the Company, to represent Indemnatee in connection with any such matter.

12. Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company hereby represents and warrants to Indemnatee as follows:

(a) Authority. The Company has all necessary power and authority to enter into, and be bound by the terms of, this Agreement, and the execution, delivery and performance of the undertakings contemplated by this Agreement have been duly authorized by the Company.

(b) Enforceability. This Agreement, when executed and delivered by the Company in accordance with the provisions hereof, shall be a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.

13. Insurance.

(a) Prior to any Change of Control. Prior to any Change in Control (as defined in paragraph 13(c) below), the Company shall, from time to time, make the good faith determination whether or not it is practicable for the Company to obtain

and maintain a policy or policies of insurance with a reputable insurance company providing Indemnitee with coverage for losses from wrongful acts, and to ensure the Company's performance of its indemnification obligations under this Agreement. Among other considerations, the Company will weigh the costs of obtaining such insurance coverage against the protection afforded by such coverage. In all policies of director and officer liability insurance, Indemnitee shall be named as an insured in such a manner as to provide Indemnitee the same rights and benefits as are accorded to the most favorably insured of the Company's officers and directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall have no obligation to obtain or maintain such insurance if the Company determines in good faith that such insurance is not reasonably available, if the premium costs for such insurance are disproportionate to the amount of coverage provided, or if the coverage provided by such insurance is limited by exclusions so as to provide an insufficient benefit. The Company shall promptly notify Indemnitee of any good faith determination not to provide such coverage.

(b) Upon a Change of Control. In the event of and immediately upon a Change of Control (as defined in paragraph 13(c) below), the Company (or any successor to the interests of the Company by way of merger, sale of assets or otherwise) shall be obligated to continue, procure and/or otherwise maintain in effect for a period of six (6) years from the date on which such Change of Control is effective a policy or policies of insurance (the "Change of Control Coverage") with an insurance company having a minimum rating by A.M. Best (or its successor) of "excellent" providing Indemnitee with coverage for losses from wrongful acts occurring on or before the effective date of the Change of Control, and to ensure the Company's performance of its indemnification obligations under this Agreement. If such insurance is in place immediately prior to the Change of Control, then the Change of Control Coverage shall contain limits, deductibles and exclusions substantially identical to those in place immediately prior to the Change in Control. In the event that the Company does not maintain such insurance immediately prior to the Change of Control, the Change of Control Coverage shall contain such limits, deductibles and exclusions as are customary for companies of similar size as determined by an insurance brokerage company of national reputation, provided, however, that in no event shall the Change of Control Coverage contain limits, deductibles and exclusions that are less favorable to Indemnitee than those set forth in the policy or policies most recently maintained by the Company. Each policy evidencing the Change of Control Coverage shall contain an endorsement or other provision requiring that Indemnitee be provided with at least sixty (60) days written notice prior to the termination or non-renewal (as applicable) of such policy or policies.

(c) Definition of "Change of Control". For purposes of this Section 13, the term "Change of Control" shall mean any of the following:

(i) Any "person," as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") or any trustee, fiduciary or other person or entity holding securities under any employee benefit plan or trust of the Parent or any of its subsidiaries), together with all "affiliates" and "associates" (as

such terms are defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Act) of such person, shall become the “beneficial owner” (as such term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Parent representing fifty percent (50%) or more of either (A) the combined voting power of the Company’s then outstanding securities having the right to vote in an election of the Company’s Board (“Voting Securities”) or (B) the then outstanding shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Common Stock”) (other than as a result of an acquisition of securities directly from the Company); or

(ii) Incumbent Directors (as defined below) cease for any reason, including, without limitation, as a result of a tender offer, proxy contest, merger or similar transaction, to constitute at least a majority of the Board; or

(iii) The stockholders of the Company shall approve (A) any consolidation or merger of the Company where the stockholders of the Company, immediately prior to the consolidation or merger, would not, immediately after the consolidation or merger, beneficially own (as such term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Act), directly or indirectly, shares representing in the aggregate fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares of the Company or other party issuing cash or securities in the consolidation or merger (or of its ultimate parent corporation, if any), (B) any sale, lease, exchange or other transfer (in one transaction or a series of transactions contemplated or arranged by any party as a single plan) of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or (C) any plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a “Change of Control” shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of the foregoing clause (i) solely as the result of an acquisition of securities by the Company which, by reducing the number of shares of Common Stock or other Voting Securities outstanding, increases the proportionate number of shares beneficially owned by any person to fifty percent (50%) or more of either (A) the combined voting power of all of the then outstanding Voting Securities or (B) Common Stock; provided, however, that if any person referred to in this sentence shall thereafter become the beneficial owner of any additional shares of Voting Securities or Common Stock (other than pursuant to a stock split, stock dividend, or similar transaction or as a result of an acquisition of securities directly from the Company) and immediately thereafter beneficially owns fifty percent (50%) or more of either (A) the combined voting power of all of the then outstanding Voting Securities or (B) Common Stock, then a “Change of Control” shall be deemed to have occurred for purposes of the foregoing clause (i).

14. Contract Rights Not Exclusive. The rights to payment of Indemnifiable Amounts and advancement of Indemnifiable Expenses provided by this Agreement shall be in addition to, but not exclusive of, any other rights which Indemnitee may have at any time under applicable law, the Company’s By-laws or Certificate of Incorporation, or any other agreement, vote of stockholders or directors (or a committee of directors), or otherwise, both as to action in Indemnitee’s official capacity and as to action in any other capacity as a result of Indemnitee’s serving as an officer or director of the Company.

15. Successors. This Agreement shall be (a) binding upon all successors and assigns of the Company (including any transferee of all or a substantial portion of the business, stock and/or assets of the Company and any direct or indirect successor by merger or consolidation or otherwise by operation of law) and (b) binding on and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, personal representatives, executors and administrators of Indemnatee. This Agreement shall continue for the benefit of Indemnatee and such heirs, personal representatives, executors and administrators after Indemnatee has ceased to have Corporate Status.

16. Subrogation. In the event of any payment of Indemnifiable Amounts under this Agreement, the Company shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all of the rights of contribution or recovery of Indemnatee against other persons, and Indemnatee shall take, at the request of the Company, all reasonable action necessary to secure such rights, including the execution of such documents as are necessary to enable the Company to bring suit to enforce such rights.

17. Change in Law. To the extent that a change in Delaware law (whether by statute or judicial decision) shall permit broader indemnification or advancement of expenses than is provided under the terms of the By-laws of the Company and this Agreement, Indemnatee shall be entitled to such broader indemnification and advancements, and this Agreement shall be deemed to be amended to such extent.

18. Severability. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such a manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement, or any clause thereof, shall be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, such provision or clause shall be limited or modified in its application to the minimum extent necessary to make such provision or clause valid, legal and enforceable, and the remaining provisions and clauses of this Agreement shall remain fully enforceable and binding on the parties.

19. Indemnatee as Plaintiff. Except as provided in Section 10(c) of this Agreement and in the next sentence, Indemnatee shall not be entitled to payment of Indemnifiable Amounts or advancement of Indemnifiable Expenses with respect to any Proceeding brought by Indemnatee against the Company, any Entity which it controls, any director or officer thereof, or any third party, unless such Company has consented to the initiation of such Proceeding. This Section shall not apply to counterclaims or affirmative defenses asserted by Indemnatee in an action brought against Indemnatee, nor shall this Section apply to any Proceeding brought by Indemnatee in order to enforce Indemnatee's rights under any policies of insurance that the Company has secured under Section 13 above.

20. Modifications and Waiver. Except as provided in Section 17 above with respect to changes in Delaware law which broaden the right of Indemnatee to be indemnified by the Company, no supplement, modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by each of the parties hereto. This Agreement supercedes any prior indemnification agreements between the Indemnatee and the Company. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed or shall

constitute a waiver of any other provisions of this Agreement (whether or not similar), nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

21. General Notices. All notices, requests, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given (a) when delivered by hand, (b) when transmitted by facsimile and receipt is acknowledged, or (c) if mailed by certified or registered mail with postage prepaid, on the third business day after the date on which it is so mailed:

- (i) If to Indemnitee, to:
Wayne F. Robbins
At his home address as shown
in the Company's personnel records
- (ii) If to the Company, to:
CIRCOR International, Inc.
25 Corporate Drive
Burlington, Massachusetts 01803
Attn: Vice President, General Counsel

or to such other address as may have been furnished in the same manner by any party to the others.

22. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced under the laws of Delaware without giving effect to the provisions thereof relating to conflicts of law.

23. Consent to Jurisdiction. The Company hereby irrevocably and unconditionally consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Delaware and the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. The Company hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives any objection to the laying of venue of any Proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement in the courts of the State of Delaware or the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives and agrees not to plead or claim that any such Proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

CIRCOR INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: /s/ David A. Bloss, Sr.

Name: David A. Bloss, Sr.

Title: Chairman, President & CEO

INDEMNITEE:

/s/ Wayne F. Robbins

Name: Wayne F. Robbins

EXECUTIVE CHANGE OF CONTROL AGREEMENT

This EXECUTIVE CHANGE OF CONTROL AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made as of the 21st day of March, 2006, between Hoke, Inc., a New York corporation (the "Company"), and Wayne F. Robbins ("Executive").

WHEREAS, the Company presently employs the Executive in which capacity the Executive serves as an officer of the Company and its Parent (as defined below); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Parent (the "Board") recognizes the valuable services rendered to the Company, the Parent and their respective affiliates by the Executive; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Company, the Parent and their affiliates to encourage in advance the continued loyalty of the Executive as well as the Executive's continued attention to his assigned duties and objectivity in the event of a threatened or possible change in control of the Parent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Cause" shall mean: (a) conduct by Executive constituting a material act of willful misconduct in connection with the performance of his duties, including, without limitation, misappropriation of funds or property of the Company or any of its affiliates other than the occasional, customary and de minimis use of Company property for personal purposes; (b) criminal or civil conviction of Executive, a plea of *nolo contendere* by Executive or conduct by Executive that would reasonably be expected to result in material injury to the reputation of the Company if he were retained in his position with the Company, including, without limitation, conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude; (c) continued, willful and deliberate non-performance by Executive of his duties hereunder (other than by reason of Executive's physical or mental illness, incapacity or disability) which has continued for more than thirty (30) days following written notice of such non-performance from the Chief Executive Officer; or (d) a violation by Executive of the Company's employment policies which has continued following written notice of such violation from the Chief Executive Officer.

"Change in Control" shall mean any of the following:

(a) Any "person," as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") (other than the Parent, any of its subsidiaries, any member of the Home Family Group (as defined herein) or any trustee, fiduciary or other person or entity holding securities under any employee benefit plan or trust of the Parent

or any of its subsidiaries), together with all “affiliates” and “associates” (as such terms are defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Act) of such person, shall become the “beneficial owner” (as such term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Parent representing twenty-five percent (25%) or more of either (A) the combined voting power of the Parent’s then outstanding securities having the right to voice in an election of the Parent’s Board (“Voting Securities”) or (B) the then outstanding shares of Parent’s common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Common Stock”) (other than as a result of an acquisition of securities directly from the Parent); or

(b) Incumbent Directors (as defined below) cease for any reason, including, without limitation, as a result of a tender offer, proxy contest, merger or similar transaction, to constitute at least a majority of the Board; or

(c) The stockholders of the Parent shall approve (A) any consolidation or merger of the Parent where the stockholders of the Parent, immediately prior to the consolidation or merger, would not, immediately after the consolidation or merger, beneficially own (as such term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Act), directly or indirectly, shares representing in the aggregate fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares of the Parent or other party issuing cash or securities in the consolidation or merger (or of its ultimate parent corporation, if any), (B) any sale, lease, exchange or other transfer (in one transaction or a series of transactions contemplated or arranged by any party as a single plan) of all or substantially all of the assets of the Parent or (C) any plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Parent.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a “Change of Control” shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of the foregoing clause (a) solely as the result of an acquisition of securities by the Parent which, by reducing the number of shares of Common Stock or other Voting Securities outstanding, increases the proportionate number of shares beneficially owned by any person to twenty-five percent (25%) or more of either (A) the combined voting power of all of the then outstanding Voting Securities or (B) Common Stock; provided, however, that if any person referred to in this sentence shall thereafter become the beneficial owner of any additional shares of Voting Securities or Common Stock (other than pursuant to a stock split, stock dividend, or similar transaction or as a result of an acquisition of securities directly from the Parent) and immediately thereafter beneficially owns twenty-five percent (25%) or more of either (A) the combined voting power of all of the then outstanding Voting Securities or (B) Common Stock, then a “Change of Control” shall be deemed to have occurred for purposes of the foregoing clause (a).

“Good Reason” shall mean that Executive has complied with the “Good Reason Process” (hereinafter defined) following the occurrence of any of the following events: (a) a substantial diminution or other substantive adverse change, not consented to by Executive, in the nature or scope of Executive’s responsibilities, authorities, powers, functions or duties; (b) any removal, during the term of this Agreement from Executive of his title as an officer of the Parent; (c) an involuntary reduction in Executive’s Base Salary except for across-the-board reductions similarly affecting all or substantially all management employees; (d) a breach by the Company of any of its other material obligations under this Agreement and the failure of the Company to cure such breach within thirty (30) days after written notice thereof by Executive; (e) the involuntary relocation of the Company’s offices at which Executive is principally employed or

the involuntary relocation of the offices of Executive's primary workgroup to a location more than thirty (30) miles from such offices, or the requirement by the Company that Executive be based anywhere other than the Company's offices at such location on an extended basis, except for required travel on the Company's business to an extent substantially consistent with Executive's business travel obligations; or (f) a reduction in Executive's opportunity for annual incentive compensation below the annual incentive opportunity most recently in effect under the Company's Executive Bonus Incentive Plan prior to the Change in Control. "Good Reason Process" shall mean that (i) Executive reasonably determines in good faith that a "Good Reason" event has occurred; (ii) Executive notifies the Company in writing of the occurrence of the Good Reason event; (iii) Executive cooperates in good faith with the Company's efforts, for a period not less than ninety (90) days following such notice, to modify Executive's employment situation in a manner acceptable to Executive and Company; and (iv) notwithstanding such efforts, one or more of the Good Reason events continues to exist and has not been modified in a manner acceptable to Executive. If the Company cures the Good Reason event in a manner acceptable to Executive during the ninety (90) day period, Good Reason shall be deemed not to have occurred.

"Incumbent Directors" shall mean persons who, as of the Commencement Date, constitute the Board; provided that any person becoming a director of the Parent subsequent to the Commencement Date shall be considered an Incumbent Director if such person's election was approved by or such person was nominated for election by a vote of at least a majority of the Incumbent Directors; but provided further, that any such person whose initial assumption of office is in connection with an actual or threatened election contest relating to the election of members of the Board or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a person other than the Board, including by reason of agreement intended to avoid or settle any such actual or threatened contest or solicitation, shall not be considered an Incumbent Director.

"Parent" shall mean CIRCOR International, Inc., a Delaware corporation as well as its successors by merger or otherwise.

"Horne Family Group" shall mean Timothy P. Horne and the George B. Horne Voting Trust.

2. **Term.** The term of this Agreement shall extend from the date hereof (the "Commencement Date") until the first anniversary of the Commencement Date; provided, however, that the term of this Agreement shall automatically be extended for one additional year on the first anniversary of the Commencement Date and each anniversary thereafter unless, not less than 90 days prior to each such date, either party shall have given notice to the other that it does not wish to extend this Agreement; provided, further, that if a Change in Control occurs during the original or extended term of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall continue in effect for a period of not less than twelve (12) months beyond the month in which the Change in Control occurred.

3. **Change in Control Payment.** The provisions of this Paragraph 3 set forth certain terms of an agreement reached between Executive and the Company regarding Executive's rights

and obligations upon the occurrence of a Change in Control of the Parent. These provisions are intended to assure and encourage in advance Executive's continued attention and dedication to his assigned duties and his objectivity during the pendency and after the occurrence of any such event. These provisions shall terminate and be of no further force or effect beginning twelve (12) months after the occurrence of a Change of Control.

(a) Change in Control.

(i) If within twelve (12) months after the occurrence of the first event constituting a Change in Control, Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause as defined in Section 1 or Executive terminates his employment for Good Reason as provided in Section 1, then the Company shall pay Executive a lump sum in cash in an amount equal to one (1) times the sum of (A) Executive's current Base Salary plus (B) Executive's highest annual incentive compensation under the Company's Executive Bonus Incentive Plan in the three (3) immediately preceding fiscal years, excluding any sign-on bonus, retention bonus or any other special bonus. Such lump sum cash payment shall be paid to Executive within thirty (30) days following the Date of Termination; and

(ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any applicable option agreement or stock-based award agreement, upon a Change in Control, all stock options and other stock-based awards granted to Executive by the Parent shall immediately accelerate and become exercisable or non-forfeitable as of the effective date of such Change in Control. In addition, all restricted stock units held by the Executive pursuant to the Management Stock Purchase Plan shall become fully vested upon a Change of Control and the Executive shall be entitled to receive the shares of stock represented by such restricted stock units. Executive shall also be entitled to any other rights and benefits with respect to stock-related awards, to the extent and upon the terms, provided in the employee stock option or incentive plan or any agreement or other instrument attendant thereto pursuant to which such options or awards were granted; and

(iii) If the Executive is otherwise eligible for participation in the Company's Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("SERP"), the Executive shall be fully vested in his accrued benefit under the SERP as of the Date of Termination; and

(iv) The Company shall, for a period of one (1) year commencing on the Date of Termination, pay such health insurance premiums as may be necessary to allow Executive, Executive's spouse and dependents to continue to receive health insurance coverage substantially similar to the coverage they received prior to the Date of Termination.

(b) Additional Limitation.

(i) Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, in the event that any compensation, payment or distribution by the Company to or for the benefit of Executive, whether paid or payable or distributed or distributable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or otherwise (the "Severance Payments"), would be subject

to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), the following provisions shall apply:

(A) If the Severance Payments, reduced by the sum of (1) the Excise Tax and (2) the total of the Federal, state and local income and employment taxes payable by Executive on the amount of the Severance Payments which are in excess of the Threshold Amount, are greater than or equal to the Threshold Amount, Executive shall be entitled to the full benefits payable under this Agreement.

(B) If the Threshold Amount is less than (x) the Severance Payments, but greater than (y) the Severance Payments reduced by the sum of (1) the Excise Tax and (2) the total of the Federal, state, and local income and employment taxes on the amount of the Severance Payments which are in excess of the Threshold Amount, then the benefits payable under this Agreement shall be reduced (but not below zero) to the extent necessary so that the maximum Severance Payments shall not exceed the Threshold Amount. To the extent that there is more than one method of reducing the payments to bring them within the Threshold Amount, Executive shall determine which method shall be followed; provided that if Executive fails to make such determination within 45 days after the Company has sent Executive written notice of the need for such reduction, the Company may determine the amount of such reduction in its sole discretion.

For the purposes of this Paragraph 3, “Threshold Amount” shall mean three times Executive’s “base amount” within the meaning of Section 280G(b)(3) of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder less one dollar (\$1.00); and “Excise Tax” shall mean the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, and any interest or penalties incurred by Executive with respect to such excise tax.

(ii) The determination as to which of the alternative provisions of Paragraph 3(b)(i) shall apply to Executive shall be made by KPMG LLP or any other nationally recognized accounting firm selected by the Company (the “Accounting Firm”), which shall provide detailed supporting calculations both to the Company and Executive within 15 business days of the Date of Termination, if applicable, or at such earlier time as is reasonably requested by the Company or Executive. For purposes of determining which of the alternative provisions of Paragraph 3(b)(i) shall apply, Executive shall be deemed to pay federal income taxes at the highest marginal rate of federal income taxation applicable to individuals for the calendar year in which the determination is to be made, and state and local income taxes at the highest marginal rates of individual taxation in the state and locality of Executive’s residence on the Date of Termination, net of the maximum reduction in federal income taxes which could be obtained from deduction of such state and local taxes. Any determination by the Accounting Firm shall be binding upon the Company and Executive.

4. **Unauthorized Disclosures.** Executive acknowledges that in the course of his employment with the Company (and, if applicable, its predecessors), he has been allowed to become, and will continue to be allowed to become, acquainted with the Company's and the Parent's business affairs, information, trade secrets, and other matters which are of a proprietary or confidential nature, including but not limited to the Company's, the Parent's and their affiliates' and predecessors' operations, business opportunities, price and cost information, finance, customer information, business plans, various sales techniques, manuals, letters, notebooks, procedures, reports, products, processes, services, and other confidential information and knowledge (collectively the "Confidential Information") concerning the Company's, the Parent's and their affiliates' and predecessors' business. The Company agrees to provide on an ongoing basis such Confidential Information as the Company deems necessary or desirable to aid Executive in the performance of his duties. Executive understands and acknowledges that such Confidential Information is confidential, and he agrees not to disclose such Confidential Information to anyone outside the Company or the Parent except to the extent that (i) Executive deems such disclosure or use reasonably necessary or appropriate in connection with performing his duties on behalf of the Company and the Parent, (ii) Executive is required by order of a court of competent jurisdiction (by subpoena or similar process) to disclose or discuss any Confidential Information, provided that in such case, Executive shall promptly inform the Company or the Parent, as appropriate, of such event, shall cooperate with the Company or the Parent, as appropriate, in attempting to obtain a protective order or to otherwise restrict such disclosure, and shall only disclose Confidential Information to the minimum extent necessary to comply with any such court order; (iii) such Confidential Information becomes generally known to and available for use in the Company's industry (the "Fluid-Control Industry"), other than as a result of any action or inaction by Executive; or (iv) such information has been rightfully received by a member of the Fluid-Control Industry or has been published in a form generally available to the Fluid-Control Industry prior to the date Executive proposes to disclose or use such information. Executive further agrees that he will not during employment and/or at any time thereafter use such Confidential Information in competing, directly or indirectly, with the Company or the Parent. At such time as Executive shall cease to be employed by the Company, he will immediately turn over to the Company or the Parent, as appropriate, all Confidential Information, including papers, documents, writings, electronically stored information, other property, and all copies of them provided to or created by him during the course of his employment with the Company. The provisions of this Paragraph 4 shall survive termination of this Agreement for any reason.

5. **Covenant Not to Compete.** In consideration of the benefits afforded the Executive under the terms provided in this Agreement and as a means to aid in the performance and enforcement of the terms of the provisions of Paragraph 4, Executive agrees that

(a) during the term of Executive's employment with the Company and for a period of twelve (12) months thereafter, regardless of the reason for termination of employment, Executive will not, directly or indirectly, as an owner, director, principal, agent, officer, employee, partner, consultant, servant, or otherwise, carry on, operate, manage, control, or become involved in any manner with any business, operation, corporation, partnership, association, agency, or other person or entity which is engaged in a business that is competitive with any of the Company's or the Parent's products which are produced by the Company or the Parent or any affiliate of either entity as of the date of Executive's termination of employment

with the Company, in any area or territory in which the Company or the Parent or any affiliate of either entity conducts operations; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not prohibit Executive from owning up to one percent (1%) of the outstanding stock of a publicly held company engaged in the Fluid-Control Industry; and

(b) during the term of Executive's employment with the Company and for a period of twelve (12) months thereafter, regardless of the reason for termination of employment, Executive will not directly or indirectly solicit or induce any present or future employee of the Company or the Parent or any affiliate of either entity to accept employment with Executive or with any business, operation, corporation, partnership, association; agency, or other person or entity with which Executive may be associated, and Executive will not employ or cause any business, operation, corporation, partnership, association, agency, or other person or entity with which Executive maybe associated to employ any present or future employee of the Company or the Parent without providing the Company or the Parent, as appropriate, with ten (10) days' prior written notice of such proposed employment.

Should Executive violate any of the provisions of this Paragraph, then in addition to all other rights and remedies available to the Company at law or in equity, the duration of this covenant shall automatically be extended for the period of time from which Executive began such violation until he permanently ceases such violation.

6. **Notice.** For purposes of this Agreement, notices and all other communications provided for in the Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered or mailed by United States certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to the Executive:

At his home address as shown
in the Company's personnel records;

If to the Company:

Hoke, Inc.
c/o CIRCOR International, Inc.
25 Corporate Drive, Suite 130
Burlington, MA 01803
Attention: Board of Directors of CIRCOR International, Inc.

or to such other address as either party may have furnished to the other in writing in accordance herewith, except that notices of change of address shall be effective only upon receipt.

7. **Not an Employment Contract.** This Agreement is intended only to provide those benefits for the Executive as set forth in Paragraph 3 in connection with a Change of Control. As such, this Agreement is not intended to and does not in anyway constitute an employment agreement or other contract which would cause the employee to be considered anything other than an employee at will or to in any way be entitled to any specific payments or benefits from the Company in the event of a termination of employment not subject to Paragraph 3 of this Agreement.

8. **Miscellaneous.** No provisions of this Agreement may be modified, waived, or discharged unless such waiver, modification, or discharge is agreed to in writing and signed by Executive and such officer of the Company as may be specifically designated by the Board. No waiver by either party hereto of or compliance with, any condition or provision of this Agreement to be performed by such other party shall be deemed a waiver of similar or dissimilar provisions or conditions at the same or at any prior or subsequent time. No agreements or representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, unless specifically referred to herein, with respect to the subject matter hereof have been made by either party which are not set forth expressly in this Agreement. The validity, interpretation, construction, and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (without regard to principles of conflicts of laws).

9. **Validity.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision or provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect. The invalid portion of this Agreement, if any, shall be modified by any court having jurisdiction to the extent necessary to render such portion enforceable.

10. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

11. **Arbitration; Other Disputes.** In the event of any dispute or controversy arising under or in connection with this Agreement, the parties shall first promptly try in good faith to settle such dispute or controversy by mediation under the applicable rules of the American Arbitration Association before resorting to arbitration. In the event such dispute or controversy remains unresolved in whole or in part for a period of thirty (30) days after it arises, the parties will settle any remaining dispute or controversy exclusively by arbitration in Boston, Massachusetts, in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect. Judgment may be entered on the arbitrator's award in any court having jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the above, the Company shall be entitled to seek a restraining order or injunction in any court of competent jurisdiction to prevent any continuation of any violation of Paragraph 4 or 5 hereof.

12. **Litigation and Regulatory Cooperation.** During and after Executive's employment, Executive shall reasonably cooperate with the Company and the Parent in the defense or prosecution of any claims or actions now in existence or which may be brought in the future against or on behalf of the Company and/or the Parent which relate to events or occurrences that transpired while Executive was employed by the Company; provided, however, that such cooperation shall not materially and adversely affect Executive or expose Executive to an increased probability of civil or criminal litigation. Executive's cooperation in connection with such claims or actions shall include, but not be limited to, being available to meet with counsel to prepare for discovery or trial and to act as a witness on behalf of the Company and/or the Parent at mutually convenient times. During and after Executive's employment, Executive

also shall cooperate fully with the Company and the Parent in connection with any investigation or review of any federal, state or local regulatory authority as any such investigation or review relates to events or occurrences that transpired while Executive was employed by the Company. The Company shall also provide Executive with compensation on an hourly basis (to be derived from the sum of his Base Compensation and Average Incentive Compensation) for requested litigation and regulatory cooperation that occurs after his termination of employment, and reimburse Executive for all costs and expenses incurred in connection with her performance under this Paragraph 12, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.

13. **Gender Neutral.** Wherever used herein, a pronoun in the masculine gender shall be considered as including the feminine gender unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement effective on the date and year first above written.

HOKE, INC.

By: /s/ David A. Bloss, Sr.
David A. Bloss, Sr.
President

EXECUTIVE

/s/ Wayne F. Robbins
Wayne F. Robbins