#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549 FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 17, 2023



# **KAMAN CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Connecticut** (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **001-35419** (Commission File Number)

06-0613548 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

06002

(Zip Code)

1332 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, Connecticut

(Address of principal executive offices)

(860) 243-7100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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

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

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock (\$1 par value per share)	KAMN	New York Stock Exchange LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

#### Item 2.05. Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

On January 18, 2023, Kaman Corporation (the "Company") announced the next phase in its portfolio reshaping and cost reduction efforts designed to focus resources on the highest growth opportunities, improve financial performance and position the Company to deliver sustainable shareholder value creation.

The most recent actions, pursuant to a plan of restructuring approved by management on January 17, 2023, include the following: (i) discontinuing the manufacture and production of the K-MAX® and the K-MAX TITAN; (ii) streamlining the Company's facilities and functions by reducing headcount, eliminating non-value added activities and waste in its processes; and (iii) right-sizing the Company's total cost structure to better align with the size of the Company. These actions, in combination with the previously announced JPF program consolidation and related closure of the Company's Orlando facility, are expected to generate approximately \$25 million of annualized runrate cost savings and are intended to allow the Company to focus on driving meaningful growth in its core businesses and improve earnings over time.

In connection with these and the previously announced restructuring actions, the Company currently expects to incur approximately \$10 to \$12 million in total pre-tax restructuring charges, consisting of approximately \$9 to \$10 million of future cash expenditures relating to various headcount reduction and personnel initiatives, approximately \$1 to \$2 million of future cash expenditures relating to facility closing costs, and approximately \$54 million of noncash charges relating to the write down of existing aircraft, contract costs, excess spare parts and equipment inventories. Of these amounts, approximately \$61 million is expected to be recorded in the fourth quarter of 2022, with the remainder expected throughout 2023 and 2024.

The charges the Company currently expects to incur in connection with these restructuring activities are subject to a number of assumptions and risks, and actual results may differ materially. The Company may also incur other material charges not currently contemplated due to events that may occur as a result of, or in connection with, these restructuring activities.

## **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Statements**

This report includes "forward looking statements" within the meaning of the federal securities laws relating to the restructurings described above, which can be identified by the use of words such as "will," "expect," "believe," "plans," "strategy," "prospects," "estimate," "seek," "target," "anticipate," "intend," "future," "likely," "may," "should," "would," "could," "project," "opportunity," "will be," "will continue," "will likely result," and other words of similar meaning. These forward-looking statements include statements relating to the estimated charges and future savings likely to result from the restructurings, the expected timing of the implementation and completion of the restructurings and the costs and charges likely to result therefrom. These statements are based on assumptions currently believed to be valid but involve significant risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, which could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, (i) the effect the restructurings may have on the business relationships and operating results of the Company; (ii) the extent to which the restructurings may disrupt the current plans and operations of the Company: (iii) the inability of the Company to successfully consolidate JPF production in its Middletown, Connecticut, facility and realize the anticipated benefits of that aspect of the restructurings; (iv) the inability of the Company to profitably attract new customers and retain existing customers; (v) the ability to implement the restructurings as planned and achieve the anticipated benefits and savings resulting therefrom; and (vi) future and estimated revenues, earnings, cash flow, charges and expenditures. The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Additional risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements are identified in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Annual Reports on Form10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our Current Reports on Form 8-K. The forward-looking statements included in this release are made only as of the date of this release. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forwardlooking statements, and the Company does not undertake any obligation to update the forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

#### Item 2.06. Material Impairments.

The information included under Item 2.05 of this report is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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

In connection with the cost-reduction and restructuring initiatives described above, the following executive officers will leave the employ of the Company, effective as of January 27, 2023:

- Russell J. Bartlett, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer;
- Shawn G. Lisle, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer and Assistant Secretary; and
- Rafael Z. Cohen, Vice President and Chief Information Officer.

The Company has entered into a separation and release agreement with each of the foregoing executives. These agreements generally provide for (i) a severance payment equal to 12 months base salary (\$1,000,000 for Mr. Lisle), (ii) 18 months of benefit continuation for Messrs. Bartlett and Cohen, (iii) full vesting of outstanding restricted stock awards, (iv) eligibility to vest in a pro-rata portion of outstanding performance stock units, subject to the attainment of the financial targets set forth therein based on the actual financial performance of the Company and the portion of the performance period elapsed as of the executive's departure date and (v) for Mr. Lisle, payment of his cash-based long-term incentive payment for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. In exchange for the termination payments and benefits described above, each executive has agreed to a number of restrictive covenants and is required to execute a release of claims in favor of the Company.

Copies of the foregoing separation and release agreements are filed as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The foregoing description of the separation agreements does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the agreements, which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

In connection with the departures discussed above, (i) Ian K. Walsh, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, will temporarily assume managerial responsibility for the Structures Segment; (ii) Carroll K. Lane, Senior Vice President and Segment Lead for the Precision Products Segment, will assume the additional managerial responsibility for the Engineered Products Segment; (iii) Richard S. Smith, Jr., Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Secretary, will become Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the Company; and (iv) Roy Dilig, Director of Information Technology for the Company's Bal Seal Engineering subsidiary, will become Vice President – Information Technology of the Company.

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 18, 2023, the Company issued a press release discussing the restructurings described in Item 2.05 above. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information furnished in this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, unless the Company specifically states that the information is to be considered "filed" under the Exchange Act or incorporates it by reference into a filing under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

# (d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed with this report:

- ExhibitDescription10.1Separation and Release Agreement, dated January 17, 2023, by and between the Company and Russell J. Bartlett.10.2Separation and Release Agreement, dated January 17, 2023, by and between the Company and Shawn G. Lisle.10.3Separation and Release Agreement, dated January 17, 2023, by and between the Company and Rafael Z. Cohen.
- 99.1 Press Release, dated January 18, 2023
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document

## SIGNATURES

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

#### KAMAN CORPORATION

By: /s/ James G. Coogan

James G. Coogan Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 18, 2023

January 17, 2023

Russell Bartlett 1332 Blue Hills Avenue Bloomfield, CT 06002

# **Re: Separation Letter Agreement**

Dear Russ:

This Separation Letter Agreement (the "<u>Agreement</u>") sets forth our agreement regarding your termination of employment with Kaman Corporation and its related subsidiaries and affiliated entities (collectively, the "<u>Company</u>"), effective January 27, 2023.

1. SEPARATION. Your last day of employment with the Company will be January 27, 2023 (the "<u>Transition Date</u>"), and you hereby resign, effective upon the close of business on the Transition Date, from all of your positions at the Company, including but not limited to Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and all other offices and directorships you hold with the Company or any affiliate without further action on either your part or by the relevant entity. You agree to execute and deliver any documents reasonably necessary to effectuate such resignations, and hereby irrevocably appoint Richard S. Smith, Jr., with the power to act to be your attorney-in-fact to execute any such documents and do anything in your name to effect such resignations.

2. ACCRUED AMOUNTS. The Company shall pay or provide to you at such time or times as required by applicable law or the terms of the applicable Company plan, program, policy or arrangement (i) any unpaid base salary through the Transition Date and your annual bonus with respect to calendar year 2022 (to the extent earned based on actual performance, any such amount to be paid at the time such bonus payments are made to calendar year 2022 annual bonus plan participants generally); (ii) reimbursement for any unreimbursed expenses incurred through the Transition Date in accordance with the Company business expense reimbursement policy; and (iii) the other payments and benefits to which you are entitled under the terms of the compensation arrangements and benefit plans or programs (collectively, "<u>Accrued Amounts</u>"). In accordance with Company policy, you are not eligible for a payout of accrued and unused vacation or paid time off.

3. TERMINATION OF CHANGE IN CONTROL AGREEMENT. Effective immediately, the Change in Control Agreement between you and Kaman Corporation, effective June 8, 2022 (the "<u>Change in Control Agreement</u>") shall terminate, and neither you nor the Company will have any further rights or obligations thereunder.

4. TERMINATION PAYMENTS. In consideration of the covenants and releases contained in this Agreement (including execution and effectiveness of the Release (as defined below)) and in lieu of any other payments which may be due under the terms of your employment with the Company, the Company agrees to provide you with the following termination payments:

a. SEVERANCE. The Company shall pay to you, as soon as practicable following the effectiveness of the Release, a lump-sum severance payment in the gross amount of \$455,260.00, which amount, along with the other amounts described herein, shall be subject to applicable withholding.

b. TREATMENT OF EQUITY AWARDS. Your unvested restricted share awards will become fully vested as of the Transition Date. The number of performance stock units with respect to which the performance period has not yet been completed as of the Transition Date shall be determined at the end of each applicable performance period and the earned performance stock units, if any, shall become vested on a pro rata basis by multiplying a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of calendar days from the beginning of the performance period to the Transition Date and the denominator of which shall be the total number of calendar days during the performance period.

c. CONTINUATION OF HEALTH BENEFITS. Subject to your continued co-payment of premiums, if required under Company policy, you shall be entitled to continue participation for up to eighteen months following the Transition Date in all medical, dental and vision plans which cover you (and your eligible dependents) on a monthly basis upon the same terms and conditions (except for the requirements of your continued employment) in effect for active employees of the Company. In the event you obtain other employment that offers substantially similar or improved benefits, as to any particular medical, dental or vision plan, such continuation of coverage by the Company for such similar or improved benefits under this subsection shall immediately cease. The continuation of health benefits under this subsection 4.c. shall reduce and count against your rights under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended ("<u>COBRA</u>"). You and the Company intend that the benefit described in this Section 4.c shall not constitute a "deferral of compensation" under Treas. Reg. Sect. 1.409A- 1(b). For avoidance of doubt, payments made on your behalf under this Section 4.c. will be fully taxable to you and shall be subject to applicable tax withholding obligations, and you will be required to pay to the difference between the cost of applicable COBRA premiums and the after-tax subsidy being provided to you under this Section 4.c. to the COBRA administrator.

d. OUTPLACEMENT. The Company shall pay the Employee an additional amount of \$10,000 less applicable withholdings, representing reimbursement for executive outplacement agency services the Employee may incur.

e. RELEASE. The obligation of the Company to provide you with the termination payments and benefits set forth in Sections 4.a. through 4.d. is conditioned on and subject to your execution of the release attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "<u>Release</u>") following the Transition Date and your not revoking the Release within the revocation period set forth in the Release.

# 5. CONFIDENTIALITY; SCOPE OF DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS.

a. Following the Transition Date, you agree that you shall not, directly or indirectly, use, make available, sell, disclose or otherwise communicate to any person, any nonpublic, proprietary or confidential information, knowledge or data relating to the Company, any of its subsidiaries, affiliated companies or businesses, which shall have been obtained by you during the course of your employment with the Company. The foregoing shall not apply to information that (i) was known to the public prior to its disclosure to you; (ii) becomes known to the public subsequent to disclosure to you through no wrongful act of you or any of your representatives; or (iii) you are required to disclose by applicable law, regulation or legal process (provided that the you provide the Company with prior notice of the contemplated disclosure and reasonably cooperate with the Company at its expense in seeking a protective order or other appropriate protection of such information). Notwithstanding clauses (i) and (ii) of the preceding sentence, your obligation to maintain such disclosed information in confidence shall not terminate where only portions of the information are in the public domain.

b. Nothing in this Agreement prohibits you at any time from communicating with government agencies about possible violations of federal, state, or local laws or otherwise

providing information to government agencies or participating in government agency investigations or proceedings. You are not required to notify the Company of any such communications; provided, however, that nothing herein authorizes the disclosure of information you obtained through a communication that was subject to the attorney-client privilege. Further, notwithstanding your confidentiality and nondisclosure obligations, you are hereby advised as follows pursuant to the Defend Trade Secrets Act: "An individual shall not be held criminally or civilly liable under any Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that (A) is made (i) in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney; and (ii) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal. An individual who files a lawsuit for retaliation by an employer for reporting a suspected violation of law may disclose the trade secret to the attorney of the individual and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding, if the individual (A) files any document containing the trade secret under seal; and (B) does not disclose the trade secret, except pursuant to court order."

# 6. EMPLOYEE AND CUSTOMER NON-SOLICITATION.

- a. You hereby agree that, in consideration of the payments provided for in Section 4.a-4.d. of this Agreement, for the two-year period immediately following the Transition Date you will not, directly or indirectly, individually or on behalf of any other person, firm, corporation or other entity, knowingly solicit, aid or induce any managerial level employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates to leave such employment in order to accept employment with or render services to or with any other person, firm, corporation or other entity unaffiliated with the Company or knowingly take any action to materially assist or aid any other person, firm, corporation or other entity in identifying or hiring any such employee (provided, that the foregoing shall not be violated by general advertising not targeted at Company employees nor by serving as a reference for an employee with regard to an entity with which you are not affiliated).
- b. You further understand and acknowledge that because of your experience with and relationship to the Company, you have had access to and learn about the Customer Information of the Company, its subsidiaries or affiliates. "Customer Information" includes, but is not limited to, names, phone numbers, addresses, email addresses, order history, order preferences, chain of command, decision makers, pricing information, and other information identifying facts and circumstances specific to the customer and relevant to sales or services. You understand and acknowledge that loss of any customer relationship and/or goodwill will cause significant and irreparable harm to the Company. You agree that for a period of two (2) years following the Transition Date you will not directly or indirectly solicit, contact (including but not limited to email, regular mail, express mail, telephone, fax, instant message, or social media), attempt to contact, or meet with the Company's current or prospective customers with whom you had contact during the twelve (12)- month period prior to the Transition Date for purposes of offering goods or services similar to or competitive with those offered by the Company.

7. NON-COMPETITION. In consideration of the payments and benefits provided in Section 4.a-4.d. of this Agreement, for the one-year period immediately following the Transition Date, you will not, directly or indirectly, in the same, similar or comparable capacity in which you were employed by the Company, become connected with, become employed by, promote the interest of or engage in any other business or activity in the aerospace and defense, industrial or medical markets involving the production, manufacture, marketing or sale of (i) aircraft bearings and related components, (ii) super precision, miniature ball bearings, (iii) seals, springs and contacts, (iv) wheels, brakes and related hydraulic components for helicopters, fixed-wing and UAV aircraft, (v) complex metallic and composite aerostructures for commercial, military and general aviation fixed and rotary wing aircraft, (vi) safe and

arming solutions for missile and bomb systems, and (vii) autonomous medium lift logistics vehicles; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that you will not be prohibited from holding passive investment of not more than one percent (1%) of the outstanding shares of the capital stock of any publicly held corporation. You represent and agree that, given the nature of your skills and the Company's business, you would be in a position to compete with the Company no matter your physical location, and, accordingly, the absence of a geographic restriction on the covenant contained in this Section 7 is essential for the adequate protection of the Company's interests and reasonable as a matter of law.

8. NON-DISPARAGEMENT. You agree not to make any public statements that disparage the Company, its respective affiliates, officers, directors, products or services. The Company agrees not to make by press release or other official Company communication, and to instruct its executive officers and directors not to make, any public statements that disparage you. Notwithstanding the foregoing, truthful statements made in the course of sworn testimony in administrative, judicial or arbitral proceedings (including, without limitation, depositions in connection with such proceedings) or otherwise as required by law shall not be subject to this Section 8.

9. RETURN OF COMPANY PROPERTY AND RECORDS. You agree that on or before the Transition Date you will surrender to the Company in good condition (reasonable wear and tear excepted) all property and equipment belonging to the Company and all records kept by you containing the names, addresses or any other information with regard to customers or customer contacts of the Company, or concerning any proprietary or confidential information of the Company or any operational, financial or other documents given to you during your employment with the Company.

10. ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTIONS. You will promptly communicate and disclose in writing to the Company all inventions and developments including software, whether patentable or not, as well as patents and patent applications (hereinafter collectively, "**Inventions**"), made, conceived, developed, or purchased by you, or under which you acquire the right to grant licenses or to become licensed, alone or jointly with others, which have arisen or jointly with others, which have arisen or which arise out of your provision of consulting services to the Company, or relate to any matters directly pertaining to, the business of the Company or any of its subsidiaries. Included herein as if developed during the Consulting Term is any specialized equipment and software developed for use in the business of the Company. All of your right, title and interest in, to, and under all such Inventions, licenses, and right to grant licenses shall be the sole property of the Company. As to all such Inventions, you will, upon request of the Company execute all documents which the Company deems necessary or proper to enable it to establish title to such Inventions or other rights, and to enable it to file and prosecute applications for letters patent of the United States and any foreign country; and do all things (including the giving of evidence in suits and other proceedings) which the Company deems necessary or proper to obtain, maintain, or assert patents for any and all such Inventions or to assert its rights in any Inventions not patented.

11. EQUITABLE RELIEF AND OTHER REMEDIES. You and the Company acknowledge and agree that the other party's remedies at law for a breach or threatened breach of any of the provisions of Sections 5 through 10 of this Agreement would be inadequate and, in recognition of this fact, the parties agree that, in the event of such a breach or threatened breach, in addition to any remedies at law, the other party, without posting any bond, shall be entitled to seek equitable relief in the form of specific performance, temporary restraining order, a temporary or permanent injunction or any other equitable remedy which may then be available.

12. REFORMATION. If it is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in any state that any restriction in Sections 5 through 10 of this Agreement is excessive in duration or scope or is unreasonable or unenforceable under the laws of that state, it is the intention of you and the Company that such restriction may be modified or amended by the court to render it enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by the law of that state.

SECTION 409A COMPLIANCE. The intent of the parties is that payments and benefits under this Agreement be exempt 13. from or comply with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Section 409A"), to the extent subject thereto, and accordingly, to the maximum extent permitted, this Agreement shall be interpreted and administered in accordance with such intention. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, you shall not be considered to have terminated employment with the Company for purposes of any payments under this Agreement which are subject to Section 409A until you would be considered to have incurred a "separation from service" from the Company within the meaning of Section 409A. 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. Without limiting the foregoing and notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, 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 would otherwise be provided pursuant to this Agreement or any other arrangement between you and the Company during the six-month period immediately following your separation from service shall instead be paid on the first business day after the date that is six months following your separation from service (or, if earlier, your date of death). To the extent required to avoid an accelerated or additional tax under Section 409A, amounts reimbursable to you under this Agreement or any other arrangement between you and the Company shall be paid to you on or before the last day of the year following the year in which the expense was incurred and the amount of expenses eligible for reimbursement (and in kind benefits provided to you) during one year may not affect amounts reimbursable or provided in any subsequent year. The Company makes no representation that any or all of the payments described in this Agreement shall be exempt from or comply with Section 409A and makes no undertaking to preclude Section 409A from applying to any such payment. You shall be solely responsible for the payment of any taxes and penalties incurred under Section 409A.

14. NOTICE. For the purpose of this Agreement, notices and all other communications provided for in this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given (a) on the date of delivery if delivered by hand, (b) on the first business day following the date of deposit if delivered by guaranteed overnight delivery service, or (c) on the fourth business day following the date delivered or mailed by United States registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to you: at any address shown on the records of the Company

If to the Company: Kaman Corporation 1332 Blue Hills Avenue, P.O. Box 1 Bloomfield, CT 06002 Attention: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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

15. SECTION HEADINGS; INCONSISTENCY. The section headings used in this Agreement are included solely for convenience and shall not affect, or be used in connection with, the interpretation of this Agreement. If there is any inconsistency between this Agreement and any other agreement (including but not limited to any option, stock, long-term incentive or other equity award agreement), plan, program, policy or practice (collectively, "<u>Other Provision</u>") of the Company, the terms of this Agreement shall control over such Other Provision; provided, however, that nothing in this Agreement shall adversely affect your entitlement to the Accrued Amounts.

16. PRIOR AGREEMENTS. This Agreement supersedes and replaces any and all prior agreements, including the Change in Control Agreement (collectively, the "<u>Prior Agreements</u>") between the Company and you. By signing this Agreement, you acknowledge that the Prior Agreements are

terminated and cancelled, and release and discharge the Company from any and all obligations and liabilities heretofore or now existing under or by virtue of such Prior Agreements, it being the intention of the parties hereto that this Agreement effective immediately shall supersede and be in lieu of the Prior Agreements (except to the extent payments or benefits are due thereunder as of the Transition Date (as contemplated in Section 1 hereof)).

17. NO ASSIGNMENT. This Agreement is personal to each of the parties hereto. No party may assign or delegate any rights or obligations hereunder without first obtaining the written consent of the other party hereto, except that the Company may assign this Agreement to any successor to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company provided the Company shall require such successor to expressly assume and agree in writing 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 and shall deliver a copy of such assignment to you.

18. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed severable and the invalidity of unenforceability of any provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions hereof.

19. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instruments. One or more counterparts of this Agreement may be delivered by facsimile, with the intention that delivery by such means shall have the same effect as delivery of an original counterpart thereof.

20. ARBITRATION. Any dispute or controversy arising under or in connection with this Agreement, other than injunctive relief under Section 11 hereof or damages for breach of any of Sections 5 through 10 hereof, shall be settled exclusively by arbitration, conducted before a single arbitrator in Hartford, Connecticut administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") in accordance with its Employment Arbitration Rules then in effect. The single arbitrator shall be selected by the mutual agreement of you and the Company, unless the parties are unable to agree to an arbitrator, in which case, the arbitrator will be selected under the procedures of the AAA. The arbitrator will have the authority to permit discovery and to follow the procedures that the arbitrator determines to be appropriate. The arbitrator will have no power to award consequential (including lost profits), punitive or exemplary damages. The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon the parties hereto. Judgment may be entered on the arbitrator's award in any court having jurisdiction. You and the Company understand and agree that this arbitration provision is governed by the Federal Arbitration Act, 9, U.S.C., § 1, *et seq.*, and that by entering into this arbitration provision they are waiving their respective rights to bring any dispute or controversy provided for in this Section 20 to court, including any right to a jury trial. You and the Company agree that such arbitration shall be conducted on an individual basis only, not a class or collective basis, and hereby waive any right to bring class wide or collective claims before any arbitrator or in any forum. THE PARTIES UNDERSTAND THAT BY AGREEING TO ARBITRATE DISPUTES THEY ARE WAIVING ANY RIGHT THEY MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE TO A JURY TRIAL, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE LAW.

21. MISCELLANEOUS. No provision of this Agreement may be modified, waived or discharged unless such waiver, modification or discharge is agreed to in writing and signed by you and such officer or director as may be designated by the Board. No waiver by either party hereto at any time of any breach by the other party hereto of, or compliance with, any condition or provision of this Agreement to be performed by such other party shall be deemed a waiver of similar or dissimilar provisions or conditions at the same or at any prior or subsequent time. This Agreement together with all exhibits hereto sets forth the entire agreement of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein. No agreements or representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, with respect to the subject matter hereof have been made by either party which are not expressly set forth in this Agreement. The validity, interpretation, construction and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut without regard to its conflicts of law principles.

22. REPRESENTATIONS. You represent and warrant to the Company that you have the legal right to enter into this Agreement and to perform all of the obligations on your part to be performed hereunder in accordance with its terms and that you are not a party to any agreement or understanding, written or oral, which could prevent you from entering into this Agreement or performing all of your obligations hereunder.

Very truly yours,

<u>/s/ Ian K. Walsh</u> Ian K. Walsh President and Chief Executive Officer

Acknowledged and Agreed:

/s/ Russell J. Bartlett

# EXHIBIT A FORM OF RELEASE

## AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE

Kaman Corporation, its affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions, successors and assigns in such capacity, and the current, future and former employees, officers, directors, trustees, shareholders and agents thereof (collectively referred to throughout this Agreement as "<u>Employer</u>"), and Russ Bartlett ("<u>Executive</u>"), on behalf of himself and Executive's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns (collectively referred to throughout this Agreement as "<u>Employee</u>") agree:

1. Last Day of Employment. Executive's last day of employment with Kaman Corporation was January 27, 2023.

2. <u>Consideration</u>. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement and General Release is being executed following January 27, 2023 for good and valuable consideration and in accordance with Section 4.e. of that certain Separation Letter Agreement by and between Executive and Kaman Corporation effective as of January 16, 2023 (the "Letter Agreement").

3. <u>Revocation</u>. Executive may revoke this Agreement and General Release for a period of seven (7) calendar days following the day Executive executes this Agreement and General Release. Any revocation within this period must be submitted, in writing, to Employer and state, "I hereby revoke my acceptance of our Agreement and General Release." The revocation must be personally delivered to Employer's General Counsel, or his/her designee. This Agreement and General Release shall not become effective or enforceable until the revocation period has expired without Executive having revoked this Agreement and General Release during the seven (7)-day revocation period provided for herein. If the last day of the revocation period is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday in Hartford, Connecticut, then the revocation period shall not expire until the next following day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

4. <u>General Release of Claims</u>. Executive knowingly and voluntarily releases and forever discharges Employer from any and all claims, causes of action, demands, fees, rights, obligations and liabilities of any kind whatsoever, whether known or unknown, against Employer, that Employee has, has ever had or may have as of the date of execution of this Agreement and General Release, including, but not limited to, any alleged violation of:

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended;
- The Civil Rights Act of 1991;
- Sections 1981 through 1988 of Title 42 of the United States Code, as amended;
- The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended;
- The Immigration Reform and Control Act, as amended;
- The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended;
- The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended;
- The Older Workers Benefit Protection Act of 1990;
- The Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, as amended;

- The Occupational Safety and Health Act, as amended;

- The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended;

- The Equal Pay Act, as amended;

- The National Labor Relations Act, to the extent permitted by law;

- The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act ("COBRA"), as amended and to the extent permitted by law;

- The Connecticut Fair Employment Practices Act - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-51 et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Wage Laws - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-58 et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Statutory Provision Regarding Retaliation/Discrimination for Filing a Workers' Compensation Claim – Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-290a, as amended;

- The Connecticut Equal Pay Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-58(e) et seq., §§ 31-75 and 31-76, as amended;

- The Connecticut Family and Medical Leave Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-51kk et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Drug Testing Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-51t et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Whistleblower Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-51m(a) et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Free Speech Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-51q et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Age Discrimination and Employee Benefits Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 38a-543, as amended;

- The Connecticut Reproductive Hazards Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-40g et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut AIDS Testing and Confidentiality Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a- 581 et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Electronic Monitoring of Employees Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-48b and d, as amended;

- The Connecticut Statutory Provision Regarding Protection of Social Security Numbers and Personal Information – Conn. Gen. Stat. § 42-470 et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Statutory Provision Regarding Concerning Consumer Privacy and Identity Theft – Public Act No. 09-239;

- The Connecticut OSHA, as amended;

- The Connecticut Paid Sick Leave law (originally P.A. 11-52), as amended;

- Any wage payment and collection, equal pay and other similar laws, acts and statutes of the State of Connecticut;

- Any other federal, state or local civil or human rights law or any other local, state or federal law, regulation or ordinance;
- Any public policy, contract, tort, or common law; or
- Any allegation for costs, fees, or other expenses including attorney's fees incurred in these matters.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the sole matters to which the Agreement and General Release do not apply are: (i) Executive's express and vested rights under any pension plan or claims for benefits under any other employee benefit plan, policy or arrangement maintained by Employer or under COBRA and other Accrued Amounts (as such term is defined in the Letter Agreement); (ii) Executive's rights under the provisions of the Letter Agreement which are expressly provided to survive termination of employment; (iii) Executive's rights as a stockholder; (iv) any rights that Executive has, had, or may have to indemnification, advancement, contribution or defense, however arising, pursuant to and in accordance with applicable law, Employer's articles of incorporation or by-laws or any applicable liability insurance coverage and (v) any rights that by law cannot be released or waived.

5. Exclusions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Executive understands that nothing contained in this Agreement and General Release prevents or limits Executive from filing a charge or complaint with, cooperating with or participating in any investigation or proceeding before, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other self-regulatory agency, legislative body or federal, state or local governmental agency or commission ("Government Agencies"). Executive further understands that this Agreement and General Release does not limit Executive's ability to report possible violations of applicable laws to the Government Agencies, communicate with any Government Agencies, including providing documents or other information, without notice to Employer; provided, however, that nothing herein authorizes the disclosure of information you obtained through a communication that was subject to the attorney-client privilege. This Agreement and General Release does not limit Employee's right to receive an award for information provided to any Government Agencies. This general release of claims also excludes any claims made under state workers' compensation or unemployment laws, or any claims which cannot be waived by law.

6. <u>Affirmations</u>. Executive affirms Employee has not filed, has not caused to be filed, and is not presently a party to, any claim, complaint, or action against Employer in any forum. Executive further affirms that Executive has been paid and/or has received all compensation, wages, bonuses, commissions, and/or benefits to which Executive may be entitled and no other compensation, wages, bonuses, commissions and/or benefits are due to Executive. Executive also affirms Executive has no known workplace injuries.

7. <u>Cooperation; Return of Property</u>. Executive agrees to reasonably cooperate with Employer and its counsel in connection with any investigation, administrative proceeding or litigation relating to any matter that occurred during Executive's employment in which Executive was involved or of which Executive has knowledge and Employer will reimburse Executive for any reasonable out-of-pocket travel, delivery or similar expenses incurred and lost wages (or will provide reasonable compensation if Executive is not then employed) in providing such service to Employer. Executive represents that Executive has complied with Section 9 of the Letter Agreement regarding the return of property.

8. <u>Governing Law and Interpretation</u>. This Agreement and General Release shall be governed and conformed in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut without regard to its conflict of laws provisions. In the event Employee or Employer breaches any provision of this Agreement and General Release, Employee and Employer affirm either may institute an action to

specifically enforce any term or terms of this Agreement and General Release. Should any provision of this Agreement and General Release be declared illegal or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction and should the provision be incapable of being modified to be enforceable, such provision shall immediately become null and void, leaving the remainder of this Agreement and General Release in full force and effect. Nothing herein, however, shall operate to void or nullify any general release language contained in the Agreement and General Release.

9. <u>No Admission of Wrongdoing</u>. Employee agrees that neither this Agreement and General Release nor the furnishing of the consideration for this Release shall be deemed or construed at any time for any purpose as an admission by Employer of any liability or unlawful conduct of any kind.

10. <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement and General Release may not be modified, altered or changed except upon express written consent of both parties wherein specific reference is made to this Agreement and General Release.

11. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement and General Release sets forth the entire agreement between the parties hereto and fully supersedes any prior agreements or understandings between the parties; provided, however, that notwithstanding anything in this Agreement and General Release, the provisions in the Letter Agreement which are intended to survive termination of the Letter Agreement, including but not limited to those contained in Sections 5 through 10 thereof, shall survive and continue in full force and effect. Executive acknowledges Executive has not relied on any representations, promises, or agreements of any kind made to Executive in connection with Executive's decision to accept this Agreement and General Release.

EXECUTIVE HAS READ THIS AGREEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND UNDERSTANDS ALL OF ITS TERMS. EXECUTIVE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT EXECUTIVE HAS UP TO FORTY-FIVE (45) CALENDAR DAYS TO REVIEW THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE (INCLUDING THE OLDER WORKERS BENEFIT PROTECTION ACT DISCLOSURE ATTACHED HERETO AS APPENDIX A) AND HAS BEEN ADVISED IN WRITING TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE.

EMPLOYEE AGREES ANY MODIFICATIONS, MATERIAL OR OTHERWISE, MADE TO THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE DO NOT RESTART OR AFFECT IN ANY MANNER THE ORIGINAL FORTY-FIVE (45) CALENDAR DAY CONSIDERATION PERIOD. EXECUTIVE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT EMPLOYEE IS WAIVING AND RELEASING CLAIMS UNDER THE AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1967, AS AMENDED.

HAVING ELECTED TO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE, TO FULFILL THE PROMISES SET FORTH HEREIN, AND TO RECEIVE THE SUMS AND BENEFITS SET FORTH IN THE LETTER AGREEMENT, WHICH EXECUTIVE AGREES CONSTITUTES GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, EXECUTIVE FREELY, KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY, AND AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION, ENTERS INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE INTENDING TO WAIVE, SETTLE AND RELEASE ALL CLAIMS EMPLOYEE HAS OR MIGHT HAVE AGAINST EMPLOYER. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE EIGHTH (8TH) DAY AFTER EXECUTIVE SIGNS, WITHOUT TIMELY REVOKING, THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE. NO PAYMENTS DUE TO EXECUTIVE UNDER SECTIONS 4.a-4.c OF THE LETTER AGREEMENT SHALL BE MADE OR BEGIN BEFORE THE DATE THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE BECOMES IRREVOCABLE PURSUANT TO ITS TERMS.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto knowingly and voluntarily executed this Agreement and General Release as of the date set forth below:

# KAMAN CORPORATION

# EXECUTIVE

By:			
Name:			
Title:			
Date:		Date:	
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

January 17, 2023

Shawn Lisle 1332 Blue Hills Ave. Bloomfield, CT 06002

## **Re: Separation Letter Agreement**

Dear Mr. Lisle:

This Separation Letter Agreement (the "<u>Agreement</u>") sets forth our agreement regarding your termination of employment with Kaman Corporation and its related subsidiaries and affiliated entities (collectively, the "<u>Company</u>"), effective January 27, 2023.

1. SEPARATION. Your last day of employment with the Company will be January 27, 2023 (the "<u>Transition Date</u>"), and you hereby resign, effective upon the close of business on the Transition Date, from all of your positions at the Company, including but not limited to Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer and Assistant Secretary and all other offices and directorships you hold with the Company or any affiliate without further action on either your part or by the relevant entity. You agree to execute and deliver any documents reasonably necessary to effectuate such resignations, and hereby irrevocably appoint Richard S. Smith, Jr., with the power to act to be your attorney-in-fact to execute any such documents and do anything in your name to effect such resignations. You may take vacation from the date hereof through the Transition Date; provided, however, that you will fulfill your obligations as an officer through the Transition Date and work with your successor to assist in the reasonable transition of ongoing matters and work to be agreed upon at mutually convenient times.

2. ACCRUED AMOUNTS. The Company will pay or provide to you at such time or times as required by applicable law or the terms of the applicable Company plan, program, policy or arrangement (i) any unpaid base salary through the Transition Date and your annual bonus with respect to calendar year 2022 (to the extent earned based on actual performance, any such amount to be paid at the time such bonus payments are made to calendar year 2022 annual bonus plan participants generally); (ii) reimbursement for any unreimbursed expenses incurred through the Transition Date in accordance with the Company business expense reimbursement policy; (iii) the balance of your deferred compensation account, including all supplemental deferred compensation contributions; (iv) your 2020 LTIP as described in Section 4.b.(iii) herein; and (v) the other payments and benefits to which you are entitled under the terms of the applicable compensation arrangements and benefit plans or programs maintained by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (collectively, "Accrued Amounts"). In accordance with Company policy, you are not eligible for a payout of accrued and unused vacation or paid time off.

3. TERMINATION OF CHANGE IN CONTROL AGREEMENT. Effective immediately, the Amended and Restated Change in Control Agreement between you and Kaman Corporation, effective June 8, 2022 (the "<u>Change in Control</u> <u>Agreement</u>") shall terminate, and neither you nor the Company will have any further rights or obligations thereunder.

4. TERMINATION PAYMENTS. In consideration of the covenants and releases contained in this Agreement, and in lieu of any other payments which may be due under the terms of your employment with the Company, the Company agrees to provide you with the following termination payments and benefits:

a. Subject to your execution of this Agreement and the release attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "<u>Release</u>"), each to be executed no later than 2:30 p.m. (EST) on January 17, 2023:

- i. SEVERANCE. The Company will pay to you, no later than January 27, 2023, a lump-sum severance payment in the gross amount of \$50,000, which amount, along with the other amounts described herein, shall be subject to applicable withholding.
- ii. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. The Company will provide you with a letter of recommendation, the substance of which has been agreed upon by you and the Company. The letter will be the only substantive response that the Company, Ian Walsh or the Board of Directors will provide to reference checks. You will direct any requests for recommendations or related inquiries to the Company's Chief Human Resources Officer and the Chief Human Resources Officer shall provide the letter of recommendation.

b. Subject to your execution of the release attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u> (the "<u>Second Release</u>") following the Transition Date, and your not revoking the Second Release within the revocation period set forth therein:

- i. FURTHER SEVERANCE. The Company will pay to you, within ten business days after the effective date of the Second Release, a lump-sum severance payment in the gross amount of \$950,000, which amount, along with the other amounts described herein, shall be subject to applicable withholding.
- ii. TREATMENT OF EQUITY AWARDS. Each of your performance-based restricted stock unit awards with respect to which the performance period has not yet been completed as of the Transition Date shall, to the extent earned based on the final performance during the applicable performance period, be payable at the time that any such long-term performance award is paid to other award recipients, and any such payment will be made to you on a pro-rata basis (determined by multiplying the portion of the award you would have received based upon actual performance under such awards had your employment continued through the end of the performance period by a fraction, the numerator which is the number of days you remained employed with the Company during the award's performance period through the Transition Date and the denominator of which is the total number of days during the award's performance period). Your unvested time-vesting restricted stock awards and nonqualified stock options will become fully vested upon the effectiveness of the Second Release.
- iii. TREATMENT OF CASH LTIP. You will remain eligible to receive a cash-based long-term performance award payout for the performance period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022 (the "2020 LTIP"), to the extent earned, payable in cash, at the time and under the same terms that any such 2020 LTIP payments are made to other similarly situated executives.
- iv. LIFE INSURANCE. The Company will transfer to you any and all rights and incidents of ownership to all insurance policies owned by or otherwise maintained by the Company that insure your life, which transfers shall occur no later than 10 business days after the effective date of the Second Release; provided, that in no event shall the Company transfer any rights or incidents of ownership with respect to any such policy that is related to the funding of any deferred compensation plan or arrangement maintained by the Company or any of its subsidiaries. You will

be responsible for all premiums following the Transition Date. The Company agrees to cooperate with you and to provide you with reasonable assistance and access to information and documentation in order to fully effectuate such insurance policy transfers.

- v. MOBILE PHONE AND PHONE NUMBER. Notwithstanding Section 9 of this Agreement, you shall be permitted to retain (A) the phone number associated with the Company-issued mobile phone provided to you and (B) the Company-issued mobile phone, conditional on the Company confirming the mobile phone has no Company information on it.
- vi. PAYMENT OF LEGAL FEES. The Company will pay your reasonable attorneys' fees in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement, up to a maximum of \$20,000, to be paid directly to Bernabei & Kabat, PLLC within ten (10) business days of receipt of an invoice from Bernabei & Kabat, PLLC in respect of services rendered in this matter and a Form W-9 completed by Bernabei & Kabat, PLLC.

5. COMPANY REPRESENTATION. The Company represents that it is not aware of any claims that it may have against you in connection with your employment by the Company.

The Company expressly waives, releases and discharges any and all claims, demands, causes of action, obligations, judgments, damages and liabilities against Employee that may be waived, released or discharged by law against you, in each case, other than any claims, demands, causes of action, obligations, judgments, damages and liabilities arising out of or attributable to: (i) intentional malicious acts or material omissions by Employee taking place after the Parties' execution of this Agreement; (ii) Employee's breach of any terms and conditions of this Agreement; and (iii) any criminal activities involving fraud or theft by Employee during Employee's employment with the Company and for which Employee is convicted by a court of law.

# 6. CONFIDENTIALITY; SCOPE OF DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS.

a. Following the Transition Date, you agree that you shall not, directly or indirectly, use, make available, sell, disclose or otherwise communicate to any person, any nonpublic, proprietary or confidential information, knowledge or data relating to the Company, any of its subsidiaries, affiliated companies or businesses or any of their respective customers, which shall have been obtained by you during the course of your employment with the Company. The foregoing shall not apply to information that (i) was known to the public prior to its disclosure to you; (ii) becomes known to the public subsequent to disclosure to you through no wrongful act of you or any of your representatives; or (iii) you are required to disclose by applicable law, regulation or legal process (provided that you provide the Company at its sole expense in seeking a protective order or other appropriate protection of such information). Notwithstanding clauses (i) and (ii) of the preceding sentence, your obligation to maintain such disclosed information in confidence shall not terminate where only portions of the information are in the public domain.

b. Nothing in this Agreement prohibits you at any time from communicating with government agencies about possible violations of federal, state, or local laws or otherwise providing information to government agencies or participating in government agency investigations or proceedings. You are not required to notify the Company of any such communications; provided, however, that nothing herein authorizes the disclosure of information you obtained through a communication that was subject to the attorney-client privilege, except as permitted by clause (iii) of Section 6(a). Further, notwithstanding your confidentiality and

nondisclosure obligations, you are hereby advised as follows pursuant to the Defend Trade Secrets Act: "An individual shall not be held criminally or civilly liable under any Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that (A) is made (i) in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney; and (ii) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal. An individual who files a lawsuit for retaliation by an employer for reporting a suspected violation of law may disclose the trade secret to the attorney of the individual and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding, if the individual (A) files any document containing the trade secret under seal; and (B) does not disclose the trade secret, except pursuant to court order."

# 7. EMPLOYEE AND CUSTOMER NON-SOLICITATION.

a. You hereby agree that, in consideration of the payments and benefits provided for in Section 4 of this Agreement, for the one-year period immediately following the Transition Date you will not, directly or indirectly, individually or on behalf of any other person, firm, corporation or other entity, knowingly solicit, aid or induce any managerial level employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates or any member of the administrative staff of the legal department to leave such employment in order to accept employment with or render services to or with any other person, firm, corporation or other entity in identifying or hiring any such employee (provided, that the foregoing shall not be violated by general advertising not targeted at Company employees nor by serving as a reference for an employee with regard to an entity with which you are not affiliated).

b. You further understand and acknowledge that because of your experience with and relationship to the Company, you have had access to and learn about the Customer Information of the Company, its subsidiaries or affiliates. "**Customer Information**" includes, but is not limited to, names, phone numbers, addresses, email addresses, order history, order preferences, chain of command, decision makers, pricing information, and other information identifying facts and circumstances specific to the customer and relevant to sales or services. You will not use or disclose any Customer Information.

8. NON-DISPARAGEMENT. You agree not to make any public statements that disparage the Company, its respective affiliates, officers, directors, products or services. The Company, on behalf of itself and each of its subsidiaries, agrees not to make by press release or other official Company communication, and to instruct the officers of the Company and the members of the Kaman Corporation Board of Directors not to make any statements in any format, whether written, verbal or otherwise, that disparage you. Notwithstanding the foregoing, truthful statements made in the course of sworn testimony in administrative, judicial or arbitral proceedings (including, without limitation, depositions in connection with such proceedings) or otherwise as required by law shall not be subject to this Section 8.

9. RETURN OF COMPANY PROPERTY AND RECORDS. Except as noted at Section 4.b.v, you agree that on or before the Transition Date you will surrender to the Company in good condition (reasonable wear and tear excepted) all property and equipment belonging to the Company and will return all nonpublic records kept by you outside of the workplace located at 1332 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, Connecticut that contain the names, addresses or any other information specific to customers or customer contacts of the Company, or concerning any proprietary or confidential information owned by the Company, or any nonpublic or confidential operational or financial documents that were developed by or provided to you during your employment with the Company.

10. ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTIONS. You will promptly communicate and disclose in writing to the Company all inventions and developments including software, whether patentable or not, as well as

patents and patent applications (hereinafter collectively, "<u>Inventions</u>"), made, conceived, developed, or purchased by you, or under which you acquire the right to grant licenses or to become licensed, alone or jointly with others, which have arisen or jointly with others, which have arisen or which arise out of your provision of services to the Company, or relate to any matters directly pertaining to, the business of the Company or any of its subsidiaries. All of your right, title and interest in, to, and under all such Inventions, licenses, and right to grant licenses shall be the sole property of the Company. As to all such Inventions, you will, upon request of the Company execute all documents which the Company deems necessary or proper to enable it to establish title to such Inventions or other rights, and to enable it to file and prosecute applications for letters patent of the United States and any foreign country; and do all things (including the giving of evidence in suits and other proceedings) which the Company deems necessary or proper to obtain, maintain, or assert patents for any and all such Inventions or to assert its rights in any Inventions not patented.

11. RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT. Nothing in this Agreement, including, but not limited to, Sections 7 and 8, shall prohibit or otherwise limit your right to practice law or take any other action that cannot be prohibited or limited under Rules of Professional Conduct applicable to you.

12. EQUITABLE RELIEF AND OTHER REMEDIES. You and the Company acknowledge and agree that the other party's remedies at law for a breach or threatened breach of any of the provisions of Sections 6 through 11 of this Agreement would be inadequate and, in recognition of this fact, the parties agree that, in the event of such a breach or threatened breach, in addition to any remedies at law, the other party, without posting any bond, shall be entitled to seek equitable relief in the form of specific performance, temporary restraining order, a temporary or permanent injunction or any other equitable remedy which may then be available.

13. REFORMATION. If it is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in any state that any restriction in Sections 6 through 11 of this Agreement is excessive in duration or scope or is unreasonable or unenforceable under the laws of that state, it is the intention of you and the Company that such restriction may be modified or amended by the court to render it enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by the law of that state.

14. SECTION 409A COMPLIANCE. It is intended that any amounts payable and benefits provided under this Agreement shall either be exempt from or comply with Section 409A of the Code so as not to subject you to payment of any interest, penalties or additional tax imposed under Section 409A. If and to the extent that you or the Company reasonably determines that any amount payable or benefit provided under this Agreement would fail to satisfy any applicable requirement of Section 409A and trigger the additional tax and/or penalties or interest imposed by Section 409A, the parties shall negotiate in good faith and use reasonable efforts to modify this Agreement to bring it into compliance with Section 409A; provided, however, that nothing herein shall adversely affect your entitlement to any compensation or benefits hereunder. Based upon current law, the Company does not intend to report any compensation payable to you hereunder as being in non-compliance with Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company makes no representation or warranty and shall have no liability to you or any other person if any provisions of this Agreement are determined to constitute deferred compensation subject to Section 409A but do not satisfy an exemption from, or the conditions of, such section.

15. NOTICE. For the purpose of this Agreement, notices and all other communications provided for in this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given (a) on the date of delivery if delivered by hand, (b) on the first business day following the date of deposit if delivered by guaranteed overnight delivery service, or (c) on the fourth business day following the date delivered or mailed by United States registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to you: at any address shown on the records of the Company, or to any subsequent address to

be provided in writing to the Company at the address below, who will ensure that the records of the Company are promptly updated.

If to the Company: Kaman Corporation 1332 Blue Hills Avenue, P.O. Box 1 Bloomfield, CT 06002 Attention: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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

16. SECTION HEADINGS; INCONSISTENCY. The section headings used in this Agreement are included solely for convenience and shall not affect, or be used in connection with, the interpretation of this Agreement. If there is any inconsistency between this Agreement and any other agreement (including but not limited to any option, stock, long-term incentive or other equity award agreement), plan, program, policy or practice (collectively, "<u>Other Provision</u>") of the Company, the terms of this Agreement shall control over such Other Provision; provided, however, that nothing in this Agreement shall adversely affect your entitlement to the Accrued Amounts.

17. PRIOR AGREEMENTS. This Agreement supersedes and replaces any and all prior agreements, including the Change in Control Agreement (collectively, the "**Prior Agreements**") between the Company and you. By signing this Agreement, you acknowledge that the Prior Agreements are terminated and cancelled except as otherwise provided herein, and you release and discharge the Company from any and all obligations and liabilities heretofore or now existing under or by virtue of such Prior Agreements, it being the intention of the parties hereto that this Agreement effective immediately shall supersede and be in lieu of the Prior Agreements (except to the extent payments or benefits are due thereunder as of the Transition Date (as contemplated in Section 2 hereof).

18. NO ASSIGNMENT. This Agreement is personal to each of the parties hereto. No party may assign or delegate any rights or obligations hereunder without first obtaining the written consent of the other party hereto, except that the Company may assign this Agreement to any successor to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company provided the Company shall require such successor to expressly assume and agree in writing 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 and shall deliver a copy of such assignment to you. In the event of your death following the Transition Date, any unpaid payments or benefits that are owed to you under this Agreement or under a Company-sponsored plan or program will be paid or provided to your estate (or to the extent a beneficiary(ies) has been designated in accordance with a plan or program).

19. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed severable and the invalidity of unenforceability of any provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions hereof.

20. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instruments. One or more counterparts of this Agreement may be delivered by facsimile, with the intention that delivery by such means shall have the same effect as delivery of an original counterpart thereof.

21. ARBITRATION. Any dispute or controversy arising under or in connection with this Agreement, other than injunctive relief under Section 12 hereof or damages for breach of any of Sections 6 through 11 hereof, shall be settled exclusively by arbitration, conducted before a single arbitrator in Hartford, Connecticut administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") in accordance with its Employment Arbitration Rules then in effect. The single arbitrator shall be selected

by the mutual agreement of you and the Company, unless the parties are unable to agree to an arbitrator, in which case, the arbitrator will be selected under the procedures of the AAA. The arbitrator will have the authority to permit discovery and to follow the procedures that the arbitrator determines to be appropriate. The arbitrator will have no power to award consequential (including lost profits), punitive or exemplary damages. The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon the parties hereto. Judgment may be entered on the arbitrator's award in any court having jurisdiction. You and the Company understand and agree that this arbitration provision is governed by the Federal Arbitration Act, 9, U.S.C., § 1, *et seq.*, and that by entering into this arbitration provision they are waiving their respective rights to bring any dispute or controversy provided for in this Section 21 to court, including any right to a jury trial. You and the Company agree that such arbitration shall be conducted on an individual basis only, not a class or collective basis, and hereby waive any right to bring class wide or collective claims before any arbitrator or in any forum. THE PARTIES UNDERSTAND THAT BY AGREEING TO ARBITRATE DISPUTES THEY ARE WAIVING ANY RIGHT THEY MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE TO A JURY TRIAL, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE LAW.

22. MISCELLANEOUS. No provision of this Agreement may be modified, waived or discharged unless such waiver, modification or discharge is agreed to in writing and signed by you and such officer or director as may be designated by the Company's Board of Directors. No waiver by either party hereto at any time of any breach by the other party hereto of, or compliance with, any condition or provision of this Agreement to be performed by such other party shall be deemed a waiver of similar or dissimilar provisions or conditions at the same or at any prior or subsequent time. This Agreement together with all exhibits hereto sets forth the entire agreement of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein. No agreements or representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, with respect to the subject matter hereof have been made by either party which are not expressly set forth in this Agreement. The validity, interpretation, construction and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut without regard to its conflicts of law principles.

23. REPRESENTATIONS. You represent and warrant to the Company that you have the legal right to enter into this Agreement and to perform all of the obligations on your part to be performed hereunder in accordance with its terms and that you are not a party to any agreement or understanding, written or oral, which could prevent you from entering into this Agreement or performing all of your obligations hereunder. The Company represents and warrants to you that the Company has the legal right to enter into this Agreement and to perform all of the obligations on the Company's part to be performed hereunder in accordance with its terms and that the Company is not a party to any agreement or understanding, written or oral, which could prevent the Company from entering into this Agreement or performing all of its obligations hereunder.

24. MITIGATION OF DAMAGES. In no event shall you be obligated to seek other employment or take any other action by way of mitigation of the amounts payable to you under any of the provisions of this Agreement or any other agreement, program or plan, nor shall the amount of any payment hereunder be reduced by any compensation earned by you as a result of employment by another employer, except as set forth in this Agreement.

25. NO INTENDED EFFECT ON INDEMNITIES OR INSURANCE COVERAGES OTHERWISE IN PLACE. On and after the Effective Date, it is intended that you will continue to be covered by any indemnities or other rights of advancement, contribution or defense that are available to other similarly situated individuals under the terms of the Company's or any parent or subsidiary of the Company's articles of incorporation or by-laws or any applicable liability insurance coverage, as such may be modified in the ordinary course of business from time to time.

Very truly yours,

<u>/s/ Ian K. Walsh</u> Ian K. Walsh President and Chief Executive Officer

Acknowledged and Agreed:

<u>/s/ Shawn G. Lisle</u> Shawn Lisle Date: January 17, 2023

# EXHIBIT A FORM OF RELEASE

## AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE

Kaman Corporation, its affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions, successors and assigns in such capacity, and the current, future and former employees, officers, directors, trustees, shareholders and agents thereof (collectively referred to throughout this Agreement as "<u>Employer</u>"), and Shawn Lisle ("<u>Executive</u>"), on behalf of himself and Executive's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns (collectively referred to throughout this Agreement as "<u>Employee</u>") agree:

1. Last Day of Employment. Executive's last day of employment with Kaman Corporation will be January 27, 2023.

2. <u>Consideration</u>. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement and General Release is being executed for good and valuable consideration and in accordance with Section 4.a of that certain Separation Letter Agreement by and between Executive and Kaman Corporation effective as of January 17, 2023 (the "Letter Agreement").

3. <u>General Release of Claims</u>. Executive knowingly and voluntarily releases and forever discharges Employer from any and all claims, causes of action, demands, fees, rights, obligations and liabilities of any kind whatsoever, whether known or unknown, against Employer, that Employee has, has ever had or may have as of the date of execution of this Agreement and General Release, including, but not limited to, any alleged violation of:

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended;
- The Civil Rights Act of 1991;
- Sections 1981 through 1988 of Title 42 of the United States Code, as amended;
- The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended;
- The Immigration Reform and Control Act, as amended;
- The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended;
- The Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, as amended;
- The Occupational Safety and Health Act, as amended;
- The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended;
- The Equal Pay Act, as amended;
- The National Labor Relations Act, to the extent permitted by law;
- The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act ("COBRA"), as amended and to the extent permitted by law;
- The Connecticut Fair Employment Practices Act Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-51 et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Wage Laws - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-58 et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Statutory Provision Regarding Retaliation/Discrimination for Filing a Workers' Compensation Claim – Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-290a, as amended;

- The Connecticut Equal Pay Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-58(e) et seq., §§ 31-75 and 31-76, as amended;

- The Connecticut Family and Medical Leave Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-51kk et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Drug Testing Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-51t et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Whistleblower Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-51m(a) et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Free Speech Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-51q et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Age Discrimination and Employee Benefits Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 38a-543, as amended;

- The Connecticut Reproductive Hazards Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-40g et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut AIDS Testing and Confidentiality Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a- 581 et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Electronic Monitoring of Employees Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-48b and d, as amended;

- The Connecticut Statutory Provision Regarding Protection of Social Security Numbers and Personal Information – Conn. Gen. Stat. § 42-470 et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Statutory Provision Regarding Concerning Consumer Privacy and Identity Theft – Public Act No. 09-239;

- The Connecticut OSHA, as amended;

- The Connecticut Paid Sick Leave law (originally P.A. 11-52), as amended;

- Any wage payment and collection, equal pay and other similar laws, acts and statutes of the State of Connecticut;

- Any other federal, state or local civil or human rights law or any other local, state or federal law, regulation or ordinance;

- Any public policy, contract, tort, or common law; or

- Any allegation for costs, fees, or other expenses including attorney's fees incurred in these matters.

4. <u>Claims Not Released; Permitted Activities; Notice of Immunity Under the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016.</u>

(a) <u>Claims Not Released</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, including the general release and waiver of claims, Employee does not waive, release or discharge: (i) Employee's

right to vested benefits, such as pension, retirement, equity, or welfare benefits, the rights under any pension plan or claims for benefits under any other employee benefit plan, policy or arrangement maintained by Employer or under COBRA and other Accrued Amounts (as such term is defined in the Letter Agreement); (ii) Executive's rights under the provisions of the Letter Agreement which are expressly provided to survive termination of employment; (iii) Executive's rights as a stockholder; (iv) any rights that Executive has, had, or may have to indemnification, advancement, contribution or defense, however arising, pursuant to and in accordance with applicable law, Employer's articles of incorporation or by-laws or any applicable liability insurance coverage and (v) any rights that by law cannot be released or waived.

Permitted Activities. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, including the general release and (b) waiver of claims, neither Executive nor Executive's attorney shall be prohibited, restricted, limited or otherwise prevented from any of the following activities: (i) filing a charge or complaint with, or participating, testifying, or assisting in, any investigation, hearing, whistleblower proceeding or other proceeding before any federal, state, or loca; government agency; (ii) contacting, communicating with, reporting matters to, or otherwise participating in any whistleblower program administered by any federal, state, or local government agencies; (iii) filing a charge or complaint with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), or any other securities regulatory agency or self-regulatory authority, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or any other federal, state or local governmental agency or commission, self-regulatory agency, or legislative body ("Government Agencies"). Executive further understands that this Agreement and General Release does not limit Executive's ability to report possible violations of applicable laws to the Government Agencies, communicate with any Government Agencies, including providing documents or other information, without notice to Employer; provided, however, that nothing herein authorizes the disclosure of information you obtained through a communication that was subject to the attorneyclient privilege, unless you are required to disclose such information by applicable law, regulation or legal process (provided that you provide the Company with prior notice of the contemplated disclosure if permitted by law to do so, and reasonably cooperate with the Company at its sole expense in seeking a protective order or other appropriate protection of such information). This Agreement and General Release does not limit Employee's right to receive an award for information provided to any Government Agencies. This general release of claims also excludes any claims made under state workers' compensation or unemployment laws, or any claims which cannot be waived by law.

(c) Notice of Immunity Under the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement and General Release to the contrary, Employee will not be held criminally or civilly liable under any federal or state trade secret law for any disclosure of a trade secret that is made (i) in confidence to a federal, state, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney, and solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (ii) in a complaint or other document filed under seal in a lawsuit or other proceeding. If Employee files a lawsuit for retaliation by the Employer for reporting a suspected violation of law, Employee may disclose the Employer's trade secrets to the Employee's attorney and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding if the Employee files any document containing the trade secret under seal and does not disclose the trade secret, except pursuant to court order.

5. <u>Affirmations</u>. Executive affirms Employee has not filed, has not caused to be filed, and is not presently a party to, any claim, complaint, or action against Employer in any forum. Executive further affirms that Executive has been paid and/or has received all compensation, wages, bonuses, commissions, and/or benefits to which Executive may be entitled prior to the date of execution of this Release and no other compensation, wages, bonuses, commissions and/or benefits are due to Executive, other than those provided for in the Agreement and General Release. Executive also affirms Executive has no known workplace injuries.

6. <u>Cooperation; Return of Property</u>. Executive agrees to reasonably cooperate with Employer and its counsel in connection with any investigation, administrative proceeding or litigation relating to any matter that occurred during Executive's employment in which Executive was involved or of which Executive has knowledge and Employer will pay for all of Executive's out-of-pocket travel, delivery or similar expenses incurred and lost wages (or will provide reasonable compensation if Executive is not then employed) in providing such service to Employer. Executive represents that Executive has complied with Section 9 of the Letter Agreement regarding the return of property.

7. <u>Governing Law and Interpretation</u>. This Agreement and General Release shall be governed and conformed in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut without regard to its conflict of laws provisions. In the event Employee or Employer breaches any provision of this Agreement and General Release, Employee and Employer affirm either may institute an action to specifically enforce any term or terms of this Agreement and General Release. Should any provision of this Agreement and General Release be declared illegal or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction and should the provision be incapable of being modified to be enforceable, such provision shall immediately become null and void, leaving the remainder of this Agreement and General Release in full force and effect. Nothing herein, however, shall operate to void or nullify any general release language contained in the Agreement and General Release.

8. <u>No Admission of Wrongdoing</u>. Employee agrees that neither this Agreement and General Release nor the furnishing of the consideration for this Release shall be deemed or construed at any time for any purpose as an admission by Employer of any liability or unlawful conduct of any kind.

9. <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement and General Release may not be modified, altered or changed except upon express written consent of both parties wherein specific reference is made to this Agreement and General Release.

10. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement and General Release sets forth the entire agreement between the parties hereto and fully supersedes any prior agreements or understandings between the parties; provided, however, that notwithstanding anything in this Agreement and General Release, the provisions in the Letter Agreement which are intended to survive termination of the Letter Agreement, including but not limited to those contained in Sections 6 through 11 thereof, shall survive and continue in full force and effect. Executive acknowledges Executive has not relied on any representations, promises, or agreements of any kind made to Executive in connection with Executive's decision to accept this Agreement and General Release.

EXECUTIVE HAS READ THIS AGREEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND UNDERSTANDS ALL OF ITS TERMS AND HAS BEEN ADVISED IN WRITING TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE.

HAVING ELECTED TO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE, TO FULFILL THE PROMISES SET FORTH HEREIN, AND TO RECEIVE THE SUMS AND BENEFITS SET FORTH IN THE LETTER AGREEMENT, WHICH EXECUTIVE AGREES CONSTITUTES GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, EXECUTIVE FREELY, KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY, AND AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION, ENTERS INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE INTENDING TO WAIVE, SETTLE AND RELEASE ALL CLAIMS EMPLOYEE HAS OR MIGHT HAVE AGAINST EMPLOYER.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto knowingly and voluntarily executed this Agreement and General Release as of the date set forth below:

KAMAN CORPORATIONEXECUTIVEBy: /s/ Ian K. Walsh/s/Shawn G. LisleName: Ian WalshShawn LisleTitle: President and Chief Executive OfficerDate: January 17, 2023Date: January 17, 2023Date: January 17, 2023

## EXHIBIT B FORM OF SECOND RELEASE

#### AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE

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3. <u>Revocation</u>. Executive may revoke this Agreement and General Release for a period of seven (7) calendar days following the day Executive executes this Agreement and General Release. Any revocation within this period must be submitted, in writing, to Employer and state, "I hereby revoke my acceptance of our Agreement and General Release." The revocation must be personally delivered to Employer's General Counsel, or his/her designee. This Agreement and General Release shall not become effective or enforceable until the revocation period has expired without Executive having revoked this Agreement and General Release during the seven (7)-day revocation period provided for herein. If the last day of the revocation period is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday in Hartford, Connecticut, then the revocation period shall not expire until the next following day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

4. <u>General Release of Claims</u>. Executive knowingly and voluntarily releases and forever discharges Employer from any and all claims, causes of action, demands, fees, rights, obligations and liabilities of any kind whatsoever, whether known or unknown, against Employer, that Employee has, has ever had or may have as of the date of execution of this Agreement and General Release, including, but not limited to, any alleged violation of:

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- The Immigration Reform and Control Act, as amended;
- The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended;
- The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended;
- The Older Workers Benefit Protection Act of 1990;
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- The Occupational Safety and Health Act, as amended;

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- The National Labor Relations Act, to the extent permitted by law;

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- Any public policy, contract, tort, or common law; or
- Any allegation for costs, fees, or other expenses including attorney's fees incurred in these matters.
- 5. <u>Claims Not Released; Permitted Activities; Notice of Immunity Under the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016.</u>

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Permitted Activities. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, including the general release and (e) waiver of claims, neither Executive nor Executive's attorney shall be prohibited, restricted, limited or otherwise prevented from any of the following activities: (i) filing a charge or complaint with, or participating, testifying, or assisting in, any investigation, hearing, whistleblower proceeding or other proceeding before any federal, state, or loca; government agency; (ii) contacting, communicating with, reporting matters to, or otherwise participating in any whistleblower program administered by any federal, state, or local government agencies; (iii) filing a charge or complaint with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), or any other securities regulatory agency or self-regulatory authority, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or any other federal, state or local governmental agency or commission, self-regulatory agency, or legislative body ("Government Agencies"). Executive further understands that this Agreement and General Release does not limit Executive's ability to report possible violations of applicable laws to the Government Agencies, communicate with any Government Agencies, including providing documents or other information, without notice to Employer; provided, however, that nothing herein authorizes the disclosure of information you obtained through a communication that was subject to the attorneyclient privilege, unless you are required to disclose such information by applicable law, regulation or legal process (provided that you provide the Company with prior notice of the contemplated disclosure if permitted by law to do so, and reasonably cooperate with the Company at its sole expense in seeking a protective order or other appropriate protection of such information). This Agreement and General Release does not limit Employee's right to receive an award for information provided to any Government Agencies. This general release of claims also excludes any claims made under state workers' compensation or unemployment laws, or any claims which cannot be waived by law.

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11. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement and General Release sets forth the entire agreement between the parties hereto and fully supersedes any prior agreements or understandings between the parties; provided, however, that notwithstanding anything in this Agreement and General Release, the provisions in the Letter Agreement which are intended to survive termination of the Letter Agreement, including but not limited to those contained in Sections 6 through 11 thereof, shall survive and continue in full force and effect. Executive acknowledges Executive has not relied on any representations, promises, or agreements of any kind made to Executive in connection with Executive's decision to accept this Agreement and General Release.

EXECUTIVE HAS READ THIS AGREEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND UNDERSTANDS ALL OF ITS TERMS. EXECUTIVE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT EXECUTIVE HAS UP TO FORTY-FIVE (45) CALENDAR DAYS TO REVIEW THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE (INCLUDING THE OLDER WORKERS BENEFIT PROTECTION ACT DISCLOSURE ATTACHED HERETO AS APPENDIX A) AND HAS BEEN ADVISED IN WRITING TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE.

EMPLOYEE AGREES ANY MODIFICATIONS, MATERIAL OR OTHERWISE, MADE TO THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE DO NOT RESTART OR AFFECT IN ANY MANNER THE ORIGINAL FORTY-FIVE (45) CALENDAR DAY CONSIDERATION PERIOD. EXECUTIVE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT EMPLOYEE IS WAIVING AND RELEASING CLAIMS UNDER THE AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1967, AS AMENDED.

HAVING ELECTED TO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE, TO FULFILL THE PROMISES SET FORTH HEREIN, AND TO RECEIVE THE SUMS AND BENEFITS SET FORTH IN THE LETTER AGREEMENT, WHICH EXECUTIVE AGREES CONSTITUTES GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, EXECUTIVE FREELY, KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY, AND AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION, ENTERS INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE INTENDING TO WAIVE, SETTLE AND RELEASE ALL CLAIMS EMPLOYEE HAS OR MIGHT HAVE AGAINST EMPLOYER. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE EIGHTH (8TH) DAY AFTER EXECUTIVE SIGNS, WITHOUT TIMELY REVOKING, THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE. NO PAYMENTS DUE TO EXECUTIVE UNDER SECTION 4.B OF THE LETTER AGREEMENT SHALL BE MADE OR BEGIN BEFORE THE DATE THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE BECOMES IRREVOCABLE PURSUANT TO ITS TERMS.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto knowingly and voluntarily executed this Agreement and General Release as of the date set forth below:

KAMAN CORPORATION	EXECUTIVE	
By:		
Name:	Shawn Lisle	
Title:		
Date:	Date:	

January 17, 2023

Rafael Cohen 1332 Blue Hills Avenue Bloomfield, CT 06002

# **Re: Separation Letter Agreement**

Dear Rafael Cohen:

This Separation Letter Agreement (the "<u>Agreement</u>") sets forth our agreement regarding your termination of employment with Kaman Corporation and its related subsidiaries and affiliated entities (collectively, the "<u>Company</u>"), effective January 27, 2023.

1. SEPARATION. Your last day of employment with the Company will be January 27, 2023 (the "<u>Transition Date</u>"), and you hereby resign, effective upon the close of business on the Transition Date, from all of your positions at the Company, including but not limited to Vice President and Chief Information Officer and all other offices and directorships you hold with the Company or any affiliate without further action on either your part or by the relevant entity. You agree to execute and deliver any documents reasonably necessary to effectuate such resignations, and hereby irrevocably appoint Richard S. Smith, Jr., with the power to act to be your attorney-in-fact to execute any such documents and do anything in your name to effect such resignations.

2. ACCRUED AMOUNTS. The Company shall pay or provide to you at such time or times as required by applicable law or the terms of the applicable Company plan, program, policy or arrangement (i) any unpaid base salary through the Transition Date and your annual bonus with respect to calendar year 2022 (to the extent earned based on actual performance, any such amount to be paid at the time such bonus payments are made to calendar year 2022 annual bonus plan participants generally); (ii) reimbursement for any unreimbursed expenses incurred through the Transition Date in accordance with the Company business expense reimbursement policy; and (iii) the other payments and benefits to which you are entitled under the terms of the compensation arrangements and benefit plans or programs (collectively, "Accrued Amounts"). In accordance with Company policy, you are not eligible for a payout of accrued and unused vacation or paid time off.

3. TERMINATION OF CHANGE IN CONTROL AGREEMENT. Effective immediately, the Change in Control Agreement between you and Kaman Corporation, effective June 8, 2022 (the "<u>Change in Control Agreement</u>") shall terminate, and neither you nor the Company will have any further rights or obligations thereunder.

4. TERMINATION PAYMENTS. In consideration of the covenants and releases contained in this Agreement (including execution and effectiveness of the Release (as defined below)) and in lieu of any other payments which may be due under the terms of your employment with the Company, the Company agrees to provide you with the following termination payments:

a. SEVERANCE. The Company shall pay to you, as soon as practicable following the effectiveness of the Release, a lump-sum severance payment in the gross amount of \$285,000.00, which amount, along with the other amounts described herein, shall be subject to applicable withholding.

b. CONTINUATION OF HEALTH BENEFITS. Subject to your continued co-payment of premiums, if required under Company policy, you shall be entitled to continue participation for up to eighteen months following the Transition Date in all medical, dental and vision plans which cover you (and your eligible dependents) on a monthly basis upon the same terms and conditions (except for the requirements of your continued employment) in effect for active employees of the Company. In the event you obtain other employment that offers substantially similar or improved benefits, as to any particular medical, dental or vision plan, such continuation of coverage by the Company for such similar or improved benefits under this subsection shall immediately cease. The continuation of health benefits under this subsection 4.c. shall reduce and count against your rights under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended ("<u>COBRA</u>"). You and the Company intend that the benefit described in this Section 4.c shall not constitute a "deferral of compensation" under Treas. Reg. Sect. 1.409A- 1(b). For avoidance of doubt, payments made on your behalf under this Section 4.c. will be fully taxable to you and shall be subject to applicable tax withholding obligations, and you will be required to pay to the difference between the cost of applicable COBRA premiums and the after-tax subsidy being provided to you under this Section 4.c. to the COBRA administrator.

c. OUTPLACEMENT. The Company shall pay the Employee an additional amount of \$10,000 less applicable withholdings, representing reimbursement for executive outplacement agency services the Employee may incur.

d. RELEASE. The obligation of the Company to provide you with the termination payments and benefits set forth in Sections 4.a. through 4.d. is conditioned on and subject to your execution of the release attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "<u>Release</u>") following the Transition Date and your not revoking the Release within the revocation period set forth in the Release.

## 5. CONFIDENTIALITY; SCOPE OF DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS.

a. Following the Transition Date, you agree that you shall not, directly or indirectly, use, make available, sell, disclose or otherwise communicate to any person, any nonpublic, proprietary or confidential information, knowledge or data relating to the Company, any of its subsidiaries, affiliated companies or businesses, which shall have been obtained by you during the course of your employment with the Company. The foregoing shall not apply to information that (i) was known to the public prior to its disclosure to you; (ii) becomes known to the public subsequent to disclosure to you through no wrongful act of you or any of your representatives; or (iii) you are required to disclose by applicable law, regulation or legal process (provided that the you provide the Company with prior notice of the contemplated disclosure and reasonably cooperate with the Company at its expense in seeking a protective order or other appropriate protection of such information). Notwithstanding clauses (i) and (ii) of the preceding sentence, your obligation to maintain such disclosed information in confidence shall not terminate where only portions of the information are in the public domain.

b. Nothing in this Agreement prohibits you at any time from communicating with government agencies about possible violations of federal, state, or local laws or otherwise providing information to government agencies or participating in government agency investigations or proceedings. You are not required to notify the Company of any such communications; provided, however, that nothing herein authorizes the disclosure of information you obtained through a communication that was subject to the attorney-client privilege. Further, notwithstanding your confidentiality and nondisclosure obligations, you are hereby advised as follows pursuant to the Defend Trade Secrets Act: "An individual shall not be held criminally or civilly liable under any Federal or State trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that (A) is made (i) in confidence to a Federal, State, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney; and (ii) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a

suspected violation of law; or (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal. An individual who files a lawsuit for retaliation by an employer for reporting a suspected violation of law may disclose the trade secret to the attorney of the individual and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding, if the individual (A) files any document containing the trade secret under seal; and (B) does not disclose the trade secret, except pursuant to court order."

### 6. EMPLOYEE AND CUSTOMER NON-SOLICITATION.

- a. You hereby agree that, in consideration of the payments provided for in Section 4.a-4.c. of this Agreement, for the two-year period immediately following the Transition Date you will not, directly or indirectly, individually or on behalf of any other person, firm, corporation or other entity, knowingly solicit, aid or induce any managerial level employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates to leave such employment in order to accept employment with or render services to or with any other person, firm, corporation or other entity unaffiliated with the Company or knowingly take any action to materially assist or aid any other person, firm, corporation or other entity in identifying or hiring any such employee (provided, that the foregoing shall not be violated by general advertising not targeted at Company employees nor by serving as a reference for an employee with regard to an entity with which you are not affiliated).
- b. You further understand and acknowledge that because of your experience with and relationship to the Company, you have had access to and learn about the Customer Information of the Company, its subsidiaries or affiliates. "Customer Information" includes, but is not limited to, names, phone numbers, addresses, email addresses, order history, order preferences, chain of command, decision makers, pricing information, and other information identifying facts and circumstances specific to the customer and relevant to sales or services. You understand and acknowledge that loss of any customer relationship and/or goodwill will cause significant and irreparable harm to the Company. You agree that for a period of two (2) years following the Transition Date you will not directly or indirectly solicit, contact (including but not limited to email, regular mail, express mail, telephone, fax, instant message, or social media), attempt to contact, or meet with the Company's current or prospective customers with whom you had contact during the twelve (12)- month period prior to the Transition Date for purposes of offering goods or services similar to or competitive with those offered by the Company.

7. NON-COMPETITION. In consideration of the payments and benefits provided in Section 4.a-4.c. of this Agreement, for the one-year period immediately following the Transition Date, you will not, directly or indirectly, in the same, similar or comparable capacity in which you were employed by the Company, become connected with, become employed by, promote the interest of or engage in any other business or activity in the aerospace and defense, industrial or medical markets involving the production, manufacture, marketing or sale of (i) aircraft bearings and related components, (ii) super precision, miniature ball bearings, (iii) seals, springs and contacts, (iv) wheels, brakes and related hydraulic components for helicopters, fixed-wing and UAV aircraft, (v) complex metallic and composite aerostructures for commercial, military and general aviation fixed and rotary wing aircraft, (vi) safe and arming solutions for missile and bomb systems, and (vii) autonomous medium lift logistics vehicles; provided, however, that you will not be prohibited from holding passive investment of not more than one percent (1%) of the outstanding shares of the capital stock of any publicly held corporation. You represent and agree that, given the nature of your skills and the Company's business, you would be in a position to compete with the Company no matter your physical location, and, accordingly, the absence of a geographic restriction on the covenant contained in this Section 7 is essential for the adequate protection of the Company's interests and reasonable as a matter of law.

8. NON-DISPARAGEMENT. You agree not to make any public statements that disparage the Company, its respective affiliates, officers, directors, products or services. The Company agrees not to make by press release or other official Company communication, and to instruct its executive officers and directors not to make, any public statements that disparage you. Notwithstanding the foregoing, truthful statements made in the course of sworn testimony in administrative, judicial or arbitral proceedings (including, without limitation, depositions in connection with such proceedings) or otherwise as required by law shall not be subject to this Section 8.

9. RETURN OF COMPANY PROPERTY AND RECORDS. You agree that on or before the Transition Date you will surrender to the Company in good condition (reasonable wear and tear excepted) all property and equipment belonging to the Company and all records kept by you containing the names, addresses or any other information with regard to customers or customer contacts of the Company, or concerning any proprietary or confidential information of the Company or any operational, financial or other documents given to you during your employment with the Company.

10. ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTIONS. You will promptly communicate and disclose in writing to the Company all inventions and developments including software, whether patentable or not, as well as patents and patent applications (hereinafter collectively, "**Inventions**"), made, conceived, developed, or purchased by you, or under which you acquire the right to grant licenses or to become licensed, alone or jointly with others, which have arisen or jointly with others, which have arisen or which arise out of your provision of consulting services to the Company, or relate to any matters directly pertaining to, the business of the Company or any of its subsidiaries. Included herein as if developed during the Consulting Term is any specialized equipment and software developed for use in the business of the Company. All of your right, title and interest in, to, and under all such Inventions, licenses, and right to grant licenses shall be the sole property of the Company. As to all such Inventions, you will, upon request of the Company execute all documents which the Company deems necessary or proper to enable it to establish title to such Inventions or other rights, and to enable it to file and prosecute applications for letters patent of the United States and any foreign country; and do all things (including the giving of evidence in suits and other proceedings) which the Company deems necessary or proper to obtain, maintain, or assert patents for any and all such Inventions or to assert its rights in any Inventions not patented.

11. EQUITABLE RELIEF AND OTHER REMEDIES. You and the Company acknowledge and agree that the other party's remedies at law for a breach or threatened breach of any of the provisions of Sections 5 through 10 of this Agreement would be inadequate and, in recognition of this fact, the parties agree that, in the event of such a breach or threatened breach, in addition to any remedies at law, the other party, without posting any bond, shall be entitled to seek equitable relief in the form of specific performance, temporary restraining order, a temporary or permanent injunction or any other equitable remedy which may then be available.

12. REFORMATION. If it is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in any state that any restriction in Sections 5 through 10 of this Agreement is excessive in duration or scope or is unreasonable or unenforceable under the laws of that state, it is the intention of you and the Company that such restriction may be modified or amended by the court to render it enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by the law of that state.

13. SECTION 409A COMPLIANCE. The intent of the parties is that payments and benefits under this Agreement be exempt from or comply with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Section 409A"), to the extent subject thereto, and accordingly, to the maximum extent permitted, this Agreement shall be interpreted and administered in accordance with such intention. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, you shall not be considered to have terminated employment with the Company for purposes of any payments under this Agreement which are subject to Section 409A until you would be considered to have incurred a "separation from service" from the Company within the meaning of Section 409A. 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. Without limiting the foregoing and notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, 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 would otherwise be provided pursuant to this Agreement or any other arrangement between you and the Company during the six-month period immediately following your separation from service shall instead be paid on the first business day after the date that is six months following your separation from service (or, if earlier, your date of death). To the extent required to avoid an accelerated or additional tax under Section 409A, amounts reimbursable to you under this Agreement or any other arrangement between you and the Company shall be paid to you on or before the last day of the year following the year in which the expense was incurred and the amount of expenses eligible for reimbursement (and in kind benefits provided to you) during one year may not affect amounts reimbursable or provided in any subsequent year. The Company makes no representation that any or all of the payments described in this Agreement shall be exempt from or comply with Section 409A and makes no undertaking to preclude Section 409A from applying to any such payment. You shall be solely responsible for the payment of any taxes and penalties incurred under Section 409A.

14. NOTICE. For the purpose of this Agreement, notices and all other communications provided for in this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given (a) on the date of delivery if delivered by hand, (b) on the first business day following the date of deposit if delivered by guaranteed overnight delivery service, or (c) on the fourth business day following the date delivered or mailed by United States registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to you: at any address shown on the records of the Company

If to the Company: Kaman Corporation 1332 Blue Hills Avenue, P.O. Box 1 Bloomfield, CT 06002 Attention: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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

15. SECTION HEADINGS; INCONSISTENCY. The section headings used in this Agreement are included solely for convenience and shall not affect, or be used in connection with, the interpretation of this Agreement. If there is any inconsistency between this Agreement and any other agreement (including but not limited to any option, stock, long-term incentive or other equity award agreement), plan, program, policy or practice (collectively, "<u>Other Provision</u>") of the Company, the terms of this Agreement shall control over such Other Provision; provided, however, that nothing in this Agreement shall adversely affect your entitlement to the Accrued Amounts.

16. PRIOR AGREEMENTS. This Agreement supersedes and replaces any and all prior agreements, including the Change in Control Agreement (collectively, the "**Prior Agreements**") between the Company and you. By signing this Agreement, you acknowledge that the Prior Agreements are terminated and cancelled, and release and discharge the Company from any and all obligations and liabilities heretofore or now existing under or by virtue of such Prior Agreements, it being the intention of the parties hereto that this Agreement effective immediately shall supersede and be in lieu of the Prior Agreements (except to the extent payments or benefits are due thereunder as of the Transition Date (as contemplated in Section 1 hereof)).

17. NO ASSIGNMENT. This Agreement is personal to each of the parties hereto. No party may assign or delegate any rights or obligations hereunder without first obtaining the written consent of the

other party hereto, except that the Company may assign this Agreement to any successor to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company provided the Company shall require such successor to expressly assume and agree in writing 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 and shall deliver a copy of such assignment to you.

18. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed severable and the invalidity of unenforceability of any provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions hereof.

19. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instruments. One or more counterparts of this Agreement may be delivered by facsimile, with the intention that delivery by such means shall have the same effect as delivery of an original counterpart thereof.

20. ARBITRATION. Any dispute or controversy arising under or in connection with this Agreement, other than injunctive relief under Section 11 hereof or damages for breach of any of Sections 5 through 10 hereof, shall be settled exclusively by arbitration, conducted before a single arbitrator in Hartford, Connecticut administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") in accordance with its Employment Arbitration Rules then in effect. The single arbitrator shall be selected by the mutual agreement of you and the Company, unless the parties are unable to agree to an arbitrator, in which case, the arbitrator will be selected under the procedures of the AAA. The arbitrator will have the authority to permit discovery and to follow the procedures that the arbitrator determines to be appropriate. The arbitrator will have no power to award consequential (including lost profits), punitive or exemplary damages. The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon the parties hereto. Judgment may be entered on the arbitrator's award in any court having jurisdiction. You and the Company understand and agree that this arbitration provision is governed by the Federal Arbitration Act, 9, U.S.C., § 1, *et seq.*, and that by entering into this arbitration provision they are waiving their respective rights to bring any dispute or controversy provided for in this Section 20 to court, including any right to a jury trial. You and the Company agree that such arbitration shall be conducted on an individual basis only, not a class or collective basis, and hereby waive any right to bring class wide or collective claims before any arbitrator or in any forum. THE PARTIES UNDERSTAND THAT BY AGREEING TO ARBITRATE DISPUTES THEY ARE WAIVING ANY RIGHT THEY MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE TO A JURY TRIAL, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE LAW.

21. MISCELLANEOUS. No provision of this Agreement may be modified, waived or discharged unless such waiver, modification or discharge is agreed to in writing and signed by you and such officer or director as may be designated by the Board. No waiver by either party hereto at any time of any breach by the other party hereto of, or compliance with, any condition or provision of this Agreement to be performed by such other party shall be deemed a waiver of similar or dissimilar provisions or conditions at the same or at any prior or subsequent time. This Agreement together with all exhibits hereto sets forth the entire agreement of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein. No agreements or representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, with respect to the subject matter hereof have been made by either party which are not expressly set forth in this Agreement. The validity, interpretation, construction and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut without regard to its conflicts of law principles.

22. REPRESENTATIONS. You represent and warrant to the Company that you have the legal right to enter into this Agreement and to perform all of the obligations on your part to be performed hereunder in accordance with its terms and that you are not a party to any agreement or understanding, written or oral, which could prevent you from entering into this Agreement or performing all of your obligations hereunder.

Very truly yours,

<u>/s/ Ian K. Walsh</u> Ian K. Walsh President and Chief Executive Officer

Acknowledged and Agreed:

/s/ Rafael Z. Cohen

# EXHIBIT A FORM OF RELEASE

### AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE

Kaman Corporation, its affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions, successors and assigns in such capacity, and the current, future and former employees, officers, directors, trustees, shareholders and agents thereof (collectively referred to throughout this Agreement as "<u>Employer</u>"), and Rafael Cohen ("<u>Executive</u>"), on behalf of himself and Executive's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns (collectively referred to throughout this Agreement as "<u>Employee</u>") agree:

1. Last Day of Employment. Executive's last day of employment with Kaman Corporation was January 27, 2023.

2. <u>Consideration</u>. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement and General Release is being executed following January 27, 2023 for good and valuable consideration and in accordance with Section 4.d. of that certain Separation Letter Agreement by and between Executive and Kaman Corporation effective as of January 16, 2023 (the "Letter Agreement").

3. <u>Revocation</u>. Executive may revoke this Agreement and General Release for a period of seven (7) calendar days following the day Executive executes this Agreement and General Release. Any revocation within this period must be submitted, in writing, to Employer and state, "I hereby revoke my acceptance of our Agreement and General Release." The revocation must be personally delivered to Employer's General Counsel, or his/her designee. This Agreement and General Release shall not become effective or enforceable until the revocation period has expired without Executive having revoked this Agreement and General Release during the seven (7)-day revocation period provided for herein. If the last day of the revocation period is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday in Hartford, Connecticut, then the revocation period shall not expire until the next following day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

4. <u>General Release of Claims</u>. Executive knowingly and voluntarily releases and forever discharges Employer from any and all claims, causes of action, demands, fees, rights, obligations and liabilities of any kind whatsoever, whether known or unknown, against Employer, that Employee has, has ever had or may have as of the date of execution of this Agreement and General Release, including, but not limited to, any alleged violation of:

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended;
- The Civil Rights Act of 1991;
- Sections 1981 through 1988 of Title 42 of the United States Code, as amended;
- The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended;
- The Immigration Reform and Control Act, as amended;
- The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended;
- The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended;
- The Older Workers Benefit Protection Act of 1990;
- The Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, as amended;

- The Occupational Safety and Health Act, as amended;

- The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended;

- The Equal Pay Act, as amended;

- The National Labor Relations Act, to the extent permitted by law;

- The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act ("COBRA"), as amended and to the extent permitted by law;

- The Connecticut Fair Employment Practices Act - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-51 et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Wage Laws - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-58 et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Statutory Provision Regarding Retaliation/Discrimination for Filing a Workers' Compensation Claim – Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-290a, as amended;

- The Connecticut Equal Pay Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-58(e) et seq., §§ 31-75 and 31-76, as amended;

- The Connecticut Family and Medical Leave Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-51kk et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Drug Testing Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-51t et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Whistleblower Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-51m(a) et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Free Speech Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-51q et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Age Discrimination and Employee Benefits Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 38a-543, as amended;

- The Connecticut Reproductive Hazards Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-40g et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut AIDS Testing and Confidentiality Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a- 581 et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Electronic Monitoring of Employees Law - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-48b and d, as amended;

- The Connecticut Statutory Provision Regarding Protection of Social Security Numbers and Personal Information – Conn. Gen. Stat. § 42-470 et seq., as amended;

- The Connecticut Statutory Provision Regarding Concerning Consumer Privacy and Identity Theft – Public Act No. 09-239;

- The Connecticut OSHA, as amended;

- The Connecticut Paid Sick Leave law (originally P.A. 11-52), as amended;

- Any wage payment and collection, equal pay and other similar laws, acts and statutes of the State of Connecticut;

- Any other federal, state or local civil or human rights law or any other local, state or federal law, regulation or ordinance;
- Any public policy, contract, tort, or common law; or
- Any allegation for costs, fees, or other expenses including attorney's fees incurred in these matters.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the sole matters to which the Agreement and General Release do not apply are: (i) Executive's express and vested rights under any pension plan or claims for benefits under any other employee benefit plan, policy or arrangement maintained by Employer or under COBRA and other Accrued Amounts (as such term is defined in the Letter Agreement); (ii) Executive's rights under the provisions of the Letter Agreement which are expressly provided to survive termination of employment; (iii) Executive's rights as a stockholder; (iv) any rights that Executive has, had, or may have to indemnification, advancement, contribution or defense, however arising, pursuant to and in accordance with applicable law, Employer's articles of incorporation or by-laws or any applicable liability insurance coverage and (v) any rights that by law cannot be released or waived.

5. Exclusions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Executive understands that nothing contained in this Agreement and General Release prevents or limits Executive from filing a charge or complaint with, cooperating with or participating in any investigation or proceeding before, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other self-regulatory agency, legislative body or federal, state or local governmental agency or commission ("Government Agencies"). Executive further understands that this Agreement and General Release does not limit Executive's ability to report possible violations of applicable laws to the Government Agencies, communicate with any Government Agencies, including providing documents or other information, without notice to Employer; provided, however, that nothing herein authorizes the disclosure of information you obtained through a communication that was subject to the attorney-client privilege. This Agreement and General Release does not limit Employee's right to receive an award for information provided to any Government Agencies. This general release of claims also excludes any claims made under state workers' compensation or unemployment laws, or any claims which cannot be waived by law.

6. <u>Affirmations</u>. Executive affirms Employee has not filed, has not caused to be filed, and is not presently a party to, any claim, complaint, or action against Employer in any forum. Executive further affirms that Executive has been paid and/or has received all compensation, wages, bonuses, commissions, and/or benefits to which Executive may be entitled and no other compensation, wages, bonuses, commissions and/or benefits are due to Executive. Executive also affirms Executive has no known workplace injuries.

7. <u>Cooperation; Return of Property</u>. Executive agrees to reasonably cooperate with Employer and its counsel in connection with any investigation, administrative proceeding or litigation relating to any matter that occurred during Executive's employment in which Executive was involved or of which Executive has knowledge and Employer will reimburse Executive for any reasonable out-of-pocket travel, delivery or similar expenses incurred and lost wages (or will provide reasonable compensation if Executive is not then employed) in providing such service to Employer. Executive represents that Executive has complied with Section 9 of the Letter Agreement regarding the return of property.

8. <u>Governing Law and Interpretation</u>. This Agreement and General Release shall be governed and conformed in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut without regard to its conflict of laws provisions. In the event Employee or Employer breaches any provision of this Agreement and General Release, Employee and Employer affirm either may institute an action to

specifically enforce any term or terms of this Agreement and General Release. Should any provision of this Agreement and General Release be declared illegal or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction and should the provision be incapable of being modified to be enforceable, such provision shall immediately become null and void, leaving the remainder of this Agreement and General Release in full force and effect. Nothing herein, however, shall operate to void or nullify any general release language contained in the Agreement and General Release.

9. <u>No Admission of Wrongdoing</u>. Employee agrees that neither this Agreement and General Release nor the furnishing of the consideration for this Release shall be deemed or construed at any time for any purpose as an admission by Employer of any liability or unlawful conduct of any kind.

10. <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement and General Release may not be modified, altered or changed except upon express written consent of both parties wherein specific reference is made to this Agreement and General Release.

11. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement and General Release sets forth the entire agreement between the parties hereto and fully supersedes any prior agreements or understandings between the parties; provided, however, that notwithstanding anything in this Agreement and General Release, the provisions in the Letter Agreement which are intended to survive termination of the Letter Agreement, including but not limited to those contained in Sections 5 through 10 thereof, shall survive and continue in full force and effect. Executive acknowledges Executive has not relied on any representations, promises, or agreements of any kind made to Executive in connection with Executive's decision to accept this Agreement and General Release.

EXECUTIVE HAS READ THIS AGREEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND UNDERSTANDS ALL OF ITS TERMS. EXECUTIVE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT EXECUTIVE HAS UP TO FORTY-FIVE (45) CALENDAR DAYS TO REVIEW THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE (INCLUDING THE OLDER WORKERS BENEFIT PROTECTION ACT DISCLOSURE ATTACHED HERETO AS APPENDIX A) AND HAS BEEN ADVISED IN WRITING TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE.

EMPLOYEE AGREES ANY MODIFICATIONS, MATERIAL OR OTHERWISE, MADE TO THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE DO NOT RESTART OR AFFECT IN ANY MANNER THE ORIGINAL FORTY-FIVE (45) CALENDAR DAY CONSIDERATION PERIOD. EXECUTIVE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT EMPLOYEE IS WAIVING AND RELEASING CLAIMS UNDER THE AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1967, AS AMENDED.

HAVING ELECTED TO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE, TO FULFILL THE PROMISES SET FORTH HEREIN, AND TO RECEIVE THE SUMS AND BENEFITS SET FORTH IN THE LETTER AGREEMENT, WHICH EXECUTIVE AGREES CONSTITUTES GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, EXECUTIVE FREELY, KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY, AND AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION, ENTERS INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE INTENDING TO WAIVE, SETTLE AND RELEASE ALL CLAIMS EMPLOYEE HAS OR MIGHT HAVE AGAINST EMPLOYER. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE EIGHTH (8TH) DAY AFTER EXECUTIVE SIGNS, WITHOUT TIMELY REVOKING, THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE. NO PAYMENTS DUE TO EXECUTIVE UNDER SECTIONS 4.a-4.c OF THE LETTER AGREEMENT SHALL BE MADE OR BEGIN BEFORE THE DATE THIS AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE BECOMES IRREVOCABLE PURSUANT TO ITS TERMS.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto knowingly and voluntarily executed this Agreement and General Release as of the date set forth below:

# KAMAN CORPORATION

# EXECUTIVE

By:			
Name:			
Title:			
Date:		Date:	
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# KAMAN ANNOUNCES NEXT TRANSFORMATIONAL STEPS TO OPTIMIZE COST STRUCTURE AND FOCUS ON HIGHEST GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Comprehensive Cost Reduction and Efficiency Initiatives, including JPF Consolidation and K-MAX® Product Discontinuation, Expected to Drive Approximately \$25 Million in Annual Savings

*BLOOMFIELD, Connecticut – January 18, 2023* - Kaman Corporation (NYSE: KAMN) (the "Company") today announced the next phase in its portfolio reshaping efforts to optimize its cost structure, focus resources on the most compelling growth opportunities, improve financial performance and position Kaman to deliver sustainable shareholder value.

In total, including the previously announced anticipated savings related to the Joint Programmable Fuze ("JPF") program consolidation, the Company expects to realize approximately \$25 million of annualized run-rate cost savings. In connection with these and other restructuring actions, Kaman expects to incur approximately \$10 million to \$12 million in total pre-tax restructuring charges associated with headcount reduction and personnel initiatives and at least \$54 million of non-cash charges related to the write-down of existing aircraft, contract costs, excess spare parts and equipment inventories. Of these amounts, approximately \$61 million is expected to be recorded in the fourth quarter of 2022, with the remainder expected throughout 2023 and 2024.

Ian K. Walsh, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "In December, we announced plans to consolidate our Joint Programmable Fuze production and optimize our cost structure to ensure alignment with the highest growth opportunities. Today's announcements represent a continuation of these efforts and underscores Kaman's commitment to financial and operational excellence. We continue to successfully execute our comprehensive portfolio optimization initiatives to realize our targeted cost savings and operational efficiencies, which we believe will help right-size our company and enhance Kaman's earning power. We also believe these actions will help us de-lever and increase financial flexibility to continue investing in Kaman's highest-margin, highest-quality assets and opportunities, positioning our company to better serve the end markets with the most favorable growth prospects."

## **Cost Optimization and Operational Efficiency Initiatives**

As previously announced, in December 2022, the Company began a broad review of all businesses and programs to increase efficiencies, improve working capital management and focus on Kaman's most sustainable and consistent revenue and profit generating activities. As a result of this review, the Company has identified areas to reduce annualized costs by approximately \$25 million, both at the corporate level and within its business units. Such areas include streamlining Kaman's facilities and functions by reducing headcount, eliminating non-value added activities and streamlining processes, consolidating JPF production, discontinuing K-MAX® production and right-sizing Kaman's total cost structure. These initiatives will allow Kaman to focus on driving meaningful growth in its core businesses and improving earnings over time.



### Kaman to Discontinue K-MAX® Helicopter Production; Will Continue to Support Fleet

Over the past 30 years, Kaman has designed and produced 60 K-MAX® helicopters with unmatched precision and efficiency for industries such as firefighting, construction and emergency response. However, the Company determined that given low demand and variation in annual deliveries, coupled with low profitability and large working capital inventory requirements, K-MAX® does not deliver the most compelling growth opportunity for Kaman going forward. As such, Kaman will discontinue K-MAX® and K-MAX TITAN production this year. Kaman will continue to support the existing K-MAX® fleet in operation, including providing operators with repair, spare parts, and fleet services as well as training.

Mr. Walsh continued, "With respect to workforce reductions, we do not take these decisions lightly. We value the tremendous contributions of our colleagues who worked to position Kaman for its next chapter of growth and success and are committed to supporting them through this transition. We remain focused on advancing our strategic priorities to maximize Kaman's performance for the benefit of our customers and shareholders."

The Company plans to provide additional detail on the matters discussed in this press release, as well as growth opportunities for 2023, when it reports its fourth quarter and full year 2022 results in February 2023.

### **About Kaman**

Kaman Corporation, founded in 1945 by aviation pioneer Charles H. Kaman, and headquartered in Bloomfield, Connecticut, conducts business in the aerospace & defense, industrial and medical markets. Kaman produces and markets proprietary aircraft bearings and components; super precision, miniature ball bearings; proprietary spring energized seals, springs and contacts; wheels, brakes and related hydraulic components for helicopters, fixed-wing and UAV aircraft; complex metallic and composite aerostructures for commercial, military and general aviation fixed and rotary wing aircraft; safe and arming solutions for missile and bomb systems for the U.S. and allied militaries; and the *KARGO UAV* unmanned aerial system, a purpose built autonomous medium lift logistics vehicle. It also conducts subcontractor helicopter work and supports the Company's existing fleet of *K*-*MAX*® and SH-2G Super Seasprite maritime helicopters. More information is available at www.kaman.com.

#### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Statements**

This release includes "forward looking statements" within the meaning of the federal securities laws relating to the restructurings and cost reduction initiatives described above, which can be identified by the use of words such as "will," "expect," "believe," "plans," "strategy," "prospects," "estimate," "seek," "target," "anticipate," "intend," "future," "likely," "may," "should," "would," "could," "project," "opportunity," "will be," "will continue," "will likely result," and other words of similar meaning. These forward-looking statements include statements relating to the estimated charges and future savings likely to result from the restructurings and cost reduction initiatives, the expected timing of the implementation and completion of the restructurings and the costs and charges likely to result therefrom. These statements are based on assumptions currently believed to be valid but involve significant risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, which could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. Such risks and



uncertainties include, among others, (i) the effect the restructurings may have on the business relationships and operating results of the Company; (ii) the extent to which the restructurings may disrupt the current plans and operations of the Company; (iii) the inability of the Company to successfully consolidate JPF production in its Middletown, Connecticut, facility and realize the anticipated benefits of that aspect of the restructurings; (iv) the inability of the Company to profitably attract new customers and retain existing customers; (v) the ability to implement the restructurings as planned and achieve the anticipated benefits and savings resulting therefrom; and (vi) future and estimated revenues, earnings, cash flow, charges and expenditures. The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Additional risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements are identified in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Annual Reports on Form10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our Current Reports on Form 8-K. The forward-looking statements included in this release are made only as of the date of this release. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements, and the Company does not undertake any obligation to update the forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

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