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Dril-Quip, Inc.

6401 N. Eldridge Parkway

Houston, Texas 77041

April 5, 2013

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting of stockholders to be held at the Omni Houston Hotel Westside, 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas, on May 16, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. For those of you who cannot be present at this annual meeting, we urge that you participate by indicating your choices on the enclosed proxy card and completing and returning it at your earliest convenience.

This booklet includes the notice of the meeting and the proxy statement, which contains information about the Board of Directors and its committees and personal information about the nominees for the Board. Other matters on which action is expected to be taken during the meeting are also described.

It is important that your shares are represented at the meeting, whether or not you are able to attend personally. Accordingly, please sign, date and mail promptly the enclosed proxy in the envelope provided.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support.

Blake T. DeBerry

President and Chief Executive Officer

DRIL-QUIP, INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held May 16, 2013

To the Stockholders of

Dril-Quip, Inc.:

The annual meeting of stockholders of Dril-Quip, Inc. will be held at the Omni Houston Hotel Westside, 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas, on May 16, 2013 at 9:30 a.m., Houston time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect the nominees named in the Proxy Statement as directors to serve for a three-year term.
2. To approve the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for 2013.
3. To conduct a non-binding advisory vote to approve the Company's compensation of its named executive officers.

4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any reconvened meeting after an adjournment thereof. The Board of Directors has fixed March 25, 2013 as the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting or any reconvened meeting after an adjournment thereof, and only holders of common stock of record at the close of business on that date will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting or any reconvened meeting after an adjournment.

You are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person. Even if you plan to attend the meeting, however, you are requested to mark, sign, date and return the accompanying proxy as soon as possible.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Blake T. DeBerry

President and Chief Executive Officer

April 5, 2013

6401 N. Eldridge Parkway

Houston, Texas 77041

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS

FOR THE STOCKHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 16, 2013.

The Proxy Statement, our annual report to shareholders and other proxy materials are available at <http://www.edocumentview.com/DRQ>.

Dril-Quip, Inc.

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Houston, Texas 77041

PROXY STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of Dril-Quip, Inc., a Delaware corporation, of proxies from the holders of our common stock, par value \$.01 per share, for use at the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying notice. The approximate date on which this proxy statement and the accompanying proxy will first be mailed to stockholders is April 5, 2013.

In addition to the solicitation of proxies by mail, proxies may also be solicited by telephone or personal interview by our regular employees. We will pay all costs of soliciting proxies. We will also reimburse brokers or other persons holding stock in their names or in the names of their nominees for their reasonable expenses in forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners of such stock.

RECORD DATE AND VOTING SECURITIES

As of the close of business on March 25, 2013, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting, we had outstanding and entitled to vote 40,523,436 shares of common stock. Each share entitles the holder to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of stockholders.

The requirement for a quorum at the annual meeting is the presence in person or by proxy of holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock. Proxies indicating stockholder abstentions and shares represented by broker non-votes (*i.e.*, shares held by brokers or nominees for which instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or persons entitled to vote and for which the broker or nominee does not have discretionary power to vote on a particular matter) will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum at the annual meeting. Votes cast by proxy or in person at the annual meeting will be counted by the persons appointed as election inspectors for the annual meeting.

Brokers holding shares must vote according to specific instructions they receive from the beneficial owners of those shares. If brokers do not receive specific instructions, brokers may in some cases vote the shares in their discretion. However, the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, precludes brokers from exercising voting discretion on certain proposals without specific instructions from the beneficial owner. Importantly, NYSE rules expressly prohibit brokers holding shares in street name for their beneficial holder clients from voting in uncontested director elections on behalf of the clients without receiving specific voting instructions from those clients. Under NYSE rules, brokers will have discretion to vote only on Proposal 2 (approval of the appointment of independent registered public accounting firm). Brokers cannot vote on Proposal 1 (election of directors) or Proposal 3 (advisory vote to approve executive compensation) without instructions from the beneficial owners. If you do not instruct your broker how to vote on these matters, your broker will not vote for you.

All duly executed proxies received prior to the annual meeting will be voted in accordance with the choices specified thereon and, in connection with any other business that may properly come before the meeting, in the discretion of the persons named in the proxy. **As to any matter for which no choice has been specified in a duly executed proxy, the shares represented thereby will be voted FOR the election as director of the nominees listed herein, FOR approval of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as our independent**

registered public accounting firm, FOR approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers and in the discretion of the persons named in the proxy in connection with any other business that may properly come before the annual meeting.

A stockholder giving a proxy may revoke it at any time before it is voted at the annual meeting by filing with the Secretary at our executive offices a written instrument revoking it, by delivering a duly executed proxy bearing a later date or by appearing at the annual meeting and voting in person. Our executive offices are located at 6401 N. Eldridge Parkway, Houston, Texas 77041. For a period of ten days prior to the annual meeting, a complete list of stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting will be available for inspection by stockholders of record during ordinary business hours for proper purposes at our executive offices.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF

CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth the number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned directly or indirectly as of March 25, 2013 by (i) each person who is known to us to own beneficially more than 5% of our common stock, (ii) each of our directors, director nominees and executive officers and (iii) all executive officers, director nominees and directors as a group.

| Name of Beneficial Owner (1) | Amount of Beneficial Ownership | |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|
| | Number of Shares | Percent of Stock |
| Blake T. DeBerry (2) | 75,341 | * |
| James A. Gariepy (3) | 75,341 | * |
| Jerry M. Brooks (4) | 55,947 | * |
| James C. Webster (5) | 12,497 | * |
| Alexander P. Shukis (6) | 3,200 | * |
| John V. Lovoi (6) | 3,200 | * |
| L. H. Dick Robertson (6) | 3,200 | * |
| Terence B. Jupp (6) | 1,600 | * |
| All directors and executive officers as a group (8 persons) | 230,326 | * |
| BlackRock, Inc. (7) | 3,163,829 | 7.8% |
| 40 East 52nd Street | | |
| New York, NY 10022 | | |
| Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. (8) | 2,055,828 | 5.1% |
| 200 West Street | | |
| New York, NY 10282 | | |

* Less than 1%.

- (1) Except as indicated in the footnotes to this table and pursuant to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock. The address of each such person, unless otherwise provided, is 6401 N. Eldridge Parkway, Houston, Texas 77041.
- (2) Includes (a) 25,350 shares of restricted stock held directly by Mr. DeBerry and (b) 46,250 shares of common stock that may be acquired pursuant to options that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of March 25, 2013.
- (3) Includes (a) 25,350 shares of restricted stock held directly by Mr. Gariepy and (b) 46,250 shares of common stock that may be acquired pursuant to options that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of March 25, 2013.
- (4) Includes (a) 9,700 shares of restricted stock held directly by Mr. Brooks and (b) 45,000 shares of common stock that may be acquired pursuant to options that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of March 25, 2013.

- (5) Includes (a) 9,250 shares of restricted stock held directly by Mr. Webster and (b) 2,000 shares of common stock that may be acquired pursuant to options that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of March 25, 2013.
- (6) Consists entirely of shares of restricted stock.
- (7) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 8, 2013. The filing indicates that BlackRock, Inc. has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to 3,163,829 shares.
- (8) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2013. Such filing indicates that Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P., together with GS Investment Strategies, LLC, has shared voting with respect to 2,000,442 shares and shared dispositive power with respect to 2,055,828 shares.

PROPOSAL I

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directors is divided into three classes, Class I, Class II and Class III, with staggered terms of office ending in 2013, 2014 and 2015, respectively. The term for each class expires on the date of the third annual stockholders' meeting for the election of directors following the most recent election of directors for such class. Each director holds office until the next annual meeting of stockholders for the election of directors of his class and until his successor has been duly elected and qualified.

Our Board of Directors has nominated each of Alexander P. Shukis and Terence B. Jupp for election as a director to serve a three-year term expiring on the date of the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2016 (or until his successor is duly elected and qualified). Mr. Shukis has served as a member of our Board of Directors since 2003. Mr. Jupp was recommended to the Board of Directors as a director candidate by our Chief Executive Officer and subsequently appointed to our Board of Directors in November 2012. In accordance with our bylaws, directors are elected by a majority of the votes cast at the meeting. This means that the number of shares voted for a director must exceed the number of votes cast against that director. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not affect the outcome of the vote. For additional information on the election of directors, see Corporate Governance Matters Majorities Voting in Director Elections.

Our Board of Directors has no reason to believe that Messrs. Shukis and Jupp will not be candidates for director at the time of the annual meeting or will be unable to serve as directors. If Mr. Shukis or Mr. Jupp become unavailable for election, our Board of Directors can name a substitute nominee, and proxies will be voted for the substitute nominee pursuant to discretionary authority, unless withheld.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the election of the nominees listed below. Properly dated and signed proxies will be so voted unless authority to vote in the election of directors is withheld.

Nominees for Class I Director for Three-Year Term to Expire in 2016

The following sets forth information concerning the nominees for election as a director at the annual meeting, including the nominees' age as of March 25, 2013, position with us, business experience during the past five years and the experiences, qualifications, attributes or skills that caused our Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee and the Board to determine that the nominees should serve as directors of the Company.

Alexander P. Shukis, age 68, has been a Class I director since February 2003. He is chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. From July 2001 until his retirement in December 2007, Mr. Shukis was the Controller of Corporate Strategies, Inc., a merchant bank. From 1997 to July 2001, Mr. Shukis was self-employed, working as a business consultant. From 1995 to 1997, he was Chief Financial Officer and Director of Great Western Resources, Inc., an exploration and production company. He served as Vice President and Controller of Great Western Resources, Inc. from 1986 to 1995. Mr. Shukis holds a BBA in accounting from the University of Houston. Mr. Shukis was selected to serve as a director due to his extensive financial and accounting background and his knowledge of the energy industry.

Terence B. Jupp, 53, has been a Class I director since November 2012. He is a member of the Audit Committee and the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Mr. Jupp has been Chief Operating Officer of CASA Exploration, an oil and gas exploration company, since January 2012. From September 2009 until January 2012, Mr. Jupp was President and Chief Executive Officer of Trans-Global Oil and Gas Corp., and from April 2008 until August 2009 was Chief Operating Officer of Turkana Energy. From May 2007 until March 2008, Mr. Jupp was a private investor. From August 2006 until April 2007, Mr. Jupp was employed by Anadarko Petroleum as Vice President International Operations Americas/Far East following its acquisition of Kerr-McGee Oil and Gas. Prior to that, he worked for Kerr-McGee in various management positions domestically and internationally for over 20 years, including as Vice President International Exploration and Production. Mr. Jupp holds a Bachelor of Science degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M University. Mr. Jupp was selected to serve as a director due to his executive experience with oil and gas exploration companies, including his international experience in the energy industry.

Information Concerning Class II and Class III Directors

The following sets forth information concerning the Class II and Class III directors whose present terms of office will expire at the 2014 and 2015 annual meetings of stockholders, respectively, including each director's age as of March 25, 2013, position with us, if any, business experience during the past five years and the experiences, qualifications, attributes or skills that caused our Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee and the Board to determine that the nominee should serve as a director of the Company.

Class II

Blake T. DeBerry, age 53, has served as a Class II director and the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since October 2011. Prior to that time, he served as our Senior Vice President Sales and Engineering. Mr. DeBerry has filled various engineering and management positions since his employment began with us in 1988, including as Vice President of Dril-Quip Asia Pacific PTE. Ltd. based in Singapore. Mr. DeBerry holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University. Mr. DeBerry was selected to serve as a director because he is our Chief Executive Officer, he has extensive knowledge of the Company and its operations and people gained over 20 years and he has demonstrated engineering knowledge and technical expertise.

John V. Lovoi, age 52, has been a Class II director since May 2005 and Chairman of the Board since October 2011. He is also chairman of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee and a member of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. He is the Managing Partner of JVL Advisors LLC, a private energy investment company established in 2002. From January 2000 to August 2002, Mr. Lovoi was a Managing Director at Morgan Stanley Incorporated, and during this period served as head of the firm's Global Oil and Gas Research practice and then as head of the firm's Global Oil and Gas Investment Banking practice. From 1995 to 2000, he was a leading oilfield services and equipment research analyst for Morgan Stanley. Prior to joining Morgan Stanley, he spent two years as a senior financial executive at Baker Hughes and four years as an energy investment banker with Credit Suisse First Boston. Mr. Lovoi is a director of Helix Energy Solutions Group, an energy services company, and is a former director of Evergreen Energy, Inc., a provider of energy technology. Mr. Lovoi holds a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Texas A&M University and an MBA degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Mr. Lovoi was selected to serve as a director due to his financial expertise and industry insight, as well as his experience as a director of other public companies.

Class III

L. H. Dick Robertson, age 78, has been a Class III director since December 2006 and is a member of the Audit Committee and the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Previously, he was the president and chief executive officer of Dual Drilling Company, an international offshore drilling contractor, from 1984 until June 1996, when Dual Drilling merged with Ensco International Incorporated. From June 1996 to the

present, Mr. Robertson has been retired. Prior to his employment with Dual Drilling Company, Mr. Robertson served as president and chief executive officer of Republic Drilling & Service, president of Progress Drilling & Marine, Inc., chairman, president and chief executive officer of Atwood Oceanics, Inc. and senior vice president of Global Marine, Inc. Mr. Robertson holds a bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering and a BBA in general business from Texas A&M University. Mr. Robertson was selected to serve as a director due to his executive experience, including his experience as chief executive officer of contract drilling companies, and his background in the energy industry.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Board Leadership Structure

The offices of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer are currently separate and have been separate since October 2011. At that time, the Board of Directors appointed Mr. Lovoi as Chairman of the Board and Blake T. DeBerry as President and Chief Executive Officer.

The Board does not have a policy requiring either that the positions of the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer should be separate or that they should be occupied by the same individual. The Board believes that this issue is properly addressed as part of the succession planning process and that it is in the best interests of the Company for the Board to make a determination on the matter when it elects a new chief executive officer or at other times consideration is warranted by circumstances. The Board believes that this structure enables it to fulfill its oversight role in determining the manner in which its leadership is configured with a view toward flexibility and maintaining a structure that best serves our Company and its stockholders.

The Board believes that the current separation of these two important roles is in the best interest of the Company and its stockholders at this time. This structure permits the Chairman to direct board operations and lead the board in its oversight of management and the Chief Executive Officer to develop and implement the Company's board-approved strategic vision and manage its day-to-day business. The separation of duties also allows Mr. Lovoi and Mr. DeBerry to focus on their responsibilities as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, respectively. The Board believes that the independent board chairman helps provide an opportunity for Board members to provide more direct input to management in shaping our organization and strategy and strengthens the Board's independent oversight of management. To that end, at each regularly scheduled Board meeting, our non-management directors hold executive sessions at which our management is not in attendance. Mr. Lovoi, as Chairman, presides at these sessions.

Board's Role in the Oversight of Risk Management

The Board of Directors has ultimate oversight responsibility for our system of enterprise risk management. Management is responsible for developing and implementing our program of enterprise risk management. Pursuant to the Audit Committee charter, the Audit Committee has been designated to take the lead in overseeing our risk management process and overall risk management system at the Board level. Accordingly, the Audit Committee meets periodically with management to review our major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control those exposures. The Audit Committee also monitors our risk management policies and guidelines concerning risk assessment and risk management. In this role, the Audit Committee receives reports from management and other advisors, and analyzes our risk management process and system, the nature of the material risks we face and the adequacy of our policies and procedures designed to respond to and mitigate these risks.

In addition to the formal compliance program, the Board and the Audit Committee encourage management to promote a corporate culture that understands risk management and incorporates it into our overall corporate strategy and day-to-day business operations. Our risk management structure also includes an ongoing effort to assess and analyze the most likely areas of future risk for the Company. As a result, the Board and Audit Committee periodically ask our executives to discuss the most likely sources of material future risks and how the Company is addressing any significant potential vulnerability.

The Board believes that the administration of its risk oversight function has not affected its leadership structure. In reviewing our compensation program, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee has made an assessment of whether compensation policies and practices create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us and has concluded that they do not create such risks as presently constituted.

Determinations of Director Independence

Under rules adopted by the NYSE, no board member qualifies as independent unless the Board of Directors affirmatively determines that the director has no material relationship with us. In evaluating each director's independence, the Board considers all relevant facts and circumstances in making a determination of independence. In particular, when assessing the materiality of a director's relationship with us, the Board considers the issue not merely from the standpoint of the director, but also from the standpoint of persons or organizations with which the director has an affiliation.

As contemplated by the rules of the NYSE then in effect, the Board adopted categorical standards in 2004 to assist the Board of Directors in making independence determinations. Under the rules then in effect, immaterial relationships that fall within the guidelines were not required to be disclosed separately in proxy statements. As set forth in our Corporate Governance Guidelines, a relationship falls within the categorical standard if it:

is not a type of relationship that would preclude a determination of independence under Section 303A.02(b) of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual;

consists of charitable contributions by us to an organization where a director is an executive officer and does not exceed the greater of \$1 million or 2% of the organization's gross revenue in any of the last three years; or

is not a type of relationship that would require disclosure in the proxy statement under Item 404 of Regulation S-K of the SEC. In its determination of independence, the Board of Directors reviewed and considered all relationships and transactions between each director, his family members or any business, charity or other entity in which the director has an interest, on the one hand, and we, our affiliates, or our senior management has an interest, on the other. The Board considered the relationships and transactions in the context of the NYSE's objective listing standards, the categorical standards noted above and the additional standards established for members of audit, compensation and governance committees.

In connection with its determination as to the independence of directors, the Board considered ordinary course transactions between the Company and a subsidiary of Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. In particular, the Board considered that Mr. Lovoi is a director of Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. and that Helix made payments for products purchased from the Company of approximately \$582,000 in 2012. These payments represent approximately 0.08% of the Company's consolidated gross revenues in 2012, and approximately 0.07% of Helix's consolidated gross revenues in 2012. The Board also considered that Helix may order additional products from the Company in the future. The Board has concluded that these transactions and relationships do not adversely affect Mr. Lovoi's ability or willingness to act in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders or otherwise compromise his independence, nor are similar transactions in the future expected to adversely affect Mr. Lovoi's independence. The Board took note of the fact that these transactions were on standard terms and conditions and that neither company was afforded any special benefits. The Board further noted that Mr. Lovoi had no involvement in negotiating the terms of the purchases or interest in the transactions.

As a result of this review, the Board of Directors affirmatively determined that Messrs. Jupp, Lovoi, Robertson and Shukis are independent from us and our management. In addition, the Board of Directors affirmatively determined that Messrs. Jupp, Lovoi, Robertson and Shukis are independent under the additional standards for audit committee membership under rules of the SEC. The remaining director, Mr. DeBerry, is not independent because of his current service as a member of our senior management.

You can access our Independence Guidelines in our Corporate Governance Guidelines on the Investors section of our website at www.dril-quip.com.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

Pursuant to NYSE rules, we have adopted the Dril-Quip, Inc. Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for our directors, officers and employees. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which also meets the requirements of a code of ethics under Item 406 of Regulation S-K, is posted on our website at www.dril-quip.com. Changes in and waivers to the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for our directors and executive officers will also be posted on our website.

Majority Voting in Director Elections

Our amended and restated bylaws include a majority voting standard in uncontested director elections. This standard applies to the election of directors at this meeting. To be elected, a nominee must receive more votes cast for that nominee's election than votes cast against that nominee's election. In contested elections, the voting standard will be a plurality of votes cast. Under our bylaws, a contested election is one at which the number of candidates for election as directors exceeds the number of directors to be elected, as determined by our Corporate Secretary as of the tenth day preceding the date we mail or deliver a notice of meeting to stockholders.

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines include director resignation procedures. In brief, these procedures provide that:

An incumbent director nominee must submit an irrevocable letter of resignation that becomes effective upon and only in the event that (1) the nominee fails to receive the required vote for election to the Board at the next meeting of shareholders at which such nominee faces re-election and (2) the Board accepts such resignation;

Each director candidate who is not an incumbent director must agree to submit such an irrevocable resignation upon election as a director;

Upon the failure of any nominee to receive the required vote, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee makes a recommendation to the Board on whether to accept or reject the resignation;

The Board takes action with respect to the resignation and publicly discloses its decision and the reasons therefor within 90 days from the date of the certification of the election results; and

The resignation, if accepted, will be effective at the time specified by the Board when it determines to accept the resignation, which effective time may be deferred until a replacement director is identified and appointed to the Board.

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines can be found on the Investors section of our website at www.dril-quip.com.

Committees of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has appointed two committees: the Audit Committee and the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee.

Audit Committee

The current members of the Audit Committee are Mr. Shukis, who serves as Chairman, and Messrs. Jupp, Lovoi and Robertson. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Shukis is an audit committee financial expert as such term is defined in Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC.

The Audit Committee Charter contains a detailed description of the Audit Committee's duties and responsibilities. Under the charter, the Audit Committee has been appointed by the Board of Directors to assist the Board in overseeing (i) the integrity of our financial statements, (ii) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (iii) the independent auditor's independence, qualifications and performance, and (iv) the performance of our internal audit function. The Audit Committee also has direct responsibility for the appointment, compensation and retention of our independent auditors.

Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee

The current members of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee are Mr. Lovoi, who serves as Chairman, and Messrs. Jupp, Robertson and Shukis.

The Board of Directors has approved the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee Charter, which contains a detailed description of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee's responsibilities. Under the charter, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee identifies and recommends individuals qualified to become Board members, consistent with criteria approved by the Board, and assists the Board in determining the composition of the Board and its committees, in monitoring a process to assess Board and committee effectiveness and in developing and implementing our corporate governance guidelines, practices and procedures. In fulfilling its compensation role, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee assists the Board in establishing the compensation of our directors and executive officers in a manner consistent with our stated compensation strategy, internal equity considerations, competitive practice and the requirements of applicable law and regulations and rules of applicable regulatory bodies.

Compensation Matters

In fulfilling its compensation role, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee is authorized to:

review and approve corporate goals and objectives relevant to the Chief Executive Officer's compensation; evaluate the Chief Executive Officer's performance in light of those goals and objectives; and either as a committee or together with other independent directors (as directed by the Board), determine and approve the Chief Executive Officer's compensation based on that evaluation, including administering, negotiating any changes to and determining amounts due under the Chief Executive Officer's employment agreement;

review and approve, or make recommendations to the Board with respect to, the compensation of other executive officers, and oversee the periodic assessment of the performance of such officers;

from time to time consider and take action on the establishment of and changes to incentive compensation plans, equity-based compensation plans and other benefit plans, including making recommendations to the Board on plans, goals or amendments to be submitted for action by our stockholders;

administer our compensation plans, including authorizing the issuance of our common stock and taking other action on grants and awards, determinations with respect to achievement of performance goals, and other matters provided in the respective plans; and

review from time to time when and as the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee deems appropriate the compensation and benefits of non-employee directors, including compensation pursuant to equity-based plans, and approve, or make recommendations to the Board with respect to, any changes in such compensation and benefits.

In October 2012, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee awarded restricted stock and performance units to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel and a specified amount of restricted stock and performance units to be distributed among key employees at the discretion of Mr. DeBerry. Subject to certain limitations, our long term incentive plan permits the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee to delegate its duties under the plan to the Chairman of the Board and our senior officers. The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee also increased the salaries of these officers to levels considered appropriate for officers in our peer group.

The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee has the authority to engage a third-party consultant at any time. Since October 2011, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee has engaged a third-party consultant, Meridian Compensation Partners, LLC (Meridian), to evaluate and recommend appropriate modifications to our compensation program consistent with our program s objectives.

The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee also met in February 2013 to determine the annual cash incentive compensation earned during 2012 by our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel. Annual cash compensation for 2012 was based on the Company s actual performance compared to target performance and adjusted for each officer for the achievement of personal goals. Please see Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis for information about the Company s 2012 executive officer compensation.

Selection of Nominees for the Board of Directors

Identifying Candidates

The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee solicits ideas for potential Board candidates from a number of sources, including members of the Board of Directors, our executive officers, individuals personally known to the members of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee and research. In addition, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee will consider candidates submitted by stockholders. Any such submissions should include the candidate s name and qualifications for Board membership and should be directed to our Corporate Secretary at the address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement. Although the Board does not require the stockholder to submit any particular information regarding the qualifications of the stockholder s candidate, the level of consideration that the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee will give to the stockholder s candidate will be commensurate with the quality and quantity of information about the candidate that the nominating stockholder makes available to the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee. Mr. Jupp was recommended to the Board of Directors as a director candidate by our Chief Executive Officer and subsequently appointed to our Board of Directors in November 2012. The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee did not receive any candidate submissions from stockholders during 2012. The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee will consider all candidates identified through the processes described above and will evaluate each of them on the same basis.

In addition, our bylaws permit stockholders to nominate directors for election at an annual stockholders meeting whether or not such nominee is submitted to and evaluated by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee. To nominate a director using this process, the stockholder must follow certain procedures required by the Bylaws which are described under Additional Information Advance Notice Required for Stockholder Nominations and Proposals below.

Evaluating Candidates

The members of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee are responsible for assessing the skills and characteristics that candidates for election to the Board should possess, as well as the composition of the Board as a whole. This assessment will include the qualifications under applicable independence standards and other standards applicable to the Board and its committees, as well as consideration of skills and experience in the context of the needs of the Board. The charter of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee requires the Committee to evaluate each candidate for election to the Board in the context of the Board as a whole, with the objective of recommending individuals that can best perpetuate the success of our business and represent stockholder interests through the exercise of sound business judgment using their diversity of experience in a number of areas. Each candidate must meet certain minimum qualifications, including:

independence of thought and judgment;

the ability to dedicate sufficient time, energy and attention to the performance of her or his duties, taking into consideration the nominee s service on other public company boards; and

skills and expertise complementary to the existing Board members' skills; in this regard, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee will consider the Board's need for operational, sales, management, financial or other relevant expertise. The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee may also consider the ability of the prospective candidate to work with the then-existing interpersonal dynamics of the Board and her or his ability to contribute to the collaborative culture among Board members.

Based on this initial evaluation, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee will determine whether to interview the candidate, and if warranted, will recommend that one or more of its members and senior management, as appropriate, interview the candidate in person or by telephone. After completing this evaluation and interview process, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee recommends to the Board a slate of director nominees for election at the next annual meeting of stockholders or for appointment to fill vacancies on the Board.

Information Regarding Meetings

During 2012, the Board of Directors held four meetings. The Audit Committee met four times and the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee met three times. During 2012, all current directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the committees thereof held during the period of such director's service.

We expect, but do not require, Board members to attend the annual meeting. Last year, all of our Board members attended the annual meeting.

Stockholder Communications

Stockholders and other interested parties may communicate directly with our independent directors by sending a written communication in an envelope addressed to Board of Directors (Independent Members) in care of the Corporate Secretary at the address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement.

Stockholders and other interested parties may communicate directly with the Board of Directors by sending a written communication in an envelope addressed to Board of Directors in care of the Corporate Secretary at the address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement.

Website Availability of Governance Documents

You can access our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Business Conduct and Ethical Practices, Audit Committee Charter and Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee Charter on the Investors section of our website at www.dril-quip.com. Information contained on our website or any other website is not incorporated into this proxy statement and does not constitute a part of this proxy statement. Additionally, any stockholder who so requests may obtain a printed copy of the governance documents from the Corporate Secretary at the address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee is comprised entirely of Messrs. Jupp, Lovoi, Shukis and Robertson, each of whom is an independent director. None of the members of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee during fiscal 2012 or as of the date of this proxy statement is or has been an officer or employee of Dril-Quip and no executive officer of Dril-Quip served on the compensation committee or board of any company that employed any member of Dril-Quip's Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee or Board.

Policies and Procedures for Approval of Related Person Transactions

The Board has adopted a written policy implementing procedures for the review, approval or ratification of related person transactions. Under the policy, a related person is any director, executive officer or more than 5% stockholder. The policy applies to any transaction in which (1) we are a participant, (2) any related person has a direct or indirect material interest and (3) the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, but excludes any transaction that does not require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee is responsible for reviewing, approving and ratifying any related person transaction. The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee intends to approve only those related person transactions that are in, or are not inconsistent with, the best interests of us and our stockholders.

RELATED PERSON TRANSACTIONS

Employment Agreements with Executive Officers

On December 8, 2011, we entered into employment agreements with Blake T. DeBerry, President and Chief Executive Officer, James A. Gariepy, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Jerry M. Brooks, Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer, and James C. Webster, Vice President General Counsel and Secretary. The following summary of the employment agreements does not purport to be complete and is qualified by reference to the form of the agreements, which have been filed with the SEC and may be obtained from the Corporate Secretary at the address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement.

Each employment agreement has an initial three-year term but automatically extends for one additional year on the third anniversary of the effective date and on each subsequent anniversary of the effective date. Pursuant to the employment agreements, each executive will receive an annual base salary at least equal to the annual base salary earned by such executive immediately prior to the effective date. In addition to an annual salary, each executive will be eligible to receive an annual bonus to be determined each year in accordance with our normal bonus practices or under any annual bonus plan adopted by us after the effective date. Each executive will also be entitled to paid vacation in accordance with the Company's policies, to receive benefits consistent with our other senior executives, including medical, life and disability insurance, and to participate in our incentive, savings and retirement plans. Each employment agreement is subject to the right of the Company and each respective executive to terminate his employment at any time. The employment agreements provide certain benefits upon termination or change-in-control. For more information, see Executive Compensation Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control.

In addition, each executive is subject to a perpetual covenant not to use or disclose our trade secrets or confidential information and, if the executive is terminated after the first anniversary of the effective date, non-competition and non-solicitation covenants during the term of his employment and for 12 months following his termination.

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Effective as of January 1, 2012, the non-employee Chairman of the Board receives an annual fee of \$150,000 and the Company's other non-employee directors receive an annual fee of \$75,000. In addition, the non-employee Chairman of the Board and the other non-employee directors receive a fee of \$1,000 for attendance at each Board of Directors meeting and \$1,000 for each committee meeting. All directors are reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses and other expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Board or its committees and for other expenses incurred in their capacity as directors.

Under the Company's 2004 Incentive Plan, as amended, non-employee directors may be granted awards in the form of stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock awards, cash awards or performance awards.

The following table sets forth a summary of the compensation paid to our non-employee directors for 2012:

| Name | Fees Earned or Paid in Cash | Stock Awards (1) | Option Awards | Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation | Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings | All Other Compensation | Total |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---|--|---------------------------|------------|
| John V. Lovoi | \$ 160,000 | \$ 215,824 | | | | | \$ 375,824 |
| L.H. Dick Robertson | \$ 86,000 | \$ 215,824 | | | | | \$ 301,824 |
| Alexander P. Shukis | \$ 86,000 | \$ 215,824 | | | | | \$ 301,824 |
| Terence B. Jupp (2) | \$ 19,750 | \$ 108,096 | | | | | \$ 127,846 |

(1) Amounts reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock awards computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718, Share-Based Payment (ASC 718). Assumptions used in the calculation of this amount are included in footnote 13 to our audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 28, 2013.

(2) Mr. Jupp joined the Board on November 15, 2012. These amounts reflect his compensation from that date until December 31, 2012. Upon the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee, the Board granted 1,600 shares of restricted stock to each of Messrs. Lovoi, Robertson and Shukis in May 2012 and October 2012 under the 2004 Incentive Plan, as amended. Upon the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee, the Board granted 1,600 shares of restricted stock to Mr. Jupp upon his appointment to the Board in November 2012.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Overview

The primary objectives of our compensation programs are to attract and retain talented executive officers and to deliver rewards for superior corporate performance. We had four named executive officers in 2012: our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel. The compensation of our named executive officers was at the discretion of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee (the Committee) and was governed in part by employment agreements entered into with those executives on December 8, 2011. The employment agreements are described under Related Person Transactions Employment Agreements with Executive Officers and Executive Compensation Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control.

Purpose of the Executive Compensation Program

Our executive compensation program has been designed to accomplish the following objectives:

align executive compensation with performance and appropriate peer group comparisons;

produce long-term, positive results for our stockholders;

create a proper balance between building stockholder wealth and executive wealth while maintaining good corporate governance; and

provide market-competitive compensation and benefits that will enable us to attract, motivate and retain a talented workforce.

Administration of Executive Compensation Program

Our executive compensation program is administered by the Committee. The specific duties and responsibilities of the Committee are described in this proxy statement under Corporate Governance Matters Committees of the Board of Directors Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee. The Committee normally meets each February or March to set cash bonuses earned during the prior year and to review and, as appropriate, make changes to the executive compensation program. The Committee also normally meets in September or October to determine base salaries for our executive officers and award equity-based compensation. The Committee also meets at oth