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Dear Stockholder:

I am pleased to invite you to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of SemiLEDs Corporation. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 9 a.m. local time at SemiLEDs Sin-an office, which is located at 3rd floor - No. 8, Xin-an Road, Hsinchu Science Park, Hsinchu, Taiwan.

We are furnishing our proxy materials to stockholders primarily over the Internet. This process expedites stockholders' receipt of proxy materials, while significantly lowering the costs of our annual meeting and conserving natural resources. On March 20, 2015, we mailed to our stockholders a notice containing instructions on how to access our Proxy Statement and 2014 Annual Report to Stockholders and to vote online. The notice also included instructions on how you can receive a paper copy of your annual meeting materials. If you received your annual meeting materials by mail, the Proxy Statement, 2014 Annual Report to Stockholders and proxy card were enclosed.

At this year's annual meeting, the agenda includes the following items:

Agenda Item	Board Recommendation
Election of directors	FOR
Advisory vote on executive compensation	FOR
Ratification of the appointment of KPMG (Taiwan) as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2015	FOR

Details regarding the meeting and the business to be conducted are more fully described in the accompanying Notice of 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement.

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Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, I hope you will vote as soon as possible. You may vote over the Internet or in person at the annual meeting or, if you receive your proxy materials by U.S. mail, you also may vote by mailing a proxy card or voting by telephone. Please review the instructions on the notice or on the proxy card regarding your voting options. Only stockholders showing proof of ownership on the record date will be allowed to attend the meeting in person.

Sincerely yours,

Trung T. Doan
*Chairman of the Board and President and
Chief Executive Officer*

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NOTICE OF 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

- TIME AND DATE** 9 a.m. local time on Thursday, May 7, 2015
- PLACE** SemiLEDs Sin-an office, which is located at 3rd floor - No. 8, Xin-an Road, Hsinchu Science Park, Hsinchu, Taiwan.
- AGENDA**
- Elect the four director nominees named in the Proxy Statement
 - Hold an advisory vote on executive compensation
 - Ratify the appointment of KPMG (Taiwan) as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2015
 - Transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting (including adjournments and postponements)
- RECORD DATE** March 9, 2015
- VOTING** Please vote as soon as possible to record your vote, even if you plan to attend the annual meeting. Your broker will NOT be able to vote your shares with respect to the election of directors and most of the other matters presented at the meeting, unless you have given your broker specific instructions to do so. We strongly encourage you to vote. You have three options for submitting your vote before the annual meeting:
- Internet
 - Phone
 - Mail

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Christopher Lee
Corporate Secretary

Chu-Nan, Taiwan
March 20, 2015

INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS

We are furnishing proxy materials to our stockholders primarily via the Internet. On March 20, 2015, we mailed most of our stockholders on the record date a Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials (Notice of Internet Availability) containing instructions on how to access and review all of the important information contained in our proxy materials, including our Proxy Statement and our 2014 Annual Report to Stockholders. The Notice of Internet Availability also instructs you on how to vote via the Internet. Other stockholders, in accordance with their prior requests, have been mailed paper copies of our proxy materials and a proxy card or voting form.

Internet distribution of our proxy materials is designed to expedite receipt by stockholders, lower the cost of the annual meeting, and conserve natural resources. However, if you would prefer to receive paper copies of proxy materials, please follow the instructions included in the Notice of Internet Availability.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on May 7, 2015:
The Notice of the 2015 Annual Meeting, the Proxy Statement and the 2014 Annual Report to Stockholders are available at www.proxyvote.com.

ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING

- Doors open at 8:30 a.m. local time
- Meeting starts at 9 a.m. local time
- Proof of SemiLEDs Corporation stock ownership and photo identification will be required to attend the annual meeting
- You do not need to attend the annual meeting to vote if you submitted your proxy in advance of the annual meeting

QUESTIONS

For questions regarding

Annual meeting

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PROXY STATEMENT

Our Board of Directors (the Board) solicits your proxy for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and any postponement or adjournment of the meeting for the matters set forth in Notice of 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 9 a.m. local time at SemiLEDs Sin-an office, which is located at 3rd floor - No. 8, Xin-an Road, Hsinchu Science Park, Hsinchu, Taiwan. We made this Proxy Statement available to stockholders beginning on March 20, 2015.

Record Date	March 9, 2015
Quorum	Holders of a majority of the voting power of all issued and outstanding shares on the record date must be present in person or represented by proxy
Shares Outstanding	28,452,993 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 9, 2015
Voting by Proxy	Internet, telephone, or mail
Voting at the Meeting	We encourage stockholders to vote in advance of the annual meeting, even if they plan to attend the meeting. In order to be counted, proxies submitted by Internet or telephone must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on May 5, 2015. Stockholders can vote in person during the meeting. Stockholders of record who attend the annual meeting in person may obtain a ballot. Beneficial holders who attend the annual meeting in person must obtain a proxy from their broker, bank, or other nominee prior to the date of the annual meeting and present it with their ballot. Voting in person by a stockholder during the meeting will replace any previous votes.
Changing Your Vote	Stockholders of record may revoke their proxy at any time before the polls close by submitting a later-dated proxy card, by voting in person at the annual meeting, by delivering instructions to our Corporate Secretary before the annual meeting or by voting again using the Internet or telephone before the cut-off time. (Your latest Internet or telephone proxy is the one that will be counted.) If you hold shares through a broker, bank, or other nominee, you may revoke any prior voting instructions by contacting that firm.

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Votes Required to Adopt Proposals

Each share of our common stock outstanding on the record date is entitled to one vote on each of the four director nominees and one vote on each other matter. The election of directors is determined by the plurality of votes. Approval of each of the other matters on the agenda is determined by a majority of votes cast affirmatively or negatively.

Effect of Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes

Shares voting withhold have no effect on the election of directors. In the ratification of the appointment of KPMG (Taiwan) as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2015, abstentions have the same effect as negative votes. Broker non-votes (shares held by brokers that do not have discretionary authority to vote on a matter and have not received voting instructions from their clients) have no effect. If you are a beneficial holder and do not provide specific voting instructions to your broker, the organization that holds your shares will not be authorized to vote on the election of directors. Accordingly, we encourage you to vote promptly, even if you plan to attend the annual meeting.

Voting Instructions

If you complete and submit your proxy voting instructions, the persons named as proxies will follow your instructions. If you are a stockholder of record and you submit proxy voting instructions but do not direct how to vote on each proposal, the persons named as proxies will vote as the Board recommends on each proposal. The persons named as proxies will vote on any other matters properly presented at the annual meeting in accordance with their best judgment. Our Bylaws set forth requirements for advance notice of nominations and agenda items for the annual meeting, and we have not received timely notice of any such matters that may be properly presented for voting at the annual meeting, other than the items from the Board described in this Proxy Statement.

Voting Results

We will announce preliminary results at the annual meeting. We will report final results in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on Form 8-K.

PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Upon the recommendation of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, our Board has nominated the four persons listed below to serve as directors. Each director's term runs from the date of his election until our next annual stockholders' meeting, or until his successor is elected or appointed. If any director nominee is unable or unwilling to serve as a nominee at the time of the annual meeting, the persons named as proxies may vote for a substitute nominee chosen by the present Board to fill the vacancy. We have no reason to believe that any of the nominees will be unwilling or unable to serve if elected as a director.

Board Composition

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is charged with identifying and evaluating individuals qualified to serve as members of the Board and recommending to the full Board nominees for election as directors. We seek directors with experience in areas relevant to the strategy and operations of the Company. We seek a Board that collectively has a range and diversity of skills, experience, age, industry knowledge and other factors in the context of the needs of the Board. The biographies of each of the nominees below contains information regarding the person's service as a director, business experience, director positions held currently or at any time during the last five years and the experiences, qualifications, attributes or skills that caused the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee to determine that the person should serve as a director of our Company. In addition to the information presented below regarding each director's specific experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Board to the conclusion that he should serve as a director, we also believe that each of our directors has a reputation for integrity, honesty and adherence to high ethical standards. Each of our directors has demonstrated business acumen and an ability to exercise sound judgment, as well as a commitment of service to our Company and our Board. Each of our director nominees is currently serving on the Board.

Our nominees for election as directors at the annual meeting include our President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and three independent directors, as defined in the applicable rules for companies traded on The NASDAQ Stock Market (NASDAQ), Arthur H. del Prado, Dr. Edward Kuan Hsiung Hsieh and Scott R. Simplot. See Corporate Governance Director Independence below.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES.

Nominees

Trung T. Doan, 56, has served as a director, Chairman of our Board and as our CEO since January 2005, and as our President since August 2012. Prior to joining us, Mr. Doan served as Corporate Vice President of Applied Global Services (AGS) Product Group at Applied Materials, Inc. and also served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Jusung Engineering, Inc., a semiconductor/LCD equipment company in Korea. In addition, Mr. Doan served as Vice President of Process Development at Micron Technology Inc. Mr. Doan previously served as a director of Advanced Energy Industries, a publicly traded manufacturer of power conversion and control systems, and as a director of Dolsoft Corporation, a privately held software company, both within the past five years. Mr. Doan also previously served as a director of Nu Tool Inc., a semiconductor technology company, and as a director of EMCO, a publicly traded manufacturer of advanced flow control devices and systems. Mr. Doan holds a bachelor of science degree in nuclear engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he graduated with honors, and a master of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Our Board has determined that Mr. Doan should serve on our Board and as our Chairman based on his in-depth knowledge of our business and industry and his experience serving on the boards of directors of several major technology companies, as well as in management roles in the technology industry.

Arthur H. del Prado, 83, has served as a director since February 2013. He is Chairman of the Board of ASM Pacific Technology, Ltd., a company which he co-founded in 1975. In 1984, he co-founded ASM Lithography N.V. through a joint-venture with Phillips Electronics N.V. Mr. del Prado served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Management Board of ASM International from the time he founded that company in 1968 until his retirement from those capacities in 2008. He was appointed Honorary Chairman by the General Meeting of Shareholders in May 2008 and continues to serve ASM International as an advisor. For many years, Mr. del Prado served as a director of JESSI, the Joint European Submicron Silicon Initiative and currently serves as a director of its successor, MEDEA, the Micro Electronics Development for European Applications, a non-profit project. He has been appointed a member of the board of directors of various European companies and serves on the board of Dujat, the Netherlands-Japanese Trade Federation. Mr. del Prado is a past board member of: Oce van der Grinten Nederland B.V., a manufacturer of copiers and printers; G.T.I. Holding N.V., an electronic equipment and installation company; Delft Instruments N.V., a manufacturer of high-technology industrial and defense products; and Breevast N.V., a project development and management company. He was also on the advisory council of ABN-AMRO Bank. Our Board has determined that Mr. del Prado should serve on our Board based on his experience as a Chairman and as a director of several companies, and his management role at a semiconductor equipment company.

Dr. Edward Kuan Hsiung Hsieh, 62, has served as a director since February 2012. Dr. Hsieh has been Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Eton Intelligent Technologies, a media and publications company, since April 2000 and Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and a director of VR Networks, a VoIP and Internet networks company, since January 2000. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor at National Taiwan University since February 2009. From February 2007 to February 2010, Dr. Hsieh was Chief Executive Officer of Asia Pacific Telecom, a 3G mobile and fixed line telecommunications company, as well as Executive Director of APOL, an Internet service provider. He also served as Chairman of International Christian Goodwill within the past five years. Dr. Hsieh holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from National Taiwan University, a master of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a doctor of philosophy degree in electrical engineering from Cornell University. He also studied accounting at the University of California, Los Angeles. Our Board has determined that Dr. Hsieh should serve as a director based on his experience teaching master of business administration classes at National Taiwan University, his service as an International Financial Adviser with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith and his management roles at several start-up companies.

Scott R. Simplot, 68, has served as a director since March 2005. Mr. Simplot has been Chairman of the board of directors and a director of J.R. Simplot Company since May 2001 and August 1970, respectively. Mr. Simplot holds a bachelor of science degree in business from the University of Idaho and a master of business administration degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Simplot became a director on our Board as part of his duties as the Chairman of the board of J.R. Simplot Company, the 100% owner of Simplot Taiwan, Inc., which was entitled to designate two members of our board of directors in connection with J.R. Simplot Company's investment in our Series A convertible preferred stock. Our Board has determined that Mr. Simplot should serve as a director based on the extensive knowledge and insight he brings to our Board from his experience serving as Chairman and holding a variety of management positions at a large private company and serving on the boards of directors of companies in a variety of industries.

Executive Officers

In addition to Mr. Doan, our CEO, who also serves as a director, our executive officers as of March 1, 2015 consisted of the following:

Mark E. Tuttle, 62, has served as Executive Vice President of Operations since April 2013. Mr. Tuttle joined SemiLEDs as our Vice President in June 2010. Prior to joining us, Mr. Tuttle served as CEO of Cove Technology, Inc. from 2007 until March 2010. He holds over 200 patents in diverse technical areas, and has over 30 years of research and development and manufacturing experience in the semiconductor industry, including serving as vice president, director, manager, and engineer in Micron Technology, Inc. and in Micron Communications, Inc. Mr. Tuttle is a former chairman of the Boise State University Engineering Advisory Board, and holds a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Boise State University.

Christopher Lee, 43, has served as our Interim Chief Financial Officer since November 2014. Mr. Lee joined SemiLEDs in September 2014. Mr. Lee has over 20 years of experience in accounting and finance, including US GAAP, PCAOB standards and SEC rules and regulations. Prior to joining us, Mr. Lee was a partner of KEDP CPA Group from August 2009 to June 2011 and a self-employed accountant from July 2011 to August 2014. Mr. Lee holds a BS degree in accounting and a MS degree in business taxation and is licensed as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the United States.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Board Responsibilities and Structure

The Board oversees, counsels, and directs management in the long-term interests of the Company and our stockholders. The Board's responsibilities include:

- selecting, evaluating the performance of, and determining the compensation of the CEO and other executive officers;
- overseeing the risks that the Company faces;
- reviewing and approving our major financial objectives and strategic and operating plans, and other significant actions;
- overseeing the conduct of our business and the assessment of our business and other enterprise risks to evaluate whether the business is being properly managed; and

- overseeing the processes for maintaining our integrity with regard to our financial statements and other public disclosures, and compliance with law and ethics.

The Board and its committees met throughout the year on a set schedule, held special meetings, and acted by written consent from time to time as appropriate. During fiscal year 2014, the Board held executive sessions for the independent directors to meet without Mr. Doan present at the end of every Board meeting.

Our Bylaws do not dictate a particular Board structure and the Board is free to determine whether or not to have a Chairman and, if so, to select that Chairman and our CEO in the manner it considers our best interest. Currently, the Board has selected Mr. Doan to hold the position of both Chairman of the Board and CEO. Mr. Doan's experience at the Company has afforded him intimate knowledge of the issues, challenges and opportunities facing each of the Company's businesses. Accordingly, he is well positioned to focus the Board's attention on the most pressing issues facing the Company. The Board has not appointed a lead independent director. The Board believes its administration of its risk oversight function has not affected the Board's leadership structure.

Director Independence

The published listing requirements of NASDAQ dictate that a majority of the Board be comprised of independent directors whom our Board has determined have no material relationship with our Company and who are otherwise independent directors under those listing requirements. Our current Board consists of the five persons, the four nominees listed above, and one other not standing for reelection Jack Laund whose term will therefore end at the Annual Meeting. The Board has determined that each of our current directors, other than Mr. Doan, our CEO, qualifies as an independent director, such that more than a majority of our directors are independent directors under the NASDAQ rules.

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The NASDAQ rules have objective tests and a subjective test for determining who is an independent director. Under the objective tests, a director cannot be considered independent if:

- the director is, or at any time during the past three years was, an employee of the company;
- the director or a family member of the director accepted any compensation from the company in excess of \$120,000 during any period of 12 consecutive months within the three years preceding the independence determination (subject to certain exclusions, including, among other things, compensation for board or board committee service);
- a family member of the director is, or at any time during the past three years was, an executive officer of the company;
- the director or a family member of the director is a partner in, controlling stockholder of, or an executive officer of an entity to which the company made, or from which the company received, payments in the current or any of the past three fiscal years that exceeded 5% of the recipient's consolidated gross revenue for that year or \$200,000, whichever was greater (subject to certain exclusions);
- the director or a family member of the director is employed as an executive officer of an entity where, at any time during the past three years, any of the executive officers of the company served on the compensation committee of such other entity; or
- the director or a family member of the director is a current partner of the company's outside auditor, or at any time during the past three years was a partner or employee of the company's outside auditor, and who worked on the company's audit.

The subjective test states that an independent director must be a person who lacks a relationship that, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. The Board has not established categorical standards or guidelines to make these subjective determinations but considers all relevant facts and circumstances.

In addition to the Board-level standards for director independence, the NASDAQ rules provide that directors, of whom there must be three, who serve on the Audit Committee must each satisfy standards established by the SEC that require that members of audit committees must not be affiliated persons of the issuer and may not accept directly or indirectly any consulting, advisory, or other compensatory fee from the issuer other than their director compensation.

Transactions Considered in Independence Determinations

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In making its independence determinations, the Board considered transactions that occurred since the beginning of fiscal year 2012 between the Company and entities associated with the independent directors or members of their immediate family. All identified transactions that appeared to relate to the Company and a family member of, or entity with a known connection to, a director were presented to the Board for consideration.

None of the non-employee directors was disqualified from independent status under the objective tests. In making its subjective determination that each of our Company's non-employee director is independent, the Board reviewed and discussed additional information provided by the directors and the Company with regard to each director's business and personal activities as they may relate to the Company and the Company's management. The Board considered the transactions in the context of the NASDAQ objective standards, the special standards established by the SEC for members of audit committees, and the SEC and U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standards for compensation committee members. Based on all of the foregoing, as required by the NASDAQ rules, the Board made a subjective determination that, because of the nature of the director's relationship with the entity and/or the amount involved, no relationships exist that, in the opinion of the Board, would impair the director's independence.

Board Committees and Charters

The Board delegates various responsibilities and authority to different Board committees. Committees regularly report on their activities and actions to the full Board. The Board currently has, and appoints the member