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Dear Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of DATATRAK International, Inc., to be held at 12:00 p.m., local time, on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at our offices located at 6150 Parkland Boulevard, Paragon II, Suite 100, Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124.

At this year s Annual Meeting, in addition to electing three Directors, shareholders will be asked to approve and adopt the DATATRAK International, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Equity Plan and to approve an option exchange program for the Company s outside Directors. Information relating to these proposals is presented in the accompanying Proxy Statement, which shareholders are encouraged to read carefully. Your Board of Directors has unanimously approved each of these proposals, and urges you to vote in favor of these proposals.

Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting in person, it is important that your shares are represented. Therefore, please complete, sign, date and promptly return the enclosed proxy card in the accompanying envelope. If you do attend the Annual Meeting, you may, of course, withdraw your proxy should you wish to vote in person, even if you have previously returned your proxy card.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and management of DATATRAK International, Inc., we would like to thank you for your continued support and confidence.

Sincerely yours,

Laurence P. Birch

Chairman of the Board of Directors

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DATATRAK INTERNATIONAL, INC.

6150 Parkland Boulevard Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD AUGUST 26, 2009

The 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of DATATRAK International, Inc., will be held at 12:00 p.m., local time, on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at our offices located at 6150 Parkland Boulevard, Paragon II, Suite 100, Mayfield Heights, Ohio, for the following purposes:

- 1. To nominate and elect three individuals as Directors for a two-year term ending at the Annual Meeting in 2011:
- 2. To consider and act upon a proposal to authorize, approve and adopt the DATATRAK International, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Equity Plan;
- 3. To consider and act upon a proposal to authorize, approve and adopt an option exchange program for the Company s outside Directors; and
- 4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournments thereof.

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on July 1, 2009 will be entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournments thereof.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Varnesh Sritharan

Secretary

Mayfield Heights, Ohio

July , 2009

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

WE URGE YOU TO COMPLETE, DATE, AND SIGN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AND RETURN IT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. YOUR PROXY MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE TIME IT IS VOTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

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DATATRAK INTERNATIONAL, INC. PROXY STATEMENT ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Mailed on or about July , 2009

Why am I receiving these materials?

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of DATATRAK International, Inc. (the Company) for use at the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (Annual Meeting) on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 12:00 p.m., local time, and any adjournments or postponements thereof. The time, place and purposes of the Annual Meeting are stated in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders accompanying this proxy statement.

Why do the proxy materials contain information regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials?

Pursuant to rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), the Company will provide access to our proxy materials over the Internet. Proxy materials for the Company's Annual Meeting, including the 2009 Annual Report and this proxy statement, are now available over the Internet by accessing http://www.datatrak.net. While the Company elected to mail complete sets of the proxy materials for this year's Annual Meeting, in the future you may receive only a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials and you will have to request to receive a printed set of the proxy materials. Instructions on how to access the proxy materials over the Internet or to request an additional printed copy are available at http://www.datatrak.net. You also can obtain a printed copy of this proxy statement, free of charge, by writing to: Investor Relations, c/o DATATRAK International, Inc., 6150 Parkland Boulevard, Paragon II, Suite 100, Mayfield Heights, Ohio, 44124, or by submitting a request via email to company@datatrak.net or by telephone at (440) 443-0082.

Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?

The expense of soliciting proxies, including the cost of preparing, assembling and mailing the notice, proxy statement and proxy, will be borne by us. We may pay the expenses of persons holding the Company's common shares for sending proxy materials to their principals. In addition to solicitation of proxies by mail, our Directors, officers and employees, without additional compensation, may solicit proxies by telephone, electronically via e-mail and personal interview. We also anticipate retaining a third party to aid in the solicitation of proxies, and we expect the fee for such proxy solicitor will not exceed \$10,000, plus reimbursement of certain expenses.

What voting rights do I have as a shareholder?

On each matter to be voted on, you have one vote for each outstanding common share of the Company (each, a Common Share) you own as of July 1, 2009, the record date for the Annual Meeting. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on July 1, 2009 are entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. On this record date, there were 13,706,901 Common Shares outstanding and entitled to vote. Shareholders do not have the right to vote cumulatively in the election of Directors.

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How do I vote?

If you are a shareholder of record, you can vote (i) in person at the Annual Meeting or (ii) by signing and mailing in your proxy card in the enclosed envelope.

If you are a shareholder of record, the proxy holders will vote your Common Shares based on your directions. If you sign and return your proxy card, but do not properly direct how your Common Shares should be voted, the proxy holders will vote FOR each of the three proposals listed in this proxy statement and will use their discretion on any other proposals and other matters that may be brought before the Annual Meeting.

If you hold Common Shares through a broker or nominee, you may vote in person at the Annual Meeting only if you have obtained a signed proxy from your broker or nominee giving you the right to vote your shares. Your broker or nominee may provide separate voting instructions, if any, with the proxy statement. Your broker or nominee may provide proxy submission through the Internet or by telephone.

Can I revoke or change my vote after I submit a proxy?

Yes. You can revoke your proxy or change your vote at any time before the proxy is exercised at the Annual Meeting. This can be done by (i) submitting another properly completed proxy card with a later date; (ii) sending a written notice to our Secretary prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting; or (iii) attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. You should be aware that simply attending the Annual Meeting will not automatically revoke your previously submitted proxy; rather you must notify a representative of the Company at the Annual Meeting of your desire to revoke your proxy and vote in person.

What vote is required to approve the election of the three Directors for a two-year term ending at the Annual Meeting in 2011?

The nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected. A proxy card marked Withhold Authority with respect to the election of one or more Directors will not be voted with respect to the Director or Directors indicated. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the election of Directors.

What vote is required to approve the Company s 2009 Omnibus Equity Plan?

The affirmative vote of a majority of the Common Shares voted at the Annual Meeting on this proposal is required for approval and adoption of the Company s 2009 Omnibus Equity Plan. Shareholders present at the Annual Meeting, either in person or by proxy, will be eligible to vote for or against adoption of the Company s 2009 Omnibus Equity Plan. Shareholders who abstain will in effect be voting against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on this proposal.

What vote is required to approve the option exchange program for the Company s outside Directors?

The affirmative vote of a majority of the Common Shares voted at the Annual Meeting on this proposal is required for approval and adoption of the option exchange program. Shareholders present at the Annual Meeting, either in person or by proxy, will be eligible to vote for or against adoption of the option exchange program. Shareholders who abstain will in effect be voting against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on this proposal.

What constitutes a quorum?

A quorum of shareholders will be present at the Annual Meeting if at least a majority of the aggregate voting power of Common Shares outstanding on the record date is represented, in person or by proxy, at the Annual Meeting. With 13,706,901 votes outstanding as of the close of business on the record date, shareholders representing at least 6,853,451 votes will be required to establish a quorum. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement.

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SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL HOLDERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table and accompanying footnotes show information regarding the beneficial ownership of our Common Shares as of July 1, 2009, unless otherwise indicated, with respect to:

each person who is known by us to beneficially own more than 5% of our outstanding Common Shares;

each member of our Board of Directors and each of our Named Executive Officers (as hereinafter defined); and all Directors and executive officers as a group.

Common Shares

| | Common Shares | | | |
|---|------------------------|---------|--|--|
| | Beneficially Owned (2) | | | |
| Name and Address of Beneficial Owner (1) | Number | Percent | | |
| Laurence P. Birch | 81,954 | * | | |
| Timothy G. Biro (3) | 163,790 | 1.2% | | |
| Terry C. Black (4) | 84,869 | * | | |
| G. Matthew Delaney (5) | | | | |
| Dr. Jeffrey A. Green (6) | 414,235 | 3.0% | | |
| Seth B. Harris (7) | 503,340 | 3.6% | | |
| Dr. Jerome H. Kaiser | 175,153 | 1.3% | | |
| Raymond J. Merk | 17,972 | * | | |
| Dr. Robert M. Stote | 204,658 | 1.5% | | |
| Lucrum Capital LLC (8) | 940,550 | 6.9% | | |
| One Sansome Street, Suite 3908 | | | | |
| San Francisco, California 94104 | | | | |
| Potomac Capital Management LLC (9) | 928,646 | 6.7% | | |
| 825 Third Avenue, 33rd Floor | | | | |
| New York, New York 10022 | | | | |
| Diker Management LLC (10) | 985,474 | 7.2% | | |
| 745 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1409 | | | | |
| New York, New York 10151 | | | | |
| All Directors and executive officers as a group (6 persons) | 1,146,867 | 8.0% | | |

^{*} Less than one percent

(1) The address of the Directors and executive officers listed above is c/o DATATRAK International, Inc., 6150 Parkland Boulevard, Suite 100, Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124.

(2) The number of

Common Shares

deemed

beneficially

owned is

comprised of

(i) 13,706,901

Common Shares

outstanding as

of July 1, 2009

and with respect

to each of the

following

individuals and

groups, the

following

number of

Common Shares

which may be

purchased

pursuant to

option exercises

within 60 days

after July 1,

2009: Mr. Birch

(72,318

Common

Shares);

Mr. Biro

(146,020

Common

Shares);

Mr. Harris

(159, 367)

Common

Shares);

Dr. Kaiser

(153,838

Common

Shares); Mr.

Merk (13,333

Common

Shares);

Dr. Stote

(79,672

Common

Shares); all

Directors and

executive

officers as a

group (624,548

Common

Shares); and

with respect to

each of the

following

groups, the

following

number of

Common

Shares, which

may be

exercised

pursuant to

warrant

exercises within

60 days after

July 1, 2009:

Potomac Capital

Management

LLC (63,750

Common

Shares) and

Diker

Management

LLC (67,501

Common

Shares).

(3) Includes 300

Common Shares

held by

Mr. Biro s wife.

Mr. Biro

disclaims

beneficial

ownership of

these 300

Common

Shares.

(4) The information

provided in the

table above is

based on the

most recent

information

available

following

Mr. Black s

separation from

the Company on June 30, 2008.

(5) All of
Mr. Delaney s
45,000
restricted
Common Shares
were forfeited
as a result of his
separation from
the Company on
April 12, 2009.

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(6) Includes

110,953

Common Shares

held by

Dr. Green s wife,

1,450 Common

Shares held by

Dr. Green s son,

1.500 Common

Shares held by

Dr. Green s

daughter, and

1,500 Common

Shares held by

Dr. Green s other

daughter.

Dr. Green

disclaims

beneficial

ownership of

these 115,403

Common

Shares. All of

Dr. Green s

options were

forfeited as a

result of the

termination of

his employment

on January 21,

2009. The

information

provided in the

table above is

based on the

most recent

information

available

following

Dr. Green

separation from

the Company.

(7) Includes 44,634 Common Shares held in trust for Mr. Harris.

(8)

Based solely on

information

provided

pursuant to

Schedule 13G

filed with the

SEC on

January 26,

2009 by Lucrum

Capital LLC.

The

aforementioned

party indicated

that as of

December 31,

2008, Lucrum

Capital LLC

was deemed to

beneficially own

940,550

Common

Shares.

(9) Based solely on

information

provided

pursuant to

Schedule 13G

filed jointly

with the SEC on

February 27,

2009 by

Potomac Capital

Management

LLC, Potomac

Capital

Management

Inc. and

Mr. Paul J.

Solit. The

aforementioned

parties indicated

that as of

November 10,

2008, Potomac

Capital

Management

LLC, Potomac

Capital

Management

Inc. and

Mr. Solit were

deemed to

beneficially own

928,646

Common Shares

consisting of

864,896

Common Shares

and warrants to

purchase 63,750

Common

Shares.

(10) Based solely on

information

provided

pursuant to

Schedule 13G

filed jointly

with the SEC on

February 12,

2009 by

(i) Diker GP,

LLC, a

Delaware

limited liability

company (Diker

GP), as the

general partner

to the Delaware

limited

partnership the

Diker Value

Tech Fund, LP

(VT), Diker

Value Tech QP

Fund, LP

(VTQP), Diker

Micro-Value

Fund, LP (MV),

the Diker

Micro-Value QP

Fund, LP

(MVQP), Diker

Micro & Small

Cap Fund LP

(MS) and Diker

M&S Cap

Master Ltd

(MSCM) with

respect to the

Common Shares

directly owned

by VT, VTQP,

MV, MVQP,

MS and MSCM

(collectively,

the Diker

Funds);

(ii) Diker

Management,

LLC, a

Delaware

limited liability

company (Diker

Management),

as the

investment

manager of the

Diker Funds,

with respect to

the Common

Shares held by

the Diker

Funds;

(iii) Charles M.

Diker, a citizen

of the United

States, and the

managing

member of each

the Diker GP

and Diker

Management

with respect to

the Common

Shares subject

to the control of

Dike GP and

Diker

Management

and (iv) Mark

N. Diker, a

citizen of the

United States,

and the

managing

member of each

of Diker GP and

Diker

Management,

with respect to

the Common

Shares subject

to the control of

Diker GP and

Diker

Management.

As the sole

general partner

of the Diker

Funds, Diker

GP, has the

power to vote

and dispose of

the shares of the

Common Shares

owned by the

Diker Funds

and,

accordingly,

may be deemed

the beneficial

owner of such

shares. Charles

M. Diker and

Mark N. Diker

are the

managing

members of

each of Diker

GP and Diker

Management,

and in that

capacity direct

their operations.

Therefore,

Charles M.

Diker and Mark

N. Diker may be

deemed to be

beneficial

owners of the

Common Shares

beneficially

owned by Diker

GP and Diker

Management.

As of

December 31,

2008, the

aforementioned

parties were

deemed to beneficially own 985,474 Common Shares.

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ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The authorized number of Directors is presently fixed at five with members of the Board of Directors divided into two classes, Class I and Class II, and with the term of office of one class expiring each year. As a result of Dr. Green s termination, the Board of Directors reduced the authorized number of Directors from six to five. At the Annual Meeting, shareholders will elect three individuals as Directors to serve in Class I until the Annual Meeting to be held in fiscal year 2011 and until the successors of those Directors are duly elected and qualified.

Unless otherwise directed, the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote for the election of the three nominees shown below as Directors. Each of the nominees has indicated his willingness to serve, if elected, but if any of the nominees should be unable or unwilling to serve, the Board of Directors may designate a substitute nominee. If the Board of Directors designates a substitute nominee, proxies that would have been cast for the original nominee will be cast for the substitute nominee unless instructions are given to the contrary. The Board of Directors has no reason, however, to anticipate that this will occur. In no event will the accompanying proxy be voted for more than three nominees or for persons other than those persons named below or any substitute nominees for any of them.

Included below is information concerning the nominees for election at the Annual Meeting, as well as those Directors who will continue to serve in office after the Annual Meeting.

Nominees for Election at the 2009 Annual Meeting

Laurence P. Birch, 49, has been a Director since April 2007, the Chairman of the Board of Directors since May 2008, and effective January 21, 2009, was appointed Interim Chief Executive Officer. The Board of Directors also appointed Mr. Birch to the position of Interim President effective March 13, 2009. Since March 2007, Mr. Birch has been serving as the President, Chief Executive Officer and a director of NeoPharm, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the research, development and commercialization of new and innovative cancer drugs for therapeutic applications, and was also appointed Acting Chief Financial Officer in April 2007. Prior to joining NeoPharm, Mr. Birch served as Sr. Vice President and CFO, and Interim President and CEO, of AKSYS, Ltd., a hemodialysis developer and manufacturer from 2005 to 2006. Prior to that, Mr. Birch served as co-founder and managing director of Stratego Partners, a cost management consulting firm, from 2003 to 2005, Sr. Vice President Business Development and CFO of Technology Solutions, Inc., a systems integration and consulting company, from 2000 to 2002, CFO of Brigade, Inc., an internet support company, from 1999 to 2000, and five years with MCI Systemhouse where he held a variety of senior finance and general management positions. Mr. Birch began his career with Baxter Healthcare, a manufacturer and supplier of pharmaceuticals and medical devices, where, over the course of 13 years, he held a variety of positions. Mr. Birch holds a Bachelor of Science-Finance from the University of Illinois and a MBA from Northwestern University Kellogg Graduate Business of Management. Mr. Birch is also a Certified Public Accountant.

Timothy G. Biro, 55, has been a Director since 1992. Mr. Biro has been the Managing Partner of Ohio Innovation Fund I, L.P., a venture capital firm which invests in early-stage business, since 1997. From June 2008 to December 2008, Mr. Biro served as CEO of MORK Process, a manufacturer of Clean-In-Place systems for the biopharmaceutical and food industries. Mr. Biro was also a Partner with Reservoir Venture Partners, an early stage venture capital firm, from 2004 to 2009. Mr. Biro has been involved in venture capital financing since 1991. Prior to 1991, Mr. Biro was Superintendent of Pharmaceutical Manufacturing at Merck & Co., Inc. Mr. Biro has a B.S. Degree in Microbiology from Pennsylvania State University and in Pharmacy from Temple University and an MBA from The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

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Robert M. Stote, M.D., 70, has been a Director since 1993. Dr. Stote, currently a clinical consultant to CPEX Pharmaceuticals, Inc., was previously a Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at Bentley Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a pharmaceutical company, from 1992 to 2008. Dr. Stote also served as a director of Bentley Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from 1992 until 2004. He also serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of NuPathe, Inc. Prior to 1992, Dr. Stote was employed for 20 years by SmithKline Beecham Corporation, serving as Senior Vice President and Medical Director, Worldwide Medical Affairs, from 1989 to 1992 and Vice President Clinical Pharmacology Worldwide from 1987 to 1989.

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends that the shareholders vote FOR the three nominees whose two-year term will expire in 2011.

Directors Continuing in Office

Seth B. Harris, 69, has been a Director since 1992 and has been designated as our Lead Independent Director. Mr. Harris is the Chairman of Brand Development Ventures Inc., a consulting company that offers a wide range of services in new product development and marketing, since 2002. During 2000 and 2001, Mr. Harris was the Chairman of Toy Craze, Inc., a Cleveland-based toy company. Mr. Harris was the Chairman of Frieder Inc., a distributor of consumer products, from 1993 to 2000. Mr. Harris has been an active business consultant since his retirement as Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of Harris Wholesale, Inc., a wholesale pharmaceutical distribution company.

Jerome H. Kaiser, Ph.D., 52, has been a Director since December 1999. Dr. Kaiser, a consultant, served as the Senior Vice President and CIO for Tower Group, Inc., an insurance company, from 2006 until 2008, and prior to his appointment to that position, was Head of Information Systems for Rothschild Inc., a private investment bank from 1999 to 2006. From 1992 to 1999, Dr. Kaiser held various positions within the pharmaceutical industry. During 1998 and 1999, he was the Director of Portfolio Management for Pfizer, Inc. From 1994 to 1998, Dr. Kaiser was employed by Hoffman-LaRoche, Inc., first as Senior Projects Specialist and then as Director of Information Management for Global Development. Dr. Kaiser worked in Project Management for Boots Pharmaceuticals from 1992 to 1994. From 1986 to 1992, he served in the positions of Assistant Professor and Associate Professor of Physics at the University of Texas at Arlington. Dr. Kaiser is a graduate of the University of East Anglia, Norwich, England (B.Sc. and Ph.D. in Physics).

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Director Independence

As required by SEC rules, the Board of Directors has determined that all Directors except Mr. Birch, our Interim Chief Executive Officer and Interim President, are independent. For purposes of this determination, the Board of Directors used the definition of independent under the listing standards of the Nasdaq Stock Market.

The independent Directors meet at least twice a year in executive sessions. The sessions of independent Directors are presided over by the Lead Independent Director who is identified in the table below. Any independent Director can request that an additional session be scheduled.

Board of Directors and Committees

During the last fiscal year, the Board of Directors held four regular meetings and eight special meetings. Each Director attended at least 75% of the aggregate of (1) the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors held during the period he served as a Director and (2) the total number of meetings held by committees of the Board of Directors on which he served. Members of the Board of Directors are expected to attend the Company s Annual Meeting of Shareholders, and all attended our 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The Board of Directors has an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee, a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and an Executive Committee. Set forth below is the current membership of each committee of the Board of Directors:

| | | 1 willing and | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Audit | Corporate Governance | | | | |
| Committee | Compensation Committee | Committee | Executive Committee | | |
| Mr. Biro (Chairman) | Mr. Harris** (Chairman) | Dr. Stote (Chairman) | Mr. Birch* (Chairman) | | |
| Mr. Harris** | Dr. Kaiser | Mr. Harris** | Mr. Biro | | |
| Dr. Kaiser | Dr. Stote | Dr. Kaiser | Mr. Harris** | | |

Nominating and

* Not independent under Nasdaq listing standards.

** Lead Independent Director.

Audit Committee and Audit Committee Financial Expert

The Company has a separately-designated standing audit committee (the Audit Committee) established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act. Our Audit Committee met six times during the last fiscal year. The Audit Committee is governed by the Audit Committee Charter adopted by the Board of Directors. A copy of the Audit Committee Charter is available on the Company s website. A shareholder may also obtain a printed copy of this document, free of charge, by writing to Investor Relations, c/o DATATRAK International, Inc., 6150 Parkland Blvd., Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124.

The Audit Committee is responsible for the annual appointment of our auditors, with whom the Audit Committee reviews the scope of audit and non-audit assignments and related fees, the accounting principles we use in financial reporting, internal financial auditing procedures and the adequacy of internal control procedures. Specific functions and responsibilities of the Audit Committee are set forth in the Audit Committee Charter.

Our Board of Directors has determined that each of the members of the Audit Committee satisfies the current independence standards of Nasdaq and Section 10A(m)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Board of Directors also has determined that the Audit Committee Chairman, Mr. Biro, is an audit committee financial expert as that term is defined in Item 407(d)(5)(ii) of Regulation S-K. As an audit committee financial expert, Mr. Biro satisfies Nasdaq financial literacy and sophistication requirements.

Compensation Committee

Our Compensation Committee met three times during the last fiscal year. The Compensation Committee is governed by the Compensation Committee Charter adopted by the Board of Directors. A copy of the Compensation

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Committee Charter is available on the Company s website. A shareholder may also obtain a printed copy of this document, free of charge, by writing to Investor Relations, c/o DATATRAK International, Inc., 6150 Parkland Blvd., Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124.

The Compensation Committee has the authority to administer our stock option plans and 2005 Omnibus Equity Plan, including the selection of grantees and the timing of grants, to review and monitor key employee compensation and benefits policies and to review and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding our senior management yearly compensation levels. Specific functions and responsibilities of the Compensation Committee are set forth in the Compensation Committee Charter.

Our Board of Directors has determined that each of the members of the Compensation Committee satisfies the current Nasdaq independence standards.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met once during the last fiscal year. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is governed by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter adopted by the Board of Directors. A copy of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter is available on the Company s website. A shareholder may also obtain a printed copy of this document, free of charge, by writing to Investor Relations, c/o DATATRAK International, Inc., 6150 Parkland Blvd., Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for (1) identifying, selecting and recommending qualified individuals as nominees for the Board of Directors at each Annual Meeting or when otherwise required to fill a vacancy or increase the size of the Board of Directors and (2) assisting the Board of Directors in developing and implementing the Company s corporate governance policies and guidelines.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will seek prospective Director nominees for an open Director position by soliciting suggestions from Committee members, other members of the Board of Directors, senior management or others. The Committee also may retain a third-party executive search firm to identify prospective Director nominees from time to time. Additionally, as discussed below, the Committee will accept shareholder recommendations regarding potential candidates for the Board of Directors.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will evaluate Director nominees, including nominees that are submitted to the Company by a shareholder. In selecting new Directors of the Company, consideration is given to each individual Director s personal qualities and abilities, the collective skills and aptitudes of the members of the Board of Directors for conducting oversight of the Company and its management, and duties imposed by law, regulation and the Company s contractual obligations. Important factors include the following minimum qualifications:

A desire to represent the best interests of the shareholders;

An express commitment to the mission and success of the Company as well as an ability to work compatibly with the Board of Directors and senior management;

A history of outstanding achievements and the highest ethical standards, values and integrity;

Experience and knowledge that is relevant to the Company and which has been obtained as a director or in a senior executive position or in an academic, scientific or government position;

The ability and willingness to commit and devote the necessary time and energy to the diligent performance of his or her duties, including preparing for, attending and participating in meetings of the Board of Directors and one or more standing committees of the Board of Directors; and

Basic knowledge of corporate governance matters and the role of boards of public companies.

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In determining whether to recommend a Director for re-election, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also considers the Director s past attendance at meetings, past performance and contribution to the activities of the Board of Directors.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will use the above enumerated factors to consider potential candidates regardless of the source of the recommendation. Shareholder recommendations for Director nominations may be submitted to the Company at the following address: Investor Relations, DATATRAK International, Inc., 6150 Parkland Boulevard, Suite 100, Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124.

Shareholder recommendations for Director nominations will be forwarded to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for consideration, provided that such recommendations are accompanied by sufficient information to permit the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee to evaluate the qualifications and experience of the nominees. Recommendations should include, at a minimum, the following:

The name and contact information for the candidate;

A brief biographical description of the candidate, including his or her employment for at least the last five years, educational history, and a statement that describes the candidate squalifications to serve as a Director;

A statement describing any relationship between the candidate and the nominating shareholder, and between the candidate and any employee, Director, customer, supplier, vendor or competitor of the Company; and

The candidate s signed consent to be a candidate and to serve as a Director if nominated and elected, including being named in our proxy statement.

Once the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has identified a prospective candidate, the Committee makes a determination whether to conduct a full evaluation of the candidate. This initial determination is based primarily on the Board of Director s need to fill a vacancy or desire to expand the size of the Board of Directors as well as the likelihood that the candidate can meet the Committee s evaluation criteria set out in the Committee s charter as well as compliance with all other legal and regulatory requirements. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will rely on public information about a candidate, personal knowledge of any Committee or member of the Board of Directors or member of management regarding the candidate, as well as any information submitted to the Committee by the person recommending a candidate for consideration. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, after consultation with other members of the Board of Directors, will decide whether additional consideration of the candidate is warranted.

If additional consideration is warranted, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may request the candidate to complete a questionnaire that seeks additional information about the candidate s independence, qualifications, experience and other information that may assist the Committee in evaluating the candidate. The Committee may interview the candidate in person or by telephone and also may ask the candidate to meet with senior management. The Committee then evaluates the candidate against the standards and qualifications set out in the Committee s charter. Additionally, the Committee shall consider other relevant factors as it deems appropriate (including independence issues and family or related party relationships).

Before nominating an existing Director for re-election at an Annual Meeting, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider the Director's past performance and contribution to the Board of Directors and its committees. After completing the evaluation of new candidates or existing Directors whose term is expiring, if the Committee believes the candidate would be a valuable addition to the Board of Directors or the existing Director is a valued member of the Board of Directors, then the Committee will make a recommendation to the full Board of Directors that such candidate or existing Director should be nominated by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will be responsible for making the final determination regarding prospective nominees after considering the recommendation of the Committee.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has the authority to exercise all powers of the Board of Directors in the management of our business and affairs of at any time when the entire Board of Directors cannot meet. The Executive Committee

did not meet during our 2008 fiscal year.

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Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Financial Code of Ethics

The Board of Directors has adopted both our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and our Financial Code of Ethics, copies of which are available on the Company s website. You can also obtain printed copies of these documents, free of charge, by writing to Investor Relations, c/o DATATRAK International, Inc., 6150 Parkland Blvd., Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124.

Shareholder Communication with the Board of Directors

Shareholders may communicate their concerns directly to the entire Board of Directors or specifically to non-management Directors of the Board of Directors by submitting in writing to us at the following address: Investor Relations, DATATRAK International, Inc., 6150 Parkland Boulevard, Suite 100, Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124. The status of all outstanding concerns addressed to the entire Board of Directors or only non-management Directors will be reported to the Lead Independent Director, on a quarterly basis. Mr. Harris has been designated as the Lead Independent Director.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION Summary Compensation Table

The table below sets forth information regarding the compensation earned during fiscal years 2008 and 2007 by: (i) the Company s Chief Executive Officer as of December 31, 2008; (ii) the two other most highly compensated executive officers of the Company who were serving as executive officers at the end of fiscal 2008; and (iii) a former executive officer who would have been included in (ii) had he been employed by the Company at the end of the fiscal year. These persons are referred to herein as our Named Executive Officers.

| Name and Principal | | Salary | Bonus | Stock Awards | Option Awards ((\$) | All Other Compensation | Total (\$) |
|---|--------------|---------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Position | Year | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (7)(8)(9) | (\$) | (10) |
| Dr. Jeffrey A. Green President, Chief | 2008 | 220,000 | | | 33,060 | | 253,060 |
| Executive Officer and Director (PEO)(1) | 2007 | 220,000 | | | 46,635 | | 266,635 |
| G. Matthew Delaney <i>Interim President</i> (2) | 2008 2007 | 150,000 | 39,984(4) | 35,265(5) | 565 | | 225,814 |
| Raymond J. Merk Vice President of | 2008 | 151,635 | | | 1,504 | | 153,139 |
| Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (PFO) | 2007 | 130,961 | | 37,250(6) | | | 168,211 |
| Terry C. Black Former Chief | 2008 | 90,000 | | | 11,940 | 130,519(3) | 232,459 |
| Operating Officer and Assistant Secretary (3) | 2007 | 173,538 | | | 20,083 | | 193,621 |

(1) Dr. Green retired from the Company on January 21, 2009. In connection with his retirement, Dr. Green will receive two years of severance totaling \$440,000 to be paid out evenly

over a two year period.

(2) As of April 12, 2009, Mr. Delaney was no longer employed with the Company. In connection with his separation from the Company Mr. Delaney was entitled to receive one year of severance totaling \$150,000 to be paid out evenly over 12 months. However, on May 29, 2009, following notice by the Company to Mr. Delaney that he had violated certain covenants of his employment agreement with the Company, all remaining payment obligations to Mr. Delaney were terminated.

(3) As of June 20, 2008, Mr. Black was no longer employed with the Company. In connection with his separation from the Company, Mr. Black was entitled to one year of

severance pay totaling \$180,000. Mr. Black received

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\$90,000 in

severance

payments in

2008. In

addition,

Mr. Black

received

\$23,695 at the

time of his

departure

representing

compensation

for unused

vacation time.

As part of his

separation

agreement

Mr. Black was

entitled to

reimbursement

of health

insurance

premiums

during his one

year severance

period.

Mr. Black

received \$6,153

in health

insurance

reimbursements

in 2008. The

Company also

provided

outplacement

services totaling

\$10,000 for

Mr. Black in

2008.

Subsequent to

his separation

the Company

entered into a

one year

consulting

agreement with

Mr. Black

providing

compensation

on an hourly basis. The Company paid Mr. Black \$671 for consulting services in 2008.

(4) Mr. Delaney was responsible for the performance of the sales and marketing team and as such participated in a bonus program based on the amount of revenue generated from the **DATATRAK** eClinical platform. Mr. Delaney received \$39,984 in bonuses related to this program in 2008.

Mr. Delaney
was granted
10,000 restricted
Common Shares
with a grant date
fair value of
\$3.99 per share
for which
\$19,950 of stock

(5) On August 13, 2007,

expense was recorded for the year ended

compensation

December 31,

2008. On

May 19, 2008,

Mr. Delaney

was granted 35,000 restricted **Common Shares** with a grant date fair value of \$0.70 per share for which \$15,315 of stock compensation expense was recorded for the year ended December 31, 2008. Upon Mr. Delaney s separation from the Company in 2009, all 45,000 restricted **Common Shares** were forfeited back to the Company.

was granted 10,000 restricted Common Shares with a grant date fair value of \$4.47 per share

November 10, 2006, Mr. Merk

(6) On

for which \$37,250 of stock

compensation

expenses was

recorded for the

year ended

December 31,

2007.

(7) The dollar values described above are the aggregate dollar amounts recognized for financial statement reporting

purposes for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, in accordance with SFAS 123(R), Share-Based Payment, and SEC rules for executive compensation disclosure.

(8) The option awards and the dollar values included in the option awards column for the year ended December 31, 2008 are as follows: stock option compensation expense recorded for Dr. Green for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$33,060 for stock options granted in 2004 with a grant date fair value of \$7.35 per share; stock option compensation expense recorded for Mr. Delaney for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$565

> for stock options granted in 2008 with a grant date

fair value of \$0.29 per share; stock option compensation expense recorded for Mr. Merk for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$1,504 for stock options granted in 2008 with a grant date fair value of \$0.29 per share; stock option compensation expense recorded for Mr. Black for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$11,940 for stock options granted in 2004 with a grant date fair value of \$6.37 per share.

(9) The grant date fair value of the options granted was determined by using the **Black-Scholes** option valuation model. The following assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of the options granted using the Black-Scholes option valuation model:

| | Year Ended December 31, | |
|--|-------------------------|---------|
| | | |
| | 2008 | 2004 |
| Weighted average risk free interest rate | 3.6% | 4.1% |
| Weighted average volatility of the expected market price of the common | | |
| shares | 0.85 | 1.01 |
| Dividend yield | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Weighted-average expected life of option | 7 years | 8 years |

(10) No other

compensation, perquisites or other personal benefits were received by the Named Executive Officers.

Narrative Disclosure To Summary Compensation Table and Grants

Employment Agreements

In 2008, we were a party to an employment agreement with each of our Named Executive Officers. Each employment agreement sets forth the terms of that officer s employment, including among other things, salary, benefits, termination provisions, and certain restrictive covenants. Certain material terms of each executive

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officer s employment agreement are described below. As of July 1, 2009, three of the four Named Executive Officers were no longer employed by the Company and as such certain severance and other benefits and obligations under the employment agreements have been triggered as a result of their separation. Those Named Executive Officers who are receiving separation payments pursuant to their employment agreements are identified below.

Dr. Jeffrey A. Green. In February 2001, we entered into an employment agreement with Dr. Green providing for an initial term of one year. The agreement automatically renewed for successive one-year periods thereafter unless certain prior notice requirements were satisfied. The base salary initially provided for in this agreement was \$180,000 per year, and was to be reviewed at least annually by the Compensation Committee. Subsequent reviews by the Compensation Committee increased the base salary component of Dr. Green s agreement to \$220,000 per year as of December 31, 2008. Effective January 21, 2009, Dr. Green stepped down from his position as the Chief Executive Officer as well as a member of the Board of Directors in connection with a mutually desired management transition, and in connection therewith, Dr. Green entered into a separation agreement with the Company pursuant to which, among other things, Dr. Green will be entitled to the rights, obligations, payments and benefits as provided by his employment agreement in the event of a Termination by Employee for Good Reason as described in greater detail below. Pursuant to the separation agreement, Dr. Green will also provide certain advisory and consulting services to the Company in exchange for a one-time retainer fee of \$1,000 and the provision of certain health/medical insurance benefits during the three month period commencing January 21, 2009. In addition, this separation agreement includes a mutual release of claims each party may have against the other, and Dr. Green also agreed to certain noncompetition and nondisclosure provisions for a period of up to twenty-four months following his separation from the Company effective January 21, 2009.

Dr. Green s employment agreement provided for his employment to be terminated with or without cause, upon his death or disability or with sufficient reason. Additionally, under the agreement, Dr. Green was entitled to terminate his employment for good reason. Good reason for such termination would exist if at any time, (1) there was a material breach of Dr. Green s employment agreement by the Company, (2) shareholders failed to elect Dr. Green to the Board of Directors or Dr. Green was otherwise removed from the Board of Directors, and (3) except in connection with the termination of Dr. Green s employment in strict compliance with the terms of the agreement, the Board of Directors (a) failed to elect Dr. Green to his executive position, (b) failed to vest Dr. Green with the powers and authority customarily associated with his position or (c) significantly diminished his responsibilities, duties, power or authority. If Dr. Green terminated his employment for good reason, he would have been entitled to continue to receive his base salary for two years following the date of such termination. If Dr. Green s employment was terminated in connection with the sale of our business, he would have been entitled to continue to receive his base salary for one year following the date of such termination. If his employment was terminated without cause or without sufficient reason, he would have been entitled to continue to receive his base salary for a period of two years subsequent to the date of termination. If Dr. Green would have terminated his employment without good reason, or if he was terminated for cause, then he would have been entitled to receive his base salary through the date of termination. For purposes of Dr. Green's agreement, cause was defined as a determination by the Board of Directors that the employee was (1) convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude or a felony in connection with his employment, (2) engaged in fraud, embezzlement, material willful destruction of property or material disruption of our operations, (3) used or was in possession of illegal drugs and/or alcohol on our premises or reporting to work under the influence of same, or (4) engaged in conduct, in or out of the workplace, which in our reasonable determination has an adverse effect on our reputation or business. Sufficient reason meant a good faith determination that the employee failed to adequately perform his duties as an officer or achieve the business objectives mutually agreed upon by the parties.

Terry C. Black. In February 2001, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Black providing for an initial term of one year. The agreement automatically renewed for successive one-year periods thereafter unless certain prior notice requirements were not satisfied. The base salary initially provided for in this agreement was \$125,000 per year, to be reviewed at least annually by the Compensation Committee. Subsequent reviews by the Compensation Committee increased the base salary component of Mr. Black s agreement to \$180,000 per year effective April 1, 2007. On May 21, 2008, the Board of Directors eliminated Mr. Black s position as Chief Operating Officer, and effective June 20, 2008 (the Date of Separation), Mr. Black was no longer an employee of

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the Company. On July 7, 2008, the Company and Mr. Black entered into a separation agreement pursuant to which, among other things, Mr. Black will provide certain advisory and consulting services regarding the business of the Company for no more than one hundred (100) hours per calendar quarter during the twelve (12) month period commencing on the Date of Separation, which may be extended by mutual agreement of both parties. The Company will compensate Mr. Black for his advisory and consulting services at a rate of \$120.00 per hour. In addition, the separation agreement provides that pursuant to Mr. Black s employment agreement, the Company will continue Mr. Black s salary for a period of twelve (12) months commencing on the first regular payday following the Date of Separation through and including June 19, 2009, and also that the Company will pay for certain outplacement services for Mr. Black in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. The separation agreement includes a mutual release of claims each party may have against the other, and also provides that the Company will pay Mr. Black all earned but unused paid time off less applicable payroll taxes and withholdings on the Company s first regular payday following the Date of Separation, and that Mr. Black will be entitled to the same medical benefits as other active senior executives of the Company until June 30, 2009.

Mr. Black s employment agreement provided that his employment could have been terminated with or without cause or upon his death or disability. Additionally, Mr. Black was entitled to terminate his employment for good reason. If Mr. Black were to have terminated his employment for good reason, he would have been entitled to receive his base salary for a period of one year following the date of such termination. If Mr. Black s employment were to have been terminated in connection with a sale of our business, he would have been entitled to continue to receive his base salary for one year following the date of such termination. If his employment was terminated without cause, he would have been entitled to receive his base salary for a period of one year subsequent to the date of termination. If Mr. Black terminated his employment without good reason, or if he was terminated for cause, he would have been entitled to receive his base salary through the date of termination. For purposes of Mr. Black s agreement, cause was defined as a determination by the Board of Directors that the employee was (1) convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude or a felony in connection with his employment, (2) engaged in fraud, embezzlement, material willful destruction of property or material disruption of our operations, (3) using or in possession of illegal drugs and/or alcohol on our premises or reporting to work under the influence of same, or (4) engaged in conduct, in or out of the workplace, which in our reasonable determination would have had an adverse effect on our reputation or business. Mr. Black s agreement also included certain noncompetition and nondisclosure provisions, which continue for a period up to eighteen months from his Date of Separation.

Raymond J. Merk. In April 2008, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Merk providing for an initial term of one year. This agreement, which remains in effect, automatically renews for successive one-year periods thereafter unless certain prior notice requirements are satisfied. The base salary initially provided for in this agreement is \$150,000 per year, to be reviewed at least annually by the Compensation Committee. No bonuses were paid for fiscal 2008. Effective January 21, 2009, the base salary to be provided for Mr. Merk pursuant to this agreement will be \$175,000 per year. Bonuses may be paid to Mr. Merk at the discretion of the Compensation Committee. The agreement also provides Mr. Merk with the right to participate in all benefits plans made available to our executives and/or employees. Mr. Merk s employment may be terminated with or without cause or upon his death or disability. Additionally, Mr. Merk is entitled to terminate his employment for good reason. If Mr. Merk terminates his employment for good reason, he will be entitled to receive his base salary for a period of one year following the date of such termination. If Mr. Merk s employment is terminated in connection with a sale of our business, he will be entitled to continue to receive his base salary for one year following the date of such termination. If his employment is terminated without cause, he will be entitled to receive his base salary for a period of one year subsequent to the date of termination. If Mr. Merk terminates his employment without good reason, or if he is terminated for cause, he will be entitled to receive his base salary through the date of termination. For purposes of Mr. Merk s agreement, cause is defined as a determination by the Board of Directors that the employee was (1) convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude or a felony in connection with his employment, (2) engaged in fraud, embezzlement, material willful destruction of property or material disruption of our operations, (3) using or in possession of illegal drugs and/or alcohol on our premises or reporting to work under the influence of same, or (4) engaged in conduct, in or out of the workplace, which in our reasonable determination has an adverse effect on our reputation or business. Mr. Merk also

agreed to certain noncompetition and nondisclosure provisions, which continue under certain conditions for a period up to eighteen months following a termination of Mr. Merk s employment.

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G. Matthew Delaney. Effective May 15, 2008, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Delaney which provides for an initial term of one year, and automatically renews for successive one year periods thereafter unless certain prior notice requirements are satisfied. The base salary initially provided for in the employment agreement is \$150,000 per year, to be reviewed at least annually by the Compensation Committee. In addition, the agreement provides for a grant of 35,000 restricted common shares of the Company pursuant to the Company s 2005 Omnibus Equity Plan, and all such restricted common shares will become fully vested one year from the date of grant. On March 13, 2009, the Board of Directors removed Mr. Delaney as the Company s Interim President and his employment with the Company was terminated effective April 12, 2009. Pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement, as described in greater detail below, Mr. Delaney will be entitled to receive one (1) year of salary continuation commencing on April 13, 2009 and up to \$10,000 in outplacement services from an agency to be selected by the Company.

Mr. Delaney s employment agreement provided that his employment could have been terminated with or without cause or upon his death or disability. Additionally, Mr. Delaney was entitled to terminate his employment for good reason. If Mr. Delaney had terminated his employment for good reason, he would have been entitled to receive his base salary for a period of one year following the date of such termination. If Mr. Delaney s employment was terminated in connection with a sale of our business, he would have been entitled to continue to receive his base salary for one year following the date of such termination. If his employment was terminated without cause, he would have been entitled to receive his base salary for a period of one year subsequent to the date of termination. If Mr. Delanev would have terminated his employment without good reason, or if he was terminated for cause, he would have been entitled to receive his base salary through the date of termination. For purposes of Mr. Delaney s agreement, cause was defined as a determination by the Board of Directors that the employee was (1) convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude or a felony in connection with his employment, (2) engaged in fraud, embezzlement, material willful destruction of property or material disruption of our operations, (3) using or in possession of illegal drugs and/or alcohol on our premises or reporting to work under the influence of same, or (4) engaged in conduct, in or out of the workplace, which in our reasonable determination would have had an adverse effect on our reputation or business. The employment agreement allowed for the payment of bonuses to be paid Mr. Delaney at the discretion of the Compensation Committee. The agreement also provided Mr. Delaney with the right to participate in all benefits plans made available to our executives and/or employees. Mr. Delaney also agreed to certain noncompetition and nondisclosure provisions which continue under certain conditions for a period up to eighteen months following his termination from the Company effective April 12, 2009. By letter dated May 29, 2009, the Company notified Mr. Delaney that it had become aware that Mr. Delaney had violated certain covenants of his employment agreement, and accordingly, the Company was terminating the remaining salary continuation payments described above. Mr. Delaney remains subject to the confidentiality, non-competition, non-interference and similar provisions in his employment agreement.

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The following table and related notes and discussion summarize certain information with respect to outstanding equity awards held by the Named Executive Officers as of December 31, 2008, presented in accordance with SEC rules.

2008 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End Table

| Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End |
|--|
|--|

| | Option Awards Number of | | 8 1 1 | | Stock Awards | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| | Number of Securities | Securities Underlying | Option | | Number of Shares | Market Value of Shares |
| | Underlying | Options | Exercise | 0 | That Have | That |
| | Options (#) | (#) | Price | Option Expiration | Not | Have Not |
| Name | Exercisable | Unexercisable | (\$) | Date | Vested | Vested |
| Dr. Jeffrey A. Green | 130,000 | | 2.42 | 12/9/2009(3) | | |
| · | 33,750 | | 1.85 | 6/4/2012(3) | | |
| | 16,500 | | 4.05 | 12/23/2013(3) | | |
| | 18,000 | | 7.35 | 12/28/2014(3) | | |
| Terry C. Black | 46,875 | | 2.42 | 12/9/2009(4) | | |
| | 11,720 | | 1.85 | 6/4/2012(4) | | |
| | 10,500 | | 4.05 | 12/23/2013(4) | | |
| | 7,500 | | 7.35 | 12/28/2014(4) | | |
| G. Matthew Delaney | 15,000 | 15,000(1) | 0.37 | 08/11/2018 | 45,000(5) | \$9,450 |
| Raymond J. Merk | 40,000 | 40,000(2) | 0.37 | 08/11/2018 | | |

(1) Mr. Delaney s unvested options vest as follows: (i) 5,000 on August 11, 2009, (ii) 5,000 on August 11, 2010; and (iii) 5,000 on August 11, 2011. Upon Mr. Delaney s separation from the Company in 2009, all 15,000 options were forfeited back to the Company.

(2)

Mr. Merk s unvested options vest as follows:
(i) 13,333 on August 11, 2009,
(ii) 13,333 on August 11, 2010; and
(iii) 13,334 on August 11, 2011.

- (3) Pursuant to the terms of his separation agreement with the Company, Dr. Green s option awards expired on April 21, 2009.
- (4) Pursuant to the terms of his separation agreement and stock option agreements with the Company, Mr. Black shall only have the right to exercise stock options under such stock option agreements for a period of 90 days following the expiration of Mr. Black s advisory and consulting services as set forth in his separation agreement.

(5)

Upon

Mr. Delaney s

separation from

the Company in

2009, all 45,000

restricted

Common Shares

were forfeited

back to the

Company.

Additionally, with respect to our 2005 Omnibus Equity Plan (the 2005 Omnibus Plan), all stock options to purchase Common Shares granted thereunder to a Named Executive Officer vest immediately upon such Named Executive Officer s termination by Death , Disability, or Retirement, as such terms are defined in our 2005 Omnibus Plan. Unde the 2005 Omnibus Plan, all awards become vested upon a Change in Control, as such term is defined in our 2005 Omnibus Plan.

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Director Compensation

On June 9, 2009, the Board of Directors approved certain amendments to the Director compensation plan in place for 2008, which will take effect commencing in 2010. The Director compensation plan currently in place will remain in effect through the completion of 2009.

Also effective June 9, 2009, Mr. Birch will no longer receive additional compensation for his services as Chairman or as a member of the Board of Directors.

Under the current Director compensation program, each Director receives an annual retainer payable solely in stock options with a value of \$32,000. Each new non-management Director receives an annual retainer payable in stock options with a value of between \$32,000 and \$48,000 for their first year of service. There were no new non-management Directors appointed in 2008.

In addition, the current Director compensation plan provides for \$5,000 per month in cash compensation to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and an additional option grant in connection with the fourth quarter grant equal to the difference between 50,000 options and the number of options received during the year (including the normal fourth quarter grant). As indicated above, Mr. Birch is not eligible to receive these payments for his service as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The chair of our Audit Committee receives an additional annual payment of \$4,000 in stock options and the chairs of our Compensation and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees receive an additional annual payment of \$2,000 in stock options. All of the annual payments are paid on a quarterly basis. The current Director compensation plan further provides that each non-management Director will be paid a fee, payable quarterly in stock options, ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 per each attended meeting of our Board of Directors or a committee; provided that Directors will not be paid for a committee meeting when that meeting coincides with a quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors. Directors will also receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Board of Directors.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that shareholders approve and adopt the 2009 Omnibus Plan, no additional stock option grants will be made to Directors during 2009.

For purposes of Director payments, stock options are valued at the closing price on the third business day following each quarterly earnings announcement. The aggregate number of stock options granted to Directors in each quarter under the current Director compensation plan shall not exceed 42,000 shares. In the event that the aggregate value of Director compensation for the quarter would, according to the above methodology, result in the issuance of greater than 42,000 options in the aggregate, each Director s option shall be proportionately reduced (based on each Director s compensation for the quarter as a percent of the whole) so that the total option shares granted equals 42,000.

As a result of the deterioration in the Company stock price over the last twelve months, this 42,000 per quarter aggregate Director options limitation has substantially reduced the actual value received by the Directors in 2008 to a level substantially below the target retainer, chair fees and meeting fees described herein.

Commencing in 2010, pursuant to the terms of the amended Directors compensation plan, each Director will receive an annual grant of a fixed number of stock options ranging from 10,000 to 15,000, as determined by the Compensation Committee. These grants will be fully vested on the date of grant. In addition to stock option grants, beginning in the first quarter of 2010, each Director will receive quarterly cash payments, consisting of a \$1,000 payment in the first quarter, and payments thereafter increasing in value by \$1,000 each successive quarter until the quarterly cash payment equals \$4,000.

The following table and related notes and discussion summarize certain information concerning the annual or long-term compensation for services in all capacities, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, to the Company s non-management Directors:

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| | Fees Earned | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | or Paid in | Stock | Option | |
| Name | Cash (\$) (1) | Awards (\$) | Awards (\$)(2)(3)(4) | Total (\$) (2) (11) |
| Laurence P. Birch (5) | 37,500 | (4) | 22,427 | 59,927 |
| Timothy G. Biro (6) | · | | 19,405 | 19,405 |
| Seth B. Harris (7) | | | 17,102 | 17,102 |
| Dr. Jerome H. Kaiser (8) | | | 15,371 | 15,371 |
| Dr. Mark J. Ratain (9) | | | 12,834 | 12,834 |
| Dr. Robert M. Stote (10) | | | 15,981 | 15,981 |

- (1) Fees earned or paid in cash to Mr. Birch represent compensation for serving as the Chairman of the Board of Directors since May 15, 2008. Mr. Birch earns a monthly cash fee of \$5,000.
- (2) Represents the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to fiscal year 2008 in accordance with FAS 123(R).
- (3) The grant date fair value of the options granted was determined by using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The following assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of the options granted using the Black-Scholes option valuation model:

(i) weighted-average risk free interest rate ranging from 3.36% to 3.78%;
(ii) weighted-average

(ii) weighted-average volatility of the expected market price of the Common Shares ranging from 0.841 to 0.863; (iii) dividend yield,

0%; and (iv) weighted-average

expected life of option, seven years.

Stock option award

expense recorded for Mr. Birch for the year

ended December 31,

2008 was \$22,427

(8,400 shares awarded

with a grant date fair

value of \$1.37; 7,149

shares awarded with a grant date fair value of

\$0.54; 8,129 shares

awarded with a grant

date fair value of

\$0.29; and 26,120

shares awarded with a grant date fair value of

\$0.18); stock option

award expense

recorded for Mr. Biro

for the year ended

December 31, 2008 was \$19,405 (7,754

shares awarded with a

snares awarded with a

grant date fair value of \$1.37; 8,043 shares

awarded with a grant

date fair value of

\$0.54; 9,484 shares

awarded with a grant

date fair value of \$0.29; and 9,379

shares awarded with a

grant date fair value of

\$0.18); stock option award expense

recorded for

Mr. Harris for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$17,102 (7,108 shares awarded with a grant date fair value of \$1.37; 6,553 shares awarded with a grant date fair value of \$0.54; 8,129 shares awarded with a grant date fair value of \$0.29; and 8,155 shares awarded with a grant date fair value of \$0.18); stock option award expense recorded for Dr. Kaiser for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$15,371 (5,492 shares awarded with a grant date fair value of \$1.37; 7,447 shares awarded with a grant date fair value of \$0.54; 8,129 shares awarded with a grant date fair value of \$0.29; and 8,155 shares awarded with a grant date fair value of \$0.18); stock option award expense recorded for Dr. Ratain for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$12,834 (6,785 shares awarded with a grant date fair value of \$1.37 and 6,553 shares awarded with a grant date fair value of \$0.54); and stock option award expense recorded for Dr. Stote for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$15,981 (6,461 shares awarded with a grant date fair value of \$1.37; 6,255

shares awarded with a grant date fair value of \$0.54; 8,129 shares awarded with a grant date fair value of \$0.29; and 7,748 shares awarded with a grant date fair value of \$0.18).

- (4) All of our Directors option awards are fully vested and reflected in each Director s entry contained in the Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Holders and Management table.
- (5) As of December 31, 2008, Mr. Birch had 57,928 exercisable stock options with various per share exercise prices as follows: (i) 26,120 options at \$0.24; (ii) 8,129 options at \$0.37; (iii) 7,149 options at \$0.69; (iv) 8,400 options at \$1.79; and (v) 8,130 options at \$2.20. Mr. Birch is to receive a minimum of 50,000 options per year as compensation for serving as the Company s Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- (6) As of December 31, 2008, Mr. Biro had 128,122 exercisable stock options with various per share exercise prices as follows: (i) 9,379

options at \$0.24; (ii) 9,484 options at \$0.37; (iii) 8,043 options at \$0.69; (iv) 7,754 options at \$1.79; (v) 37,500 options at \$1.97; (vi) 7,587 options at \$2.20; (vii) 18,750 options at \$2.50; (viii) 18,750 options at \$3.46; and (ix) 10,875 options at \$7.56.

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(7) As of December 31, 2008, Mr. Harris had 141,344 exercisable stock options with various per share exercise prices as follows: (i) 8,155 options at \$0.24; (ii) 8,129 options at \$0.37; (iii) 6,553 options at \$0.69; (iv) 18,750 options at \$1.33; (v) 7,108options at \$1.79; (vi) 37,500 options at \$1.97; (vii) 6,774 options at \$2.20; (viii) 18,750 options at \$2.50; (ix) 18,750 options at \$3.46; and (x) 10,875

(8) As of December 31. 2008, Dr. Kaiser had 136,601 exercisable stock options with various per share exercise prices as follows: (i) 8,155 options at \$0.24; (ii) 8,129 options at \$0.37; (iii) 7,447 options at \$0.69; (iv) 18,750

options at \$7.56.

options at \$1.33; (v) 5,492 options at \$1.79 (vi) 37,500 options at \$1.97; (vii) 6,503 options at \$2.20; (viii) 15,000 options at \$2.42; (ix) 18,750 options at \$3.46; and (x) 10,875 options at \$7.56.

(9) As of December 31, 2008, Mr. Ratain was no longer a member of the Board of Directors and had no options outstanding since they expired pursuant to the terms of his option agreements.

(10) As of December 31, 2008, Dr. Stote had 63,221 exercisable stock options with various per share exercise prices as follows: (i) 7,748 options at \$0.24; (ii) 8,129 options at \$0.37; (iii) 6,255 options at \$0.69; (iv) 6,461 options at \$1.79; (v) 6,503 options at \$2.20; (vi) 18,750

options at \$3.46; and (vii) 9,375 options at \$7.56.

(11) There were no outstanding unexercisable stock options for any member of the Board of Directors as of December 31, 2008.

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INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee has reviewed the audit fees of the independent registered public accounting firm. During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, Ernst & Young LLP provided us with various audit and non-audit services. Set forth below are the aggregate fees for services billed, on a consolidated basis, by Ernst & Young LLP for providing the services indicated for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007:

| | Year End | Year End |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | December 31, | December 31, |
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| Audit fees(1) | \$335,300 | \$369,350 |
| Audit-Related fees(2)(5) | | |
| Tax $fees(3)(5)$ | 3,600 | |
| All Other Fees(4)(5) | 1,625 | 1,625 |
| Total | \$340,525 | \$370,975 |

- (1) Includes fees and expenses related to the fiscal year audit, quarterly reviews, interim review, consents in respect of SEC filings, and, as applicable, audit of internal controls under Sarbanes-Oxley notwithstanding when the fees and expenses were billed or when the services were rendered.
- (2) Assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the financial statement and not reported

under audit fees.

- (3) Tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.
- (4) All other services not reported under(1) through(3) above.
- (5) Includes fees
 and expenses for
 services
 rendered from
 January through
 December of the
 fiscal year,
 notwithstanding
 when the fees
 and expenses
 were billed.

Prior to each fiscal year, the Audit Committee receives a written report from its outside auditors describing the elements expected to be performed in the course of its audit of the Company s financial statements for the coming year.

The Audit Committee has adopted a policy that requires advance approval of all audit and non-audit services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm prior to the engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm with respect to such services. The Chairman of the Audit Committee has been delegated the authority by the Audit Committee to evaluate and pre-approve the engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm when the entire Audit Committee is unable to do so. The Chairman must report all such pre-approvals to the entire Audit Committee at the next committee meeting. All of the services described above for our 2008 fiscal year were pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

A representative of Ernst & Young LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting. The representative will have the opportunity to make a statement, and is expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

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EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

The following table sets forth information concerning Common Shares authorized or available for issuance under our equity compensation plans as of the December 31, 2008.

| | | | | Number of Securities Remaining Available |
|--|----------------------------|----------|---------------|---|
| | | | ighted- | for Future |
| | Number of Securities to | Av | erage | Issuance Under |
| | be | Ex | ercise | Equity Equity |
| | Issued Upon | | rice of | Compensation |
| | Exercise of | | tanding | Plans |
| | Outstanding | - | otions, | (Excluding |
| Plan | Options, Warrants | | rrants and | Securities Reflected |
| | | | | in Column |
| Category | and Rights | | ights | (a)) |
| | (a) | | (b) | (c) (2) |
| | | 4 | 2.15 | 266 276 |
| Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders | 1,207,549 | \$ | 2.15 | 366,376 |
| Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders(1) | 1,207,549 327,743 | \$ \$ | 6.00 | 366,376 |

(1) The terms of our

March 2007

private

placement of

1,986,322

Common Shares

required the

issuance of

297,948

warrants to

purchase

additional

Common Shares

to certain

purchasers at

\$6.00 per share.

An additional

29,795 warrants

were issued at

\$6.00 per share

to the placement

agents who

assisted the

Company in the private placement. To date, none of these warrants have been exercised. These warrants expire on March 19, 2012.

(2) The table excludes
411,750 shares reserved for future grants under previously established share option plans which are not expected to be granted.

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APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE DATATRAK INTERNATIONAL, INC. 2009 OMNIBUS EQUITY PLAN

Introduction

Historically, stock options have been an essential part of the Company s compensation program for executive officers, key employees and Directors. Stock options align executive compensation with the amount of appreciation realized by the Company s shareholders over comparable periods. Stock options also provide officers, employees and Directors with the opportunity to acquire and build a meaningful ownership interest in the Company.

Recently, however, the price of our Common Shares has been significantly impacted by both the worldwide economic downturn and Company-specific challenges. The Company believes that this decline in share value, in combination with an insufficient pool of available options under our existing equity plans, poses a significant impediment to the Company s overall goal of retaining and motivating employees and Directors upon whom the Company and its shareholders rely to help execute the Company s restructuring and continued improvement of operating results. On July 1, 2009, the last reported bid price of our Common Shares was \$0.30 per share.

As previously disclosed, in response to the economic downturn, the Company has made substantial headcount reductions and taken other cost-cutting measures. Since June 2007, we have eliminated approximately 70 positions, optimized our operational efficiencies and streamlined our cost structure including the closure of our German office and the transition of our global help desk and European client support operations to our Cleveland, Ohio office. In January 2009, the Company announced the retirement of Dr. Jeffrey Green as Chief Executive Officer and a member of our Board of Directors. Mr. Laurence P. Birch, our Chairman, has assumed the role of Interim Chief Executive Officer and Interim President. Also in January 2009, Mr. Raymond J. Merk assumed the role and responsibilities of Chief Operating Officer in addition to his Chief Financial Officer duties.

As a result of the Company s extensive management and operational restructuring, the Company has begun experiencing significantly improved results, including improvements in gross profit margin and reductions in losses from operations. For the three months ended March 31, 2009, the Company s loss from operations was \$(787,000) compared to \$(2,225,000) for the same three month period in 2008. The 2009 first quarter loss of \$(787,000) includes \$634,000 of severance charges related primarily to the separation of two executive officers of the Company. Excluding severance charges from both comparable periods, the Company s loss from operations would be \$(153,000) in the current year first quarter compared to \$(2,199,000) during the same period in 2008. The Company s operating loss in the fourth quarter of 2008 was \$(109,000) compared to an operating loss of \$(2,632,000) in the fourth quarter of 2007. We believe that the Company s current executive officers, employees and Directors are responsible for the positive trends in our results and are vital to the continued success of the Company.

In order maintain the current management structure, the Company believes that it is critical that the value of the Company s stock option program be restored and that the Company s officers, employees and Directors be appropriately compensated. In addition, as a result of recent modifications to the existing Director compensation plan, Directors will be receiving fewer option grants commencing in fiscal 2010. For additional details regarding the new Director compensation plan, see Director Compensation beginning on page 17 of this Proxy Statement. The imbalance between the high level of commitment required of our officers, employees and Directors to achieve the Company s goals and the low level of equity compensation received by such individuals must be corrected because the loss of one or more of these individuals could result in significant setbacks for the Company. If such a loss were to occur, it is unlikely that a suitable replacement would be available given the current economic climate and the significant individual efforts that are required to increase the Company s revenues and improve the Company s operating results.

Currently, there are 342,376 Common Shares available for issuance under the 2005 Omnibus Plan, the Company s sole existing share-based award plan under which Common Shares are available for future grants. Considering the current imbalance between the significant demands being placed on the Company s management

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and Directors and the compensation received by such individuals, the Common Shares currently available for issuance under the 2005 Omnibus Plan are insufficient to address this imbalance as well as ensure the retention of the Company s current management team. Therefore, the Board of Directors is requesting that shareholders approve the DATATRAK International, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Equity Plan (the 2009 Omnibus Plan) under which a total of 2,100,000 Common Shares will be available for issuance. If the 2009 Omnibus Plan is approved, no further grants will be made under the 2005 Omnibus Plan. Absent shareholder approval of the 2009 Omnibus Plan, the Company s Compensation Committee does not believe that it will have a sufficient pool of share-based awards to maintain the Company s current management team and ensure continuity on the Board of Directors, which could jeopardize the Company s continued progress.

As disclosed on June 15, 2009 in the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, in connection with the Company s continued reorganization efforts and in recognition of the efforts of the Company s management and Directors, the Board of Directors approved the DATATRAK International, Inc. 2009 Cash Incentive Plan (the 2009 Cash Incentive Plan) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009, in which the Company s executive officers and certain key employees are eligible to earn cash bonus payments upon the achievement of predetermined performance goals. The 2009 Cash Incentive Plan is structured to enhance shareholder value through further alignment of the interests of shareholders and management.

In addition, on June 9, 2009, in connection with the adoption of the 2009 Omnibus Plan, the Board of Directors approved an aggregate of 1,165,500 additional equity grants to officers, employees and Directors, subject to shareholder approval of the 2009 Omnibus Plan, aimed at providing current management and Directors with appropriate equity compensation levels. These equity grants remain subject only to the approval of the Company s shareholders. Shareholder approval of the 2009 Omnibus Plan will constitute approval of these grants. Of the 1,165,500 total options granted, 568,212 grants have been awarded to executive officers, 345,000 to key employees and 252,288 to Directors. While these grants are sizeable, the Board of Directors believes that they are not only appropriate, but critical to the Company s ability to retain its current management and Directors, and a key element in the Company s continued success. For additional information regarding these grants, see New Plan Benefits on page 28 of this Proxy Statement. The Board of Directors believes that these grants are necessary for the Company to derive the benefits of the restructuring process and achieve its goal of maximizing shareholder value.

Purpose of the 2009 Omnibus Plan

The Board of Directors believes that share-based awards are an important component of the Company s overall compensation programs. As discussed above, the Board of Directors believes that providing substantial new equity awards at the present time is critical to retaining the current management team and maintaining continuity on the Board of Directors. Adoption of the 2009 Omnibus Plan will provide the Compensation Committee with an increased pool of share-based awards, and the flexibility to grant a wide variety of awards (including performance awards intended to comply with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code)). The 2009 Omnibus Plan provides access to a broad variety of share-based awards with the mix of awards determined taking into account such factors as the type and level of employee, relevant business and performance goals and the prevailing tax and accounting treatments. The goals of the 2009 Omnibus Plan are to: (i) attract and retain skilled and qualified officers, employees, consultants and Directors who are expected to contribute to the Company s success by providing long-term incentive compensation opportunities competitive with those made available by other companies; (ii) motivate participants to achieve the long-term success and growth of the Company; (iii) facilitate ownership of Common Shares; and (iv) align the interests of the participants with those of the Company s shareholders.

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Key Terms

The key terms of the 2009 Omnibus Plan are summarized below:

Shares Authorized: 2,100,000, which may be treasury shares or authorized but unissued Common

Shares.

Types of Awards: Stock options (non-qualified and incentive), stock appreciation rights, restricted

shares, restricted share units, performance shares and Common Shares.

Limitations on Awards: The aggregate number of Common Shares underlying awards granted to any

participant in any plan year may not exceed 500,000.

Award Terms: Options and stock appreciation rights will have ten year maximum terms. For all

awards, vesting and performance vesting criteria, if applicable, will be established in

the award agreement.

Employees of the Company or any of its affiliates, executive officers, non-employee

Directors and consultants.

Actions That are Prohibited by the Plan Include:

Reducing the exercise price of an award absent shareholder approval, subject to

the anti-dilution provisions of the 2009 Omnibus Plan.

Increasing the aggregate number of Common Shares available for issuance under

the 2009 Omnibus Plan absent shareholder approval.

Granting stock options (non-qualified and incentive) and stock appreciation rights at a below fair market value price at the grant date, subject to the anti-dilution provisions of the 2009 Omnibus Plan.

Description of the 2009 Omnibus Plan

If approved, the 2009 Omnibus Plan will replace the 2005 Omnibus Plan as the Company s sole share-based award program for covered employees, consultants and Directors. The terms of the 2009 Omnibus Plan are nearly identical to the terms of the 2005 Omnibus Plan previously approved by shareholders. The 2009 Omnibus Plan will provide the Company with the same flexibility to grant a variety of share-based awards. The 2009 Omnibus Plan is also designed to permit the Company to grant performance-based awards that comply with Section 162(m) of the Code, as described below.

The following paragraphs provide a summary of the principal features of the 2009 Omnibus Plan and its operation. The 2009 Omnibus Plan is set forth in its entirety as *Appendix A* to this Proxy Statement. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to *Appendix A*.

The 2009 Omnibus Plan provides for the grant of the following types of incentive awards: (i) stock options (non-qualified and incentive), (ii) stock appreciation rights, (iii) restricted shares, (iv) restricted share units, (v) performance shares and (vi) Common Shares. Those who will be eligible for awards under the 2009 Omnibus Plan include employees who provide services to the Company and its affiliates, executive officers, non-employee Directors and consultants designated by the Compensation Committee. As of June 30, 2009, approximately 50 employees and non-employee Directors would be eligible to participate in the 2009 Omnibus Plan.

Number of Common Shares Available Under the 2009 Omnibus Plan and Adjustments

The Board of Directors has reserved 2,100,000 Common Shares for issuance under the 2009 Omnibus Plan. The Common Shares may be either authorized, but unissued, Common Shares or treasury shares. The 2005 Omnibus Plan is currently the Company s sole existing share-based awards plan with Common Shares available for future grants, under which there are currently 342,376 Common Shares remaining for issuance pursuant to new equity awards.

If any outstanding award expires or is terminated, canceled or forfeited, the Common Shares that would otherwise be issuable with respect to the unexercised portion of the award will become available for subsequent

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awards under the 2009 Omnibus Plan (unless the 2009 Omnibus Plan has terminated). Awards paid out in cash rather than Common Shares will not reduce the number of Common Shares available for issuance under the 2009 Omnibus Plan. If

the exercise price of a stock option is paid in Common Shares,

Common Shares underlying the exercised portion of a stock appreciation right are not issued upon such exercise,

Common Shares are withheld to satisfy an individual participant s tax obligations, or

Common Shares are repurchased by the Company on the open market with respect to awards under the 2009 Omnibus Plan,

then the Common Shares received, not issued, withheld or repurchased by the Company will not be added to the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares which may be issued.

If the Company declares a dividend or other distribution or engages in a recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, repurchase, or exchange of Common Shares or other securities of the Company, or other similar change in the corporate structure of the Company affecting the Common Shares, the Committee may adjust the number and class of Common Shares that may be delivered under the 2009 Omnibus Plan, the number, class, and price of Common Shares covered by each outstanding award, and the numerical per-person limits on awards.

Potential Dilution (Overhang)

Overhang is an analysis of potential dilution to shareholders from the equity being transferred to executive officers, employees and Directors under equity incentive plans. Overhang is calculated by dividing (a) the sum of the Common Shares available for issuance and all outstanding but unexercised options by (b) the number of Common Shares described in clause (a) above plus the total number of Common Shares outstanding. As of July 1, 2009, the Company s overhang on a fully diluted basis was 8.6%. If shareholders approve the 2009 Omnibus Plan, including the new grants previously approved by the Board of Directors, the Company estimates that its overhang on a fully diluted basis would be 16.2%.

| Total Number of Common Shares Outstanding | Prior to Approval 13,706,901 | Following Approval 13,706,901 |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Total Number of Common Shares Covered by All Outstanding Options (including options held by all employees, executive officers and Directors) | 951,456 | 1,796,819(1) |
| Total Number of Common Shares Available for Future Grants Under the Company s Equity Plan | 342,376 | 852,657(1) |
| Overhang from Company s Equity Plan | 8.6% | 16.2%(1) |

(1) Assumes
 approval and
 adoption of the
 Option
 Exchange (as
 defined below).
 The proposed

Option

Exchange would

replace 401,980

outstanding but

unexercised

stock options

that are

currently

underwater with

81,843

replacement

options having

an exercise

price of \$0.23

per share. In the

event that the

2009 Omnibus

Plan is approved

and the Option

Exchange is not

approved, our

Overhang would

be

approximately

18.2% rather

than 16.2% as

reflected above.

For additional

information

regarding the

Option

Exchange, see

Approval and

Adoption of the

Stock Option

Exchange

Program

beginning on

page 32 of this

Proxy

Statement.

Administration of the 2009 Omnibus Plan

The 2009 Omnibus Plan will be administered by the Compensation Committee on the basis of a plan year ending on December 31. The Board of Directors has discretion and authority to appoint a different committee to administer the 2009 Omnibus Plan. Each member of the Compensation Committee is a non-employee director within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, an outside director as

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set forth in Section 162(m) of the Code, and an independent director, as such term is defined under The Nasdaq Stock Market Marketplace Rules. The Compensation Committee s authority under the 2009 Omnibus Plan includes, but is not limited to, the authority to: (i) grant awards under the 2009 Omnibus Plan; (ii) select the officers, employees, consultants and eligible Directors to whom awards are granted; (iii) determine the types of awards granted and the timing of such awards; (iv) determine whether an award is, or is intended to be, performance-based compensation within the meaning of Section 162(m); (v) determine or modify the terms and conditions of any award, to the extent not inconsistent with the terms of the 2009 Omnibus Plan and any operative employment or other agreement; (vi) determine whether any conditions or objectives relating to awards have been met; (vii) adopt, alter and repeal such administrative rules, guidelines, practices and administrative forms governing the 2009 Omnibus Plan as it deems advisable; (viii) construe, interpret, administer and implement the terms of the 2009 Omnibus Plan, any award and related agreements; (ix) correct any defect, supply any omission and reconcile any inconsistency in or between the 2009 Omnibus Plan, any award and related agreements; (x) prescribe any legends to be affixed to certificates representing Common Shares or other interests granted or issued under the 2009 Omnibus Plan; (xi) promulgate such administrative forms as they from time to time deem necessary or appropriate for administration of the 2009 Omnibus Plan; and (xii) otherwise supervise the administration of the 2009 Omnibus Plan.

Options

The Compensation Committee is able to grant non-qualifed stock options and incentive stock options under the 2009 Omnibus Plan. The Committee determines the number of Common Shares subject to each option. The Compensation Committee determines the exercise price of options granted under the 2009 Omnibus Plan, provided the exercise price must be at least equal to 100% of the fair market value of the Common Shares on the date of grant. In addition, the exercise price of an incentive stock option granted to any participant who owns more than 10% of the total voting power of all classes of the Company s outstanding stock must be at least 110% of the fair market value of the Common Shares on the grant date.

The term of an option may not exceed ten years, except that, with respect to any participant who owns 10% of the voting power of all classes of the Company s outstanding stock, the term of an incentive stock option may not exceed five years.

If an optionee s employment or directorship with the Company or its affiliates is terminated for reasons other than his or her death, disability or retirement, all stock options (or portions thereof) which have not been exercised, whether vested or not, are automatically forfeited immediately upon termination, except as otherwise provided in the relevant agreement evidencing the stock options. Upon a termination of service with the Company as a result of death, disability or retirement, all stock options held by such participant become immediately vested and such participant, or such participant s estate as applicable, will be able to exercise the options for the period of time stated in the 2009 Omnibus Plan or as otherwise stated in the agreement governing his or her award. No incentive stock option may be exercised more than three months after the participant s termination of service for any reason (including retirement) other than disability or death. No incentive stock option may be exercised more than one year after the participant s termination of service due to disability or death. In no event may an option be exercised later than the expiration of its term.

Stock Appreciation Rights

The Compensation Committee will be able to grant stock appreciation rights, which are the rights to receive the appreciation in fair market value of Common Shares between the exercise date and the date of grant. The Company shall pay the appreciation in Common Shares. Stock appreciation rights will become exercisable at the times and on the terms established by the Compensation Committee, subject to the terms of the 2009 Omnibus Plan. The Compensation Committee, subject to the terms of the 2009 Omnibus Plan, will have discretion to determine the terms and conditions of stock appreciation rights granted under the 2009 Omnibus Plan; provided, however, that the exercise price may not be less than 100% of the fair market value of a Common Share on the date of grant. The term of a stock appreciation right may not exceed ten years.

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Unless otherwise provided in an award, employment or other agreement entered into between the holder of the stock appreciation right and the Company and approved by the Compensation Committee, either before or after the date of grant, the early termination provisions set forth above with respect to stock options will apply to stock appreciation rights.

Restricted Shares

Awards of restricted shares are Common Shares that are issued to a participant at no cost or at a purchase price determined by the Compensation Committee and vest in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the Compensation Committee in its sole discretion. For example, the Compensation Committee may set restrictions based upon continued employment or service with the Company, the achievement of specific performance goals, or any other basis determined by the Compensation Committee in its discretion. Subject to the provisions of the 2009 Omnibus Plan, after the grant of restricted shares, the Compensation Committee, in its sole discretion, may reduce or waive any restrictions for such award and may accelerate the time at which any restrictions will lapse at a rate determined by the Compensation Committee.

The Compensation Committee will determine the number of Common Shares granted pursuant to an award of restricted shares. With respect to restricted shares intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Compensation Committee, in its discretion, may set restrictions based upon the achievement of specific performance objectives, subject to the provisions of the 2009 Omnibus Plan.

Restricted Share Units

Awards of restricted share units result in a distribution of Common Shares to a participant only if the vesting criteria the Compensation Committee establishes are satisfied. For example, the Compensation Committee may set restrictions based on the achievement of specific performance goals or upon continued employment or service with the Company. Upon satisfying the applicable vesting criteria, the participant will be entitled to the payout specified in the award agreement. Subject to the provisions of the 2009 Omnibus Plan, after the grant of restricted share units, the Compensation Committee, in its sole discretion, may reduce or waive any performance objectives or other vesting provisions for such award and may accelerate the time at which any restrictions will lapse at a rate determined by the Compensation Committee.

The Compensation Committee will pay earned restricted stock units in Common Shares. On the date set forth in the award agreement, all unearned restricted share units will be forfeited to the Company. The Compensation Committee determines the number of restricted share units granted to any participant. With respect to restricted share units intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Compensation Committee, in its discretion, may set restrictions based upon the achievement of specific performance objectives, subject to the provisions of the 2009 Omnibus Plan.

Performance Shares

The Compensation Committee will be able to grant performance shares, which are awards that will result in a distribution of Common Shares to a participant only if the performance goals or other vesting criteria the Compensation Committee may establish are achieved or the awards otherwise vest. Subject to the terms of the 2009 Omnibus Plan, the Compensation Committee will establish performance or other vesting criteria in its discretion, which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine the number and/or the value of performance shares to be paid out to participants. Subject to the provisions of the 2009 Omnibus Plan, after the grant of performance shares, the Compensation Committee, in its sole discretion, may reduce or waive any performance objectives or other vesting provisions for such award and may accelerate the time at which any restrictions will lapse at a rate determined by the Compensation Committee.

The Compensation Committee determines the number of performance shares granted to any participant. With respect to performance shares intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m)

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of the Code, the Compensation Committee, in its discretion, may determine that the performance objectives applicable to the performance shares will be based on the achievement of performance objectives.

Performance Objectives

At the time of grant of a performance share award, the Compensation Committee will specify the performance objectives which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine the number of Common Shares that will be distributed to the participant. The Compensation Committee will also specify the time period or periods during which the performance objectives must be met. With respect to awards to Section 162(m) persons intended to be performance-based compensation, the Compensation Committee may use performance objectives based on one or more of the following: stock price, market share, sales, earnings per share, return on equity, costs, earnings, capital adjusted pre-tax earnings (economic profit), net income, operating income, performance profit (operating income minus an allocated charge approximating the Company's cost of capital, before or after tax), gross margin, revenue, working capital, total assets, net assets, shareholders equity and cash flow. The Compensation Committee may designate a single goal criterion or multiple goal criteria for performance measurement purposes. Performance measurement may be based on absolute Company, business unit or divisional performance and/or on performance as compared with that of other publicly-traded companies. The performance objectives and periods need not be the same for each participant nor for each award.

Common Shares

The Compensation Committee may only grant Common Share awards to non-employee directors in consideration of services rendered to the Company. Common Share awards will be fully vested on the date of grant.

Transferability of Awards

Subject to the terms of the 2009 Omnibus Plan, all awards, other than Common Share awards, are non-transferable and may be exercised only by the grantee and may not be transferred other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. Non-transferable awards are exercisable during a participant s lifetime only by the participant or, as permitted by applicable law, the participant s guardian or other legal representative. Other than pursuant to a permitted transfer, no such award may be assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise alienated or encumbered (whether by operation of law or otherwise) and any attempts to do so will be null and void.

Amendment and Termination of the 2009 Omnibus Plan

The Board of Directors has discretionary authority to amend the 2009 Omnibus Plan. However, generally an amendment cannot materially and adversely affect the rights of grantees without their written consent. The Company s shareholders must approve any amendment to increase the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issued under the 2009 Omnibus Plan.

Change of Control

Except as otherwise provided in the 2009 Omnibus Plan or an award agreement, upon a change in control (as defined in the 2009 Omnibus Plan) all awards generally become fully exercisable, vested, earned and payable.

New Plan Benefits

The Board of Directors has approved an aggregate of 1,165,500 grants under the 2009 Omnibus Plan, subject to shareholder approval of the 2009 Omnibus Plan. Shareholder approval of the 2009 Omnibus Plan will constitute approval of these grants. Of this amount, 568,212 grants have been awarded to executive officers, 345,000 to key employees and 252,288 to Directors. Except as otherwise set forth in the table below, the future benefits or specific amounts that would be received by employees, consultants and Directors under the 2009 Omnibus Plan have not yet been determined. In addition, the benefits or amounts which would have been received

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by or allocated to such persons for the last completed fiscal year if the 2009 Omnibus Plan had been in effect cannot be determined.

The following table sets forth information with respect to the stock option awards approved by the Board of Directors under the 2009 Omnibus Plan as of June 9, 2009, which remain subject to shareholder approval:

| | Number of Options |
|---|-------------------|
| Name and Position | Granted(1) |
| Named Executive Officers | |
| Laurence P. Birch, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Interim President | 395,712 |
| Raymond J. Merk, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer | 172,500 |
| Directors(2) | |
| Timothy G. Biro | 63,390 |
| Seth B. Harris | 62,542 |
| Jerome H. Kaiser | 62,966 |
| Robert M. Stote | 63,390 |
| All current executive officers, as a group | 568,212 |
| All current Directors who are not executive officers, as a group | 252,288 |
| All current employees who are not executive officers, as a group | 345,000 |

(1) The exercise

price for each

option is \$0.23,

which is equal

to the closing

price of the

Common Shares

on June 9, 2009,

as quoted on the

Pink OTC

Markets. The

options will vest

ratably over a

three-year

period on each

anniversary of

the date of

grant, subject to

continued

employment

with or service

to the Company;

provided,

however, that

upon a change

of control (as

defined in the

2009 Omnibus

Plan), all

options will immediately become vested.

(2) The number of stock options awarded to each Director equaled 71,875 minus the number of options each Director received as their quarterly payment for service on the Board of Directors in May 2009.

In addition to the stock option grants described above, the Board of Directors has authorized the issuance of 81,843 replacement options under the 2009 Omnibus Plan in connection with the Company s proposed Option Exchange (as defined below), which remain subject to shareholder approval. For further discussion regarding the Option Exchange, see Approval and Adoption of the Stock Option Exchange Program below.

Commencing in fiscal 2010, the current Director compensation program will be modified to provide each Director with an annual base compensation grant ranging from 10,000 to 15,000 fully-vested stock options, as determined in the discretion of the Compensation Committee, in addition to a cash component; provided, however, that if the 2009 Omnibus Plan is approved, no additional equity grants will be made to Directors in fiscal 2009. The new Director compensation program, including a complete discussion of the amount of options that may be granted to Directors and other payments to which the Directors are entitled, is described in full in the section entitled Director Compensation beginning on page 17 of this Proxy Statement.

Federal Tax Aspects

The Company has been advised that under current law certain of the income tax consequences under U.S. laws to participants and the Company should generally be as set forth in the following summary. This summary only addresses income tax consequences for participants and the Company.

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A grant of Common Shares will be taxable as ordinary income. Common Shares may only be awarded to non-employee Directors as compensation for performing directorial duties.

There are no Federal income tax consequences to a participant or the Company upon the grant of stock options and stock appreciation rights. When a non-qualified stock option or stock appreciation right is exercised, the participant realizes taxable compensation (ordinary income) at that time equal to, for a non-qualified stock option, the difference between the aggregate option exercise price and the fair market value of the stock on the date of exercise and, for stock appreciation rights, the aggregate fair market value of any Common Shares received upon exercise. The Company is entitled to a tax deduction to the extent, and at the time, that the participant realizes compensation income. The participant s tax treatment upon a disposition of Common Shares acquired through the exercise of a non-qualified stock option is dependent upon the length of time the Common Shares have been held. Upon the exercise of an incentive stock option, a participant recognizes no immediate taxable income, except that the excess of the fair market value of the Common Shares acquired over the option exercise price will constitute a tax preference item for the purpose of computing the participant s alternative minimum tax liability. Income recognition is deferred until the Common Shares acquired are disposed of. The gain realized upon the participant s disposition of Common Shares acquired under an incentive stock option will be treated as long-term capital gain if the minimum holding period is met (two years from the date of grant and one year from the date of exercise), but otherwise will be treated as ordinary income in an amount determined under the applicable tax rules. There is no tax deduction for the Company when an incentive stock option is exercised and the participant is eligible for capital gain tax treatment. If the minimum holding period is not met for capital gain tax treatment, the participant will realize ordinary income and the Company will be entitled to a deduction as described above for non-qualified stock options.

Generally, no taxes are due upon a grant of restricted shares, restricted share units or performance shares. An award of restricted shares or performance shares becomes taxable when it is no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture (*i.e.*, it becomes vested or transferable). Income tax is paid at ordinary income rates on the value of the restricted shares or performance shares when the restrictions lapse, and then at capital gain rates with respect to any further gain (or loss) when the Common Shares are sold. In the case of restricted share units, the participant has taxable ordinary income upon receipt of payment. In all cases, the Company has a tax deduction when the participant recognizes ordinary income subject to other applicable limitations and restrictions. The taxation of restricted shares and performance shares may be accelerated by an 83(b) election under Section 83 of the Code, if permitted by the applicable agreement.

The 2009 Omnibus Plan is designed to permit compliance with Section 162(m) of the Code relating to the deductibility of performance-based compensation. It is intended that stock options and awards under the 2009 Omnibus Plan with a performance component generally will satisfy the requirements for performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) while providing the Compensation Committee the authority to grant non-performance-based awards where it deems appropriate. Section 162(m) generally places a \$1,000,000 limit on the tax deduction allowable for compensation paid (or accrued for tax purposes) with respect to each of the Principal Executive Officer and the three other highest-paid executives during a tax year (other than the Principal Financial Officer) unless the compensation meets certain requirements. To qualify for favorable tax treatment, grants must be made by a committee consisting solely of two or more outside directors (as defined under Section 162 regulations) and satisfy the limit on the total number of Common Shares that may be awarded to any one participant during any calendar year. In addition, for grants other than options to qualify, the granting, issuance, vesting or retention of the grant must be contingent upon satisfying one or more performance criteria, as established and certified by a committee consisting solely of two or more outside directors.

Finally, the 2009 Omnibus Plan is designed to be compliant with, or meet requirements for exemptions from, Section 409A of the Code governing nonqualified deferred compensation.

Required Vote

Provided that a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Common Shares voted at the Annual Meeting on this proposal is required for approval and adoption of the 2009 Omnibus Plan. Shareholders present at the

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Annual Meeting, either in person or by proxy, will be eligible to vote for or against adoption of the 2009 Omnibus Plan. Shareholders who abstain will in effect be voting against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on this proposal.

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends that the shareholders vote FOR the proposal to approve and adopt our 2009 Omnibus Plan.

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APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE STOCK OPTION EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Compensation and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees, is requesting that shareholders approve a stock option exchange program (the Option Exchange) that would permit the Company s outside Directors to exchange their outstanding stock options with an exercise price in excess of \$0.68 (the stock options eligible for the Option Exchange are referred to as Eligible Options), pursuant to privately negotiated transactions for a lesser number of new stock options that have approximately the same fair-value as the options surrendered. In total, 401,980 Eligible Options, with exercise prices ranging from \$0.69 to \$7.56 and an estimated June 9, 2009 aggregate fair-value of \$16,372, would be exchanged for 81,843 replacement options (Replacement Options) at an exercise price of \$0.23 and an estimated June 9, 2009 aggregate fair-value of \$16,372. A total of 136,917 existing stock options held by outside Directors with exercise prices ranging from \$0.12 to \$0.37 would not be exchanged and would continue under the terms and conditions of the original grant agreements.

The Board of Directors believes that the Option Exchange is in the best interest of the Company s shareholders, as new stock options received under the Option Exchange will help motivate and retain the Company s Directors. The use of \$0.68 as a threshold is intended to ensure that only outstanding options that are substantially underwater are eligible for the Option Exchange. Underwater options are those options with exercise prices which are greater than the current market price of the Common Shares. If shareholders approve this proposal, the Board of Directors intends to complete the Option Exchange consistent with the terms which will be documented in each Director s respective option exchange agreement. If shareholders do not approve this proposal and the 2009 Omnibus Plan proposal, the Option Exchange will not take place.

Background

Stock options are an important tool in promoting the growth and profitability of the Company. The decline in the value of the Common Shares has posed a major challenge to the Company s overall goal of retaining and motivating its Directors, upon whom the Company and its shareholders rely to help execute the Company s restructuring and continued improvement of operating results. Many of the stock options that were previously granted now have exercise prices that are much higher than the market price of the Common Shares and, as such, are ineffective as retention or incentive tools for future performance.

During the fourth quarter of 2007, the Board of Directors decided that it would be in the best interests of the Company to conserve cash by modifying the then-existing Director compensation program, which consisted of payments in the form of cash and vested stock to non-management Directors, to instead provide for an annual retainer payable solely in stock options with a value of \$32,000 per year. Total cash compensation paid to Directors participating in the Option Exchange was \$0 in 2008, compared to \$48,000 and \$64,000 in 2007 and 2006, respectively. As implemented, the amended Director compensation program limits the aggregate number of stock options that may be granted to Directors in any fiscal quarter to 42,000 options, and further provides that in the event that the aggregate value of the Director compensation program would result in an issuance of greater than 42,000 options in any quarter, each Director s quarterly compensation is to be proportionately reduced so that the total option shares granted equals 42,000.

At the time the amended Director compensation program was approved, the Company did not anticipate the current economic crisis nor that the Common Shares would decline to historic lows. As a result of this decrease in the value of the Common Shares, together with the limitation on the aggregate number options which may be granted in any fiscal quarter, the Directors have received minimal compensation for their services. At the same time, the Directors have been required to deliver significantly greater services and devote greater time to the Company than required previously. While new stock option grants provide appropriate compensation for future services, it remains necessary to address the nominal consideration received by the Directors for their past services.

As of June 9, 2009, the valuation date used for purposes of setting the exercise price for the Eligible Options, the Company s outside Directors held stock options to purchase approximately 504,500 Common Shares with exercise prices above the fair-value of the Common Shares on that date, which represents approximately 94%

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of all options held by such Directors. Approximately 80% of the options currently held by outside Directors are Eligible Options.

The Option Exchange has been designed to reinstate, as of the June 9, 2009 grant date, the retention and motivational value of the Company s stock option program and to properly compensate the Directors for their extraordinary service to the Company during the Company s restructuring process. The loss of one or more of the Directors could have detrimental effects on the Company. Given current conditions, the Company may not be able to secure a suitable replacement. The Company can no longer expect the Directors to remain with the Company without receiving market-competitive compensation. If the Company is to derive the intended benefits of the restructuring process and achieve its goal of maximizing shareholder value in spite of the current economic climate, it is essential that the Option Exchange be approved to allow the Company to provide the compensation necessary to retain its Directors. See Director Compensation beginning on page 17 for a discussion of other recent changes to the Director compensation program.

As designed, the Option Exchange involves the exchange of a lesser number of replacement options with an aggregate fair-value equal to a greater number of existing underwater options. In addition to reducing the number of outstanding options held by Directors, the Option Exchange restores incentive value in the replacement options, which provide Directors with the opportunity to increase their compensation, while at the same time maximizing shareholder value, through the future appreciation of the market price of the Common Shares.

Description of Option Exchange

Agreement to Exchange Options. Under the Option Exchange, the Company soutside Directors have been given the opportunity to exchange Eligible Options through privately negotiated transactions with the Company for Replacement Options to purchase fewer Common Shares with an exercise price equal to the market price of the Common Shares as of June 9, 2009, as quoted on the Pink OTC Markets. If shareholders approve the Option Exchange, the Board of Directors intends to complete the exchange consistent with the terms described herein, which will also be set forth in each Director s respective option exchange agreement. Provided that the 2009 Omnibus Plan is approved, the Replacement Options will be granted pursuant to the 2009 Omnibus Plan. Execution of the Option Exchange is contingent upon shareholder approval of the 2009 Omnibus Plan.

Eligible Participants. The Option Exchange is only open to the Company s outside Directors. None of the Company s executive officers or any other employees or former officers are permitted to participate in the Option Exchange.

Eligible Options. The options eligible for exchange are the outstanding stock options granted to outside Directors that have exercise prices of \$0.69 or greater. Each Director has previously agreed to exchange all Eligible Options pursuant to the terms described herein.

<u>Value-for-Value Exchange</u>. The Company engaged BBP Partners LLC, an independent valuation firm, for assistance in designing exchange ratios using the Black-Scholes valuation model that would result in a fair-value of the Replacement Options that is approximately equal to the fair-value of the Eligible Options that are surrendered in the Option Exchange. This value-for-value exchange will result in the Directors receiving a lesser number of Replacement Options that have approximately the same fair-value as the Eligible Options surrendered. The Board of Directors determined to use \$0.23 per share as the basis for setting the exchange metrics, which was the closing price of the Common Shares on June 9, 2009. Accordingly, the fair value of the replacement options was \$0.20 per share as of June 9, 2009.

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<u>Exercise Price of Replacement Options</u>. Each Replacement Option issued pursuant to the Option Exchange will have an exercise price equal to \$0.23, which is equivalent to the closing price of the Common Shares on June 9, 2009, as quoted on the Pink OTC Markets.

<u>Vesting of Replacement Options</u>. All Eligible Options are vested and as such, each Replacement Option will be fully vested and immediately exercisable as of the date of grant.

<u>Term of Replacement Options</u>. Each Replacement Option will expire on the tenth anniversary of the grant date of the Replacement Option.

Other Terms and Conditions of Replacement Options. The other terms and conditions of each Replacement Option will be substantially similar to those of the Eligible Option it replaces. Assuming shareholder approval and adoption of the 2009 Omnibus Plan, each Replacement Option will be granted pursuant to the 2009 Omnibus Plan, and accordingly, will be governed by its terms.

<u>Cancellation of Eligible Options</u>. The Eligible Options will be cancelled and will not be available for future grant under any of the Company s then-existing equity plan(s).

<u>Implementation of the Option Exchange</u>. If shareholders approve the Option Exchange, the Eligible Options will be cancelled immediately and Replacement Options will be granted immediately thereafter consistent with the terms described herein and as set forth in each Director s respective option exchange agreement.

<u>Effect on Shareholders</u>. If the Option Exchange is approved, the number of Common Shares underlying the Eligible Options to be surrendered would be 401,980, and the number of Common Shares underlying the Replacement Options would be 81,843, reducing the total number of Common Shares underlying options held by the Directors by 320,137. For additional information regarding the effect of approval of the Option Exchange on shareholders, see Potential Dilution (Overhang), located on page 25 of this Proxy Statement.

<u>U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences</u>. The exchange of stock options pursuant to the Option Exchange should be treated as a non-taxable exchange because the Replacement Options will have an exercise price equal to the market price of the Common Shares on the grant date. The Company and participating Directors should not recognize any income for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the grant of the Replacement Options. All Replacement Options granted under the Option Exchange will be non-qualified stock options for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Accounting Treatment. This Option Exchange is intended to provide the Directors with Replacement Options having a fair-value that is approximately equal to the fair-value of the Eligible Options being exchanged as of June 9, 2009. Note that the Option Exchange metrics were established prior to commencement of the Exchange Offer. Therefore, some risk of incremental compensation does exist if there are fluctuations in the fair-value of the Common Shares or other key inputs to the Black-Scholes option valuation model between June 9, 2009, the date the Option Exchange metrics were established, and the effective date of the Option Exchange. Incremental compensation cost, if any, associated with the Replacement Options under the Option Exchange will be recognized on the effective date of the Replacement Options.

<u>Vote Required for Approval</u>. Provided that a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Common Shares voted at the Annual Meeting on this proposal is required for approval and adoption of the Option Exchange. Shareholders present at the Annual Meeting, either in person or by proxy, will be eligible to vote for or against adoption of the Option Exchange. Shareholders who abstain will in effect be voting against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on this proposal.

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends that the shareholders vote FOR the proposal to approve and adopt the Option Exchange.

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SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company s Directors and certain of its executive officers and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of its Common Shares to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership on Forms 3, 4 and 5 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These people are further required to furnish us with copies of all such forms filed by them.

Based solely on our review of the copies of the forms that we received, we believe that all of the Section 16(a) filing requirements were satisfied by our Directors, executive officers and beneficial owners of more than 10% of our Common Shares, except for the Form 4 filed by Mr. Harris on January 13, 2009, and such filing was delinquent because of an inadvertent administrative error.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

As described in greater detail in the Form 8-K filed with the Commission on February 17, 2006 (the Merger 8-K), on February 13, 2006, the Company acquired ClickFind. Mr. Jim Bob Ward, who was the founder and a significant shareholder of ClickFind, also served as its President and Chief Executive Officer.

The negotiated terms of the acquisition were for an aggregate purchase price of \$18,000,000, less approximately \$328,000 in certain transaction expenses and certain indebtedness of ClickFind. The cash portion of the purchase price, less cash acquired of \$87,000, was approximately \$4,669,000. The remainder of the purchase price consisted of \$4,000,000 in notes payable (the ClickFind Notes) and the issuance of approximately \$7,863,000 in Common Shares (1,026,522 Common Shares). The \$3,000,000 balance of the ClickFind Notes had an interest rate of prime plus 1%. The final principal payment was to be payable on February 1, 2009.

In conjunction with the acquisition of ClickFind, the Company appointed Mr. Ward as Vice President of eClinical Development and entered into an employment agreement with him (Mr. Ward s official title was subsequently changed to Vice President of Re