UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): December 15, 2017

ASURE SOFTWARE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

<u>Delaware</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) <u>0-20008</u> (Commission File No.) 74-2415696 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3700 N. Capital of Texas Hwy #350, Austin, Texas 78746

(Address of principal executive offices)

512-437-2700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name and Address)

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	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
	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

On December 15, 2017, the Board of Directors of Asure Software, Inc. (the "Company") approved a form of indemnification agreement (the "Indemnification Agreement") and authorized the Company to enter into the Indemnification Agreement with its current directors and executive officers (each, an "Indemnitee"), effective January 1, 2018.

The Indemnification Agreement supplements indemnification rights and obligations of the Indemnitee and the Company already included in the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation. Under the terms of the Indemnification Agreement, the Company, among other things, will indemnify, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Indemnitee for certain losses if such Indemnitee was or is or becomes a party to or participant in any claim by reason of or arising from any event related to the fact that Indemnitee is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee, member, manager, trustee or agent of any other entity or by reason of an action or inaction by the Indemnitee in any such capacity, including claims brought by or in the Company's right, claims brought by third parties and claims in which the Indemnitee is a witness. The Indemnification Agreement also provides for the advancement of certain expenses paid or incurred by the Indemnitee, provided that the advanced funds will be repaid to the Company to the extent it is ultimately determined, following the final disposition of the claim, that the Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification from the Company.

The foregoing description of the Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

Stock Option Grants and Changes in Base Salaries

On December 15, 2017, the Board of Directors took certain actions with respect to executive compensation arrangements.

The Board granted options to purchase 50,000 shares of the Company's common stock to each of Patrick Goepel, the Chief Executive Officer, Kelyn Brannon, the Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Karbowski, the Chief Operating Officer, and Eyal Goldstein, the Chief Revenue Officer of the Company. All of the options are incentive stock options and are contingent on stockholder approval of a new equity plan. The exercise price of the options is the closing price of the common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on December 15, 2017. The options have a five year term and will vest in four equal installments over a 4 year period subject to continued service.

The Board approved an annual base salary increase for each of Kelyn Brannon, Joseph Karbowski and Eyal Goldstein, effective January 1, 2018. The base salary of Ms. Brannon will increase from \$275,000 to \$300,000 and the base salaries of Messrs. Karbowski and Goldstein will increase from \$240,000 to \$300,000. Our Board also approved an increase in Mr. Karbowski's cash bonus target from 40% to 50% of his base salary, effective January 1, 2018.

Executive Change in Control Severance Plan

On December 15, 2017, the Board approved an Executive Change in Control Severance Plan ("Plan"), effective January 1, 2018. Participants in the Plan will include named executive officers and certain other full-time employees who are approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board. The Plan provides severance benefits to the participant if the participant is terminated without cause or resigns for good reason within 90 days before the change in control or within the 1 year after the change in control. The severance benefits will include a cash payment equal to one (1) times (in the case of named executive officers) the participant's base salary, a prorated target annual bonus and continued health benefits for 12 months, and the participant's unvested time-based equity awards will vest.

The foregoing description of the Plan does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Plan, which is filed as Exhibit 10.2 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1 10.2	Form of Indemnification Agreement Executive Change in Control Severance Plan

SIGNATURES

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

ASURE SOFTWARE, INC.

Dated: December 21, 2017	By/s/ Kelyn Brannon
	Kelyn Brannon, Chief Financial Officer

FORM OF INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

This Indemnification Agreement ("**Agreement**"), dated as of [DATE], is by and between **Asure Software, Inc.**, a Delaware corporation (the "**Company**") and [NAME OF DIRECTOR/OFFICER] (the "**Indemnitee**").

WHEREAS, Indemnitee is [a director/an officer] of the Company;

WHEREAS, both the Company and Indemnitee recognize the increased risk of litigation and other claims being asserted against directors and officers of public companies;

WHEREAS, the board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") has determined that enhancing the ability of the Company to retain and attract as directors and officers the most capable persons is in the best interests of the Company and that the Company therefore should seek to assure such persons that indemnification and insurance coverage is available; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the need to provide Indemnitee with substantial protection against personal liability, in order to procure Indemnitee's service, or continued service, as a director and/or officer of the Company and to enhance Indemnitee's ability to serve the Company in an effective manner, and in order to provide such protection pursuant to express contract rights (intended to be enforceable irrespective of, among other things, any amendment to the Company's certificate of incorporation or bylaws (collectively, the "Constituent Documents"), any change in the composition of the Board or any change in control or business combination transaction relating to the Company, the Company wishes to provide in this Agreement for the indemnification of, and the advancement of Expenses (as defined in Section 1(f) below) to, Indemnitee as set forth in this Agreement and for the coverage of Indemnitee under the Company's directors' and officers' liability insurance policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the Indemnitee's agreement to provide, or continue to provide, services to the Company, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. **<u>Definitions</u>**. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- (a) "Beneficial Owner" has the meaning given to the term "beneficial owner" in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").
 - (b) "Change in Control" means the occurrence after the date of this Agreement of any of the following events:
 - (i) any Person is or becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing 50% or more of the Company's then outstanding Voting Securities;
 - (ii) the consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation, unless immediately following such reorganization, merger or consolidation, all of

the Beneficial Owners of the Voting Securities of the Company immediately prior to such transaction beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the combined voting power of the outstanding Voting Securities of the entity resulting from such transaction;

- (iii) during any period of two consecutive years, not including any period prior to the execution of this Agreement, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the Board (including for this purpose any new directors whose election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the directors then still in office who either were directors at the beginning of the period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; or
- (iv) the stockholders of the Company approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company or an agreement for the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets.

(c) "Claim" means:

- (i) any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, proceeding or alternative dispute resolution mechanism, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative, investigative or other, and whether made pursuant to federal, state or other law; or
- (ii) any inquiry, hearing or investigation that the Indemnitee determines might lead to the institution of any such action, suit, proceeding or alternative dispute resolution mechanism.
 - (d) "**Delaware Court**" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 8(e) below.
- (e) "Disinterested Director" means a director of the Company who is not and was not a party to the Claim in respect of which indemnification is sought by Indemnitee.
- (f) "Expenses" means any and all expenses, including attorneys' and experts' fees, court costs, transcript costs, travel expenses, duplicating, printing and binding costs, telephone charges, and all other costs and expenses incurred in connection with investigating, defending, being a witness in or participating in (including on appeal), or preparing to defend, be a witness or participate in, any Claim. Expenses also shall include (i) Expenses incurred in connection with any appeal resulting from any Claim, including without limitation the premium, security for, and other costs relating to any cost bond, supersedeas bond, or other appeal bond or its equivalent, and (ii) for purposes of Section 4 only, Expenses incurred by Indemnitee in connection with the interpretation, enforcement or defense of Indemnitee's rights under this Agreement, by litigation or otherwise. Expenses, however, shall not include amounts paid in settlement by Indemnitee or the amount of judgments or fines against Indemnitee.

- (g) **"Expense Advance"** means any payment of Expenses advanced to Indemnitee by the Company pursuant to Section 2 or Section 3 hereof.
- (h) "Indemnifiable Event" means any event or occurrence, whether occurring before, on or after the date of this Agreement, related to the fact that Indemnitee is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee, member, manager, trustee or agent of any other corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust or other entity or enterprise (collectively with the Company, "Enterprise") or by reason of an action or inaction by Indemnitee in any such capacity (whether or not serving in such capacity at the time any Loss is incurred for which indemnification can be provided under this Agreement).
- (i) "Independent Counsel" means a law firm, or a member of a law firm, that is experienced in matters of corporation law and neither presently performs, nor in the past five years has performed, services for either: (i) the Company or Indemnitee (other than in connection with matters concerning Indemnitee under this Agreement or of other indemnitees under similar agreements) or (ii) any other party to the Claim giving rise to a claim for indemnification hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "Independent Counsel" shall not include any person who, under the applicable standards of professional conduct then prevailing, would have a conflict of interest in representing either the Company or Indemnitee in an action to determine Indemnitee's rights under this Agreement.
- (j) "Losses" means any and all Expenses, damages, losses, liabilities, judgments, fines, penalties (whether civil, criminal or other), ERISA excise taxes, amounts paid or payable in settlement, including any interest, assessments, and all other charges paid or payable in connection with investigating, defending, being a witness in or participating in (including on appeal), or preparing to defend, be a witness or participate in, any Claim.
- (k) "**Person**" means any individual, corporation, firm, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, estate, trust, business association, organization, governmental entity or other entity and includes the meaning set forth in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act.
 - (1) "Standard of Conduct Determination" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 8(b) below.
 - (m) "Voting Securities" means any securities of the Company that vote generally in the election of directors.
- 2. **Indemnification**. Subject to Section 8 and Section 9 of this Agreement, the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee, to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the State of Delaware in effect on the date hereof, or as such laws may from time to time hereafter be amended to increase the scope of such permitted indemnification, against any and all Losses if Indemnitee was or is or becomes a party to or participant in, or is threatened to be made a party

to or participant in, any Claims by reason of or arising in part out of an Indemnifiable Event, including, without limitation, Claims brought by or in the right of the Company, Claims brought by third parties, and Claims in which the Indemnitee is solely a witness.

- Advancement of Expenses. Indemnitee shall have the right to advancement by the Company, prior to the final disposition of any Claim by final adjudication to which there are no further rights of appeal, of any and all Expenses actually and reasonably paid or incurred by Indemnitee in connection with any Claim arising out of an Indemnifiable Event. Indemnitee's right to such advancement is not subject to the satisfaction of any standard of conduct. Without limiting the generality or effect of the foregoing, within thirty (30) days after any request by Indemnitee, the Company shall, in accordance with such request, (a) pay such Expenses on behalf of Indemnitee, (b) advance to Indemnitee funds in an amount sufficient to pay such Expenses, or (c) reimburse Indemnitee for such Expenses. In connection with any request for Expense Advances, Indemnitee shall not be required to provide any documentation or information to the extent that the provision thereof would undermine or otherwise jeopardize attorney-client privilege. Indemnitee hereby undertakes to repay any amounts paid, advanced, or reimbursed by the Company for such Expenses to the extent that it is ultimately determined, following the final disposition of such Claim, that Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification hereunder. Indemnitee's obligation to reimburse the Company for Expense Advances shall be unsecured and shall not be subject to the accrual or payment of any interest thereon and shall not be conditioned upon Indemnitee's ability to repay such advances.
- 4. <u>Indemnification for Expenses in Enforcing Rights</u>. To the fullest extent allowable under applicable law, the Company shall also indemnify against, and, if requested by Indemnitee, shall advance to Indemnitee subject to and in accordance with Section 3, any Expenses actually and reasonably paid or incurred by Indemnitee in connection with any action or proceeding by Indemnitee for (a) indemnification or reimbursement or advance payment of Expenses by the Company under any provision of this Agreement, or under any other agreement or provision of the Constituent Documents now or hereafter in effect relating to Claims relating to Indemnifiable Events, and/or (b) recovery under any directors' and officers' liability insurance policies maintained by the Company. However, in the event that Indemnitee is ultimately determined not to be entitled to such indemnification or insurance recovery, as the case may be, then all amounts advanced under this Section 4 shall be repaid. Indemnitee shall be required to reimburse the Company in the event that a final judicial determination is made that such action brought by Indemnitee was frivolous or not made in good faith.
- 5. <u>Partial Indemnity</u>. If Indemnitee is entitled under any provision of this Agreement to indemnification by the Company for a portion of any Losses in respect of a Claim related to an Indemnifiable Event but not for the total amount thereof, the Company shall nevertheless indemnify Indemnitee for the portion thereof to which Indemnitee is entitled.

6. Notification and Defense of Claims.

(a) <u>Notification of Claims</u>. Indemnitee shall notify the Company in writing as soon as practicable of any Claim which could relate to an Indemnifiable Event or for which Indemnitee could seek Expense Advances, including a brief description (based upon information then available to Indemnitee) of the nature of, and the facts underlying,

such Claim. The failure by Indemnitee to timely notify the Company hereunder shall not relieve the Company from any liability hereunder unless the Company's ability to participate in the defense of such claim was materially and adversely affected by such failure. If at the time of the receipt of such notice, the Company has directors' and officers' liability insurance in effect under which coverage for Claims related to Indemnifiable Events is potentially available, the Company shall give prompt written notice to the applicable insurers in accordance with the procedures set forth in the applicable policies.

- (b) <u>Defense of Claims</u>. The Company shall be entitled to participate in the defense of any Claim relating to an Indemnifiable Event at its own expense and, except as otherwise provided below, to the extent the Company so wishes, it may assume the defense thereof with counsel reasonably satisfactory to Indemnitee. After notice from the Company to Indemnitee of its election to assume the defense of any such Claim, the Company shall not be liable to Indemnitee under this Agreement or otherwise for any Expenses subsequently directly incurred by Indemnitee in connection with Indemnitee's defense of such Claim other than reasonable costs of investigation or as otherwise provided below. Indemnitee shall have the right to employ its own legal counsel in such Claim, but all Expenses related to such counsel incurred after notice from the Company of its assumption of the defense shall be at Indemnitee's own expense; provided, however, that if (i) Indemnitee's employment of its own legal counsel has been authorized by the Company, (ii) Indemnitee has reasonably determined that there may be a conflict of interest between Indemnitee and the Company in the defense of such Claim, (iii) after a Change in Control, Indemnitee's employment of its own counsel has been approved by the Independent Counsel or (iv) the Company shall not in fact have employed counsel to assume the defense of such Claim, then Indemnitee shall be entitled to retain its own separate counsel (but not more than one law firm plus, if applicable, local counsel in respect of any such Claim) and all Expenses related to such separate counsel shall be borne by the Company.
- 7. **Procedure upon Application for Indemnification**. In order to obtain indemnification pursuant to this Agreement, Indemnitee shall submit to the Company a written request therefor, including in such request such documentation and information as is reasonably available to Indemnitee and is reasonably necessary to determine whether and to what extent Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification following the final disposition of the Claim. Indemnification shall be made insofar as the Company determines Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification in accordance with Section 8 below.

8. **Determination of Right to Indemnification**.

- (a) <u>Mandatory Indemnification; Indemnification as a Witness.</u>
- (i) To the extent that Indemnitee shall have been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any Claim relating to an Indemnifiable Event or any portion thereof or in defense of any issue or matter therein, including without limitation dismissal without prejudice, Indemnitee shall be indemnified against all Losses relating to such Claim in accordance with Section 2 to the fullest extent

allowable by law, and no Standard of Conduct Determination (as defined in Section 8(b)) shall be required.

- (ii) To the extent that Indemnitee's involvement in a Claim relating to an Indemnifiable Event is to prepare to serve and serve as a witness, and not as a party, the Indemnitee shall be indemnified against all Losses incurred in connection therewith to the fullest extent allowable by law, and no Standard of Conduct Determination (as defined in Section 8(b)) shall be required.
- (b) <u>Standard of Conduct.</u> To the extent that the provisions of Section 8(a) are inapplicable to a Claim related to an Indemnifiable Event that shall have been finally disposed of, any determination of whether Indemnitee has satisfied any applicable standard of conduct under Delaware law that is a legally required condition to indemnification of Indemnitee hereunder against Losses relating to such Claim and any determination that Expense Advances must be repaid to the Company (a "**Standard of Conduct Determination**") shall be made as follows:
 - (i) if no Change in Control has occurred, (A) by a majority vote of the Disinterested Directors, even if less than a quorum of the Board, (B) by a committee of Disinterested Directors designated by a majority vote of the Disinterested Directors, even though less than a quorum or (C) if there are no such Disinterested Directors, by Independent Counsel in a written opinion addressed to the Board, a copy of which shall be delivered to Indemnitee; and
 - (ii) if a Change in Control shall have occurred, (A) if the Indemnitee so requests in writing, by a majority vote of the Disinterested Directors, even if less than a quorum of the Board or (B) otherwise, by Independent Counsel in a written opinion addressed to the Board, a copy of which shall be delivered to Indemnitee.

The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless Indemnitee against and, if requested by Indemnitee, shall reimburse Indemnitee for, or advance to Indemnitee, within 30 days of such request, any and all Expenses incurred by Indemnitee in cooperating with the person or persons making such Standard of Conduct Determination.

(c) <u>Making the Standard of Conduct Determination</u>. The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause any Standard of Conduct Determination required under Section 8(b) to be made as promptly as practicable. If the person or persons designated to make the Standard of Conduct Determination under Section 8(b) shall not have made a determination within 30 days after the later of (A) receipt by the Company of a written request from Indemnitee for indemnification pursuant to Section 7 (the date of such receipt being the "Notification Date") and (B) the selection of an Independent Counsel, if such determination is to be made by Independent Counsel, then Indemnitee shall be deemed to have satisfied the applicable standard of conduct; provided that such 30-day period may be extended for a reasonable time, not to exceed an additional 30 days, if the person or persons making such determination in good faith requires such additional time to obtain or evaluate information relating thereto. Notwithstanding

anything in this Agreement to the contrary, no determination as to entitlement of Indemnitee to indemnification under this Agreement shall be required to be made prior to the final disposition of any Claim.

- (d) <u>Payment of Indemnification</u>. If, in regard to any Losses:
 - (i) Indemnitee shall be entitled to indemnification pursuant to Section 8(a);
 - (ii) no Standard Conduct Determination is legally required as a condition to indemnification of Indemnitee hereunder; or
- (iii) Indemnitee has been determined or deemed pursuant to Section 8(b) or Section 8(c) to have satisfied the Standard of Conduct Determination,

then the Company shall pay to Indemnitee, within five days after the later of (A) the Notification Date or (B) the earliest date on which the applicable criterion specified in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) is satisfied, an amount equal to such Losses.

Selection of Independent Counsel for Standard of Conduct Determination. If a Standard of Conduct Determination is to be made by Independent Counsel pursuant to Section 8.1(b)(i), the Independent Counsel shall be selected by the Board of Directors, and the Company shall give written notice to Indemnitee of the identity of the Independent Counsel so selected. If a Standard of Conduct Determination is to be made by Independent Counsel pursuant to Section 8.1(b)(ii), the Independent Counsel shall be selected by Indemnitee, and Indemnitee shall give written notice to the Company advising it of the identity of the Independent Counsel so selected. In either case, Indemnitee or the Company, as applicable, may, within five days after receiving written notice of selection from the other, deliver to the other a written objection to such selection; provided, however, that such objection may be asserted only on the ground that the Independent Counsel so selected does not satisfy the criteria set forth in the definition of "Independent Counsel" in Section 1(i), and the objection shall set forth with particularity the factual basis of such assertion. Absent a proper and timely objection, the person or firm so selected shall act as Independent Counsel. If such written objection is properly and timely made and substantiated, (i) the Independent Counsel so selected may not serve as Independent Counsel unless and until such objection is withdrawn or a court has determined that such objection is without merit; and (ii) the non-objecting party may, at its option, select an alternative Independent Counsel and give written notice to the other party advising such other party of the identity of the alternative Independent Counsel so selected, in which case the provisions of the two immediately preceding sentences, the introductory clause of this sentence and numbered clause (i) of this sentence shall apply to such subsequent selection and notice. If applicable, the provisions of clause (ii) of the immediately preceding sentence shall apply to successive alternative selections. If no Independent Counsel that is permitted under the foregoing provisions of this Section 8(e) to make the Standard of Conduct Determination shall have been selected within 20 days after the Company gives its initial notice pursuant to the first sentence of this Section 8(e) or Indemnitee gives its initial notice pursuant to the second sentence of

this Section 8(e), as the case may be, either the Company or Indemnitee may petition the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware ("**Delaware Court**") to resolve any objection which shall have been made by the Company or Indemnitee to the other's selection of Independent Counsel and/or to appoint as Independent Counsel a person to be selected by the Court or such other person as the Court shall designate, and the person or firm with respect to whom all objections are so resolved or the person or firm so appointed will act as Independent Counsel. In all events, the Company shall pay all of the reasonable fees and expenses of the Independent Counsel incurred in connection with the Independent Counsel's determination pursuant to Section 8(b).

(f) <u>Presumptions and Defenses</u>.

- (i) **Indemnitee's Entitlement to Indemnification**. In making any Standard of Conduct Determination, the person or persons making such determination shall presume that Indemnitee has satisfied the applicable standard of conduct and is entitled to indemnification, and the Company shall have the burden of proof to overcome that presumption and establish that Indemnitee is not so entitled. Any Standard of Conduct Determination that is adverse to Indemnitee may be challenged by the Indemnitee in the Delaware Court. No determination by the Company (including by its directors or any Independent Counsel) that Indemnitee has not satisfied any applicable standard of conduct may be used as a defense to any legal proceedings brought by Indemnitee to secure indemnification or reimbursement or advance payment of Expenses by the Company hereunder or create a presumption that Indemnitee has not met any applicable standard of conduct.
- Reliance as a Safe Harbor. For purposes of this Agreement, and without creating any presumption as to a lack of good faith if the following circumstances do not exist, Indemnitee shall be deemed to have acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company if Indemnitee's actions or omissions to act are taken in good faith reliance upon the records of the Company, including its financial statements, or upon information, opinions, reports or statements furnished to Indemnitee by the officers or employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries in the course of their duties, or by committees of the Board or by any other Person (including legal counsel, accountants and financial advisors) as to matters Indemnitee reasonably believes are within such other Person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Company. In addition, the knowledge and/or actions, or failures to act, of any director, officer, agent or employee of the Company shall not be imputed to Indemnitee for purposes of determining the right to indemnity hereunder.
- (iii) **No Other Presumptions**. For purposes of this Agreement, the termination of any Claim by judgment, order, settlement (whether with or without court approval) or conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, will not create a presumption that Indemnitee did not meet any applicable

standard of conduct or have any particular belief, or that indemnification hereunder is otherwise not permitted.

- (iv) **Defense to Indemnification and Burden of Proof.** It shall be a defense to any action brought by Indemnitee against the Company to enforce this Agreement (other than an action brought to enforce a claim for Losses incurred in defending against a Claim related to an Indemnifiable Event in advance of its final disposition) that it is not permissible under applicable law for the Company to indemnify Indemnitee for the amount claimed. In connection with any such action or any related Standard of Conduct Determination, the burden of proving such a defense or that the Indemnitee did not satisfy the applicable standard of conduct shall be on the Company.
- (v) **Resolution of Claims**. The Company acknowledges that a settlement or other disposition short of final judgment may be successful on the merits or otherwise for purposes of Section 8.1(a)(i) if it permits a party to avoid expense, delay, distraction, disruption and uncertainty. In the event that any Claim relating to an Indemnifiable Event to which Indemnitee is a party is resolved in any manner other than by adverse judgment against Indemnitee (including, without limitation, settlement of such action, claim or proceeding with our without payment of money or other consideration) it shall be presumed that Indemnitee has been successful on the merits or otherwise for purposes of Section 8.1(a)(i). The Company shall have the burden of proof to overcome this presumption.
- 9. **Exclusions from Indemnification**. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall not be obligated to:
- (a) indemnify or advance funds to Indemnitee for Expenses or Losses with respect to proceedings initiated by Indemnitee, including any proceedings against the Company or its directors, officers, employees or other indemnitees and not by way of defense, except:
 - (i) proceedings referenced in Section 4 above (unless a court of competent jurisdiction determines that each of the material assertions made by Indemnitee in such proceeding was not made in good faith or was frivolous); or
 - (ii) where the Company has joined in or the Board has consented to the initiation of such proceedings.
- (b) indemnify Indemnitee if a final decision by a court of competent jurisdiction determines that such indemnification is prohibited by applicable law.
- (c) indemnify Indemnitee for the disgorgement of profits arising from the purchase or sale by Indemnitee of securities of the Company in violation of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, or any similar successor statute.

- (d) indemnify or advance funds to Indemnitee for Indemnitee's reimbursement to the Company of any bonus or other incentive-based or equity-based compensation previously received by Indemnitee or payment of any profits realized by Indemnitee from the sale of securities of the Company, as required in each case under the Exchange Act (including any such reimbursements under Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 in connection with an accounting restatement of the Company or the payment to the Company of profits arising from the purchase or sale by Indemnitee of securities in violation of Section 306 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act).
- 10. **Settlement of Claims**. The Company shall not be liable to Indemnitee under this Agreement for any amounts paid in settlement of any threatened or pending Claim related to an Indemnifiable Event effected without the Company's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Company shall not settle any Claim related to an Indemnifiable Event in any manner that would impose any Losses on the Indemnitee without the Indemnitee's prior written consent.
- 11. **Duration**. All agreements and obligations of the Company contained herein shall continue during the period that Indemnitee is a director or officer of the Company (or is serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee, member, trustee or agent of another Enterprise) and shall continue thereafter (i) so long as Indemnitee may be subject to any possible Claim relating to an Indemnifiable Event (including any rights of appeal thereto) and (ii) throughout the pendency of any proceeding (including any rights of appeal thereto) commenced by Indemnitee to enforce or interpret his or her rights under this Agreement, even if, in either case, he or she may have ceased to serve in such capacity at the time of any such Claim or proceeding.
- 12. **Non-Exclusivity.** The rights of Indemnitee hereunder will be in addition to any other rights Indemnitee may have under the Constituent Documents, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, any other contract or otherwise (collectively, "**Other Indemnity Provisions**"); provided, however, that (a) to the extent that Indemnitee otherwise would have any greater right to indemnification under any Other Indemnity Provision, Indemnitee will be deemed to have such greater right hereunder and (b) to the extent that any change is made to any Other Indemnity Provision which permits any greater right to indemnification than that provided under this Agreement as of the date hereof, Indemnitee will be deemed to have such greater right hereunder.
- Liability Insurance. For the duration of Indemnitee's service as a director and/or officer of the Company, and thereafter for so long as Indemnitee shall be subject to any pending Claim relating to an Indemnifiable Event, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts (taking into account the scope and amount of coverage available relative to the cost thereof) to continue to maintain in effect policies of directors' and officers' liability insurance providing coverage that is at least substantially comparable in scope and amount to that provided by the Company's current policies of directors' and officers' liability insurance maintained by the Company, Indemnitee shall be named as an insured in such a manner as to provide Indemnitee the same rights and benefits as are provided to the most favorably insured of the Company's directors, if Indemnitee is a director, or of the Company's officers, if Indemnitee is an officer (and not a director) by such

policy. Upon request, the Company will provide to Indemnitee copies of all directors' and officers' liability insurance applications, binders, policies, declarations, endorsements and other related materials.

- 14. **No Duplication of Payments**. The Company shall not be liable under this Agreement to make any payment to Indemnitee in respect of any Losses to the extent Indemnitee has otherwise received payment under any insurance policy, the Constituent Documents, Other Indemnity Provisions or otherwise of the amounts otherwise indemnifiable by the Company hereunder.
- 15. **Subrogation**. In the event of payment to Indemnitee under this Agreement, the Company shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all of the rights of recovery of Indemnitee. Indemnitee shall execute all papers required and shall do everything that may be necessary to secure such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable the Company effectively to bring suit to enforce such rights.
- 16. **Amendments.** No supplement, modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by both of the parties hereto. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be binding unless in the form of a writing signed by the party against whom enforcement of the waiver is sought, and no such waiver shall operate as a waiver of any other provisions hereof (whether or not similar), nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver. Except as specifically provided herein, no failure to exercise or any delay in exercising any right or remedy hereunder shall constitute a waiver thereof.
- Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective successors (including any direct or indirect successor by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company), assigns, spouses, heirs and personal and legal representatives. The Company shall require and cause any successor (whether direct or indirect by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all, substantially all or a substantial part of the business and/or assets of the Company, by written agreement in form and substances satisfactory to Indemnitee, expressly to assume and agree to perform this Agreement in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform if no such succession had taken place.
- 18. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement shall be severable in the event that any of the provisions hereof (including any portion thereof) are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, void or otherwise unenforceable, and the remaining provisions shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law. Furthermore, to the fullest extent possible, the provisions of this Agreement (including each portion of this Agreement containing any provision held to be invalid, void or otherwise unenforceable that is not itself invalid, void or unenforceable) shall be construed so as to give effect to the intent manifested by the provision held invalid, illegal or unenforceable.
- 19. **Notices**. All notices, requests, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered by hand, against receipt, or mailed, by postage prepaid, certified or registered mail:

- (a) if to Indemnitee, to the address set forth on the signature page hereto.
- (b) if to the Company, to the address of its principal corporate offices (Attention: Secretary).

Notice of change of address shall be effective only when given in accordance with this Section. All notices complying with this Section shall be deemed to have been received on the date of hand delivery or on the third business day after mailing.

- Governing Law and Forum. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware applicable to contracts made and to be performed in such state without giving effect to its principles of conflicts of laws. The Company and Indemnitee hereby irrevocably and unconditionally: (a) agree that any action or proceeding arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be brought only in the Delaware Court and not in any other state or federal court in the United States, and (b) consent to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Delaware Court for purposes of any action or proceeding arising out of or in connection with this Agreement. THE COMPANY AND INDEMNITEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT.
- 21. <u>Headings</u>. The headings of the sections and paragraphs of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute part of this Agreement or to affect the construction or interpretation thereof.
- 22. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

ASURE SOFTWARE, INC.

By:	
Name:	
Title:	
INDEMNITEE:	
Name:	
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ASURE SOFTWARE, INC. EXECUTIVE CHANGE IN CONTROL SEVERANCE PLAN

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

This Executive Change in Control Severance Plan has been established by Asure Software, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), on January 1, 2018 (the "Effective Date") to provide Participants with the opportunity to receive severance protection in connection with a Change in Control of the Company. The purpose of the Plan is to assure the present and future continuity, objectivity, and dedication of management in the event of any Change in Control to maximize the value of the Company on a Change in Control. The Plan is intended to be a top hat welfare benefit plan under ERISA. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings set forth in Article II.

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

- "ACA" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.01(c).
- "Accountants" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.03.
- "Administrator" means the Compensation Committee.
- "Applicable Severance Multiplier" means one for any Participant who is a named executive officer of the Company and, as to any other Participant, the multiplier contained in a Participant's Participation Agreement.
- "Beneficial Owner" has the meaning ascribed to it in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act; except that, in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular Person, such Person shall be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such Person has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only after the passage of time. The term "Beneficial Ownership" has a corresponding meaning.
 - "Benefit Continuation" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.01(c).
- "Benefit Continuation Period" means the earliest of (i): the end of the twelve-month period following the date on which a Qualifying Termination with respect to the Participant occurs; (ii) the date on which the Participant becomes eligible to receive substantially similar coverage from another employer; and (iii) the date the Participant is no longer eligible to receive COBRA continuation coverage.
 - "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
 - "Cause" means:
 - (a) the Participant's willful failure to perform his or her duties (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to physical or mental illness);
 - (b) the Participant's willful failure to comply with any valid and legal directive of the Board or the person to whom the Participant reports;

- (c) the Participant's willful engagement in dishonesty, illegal conduct or gross misconduct, which is, in each case, materially injurious to the Company or its affiliates;
- (d) the Participant's embezzlement, misappropriation or fraud, whether or not that is related to the Participant's employment with the Company; or
- (e) the Participant's conviction of or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a crime that constitutes a felony (or state law equivalent) or a crime that constitutes a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

For purposes of this definition, no act or failure to act on the part of the Participant shall be considered "willful" unless it is done, or omitted to be done, by the Participant in bad faith or without reasonable belief that the Participant's action or omission was in the best interests of the Company. For purposes of a termination of Participant's employment after the effective date of a Change of Control, such termination of a Participant's employment shall not be deemed to be for Cause unless and until the Company delivers to the Participant a copy of a resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Board (after reasonable written notice is provided to the Participant and the Participant is given an opportunity, together with counsel, to be heard before the Board), finding that the Participant has engaged in the conduct described in any of (a)-(e) above.

"Change in Control" means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (a) one Person (or more than one Person acting as a group) acquires Beneficial Ownership of stock of the Company that, together with the stock held by such Person or group, constitutes more than 50% of the total fair market value or total voting power of the stock of the Company; provided, that, a Change in Control shall not occur if any Person (or more than one Person acting as a group) owns more than 50% of the total fair market value or total voting power of the Company's stock and acquires additional stock;
- (b) one Person (or more than one Person acting as a group) acquires (or has acquired during the twelve-month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition) Beneficial Ownership of the Company's stock possessing 50% or more of the total voting power of the stock of the Company;
- (c) a majority of the members of the Board are replaced during any twelve-month period by directors whose appointment or election is not endorsed by a two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Board before the date of appointment or election; or
- (d) one Person (or more than one Person acting as a group), acquires (or has acquired during the twelve-month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition) assets from the Company that have a total gross fair market value equal to or more than 50% of the total gross fair market value of all of the assets of the Company immediately before such acquisition(s).

A Change in Control will be deemed to occur: (i) with respect to a Change in Control pursuant to subparagraph (a) above, on the date that any Person or group first becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of stock representing more than 50% of the combined voting power of the Company's then-outstanding stock entitled generally to vote for the election of directors; (ii) with respect to a Change in Control pursuant to subparagraph (b) or (d) above, on the date the applicable transaction closes; and (iii) with respect to subparagraph (c) above, on the date members of the incumbent board first cease to constitute at least a majority of the Board.

- "COBRA" means the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985.
- "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Any reference to a section of the Code shall be deemed to include a reference to any regulations promulgated thereunder.
 - "Company" means Asure Software, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and any successor thereto.
 - "Compensation Committee" means the Compensation Committee of the Board.
 - "Covered Payments" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.01.
- "Covered Period" means the one-year period of time beginning on the first occurrence of a Change in Control and lasting through the anniversary of the occurrence of the Change in Control. The Covered Period shall also include the ninety-day period before the occurrence of the Change in Control if a Qualifying Termination occurs during such period at the request of a third party in anticipation of the Change in Control and the Change in Control does occur.
 - "Effective Date" has the meaning set forth in Article I.
- "Eligible Employee" means any full-time employee of the Company who is a named executive officer of the Company and any other full-time employee of the Company who is recommended by the chief executive officer to the Administrator to be a key employee who should be eligible to participate in the Plan. Eligible Employees shall be limited to a select group of management or highly compensated employees within the meaning of Sections 201, 301, and 404 of ERISA.
 - "ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.
 - "Exchange Act" means the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
 - "Excise Tax" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.01.

"Good Reason" means:

- (a) a material reduction in the Participant's base salary other than a general reduction in base salary that affects all similarly situated executives in substantially the same proportions;
- (b) a material reduction in the Participant's target annual bonus opportunity;
- (c) a relocation of the Participant's principal place of employment by more than 50 miles; or
- (e) a material, adverse change in the Participant's title, reporting relationship, authority, duties or responsibilities (other than temporarily while the Participant is physically or mentally incapacitated or as required by applicable law).

The Participant cannot terminate his or her employment for Good Reason unless he or she has provided written notice to the Company of the existence of the circumstances providing grounds for termination for Good Reason within 30 days of the initial existence of such grounds and the Company has had at least 30 days from the date on which such notice is provided to cure such circumstances, if curable. If the Participant does not terminate his or her employment for Good Reason within 90 days after the first occurrence of the applicable grounds, then the Participant will be deemed to have waived his or her right to terminate for Good Reason with respect to such grounds.

- "Parachute Payments" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.01.
- "Participant" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.01.
- "Participation Agreement" means the latest participation agreement delivered by the Company to a Participant informing the Eligible Employee of the Eligible Employee's participation in the Plan.
 - "**Person**" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act.
 - "Plan" means this Asure Software, Inc. Executive Change in Control Severance Plan, as may be amended and/or restated from time to time.
 - "Pro-Rata Bonus" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.01(b).
 - "Qualifying Termination" means the termination of a Participant's employment during the Covered Period either:
 - (a) by the Company without Cause; or
 - (b) by the Participant for Good Reason.
- A Qualifying Termination that occurs during the ninety-day period before the first occurrence of a Change in Control will be deemed to occur upon the occurrence of the Change in Control for purposes of the Plan.
 - "Reduced Amount" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.01(a).
 - "Release" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.01(c).
 - "Severance" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.01(a).
 - "Specified Employee Payment Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 10.13(b).

ARTICLE III PARTICIPATION

Section 3.01 Participants. Each Eligible Employee of the Company who (a) is chosen by the Administrator to participate in the Plan; (b) receives a Participation Agreement from the Company; and (c) executes and returns such Participation Agreement to the Company in accordance with the terms of the Participation Agreement, shall be a "**Participant**" in the Plan.

ARTICLE IV SEVERANCE

Section 4.01 Severance. If a Participant has a Qualifying Termination, then, subject to Article VI, the Company will provide the Participant with the following:

(a) Severance in an amount equal to the product of the Participant's Applicable Severance Multiplier times the Participant's base salary in effect on the Qualifying Termination or, if greater, in effect on the first occurrence of a Change in Control ("Severance").

Subject to Section 10.13, Severance will be paid in substantially equal installment payments over the one-year period following the Qualifying Termination, payable in accordance with the Company's normal payroll practices, but no less frequently than monthly, which payments in the aggregate are equal to the Severance and which shall begin on the 61st day following the Qualifying Termination;

(b) A prorated annual bonus equal to the product of (i) the annual bonus, if any, that the Participant would have earned for the entire calendar year in which the Participant's employment with the Company terminates based on the level of achievement of the applicable performance goals for such year; and (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days the Participant was employed by the Company during the calendar year in which the Participant's employment with the Company terminates and the denominator of which is the number of days in such year (a "Pro-Rata Bonus").

Subject to Section 10.13, a Participant's Pro-Rata Bonus shall be paid on the date that annual bonuses are paid to the Company's senior executives, but in no event later than two-and-a-half (2 1/2) months following the end of the calendar year in which the Qualifying Termination occurs;

(c) During the Participant's Benefit Continuation Period, continued participation for the Participant and his or her eligible dependents in the Company's group health plans at then-existing participation and coverage levels and on terms no less favorable to the Participant than the terms in effect immediately before the Qualifying Termination ("Benefit Continuation"). Benefit Continuation shall be provided concurrently with any health care benefit required under COBRA. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company's providing Benefit Continuation under this Section 4.01(c) would violate the nondiscrimination rules applicable to non-grandfathered plans, or would result in the imposition of penalties under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, and the related regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder (the "ACA"), the Company shall reform this Section 4.01(c) in a manner as is necessary to comply with the ACA.

ARTICLE V EQUITY AWARDS

Section 5.01 Equity Awards. Notwithstanding the terms of the Company's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan or other equity plans under which a Participant's equity awards are granted or any applicable award agreements, if a Participant has a Qualifying Termination, then, subject to **Article VI**, that portion of the Participant's outstanding unvested time-based equity awards that would become vested following a Qualified Termination shall become fully vested and any restrictions thereon shall lapse and, in the case of stock options and stock appreciation rights, shall remain exercisable for the remainder of their full term.

ARTICLE VI CONDITIONS

Section 6.01 Conditions. A Participant's entitlement to any severance benefits under Article IV and Article V will be subject to:

- (a) the Participant executing and delivering to the Company his or her Participation Agreement in accordance with the terms thereof;
- (b) the Participant experiencing a Qualifying Termination;
- (c) the Participant executing a release of claims in favor of the Company, its affiliates and their respective officers and directors in a form provided by the Company (the "Release") and such Release becoming effective and irrevocable within 60 days following the Participant's Qualifying Termination; and
- (d) with respect to Benefit Continuation only, the Participant timely and properly electing continuation coverage under COBRA.

ARTICLE VII SECTION 280G

Section 7.01 Reduction. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or any other plan, arrangement or agreement to the contrary, if any of the payments or benefits provided or to be provided by the Company or its affiliates to a Participant or for a Participant's benefit pursuant to the terms of the Plan or otherwise ("**Covered Payments**") constitute parachute payments ("**Parachute Payments**") within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code and would, but for this Article VII, be subject to the excise tax imposed under Section 4999 of the Code (or any successor provision thereto) or any similar tax imposed by state or local law or any interest or penalties with respect to such taxes (collectively, the "**Excise Tax**"), then the Covered Payments shall be either:

- (a) reduced to the minimum extent necessary to ensure that no portion of the Covered Payments is subject to the Excise Tax (that amount, the "Reduced Amount"); or
- (b) payable in full if the Participant's receipt on an after-tax basis of the full amount of payments and benefits (after taking into account the applicable federal, state, local and foreign income, employment and excise taxes (including the Excise Tax)) would result in the Participant receiving an amount at least ten percent greater than the Reduced Amount.

Section 7.02 Order of Reduction. Any such reduction shall be made in accordance with Section 409A of the Code and the following:

- (a) the Covered Payments which do not constitute nonqualified deferred compensation subject to Section 409A of the Code shall be reduced first; and
- (b) all other Covered Payments shall then be reduced as follows: (i) cash payments shall be reduced before non-cash payments; and (ii) payments to be made on a later payment date shall be reduced before payments to be made on an earlier payment date.

Section 7.03 Determinations. Any determination required under this Article VII shall be made in writing in good faith by the accounting firm that was the Company's independent auditor immediately before the occurrence of the change in control/an independent accounting firm selected by the Company (the "**Accountants**"), which shall provide detailed supporting calculations to the Company and the Participant as requested by the Company or the Participant. The Company and the Participant

shall provide the Accountants with such information and documents as the Accountants may reasonably request in order to make a determination under this Article VII. For purposes of making the calculations and determinations required by this Article VII, the Accountants may rely on reasonable, good faith assumptions and approximations concerning the application of Section 280G and Section 4999 of the Code. The Accountants' determinations shall be final and binding on the Company and the Participant. The Company shall be responsible for all fees and expenses incurred by the Accountants in connection with the calculations required by this Article VII.

ARTICLE VIII CLAIMS PROCEDURES

Section 8.01 Initial Claims. A Participant who believes he or she is entitled to a payment under the Plan that has not been received may submit a written claim for benefits to the Plan within 60 days after the Participant's Qualifying Termination. Claims should be addressed and sent to:

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE CHAIR ASURE SOFTWARE, INC. 3700 N. Capital of Texas Hwy, Suite 350 AUSTIN, TX 78746

If the Participant's claim is denied, in whole or in part, the Participant will be furnished with written notice of the denial within 90 days after the Administrator's receipt of the Participant's written claim, unless special circumstances require an extension of time for processing the claim, in which case a period not to exceed 180 days will apply. If such an extension of time is required, written notice of the extension will be furnished to the Participant before the termination of the initial 90-day period and will describe the special circumstances requiring the extension, and the date on which a decision is expected to be rendered. Written notice of the denial of the Participant's claim will contain the following information:

- (a) the specific reason or reasons for the denial of the Participant's claim;
- (b) references to the specific Plan provisions on which the denial of the Participant's claim was based;
- (c) a description of any additional information or material required by the Administrator to reconsider the Participant's claim (to the extent applicable) and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary; and
- (d) a description of the Plan's review procedures and time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement of the Participant's right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA following a benefit claim denial on review.

claim, the Participant or his or her authorized representative must follow the procedures described below:

(a) Upon receipt of the denied claim, the Participant (or his or her authorized representative) may file a request for review of the claim in writing with the Administrator. This request for review must be filed no later than 60 days after the Participant has received written notification of the denial.

Section 8.02 Appeal of Denied Claims. If the Participant's claim is denied and he or she wishes to submit a request for a review of the denied

- (b) The Participant has the right to submit in writing to the Administrator any comments, documents, records or other information relating to his or her claim for benefits.
- (c) The Participant has the right to be provided with, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to and copies of all pertinent documents, records and other information that is relevant to his or her claim for benefits.
- (d) The review of the denied claim will take into account all comments, documents, records and other information that the Participant submitted relating to his or her claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial denial of his or her claim.

Section 8.03 Administrator's Response to Appeal. The Administrator will provide the Participant with written notice of its decision within 60 days after the Administrator's receipt of the Participant's written claim for review. There may be special circumstances which require an extension of this 60-day period. In any such case, the Administrator will notify the Participant in writing within the 60-day period and the final decision will be made no later than 120 days after the Administrator's receipt of the Participant's written claim for review. The Administrator's decision on the Participant's claim for review will be communicated to the Participant in writing and will clearly state:

- (a) the specific reason or reasons for the denial of the Participant's claim;
- (b) reference to the specific Plan provisions on which the denial of the Participant's claim is based;
- (c) a statement that the Participant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, the Plan and all documents, records and other information relevant to his or her claim for benefits; and
- (d) a statement describing the Participant's right to bring an action under Section 502(a) of ERISA.

Section 8.04 Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies. The exhaustion of these claims procedures is mandatory for resolving every claim and dispute arising under the Plan. As to such claims and disputes:

- (a) no claimant shall be permitted to commence any legal action to recover benefits or to enforce or clarify rights under the Plan under Section 502 or Section 510 of ERISA or under any other provision of law, whether or not statutory, until these claims procedures have been exhausted in their entirety; and
- (b) in any such legal action, all explicit and implicit determinations by the Administrator (including, but not limited to, determinations as to whether the claim, or a request for a review of a denied claim, was timely filed) shall be afforded the maximum deference permitted by law.

Section 8.05 Arbitration. Subject to Section 8.04, any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or related to the Plan shall be submitted to and decided by binding arbitration. Arbitration shall be administered exclusively by the American Arbitration Association and shall be conducted consistent with

the rules, regulations and requirements thereof as well as any requirements imposed by state law. Any arbitral award determination shall be final and binding.

Section 8.06 Attorney's Fees. The Company and each Participant shall bear their own attorneys' fees incurred in connection with any disputes between them.

ARTICLE IX ADMINISTRATION, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

Section 9.01 Administration. The Administrator has the exclusive right, power and authority, in its sole and absolute discretion, to administer and interpret the Plan. The Administrator has all powers reasonably necessary to carry out its responsibilities under the Plan including (but not limited to) the sole and absolute discretionary authority to:

- (a) administer the Plan according to its terms and to interpret Plan policies and procedures;
- (b) resolve and clarify inconsistencies, ambiguities and omissions in the Plan and among and between the Plan and other related documents;
- (c) take all actions and make all decisions regarding questions of eligibility and entitlement to benefits, and benefit amounts;
- (d) make, amend, interpret, and enforce all appropriate rules and regulations for the administration of the Plan;
- (e) process and approve or deny all claims for benefits; and
- (f) decide or resolve any and all questions, including benefit entitlement determinations and interpretations of the Plan, as may arise in connection with the Plan.

The decision of the Administrator on any disputes arising under the Plan, including (but not limited to) questions of construction, interpretation and administration shall be final, conclusive and binding on all persons having an interest in or under the Plan. Any determination made by the Administrator shall be given deference in the event the determination is subject to judicial review and shall be overturned by a court of law only if it is arbitrary and capricious.

Section 9.02 Duration. Unless earlier terminated pursuant to Section 9.03, if a Change in Control has not occurred, the Plan will expire five (5) years from the Effective Date; provided, that on each anniversary of the date the Plan would otherwise expire, the Plan will be automatically extended for an additional year.

Section 9.03 Amendment and Termination. The Company reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan at any time, by providing at least 90 days advance written notice to each Participant; provided that no such amendment or termination that has the effect of reducing or diminishing the right of any Participant will be effective without the written consent of such Participant.

ARTICLE X GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 10.01 At-Will Employment. The Plan does not alter the status of each Participant as an at-will employee of the Company. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to give any Participant the right to remain employed by the Company or to interfere with the rights of the Company to terminate the employment of any Participant at any time, with or without Cause.

Section 10.02 Effect on Other Plans, Agreements and Benefits.

- (a) Any severance benefits payable to a Participant under the Plan will be reduced by any severance benefits to which the Participant would otherwise be entitled under any general severance policy or severance plan maintained by the Company or any agreement between the Participant and the Company that provides for severance benefits (unless the policy, plan or agreement expressly provides for severance benefits to be in addition to those provided under the Plan); and (ii) any severance benefits payable to a Participant under the Plan will be reduced by any severance benefits to which the Participant is entitled by operation of a statute or government regulations.
- (b) Any severance benefits payable to a Participant under the Plan will not be counted as compensation for purposes of determining benefits under any other benefit policies or plans of the Company, except to the extent expressly provided therein.

Section 10.03 Mitigation and Offset. If a Participant obtains other employment, such other employment will not affect the Participant's rights or the Company's obligations under the Plan. The Company may reduce the amount of any severance benefits otherwise payable to or on behalf of a Participant by the amount of any obligation of the Participant to the Company, and the Participant shall be deemed to have consented to such reduction.

Section 10.04 Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of the Plan shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of the Plan. If any provision of the Plan is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid, void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed modified, amended and narrowed to the extent necessary to render such provision legal, valid and enforceable, and the other remaining provisions of the Plan shall not be affected but shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10.05 Headings and Subheadings. Headings and subheadings contained in the Plan are intended solely for convenience and no provision of the Plan is to be construed by reference to the heading or subheading of any section or paragraph.

Section 10.06 Unfunded Obligations. The amounts to be paid to Participants under the Plan are unfunded obligations of the Company. The Company is not required to segregate any monies or other assets from its general funds with respect to these obligations. Participants shall not have any preference or security interest in any assets of the Company other than as a general unsecured creditor.

Section 10.07 Successors. The Plan will be binding upon any successor to the Company, its assets, its businesses or its interest (whether as a result of the occurrence of a Change in Control or otherwise), in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be obligated under the Plan if no succession had taken place. In the case of any transaction in which a successor would not by

the foregoing provision or by operation of law be bound by the Plan, the Company shall require any successor to the Company to expressly and unconditionally assume the Plan in writing and honor the obligations of the Company hereunder, in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform if no succession had taken place. All payments and benefits that become due to a Participant under the Plan will inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, assigns, designees or legal representatives.

Section 10.08 Transfer and Assignment. Neither a Participant nor any other person shall have any right to sell, assign, transfer, pledge, anticipate or otherwise encumber, transfer, hypothecate or convey any amounts payable under the Plan prior to the date that such amounts are paid, except that, in the case of a Participant's death, such amounts shall be paid to the Participant's beneficiaries.

Section 10.09 Waiver. Any party's failure to enforce any provision or provisions of the Plan will not in any way be construed as a waiver of any such provision or provisions, nor prevent any party from thereafter enforcing each and every other provision of the Plan.

Section 10.10 Governing Law. To the extent not pre-empted by federal law, the Plan shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of Delaware without regard to conflicts of law principles. Subject to Section 8.05, any action or proceeding to enforce the provisions of the Plan will be brought only in a state or federal court located in the state of Texas, county of Travis, and each party consents to the venue and jurisdiction of such court. The parties hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts and waive the defense of inconvenient forum to the maintenance of any such action or proceeding in such venue.

Section 10.11 Withholding. The Company shall have the right to withhold from any amount payable hereunder any Federal, state and local taxes in order for the Company to satisfy any withholding tax obligation it may have under any applicable law or regulation.

Section 10.12 Section 409A.

- (a) The Plan is intended to comply with Section 409A of the Code or an exemption thereunder and shall be construed and administered in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, payments provided under the Plan may only be made upon an event and in a manner that complies with Section 409A of the Code or an applicable exemption. Any payments under the Plan that may be excluded from Section 409A of the Code either as separation pay due to an involuntary separation from service or as a short-term deferral shall be excluded from Section 409A of the Code to the maximum extent possible. For purposes of Section 409A of the Code, each installment payment provided under the Plan shall be treated as a separate payment. Any payments to be made under the Plan upon a termination of employment shall only be made upon a "separation from service" under Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company makes no representations that the payments and benefits provided under the Plan comply with Section 409A of the Code and in no event shall the Company be liable for all or any portion of any taxes, penalties, interest or other expenses that may be incurred by a Participant on account of non-compliance with Section 409A of the Code.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, if any payment or benefit provided to a Participant in connection with his or her Qualifying Termination is

determined to constitute "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code and the Participant is determined to be a "specified employee" as defined in Section 409A(a)(2)(b)(i) of the Code, then such payment or benefit shall not be paid until the first payroll date to occur following the six-month anniversary of the Qualifying Termination or, if earlier, on the Participant's death (the "Specified Employee Payment Date"). The aggregate of any payments that would otherwise have been paid before the Specified Employee Payment Date shall be paid to the Participant in a lump sum on the Specified Employee Payment Date and thereafter, any remaining payments shall be paid without delay in accordance with their original schedule. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, if any payment or benefit is conditioned on the Participant's execution of a Release, the first payment shall include all amounts that would otherwise have been paid to the Participant during the period beginning on the date of the Qualifying Termination and ending on the payment date if no delay had been imposed. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, if a Qualifying Termination occurs during the ninety-day period before the first occurrence of a Change in Control, Benefit Continuation reimbursement shall not begin until after the Change in Control occurs and the first Benefit Continuation reimbursement shall include all amounts that would otherwise have been paid to the Participant during the period beginning on the date the Participant's employment with the Company terminates and ending on the payment date if no delay had been imposed.

(b) To the extent required by Section 409A of the Code, each reimbursement or in-kind benefit provided under the Plan shall be provided in accordance with the following: (i) the amount of expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits provided, during each calendar year cannot affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement, or in-kind benefits to be provided, in any other calendar year; and (ii) any right to reimbursements or in-kind benefits under the Plan shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for another benefit.

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CERTIFICATION

The Secretary of Asure Software, Inc. hereby certifies that the foregoing Executive Change in Control Severance Plan was approv	ed and adopted by the
Board of Directors of Asure Software, Inc. on December 15, 2017.	

Kelyn Brannon, Secretary