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1831 Lefthand Circle, Suite C

Longmont, CO 80501

July [\_\_\_\_], 2014

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

The 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the **Annual Meeting** ) of Lightwave Logic, Inc. (the **Company** ) will be held at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at the Hotel Boulderado, 2115 Thirteenth Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302. I hope you will be able to attend.

We have elected to take advantage of the Securities and Exchange Commission rule allowing companies to furnish proxy materials to their stockholders over the Internet. Consequently, the majority of stockholders will not receive paper copies of our proxy materials. On or about July [\_\_\_\_], 2014, we mailed to our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials containing instructions on how to access our 2014 Proxy Statement and Annual Report and vote online, by phone, in person or by mail. This Notice also provides information on how stockholders may obtain paper copies of our proxy materials if they so choose. This makes the proxy distribution process more efficient, while conserving resources.

The attached Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement describe the matters that we expect to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting. Management will be available to answer any questions you may have immediately after the Annual Meeting.

Please sign, date and return the enclosed Proxy without delay in the enclosed envelope, via telephone or via e-mail. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (including audited financial statements) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 accompanies the Proxy Statement. The proxy materials and Annual Report included in this package are also available on the internet under the **Investors** page of the Company's website at [www.lightwavelogic.com](http://www.lightwavelogic.com).

All shares represented by Proxies will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the specifications marked thereon, or if no specifications are made, (i) as to Proposal 1, the Proxy confers authority to vote FOR all of the eight (8) persons listed as candidates for a position on the Board of Directors; (ii) as to Proposal 2, the Proxy confers authority to vote FOR the approval of the amendment to paragraph 4 of the Company's 2007 Employee Stock Plan, (iii) as to Proposal 3 the Proxy confers authority to vote FOR the approval of the amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation; (iv) as to Proposal 4, the Proxy confers authority to vote FOR the ratification of Morison Cogen LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014; and (vi) as to any other business which comes before the Annual Meeting, the Proxy confers authority to vote in the Proxy holder's discretion.

The Company's Board of Directors believes that a favorable vote for each candidate for a position on the Board of Directors and for all other matters described in the attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement is in the best interest of the Company and its stockholders and recommends a vote FOR all candidates and all other matters. Accordingly, we urge you to review the accompanying material carefully and to return the enclosed Proxy promptly.

**Your vote is important and we encourage you to vote promptly. For record holders, whether or not you are able to attend the annual meeting in person, please follow the instructions contained in the Notice on how to vote via the Internet, by phone, or request a paper proxy card to complete, sign and return by mail so that your shares may be voted. If your shares are held in the name of a broker, bank or other holder of record, follow the voting instructions you receive from the holder of record to vote your shares.**

Thank you for your investment and continued interest in Lightwave Logic, Inc.

Sincerely,

/s/ Thomas E. Zelibor

Thomas E. Zelibor

Chief Executive Officer

**LIGHTWAVE LOGIC, INC.**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**TO BE HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014**

To our Stockholders:

Notice is hereby given that the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the **Annual Meeting**) of Lightwave Logic, Inc. (the **Company**) will be held at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at the Hotel Boulderado, 2115 Thirteenth Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302, for the following purposes:

1. To elect eight (8) Directors to the Board of Directors to serve various terms expiring at the 2015, 2016 or 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, as applicable and as more fully described in the Proxy Statement, or until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and qualified;
2. To approve an amendment to paragraph 4 of the Company's 2007 Employee Stock Plan (the **Plan**) to increase the number of shares of Company common stock available for issuance under the Plan from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000;
3. To approve an amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock, par value \$.001, from 100,000,000 shares to 200,000,000 shares and to (ii) increase the number of authorized shares of preferred stock, par value \$.001, from 1,000,000 shares to 2,500,000 shares.
4. To ratify the appointment of Morison Cogen LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014; and
5. To consider and take action upon such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on July 18, 2014, as the Record Date for determining the stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

For a period of 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting, a stockholders list will be kept at the Company's office and shall be available for inspection by stockholders during usual business hours. A stockholders list will also be available for inspection at the Annual Meeting.

Your attention is directed to the accompanying Proxy Statement for further information regarding each proposal to be made.

**STOCKHOLDERS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON ARE URGED TO COMPLETE, DATE AND SIGN THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY AND MAIL IT IN THE ENCLOSED STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU SIGN AND RETURN YOUR PROXY WITHOUT SPECIFYING YOUR CHOICES IT WILL BE UNDERSTOOD THAT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR SHARES VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIRECTORS RECOMMENDATIONS. IF YOU ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, YOU MAY, IF YOU DESIRE, REVOKE YOUR PROXY AND VOTE IN PERSON.**

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ Thomas E. Zelibor

Thomas E. Zelibor

Chief Executive Officer

July [\_\_\_], 2014

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## PROXY STATEMENT

### 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by and on behalf of the Board of Directors (the **Board of Directors** or **Board**) of Lightwave Logic, Inc. of proxies to be voted at the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the **Annual Meeting**) that will be held at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at the Hotel Boulderado, 2115 Thirteenth Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302 and at any adjournments thereof (the **Annual Meeting**). In this Proxy Statement, Lightwave Logic, Inc. is referred to as **we**, **us**, **our**, **Company** or **Lightwave Logic** unless the context indicates otherwise. The Annual Meeting has been called to consider and take action on the following proposals: (i) to elect eight (8) Directors to the Board of Directors; (ii) to approve an amendment to the Company's 2007 Employee Stock Plan (the **Plan**); (iii) to approve an amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation; and (iv) to ratify the appointment of Morison Cogen LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014; and (v) to consider and take action upon such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters to be presented for action at the Annual Meeting. However, if any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the proxy will vote on such other matters and/or for other nominees in accordance with their best judgment. **The Company's Board of Directors recommends that the stockholders vote in favor of each of the Director Nominees and each of the proposals.** Only holders of record of Common Stock of the Company at the close of business on July 18, 2014 (the **Record Date**) will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

The principal executive offices of our Company are located at 1831 Lefthand Circle, Suite C, Longmont, CO 80501, and our telephone number is 720-340-4949. The approximate date on which this Proxy Statement, the proxy card and other accompanying materials are first being sent or given to stockholders is July [\_\_\_\_], 2014. A copy of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 (**Annual Report**) is enclosed with these materials, but should not be considered proxy solicitation material. As is the practice of many other companies, the Company is now providing proxy materials by a notice and access process through the Internet. Those stockholders who wish to receive paper proxy materials may request them.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on August 21, 2014.**

The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and a form of proxy card are under the Investors page of the Company's website at [www.lightwavelogic.com](http://www.lightwavelogic.com). Pursuant to rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, our Company is making this Proxy Statement and its Annual Report available to its stockholders electronically via the Internet. On or about July [\_\_\_\_], 2014, we mailed to our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the **Notice**) containing instructions on how to access our 2014 Proxy Statement and Annual Report and vote online, by phone, in person or by mail. If you received the Notice by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials, unless specifically requested. If you received the Notice by mail and would like to receive a printed copy of our proxy materials you should follow the instructions for requesting such materials included in the Notice.



## INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING

### Why did I receive a notice regarding the availability of proxy materials on the Internet?

Pursuant to rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the **SEC**), our Company has elected to provide access to its proxy materials over the Internet. Accordingly, we are sending a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the **Notice**) to our stockholders of record. All stockholders will have the ability to access the proxy materials on the website referred to in the Notice or request to receive a printed set of the proxy materials. Instructions on how to access the proxy materials over the Internet or to request a printed copy may be found in the Notice.

We intend to mail the Notice on or about July [\_\_\_\_], 2014 to all stockholders of record entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

### Why did I receive this Proxy Statement?

Our Board of Directors is soliciting your proxy to vote at the Annual Meeting because you were a stockholder of record at the close of business on July 18, 2014 (the **Record Date**), and are entitled to vote at the meeting. The Company has made this Proxy Statement and the Annual Report, along with either a proxy card or a voting instruction card, available to you on the Internet or, upon request, has delivered printed versions to you by mail beginning on or about July [\_\_\_\_], 2014. This Proxy Statement summarizes the information you need to know to vote at the Annual Meeting. You do not need to attend the Annual Meeting to vote your shares.

### Who is entitled to vote?

Stockholders as of the close of business on the Record Date are entitled to vote. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held on the Record Date. Stockholders are not entitled to cumulative voting.

### Who can attend the Annual Meeting?

All stockholders as of the Record Date, or their duly appointed proxies, may attend.

**What do I need to be admitted to the Annual Meeting?**

In order to be admitted to the Annual Meeting, a stockholder must present proof of ownership of Lightwave Logic stock on the Record Date. Any holder of a proxy from a stockholder must present the proxy card, properly executed. If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other holder of record, you must present proof of your ownership, such as a bank or brokerage account statement, to be admitted to the meeting. All stockholders must also present a form of personal identification in order to be admitted to the meeting.

**What am I being asked to vote on at the meeting?**

We are asking our stockholders to elect directors and to ratify the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm.

**How many votes are needed for approval of each item?**

Proposal Number 1. Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast in person or by proxy, meaning the eight nominees receiving the most votes will be elected as directors. Stockholders are not entitled to cumulative voting with respect to the election of directors.

Proposal Number 2. The amendment to our 2007 Employee Stock Plan will be approved if a majority of the votes present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter vote in favor of the proposal.

Proposal Number 3. The amendment to our Articles of Incorporation will be approved if a majority of the votes present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter vote in favor of the proposal.

Proposal Number 4. The appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm will be ratified if a majority of the votes present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter vote in favor of the proposal.

## **What constitutes a quorum?**

As of the Record Date, [\_\_\_\_\_] shares of our common stock were issued and outstanding. The presence, either in person or by proxy, of the holders of thirty-three and one-third percent (33.3%) of these outstanding shares is necessary to constitute a quorum for the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum.

## **How do I vote?**

**Record Holders:** Stockholders may vote in person at the Annual Meeting, or by proxy via the proxy card, or via telephone or internet as instructed on the proxy card. If you will be returning your vote by use of the proxy card, indicate your voting preferences on the proxy card, sign and date it, and return it in the prepaid envelope provided with this Proxy Statement. If you return a signed proxy card but do not indicate your voting preferences, the proxies named in your proxy card will vote FOR all proposals on your behalf. You have the right to revoke your proxy any time before the meeting by (1) notifying the Company's Secretary, or (2) returning a later-dated proxy. You may also revoke your proxy by voting in person at the meeting.

**If you hold your shares in street name :** Your broker, bank or other nominee will ask for your instructions, generally by means of a voting instruction form. If you do not provide voting instructions to your broker or other nominee, your shares will not be voted on any proposal on which your broker or other nominee does not have discretionary authority to vote.

If your shares are held in the name of a bank or brokerage firm, you must obtain a proxy, executed in your favor, from the bank or broker, to be able to vote at the meeting.

## **What is the difference between being a record holder and holding shares in street name?**

Most stockholders of the Company hold their shares through a Nominee rather than directly in their own name. As summarized below, there are some distinctions between shares held of record and those owned beneficially.

**Record Holders:** If your shares are registered directly in your name with our Company's transfer agent, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., you are considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares, and these proxy materials are being sent directly to you by the Company. As the stockholder of record, you have the right to grant your voting proxy directly to us or to vote in person at the Annual Meeting. We have enclosed a proxy card for you to use.

If you hold your shares in street name : If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a Nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of the shares which are held in street name and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by your Nominee, who is considered the stockholder of record with respect to these shares. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your Nominee on how to vote and are also invited to attend the Annual Meeting. However, since you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote these shares in person at the Annual Meeting unless you request, complete and deliver a proxy from your Nominee. Your Nominee has enclosed a voting instruction card for you to use in directing the Nominee how to vote your shares.

**What happens if I return my signed proxy card but forget to indicate how I want my shares of common stock voted?**

If you sign, date and return your proxy and do not mark how you want to vote, your proxy will be counted as a vote FOR all of the nominees for directors and FOR all of the other proposals.

**What happens if I do not instruct my broker how to vote or if I mark abstain or withhold authority on the proxy?**

If you mark your proxy abstain or withhold authority, your vote will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal or the election of the applicable director. If you do not instruct your broker how to vote, your broker may vote for you on routine proposals but not on non-routine proposals. The ratification of our auditor is considered routine, but the election of directors and the other proposals are non-routine. Therefore, if you do not vote on the election of directors or provide voting instructions, your broker will not be allowed to vote your shares. Broker non-votes with respect to a matter will not be considered as present and entitled to vote with respect to that matter and thus will have no effect on the vote for that matter.

### **Can I change my voting instructions before the meeting?**

Proxies given by stockholders of record for use at the Annual Meeting may be revoked at any time prior to the exercise of the powers conferred. In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, stockholders of record giving a proxy may revoke the proxy by an instrument in writing, executed by the stockholder or his or her attorney authorized in writing or, if the stockholder is a corporation, by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized, and deposited either at the corporate headquarters of the Company at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Annual Meeting, or any adjournments thereof, at which the proxy is to be used, or with the chairman of such Annual Meeting on the day of the Annual Meeting or adjournments thereof, and upon either of such deposits the proxy is revoked. If your shares are held in the name of a bank or brokerage firm, you must obtain a proxy, executed in your favor, from the bank or broker, to be able to vote at the meeting.

### **Method of Counting Votes**

Unless a contrary choice is indicated, all duly executed proxies will be voted in accordance with the instructions set forth on the proxy card. A broker non-vote occurs when a broker holding shares registered in street name is permitted to vote, in the broker's discretion, on routine matters without receiving instructions from the client, but is not permitted to vote without instructions on non-routine matters, and the broker returns a proxy card with no vote (the non-vote) on the non-routine matter. Under the rules and regulations of the primary trading markets applicable to most brokers, the ratification of the appointment of auditors is a routine matter on which a broker has the discretion to vote if instructions are not received from the client in a timely manner, and election of directors and the other remaining proposals are non-routine matters which requires the broker's client to provide the broker with voting instructions. Abstentions will be counted as present for purposes of determining a quorum but will not be counted for or against the election of directors or any other proposals.

As to Item 1, the Proxy confers authority to vote for all of the eight persons listed as candidates for a position on the Board of Directors even though the block in Item 1 is not marked unless the names of one or more candidates are lined out. The Proxy will be voted FOR Items 2-4 unless AGAINST or ABSTAIN is indicated. If any other business is presented at the meeting, the Proxy shall be voted in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors.

### **Who will count the vote?**

Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. will tabulate the votes and act as inspector of election at the Annual Meeting.

### **Where can I find the voting results of the Annual Meeting?**

We intend to publish the final results in a current report on Form 8-K within four business days after the end of the Annual Meeting.

**What does it mean if I get more than one proxy card?**

It means that you hold shares registered in more than one account. You must return all proxies to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

**How many copies of the Notice of Internet Availability, Proxy Statement or Annual Report to Stockholders will I receive if I share my mailing address with another security holder?**

Unless we have been instructed otherwise, we are delivering only one Notice of Internet Availability, Proxy Statement or Annual Report to Stockholders to multiple security holders sharing the same address. This is commonly referred to as householding. We will however, deliver promptly a separate copy of the Notice of Internet Availability, Proxy Statement or Annual Report to Stockholders to a security holder at a shared address to which a single copy of such documents was delivered, on written or oral request. Requests for copies of the Notice of Internet Availability, Proxy Statement or Annual Report to Stockholders or requests to cease householding in the future should be directed to Andrew Ashton, Secretary, Lightwave Logic, Inc., 1831 Lefthand Circle, Suite C, Longmont, CO 80501. Telephone 720-340-4949. If you share an address with another stockholder and wish to receive a single copy of these documents, instead of multiple copies, you may direct this request to us at the address or telephone number listed above. Stockholders who hold shares in street name may contact their brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer or other similar organization to request information about householding.

**How can I obtain additional proxy materials or other Company materials?**

Copies of the Company's SEC filings are available under the Investors page of the Company's website at [www.lightwavelogic.com](http://www.lightwavelogic.com). Any stockholder desiring additional proxy materials, a copy of any other document incorporated by reference in this Proxy Statement, or a copy of the Company's bylaws should contact the Company's Secretary. Requests should be directed to Andrew Ashton, Secretary, Lightwave Logic, Inc., 1831 Lefthand Circle, Suite C, Longmont, CO 80501. Telephone 720-340-4949.

**Who pays for the cost of this proxy solicitation?**

The Company pays for the cost of soliciting proxies on behalf of the Board of Directors. The Company also will reimburse brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their reasonable expenses in forwarding proxy material to beneficial owners. Proxies may be solicited by mail, telephone, other electronic means or in person. Proxies may be solicited by directors, officers and regular, full-time employees of the Company, none of whom will receive any additional compensation for their services.

**Who are the largest principal stockholders?**

See *Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners* elsewhere in this Proxy Statement for a table setting forth each owner of greater than 5% of the Company's common stock as of the Record Date.

**What percentages of stock do the directors and officers own?**

Together, they own approximately [\_\_\_\_\_] % of our Company common stock as of the Record Date. For information regarding the ownership of our common stock by management, see the section entitled *Security Ownership of Management* elsewhere in this Proxy Statement.

**Do I have dissenters' rights of appraisal?**

Under Nevada Revised Statutes, our stockholders are not entitled to appraisal rights with respect to any of the items proposed to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

**Where can I find general information about the Company?**

General information about us can be found on our website at [www.lightwavelogic.com](http://www.lightwavelogic.com). The information on our website is for informational purposes only and should not be relied upon for investment purposes. The information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement and should not be considered part of this or any other report that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( **SEC** ). We make available free of charge, either by direct access on our website or a link to the SEC's website, our Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the **Exchange Act** ), as soon as reasonably practicable after such reports are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. Our reports filed with, or furnished to, the SEC are also available directly at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

**ALL PROXIES RECEIVED WILL BE VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHOICES SPECIFIED ON SUCH PROXIES. PROXIES WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR OF EACH DIRECTOR NOMINEE AND FOR A PROPOSAL IF NO CONTRARY SPECIFICATION IS MADE. ALL VALID PROXIES OBTAINED WILL BE VOTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PERSONS NAMED IN THE PROXY WITH RESPECT TO ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING.**



**INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE  
OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Our bylaws provide that the number of directors who constitute our Board of Directors is determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, but the total number of directors constituting the entire Board of Directors shall not be less than three or more than nine. Our Board of Directors currently consists of eight directors. On July 25, 2013, certain provisions of our bylaws were amended, including provisions relating to: (i) Classes of Directors, whereby the Board of Directors is divided into three classes, as nearly equal in number as possible, designated: Class I, Class II and Class III. Prior to the amendment, there was only one class of directors; and (ii) Terms of Office, whereby provisions were created for staggered terms with each director serving for a term ending on the date of the third annual meeting following the annual meeting at which such director was elected; provided, that each director initially appointed to Class I shall serve for an initial term expiring at the first annual meeting of stockholders following the effectiveness of this provision; each director initially appointed to Class II shall serve for an initial term expiring at the second annual meeting of stockholders following the effectiveness of this provision; and each director initially appointed to Class III shall serve for an initial term expiring at the third annual meeting of stockholders following the effectiveness of this provision; provided further, that the term of each director shall continue until the election and qualification of a successor and be subject to such director's earlier death, resignation or removal. Prior to the amendment, there were no staggered terms and each director served for a term of one (1) year.

The names of our directors, including the eight nominees to be elected at the Annual Meeting, and certain information about each of them are set forth below.

**Identity of Directors**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term/Class</b>	<b>Period Served</b>
Thomas E. Zelibor	60	Chm. of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer	3 yr./ Class III	Since 2008
James S. Marcelli	66	Director, President, Chief Operating Officer	3 yr./ Class III	Since 2008
Andrew J. Ashton	40	Director, Senior Vice President, Secretary	1 yr./ Class I	Since 2004
William C. Pickett, III	70	Director	3 yr./ Class III	Since 2008
Joseph A. Miller, Jr.	72	Director	2 yr./ Class II	Since 2011
Ronald A. Bucchi	59	Director	2 yr./ Class II	Since 2012
Siraj Nour El-Ahmadi	49	Director	1 yr./ Class I	Since 2013
George Lauro	55	Director	1 yr./Class I	Since 2014

**Business Experience of Directors**

*Thomas E. Zelibor, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret).* RADM Zelibor has served as our Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Board of Directors (executive) since May 2012. RADM Zelibor previously served as Non-Executive Chair of the Board of Directors of our Company since October 2011, and has served as a director of our Company since July 2008. He also previously served on our Operations Committee. RADM Zelibor is in charge of the overall general management of the Company and supervision of Company policies, setting the Company's strategies, formulating and overseeing the Company's business plan, raising capital, expanding the Company's management team and the general promotion of the Company. RADM Zelibor has over twenty years of strategic planning and senior leadership experience. Since April 2011 Mr. Zelibor served as the Chief Executive Officer and President of Zelibor & Associates, LLC, a management-consulting firm. From July 2008 to April 2011, Mr. Zelibor served as the Chief Executive Officer and President of Flatirons Solutions Corp., a professional services firm that provides consulting, systems integration, systems & software engineering, and program management expertise to corporate and government clients. Previously, from July 2006 to July 2008, RADM Zelibor, served as the Dean of the College of Operational and Strategic Leadership at the United States Naval War College where he was responsible for the adoption of a corporate approach to leadership development. Prior to that time, RADM Zelibor served in a number of positions, including as Director of Global Operations, United States Strategic Command; Director, Space, Information Warfare, Command and Control on the Navy staff; Department of the Navy, Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO), Navy; Commander, Carrier Group Three and Commander, Naval Space Command.

*Mr. James S. Marcelli.* Mr. Marcelli has served as an officer and director of our Company since August 2008. Since May 2012 Mr. Marcelli has served as our Company's President and Chief Operating Officer. Previously, from August 2008 to April 2012, Mr. Marcelli served as our President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Marcelli is in charge of the day-to-day operations of our Company and its movement to a fully functioning commercial corporation, and also serves as our Company's principal financial officer. Since 2000, Mr. Marcelli has served as the president and chief executive officer of Marcelli Associates, a consulting company that offers senior management consulting, mentoring, and business development services to start-up and growth companies. Business segments Mr. Marcelli has worked with included an Internet networking gaming center, high-speed custom gaming computers, high tech manufacturing businesses and business service companies.

*Mr. Andrew J. Ashton.* Mr. Ashton has served as an officer and director of our Company since July 2004. Mr. Ashton has served as our Senior Vice president since April 2009. Since 2004, his assistance in the creation of the synthetic chemistry of our novel molecular architecture has been fundamental to our Company's success. His current duties include the development of chemical synthesis, providing extensive analytical support and assisting with our Company's management goals. Mr. Ashton is a skilled computer scientist and organic chemist who began his career in 1998 at the Army Research Laboratory on the Aberdeen Proving Grounds where he helped to design and implement computer interfaces for fiberglass composite analysis.

*Mr. William C. Pickett, III.* Mr. Pickett has served as a director of our Company since January 2008. Mr. Pickett enjoyed a 32 year career with E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., where he worked in numerous financial leadership positions, including serving from February 2002 to April 2004 as Chief Financial Officer of Invista, DuPont's \$7 billion man-made fibers company, which was ultimately sold to Koch Industries, Inc. From 2005 through 2011, Mr. Pickett served on the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware. He also served as Treasurer, was a member of the Executive Committee, and chaired the Finance Committee. He is currently a member of that organization's Finance Committee. Since 2004, Mr. Pickett has served on the Board of Trustees of Operation Warm, a not-for-profit organization, and chairs their Audit Committee. Mr. Pickett received his MBA from the Harvard Business School and a BA from Trinity College.

*Dr. Joseph A. Miller, Jr.* Dr. Miller has served as a director of our Company since May 10, 2011. From 2002 to May 2012, Dr. Miller served as Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of Corning Incorporated, having joined Corning Incorporated in 2001 as Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer. Prior to joining Corning Incorporated, Dr. Miller was with E.I. DuPont de Nemours, Inc., where he served as Chief Technology Officer and Senior Vice President for Research and Development since 1994. Dr. Miller began his career with DuPont in 1966. Dr. Miller is a director of Greatbatch, Inc. and Dow Corning Corporation and holds a doctorate degree in Chemistry from Penn State University.

*Mr. Ronald A. Bucchi.* Mr. Bucchi has served as a director of our Company since June 11, 2012. Mr. Bucchi is currently a self employed C.P.A. with a specialized practice that concentrates in CEO consulting, strategic planning, mergers, acquisitions, business sales and tax. He works with domestic and international companies. Mr. Bucchi is currently a member of the board of directors of First Connecticut Bancorp, Inc. (Farmington Bank) (FBNK:NASDAQ GM), serving on Asset Liability Committee, the Governance and Loan committees in addition to chairing the Audit committee. He is currently the Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of the Petit Family Foundation, Inc. He has served on numerous other community boards and is past Chairman of the Wheeler Clinic and the Wheeler

YMCA. He is a member of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the National Association of Corporate Directors. Mr. Bucchi is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Executive Education program with completed course studies in general board governance, audit and compensation and a graduate of Central Connecticut State University where he received his B.S. in Accounting.

*Mr. Siraj Nour El-Ahmadi.* Mr. El-Ahmadi has served as a director of our Company since October 2, 2013. Since 2004, Mr. El-Ahmadi has served as Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Menara Networks, a developer of innovative products and solutions that simplify layered optical transport networks. Mr. El-Ahmadi has over 17 years of experience in optical transmission in particular and the telecom industry in general. Prior to founding Menara, Mr. El-Ahmadi served as Vice President-Marketing & Product Management at Nortel where he was responsible for the OPTera LH 4000 ULR product (acquired from Qtera) that achieved over \$200M in revenues in its first two years. Prior to that, Mr. El-Ahmadi was the Product Architect & Vice President of Product Management at Qtera Corporation, a successful technology start-up acquired by Nortel in 2000 for \$3.25 billion. Mr. El-Ahmadi also held a Senior Manager position at Bell Northern Research and worked as a Transmission Engineer at WilTel (WorldCom) where he evaluated and deployed the world's first bidirectional EDFA and bi-directional WDM transmission. Mr. El-Ahmadi holds a BS and MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma, is a member of Eta Kappa Nu and is the inventor of 11 patents, issued or pending, in the area of optical communications. He has authored a number of publications and is a frequent speaker at telecom and optical networking events and conferences.

*Mr. George Lauro.* Mr. Lauro has served as a director of our Company since May 12, 2014. Since 2009, Mr. Lauro has served as Founder/Partner of Alteon Capital Partners, a Venture Capital Advisory firm. Mr. Lauro has 25 years of experience as a technology entrepreneur, operating executive and venture capitalist. He was a Managing Director at Wasserstein Perella, and head of West Coast technology investing. He has led and syndicated 18 private equity financing rounds and control deals, raising over \$100M equity financing for portfolio companies and completed over \$1 billion in M&A transactions. Mr. Lauro began his career in the hi-tech industry holding positions primarily focused on the commercialization of emerging technologies. He served as the Director of Technology Commercialization at IBM where he was responsible for transitioning technologies from research labs to the market. Also, he was the Director of New Business Development for Motorola. Mr. Lauro has previously served on numerous corporate boards of both public and private technology companies. Mr. Lauro holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Brown University, a MBA from Wharton School University of Pennsylvania, and he participated in aeronautical engineering graduate studies at MIT.

The Board of Directors believes that each of the Directors named above has the necessary qualifications to be a member of the board of directors. Each Director has exhibited during his prior service as a director the ability to operate cohesively with the other members of the board of directors. Moreover, the Board of Directors believes that each director brings a strong background and skill set to the Board of Directors, giving the Board of Directors as a whole competence and experience in diverse areas, including corporate governance and board service, finance, management and industry experience.

#### **Transactions with Related Persons**

No related party transaction was required to be reported herein.

#### **Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires that our executive officers and directors, and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of our equity securities, file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC. Executive officers, directors and greater-than-ten percent stockholders are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with all Section 16(a) forms they file. To the best of our knowledge, based solely upon a review of Forms 3 and 4 and amendments thereto furnished to our Company during its most recent fiscal year and Forms 5 and amendments thereto furnished to our Company with respect to its most recent fiscal year, and any written representation referred to in paragraph (b)(1) of Item 405 of Regulation S-K, all of our executive officers, directors and greater-than-ten percent stockholders complied with all Section 16(a) filing requirements.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

## **Code of Ethics**

Our Company has adopted a Code of Ethics that applies to all of the Company's employees, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer. A copy of our Code of Ethics is available for review on the Investors page of our Company's website [www.lightwavelogic.com](http://www.lightwavelogic.com). The Company intends to disclose any changes in or waivers from its Code of Ethics by posting such information on its website.

## **Audit Committee**

Our Company has in place a separately designated standing audit committee in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Our audit committee was established on March 19, 2013. Our audit committee is governed by an audit committee charter, a current copy of which is available to security holders on our web site located at [www.lightwavelogic.com](http://www.lightwavelogic.com). The purpose and power of our audit committee is to (a) retain, oversee and terminate, as necessary, the auditors of the Company, (b) oversee the Company's accounting and financial reporting processes and the audit and preparation of the Company's financial statements, (c) exercise such other powers and authority as are set forth in the audit committee charter, and (d) exercise such other powers and authority as assigned to it by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Our audit committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management and has discussed with its independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by the statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended (AICPA, Professional Standards, Vol. 1, AU section 380) as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T. The audit committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from its independent accountant required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent accountant's communications with the audit committee concerning independence, and has discussed with its independent accountant its independent accountant's independence. Based on the review and discussions described above, the audit committee recommended that the audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the last fiscal year for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Our audit committee is comprised of Ronald A. Bucchi, William C. Pickett, III, Joseph A Miller, Jr. and Siraj Nour El-Ahmadi. Mr. Bucchi serves as our audit committee financial expert as that term is defined by the rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Mr. Bucchi is an independent director, as defined below under the caption Director Independence.

### **Compensation Committee**

Our Board of Directors does not have a standing compensation committee or committee performing similar functions. This is due to our development stage, the small number of executive officers involved with our Company, and the fact that we operate with few employees. Our full Board of Directors currently participates in the consideration of executive officer and director compensation. We do not have a Compensation Committee charter. Our Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing, recommending and approving our compensation policies and benefits, including the compensation of all of our executive officers and directors. Our Board of Directors also has the principal responsibility for the administration of our employee stock plan. Our Board of Directors will continue to evaluate, from time to time, whether it should appoint a standing compensation committee.

Executive officers who are also directors participate in determining or recommending the amount or form of executive and director compensation, but the ultimate determination of executive compensation is determined by the independent directors. Neither the board nor management utilizes compensation consultants in determining or recommending the amount or form of executive and director compensation.

### **Nominating Committee**

Our Board of Directors does not have a nominating committee. This is due to our development stage and smaller sized Board of Directors. Instead of having such a committee, our Board of Directors historically has searched for and evaluated qualified individuals to become nominees for membership on our Board of Directors. The directors recommend candidates for nomination for election or reelection for each annual meeting of stockholders and, as necessary, to fill vacancies and newly created directorships.

All of our director nominees have expressed their willingness to continue to serve as our directors. When new candidates for our Board of Directors are sought, all of our directors evaluate each candidate for nomination as director within the context of the needs and the composition of the board as a whole. The Board of Directors conducts any appropriate and necessary inquiries into the backgrounds and qualifications of candidates. When evaluating director nominees, our Board of Directors generally seeks to identify individuals with diverse, yet complementary backgrounds. Our directors consider both the personal characteristics and experience of director nominees, including each nominee's independence, diversity, age, skills, expertise, time availability and industry background in the context of the needs of the Board of Directors and the Company. The Board of Directors believes that director nominees should exhibit proven leadership capabilities and experience at a high level of responsibility within their chosen fields, and have the experience and ability to analyze business and/or scientific issues facing our Company. In addition to business expertise, the Board of Directors requires that director nominees have the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values and, above all, are committed to representing the long-term interests of our stockholders and other stakeholders. To date, all new candidates have been identified by members of our Board of Directors, and we have not paid any fee to a third party to assist in the process of identifying or evaluating director candidates.

Our directors will consider candidates for nomination as director who are recommended by a stockholder and will not evaluate any candidate for nomination for director differently because the candidate was recommended by a stockholder. To date, we have not received or rejected any suggestions for a director candidate recommended by any stockholder or group of stockholders owning more than 5% of our common stock.



When submitting candidates for nomination to be elected at our annual meeting of stockholders, stockholders should follow the following notice procedures and comply with applicable provisions of our bylaws. To consider a candidate recommended by a stockholder for nomination at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the recommendation must be delivered or mailed to and received by our Secretary within the time periods discussed elsewhere in this Proxy Statement under the heading Stockholder Proposals for 2015 Annual Meeting. The recommendation must include the information specified in our bylaws for stockholder nominees to be considered at an annual meeting, along with the following:

- The stockholder's name and address and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is proposed;
- The stockholder's reason for making the nomination at the annual meeting, and the signed consent of the nominee to serve if elected;
- The number of shares owned by, and any material interest of, the record owner and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the record owner is proposing the nominee;
- A description of any arrangements or understandings between the stockholder, the nominee and any other person regarding the nomination; and
- Information regarding the nominee that would be required to be included in our Proxy Statement by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the nominee's age, business experience for the past five years and any other directorships held by the nominee.

The information listed above is not a complete list of requisite information. The secretary will forward any timely recommendations containing the required information to our independent directors for consideration.

No material changes to the procedures by which our stockholders may recommend nominees to our Board of Directors has occurred since we last provided disclosure regarding these procedures in our Definitive Schedule 14A filed on June 28, 2013.

### **Operations Committee**

Our Board of Directors has established an Operations Committee in order to utilize the talent of its members of the board of directors on a temporary basis for various short term Company projects. Our Board of Directors is charged with affirmatively determining that any director appointed to the Operations Committee does not have a relationship that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out his responsibilities as a director. Presently, George Lauro is serving a 120 day term on the Company's Operations Committee. The Operations Committee Charter is available to stockholders on our website at [www.lightwavelogic.com](http://www.lightwavelogic.com).

### **Director Independence**

Although we are currently traded on the Over-the-Counter Markets, our Board has reviewed each of the directors relationships with the Company in conjunction with Section 121 of the listing standards of the NYSE Amex and has affirmatively determined that five of our directors, William C. Pickett, III, Joseph A. Miller, Jr., Ronald A. Bucchi, Siraj Nour El-Ahmadi and George Lauro, are independent directors in that they are independent of management and free of any relationship that would interfere with their independent judgment as members of our Board of Directors. Our Company does not have a separately designated nominating or compensation committee or committee performing similar functions; therefore, our full Board of Directors currently serves in these capacities. Three members of our Board of Directors, Thomas E. Zelibor, James S. Marcelli and Andrew J. Ashton, are not independent directors pursuant to the standards described above. Mr. Bucchi serves as our audit committee financial expert as that term is defined by the rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

### **Policies and Procedures for Related-Party Transactions**

Our Company does not have any formal written policies or procedures for related party transactions, however in practice, our board of directors reviews and approves all related party transactions and other matters pertaining to the integrity of management, including potential conflicts of interest, trading in our securities, or adherence to standards of business conduct.

## **Board Leadership Structure**

Our bylaws provide the Board of Directors with flexibility to combine or separate the positions of Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with its determination that utilizing one or the other structure is in the best interests of our Company. Our current structure is that one person, Thomas Zelibor, serves as our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Zelibor is responsible for the day-to-day leadership of the Company. He also performs a variety of functions related to our corporate governance, including coordinating board activities with our lead independent director, setting relevant items on the agenda and ensuring adequate communication between the Board of Directors and management, which he does in conjunction with the other independent directors, including our lead independent director. Our Company's lead independent director is William C. Pickett, III. Mr. Pickett's duties include, among other things, serving as the chair of the independent directors, serving as the principal liaison between the independent directors and the chairman of the Board of Directors, advising and coordinating with the Chairman of the Board of Directors on various board matters, and leading the board's review of our chief executive officer. Our Board of Directors has determined that maintaining the independence of a majority of our directors helps maintain its independent oversight of management. Further, our Board of Directors has determined that this leadership structure is appropriate for the size of our Company.

## **Risk Oversight**

The Board of Directors is actively involved in the oversight of risks, including strategic, operational and other risks, which could affect our business. The Board of Directors does not have a standing risk management committee, but administers this oversight function directly through the Board of Directors as a whole, which oversees risks relevant to their respective functions. The Board of Directors considers strategic risks and opportunities and administers its respective risk oversight function by evaluating management's monitoring, assessment and management of risks, including steps taken to limit our exposure to known risks, through regular interaction with our senior management and in board and committee deliberations that are closed to members of management. The interaction with management occurs not only at formal board and committee meetings but also through periodic and other written and oral communications.

## **Stockholder Communications with the Board**

Stockholders who desire to communicate with the Board of Directors, or a specific director, may do so by sending the communication addressed to either the Board of Directors or any director, c/o Lightwave Logic, Inc., 1831 Lefthand Circle, Suite C, Longmont, CO 80501. These communications will be delivered to the Board, or any individual director, as specified.

## **Meetings of the Board and Committees**

During 2013, there were 7 meetings of the Board of Directors. Each current director attended at least 75% of the total number of meetings of the Board held in 2013. The Board of Directors also acted at times by unanimous written consent, as authorized by our bylaws and the Nevada Revised Statutes.

We have no policy regarding the attendance of the members of our Board of Directors at our annual meetings of security holders. Other than Ross Fasick, who retired as a director in October 2013, all of the members of our Board of Directors attended our 2013 annual meeting.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS****Identity Of Executive Officers And Significant Employees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>
Thomas E. Zelibor	60	Chmn. of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer
James S. Marcelli	66	Director, President, Chief Operating Officer
Andrew J. Ashton	40	Director, Senior Vice President, Secretary
Terry Turpin	71	Optical Computing Expert(1)
Lou Bintz	53	Vice President of Product Development (2)

1. Our Optical Computing and signal processing expert is not an executive officer position, but our Company anticipates that Mr. Turpin's expertise in optical computing and his respect in the optical computing community will significantly contribute to the development of our Company.
2. Our Vice President of Product Development is not an executive officer position, but our Company anticipates that Mr. Bintz's expertise in product development will significantly contribute to the development of our anticipated commercial products.

**Business Experience of Executive Officers and Significant Employees**

The business experience of Messrs. Zelibor, Marcelli and Ashton is described above under the caption Business Experience of Directors.

*Mr. Terry Turpin.* Mr. Turpin has served as our Optical Computing expert since March 2008. Since October 2006, Mr. Turpin has been a member of the UMBC College of Natural Science and Mathematics Advisory Board. Until January 2007, when Northrop Grumman Space & Mission Systems Corp. acquired Essex Corporation, Mr. Turpin was a director of Essex Corporation. Mr. Turpin remained Senior Vice President and Chief Scientist for Essex Corporation after its acquisition until April 2007. Mr. Turpin was appointed as a director of Essex Corporation in January 1997 and became its Senior Vice President and Chief Scientist in 1996. He joined Essex Corporation through a merger with SEDC where he was Vice President and Chief Scientist from September 1984 through June 1989. From December 1983 to September 1984 he was an independent consultant. From 1963 through December 1983, the National Securities Agency (NSA) employed Mr. Turpin. He was Chief of the Advanced Processing Technologies Division for ten years. He holds patents for optical computers and adaptive optical components. Mr. Turpin represented NSA on the Tri-Service Optical Processing Committee organized by the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Akron in 1966 and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. in 1970.

*Mr. Lou Bintz.* Mr. Bintz has served as our Vice President of Product Development since June 1, 2013. Prior to that time, since March 2013, Mr. Bintz served as our Manager of Product Development. Previously, since 2007, Mr. Bintz served as an Engineering Manager Process Development at Nlight Photonics. From 2000 to 2006, Mr. Bintz served as a Sr. Researcher, Office of Future Technology and Products at Lumenta. Mr. Bintz has almost two decades of experience in research and business development activities involving fiber and polymer optical sensors, electro-optic modulators, high power laser diodes, HDTV CRT systems, and OLED design fabrication and testing. Mr. Bintz has strong experience in six sigma based lean manufacturing methodologies & management of high volume production environments, and holds six US patents and four international patents in the field of electro-optic photonic device design and fabrication. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Physics in 1991 and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 1994, both from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The table below summarizes all compensation awarded to, earned by, or paid to our named executive officers for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

**Summary Compensation Table**

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards	Option Awards	All Other Compensation	Total
		(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(i)	(j)
Thomas E. Zelibor	2013	217,128	0	0	229,480	0	446,608
CEO, Chmn. of the Board (1)	2012	140,000	0	1,607	610,922	5,100	757,629
James S. Marcelli	2013	208,290	0	0	60,399	0	268,689
President, COO, Director (2)	2012	200,000	0	0	347,243	0	547,243

- Mr. Zelibor has served as our Chief Executive Officer since May 1, 2012; and prior to that time, he served as a non-executive member of our Board of Directors. Pursuant to an employment agreement, effective May 1, 2012, Mr. Zelibor receives a salary of \$17,500 per month and an option to purchase up to 500,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.30 per share. The employment agreement was amended on August 29, 2013, and effective September 1, 2013, he receives a salary of \$18,750 per month. The options vest quarterly over one year in equal installments of 125,000 shares per quarter beginning May 1, 2012. On July 11, 2008, Mr. Zelibor was awarded an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.75 per share. The option vests 25,000 shares immediately and the remaining annually over three years in equal annual installments of 25,000 shares per year beginning July 11, 2009. On November 9, 2012 the options were extended to July 10, 2015. On August 29, 2008, Mr. Zelibor was awarded an option to purchase up to 150,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.42 per share. The option vests 37,500 shares immediately and the remaining annually over three years in equal annual installments of 37,500 shares per year beginning August 29, 2009. On November 9, 2012 the options were extended to August 28, 2015. On December 13, 2010, Mr. Zelibor was awarded an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.00 per share. The option vests 25,000 shares immediately and the remaining annually over three years in equal annual installments of 25,000 shares per year beginning November 4, 2011. On December 19, 2011, Mr. Zelibor was awarded an option to purchase up to 250,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.01 per share. The option vests 62,500 shares immediately and the remaining annually over three years in equal annual installments of 62,500 shares per year beginning December 19, 2011. The values described in column (e) reflect shares of common stock for services related to our Operation Committee prior to May 1, 2012, the values described in column (f) reflect vested Options and the values described in column (i) reflect consulting fees paid to Mr. Zelibor prior to May 1, 2012. The compensation includes the amount for services rendered to the Company in his capacity as

- both an officer and a director.
2. Mr. Marcelli served as our Chief Executive Officer and President from August 1, 2008 to April 30, 2012; and has served as our President and Chief Operating Officer since May 1, 2012. Pursuant to an employment agreement, effective August 1, 2010, and subsequently amended, Mr. Marcelli receives a salary of \$16,667 per month and an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.50 per share. The options vest quarterly over two years in equal installments of 12,500 shares per quarter beginning August 1, 2010. Effective August 1, 2013, Mr. Marcelli receives a salary of \$17,917 per month and an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.00 per share. The options vest in equal installments of 25,000 options with the first installment vesting on August 1, 2013 and the remaining installments vesting quarterly commencing on October 1, 2013. Pursuant to a previous employment agreement, Mr. Marcelli received, among other things, an option to purchase up to 1,050,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.75 per share. The options vest quarterly over three years in equal installments of 87,500 shares per quarter beginning November 1, 2008. On November 9, 2012 the options were extended to July 31, 2015. Additionally, in the event Mr. Marcelli's employment terminates upon his death and the key man life insurance is in place for Mr. Marcelli, our Company will continue to pay the base cash compensation described in Mr. Marcelli's employment agreement to his estate through the remainder of term of his employment agreement, or 90 days, whichever is longer. The values described in column (f) reflect vested Options. The compensation includes the amount for services rendered to the Company in his capacity as both an officer and a director.

At no time during the last fiscal year was any outstanding option otherwise modified or re-priced, and there was no tandem feature, reload feature, or tax-reimbursement feature associated with any of the stock options we granted to our executive officers or otherwise.



We grant stock awards and stock options to our executive officers based on their level of experience and contributions to our Company. The aggregate fair value of awards and options are computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718 and are reported in the Summary Compensation Table above in the columns (e) and (f).

The table below summarizes all of the outstanding equity awards for our named executive officers as of December 31, 2013, our latest fiscal year end.

**Outstanding Equity Awards At Fiscal Year-End**

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards				
	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#) exercisable	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#) unexercisable	Equity incentive plan awards: number of unearned options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Number of shares or units of stock that have not vested (#)	Market value of shares or units of stock that have not vested (\$)	Equity incentive awards: number of unearned shares, units or other rights that have not vested (#)	Equity incentive awards: market or payout value of unearned shares, units or other rights that have not vested (\$)	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Thomas E. Zelibor	100,000	0		1.75	7/10/15				

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CEO,	150,000	0	1.42	8/28/15
Chairman of the Board(1)(4)	100,000	0	1.00	12/12/15
	187,500	62,500	1.01	12/19/16
	500,000	0	1.69	4/30/22
James S. Marcelli	100,000		1.50	7/31/15
President, COO,	1,050,000		1.75	7/31/15
Director(2)(4)	50,000	50,000	1.00	5/16/23

- (1) On May 1, 2012, Mr. Zelibor received an option to purchase up to 500,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.30 per share. The options vest quarterly over one year in equal installments of 125,000 shares per quarter beginning May 1, 2012. On July 11, 2008, Mr. Zelibor was awarded an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.75 per share. The option vests 25,000 shares immediately and the remaining annually over three years in equal annual installments of 25,000 shares per year beginning July 11, 2009. On November 9, 2012 the options were extended to July 10, 2015. On August 29, 2008, Mr. Zelibor was awarded an option to purchase up to 150,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.42 per share. The option vests 37,500 shares immediately and the remaining annually over three years in equal annual installments of 37,500 shares per year beginning August 29, 2009. On November 9, 2012 the options were extended to August 28, 2015. On December 13, 2010, Mr. Zelibor was awarded an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.00 per share. The option vests 25,000 shares immediately and the remaining annually over three years in equal annual installments of 25,000 shares per year beginning November 4, 2011. On December 19, 2011, Mr. Zelibor was awarded an option to purchase up to 250,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.01 per share. The option vests 62,500 shares immediately and the remaining annually over three years in equal annual installments of 62,500 shares per year beginning December 19, 2011.
- (2) On August 1, 2008 Mr. Marcelli received an option to purchase up to 1,050,000 shares of company common stock. The options vest quarterly over three years in equal installments of 87,500 shares per quarter beginning November 1, 2008. On August 1, 2010, Mr. Marcelli received an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of company common stock. The options vest quarterly over two years in equal installments of 12,500 shares per quarter beginning August 1, 2010. On November 9, 2012 the options were extended to July 31, 2015. August 1, 2013, Mr. Marcelli received an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of common stock. The options vest in equal installments of 25,000 options with the first installment vesting on August 1, 2013 and the remaining installments vesting quarterly commencing on October 1, 2013.
- (3) In the event of a change in control of our Company, such person's options will become fully vested and/or exercisable, as the case may be, immediately prior to such change in control, and shall remain exercisable as set forth in their stock option agreement.

### Compensation of Directors

Set forth below is a summary of the compensation of our directors during our December 31, 2013 fiscal year.

Name	Fees Earned		Non-Qualified			All Other Compensation	Total
	or Paid in	Stock	Option	Non-Equity	Deferred		
	Cash	Awards	Awards	Incentive Plan Compensation	Earnings		
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Thomas E. Zelibor (1)							
James S. Marcelli (1)							
Andrew J. Ashton (1)							
William C. Pickett, III (2)							
Joseph A. Miller (3)							
Ronald A. Bucchi, (4)				35,704			35,704
Siraj Nour El-Ahmadi (5)				174,106			174,106

- (1) Serves as an executive officer and a director, but receives no additional compensation for serving as a director.
- (2) On January 8, 2008, Mr. Pickett received an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of company stock at an exercise price of \$.72 that vest pursuant to the following schedule: 25,000 shares vested immediately; and the remaining options vest in 3 equal annual installments of 25,000 options per year commencing on January 8, 2009. On November 9, 2012 the options were extended to January 8, 2015. On August 29, 2008, Mr. Pickett received an option to purchase up to 250,000 shares of company stock at an exercise price of \$1.42 that vest pursuant to the following schedule: 137,500 shares vest immediately and 37,500 shares vest at the end of every 12 month period commencing August 29, 2008. On November 9, 2012 the options were extended to August 28, 2015. On December 13, 2010, Mr. Pickett received an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of company stock at an exercise price of \$1.00 that vest pursuant to the following schedule: 25,000 shares vest immediately and 25,000 shares vest at the end of every 12 month period commencing November 4, 2010.
- (3) On May 10, 2011, Mr. Miller received an option to purchase up to 200,000 shares of company stock at an exercise price of \$1.12 that vest pursuant to the following schedule: 50,000 shares vested immediately; and the

- remaining options vest in 3 equal annual installments of 50,000 options per year commencing on May 10, 2012.
- (4) On August 29, 2013, Mr. Bucchi received an option to purchase up to 50,000 shares of company stock at an exercise price of \$0.84 that vest pursuant to the following schedule: 20,000 shares vested immediately; and the remaining options vest in equal quarterly installments of 10,000 options per year commencing on October 1, 2013.
  - (5) On November 1, 2013, Mr. Siraj Nour El-Ahmadii received an option to purchase up to 200,000 shares of company stock at an exercise price of \$0.93 that vest pursuant to the following schedule: 50,000 shares on November 1, 2013 and the remaining options vest in equal annual installments of 50,000 options per year commencing on November 1, 2014.

In the event of a change in control of our Company, all of the above person's options become fully vested and/or exercisable, as the case may be, immediately prior to such change in control, and shall remain exercisable as set forth in their stock option agreement.

**Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans**

Equity Compensation Plans as of December 31, 2013.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

<b>Plan category</b>	<b>Number of securities</b>	<b>Weighted-average</b>	<b>Number of securities</b>
	<b>to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights</b>	<b>exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights</b>	<b>remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))</b>
	<b>(a)</b>	<b>(b)</b>	<b>(c)</b>
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders (1)	5,599,500	\$1.19	1,191,600
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders (2)	1,546,500	\$1.04	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,146,000</b>	<b>\$1.16</b>	<b>1,191,600</b>

1. Reflects our 2007 Employee Stock Plan for the benefit of our directors, officers, employees and consultants. As of as of December 31, 2013, we have reserved 8,000,000 shares of common stock for such persons pursuant to that plan.
2. Comprised of common stock purchase warrants we issued for services.



**VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF**

As of the Record Date, we had outstanding [\_\_\_\_\_] shares of common stock. Each share of our common stock is entitled to one vote with respect to each matter on which it is entitled to vote. Pursuant to our bylaws and the Nevada Revised Statutes, directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast in person or by proxy, meaning the eight nominees receiving the most votes will be elected as directors. A majority of shares entitled to vote on the subject matter and represented in person or by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum is present is required for all other items. Stockholders are not entitled to cumulative voting with respect to any matter.

The following table sets forth, as of the Record Date, the names, addresses, amount and nature of beneficial ownership and percent of such ownership of each person or group known to our Company to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent (5%) of our common stock:

**Security Ownership of Management**

<b>Name and Address (1)</b>	<b>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership (2)</b>	<b>% Owned (3)(4)</b>
Thomas E. Zelibor  Chief Executive Officer, Principal Executive Officer and Chmn. of the Board of Directors	1,114,324(5)	[_____]%
James S. Marcelli  President, Chief Operating Officer, Principal Financial Officer and Director	1,503,400(6)	[_____]%
Andrew J. Ashton  Senior Vice President, Secretary, and Director	2,981,667	[_____]%
William C. Pickett, III  Director	511,000(7)	*
Joseph A. Miller, Jr.  Director	266,800(8)	*
Ronald A. Bucchi	427,400(9)	*

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Director

Siraj Nour El-Ahmadi	90,000(10)	*
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Director

George Lauros	52,371(11)	*
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Director

Directors and Officers as a Group (8 Persons):	6,946,962	[_____]%
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\* Less than 1%.

1. In care of our Company at 1831 Lefthand Circle, Suite C, Longmont, CO 80501.
2. To our best knowledge, as of the date hereof, such holders had the sole voting and investment power with respect to the voting securities beneficially owned by them, unless otherwise indicated herein. Includes the person's right to obtain additional shares of common stock within 60 days from the Record Date.
3. Based on [\_\_\_\_\_] shares of common stock outstanding on Record Date. Does not include shares underlying: (i) options to purchase shares of our common stock under our 2007 Employee Stock Plan and (ii) outstanding warrants to purchase shares of our common stock.
4. If a person listed on this table has the right to obtain additional shares of common stock within 60 days from the Record Date, the additional shares are deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of class owned by such person, but are not deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of any other person.



5. Consists of 50,124 shares of common stock and options and warrants to purchase up to 1,064,200 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days from the Record Date.
6. Consists of 246,700 shares of common stock and options and warrants to purchase up to 1,256,700 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days from the Record Date.
7. Consists of 21,000 shares of common stock and an option to purchase up to 490,000 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days from the Record Date.
8. Consists of 13,400 shares of common stock and options and warrants to purchase up to 253,400 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days from the Record Date.
9. Consists of 174,000 shares of common stock and options and warrants to purchase up to 253,400 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days from the Record Date. Mr. Bucchi disclaims beneficial ownership of 53,000 shares held by his spouse.
10. Consists of an option to purchase up to 90,000 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days from the Record Date.
11. Consists of 2,371 shares of common stock and an option to purchase up to 50,000 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days from the Record Date.

The following table sets forth, as of the Record Date, the names, addresses, amount and nature of beneficial ownership and percent of such ownership of each person or group known to our Company to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent (5%) of our common stock:

**Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners**

<b>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner (1)</b>	<b>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership</b>	<b>% of Class Owned (6)</b>
Frederick J. Goetz, Jr. (2)	2,692,698(4)	[_____]%
Estate of Frederick J. Goetz (2)(3)	6,118,645(4)(5)	[_____]%
Mary Goetz (2)	6,118,645(4)(5)	[_____]%
Andrew J. Ashton	2,981,667(4)	[_____]%

1. In care of our Company at 1831 Lefthand Circle, Suite C, Longmont, CO 80501.
2. Frederick J. Goetz (deceased) and Mary Goetz were Husband and wife, and Frederick J. Goetz, Jr. is their son.
3. The Estate of Frederick J. Goetz is the record holder of the shares. Jennifer J. Goetz is the Administer of the Estate of Frederick J. Goetz.
4. To our best knowledge, as of the date hereof, such holders had the sole voting and investment power with respect to the voting securities beneficially owned by them, unless otherwise indicated herein. Includes the person's right to obtain additional shares of common stock within 60 days from the Record Date.

5. Consists of (i) 3,160,011 shares of common stock owned of record by the Estate of Frederick J. Goetz; and (ii) 2,958,634 shares of common stock owned by Mary Goetz.
6. Based on [\_\_\_\_\_] shares of common stock outstanding on the Record Date. Does not include shares underlying: (i) options to purchase shares of our common stock under our 2007 Plan, or (ii) outstanding warrants to purchase shares of our common stock.

### **Change in Control Arrangements**

We are not aware of any arrangements that could result in a change of control.

**PROPOSAL ONE****ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

At the Annual Meeting, eight directors are to be elected to serve on the Board of Directors. There are eight nominees, all of whom currently serve on our Board of Directors. On July 25, 2013, certain provisions of our bylaws were amended, including provisions relating to: (i) Classes of Directors, whereby the Board of Directors is divided into three classes, as nearly equal in number as possible, designated: Class I, Class II and Class III. Prior to the amendment, there was only one class of directors; and (ii) Terms of Office, whereby provisions were created for staggered terms with each director serving for a term ending on the date of the third annual meeting following the annual meeting at which such director was elected; provided, that each director initially appointed to Class I shall serve for an initial term expiring at the first annual meeting of stockholders following the effectiveness of this provision; each director initially appointed to Class II shall serve for an initial term expiring at the second annual meeting of stockholders following the effectiveness of this provision; and each director initially appointed to Class III shall serve for an initial term expiring at the third annual meeting of stockholders following the effectiveness of this provision; provided further, that the term of each director shall continue until the election and qualification of a successor and be subject to such director's earlier death, resignation or removal. Prior to the amendment, there were no staggered terms and each director served for a term of one (1) year.

**Nominees**

Set forth below is information regarding the nominees for election to our Board of Directors:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position(s) with the Company</b>	<b>Term/Class</b>	<b>Year First Elected Director</b>
Thomas E. Zelibor	Chm. of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer	3 yr./ Class III	2008
James S. Marcelli	Director, President, Chief Operating Officer	3 yr./ Class III	2008
Andrew J. Ashton	Director, Senior Vice President, Secretary	1 yr./ Class I	2004
William C. Pickett, III	Director	3 yr./ Class III	2008
Joseph A. Miller, Jr.	Director	2 yr./ Class II	2011
Ronald A. Bucchi	Director	2 yr./ Class II	2012
Siraj Nour El-Ahmadi	Director	1 yr./ Class I	2013
George Lauro	Director	1 yr./Class I	2014

Each person nominated has agreed to serve if elected, and our Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any nominee will be unavailable or will decline to serve. In the event, however, that any nominee is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for any nominee who is designated by

the current Board of Directors to fill the vacancy.

### **Vote Required**

Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting. For the purposes of election of directors, although abstentions will count toward the presence of a quorum, they will not be counted as votes cast and will have no effect on the result of the vote. Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share held.

### **Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** the election of all of the above Nominees.

## PROPOSAL TWO

### AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANY'S 2007 EMPLOYEE STOCK PLAN

#### **Purpose of the Proposal**

The Board of Directors of the Company has approved and is recommending to stockholders of the Company an amendment to our Company's 2007 Employee Stock Plan, as previously amended (the **Plan**) to amend paragraph 4 of the Plan to increase the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the Plan from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 so that a sufficient amount of awards are available for issuance in the future.

The Board of Directors approved the Plan to ensure that the Company has adequate ways in which to provide stock based compensation to its directors, officers, employees, and consultants. The Board of Directors believes that the ability to grant stock-based compensation is important to the Company's future success. The grant of stock-based compensation, such as stock options, can motivate high levels of performance and provide an effective means of recognizing employee and consultant contributions to the Company's success. In addition, stock-based compensation can be valuable in recruiting and retaining highly qualified technical and other key personnel who are in great demand, as well as rewarding and providing incentives to the Company's current employees and consultants. Our Board of Directors believes that the increase in the number of common shares available for issuance under the Plan is necessary in order to continue to offer stock-based compensation programs that will allow the Company to carry out the purposes of the plan, including attracting new scientific research personnel that are critical to the growth and success of the Company.

#### **Summary of the Plan**

The principal terms and provisions of the Plan are summarized below. As a summary, the description below is not a complete description of all the terms of the Plan and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Plan.

Types Of Awards. Both incentive stock options, or ISOs, and nonqualified stock options, or NSOs, and stock grants and stock purchase rights may be granted under the Plan. ISOs receive favorable tax treatment on exercise, and may receive favorable tax treatment on a qualifying disposition of the underlying shares. However, ISOs must comply with certain requirements regarding exercise price, maximum term and post termination exercise period, and must be issued under a stockholder-approved plan. NSOs are not subject to these requirements, nor may they receive this favorable tax treatment upon exercise.

Administration. The Plan is administered by either the Board of Directors of the Company or a Stock Plan Committee ( **Committee** ) appointed by the Board of Directors.

Eligibility. Awards under the Plan may only be made as follows: ISOs may be granted to any employee of the Company. Officers and directors of the Company who are not employees may not be granted ISOs under the Plan. Non-Qualified Options, stock grants and authorizations to make stock purchases may be granted to any director (whether or not an employee), officer, employee or consultant of the Company. As of the Record Date, there were five non-employee directors, 15 employees and 2 consultants who are eligible for awards under the 2014 Plan.

Number of Shares. As a result of previous amendments to the Plan, the aggregate number of shares that may be issued pursuant to the Plan is 8,000,000, subject to adjustment as described below.

Adjustments. In the event of a subdivision of the outstanding common stock, a declaration of a dividend payable in shares of common stock, a combination or consolidation of the outstanding common stock into a lesser number of shares of common stock, a recapitalization, a reclassification or a similar occurrence, the Committee shall make appropriate adjustments, subject to the limitations set forth in the Plan.

Transferability. No ISO shall be assignable or transferable by the grantee except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and during the lifetime of the grantee each ISO shall be exercisable only by him. All other awards under the Plan shall be freely transferable subject to certain limitations imposed by the Plan, when applicable.

**Termination Of Service.** Each option shall set forth the extent to which the optionee shall have the right to exercise their option following termination of the optionee's employment with the Company. Such provisions shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors or Committee, and need not be uniform among all options issued pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and to the extent required by applicable law, each option shall provide that the optionee shall have the right to exercise the vested portion of any option held at termination for at least ninety (90) days following termination of employment with the Company for any reason, and that the optionee shall have the right to exercise the option for at least twelve (12) months if the optionee's employment terminates due to death or disability.

**Amendment and Termination.** The Plan became effective on October 1, 2007, the date of its adoption by the Board of Directors, and was approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Company on February 6, 2008. The Plan was subsequently amended on three other occasions pursuant to approval of both the Board of Directors and stockholders. Unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms of the Plan, the Plan will terminate on September 30, 2016. The Board of Directors may terminate or amend the Plan at any time except that the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock must approve certain amendments. Except as provided for in the Plan, neither the Board of Directors nor the stockholders can alter or impair the rights of an optionee, without his/her consent, under any award previously granted to him/her under the Plan.

## **Tax Aspects of the Plan**

**Federal Income Tax Consequences.** The following discussion summarizes the material federal income tax consequences to the Company and the participants in connection with the Plan under existing applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and the regulations adopted pursuant to such Code. The discussion is general in nature and does not address issues relating to the income tax circumstances of any specific individual employee or holder. The discussion is subject to possible future changes in the Code or other relevant law. The discussion does not address the consequences of state, local or foreign tax laws.

**Nonqualified Stock Options.** A recipient will not have any taxable income at the time an NSO is granted nor will the Company be entitled to a deduction at that time. When an NSO is exercised, the grantee will have taxable ordinary income (whether the option price is paid in cash or by surrender of already owned shares of Common Stock), and the Company will be entitled to a tax deduction, in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares to which the option exercise pertains over the option exercise price.

**Incentive Stock Options.** A grantee will not have any taxable income at the time an ISO is granted or at the time the ISO is exercised. If a grantee disposes of the shares acquired on exercise of an ISO after two years after the grant of the ISO and one year after exercise of the ISO, the gain, if any, will be long-term capital gains eligible for favorable tax rates under the Code. If the grantee disposes of the shares within two years of the grant of the ISO or within one year of exercise of the ISO, the disposition is a disqualifying disposition, and the grantee will have taxable ordinary income in the year of the disqualifying disposition equal to the lesser of (a) the difference between the fair market value of the shares and the exercise price of the shares at the time of option exercise, or (b) the difference between the sales price of the shares and the exercise price of the shares. Any gain realized from the time of option exercise to the

time of the disqualifying disposition would be long-term or short-term capital gains, depending on whether the shares were sold more than one year or up to and through one year respectively, after the ISO was exercised. The Company is not entitled to a deduction as a result of the grant or exercise of an ISO. If the grantee has ordinary income taxable as compensation as a result of a disqualifying disposition, the Company will then be entitled to a deduction in the same amount as the grantee recognizes as ordinary income.

### **Future Plan Benefits**

All awards to employees, officers, directors and consultants under the Plan are made at the discretion of the Board of Directors on a case by case basis. Therefore, the benefits and amounts that will be received or allocated under the Plan in the future are not determinable at this time.

### **Copy of Plan and Amendment**

A complete copy of our Company's 2007 Employee Stock Plan (the **Plan**) is attached as Exhibit A to our Schedule 14C Information Statement filed with the SEC on February 18, 2008. A copy of the proposed amendment to the Plan is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.



**Vote Required**

The vote required to approve the proposed amendment of the Plan to increase the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the Plan from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000, is the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting. Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share held.

**Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors recommends that the stockholders vote **FOR** approval of the amendment to the 2007 employee stock plan.

**PROPOSAL THREE**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO  
INCREASE AUTHORIZED SHARES OF COMMON STOCK AND PREFERRED STOCK**

The Board of Directors has approved, and recommends that stockholders approve, an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of shares of common stock that our Company is authorized to issue from 100,000,000 to 200,000,000, and to increase the number of shares of preferred stock that our Company is authorized to issue from 1,000,000 to 2,500,000. As of the Record Date, a total of [\_\_\_\_\_] shares of common stock were issued and outstanding, and a total of 8,000,000 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance pursuant to our Company's 2007 Employee Stock Plan (10,000,000 shares of common stock if stockholders vote for approval of Proposal Two, above), leaving [\_\_\_\_\_] unissued and unreserved shares of common stock authorized under our Articles of Incorporation ([\_\_\_\_\_] shares of common stock if stockholders vote for approval of Proposal Two, above). No shares of preferred stock are issued and outstanding or reserved for issuance.

If approved, the increased number of authorized shares of common stock and preferred stock will provide the Company with the ability to issue shares in connection with acquisitions, stock splits or dividends, the sale of common stock or preferred stock to raise additional capital, stock option and other equity compensation arrangements and other general corporate purposes. The shares could be issued from time to time for such purposes as the Board of Directors may approve and, unless required by applicable law, no further vote of our stockholders will be required. The Company has no current plans, proposals or arrangements for the issuance of any of the additional shares to be authorized by the amendment described in this Proposal 3.

The issuance of any additional shares of common stock or preferred stock may have the effect of diluting the percentage of stock ownership, book value and voting rights of present stockholders (unless present stockholders purchase additional shares in connection with such issuance necessary to maintain their pro rata interest). The amendment may also have the effect of discouraging attempts to acquire control of our Company, as additional shares of common stock or preferred stock could be issued to make such an attempt more difficult by diluting the stock ownership and voting power of, or increasing the cost to, a party seeking to obtain control. This amendment is not being proposed in response to any known effort or threat to acquire control of our Company and is not part of a plan by management to adopt measures having an anti-takeover effect.

If approved, the additional shares of common stock and preferred stock will have the same characteristics as the currently authorized shares of common stock and preferred stock of the Company. Holders of common stock do not have preemptive rights to subscribe to additional securities that may be issued by the Company. The text of the Certificate of Amendment is set forth in **Appendix B** to this Proxy Statement.

**Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors recommends that the stockholders vote **FOR** approval of the amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock and preferred stock.

**PROPOSAL FOUR**

**RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED**

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2014**

We are asking stockholders to ratify the appointment of Morison Cogen LLP to serve as our Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. Morison Cogen LLP was our independent registered public accounting firm for our fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. Representatives of Morison Cogen, LLP will not be present at the Annual Meeting.

The aggregate fees billed for professional services by Morison Cogen, LLP during 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

	<b>2013</b>		<b>2012</b>
Audit Fees	\$ 49,000	\$	48,800
Audit-Related Fees			
Tax Fees	6,000		6,000
All Other Fees			

*Audit Fees* are the fees billed during the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 for professional services rendered by Morison Cogen, LLP for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements and review of financial statements included in the Company's Form 10-Q or services that are normally provided by Morison Cogen, LLP in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

*Audit-Related Fees* are the aggregate fees billed during the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 for assurance and related services by Morison Cogen, LLP that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements and are not reported under the category Audit Fees described above.

*Tax Fees* are the fees billed during the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 for tax compliance by Morison Cogen, LLP.

*All Other Fees* are the aggregate fees billed for products and services provided during the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 by Morison Cogen, LLP, other than the services reported in the above categories.

Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies.

The Company's audit committee currently does not have any pre-approval policies or procedures concerning services performed by Morison Cogen, LLP. All the services performed by Morison Cogen, LLP that are described above were pre-approved by the Company's audit committee.

None of the hours expended on Morison Cogen, LLP's engagement to audit the Company's financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 were attributed to work performed by persons other than Morison Cogen, LLP's full-time, permanent employees.

**Vote Required**

The vote required to ratify the appointment of Morison Cogen LLP to serve as our Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 is the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting. Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share held.

**Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors recommends that the stockholders vote **FOR** the proposal to ratify the appointment of Morison Cogen LLP to serve as our Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

**STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2015 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Deadline for Stockholder Proposals to be Considered for Inclusion in the Company's Proxy Materials Pursuant to Rule 14a-8.**

To be considered for inclusion in our Proxy Statement relating to the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to Rule 14a-8 of Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act, stockholder proposals must be received no later than [\_\_\_\_], March [\_\_\_\_], 2015. Such proposals should be delivered to Andrew Ashton, Secretary, Lightwave Logic, Inc., 1831 Lefthand Circle, Suite C, Longmont, CO 80501.

**Requirements for Stockholder Proposals to be Brought Before the Annual Meeting Outside of Rule 14a-8.**

To be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders outside of Rule 14a-8 of Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act, in order for a stockholder proposal to be considered "timely" within the meaning of Rule 14a-4(c)(1) of the Exchange Act, stockholder proposals must be received prior to [\_\_\_\_], June [\_\_\_\_], 2015 and in accordance with the Company's bylaws. A copy of the full text of our bylaws is available to stockholders upon written request. Requests should be directed to Andrew Ashton, Secretary, Lightwave Logic, Inc., 1831 Lefthand Circle, Suite C, Longmont, CO 80501.

In addition, the proxy solicited by the Board of Directors for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will confer discretionary authority to vote on (i) any proposal presented by a stockholder at that meeting for which we have not been provided with notice on or prior to [\_\_\_\_], June [\_\_\_\_], 2015 and (ii) any proposal made in accordance with the bylaw provisions.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Our Board of Directors knows of no other matters to be presented for stockholder action at the Annual Meeting. However, if other matters do properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof, our Board of Directors intends that the persons named in the proxies will vote upon such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the proxy holders.

Whether or not you intend to be present at the meeting, you are urged to fill out, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy at your earliest convenience.

Longmont, CO

July [\_\_\_\_], 2014

**AMENDMENT No. 4**

**TO**

**LIGHTWAVE LOGIC, INC. 2007 EMPLOYEE STOCK PLAN**

The Lightwave Logic 2007 Employee Stock Plan (the **Plan** ) is hereby amended as follows (capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall have the respective meaning ascribed to such terms in the Plan):

1.

Paragraph 4 of the Plan shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

4. Stock. The stock subject to Options, Awards and Purchases shall be authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock of the Company, \$0.001 par value (the **Common Stock** ), or shares of Common Stock reacquired by the Company in any manner. The aggregate number of shares that may be issued pursuant to the Plan is 10,000,000, subject to adjustment as provided in paragraph 13. Any such shares may be issued as ISOs, Non-Qualified Options or Awards, or to persons or entities making Purchases, so long as the number of shares issued does not exceed such number, as adjusted. If any Option granted under the Plan shall expire or terminate for any reason without having been exercised in full or shall cease for any reason to be exercisable in whole or in part, or if the Company shall reacquire any unvested shares issued pursuant to Awards or Purchases, the unpurchased shares subject to such Options and any unvested shares so reacquired by the Company shall again be available for grants of Stock Rights under the Plan.

2.

All other provisions of the Plan remain in full force and effect, other than any provision that conflicts with the terms and spirit of this amendment.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on June 20, 2014

Adopted by the Stockholders on August [\_\_\_], 2014



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**Certificate of Amendment**

(PURSUANT TO NRS 78.385 AND 78.390)

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**Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation**

**For Nevada Profit Corporations**

**(Pursuant to NRS 78.385 and 78.390 - After Issuance of Stock)**

1. Name of corporation: Lightwave Logic, Inc.
2. The articles have been amended as follows: (provide article numbers, if available)

Article IV - STOCK is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

Article IV - STOCK - The aggregate number of shares which this corporation shall have authority to issue is 200,000,000 shares of Common Stock having a par value of \$0.001 per share and 2,500,000 shares of Preferred Stock

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having a par value of \$0.001 per share. All Common Stock of the corporation shall be of the same class, and shall have the same rights and preferences. The corporation shall have authority to issue the shares of Preferred Stock in one or more series with such rights, preferences and designations as determined by the Board of Directors of the corporation. Fully-paid stock of this corporation shall not be liable to any further call or assessment.

3. The vote by which the stockholders holding shares in the corporation entitling them to exercise a least a majority of the voting power, or such greater proportion of the voting power as may be required in the case of a vote by classes or series, or as may be required by the provisions of the articles of incorporation\* have voted in favor of the amendment is:

4. Effective date and time of filing: (optional)                      Date:    Time:  
(must not be later than 90 days after the certificate is  
filed)

5. Signature: (required)

**X**  
**Signature of Officer**

\*If any proposed amendment would alter or change any preference or any relative or other right given to any class or series of outstanding shares, then the amendment must be approved by the vote, in addition to the affirmative vote otherwise required, of the holders of shares representing a majority of the voting power of each class or series affected by the amendment regardless to limitations or restrictions on the voting power thereof.

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