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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)
Name: Alexon-Trend, Inc.
Internal
Address: _____
Street Address: 1400 Unity Street NW
City: Ramsey State: MN Zip: 55305

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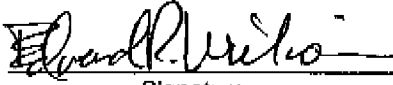
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EXHIBIT A**AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER OF
ALEXON-TREND, INC.
WITH AND INTO
REMEL INC.**

THIS AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER ("Plan of Merger") is made and entered into this 26 day of June 2001 by and between Alexon-Trend, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation ("Alexon-Trend"), and Remel Inc., a Wisconsin corporation ("Remel"), said corporations being hereinafter sometimes referred to together as the "Constituent Corporations".

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of each of the Constituent Corporations deems it advisable and generally to the advantage and welfare of each of the Constituent Corporations and their respective shareholders that Alexon-Trend be merged with and into Remel on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the laws of the State of Wisconsin;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual covenants, conditions and agreements set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree that Alexon-Trend shall be merged with and into Remel (the "Merger"), and that the terms and conditions of the Merger, the mode of carrying the same into effect and such other matters as are required or permitted to be set forth in the case of a merger pursuant to the laws of the State of Wisconsin are as follows:

ARTICLE I**Merger; Surviving Corporation**

At the Effective Time of the Merger (as hereinafter defined), Alexon-Trend and Remel shall be merged (the "Merger") into a single corporation, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the laws of the State of Wisconsin, by Alexon-Trend merging with and into Remel, which shall be the surviving corporation (the "Surviving Corporation").

ARTICLE II**Effective Time**

The "Effective Time of the Merger" is hereby designated as 11:59 pm CDT on June 30, 2001.

ARTICLE III

Conversion and Exchange of Shares

The manner of converting the shares of each of the Constituent Corporations shall be as follows:

- (a) At the Effective Time of the Merger, each share of Common Stock of Alexon-Trend then issued and outstanding shall be retired and canceled and no shares of stock of the Surviving Corporation or other consideration shall be issued in exchange therefor.
- (b) At the Effective Time of the Merger, each share of Common Stock of Remel then issued and outstanding shall remain one share of Common Stock of the Surviving Corporation.

ARTICLE IV

Articles of Incorporation; Bylaws; Directors and Officers

4.1 The Articles of Incorporation of Remel, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, shall remain the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation until amended in accordance with the law.

4.2 The Bylaws of Remel, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, shall remain the Bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until amended in accordance with the law.

4.3 The duly qualified and acting directors and officers of Remel immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger shall remain the directors and officers of the Surviving Corporation, to hold offices as provided in the Bylaws of the Surviving Corporation.

ARTICLE V

Effect of Merger

The effect of the Merger shall be as provided in Section 180.1106 of the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law.

ARTICLE VI

Shareholder Approval

6.1 This Plan of Merger shall be submitted for the approval of the sole shareholder of each of the Constituent Corporations as provided by the applicable laws of the State of Wisconsin.

6.2 If this Plan of Merger is duly adopted by the required vote of such shareholder and the Merger is not abandoned, Articles of Merger setting forth this Plan of Merger shall be executed in compliance with the provisions of applicable law and shall be filed with the Office of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Wisconsin, at such time as may be deemed appropriate by the officers of Remel.

ARTICLE VII

Termination and Abandonment

At any time prior to the Effective Time of the Merger, this Plan of Merger may be terminated and abandoned by the Board of Directors of either of the Constituent Corporations. In the event of such termination and abandonment, this Plan of Merger shall become void and of no effect.

ARTICLE VIII

Miscellaneous


8.1 The Surviving Corporation shall pay all expenses of carrying this Plan of Merger into effect and accomplishing the Merger.

8.2 If at any time, the Surviving Corporation shall consider or be advised that any further assignments or assurances in law are necessary or desirable to vest or to perfect or to confirm of record in the Surviving Corporation the title to any property or rights of Alexon-Trend, or otherwise to carry out the provisions hereof, the proper officers and directors of Alexon-Trend as of the Effective Time of the Merger shall execute and deliver any and all proper deeds, assignments and assurances in law, and do all things necessary or proper, to vest, perfect or confirm title to such property or rights in the Surviving Corporation, and otherwise to carry out the provisions of this Plan of Merger.

8.3 The Constituent Corporations intend this Plan of Merger to be a Plan of Reorganization within the meaning of Section 368 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, a duly authorized officer has signed this Plan of Merger on behalf of each of the Constituent Corporations, all as of the date and year first above written.

ALEXON-TREND, INC.

By: 
Michael K. Bresson
Secretary

REMEL INC.

By: 
Michael K. Bresson
Secretary

