# PRIVATE PLACEMENT MEMORANDUM APRIL 27, 1999



# SIGHTSOUND. COM

\$20,000,000

10,000,000 SHARES
SIGHTSOUND.COM INCORPORATED
COMMON STOCK
\$2.00 PER SHARE

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	Cash Underwriting		
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the Company	Commissions <sup>(3)</sup>	at \$ 2.00 per share	of Shares
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### INTRODUCTION

#### COMPANY HISTORY

SIGHTSOUND INCORPORATED (the "Company" or "SIGHTSOUND.COM") electronically sells films, music, and other video and audio recordings over the Internet ("Entertainment E-Commerce") as a retailer and Download Service Provider ("DSP"). In 1995, SIGHTSOUND.COM became the first in history to offer music for sale in download fashion over the World Wide Web. In 1999, SIGHTSOUND.COM again made history by becoming the first to offer a full length major motion picture for download sale.

In 1988, Arthur R. Hair filed for patent protection on a method and system to electronically sell and distribute digital video and digital audio recordings via telecommunications lines. This method formed the foundation of Entertainment E-Commerce. Mr. Hair and Scott C. Sander worked together to formulate strategies for the creation of the Entertainment E-Commerce industry. Meanwhile, on March 2, 1993, Mr. Hair received United States Patent 5,191,573 protecting his invention ("Patent 5,191,573"), and on October 7, 1997, Mr. Hair received United States Patent 5,675,734 ("Patent 5,675,734") as a continuation of Patent 5,191,573.

The Company was incorporated on August 1, 1995, with Mr. Hair and Mr. Sander as the sole shareholders. Also on August 1, 1995, Mr. Hair assigned Patent 5,191,573 and Patent 5,675,734, to the Company. The Company then entered into an Exclusive Patent License Agreement with Digital Sight/Sound, Inc. ("Digital Sight/Sound") granting to Digital Sight/Sound certain exclusive rights to Patent 5,191,573 and Patent 5,675,734. Digital Sight/Sound was also incorporated on August 1, 1995, with Mr. Hair and Mr. Sander as the sole shareholders. As a limited demonstration of Entertainment E-Commerce, Digital Sight/Sound signed the band, The Gathering Field, to an electronic distribution contract on August 18, 1995, and, on September 27, 1995, Digital Sight/Sound became the first company to practice Entertainment E-Commerce and offer for sale digital recordings in download fashion via the Internet. Upon expiration of the Company's contract with The Gathering Field, the band signed a recording contract with Time Warner's Atlantic Records. Effective as of August 15, 1997, Digital Sight/Sound and the Company terminated the Exclusive Patent License Agreement, as amended, and replaced it with a Nonexclusive Patent License Agreement (the "License Agreement"), granting to Digital Sight/Sound certain nonexclusive rights to the Patent claims. The Company then commenced the licensing program discussed below. On April 1,1999, Digital Sight/Sound was merged into the Company and the Company was renamed SIGHTSOUND INCORPORATED.

The Company envisions Entertainment E-Commerce as a "platform change" to stimulate the growth of the movie and music industries as well as the marketplaces for owners of other forms of video and audio recordings (collectively, the "Clients"), and to provide the end customer (the "Customer") with video and audio entertainment in a highly efficient manner. The Company is a download retailer of video and audio content such as film and music. It is also actively marketing Entertainment E-Commerce services, such as electronic warehousing and electronic distribution via the Internet, to companies which own or control video and audio content. Additionally, the Company is planning to offer services to potential Clients in other industries currently using physical distribution channels to distribute recorded video and audio products such as instructional videos and download news.

The Company offers its Clients a fully integrated Entertainment E-Commerce solution. The Company has contracted with Exodus Communications for data center operations and connectivity to the Internet. As growth dictates, the Company also expects to utilize the data center services of Computer Sciences Corporation ("CSC"), a shareholder of the Company. The Company is one of the first to begin using Windows Media Technologies 4.0, a new multimedia software package from Microsoft Corporation, which was officially released on April 13, 1999. The software, along with Windows Media Rights Manager, enables the Company to compress and encrypt audio and video files. The Company uses Microsoft Site Server Commerce Edition to facilitate the sale of the compressed and encrypted audio and video files. The Company also focuses on the invention, development and protection of intellectual property related to the electronic sale and distribution of video and audio recordings. The Company currently seeks to license certain rights pertaining to its proprietary intellectual property for the electronic sale of digital video and digital audio recordings in download fashion.

#### **CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

The Company sells motion pictures in download fashion to Internet users. The Company also "rents" films over the Internet by offering the customer the opportunity to view a film a limited number of times or for a limited time period. For example, a film might be downloaded into impermanent buffer memory so that it could be viewed only

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