

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**Discovery Communications, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**One Discovery Place  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910  
(240) 662-2000**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

**35-2333914**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Discovery Holding Company Transitional Stock Adjustment Plan  
(As Assumed by Discovery Communications, Inc.)  
(Full title of plan)**

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area code, of agent for service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer       Accelerated filer       Non-accelerated filer       Smaller reporting company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee (2)
<b>Series A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share</b>	1,548,644	\$13.13	\$39,784,665	\$1,563.54
<b>Series C Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share</b>	1,548,644	\$12.56		

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement covers, in addition to the number of shares stated above, an indeterminate number of shares which may be issued pursuant to the Discovery Holding Company Transitional Stock Adjustment Plan (As Assumed by Discovery Communications, Inc.) after the operation of certain anti-dilution and other provisions contained therein.
- (2) Calculated based on the average of the high and low prices reported for the Series A Common Stock and Series C Common Stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on December 5, 2008, in accordance with Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act.

**PART I**  
**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

Note: The document(s) containing the employee benefit plan information required by Item 1 of Part I of this Form and the statement of availability of registrant information and other information required by Item 2 of Part I of this Form will be sent or given to participants as specified by Rule 428 under the Securities Act. In accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act and the requirements of Part I of Form S-8, such documents are not being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. Discovery Communications, Inc. ("Discovery" or the "Company") will maintain a file of such documents in accordance with the provisions of Rule 428 under the Securities Act. Upon request, the Company will furnish to the Commission or its staff a copy or copies of all the documents included in such file.

**PART II**  
**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The following documents, previously filed with the Commission by the Company pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as applicable, are incorporated herein by reference.

(i) The Company's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-151586), originally filed with the Commission on June 11, 2008, as amended by Amendment No. 1, as filed on July 18, 2008, Amendment No. 2, as filed on August 1, 2008 and Amendment No. 3, as filed on August 6, 2008 and effective on August 7, 2008;

(ii) The following Current Reports on Form 8-K: Items 8.01 and 9.01 filed on September 18, 2008, Items 2.01, 4.01, 5.02, 5.05, 8.01 and 9.01 filed on September 23, 2008, as amended on November 26, 2008, Items 5.02 and 9.01 filed on October 7, 2008, Items 8.01 and 9.01 filed on October 16, 2008, Item 5.02 filed on November 13, 2008, and Items 1.01, 3.03 and 9.01 filed on December 11, 2008; and

(iii) The description of the Company's Series A common stock, par value \$.01 per share, the Company's Series B common stock, par value \$.01 per share and the Company's Series C common stock, par value \$.01 per share, contained in the Company's Form 8-A filed under the Exchange Act on September 12, 2008, and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act (other than any report or portion thereof furnished or deemed furnished under any Current Report on Form 8-K) prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and made a part hereof from their respective dates of filing (such documents, and the documents enumerated above, being hereinafter referred to as "Incorporated Documents"); provided, however, that the documents enumerated above or subsequently filed by Discovery pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act in each year during which the offering made by this Registration Statement is in effect prior to the filing with the Commission of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K covering such year shall not be Incorporated Documents or be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement or be a part hereof from and after the filing of such Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Any statement contained in this Registration Statement, in an amendment hereto or in an Incorporated Document shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed amendment to this Registration Statement or in any subsequent Incorporated Document modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (“DGCL”) provides, generally, that a corporation shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (except actions by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation against all expenses (including attorneys’ fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. A corporation may similarly indemnify such person for expenses (including attorneys’ fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of any such action or suit by or in the right of the corporation, provided that such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, in the case of claims, issues and matters as to which such person shall have been adjudged liable to the corporation, provided that a court shall have determined, upon application, that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all of the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL provides, generally, that the certificate of incorporation may contain a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such provision may not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director’s duty of loyalty to the corporation or its shareholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under section 174 of Title 8 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. No such provision may eliminate or limit the liability of a director for any act or omission occurring prior to the date when such provision became effective.

Article V, Section E of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the “Charter”) of the Company provides as follows:

1. *Limitation On Liability.* To the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL as the same exists or may hereafter be amended, a director of the Corporation shall not be liable to the Corporation or any of its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. Any amendment, repeal or modification of this Article V, Section E.1 shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any limitation, right or protection of a director of the Corporation existing at the time of such amendment, repeal or modification.

2. *Indemnification.*

a) Right to Indemnification. The Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law as it presently exists or may hereafter be amended, any person who was or is made or is threatened to be made a party or is otherwise involved in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (a “proceeding”) by reason of the fact that he, or a person for whom he is the legal representative, is or was a director or officer of the Corporation or while a director or officer of the Corporation is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee, representative or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, trust, enterprise or nonprofit entity, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, against all liability and loss suffered and expenses (including attorneys’ fees) incurred by such person. Such right of indemnification shall inure whether or not the claim asserted is based on matters that antedate the adoption of this Article V, Section E. The Corporation shall be required to indemnify or make advances to a person in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person only if the proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

b) Prepayment of Expenses. The Corporation shall pay the expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by a director or officer in defending any proceeding in advance of its final disposition; provided, however, that the payment of expenses incurred by a director or officer in advance of the final disposition of the proceeding shall be made only upon receipt of an undertaking by the director or officer to repay all amounts advanced if it should be ultimately determined that the director or officer is not entitled to be indemnified under this Section or otherwise.

c) Claims. If a claim for indemnification or payment of expenses under this Section is not paid in full within 30 days after a written claim therefor has been received by the Corporation, the claimant may file suit to recover the unpaid amount of such claim and, to the extent permitted by law, shall be entitled to be paid the expense of prosecuting such claim. In any such action the Corporation shall have the burden of proving that the claimant was not entitled to the requested indemnification or payment of expenses under applicable law.

d) Non-Exclusivity of Rights. The rights conferred on any person by this Section shall not be exclusive of any other rights which such person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of this Restated Certificate, the Bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or resolution of disinterested directors or otherwise.

e) Insurance. The Board of Directors may, to the full extent permitted by applicable law as it presently exists, or may hereafter be amended from time to time, authorize an appropriate officer or officers to purchase and maintain at the Corporation's expense insurance: (i) to indemnify the Corporation for any obligation which it incurs as a result of the indemnification of directors and officers under the provisions of this Article V, Section E; and (ii) to indemnify or insure directors and officers against liability in instances in which they may not otherwise be indemnified by the Corporation under the provisions of this Article V, Section E.

f) Other Indemnification. The Corporation's obligation, if any, to indemnify any person who was or is serving at its request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, trust, enterprise or nonprofit entity shall be reduced by any amount such person may collect as indemnification from such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, trust, enterprise or nonprofit entity.

3. *Amendment or Repeal*. Any amendment, modification or repeal of the foregoing provisions of this Article V, Section E shall not adversely affect any right or protection hereunder of any person in respect of any act or omission occurring prior to the time of such amendment, modification or repeal.

**Item 7. Exemption From Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
4.1	Form of Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Amendment No. 2 to Form S-4 on Form S-4/A of the Company (File No. 333-151586), filed with the Commission on August 1, 2008 (the " <u>Amendment No. 2</u> ")).
4.2	Bylaws of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4, of the Company (File No. 333-151586) filed with the Commission on June 11, 2008 (the " <u>S-4 Registration Statement</u> ")).

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5.1	Opinion of Baker Botts L.L.P. as to the legality of the securities being registered.
23.1	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
23.2	Consent of KPMG LLP.
23.3	Consent of Baker Botts L.L.P. (included in Exhibit 5.1).
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on page 7).

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

(a) The Company hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Company pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein and the offering of such securities at the time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering hereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Company in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Company will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto, duly authorized, in the City of Silver Spring, State of Maryland, on December 12, 2008.

**DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

By: /s/ Joseph A. LaSala, Jr.  
Name: Joseph A. LaSala, Jr.  
Title: Senior Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary



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**DISCOVERY HOLDING COMPANY  
TRANSITIONAL STOCK ADJUSTMENT PLAN  
(As Assumed by Discovery Communications, Inc.)**

ARTICLE I

Purpose and Amendment of Plan

1.1 *Purpose.* The purpose of the Plan is to provide for the supplemental grant of both stock options to purchase the common stock of Discovery Holding Company (“DHC”) and of restricted shares of DHC’s common stock to holders of certain outstanding options, stock appreciation rights and restricted shares issued under certain stock-based plans administered by Liberty Media Corporation (“LMC”) in connection with adjustments made to outstanding LMC stock incentive awards and restricted shares of LMC common stock as a result of the 2005 spin off of DHC from LMC. Discovery Communications, Inc. (the “Company”) is assuming the Plan as a result of the transaction completed by the Company and DHC on September 17, 2008 (the “Closing Date”), in which the Company became the new publicly traded parent of DHC.

1.2 *Amendment and Restatement of Plan.* The Plan is amended and restated as of September 17, 2008 to reflect the assumption by the Company of the Plan as described above.

ARTICLE II

Definitions

2.1 *Definitions.* For purposes of the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings below stated.

“*Approved Transaction*” means any transaction in which the Board (or, if approval of the Board is not required as a matter of law, the stockholders of the Company) shall approve (i) any consolidation or merger of the Company, or binding share exchange, pursuant to which shares of Common Stock of the Company would be changed or converted into or exchanged for cash, securities, or other property, other than any such transaction in which the common stockholders of the Company immediately prior to such transaction have the same proportionate ownership of the Common Stock of, and voting power with respect to, the surviving corporation immediately after such transaction, (ii) any merger, consolidation or binding share exchange to which the Company is a party as a result of which the Persons who are common stockholders of the Company immediately prior thereto have less than a majority of the combined voting power of the outstanding capital stock of the Company ordinarily (and apart from the rights accruing under special circumstances) having the right to vote in the election of directors immediately following such merger, consolidation or binding share exchange, (iii) the adoption of any plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Company, or (iv) any sale, lease, exchange or other transfer (in one transaction or a series of related transactions) of all, or substantially all, of the assets of the Company.

“*Board*” means the Board of Directors of the Company.

“*Board Change*” means, during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the entire Board cease for any reason to constitute a majority thereof unless the election, or the nomination for election, of each new director was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who were directors at the beginning of the period.

“*Code*” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or any successor statute or statutes thereto. Reference to any specific Code section shall include any successor section.

“*Committee*” means the committee of the Board appointed to administer this Plan pursuant to Article VII.

“*Common Stock*” each or any (as the context may require) series of the common stock of DHC for all periods prior to the Closing Date and of the Company for all periods following the Closing Date.

“*Company*” means Discovery Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and any successor thereto.

“*Control Purchase*” means any transaction (or series of related transactions) in which (1) any person (as such term is defined in Sections 13(d)(3) and 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act), corporation or other entity (other than the Company, any Subsidiary of the Company or any employee benefit plan sponsored by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company) shall purchase any Common Stock of the Company (or securities convertible into Common Stock of the Company) for cash, securities or any other consideration pursuant to a tender offer or exchange offer, without the prior consent of the Board, or (2) any person (as such term is so defined), corporation or other entity (other than the Company, any Subsidiary of the Company, any employee benefit plan sponsored by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company or any Exempt Person (as defined below)) shall become the “beneficial owner” (as such term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing 20% or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities of the Company ordinarily (and apart from the rights accruing under special circumstances) having the right to vote in the election of directors (calculated as provided in Rule 13d-3(d) under the Exchange Act in the case of rights to acquire the Company’s securities), other than in a transaction (or series of related transactions) approved by the Board. For purposes of this definition, “Exempt Person” means each of (a) the Chairman of the Board, the President and each of the directors of DHC as of the Distribution Date, and (b) the respective family members, estates and heirs of each of the persons referred to in clause (a) above and any trust or other investment vehicle for the primary benefit of any of such persons or their respective family members or heirs. As used with respect to any person, the term “family member” means the spouse, siblings and lineal descendants of such person.

“*Distribution*” means the distribution by LMC to the holders of LMC Common Stock of all of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock of DHC in its spin-off from LMC.

“*Distribution Date*” means the date on which the Distribution occurred.

“*Exchange Act*” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“*Fair Market Value*” of a share of any series of Common Stock on any day means the last sale price (or, if no last sale price is reported, the average of the high bid and low asked prices) for a share of such series of Common Stock on such day (or, if such day is not a trading day, on the next preceding trading day) as reported on the consolidated transaction reporting system for the principal national securities exchange on which shares of such series of Common Stock are listed on such day or if such shares are not then listed on a national securities exchange, then as reported on Nasdaq. If for any day the Fair Market Value of a share of the applicable series of Common Stock is not determinable by any of the foregoing means, then the Fair Market Value for such day shall be determined in good faith by the Committee on the basis of such quotations and other considerations as the Committee deems appropriate.

“*Incentive Plan*” means the Liberty Media Corporation 2000 Incentive Plan (As Amended and Restated Effective April 19, 2004 ) and any other stock option or incentive plan assumed by LMC pursuant to which any Participant held an outstanding LMC Award as of the Record Date. Depending on the context, “Incentive Plan” shall mean all of such plans or a particular one of such plans.

“*LMC*” means Liberty Media Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

“*LMC Award*” means (1) an unexercised and unexpired option to purchase LMC Common Stock, (2) an LMC SAR or (3) an unvested award of restricted shares of LMC Common Stock.

“*LMC Committee*” means the Incentive Plan Committee of the Board of Directors of LMC.

“*LMC Common Stock*” means each or any (as the context may require) series of LMC’s common stock.

“*LMC Corporate Holder*” means an individual who, as of Record Date, is (1) an LMC employee, (2) a member of the Board of Directors of LMC or (3) a holder of unvested restricted shares of LMC Common Stock. The Committee may, in its discretion, determine that (i) an individual who does not meet any of the foregoing criteria should be classified as an LMC Corporate Holder or (ii) an individual who otherwise would qualify as an LMC Corporate Holder, should not be classified as such.

“*LMC SAR*” means a stock appreciation right with respect to any series of LMC Common Stock.

“*Nasdaq*” means The NASDAQ Stock Market.

“*Option*” means an option to purchase Common Stock, granted by the Company to a Participant pursuant to Section 6.1 of the Plan.

“*Participant*” means a person who is an LMC Corporate Holder and who, as of the Record Date, holds an outstanding LMC Award.

“*Person*” means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust, incorporated or unincorporated association, joint venture or other entity of any kind.

“*Plan*” means the Discovery Holding Company Transitional Stock Adjustment Plan (As Assumed by Discovery Communications, Inc.) as set forth herein and as from time to time amended.

“*Record Date*” means 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on July 15, 2005.

“*Restricted Stock Award*” means an award of restricted shares of Common Stock, granted by the Company to a Participant pursuant to Section 5.1.

“*Stock Incentives*” refers collectively to Restricted Stock Awards and Options.

“*Subsidiary*” of a Person means any present or future subsidiary (as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code) of such Person or any business entity in which such Person owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the voting, capital or profits interests. An entity shall be deemed a subsidiary of a Person for purposes of this definition only for such periods as the requisite ownership or control relationship is maintained.

### ARTICLE III Reservation of Shares

The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock which may be issued under this Plan shall not exceed 5,600,000 shares, subject to adjustment as hereinafter provided. Any part of such 5,600,000 shares may be issued pursuant to Restricted Stock Awards. The shares of Common Stock which may be granted pursuant to Stock Incentives will consist of either authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock or shares of Common Stock which have been issued and reacquired by the Company, including shares purchased in the open market. The total number of shares authorized under this Plan shall be subject to increase or decrease in order to give effect to the adjustment provision of Section 9.3 and to give effect to any amendment adopted as provided in Section 8.1.

### ARTICLE IV Participation in Plan

4.1 *Eligibility to Receive Stock Incentives.* Stock Incentives under this Plan may be granted only to persons who are Participants.

4.2 *Participation Not Guarantee of Employment.* Nothing in this Plan or in the instrument evidencing the grant of a Stock Incentive shall in any manner be construed to limit in any way the right of the Company, LMC or any of their respective Subsidiaries to terminate a Participant’s employment at any time, without regard to the effect of such termination on any rights such Participant would otherwise have under the Plan or any Incentive Plan, or give any right to such a Participant to remain employed by the Company, LMC or any of their respective Subsidiaries in any particular position or at any particular rate of compensation.

ARTICLE V  
Stock Awards

5.1 *Grant of Restricted Stock Awards.*

(a) *Grant.* Restricted Stock Award(s) shall be granted to each Participant who, as of the Record Date, holds an outstanding LMC Award(s) consisting of unvested restricted shares of LMC Common Stock.

(b) *Award of Shares.* Each Restricted Stock Award shall be for the same series of Common Stock as the corresponding award of restricted shares of LMC Common Stock to which such Restricted Stock Award relates. The number of shares of Common Stock covered by a Restricted Stock Award shall be 0.10 shares of Common Stock for each share of LMC Common Stock under the corresponding award of restricted shares of LMC Common Stock which such Restricted Stock Award replaces; *provided, however*, no fractional shares of Common Stock shall be awarded under a Restricted Stock Award, and, if the foregoing adjustment results in any fractional shares, LMC will deliver cash in lieu of such fractional share interest to the applicable Participant in the same manner as cash in lieu of fractional share interests is paid to record holders of LMC Common Stock in the Distribution. Each Restricted Stock Award and the restricted shares of Common Stock issued thereunder shall continue to be subject to all the terms and conditions of the applicable Incentive Plan and associated instrument under which the corresponding award of restricted shares of LMC Common Stock was made and any such terms, conditions and restrictions as may be determined to be appropriate by the Committee.

(c) *Lapse of Restrictions.* The restrictions on each Restricted Stock Award shall lapse in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable Incentive Plan and associated instrument under which the corresponding award of restricted shares of LMC Common Stock was made; *provided, however*, that a Participant's employment or service with the Company, LMC or any of their respective Subsidiaries shall be deemed to be employment or service with the Company and LMC for all purposes under a Restricted Stock Award.

(d) *Award Documentation.* Restricted Stock Awards shall be evidenced in such form as the Committee shall approve and contain such terms and conditions as shall be contained therein or incorporated by way of reference to the Incentive Plan or any associated instrument governing the corresponding award of restricted shares of LMC Common Stock, which need not be the same for all Restricted Stock Awards.

(e) *Rights with Respect to Shares.* No Participant who is granted a Restricted Stock Award shall have any rights as a stockholder by virtue of such grant until shares are actually issued or delivered to the Participant.

ARTICLE VI  
Options

6.1 *Grant of Options.*

(a) *Grant.* Option(s) shall be granted to each Participant who, as of the Record Date, holds an outstanding LMC Award(s) consisting of an option to purchase shares of LMC Common Stock or an LMC SAR. Except as otherwise provided in this Plan, each Option shall continue to be subject to all the terms and conditions of the applicable Incentive Plan and associated instrument under which the corresponding option to purchase LMC Common Stock or LMC SAR (to the extent such terms and conditions would be applicable to the grant of an Option) was made and any such terms, conditions and restrictions as may be determined to be appropriate by the Committee.

(b) *Option Shares.* Each Option shall be for the same series of Common Stock as the corresponding option for LMC Common Stock or LMC SAR to which such Option relates. The number of shares of Common Stock exercisable under an Option shall be the number of shares of Common Stock that a Participant would have received in the Distribution if the applicable option for LMC Common Stock had been exercised immediately prior to the Record Date or, in the case of an LMC SAR, the same number of shares of Common Stock that would have been received in the Distribution if the LMC SAR has been an option exercised immediately prior to the Record Date for the number of shares of LMC Common Stock, subject to the LMC SAR; *provided, however*, no fractional shares of Common Stock shall be awarded under an Option, and, if the conversion of an option to purchase shares of LMC Common Stock or an LMC SAR into an Option results in any fractional shares, the number of shares of Common Stock to be exercisable under an Option shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number of shares.

(c) *Option Price.* The purchase price per share of Common Stock under each Option shall be established by the Committee. The Option price shall be subject to adjustment in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.3 hereof.

(d) *Option Documentation.* Options shall be evidenced in such form as the Committee shall approve and contain such terms and conditions as shall be contained therein or incorporated by way of reference to the Incentive Plan or any associated instrument governing the corresponding option to purchase LMC Common Stock or LMC SAR (to the extent such terms and conditions would be applicable to the grant of an Option), which need not be the same for all Options.

#### 6.2 *Exercise and/or Termination of Options.*

(a) *Terms of Option.* Options granted under this Plan may be exercised at the same time and in the same manner as the corresponding option to purchase LMC Common Stock or LMC SAR (to the extent applicable to the grant of an Option). Options granted under this Plan shall expire at the same time and in the same manner as the corresponding option to purchase LMC Common Stock or LMC SAR (to the extent applicable to the grant of an Option), as provided in the applicable Incentive Plan and any associated instrument governing such option to purchase LMC Common Stock or LMC SAR; provided, however, that a Participant's employment or service with the Company, LMC or any of their respective Subsidiaries shall be deemed to be employment or service with the Company and LMC for all purposes under an Option.

(b) *Payment on Exercise.* No shares of Common Stock shall be issued on the exercise of an Option unless paid for in full at the time of purchase. Payment for shares of Common Stock purchased upon the exercise of an Option and any amounts required under Section 9.4 shall be determined by the Committee and may consist of (i) cash, (ii) check, (iii) promissory note (subject to applicable law), (iv) whole shares of any series of Common Stock, (v) the withholding of shares of the applicable series of Common Stock issuable upon such exercise of the Option, (vi) the delivery, together with a properly executed exercise notice, of irrevocable instructions to a broker to deliver promptly to the Company the amount of sale or loan proceeds required to pay the purchase price, or (vii) any combination of the foregoing methods of payment, or such other consideration and method of payment as may be permitted for the issuance of shares under the Delaware General Corporation Law. The permitted method or methods of payment of the amounts payable upon exercise of an Option, if other than in cash, shall be set forth in the applicable Option agreement and may be subject to such conditions as the Committee deems appropriate.

(c) *Value of Shares.* Unless otherwise determined by the Committee and provided in the applicable Option agreement, shares of any series of Common Stock delivered in payment of all or any part of the amounts payable in connection with the exercise of an Option, and shares of any series of Common Stock withheld for such payment, shall be valued for such purpose at their Fair Market Value as of the exercise date.

(d) *Issuance of Shares.* The Company shall effect the transfer of the shares of Common Stock purchased under the Option as soon as practicable after the exercise thereof and payment in full of the purchase price therefor and of any amounts required by Section 9.4, and within a reasonable time thereafter, such transfer shall be evidenced on the books of the Company. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee and provided in the applicable Option agreement, (i) no Participant or other person exercising an Option shall have any of the rights of a stockholder of the Company with respect to shares of Common Stock subject to an Option granted under the Plan until due exercise and full payment has been made, and (ii) no adjustment shall be made for cash dividends or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date of such due exercise and full payment.

### ARTICLE VII Administration of Plan

7.1 *The Committee.* This Plan shall be administered solely by the Compensation Committee of the Board or such other committee of the Board as the Board shall designate to administer the Plan. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum thereof and the actions of a majority of the Committee at a meeting at which a quorum is present, or actions unanimously approved in writing by all members of the Committee, shall be the actions of the Committee. Vacancies occurring on the Committee shall be filled by the Board. The Committee shall have full and final authority to interpret this Plan and any instruments evidencing Stock Incentives granted hereunder, to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations, if any, relating to this Plan and to make all determinations necessary or advisable for the administration of this Plan. The Committee's determination in all matters referred to herein shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes and upon all persons including, but without limitation, the Company, LMC, the shareholders of the Company, the shareholders of LMC, the Committee and each of the members thereof, and the Participants, and their respective successors in interest. The Committee may delegate any of its rights, powers and duties to any one or more of its members, or to any other person, by written action as provided herein, acknowledged in writing by the delegate or delegates, except that the Committee may not delegate to any person the authority to grant Stock Incentives to, or take other action with respect to, Participants who are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act. Such delegation may include, without limitation, the power to execute any documents on behalf of the Committee.

7.2 *Liability of Committee.* No member of the Committee shall be liable for any action or determination made or taken by him or the Committee in good faith with respect to the Plan. The Committee shall have the power to engage outside consultants, auditors or other professionals to assist in the fulfillment of the Committee's duties under this Plan at the Company's expense.

7.3 *Determinations of the Committee.* The Committee may, in its sole discretion, waive any provisions of any Stock Incentive, provided such waiver is not inconsistent with the terms of the applicable Incentive Plan, any associated instrument or this Plan as then in effect.

ARTICLE VIII  
Amendment and Termination of Plan

8.1 *Amendment, Modification, Suspension or Termination.* The Board may from time to time amend, modify, suspend or terminate the Plan for the purpose of meeting or addressing any changes in legal requirements or for any other purpose permitted by law except that (i) subject to Section 9.6, no amendment or alteration that would impair the rights of any Participant under any Stock Incentive awarded to such Participant shall be made without such Participant's consent and (ii) no amendment or alteration shall be effective prior to approval by the Company's shareholders to the extent such approval is then required pursuant to applicable legal requirements or the applicable requirements of the securities exchange on which the Company's Common Stock is listed. With the consent of the Participant, or as otherwise permitted under Section 9.6, and subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Committee may amend outstanding Stock Incentive agreements with any Participant, including any amendment which would (i) accelerate the time or times at which the Stock Incentive may be exercised and/or (ii) extend the scheduled expiration date of the Stock Incentive.

8.2 *Termination.* The Board may at any time terminate this Plan as of any date specified in a resolution adopted by the Board. If not earlier terminated, this Plan shall terminate on the last date that any Option granted hereunder may be exercised or any restriction applicable to a Restricted Stock Award granted hereunder has lapsed, whichever occurs later.

ARTICLE IX  
Miscellaneous Provisions

9.1 *Exclusion from Pension and Profit-Sharing Computation.* By acceptance of a Stock Incentive, unless otherwise provided in the applicable Stock Incentive agreement, each Participant shall be deemed to have agreed that such Stock Incentive is special incentive compensation that will not be taken into account, in any manner, as salary, compensation or bonus in determining the amount of any payment under any pension, retirement or other employee benefit plan, program or policy of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company. In addition, each beneficiary of a deceased Participant shall be deemed to have agreed that such Stock Incentive will not affect the amount of any life insurance coverage, if any, provided by the Company on the life of the Participant which is payable to such beneficiary under any life insurance plan covering employees of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company.

9.2 *Government and Other Regulations.* The obligation of the Company with respect to Stock Incentives shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations and such approvals by any governmental agencies as may be required, including the effectiveness of any registration statement required under the Securities Act of 1933, and the rules and regulations of any securities exchange or association on which the Common Stock may be listed or quoted. For so long as any series of Common Stock is registered under the Exchange Act, the Company shall use its reasonable efforts to comply with any legal requirements (i) to maintain a registration statement in effect under the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to all shares of the applicable series of Common Stock that may be issued to Participants under the Plan and (ii) to file in a timely manner all reports required to be filed by it under the Exchange Act.

### 9.3 Adjustments.

(a) If the Company subdivides its outstanding shares of any series of Common Stock into a greater number of shares of such series of Common Stock (by stock dividend, stock split, reclassification, or otherwise) or combines its outstanding shares of any series of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares of such series of Common Stock (by reverse stock split, reclassification, or otherwise) or if the Committee determines that any stock dividend, extraordinary cash dividend, reclassification, recapitalization, reorganization, split-up, spin-off, combination, exchange of shares, warrants or rights offering to purchase such series of Common Stock or other similar corporate event (including mergers or consolidations other than those which constitute Approved Transactions, adjustments with respect to which shall be governed by Section 9.3(b)) affects any series of Common Stock so that an adjustment is required to preserve the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, then the Committee, in such manner as the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems equitable and appropriate, shall make such adjustments to any or all of (i) the number and kind of shares of stock subject to outstanding Stock Incentives, and (ii) the purchase or exercise price with respect to any of the foregoing, *provided, however*, that the number of shares subject to any Stock Incentive shall always be a whole number. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if all shares of any series of Common Stock are redeemed, then each outstanding Stock Incentive shall be adjusted to substitute for the shares of such series of Common Stock subject thereto the kind and amount of cash, securities or other assets issued or paid in the redemption of the equivalent number of shares of such series of Common Stock and otherwise the terms of such Stock Incentive, including, in the case of Options or similar rights, the aggregate exercise price, shall remain constant before and after the substitution (unless otherwise determined by the Committee and provided in the applicable Stock Incentive agreement). The Committee may, if deemed appropriate, provide for a cash payment of a Stock Incentive to a Participant in connection with any adjustment made pursuant to this Section 9.3(a).

(b) *Approved Transactions; Board Change; Control Purchase.* In the event of any Approved Transaction, Board Change or Control Purchase, notwithstanding any contrary waiting period, installment period, vesting schedule or restriction period in any Stock Incentive agreement or in the Plan, unless the applicable Stock Incentive agreement provides otherwise: (i) in the case of an Option, each such outstanding Option granted under the Plan shall become exercisable in full in respect of the aggregate number of shares covered thereby; and (ii) in the case of Common Stock awarded under a Restricted Stock Award, any restriction period applicable to each such Common Stock shall be deemed to have expired and all such Common Stock shall become vested. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise provided in the applicable Stock Incentive agreement, the Committee may, in its discretion, determine that any or all outstanding Stock Incentives of any or all types granted pursuant to the Plan will not vest or become exercisable on an accelerated basis in connection with an Approved Transaction if effective provision has been made for the taking of such action which, in the opinion of the Committee, is equitable and appropriate to substitute a new Stock Incentive or to assume such Stock Incentive and to make such new or assumed Stock Incentive, as nearly as may be practicable, equivalent to the old Stock Incentive (before giving effect to any acceleration of the vesting or exercisability thereof), taking into account, to the extent applicable, the kind and amount of securities, cash or other assets into or for which the applicable series of Common Stock may be changed, converted or exchanged in connection with the Approved Transaction.

*9.4 Withholding of Taxes.* The Company's obligation to deliver shares of Common Stock or pay cash in respect of any Stock Incentives under the Plan shall be subject to applicable federal, state and local tax withholding requirements. Federal, state and local withholding tax due upon the exercise of any Option or upon the vesting of, or expiration of restrictions with respect to Common Stock granted under Restricted Stock Awards, may, in the discretion of the Committee, be paid in shares of the applicable series of Common Stock already owned by the Participant or through the withholding of shares otherwise issuable to such Participant, upon such terms and conditions (including the conditions referenced in Section 6.2) as the Committee shall determine. If the Participant shall fail to pay, or make arrangements satisfactory to the Committee for the payment of, all such federal, state and local taxes required to be withheld with respect to a Stock Incentive, then the Company shall, to the extent permitted by law, have the right to deduct from any payment of any kind otherwise due to such Participant an amount equal to any federal, state or local taxes of any kind required to be withheld with respect to such Stock Incentive.

*9.5 Restrictions on Benefit.* Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, the provisions of any Incentive Plan concerning restrictions on benefits (in order to avoid excise taxes on the Participant under Section 4999 of the Code or the disallowance of a deduction to the Company pursuant to Section 280G of the Code) are specifically incorporated by this reference.

*9.6 Section 409A.* Notwithstanding any provision in this Plan or the Incentive Plan to the contrary, if any Plan or Incentive Plan provision or any Stock Incentive thereunder would result in the imposition of an additional tax under Code Section 409A and related regulations and United States Department of the Treasury pronouncements ("Section 409A"), that Plan or Incentive Plan provision and/or that Stock Incentive will be reformed to avoid imposition of the applicable tax and no action taken to comply with Section 409A shall be deemed to adversely affect the Participant's right to a Stock Incentive or require the consent of the Participant.



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December 12, 2008

Discovery Communications Inc.  
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Re: Discovery Communications, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This opinion is being furnished in connection with the filing by Discovery Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). You have requested our opinion concerning the status under Delaware law of the 1,548,644 shares (the "Series A Shares") of the Company's Series A common stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Series A Common Stock") and 1,548,644 shares (the "Series C Shares" and together with the Series A Shares, the "Shares") of the Company's Series C common stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Series C Common Stock"), included in the Registration Statement, that may be issued pursuant to the terms of the Discovery Holding Company Transitional Stock Adjustment Plan, as assumed by the Company (the "Plan").

For purposes of our opinion, we have examined and are familiar with originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the following documents:

1. Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as currently in effect;
2. Bylaws of the Company, as currently in effect;
3. Resolutions of the Company's Board of Directors authorizing the issuance of the Shares pursuant to the terms of the Plan and the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement under the Securities Act; and
4. The Plan.

In our examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies and the authenticity of the originals of such copies. We have also assumed that: (i) all of the Shares will be issued for the consideration permitted under the Plan as currently in effect, and none of such Shares will be issued for less than \$.01; (ii) all actions required to be taken under the Plan by the Board of Directors of the Company (or any committee thereof) have been or will be taken by the Board of Directors of the Company (or any committee thereof); and (iii) at the time of issuance of the Shares under the Plan, the Company shall continue to have sufficient authorized and unissued shares of Series A Common Stock and Series C Common Stock reserved for issuance thereunder.

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Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Shares have been duly authorized for issuance.

2. If and when any Shares are issued in accordance with the requirements of the Plan and assuming the continued updating and effectiveness of the Registration Statement and the completion of any necessary action to permit such issuance to be carried out in accordance with applicable securities laws, such Shares will be validly issued, fully-paid and non-assessable.

This opinion is limited to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and federal securities laws. We express no opinion with respect to the laws of any other jurisdiction.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In so doing, we do not admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Discovery Communications, Inc., of our reports dated February 14, 2008 relating to the financial statements of Discovery Communications Holding, LLC and Discovery Communications, Inc. which appear in Discovery Communications, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K/A dated November 26, 2008.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
McLean, VA  
December 12, 2008

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors  
Discovery Holding Company

We consent to the use of our reports dated February 15, 2008, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of Discovery Holding Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive earnings (loss), cash flows and stockholders' equity for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2007, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, incorporated by reference in this registration statement on Form S-8 of Discovery Communications, Inc.

Our reports referred to above refer to Discovery Holding Company's adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R), *Share-Based Payment*, effective January 1, 2006.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Denver, Colorado  
December 12, 2008