# 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): September 18, 2015 (September 15, 2015)

# Avis Budget Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **001-10308** (Commission File Number) 06-0918165 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

6 Sylvan Way Parsippany, NJ (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**07054** (Zip Code)

973-496-4700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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

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

On September 15, 2015, Ronald L. Nelson gave formal notice of his intention to retire as Chief Executive Officer of Avis Budget Group, Inc. (the "Company"), effective December 31, 2015, and Larry D. De Shon was selected as the Company's new Chief Executive Officer, effective January 1, 2016. Mr. Nelson will continue to serve as Executive Chairman of the Board following his retirement as Chief Executive Officer.

On September 15, 2015, our Board of Directors (the "Board") also voted to increase the size of the Board from ten directors to eleven directors, effective October 1, 2015, and elected Mr. De Shon as a director of the Company to fill the vacancy created by this increase, also effective October 1, 2015.

Mr. De Shon will assume the President and Chief Operating Officer roles, currently held by Mr. Nelson, effective October 1, 2015. David B. Wyshner will assume the role of President of the Company (in addition to his current role as Chief Financial Officer) effective January 1, 2016, when Mr. De Shon assumes the role of Chief Executive Officer. A copy of the Company's press release announcing these management changes is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Mr. De Shon, 56, has served as President, International of the Company since January 2015. Previously, Mr. De Shon held the title of President, Europe, Middle East and Asia (EMEA) from October 2011 until January 2015 and Executive Vice President, Operations, from October 2006 through 2011. Prior to joining Avis Budget, Mr. De Shon had a 28-year career at United Airlines, which included global responsibility for marketing, on-board service and airport operations. Mr. De Shon and the Company entered into an employment agreement on September 15, 2015, effective January 1, 2016 (the "Agreement"). Under the terms of the Agreement Mr. De Shon will receive a base salary of no less than \$1.0 million, will be eligible to earn an annual incentive award at a target rate of 150% of base salary and will be eligible for long-term incentive awards. If Mr. De Shon's employment with the Company is terminated without "cause" or due to a "constructive discharge" (as such terms are defined in the Agreement), he will be entitled to a lump-sum payment equal to 200% of the sum of his then current base salary plus his then-current target annual bonus, perquisites to include car usage, financial planning and health coverage for a period of 24 months, and outstanding equity awards scheduled to vest over the two-year period following termination will become fully-vested, subject to all performance goals being met for performance-vesting awards. The Agreement also provides for post-termination non-competition and non-solicitation covenants. The foregoing description of the Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Mr. Wyshner, 48, has served as Chief Financial Officer since August 2006. Mr. Wyshner also held the title of Executive Vice President from August 2006 through October 2011, when he was promoted to Senior Executive Vice President, and also served as Treasurer from August 2006 to November 2007. Previously, Mr. Wyshner held several key roles with Cendant Corporation (as the Company was previously known), starting in 1999, including Executive Vice President and Treasurer, and Vice Chairman of the Travel Services Division, which included the Avis and Budget vehicle rental businesses. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Wyshner was a Vice President in Merrill Lynch and Co.'s investment banking division. When Mr. Wyshner assumes the role of President and Chief Financial Officer, he will receive a base salary of \$800,000, will be eligible to earn an annual incentive award at a target rate of 125% of base salary and will be eligible for long-term incentive awards.

As Executive Chairman, Mr. Nelson will receive a base salary of \$800,000, will be eligible to earn an annual incentive award and will be eligible for long-term incentive awards.

Mr. De Shon and Mr. Wyshner were each awarded 65,862 restricted stock units on September 15, 2015, which are scheduled to vest ratably over three years from the date of grant, subject to continued service. Mr. Nelson was awarded 43,908 restricted stock units on September 15, 2015, which are scheduled to vest on December 31, 2016, subject to continued service.

Mr. De Shon has not been, and is not currently expected to be, appointed to any of the committees of the Board other than the Executive Committee, which appointment is expected to occur in January 2016.

#### Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On September 15, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Company approved amendments to Article IV of the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws (the "By-Laws"). As amended, the By-Laws no longer provide that the President of the Company must also be a member of the Board of Directors. The amendments also include certain related ancillary changes. The foregoing summary of the amendments to the By-Laws is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Company's By-Laws, as of September 15, 2015, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 3.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

Exhibit No.	Description
3.2	Amended and Restated By-Laws of Avis Budget Group, Inc., as of September 15, 2015
10.1	Employment Agreement between Avis Budget Group, Inc. and Larry D. De Shon dated as of September 15, 2015
99.1	Press Release issued by Avis Budget Group, Inc. dated September 16, 2015

#### SIGNATURES

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

# AVIS BUDGET GROUP, INC.

By:/s/ Bryon L. KoepkeName:Bryon L. KoepkeTitle:Senior Vice President and Chief Securities Counsel

Date: September 18, 2015

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#### AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS

#### (As of September 15, 2015)

OF

#### AVIS BUDGET GROUP, INC.

# (the "Corporation")

#### ARTICLE I. Offices

SECTION 1. Offices.

The registered office of the Corporation in the State of Delaware shall be in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, State of Delaware.

The Corporation shall have offices at such other places as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

#### ARTICLE II. Stockholders

SECTION 1. Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held at such place, within or without the State of Delaware, and hour as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The day, place and hour of each annual meeting shall be specified in the notice of annual meeting.

The meeting may be adjourned from time to time and place to place until its business is completed.

At an annual meeting of the stockholders, only such business shall be conducted as shall have been properly brought before the meeting. To be properly brought before an annual meeting, business must be (a) specified in the notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto) given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors (or duly authorized committee thereof), (b) otherwise properly brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the Board of Directors (or any duly authorized committee thereof), or (c) otherwise properly brought before the meeting by a stockholder of the Corporation (i) who is a stockholder of record on the date of the giving of the notice provided for in this Section 1 and on the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at such annual meeting and (ii) who complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 1. For business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder, the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Corporation.

To be timely, a stockholder's notice to the Secretary must be delivered to or mailed and received at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not less than sixty (60) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting of stockholders is called for a date that is not within twenty-five (25) days before or after such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder in order to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the tenth (10th) day following the day on which such notice of the date of the annual meeting of stockholders was mailed or such public disclosure of the date of the annual meeting of stockholders was made, whichever first occurs. A stockholder's notice to the Secretary shall set forth as to each matter the stockholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting: (a) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting, (b) the name and address, as they appear on the Corporation's books, of the stockholder proposing such business, (c) the class and number of shares of the Corporation which are owned beneficially or of record by the stockholder, (d) a description of all arrangements or understandings between such stockholder and any other person or persons, (e) any material interest of the stockholder in such business, and (f) a representation that such stockholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the annual meeting to bring such business before the meeting. Notwithstanding anything in the By-Laws to the contrary, no business shall be conducted at an annual meeting except in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 1; provided, however, that, once business has been properly brought before the annual meeting in accordance with such procedures, nothing in this Section 1 shall be deemed to preclude discussion by any stockholder of any such business.

The presiding officer of an annual meeting shall, if the facts warrant, determine and declare to the meeting that business was not properly brought before the meeting and in accordance with the provisions of this Section 1, and if he should so determine, he shall so declare to the meeting and any such business not properly brought before the meeting shall not be transacted.

#### SECTION 2. Special Meeting.

Except as otherwise required by law, special meetings of the stockholders may be called only by the Chairman of the Board, the President, or the Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution approved by a majority of the entire Board of Directors. At a special meeting of stockholders, only such business shall be conducted as shall be specified in the notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto).

#### SECTION 3. Stockholder Action; How Taken.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the stockholders of the Corporation must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting of such holders and may not be effected by any consent in writing by such holders.

#### SECTION 4. Notice of Meeting.

Notice of every meeting of the stockholders shall be given in the manner prescribed by law.

#### SECTION 5. Quorum.

Except as otherwise required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws, the holders of not less than one-third of the shares entitled to vote at any meeting of the stockholders, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum.

If a quorum shall fail to attend any meeting, the chairman of the meeting may adjourn the meeting to another place, date or time.

If a notice of any adjourned special meeting of stockholders is sent to all stockholders entitled to vote thereat, stating that it will be held with those present constituting a quorum, then, except as otherwise required by law, those present at such adjourned meeting shall constitute a quorum.

#### SECTION 6. Qualification of Voters.

The Board of Directors (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Board") may fix a day and hour not more than sixty nor less than ten days prior to the day of holding any meeting of the stockholders as the time which the stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting shall be determined. Only those persons who were holders of record of voting stock at such time shall be entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting.

#### SECTION 7. Procedure.

The order of business and all other matters of procedure at every meeting of the stockholders may be determined by the presiding officer.

The Board shall appoint two or more Inspectors of Election to serve at every meeting of the stockholders at which Directors are to be elected.

#### ARTICLE III. Directors

#### SECTION 1. Number, Election and Terms.

The number of Directors shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors but shall not be less than three. From and after the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2004, the Directors shall hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in the year following their election with each member to hold office until his or her successor is elected and qualified or until his or her earlier resignation or removal; provided that the term of any Director appointed prior to the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2004 shall be unaffected. At each annual meeting of stockholders, the successors of the Directors whose term expires at that meeting shall be elected to hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders held in the year following the year of their election.

The term "entire Board" as used in these By-Laws means the total number of Directors which the Corporation would have if there were no vacancies.

Only persons who are nominated in accordance with the following procedures shall be eligible for election as directors of the Corporation, except as may be otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation with respect to the right of holders of preferred stock of the Corporation to nominate and elect a specified number of directors in certain circumstances. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors may be made at any annual meeting of stockholders, or at any special meeting of stockholders called for the purpose of electing directors, (a) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors (or any duly authorized committee thereof) or (b) by any stockholder of the Corporation (i) who is a stockholder of record on the date of the giving of the notice provided for in this Section 1 and on the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting and (ii) who complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 1.

In addition to any other applicable requirements, for a nomination to be made by a stockholder, such stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in proper written form to the Secretary of the Corporation. To be timely, a written notice of such stockholder's intent to make such nomination or nominations must be given, either by personal delivery or by United States mail, postage prepaid, to the Secretary of the Corporation not later than (a) with respect to an election to be held at an annual meeting of stockholders, not less than ninety (90) days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting of stockholders is called for a date that is not within twenty-five (25) days before or after such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder in order to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the tenth (10th) day following the day on which such notice of such meeting was mailed or such public disclosure of the date of such meeting was made, whichever first occurs; and (b) with respect to an election to be held at a special meeting of stockholders for the election of Directors, not later than the close of business on the tenth (10th) day following the day on which notice of such meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of such meeting was made, whichever first occurs.

To be in proper written form, each such notice must set forth: (a) as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election as a director (i) the name, age, business address and residence address of the person, (ii) the principal occupation or employment of the person, (iii) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation which are owned beneficially or of record by the person and (iv) any other information relating to the person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and (b) as to the stockholder giving the notice (i) the name and record address of such stockholder, (ii) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation which are owned beneficially or of record by such stockholder, (iii) a description of all arrangements or understandings between such stockholder and each proposed nominee and any other person or persons (including their names) pursuant to which the nomination(s) are to be made by such stockholder, (iv) a representation that such stockholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the persons named in its notice and (v) any other information relating to such stockholder that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Such notice must be accompanied by a written consent of each proposed nominee to being named as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected. No person shall be eligible for election as a director of the Corporation unless nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 1. If the presiding officer of the meeting determines that a nomination was not made in accordance with the foregoing procedures, the presiding officer shall declare to the meeting that the nomination was defective and such defective nomination shall be disregarded.

In order for any incumbent Director to become a nominee of the Board of Directors for further service on the Board of Directors, such person must submit an irrevocable resignation, contingent on (i) that person not receiving a majority of votes cast in an election that is not a Contested Election (as defined below), and (ii) acceptance of that resignation by the Board of Directors in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors for such purpose.

Each Director that has been properly nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Article III, Section 1 shall be elected by the vote of a majority of votes cast with respect to that Director's election at any meeting for the election of Directors at which a quorum is present, provided that if, as of the date that is fourteen (14) days in advance of the date that the Corporation first files with the Securities and Exchange Commission its definitive proxy statement for the relevant meeting of stockholders (regardless of whether or not thereafter revised, amended or supplemented), the number of nominees for director exceeds the number of Directors to be elected (a "Contested Election"), then the Directors shall be elected by the vote of a plurality of the shares represented in person or by proxy at any such meeting and entitled to vote on the election of Directors (and in such Contested Election stockholders shall not be permitted to vote "against" a nominee). For purposes of this Article III, Section 1, a "majority of votes cast" shall mean that the number of votes cast "for" a Director's election exceeds the number of votes cast "against" that Director's election (with "abstentions" and "broker nonvotes" not counted as votes cast either "for" or "against" that Director's election).

In the event an incumbent Director fails to receive a majority of votes cast in an election that is not a Contested Election, the Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors shall make a recommendation to the Board of Directors as to whether to accept or reject the resignation of such incumbent Director, or whether other action should be taken. The Board of Directors shall act on the resignation, taking into account the Corporate Governance Committee's recommendation, and publicly disclose (by a press release and filing an appropriate disclosure with the Securities and Exchange Commission) its decision regarding the resignation (and, if such resignation is rejected, the rationale behind the decision) within ninety (90) days following certification of the election results. The Corporate Governance Committee, in making its recommendation, and the Board of Directors, in making its decision, each may consider any factors and other information that they consider appropriate and relevant. The Director who tenders his or her resignation shall not participate in the recommendation of the Corporate Governance Committee or the decision of the Board of Directors with respect to his or her resignation. If such Director's resignation is not accepted by the Board of Directors, such Director shall continue to serve until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified, or until his or her earlier resignation or removal.

#### SECTION 2. Newly Created Directorships and Vacancies.

Newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the number of Directors and any vacancies on the Board of Directors resulting from the death, resignation, disqualification, or removal of a director shall be filled solely by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors then in office, even though less than a quorum of the Board of Directors. Any Directors elected (a) to fill any vacancy resulting from the death, resignation, disqualification or removal of a Director shall hold office for the remainder of the full term of the Director whose death, resignation, disqualification or removal created such vacancy and (b) to fill any vacancy resulting from a newly created directorship shall hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders, and, in each case, until such Director's successor shall have been elected and qualified. No decrease in the number of Directors constituting the Board of Directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent Director.

#### SECTION 3. Removal.

Any Director may be removed from office, with or without cause, only by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the combined voting power of the then outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of Directors, voting together as a single class.

#### SECTION 4. Regular Meetings.

Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at such times and places as the Board may from time to time determine.

#### SECTION 5. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time, at any place and for any purpose by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Chairman of the Board, or by any officer of the Corporation upon the request of a majority of the entire Board.

SECTION 6. Notice of Meeting.

Notice of regular meetings of the Board need not be given.

Notice of every special meeting of the Board shall be given to each Director at his usual place of business, or at such other address as shall have been furnished by him for the purpose. Such notice shall be given at least twenty-four hours before the meeting by telephone or by being personally delivered, mailed, or telegraphed. Such notice need not include a statement of the business to be transacted at, or the purpose of, any such meeting.

SECTION 7. Quorum.

Except as may be otherwise provided by law or in these By-Laws, the presence of a majority of the Board shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board, and the act of a majority of such quorum shall be deemed the act of the Board.

Less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting of the Board from time to time without notice.

SECTION 8. Participation In Meetings By Conference Telephone.

Members of the Board, or of any committee thereof, may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other and such participation shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

#### SECTION 9. Powers.

The business, property and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of its Board of Directors, which shall have and may exercise all the powers of the Corporation to do all such lawful acts and things as are not by law, or by the Certificate of Incorporation, or by these By-Laws, directed or required to be exercised or done by the stockholders.

#### SECTION 10. Compensation of Directors.

Directors shall receive such compensation for their services as shall be determined by a majority of the Board provided that Directors who are serving the Corporation as officers or employees and who receive compensation for their services as such officers or employers shall not receive any salary or other compensation for their services as Directors.

#### ARTICLE IV. Officers

#### SECTION 1. Number.

a) General. The officers of the Corporation shall be appointed or elected by the Board of Directors. The officers shall be a Chairman of the Board, a Chief Executive Officer, a President, one or more Vice Chairmen of the Board, a Chief Financial Officer, a General Counsel, such number of vice presidents as the Board may from time to time determine and a Secretary. The Chairman of the Board or, in his absence or if such office be vacant, the Chief Executive Officer, shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders and of the Board. In the absence of the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer, a Vice Chairman of the Board and Vice Chairman of the Board. Any person may hold two or more offices, other than the offices of Chairman of the Board and Vice Chairman of the Board, at the same time. Subject to this Section 1, the Chairman of the Board and the Vice Chairmen of the Board shall be chosen from among the members of the Board, but the other officers need not be members of the Board.

b) Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall be an officer of the Corporation.

c) Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer shall be a member of the Board of Directors and an officer of the Corporation. The Chief Executive Officer shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall supervise, coordinate and manage the Corporation's business and activities and supervise, coordinate and manage its operating expenses and capital allocation, shall have general authority to exercise all the powers necessary for the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be prescribed by the Board or these By-Laws, all in accordance with basic policies as established by and subject to the oversight of the Board. In the absence or disability of the Chairman of the Board, the duties of the Chairman of the Board shall be performed and the Chairman of the Board's authority may be exercised by the Chief Executive Officer, or, in the absence or disability of the Chief Executive Officer, a Vice Chairman, provided that such person is a member of the Board.

d) President. The President shall have general day-to-day supervision, direction and control over the administrative functions of the Corporation and the officers, employees and agents relating to such functions as may be prescribed by the Board or the Chief Executive Officer. The President shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be prescribed by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or these By-Laws, all in accordance with the basic policies as established by and subject to the oversight of the Board, the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer.

e) Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall have responsibility for the financial affairs of the Corporation and shall exercise supervisory responsibility for the performance of the duties of the Treasurer, the Controller and the Chief Accounting Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be prescribed by the Board or these By-Laws, all in accordance with basic policies as established by and subject to the oversight of the Board, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the President.

f) General Counsel. The General Counsel shall have responsibility for the legal affairs of the Corporation. The General Counsel shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be prescribed by the Board or these By-Laws, all in accordance with basic policies as established by and subject to the oversight of the Board, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the President.

g) Secretary. The Secretary shall act as Secretary of all meetings of the stockholders and of the Board at which the Secretary is present, shall record all the proceedings of all such meetings in a book to be kept for that purpose, shall have supervision over the giving and service of notices of the Corporation, and shall have supervision over the care and custody of the corporate records and the corporate seal of the Corporation. The Secretary shall be empowered to affix the corporate seal to documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Corporation under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed, may attest the same. The Secretary shall have all powers and duties usually incident to the office of Secretary, except as specifically limited by a resolution of the Board, and may delegate such powers and duties to duly appointed or elected Assistant Secretaries. The Secretary shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Secretary from time to time by the Board, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the President or the General Counsel.

#### SECTION 2. Additional Officers.

The Board may appoint such other officers, agents and employees as it shall deem appropriate. All references in these By-Laws to a particular officer shall be deemed to refer to the person holding such office regardless of whether such person holds additional offices.

SECTION 3. Terms of Office.

All officers, agents and employees of the Corporation shall hold their respective offices or positions at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and may be removed at any time by the Board of Directors with or without cause.

SECTION 4. Duties.

The officers, agents and employees shall perform the duties and exercise the powers usually incident to the offices or positions held by them respectively, and/or such other duties and powers as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer.

#### ARTICLE V. Committees of the Board of Directors

SECTION 1. Designation.

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall have the following committees:

a) An Executive Committee consisting of not less than three Directors may be elected by a majority vote of the Board to serve until the Board shall otherwise determine. The Executive Committee shall have and may exercise all of the powers of the Board of Directors when the Board is not in session, including the power to authorize the issuance of stock, except that the Executive Committee shall have no power to (i) alter, amend or repeal these By-Laws or any resolution or resolutions of the Board of Directors; (ii) declare any dividend or make any other distribution to the stockholders of the Corporation; (iii) appoint any member of the Executive Committee; or (iv) take any other action which legally may be taken only by the Board. The Chairman of the Board will also serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Each resolution of the Executive Committee will require approval by a majority of the members of such Committee.

b) A Compensation Committee consisting of not less than three Directors may be elected by a majority vote of the Board to serve until the Board shall otherwise determine. The Compensation Committee will have the following powers and authority: (i) determining and fixing the compensation for all senior officers of the Corporation and those of its subsidiaries that the Compensation Committee shall from time to time consider appropriate, as well as all employees of the Corporation and its subsidiaries compensated at a rate in excess of such amount per annum as may be fixed or determined from time to time by the Board; (ii) performing the duties of the committees of the Board provided for in any present or future stock option, incentive compensation or employee benefit plan of the Corporation or, if the Compensation Committee shall so determine, any such plan of any subsidiary; and (iii) reviewing the operations of and policies pertaining to any present or future stock option, incentive compensation or employee benefit plan of the Corporation or any subsidiary that the Compensation Committee shall from time to time consider appropriate. Each resolution of the Compensation Committee will require approval by a majority of the members of such committee. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any option plan

adopted from time to time by the Corporation, neither the Board of Directors nor the Compensation Committee shall have the authority, without prior shareholder approval, to alter the price at which options, once granted, may be exercised, except to the extent any such alteration may be contemplated in such option plan or the applicable stock option agreement in connection with a change of capitalization of the Corporation.

c) An Audit Committee consisting of not less than three Directors may be elected by a majority vote of the Board to serve until the Board shall otherwise determine. The Audit Committee will have the following powers and authority: (i) employing independent public accountants to audit the books of account, accounting procedures, and financial statements of the Corporation and to perform such other duties from time to time as the Audit Committee may prescribe; (ii) receiving the reports and comments of the Corporation's internal auditors and of the independent public accountants employed by the Audit Committee and to take such action with respect thereto as may seem appropriate; (iii) requesting the Corporation's consolidated subsidiaries and affiliated companies to employ independent public accountants to audit their respective books of account, accounting procedures, and financial statements; (iv) requesting the independent public accountants to furnish to the Compensation Committee the certifications required under any present or future stock option, incentive compensation or employee benefit plan of the Corporation; (v) reviewing the adequacy of internal financial controls; (vi) approving the accounting principles employed in financial reporting. Each resolution of the Committee will require approval by a majority of the members of such committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there will be no changes in the composition of the Audit Committee prior to the date of the adoption of a resolution of the Audit Committee approving its final report concerning accounting issues.

#### SECTION 2. Meetings; Notice.

Regular meetings of committees shall be held at such times and places as the Board or the committee in question may from time to time determine. Special meetings of any committee may be called at any time, at any place and for any purpose by the Chairman of such committee, the Chairman of the Board, or by any officer of the Corporation upon the request of a majority of the members of such committee. Notice of regular meetings of the committees need not be given. Notice of every special meeting of any committee shall be given to each member at his usual place of business, or at such other address as shall have been furnished by him for the purpose. Such notice shall be given at least twenty-four hours before the meeting by telephone or by being personally delivered, mailed, or telegraphed. Such notice need not include a statement of the business to be transacted at, or the purpose of, any such meeting.

#### SECTION 3. Committee Members; Board of Director Nominations.

a) Each member of any committee of the Board shall hold office until such member's successor is elected and has qualified, unless such member sooner dies, resigns or is removed.

b) The Board may remove a director from a committee or change the chairmanship of a committee by resolution adopted by a majority of the Board.

c) The Board may designate one or more Directors as alternate members of any committee to fill any vacancy on a committee and to fill a vacant chairmanship of a committee, occurring as a result of a member or chairman leaving the committee, whether through death, resignation, removal or otherwise. Any such designation may be made or amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board.

## ARTICLE VI. Indemnification of Directors, Officers and Employees

SECTION 1. Power to Indemnify in Actions, Suits or Proceedings other than Those by or in the Right of the Corporation.

Subject to Section 3 of this Article VI, the Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, or is or was a director or officer of the Corporation serving at the request of the Corporation as a director or officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe such person's conduct was unlawful.

SECTION 2. Power to Indemnify in Actions, Suits or Proceedings by or in the Right of the Corporation.

Subject to Section 3 of this Article VI, the Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, or is or was a director or officer of the Corporation serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation; except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

#### SECTION 3. Authorization of Indemnification.

Any indemnification under this Article VI (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director or officer is proper in the circumstances because such person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 1 or Section 2 of this Article VI, as the case may be. Such determination shall be made (i) by a majority vote of the Directors who are not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, even though less than a quorum, or (ii) if there are no such Directors, or if such Directors so direct, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion or (iii) by the stockholders. To the extent, however, that a director or officer of the Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith, without the necessity of authorization in the specific case.

#### SECTION 4. Good Faith Defined.

For purposes of any determination under Section 3 of this Article VI, a person shall be deemed to have acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, to have had no reasonable cause to believe such person's conduct was unlawful, if such person's action is based on the records or books of account of the Corporation or another enterprise, or on information supplied to such person by the officers of the Corporation or another enterprise in the course of their duties, or on the advice of legal counsel for the Corporation or another enterprise or on information or records given or reports made to the Corporation or another enterprise by an

independent certified public accountant or by an appraiser or other expert selected with reasonable care by the Corporation or another enterprise. The term "another enterprise" as used in this Section 4 shall mean any other corporation or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise of which such person is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent. The provisions of this Section 4 shall not be deemed to be exclusive or to limit in any way the circumstances in which a person may be deemed to have met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 1 or 2 of this Article VI, as the case may be.

#### SECTION 5. Indemnification by a Court.

Notwithstanding any contrary determination in the specific case under Section 3 of this Article VI, and notwithstanding the absence of any determination thereunder, any director or officer may apply to the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware for indemnification to the extent otherwise permissible under Sections 1 and 2 of this Article VI. The basis of such indemnification by a court shall be a determination by such court that indemnification of the director or officer is proper in the circumstances because such person has met the applicable standards of conduct set forth in Section 1 or 2 of this Article VI, as the case may be. Neither a contrary determination in the specific case under Section 3 of this Article VI nor the absence of any determination thereunder shall be a defense to such application or create a presumption that the director or officer seeking indemnification has not met any applicable standard of conduct. Notice of any application for indemnification pursuant to this Section 5 shall be given to the Corporation promptly upon the filing of such application. If successful, in whole or in part, the director or officer seeking indemnification shall also be entitled to be paid the expense of prosecuting such application.

## SECTION 6. Expenses Payable in Advance.

Expenses incurred by a current or former director or officer in defending any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding shall be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this Article VI. Any disagreement concerning the foregoing expense advancement provisions shall be resolved in a summary proceeding as expeditiously as possible.

#### SECTION 7. Nonexclusivity of Indemnification and Advancement of Expenses.

The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by or granted pursuant to this Article VI shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under the Certificate of Incorporation, any By-Law, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested Directors or otherwise, both as to action in such person's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, it being the policy of the Corporation that indemnification of the persons specified in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article VI shall be made to the fullest extent permitted by law. The provisions of this Article VI shall not be deemed to preclude the indemnification of any person who is not specified in Section 1 or 2 of this Article VI but whom the Corporation has the power or obligation to indemnify under the provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or otherwise.

#### SECTION 8. Insurance.

The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, or is or was a director or officer of the Corporation serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power or the obligation to indemnify such person against such liability under the provisions of this Article VI.

## SECTION 9. Certain Definitions.

For purposes of this Article VI, references to "the Corporation" shall include, in addition to the resulting corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its Directors or officers, so that any person who is or was a director or officer of such constituent corporation, or is or was a director or officer of such constituent corporation as a director, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Article VI with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as such person would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued. For purposes of this Article VI, references to "fines" shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan; and references to "serving at the request of the Corporation" shall include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation which imposes duties on, or involves services by, such director or officer with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants or beneficiaries; and a person who acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan shall be deemed to have acted in a manner "not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation" as referred to in this Article VI.

SECTION 10. Survival of Indemnification and Advancement of Expenses.

The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this Article VI shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

SECTION 11. Limitation on Indemnification.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Article VI to the contrary, except for proceedings to enforce rights to indemnification (which shall be governed by Section 5 hereof), the Corporation shall not be obligated to indemnify any director or officer in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person unless such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized or consented to by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

SECTION 12. Indemnification of Employees and Agents.

The Corporation may, to the extent authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors, provide rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses to employees and agents of the Corporation similar to those conferred in this Article VI to Directors and officers of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII. Seal

SECTION 1. The Corporate seal shall bear the name of the Corporation and the words "Corporate Seal, Delaware."

# ARTICLE VIII. Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments of By-Laws.

Subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and the provisions of these By-Laws, these By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the stockholders (or at any special meeting thereof duly called for that purpose) by the vote of a majority of the shares outstanding and entitled to vote at such meeting; provided that in the notice of such special meeting notice of such purpose shall be given. Subject to the laws of the State of Delaware, the provisions of Certificate of Incorporation and the provisions of these By-Laws, the Board of Directors may by majority vote of those present at any meeting at which a quorum is present amend these By-Laws, or enact such other by-laws as in their judgment may be advisable for the regulation of the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation.

## **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

Avis Budget Group, Inc. (the "**Company**") and Larry D. De Shon (the "**Executive**") are parties to this certain Employment Agreement dated as of September 15, 2015 (the "**Agreement**").

WHEREAS, the Company desires to continue to employ the Executive as a full-time employee of the Company and the Executive desires to continue to serve the Company in such capacity.

WHEREAS, Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC, a subsidiary of the Company, and the Executive have agreed to terminate the Agreement, originally entered into effective December 19, 2008 (as amended through the date hereof, the "**Original Agreement**"); provided that the Original Agreement shall remain in full force and effect from the date hereof until January 1, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

# SECTION I EFFECTIVENESS

This Agreement shall be effective as of January 1, 2016 (the "**Effective Date**") and from the date hereof until January 1, 2016, the Original Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

#### SECTION II

#### **EMPLOYMENT; POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Company agrees to employ the Executive, and the Executive agrees to be employed by the Company, for the Period of Employment as provided in Section III below and upon the terms and conditions provided in this Agreement. During the Period of Employment, the Executive shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of the Company and shall report to, and be subject to the direction of, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "**Board**"). In addition, during the Period of Employment, the Executive shall serve as a member of the Board; provided, however, that the Executive's service as a member of the Board shall at all times remain subject to the limitations of applicable law and to any and all nomination and election procedures and requirements in accordance with the Company's By-Laws or other organizational documents. The Executive shall perform such duties and exercise such supervision with regard to the business of the Company as are associated with his position, as well as such additional duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board. The Executive shall, during the Period of Employment, devote substantially all of his business time and attention to the performance of services for the Company. The Executive shall maintain a primary office and conduct his business in Parsippany, New Jersey (the "**Business Office**"), except for normal and reasonable business travel in connection with his duties hereunder.

# SECTION III PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT

The period of the Executive's employment under this Agreement (the "**Period of Employment**") shall begin on the Effective Date and shall continue for an indefinite period, and may end at either the Executive's election at any time or at the Company's election at any time, for any reason or no reason, in each case, subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

# SECTION IV COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

For all services rendered by the Executive pursuant to this Agreement during the Period of Employment, including services as an executive officer, director or committee member of the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, the Executive shall be compensated as follows:

#### (a) Base Salary

The Company shall pay the Executive a fixed base salary ("**Base Salary**") as mutually agreed between the parties, and the Executive shall be eligible to receive increases as the Compensation Committee (the "**Committee**") deems appropriate, in accordance with the Company's customary procedures regarding salaries of senior officers. Base Salary shall be payable according to the customary payroll practices of the Company, but in no event less frequently than once each month. The Executive's Base Salary shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per annum.

(b) Annual Incentive Awards

The Executive shall be eligible to earn a target Annual Bonus for each fiscal year of the Company ending during the Period of Employment (each, an "**Annual Bonus**") equal to 150% of the Executive's Base Salary for such fiscal year, if the Company achieves the applicable performance goals established by the Committee for such fiscal year. The Committee may establish such metrics whereby the Executive may earn an Annual Bonus in excess of the target Annual Bonus or an Annual Bonus less than the target Annual Bonus.

Any Annual Bonus that becomes payable to the Executive pursuant to this Section shall be paid to the Executive as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt by the Board of the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the relevant fiscal year, but in no event later than two and a half (2 ½) months following the end of the applicable fiscal year in which such Annual Bonus was earned. The Executive shall be entitled to receive any Annual Bonus that becomes payable in a lump sum cash payment, or, at his election, in any form that the Board generally makes available to the Company's executive management team; provided that any such election is made by the Executive in compliance with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**") and the regulations promulgated thereunder ("**Section 409A**").

(c) Long-Term Incentive Awards

During the Period of Employment, the Executive shall be eligible for long term incentive awards as determined by the Committee in its discretion.

(d) Additional Benefits

The Executive shall be entitled to participate in all other compensation and employee benefit plans or programs and receive all benefits and perquisites for which salaried employees of the Company generally are eligible under any plan or program now in effect, or later established by the Company, on a basis no less favorable than as provided to any other executive of the Company. The Executive shall participate to the extent permissible under the terms and provisions of such plans or programs, and in accordance with the terms of such plans and programs.

# SECTION V BUSINESS EXPENSES

The Company shall reimburse the Executive for all reasonable travel and other expenses incurred by the Executive in connection with the performance of his duties and obligations under this Agreement in accordance with the applicable policies of the Company as in effect from time to time. The Executive shall comply with such limitations and reporting requirements with respect to expenses as may be established by the Company from time to time and shall promptly provide all appropriate and requested documentation in connection with such expenses. Further, the Executive will receive access to Company aircraft or alternative air transportation, subject to applicable Company policies as in effect from time to time, for all reasonable travel in connection with the performance by the Executive of his duties and obligations under this Agreement.

# SECTION VI DEATH AND DISABILITY

The Period of Employment shall end upon the Executive's death. If the Executive experiences a Disability (as defined below) during the Period of Employment, the Period of Employment may be terminated at the option of the Executive (or the Executive's legal representative) upon notice of resignation to the Company, or at the option of the Company upon notice of termination to the Executive. For purposes of this Agreement, "Disability" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 409A. The Company's obligation to make payments to the Executive under this Agreement shall cease as of such date of termination, except for Base Salary and any Annual Bonus earned but unpaid as of the date of such termination (the "Accrued Obligations"), and, in such event (a) each option to purchase shares of the Company common stock or stock appreciation right shall become immediately and fully vested and exercisable (to the extent not already vested) and, notwithstanding any term or provision relating to such option to the contrary, shall remain exercisable until the first to occur of the third (3rd) anniversary of the Executive's termination of employment and the original expiration date of such option or stock appreciation rights, (b) all other long-term equity awards then outstanding shall become immediately vested, and (c) the Company shall pay the Executive (or his surviving spouse, estate or personal representative, as applicable) a cash amount equal to the Executive's target Annual Bonus for the year in which the Executive is terminated multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the total number of days during the applicable calendar year during which the Executive was employed by the Company and the denominator of which is 365. Upon the Executive's termination due to death or Disability, the Executive and each person who is his covered dependent at such time under the Company sponsored health and dental plan shall remain eligible to continue to participate in such plans (as they may be modified from time to time with respect to all senior executive officers) until the 2nd anniversary of such termination of employment or until Executive becomes eligible for comparable coverage under the medical health plans of a successor employer, if earlier (such benefits, the "Continuation of Health Benefits").

# SECTION VII EFFECT OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

Without Cause Termination and Constructive Discharge. Subject to the provisions of Section VII(d), if the Executive's (a) employment terminates during the Period of Employment due to either a Without Cause Termination or a Constructive Discharge (each as defined below): (i) the Accrued Obligations shall be paid to the Executive in accordance with paragraph (d) below, (ii) the Company shall pay the Executive (or his surviving spouse, estate or personal representative, as applicable), on the sixty-first (61<sup>st</sup>) day following the Executive's termination of employment (or, in the event that the Release Date (as defined in Section VII(d) below is extended in accordance with the dispute provisions set forth in Section VII(d) below, upon resolution of the dispute), an amount equal to 200% multiplied by the sum of (A) the Executive's then current Base Salary, plus (B) the Executive's then current target Annual Bonus; (iii) outstanding unvested stock based awards in the Company that would have vested in accordance with their original vesting schedule by the two (2)-year anniversary of such termination of employment will immediately vest in full; provided that any such awards that vest based on the achievement of specified objective performance goals, will not vest in full in connection with such termination, but will remain outstanding and become vested or be forfeited at such time(s) as provided in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable award agreement based on actual achievement of the performance goals applicable for purposes of vesting of such awards; and (iv) each option to purchase shares of the Company common stock or stock appreciation right that becomes vested during the two-year period set forth in clause (iii) above or already vested, notwithstanding any term or provision thereof to the contrary, shall remain exercisable until the first to occur of the third (3rd) anniversary of the Executive's termination of employment and the original expiration date of such option or stock appreciation right. Upon such termination, the Executive shall also be entitled to the Continuation of Health Benefits.

(b) Termination for Cause; Resignation. If the Executive's employment terminates due to a Termination for Cause or a Resignation, the Accrued Obligations shall be paid to the Executive in accordance with paragraph (d) below. Outstanding stock options and other equity awards held by the Executive as of the date of termination shall be treated in accordance with their terms. Except as provided in this paragraph, the Company shall have no further obligations to the Executive hereunder.

(c) For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the following meanings:

i. **"Termination for Cause**" means termination by the Company of the Executive as a result of (a) the Executive's willful failure to substantially perform his duties as an employee of the Company or any subsidiary (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to physical or mental illness), (b) any act of fraud, misappropriation, dishonesty, embezzlement or similar conduct against the Company or any subsidiary by the Executive, (c) the Executive's conviction of a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude (which conviction, due to the passage of time or otherwise, is not subject to further appeal), (d) the Executive's gross negligence in the performance of his duties or (e) the Executive purposefully or negligently makes (or has been found to have made) a false certification to the Company pertaining to its financial statements.

"Constructive Discharge" means (a) any material failure of the Company to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement ii. (including without limitation any reduction of the Base Salary, as the same may be increased during the Period of Employment, or any material reduction in any other material element of compensation) or any material diminution to the Executive's duties and responsibilities relating to service as an executive officer, including the Executive ceasing to be the most senior executive officer of the Company and the Chief Executive Officer, and the most senior executive officer of a public company; provided, however, that, for purposes of the foregoing, the Chairman of the Board, whether or not such person is an executive officer of the Company, shall in no event be deemed to be an executive officer who is senior to the Executive, (b) the Business Office is relocated to any location which is more than thirty (30) miles from the city limits of Parsippany, New Jersey, (c) during the Period of Employment, the Executive does not report directly to the Board, or (d) failure of a successor to the Company to assume this Agreement in accordance with Section XIV below. The Executive shall provide the Company a written notice of his intention to terminate employment pursuant to a Constructive Discharge within 60 days after the Executive knows or has reason to know of the occurrence of any such event which notice describes the circumstances being relied on for the termination with respect to this Agreement, and the Company shall have 30 days after receipt of such notice to remedy the event prior to the termination for Constructive Discharge and, upon the timely remedy of such event, such event shall no longer constitute a basis for Constructive Discharge and the Executive's notice of termination pursuant to a Constructive Discharge shall be rescinded.

iii. **"Without Cause Termination**" or **"Terminated Without Cause**" means termination of the Executive's employment by the Company other than due to death, Disability, or Termination for Cause.

iv. **"Resignation**" means a termination of the Executive's employment by the Executive, other than in connection with a Constructive Discharge or other than due to death or Disability.

(d) Conditions to Payment and Acceleration; Section 409A; Section 105(h).

i. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, to the extent required in order to avoid accelerated taxation and/or tax penalties under Section 409A, the Executive shall not be considered to have terminated employment with the Company for purposes of this Agreement and no payments shall be due to the Executive under Section VII of this Agreement until the Executive would be considered to have incurred a "separation from service" from the Company within the meaning of Section 409A.

ii. All payments due to the Executive under this Section VII shall be subject to, and contingent upon, the Executive (or his beneficiary or estate) (x) executing a release of claims against the Company and its affiliates (in such reasonable form determined by the Company in its sole discretion) within forty-five days following the Executive's separation from service (or, in the event of a dispute, upon resolution of the dispute, provided that such extension does not result in, as applicable, the disputed payments constituting deferred compensation within the meaning of Section 409A or the imposition of additional taxes under Section 409A) and (y) failing to revoke such release (the date on which the release becomes irrevocable, the "**Release Date**").

iii. To the extent required in order to avoid accelerated taxation and/or tax penalties under Section 409A, amounts that would otherwise be payable and benefits that, in each case, are considered deferred compensation subject to (and not otherwise exempt from) Section 409A, and that would otherwise be provided pursuant to this Agreement during the six-month period immediately following the Executive's termination of employment shall instead be paid on the first business day after the date that is six months following the Executive's termination of employment (or upon the Executive's death, if earlier).

iv. The intent of the Parties is that payments and benefits under this Agreement comply with Section 409A and, accordingly, to the maximum extent permitted, this Agreement shall be interpreted and administered to be in compliance therewith. Each amount to be paid or benefit to be provided under this Agreement shall be construed as a separate identified payment for purposes of Section 409A and any payments described in this Agreement that are due within the "short term deferral period" as defined in Section 409A shall not be treated as deferred compensation unless applicable law requires otherwise. Except as specifically permitted by Section 409A or as otherwise specifically set forth in this Agreement, the benefits and reimbursements provided to the Executive under this Agreement and any compensation or benefit plan, program or arrangement of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries during any calendar year shall not affect the benefits and reimbursements to be provided to the Executive under the relevant section of this Agreement or any such plan, program or arrangement in any other calendar year, and the right to such benefits and reimbursements cannot be liquidated or exchanged for any other benefit and shall be provided in accordance with Treas. Reg. Section 1.409A-3(i)(1)(iv) or any successor thereto. Further, in the case of reimbursement payments, reimbursement payments shall be made to the Executive as soon as practicable following the date that the applicable expense is incurred.

v. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, to the extent necessary to satisfy Section 105(h) of the Code, the Company will be permitted to alter the manner in which Continuation of Health Benefits is provided to the Executive following termination of Executive's employment; <u>provided</u> that the after-tax cost to the Executive of such benefits shall not be greater than the cost applicable to similarly situated executives of the Company who have not terminated employment.

vi. The payments due to the Executive under this Section VII shall be in lieu of any other severance benefits otherwise payable to the Executive under any severance plan of the Company or its affiliates.

# SECTION VIII OTHER DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DURING AND AFTER THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT

(a) The Executive shall, with reasonable notice during or after the Period of Employment, furnish information as may be in his possession and fully cooperate with the Company and its affiliates as may be requested in connection with any claims or legal action in which the Company or any of its affiliates is or may become a party. After the Period of Employment, the Executive shall cooperate as reasonably requested with the Company and its affiliates in connection with any claims or legal actions in which the Company or any of its affiliates is or may become a party. The Company agrees to reimburse the Executive for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Executive by reason of such cooperation, including any loss of salary, and the Company shall make reasonable efforts to minimize interruption of the Executive's life in connection with his cooperation in such matters as provided for in this paragraph.

(b) The Executive recognizes and acknowledges that all information pertaining to this Agreement or to the affairs; business; results of operations; accounting methods, practices and procedures; members; acquisition candidates; financial condition; clients; customers or other relationships of the Company or any of its affiliates ("**Information**") is confidential and is a unique and valuable asset of the Company or any of its affiliates. Access to and knowledge of certain of the Information is essential to the performance of the Executive's duties under this Agreement. The Executive shall not during the Period of Employment or thereafter, except to the extent reasonably necessary in performance of his duties under this Agreement, give to any person, firm, association, corporation, or governmental agency any Information, except as may be required by law. The Executive shall not make use of the Information for his own purposes or for the benefit of any person or organization other than the Company or any of its affiliates. The Executive shall also use his best efforts to prevent the disclosure of this Information by others. All records, memoranda, etc. relating to the business of the Company or its affiliates, whether made by the Executive or otherwise coming into his possession, are confidential and shall remain the property of the Company or its affiliates.

(c) (i) During the Period of Employment and for a two (2) year period following any termination of employment (the "**Restricted Period**"), the Executive shall not use his status with the Company or any of its affiliates to obtain loans, goods or services from another organization on terms that would not be available to him in the absence of his relationship to the Company or any of its affiliates.

(ii) During the Restricted Period, the Executive shall not make any statements or perform any acts intended to have the effect of advancing the interest of any existing competitors (or any entity the Executive knows to be a prospective competitor) of the Company or any of its affiliates or in any way injuring the interests of the Company or any of its affiliates. During the Restricted Period, the Executive, without prior express written approval by the Board, shall not engage in, or directly or indirectly (whether for compensation or otherwise) own or hold proprietary interest in, manage, operate, or control, or join or participate in the ownership, management, operation or control of, or furnish any capital to or be connected in any manner with, any party which competes in any way or manner with the business of the Company or any of its affiliates, as such business or businesses may be conducted from time to time, either as a general or limited partner, proprietor, common or preferred shareholder (other than being less than a 5% shareholder in a publicly traded company), officer, director, agent, employee, consultant, trustee, affiliate, or otherwise. The Executive acknowledges that the Company's and its affiliates' businesses are conducted nationally and internationally and agrees that the provisions in the foregoing sentence shall operate throughout the United States and those countries in the world where the Company then conducts business or has a plan to conduct business.

(iii) During the Restricted Period, the Executive, without express prior written approval from the Board, shall not solicit any members or the then-current clients of the Company or any of its affiliates for any existing business of the Company or any of its affiliates or discuss with any employee of the Company or any of its affiliates information or operation of any business intended to compete with the Company or any of its affiliates. Members and clients of the Company and its affiliates shall be deemed covered by this <u>Section VIII(c)(iii)</u> during the term of their business relationship with the Company or any of its affiliates and for a period of six (6) months following termination of any such business relationship.

(iv) During the Restricted Period, the Executive shall not interfere with the employees or affairs of the Company or any of its affiliates or solicit or induce any person who is an employee of the Company or any of its affiliates to terminate any relationship such person may have with the Company or any of its affiliates, nor shall the Executive during such period directly or indirectly engage, employ or compensate, or cause any person with which the Executive may be affiliated, to engage, employ or compensate, any employee of the Company or any of its affiliates. An employee shall be deemed covered by this <u>Section VIII(c)(iv)</u> while so employed or retained and for a period of six (6) months thereafter. The Executive hereby represents and warrants that the Executive has not entered into any agreement, understanding or arrangement with any employee of the Company or any of its affiliates pertaining to any business in which the Executive has participated or plans to participate, or to the employment, engagement or compensation of any such employee.

(v) For the purposes of this Agreement, proprietary interest means legal or equitable ownership, whether through stock holding or otherwise, of an equity interest in a business, firm or entity or ownership of more than 5% of any class of equity interest in a publicly-held company and the term "affiliate" shall include without limitation all subsidiaries and material licensees of the Company.

(d) The Executive hereby acknowledges that damages at law may be an insufficient remedy to the Company if the Executive violates the terms of this Agreement and that the Company shall be entitled, upon making the requisite showing, to preliminary and/or permanent injunctive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction to restrain the breach of or otherwise to specifically enforce any of the covenants contained in this Section VIII without the necessity of showing any actual damage or that monetary damages would not provide an adequate remedy. Such right to an injunction shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, any other rights or remedies the Company may have. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, neither party shall oppose any motion the other party may make for any expedited discovery or hearing in connection with any alleged breach of this Section VIII.

(e) The period of time during which the provisions of this Section VIII shall be in effect shall be extended by the length of time during which the Executive is in breach of the terms hereof as determined by any court of competent jurisdiction on the Company's application for injunctive relief.

(f) The Executive agrees that the restrictions contained in this Section VIII are an essential element of the compensation the Executive is granted hereunder and but for the Executive's agreement to comply with such restrictions, the Company would not have entered into this Agreement.

## SECTION IX INDEMNIFICATION

The Company shall indemnify the Executive to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the state of the Company's incorporation in effect at that time, or the certificate of incorporation and by-laws of the Company, whichever affords the greater protection to the Executive (including payment of expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding).

# SECTION X CERTAIN TAXES

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, in the event that any payment that is either received by the Executive or paid by the Company on the Executive's behalf or any property, or any other benefit provided to the Executive under this Agreement or under any other plan, arrangement or agreement with the Company or any other person whose payments or benefits are treated as contingent on a change of ownership or control of the Company (or in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Company) or any person affiliated with the Company or such person (but only if such payment or other benefit is in connection with the Executive's employment by the Company) (collectively the "Company Payments"), will be subject to the tax (the "Excise Tax") imposed by Section 4999 of the Code (and any similar tax that may hereafter be imposed by any taxing authority), then the Executive will be entitled to receive either (i) the full amount of the Company Payments, or (ii) a portion of the Company Payments having a value equal to \$1 less than three (3) times the Executive's "base amount" (as such term is defined in Section 280G(b)(3)(A) of the Code), whichever of clauses (i) and (ii), after taking into account applicable federal, state, and local income taxes and the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, results in the receipt by the Executive on an after-tax basis, of the greatest portion of the Company Payments. Any determination required under this Section X shall be made in writing by the independent public accountant of the Company (the "Accountants"), whose determination shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes upon the Company and the Executive. For purposes of making any calculation required by this Section X, the Accountants may make reasonable assumptions and approximations concerning applicable taxes and may rely on reasonable, goodfaith interpretations concerning the application of Sections 280G and 4999 of the Code. If there is a reduction of the Company Payments pursuant to this Section X, such reduction shall occur in the following order: (A) any cash severance pavable by reference to the Executive's Base Salary or Annual Bonus, (B) any other cash amount payable to the Executive, (C) any employee benefit valued as a "parachute payment," and (D) acceleration of vesting of any outstanding equity award. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that additional Company Payments are made to the Executive after the application of the cutback in this Section X, which additional Company Payments result in the cutback no longer being applicable, the Company shall pay the Executive an additional amount equal to the value of the Company Payments that were originally cutback. The Company shall determine at the end of each calendar year whether any such restoration is necessary based on additional Company Payments (if any) made during such calendar year, and shall pay such restoration within ninety (90) days of the last day of such calendar year. In no event whatsoever shall the Executive be entitled to a tax gross-up or other payment in respect of any excise tax, interest or penalties that may be imposed on the Company Payments by reason of the application of Section 280G or Section 4999 of the Code.

# SECTION XI MITIGATION

The Executive shall not be required to mitigate the amount of any payment provided for hereunder by seeking other employment or otherwise, nor shall the amount of any such payment be reduced by any compensation earned by the Executive as the result of employment by another employer after the date the Executive's employment hereunder terminates.

# SECTION XII WITHHOLDING TAXES

The Executive acknowledges and agrees that the Company may directly or indirectly withhold from any payments under this Agreement all federal, state, city or other taxes that shall be required pursuant to any law or governmental regulation.

# SECTION XIII EFFECT OF PRIOR AGREEMENTS

Except as otherwise specifically set forth herein, this Agreement shall supersede any prior agreements between the Company and the Executive hereof, including, without limitation, from and after the Effective Date, the Original Agreement, and any such prior agreement shall be deemed terminated without any remaining obligations of either party thereunder, provided that this sentence shall not be interpreted to terminate the Executive's existing participation in various stock-based compensation programs.

#### SECTION XIV CONSOLIDATION, MERGER OR SALE OF ASSETS

Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude the Company from consolidating or merging into or with, or transferring all or substantially all of its assets to, another corporation or other entity which assumes this Agreement and all obligations and undertakings of the Company hereunder. If (i) there is a merger, consolidation, sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets, or other business combination involving the Company, or (ii) all or substantially all of the stock of the Company is acquired by another company, the term "the Company" shall mean the successor to the Company's business or assets referred to in (i) above or such company referred to in (ii) above, and this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall require any successor thereto (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation, or otherwise), by agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Executive to expressly assume and agree to perform this Agreement in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place.

# SECTION XV MODIFICATION

This Agreement may not be modified or amended except in writing signed by the parties. No term or condition of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived except in writing by the party charged with waiver. A waiver shall operate only as to the specific term or condition waived and shall not constitute a waiver for the future or act on anything other than that which is specifically waived.

#### SECTION XVI GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement has been executed and delivered in the State of New Jersey and its validity, interpretation, performance and enforcement shall be governed by the internal laws of that state.

# SECTION XVII ARBITRATION

(a) Any controversy, dispute or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach hereof which cannot be settled by mutual agreement (other than with respect to the matters covered by Section VIII for which the Company may, but shall not be required to, seek injunctive relief) shall be finally settled by binding arbitration in accordance with the Federal Arbitration Act (or if not applicable, the applicable state arbitration law) as follows: Any party who is aggrieved shall deliver a notice to the other party setting forth the specific points in dispute. Any points remaining in dispute twenty (20) days after the giving of such notice may be submitted to arbitration in New York, New York, to the American Arbitration Association, before a single arbitrator appointed in accordance with the arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association, modified only as herein expressly provided. After the aforesaid twenty (20) days, either party, upon ten (10) days notice to the other, may so submit the points in dispute to arbitration may enter a default decision against any party who fails to participate in the arbitration proceedings.

(b) The decision of the arbitrator on the points in dispute shall be final, unappealable and binding, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the arbitrator shall be authorized to apportion its fees and expenses and the reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses of any such party as the arbitrator deems appropriate. In the absence of any such apportionment, the fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by each party, and each party shall bear the fees and expenses of its own attorney.

(d) The parties agree that this Section XVII has been included to rapidly and inexpensively resolve any disputes between them with respect to this Agreement, and that this Section XVII shall be grounds for dismissal of any court action commenced by either party with respect to this Agreement, other than post-arbitration actions seeking to enforce an arbitration award. In the event that any court determines that this arbitration procedure is not binding, or otherwise allows any litigation regarding a dispute, claim, or controversy covered by this Agreement to proceed, the parties hereto hereby waive any and all right to a trial by jury in or with respect to such litigation.

(e) The parties shall keep confidential, and shall not disclose to any person, except as may be required by law, the existence of any controversy hereunder, the referral of any such controversy to arbitration or the status or resolution thereof.

## SECTION XVIII SURVIVAL

Sections VIII, IX, X, XI, XII and XIII shall continue in full force in accordance with their respective terms notwithstanding any termination of the Period of Employment.

# SECTION XIX SEPARABILITY

All provisions of this Agreement are intended to be severable. In the event any provision or restriction contained herein is held to be invalid or unenforceable in any respect, in whole or in part, such finding shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement. The parties hereto further agree that any such invalid or unenforceable provision shall be deemed modified so that it shall be enforced to the greatest extent permissible under law, and to the extent that any court of competent jurisdiction determines any restriction herein to be unreasonable in any respect, such court may limit this Agreement to render it reasonable in the light of the circumstances in which it was entered into and specifically enforce this Agreement as limited.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

AVIS BUDGET GROUP, INC.

/s/ Edward P. Linnen

By:	Edward P. Linnen
Title:	Executive Vice President,
	Chief Human Resources Officer

LARRY D. DE SHON

/s/ Larry D. De Shon

Larry D. De Shon

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# AVIS BUDGET GROUP ANNOUNCES CEO SUCCESSION PLAN

**PARSIPPANY, N.J., September 16, 2015** — Avis Budget Group, Inc. **(NASDAQ: CAR)** today announced that its Board of Directors has selected Larry D. De Shon as the Company's next chief executive officer, succeeding Ronald L. Nelson, who has held the position since 2006. Mr. De Shon, the Company's president, International, will become president and chief operating officer effective October 1, 2015, and will assume the role of CEO on January 1, 2016. Mr. De Shon has also been appointed to the Board, effective October 1.

Mr. Nelson, who became chairman of the board of Avis Budget Group in 2006, will continue as executive chairman after Mr. De Shon assumes the CEO role to ensure a smooth transition of his CEO responsibilities to Mr. De Shon. Mr. De Shon (age 56) has been in his current position since January 1, 2015, where he has been responsible for overseeing all of the Company's brands in the International region. Mr. De Shon joined the Company in 2006 and has previously overseen Avis Budget's Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) and U.S. operations. Prior to joining Avis Budget, Mr. De Shon had a 28-year career at United Airlines, which included global responsibility for marketing, on-board service and airport operations.

The Company's senior executive vice president and chief financial officer, David B. Wyshner, will become the Company's president, effective January 1, 2016. In his expanded role, Mr. Wyshner (age 48) will assume global responsibility for the Company's strategy, licensing and integration of the demand/fleet/pricing system, in addition to his current responsibilities as chief financial officer, which include mergers and acquisitions and information technology. Mark J. Servodidio, managing director, Europe, has been promoted and will assume Mr. De Shon's current regional leadership responsibilities as president, International, and Joseph Ferraro will continue to lead the Company's Americas region as president, Americas.

"Larry and David have an extremely strong track record of producing results and are eminently qualified for their new positions. We have worked diligently with the Board over the past several years to successfully develop and prepare them for their new roles. The Board and I are confident that these two executives will seamlessly transition into their new responsibilities and, together with Mark and Joe, continue to drive our strategy forward into the future," said Mr. Nelson.

"The opportunity to lead Avis Budget Group is a tremendous honor. I look forward to continue working with David and the entire senior leadership team to engage our exceptional employees and produce results for all stakeholders," said Mr. De Shon.

Leonard S. Coleman, presiding director of the Board, thanked Mr. Nelson and congratulated Mr. De Shon and Mr. Wyshner. "Ron's leadership, vision and execution have produced strong returns to shareholders since he became the Company's CEO in 2006, and we look forward to his continued guidance as executive chairman of the Board," said Mr. Coleman. "The Board has high confidence in Larry and David, who have faced tough challenges during their careers and consistently delivered strong results," he said.

#### **About Avis Budget Group**

Avis Budget Group, Inc. is a leading global provider of vehicle rental services, both through its Avis and Budget brands, which have more than 10,000 rental locations in approximately 175 countries around the world, and through its Zipcar brand, which is the world's leading car sharing network, with more than 900,000 members. Avis Budget Group operates most of its car rental offices in North America, Europe and Australia directly, and operates primarily through licensees in other parts of the world. Avis Budget Group has approximately 30,000 employees and is headquartered in Parsippany, N.J. More information is available at www.avisbudgetgroup.com.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements in this press release constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Statements preceded by, followed by or that otherwise include the words "believes," "expects," "will," "should," "would," "may" and "could" or similar words or expressions are generally forward-looking in nature and not historical facts. Any statements that refer to characterizations of future events, circumstances or results are also forward-looking statements. Important risks, assumptions and other important factors that could cause future results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements are specified in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, its Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 6, 2015 and its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended June 30, 2015, included under headings such as "Forward-Looking Statements," "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and in other filings and furnishings made by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time. The Company undertakes no obligation to release publicly any revisions to any forward-looking statements, to report events or to report the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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