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April 30, 2013

Dear Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual Meeting) of Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc., which will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the Royal Sonesta Hotel at 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd., Cambridge, MA 02142 for the following purposes:

- 1. to elect as Group II directors to hold office until the 2015 annual meeting of shareholders, or until their successors are earlier elected, the following three nominees: M. Kathleen Behrens, Ph.D., Anthony Chase and John Hodgman;
- 2. to approve a proposal to change our state of incorporation from Oregon to Delaware;
- 3. to approve the amendment and restatement of the 2011 Equity Incentive Plan;
- 4. to approve a new 2013 Employee Stock Purchase Plan;
- 5. to approve an advisory vote on named executive officer compensation;
- 6. to ratify the selection of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the current year ending December 31, 2013; and
- 7. to transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any continuation, postponement or adjournment thereof.

The accompanying Notice of Meeting and Proxy Statement describe these matters. We urge you to read this information carefully.

The board of directors unanimously believes that election of its nominees for directors, approval of the proposal to change our state of incorporation from Oregon to Delaware, approval of the amendment and restatement of the 2011 Equity Incentive Plan, approval of a new 2013 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers, and ratification of its selection of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm are in our best interests and that of our shareholders, and, accordingly, recommends a vote FOR election of the three nominees for directors, FOR the approval of the proposal to change our state of incorporation from Oregon to Delaware, FOR the amendment and restatement of the 2011 Equity Incentive Plan, FOR a new 2013 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, FOR the approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers, and FOR the ratification of the selection of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accountants.

In addition to the business to be transacted as described above, management will speak on our developments of the past year and respond to comments and questions of general interest to shareholders.

It is important that your shares be represented and voted whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting in person. You may vote on the Internet, by telephone or by completing and mailing a proxy card or the form forwarded by your bank, broker or other holder of record. Voting over the Internet, by telephone or by written proxy will ensure your shares are represented at the Annual Meeting. Please review the instructions on the proxy card or the information forwarded by your bank, broker or other holder of record regarding each of these voting options.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to express our appreciation for your support of the Company.

Sincerely,

Christopher Garabedian, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To Be Held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013

To the Shareholders of Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2013 annual meeting of shareholders (the Annual Meeting) of Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc., an Oregon corporation, will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the Royal Sonesta Hotel at 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd., Cambridge, MA 02142 for the following purposes:

- 1. to elect as Group II directors to hold office until the 2015 annual meeting of shareholders, or until their successors are earlier elected, the following three nominees: M. Kathleen Behrens, Ph.D., Anthony Chase and John Hodgman;
- 2. to approve a proposal to change our state of incorporation from Oregon to Delaware;
- 3. to approve the amendment and restatement of the 2011 Equity Incentive Plan;
- 4. to approve a new 2013 Employee Stock Purchase Plan;
- 5. to approve an advisory vote on named executive officer compensation;
- 6. to ratify the selection of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the current year ending December 31, 2013; and
- 7. to transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any continuation, postponement or adjournment thereof.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the proxy statement accompanying this notice. We are not aware of any other business to come before the meeting.

The board of directors has fixed the close of business on April 8, 2013 as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, this Annual Meeting and at any continuation, postponement or adjournment thereof. A list of shareholders will be available for inspection by our shareholders at our principal executive offices at 215 First Street, Suite 7, Cambridge, MA 02142 beginning two business days after notice of the Annual Meeting is given and continuing through the meeting.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to be Held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013: the Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting and the Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2012 are available at http://www.edocumentview.com/SRPT.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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David Tyronne Howton Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Cambridge, MA

April 30, 2013

ALL SHAREHOLDERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING IN PERSON. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE NOTIFY US BY CONTACTING INVESTOR RELATIONS AT (857) 242-3700 OR INVESTORRELATIONS@SAREPTATHERAPEUTICS.COM.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ENSURE YOUR REPRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. A RETURN ENVELOPE (WHICH IS POSTAGE PREPAID IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES) IS ENCLOSED FOR THAT PURPOSE. YOU ALSO MAY VOTE YOUR SHARES ON THE INTERNET OR BY TELEPHONE BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR PROXY CARD.

EVEN IF YOU HAVE PROVIDED US WITH YOUR PROXY, YOU MAY STILL VOTE IN PERSON IF YOU ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING. PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT IF YOUR SHARES ARE HELD OF RECORD BY A BROKER, BANK OR OTHER NOMINEE AND YOU WISH TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, YOU MUST OBTAIN FROM THE RECORD HOLDER A PROXY ISSUED IN YOUR NAME.

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PROXY STATEMENT

FOR

THE SAREPTA THERAPEUTICS 2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

INFORMATION CONCERNING VOTING AND SOLICITATION

General

The board of directors of Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc. (the Company) is soliciting your proxy to vote at the 2013 annual meeting of shareholders (the Annual Meeting) to be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., local time, or at any continuation, postponement or adjournment thereof, for the purposes discussed in this proxy statement and in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting and any business properly brought before the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel at 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd., Cambridge, MA 02142. We intend to mail this Proxy Statement, together with the accompanying Proxy Card, to those shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting for the first time on or about April 30, 2013. In the mailing, we will include copies of our Annual Report to shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2012. Proxies are solicited to give all shareholders of record an opportunity to vote on matters properly presented at the Annual Meeting.

Who Can Vote

You are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting if you were a shareholder of record of our common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, as of the close of business on April 8, 2013. Your shares may be voted at the Annual Meeting only if you are present in person or represented by a valid proxy.

Shares Outstanding and Quorum

At the close of business on April 8, 2013, 31,895,731 shares of our common stock were outstanding and entitled to vote. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote on each matter presented. There is no cumulative voting. A majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock entitled to vote, present in person or represented by proxy, will constitute a quorum at the annual meeting. If less than a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote are represented at the annual meeting, a majority of the shares present at the annual meeting may adjourn the annual meeting to another date, time or place, and notice need not be given of the new date, time or place if the new date, time or place is announced at the annual meeting before an adjournment is taken.

Proxy Card and Revocation of Proxy

You may vote by completing and mailing the enclosed proxy card. If you sign the proxy card but do not specify how you want your shares to be voted, your shares will be voted by the proxy holders named in the enclosed proxy (i) in favor of the election of the three director nominees named in this proxy statement, (ii) in favor of the proposal to change our state of incorporation from Oregon to Delaware; (iii) in favor of the amendment and restatement to the 2011 Equity Incentive Plan; (iv) in favor of the 2013 Employee Stock

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Purchase Plan; (iv) in favor of the approval of the compensation of our named executive officers, and (v) in favor of ratification of the selection of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accountants for the year ending December 31, 2013. In their discretion, the proxy holders named in the enclosed proxy are authorized to vote on any other matters that may properly come before the annual meeting and at any continuation, postponement or adjournment thereof. The board of directors knows of no other items of business that will be presented for consideration at the annual meeting other than those described in this proxy statement. In addition, no other shareholder proposal or nomination was received on a timely basis, so no such matters may be brought to a vote at the annual meeting.

If you vote by proxy, you may revoke that proxy at any time before it is voted at the Annual Meeting. Shareholders of record may revoke a proxy by sending to our corporate secretary at our principal executive office at 215 First Street, Suite 7, Cambridge, MA 02142, a written notice of revocation, by submitting another properly completed proxy over the Internet, by telephone or by mail bearing a later date or by attending the annual meeting in person and voting in person. Attendance at the annual meeting will not, by itself, revoke a proxy. In order to be effective, all revocations or later-filed proxies delivered by mail must be delivered to us at our Cambridge, Massachusetts address not later than 5:00 p.m. local time on the business day prior to the day of the Annual Meeting.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares registered in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, you should have received a voting instruction card and voting instructions with these proxy materials from that organization rather than from us. Simply complete and mail the voting instruction card to ensure that your vote is counted. Follow the instructions from your broker, bank or other agent included with these proxy materials, or contact your broker, bank or other agent to request a proxy form. You may also change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your bank, broker or other nominee. Please note that if your shares are held of record by a broker, bank or other nominee, and you decide to attend and vote at the annual meeting, your vote in person at the annual meeting will not be effective unless you present a legal proxy, issued in your name from the record holder, your broker, bank or other nominee.

Voting of Shares

Shareholders of record as of the close of business on April 8, 2013 are entitled to one vote for each share of our common stock held on all matters to be voted upon at the annual meeting. You may vote by attending the annual meeting and voting in person. You also may vote by proxy via the Internet or by completing and mailing the enclosed proxy card or the form forwarded by your bank, broker or other holder of record. You may also vote by telephone by calling the toll-free number found on the proxy card. The Internet and telephone voting facilities will close at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on June 3, 2013. Shareholders who vote through the Internet or by telephone, should be aware that they may incur costs to access the Internet, such as usage charges from telephone companies or Internet service providers and that these costs must be borne by the shareholder. Shareholders who vote by Internet or telephone need not return a proxy card or the form forwarded by your bank, broker or other holder of record by mail. All shares entitled to vote and represented by properly executed proxies received before the polls are closed at the annual meeting, and not revoked or superseded, will be voted at the annual meeting in accordance with the instructions indicated on those proxies. Under Oregon law, shareholders are not entitled to dissenter s rights with respect to any of the proposals set forth in this proxy statement. YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.

Required Vote

Proposal 1: The affirmative vote of a plurality, or the largest number, of the shares of common stock present in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote is required for the election of each director. This means that the three director nominees who receive the highest number of affirmative FOR votes will be elected to the board.

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Proposal 2: The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock will be required to approve this proposal. As a result, abstentions, broker non-votes or the failure to submit a proxy or vote in person at the annual meeting of shareholders will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal.

Proposals 3, 4 and 6: The votes cast in favor must exceed the votes cast against for these proposals to be approved. Abstentions and broker non-votes, if any, will not have any effect on the results of these votes.

Proposal 5: Because this proposal asks for a non-binding, advisory vote, there is no required vote that would constitute approval. We value the opinions expressed by our shareholders in this advisory vote, and our compensation committee, which is responsible for overseeing and administering our executive compensation programs, will consider the outcome of the vote when designing our compensation programs and making future compensation decisions for our named executive officers. Abstentions and broker non-votes, if any, will not have any effect on the results of those deliberations.

Counting of Votes

Proposal 1: You may either vote FOR or WITHHOLD for each nominee for the board.

Proposals 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6: You may vote FOR, AGAINST or ABSTAIN on these proposals.

A representative of Computershare Shareowner Services LLC, our transfer agent, will tabulate votes and act as the independent inspector of election. All votes will be tabulated by the inspector of election, who will separately tabulate affirmative and negative votes, abstentions and broker non-votes. Shares held by persons attending the annual meeting but not voting, shares represented by proxies that reflect abstentions as to a particular proposal and broker non-votes will be counted as present for purposes of determining a quorum.

Effect of Not Casting Your Vote

If you are a shareholder of record and you sign the proxy card but do not specify how you want your shares to be voted, your shares will be voted by the proxy holders in the manner recommended by the board of directors on all matters presented in this Proxy Statement and as the proxy holders may determine in their discretion with respect to any other matters properly presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting. The board of directors knows of no other items of business that will be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting other than those described in this proxy statement. In addition, no other shareholder proposal or nomination was received on a timely basis, so no such matters may be brought to a vote at the Annual Meeting.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name and do not provide the organization that holds your shares with specific voting instructions, under the rules of various national and regional securities exchanges, the organization that holds your shares may generally vote on routine matters but cannot vote on non-routine matters. If the organization that holds your shares does not receive instructions from you on how to vote your shares on a non-routine matter, the organization that holds your shares will inform the inspector of election that it does not have the authority to vote on this matter with respect to your shares. This is generally referred to as a broker non-vote.

The ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for 2013 (Proposal 6) is a matter considered routine under applicable rules. A broker or other nominee may generally vote on routine matters, and therefore no broker non-votes are expected for Proposal 6.

The election of directors (Proposal 1), the proposal to reincorporate in Delaware (Proposal 2), the approval of the amendment and restatement of the 2011 Equity Incentive Plan (Proposal 3), the approval of a new 2013 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Proposal 4) and the advisory vote to approve executive compensation (Proposal 5) are matters considered non-routine under applicable rules. *If you do not provide voting instructions*

to your broker or other nominee on these non-routine items (Proposals 1, 2, 3 4 and 5), such shares cannot be voted and will be considered broker non-votes. For Proposal 2, because a majority of our outstanding shares must approve the proposal to change our state of incorporation from Oregon to Delaware, abstentions, broker non-votes and the failure to submit a proxy or vote in person have the same effect as a vote against the proposal.

Solicitation of Proxies

We will bear the entire cost of solicitation of proxies, including preparation, assembly and mailing of this proxy statement, the proxy and any additional information furnished to shareholders. If properly requested, copies of solicitation materials will be furnished to banks, brokerage houses, fiduciaries and custodians holding shares of our common stock in their names that are beneficially owned by others to forward to those beneficial owners. We may reimburse persons representing beneficial owners for their costs of forwarding the solicitation materials to the beneficial owners. Original solicitation of proxies by mail may be supplemented by telephone, facsimile, electronic mail or personal solicitation by our directors, officers or employees. No additional compensation will be paid to our directors, officers or employees for such services. We also have retained Computershare Shareowner Services LLC to assist us in the solicitation of proxies by mail, telephone, facsimile, e-mail and personal solicitation and to contact brokerage houses and other nominees, fiduciaries and custodians to request that such entities forward soliciting materials to beneficial owners of our common stock. We anticipate that the costs associated with retaining Computershare and its affiliates will not exceed \$23,500. A list of shareholders will be available for inspection by our shareholders at our principal executive offices at 215 First Street, Suite 7, Cambridge, MA 02142 beginning two business days after notice of the annual meeting is given and continuing through the meeting.

Shareholder Proposals for the 2014 Annual Meeting

Shareholder proposals submitted for inclusion in our proxy materials for our 2014 annual meeting of shareholders pursuant to Rule 14a-8 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), must be received at our principal executive offices no later than the close of business on December 31, 2013 provided that if the date of the annual meeting is earlier than May 5, 2014 or later than July 4, 2014, the deadline is a reasonable time before we begin to print and send our proxy materials for next year s annual meeting. Shareholders who do not wish to use the mechanism provided by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) in proposing a matter for action at the next annual meeting must notify us in writing of the proposal and the information required by the provisions of our bylaws dealing with advance notice of shareholder proposals and director nominations. To be timely, a shareholder s written notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at our principal executive offices no later than the close of business on January 30, 2014 and no earlier than December 31, 2013.

Attending the Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m., local time, on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at the Royal Sonesta Hotel at 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd., Cambridge, MA 02142.

All shareholders should be prepared to present photo identification for admission to the annual meeting. Admission will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are a beneficial shareholder and hold your shares in street name, you will be asked to present proof of ownership of your shares as of the record date. Examples of acceptable evidence of ownership include your most recent brokerage statement showing ownership of shares prior to the record date or a photocopy of your voting instruction form. Persons acting as proxies must bring a valid proxy from a shareholder of record as of the record date. Your late arrival or failure to comply with these procedures could affect your ability to participate in the annual meeting.

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Householding of Proxy Materials

We have adopted a procedure approved by the SEC called householding. Under this procedure, shareholders of record who have the same address and last name and do not participate in electronic delivery of proxy materials will receive only one set of our proxy materials unless one or more of these shareholders notifies us that they wish to continue receiving individual copies. We believe this will provide greater convenience for our shareholders, as well as cost savings for us, by reducing the number of duplicate documents that are sent to your home.

Shareholders who participate in householding will continue to receive separate proxy cards. Householding will not in any way affect your rights as a shareholder.

If you are eligible for householding and currently receive multiple copies of our proxy materials with other shareholders of record with whom you share an address or if you hold stock in more than one account, and in either case you wish to receive only a single copy of these documents for your household, please contact our corporate secretary at 215 First Street, Suite 7, Cambridge, MA 02142 at (857) 242-3700.

If you participate in householding and wish to receive a separate copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K or this proxy statement, or if you do not wish to participate in householding and prefer to receive separate copies of these documents in the future, please contact our corporate secretary at the address or telephone number indicated above and we will promptly deliver to you separate copies of these documents.

Beneficial shareholders can request information about householding from their banks, brokers, or other holders of record.

SAREPTA THERAPEUTICS, INC. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Directors, Director Nominees and Executive Officers

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the current directors, director nominees and executive officers of our Company:

Name	Age	Position(s) (4)			
Executive Officers					
Christopher Garabedian	46	President, Chief Executive Officer and Group I Director			
Edward M. Kaye, M.D.	64	Senior Vice President, Chief Medical Officer			
Sandesh Mahatme	48	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer			
David Tyronne Howton	41	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary			
Jayant Aphale, Ph.D.	52	Senior Vice President, Technical Operations			
Non-Employee Directors					
William Goolsbee (1)(2)	59	Chairman of the Board of Directors and Group I Director			
Gil Price, M.D. (1)(3)	57	Group I Director			
Hans Wigzell, M.D., Ph.D.	74	Group I Director			
M. Kathleen Behrens, Ph.D. (1)(3)	60	Group II Director			
Anthony Chase (2)(3)	58	Group II Director			
John Hodgman (1)(2)	58	Group II Director			

- (1) Member of the compensation committee.
- (2) Member of the audit committee.
- (3) Member of the nominating and corporate governance committee.
- (4) The terms of Group II Directors expire as of the date of the 2013 annual meeting, and the terms of Group I Directors expire as of the date of the 2014 annual meeting.

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Christopher Garabedian has been a member of our board of directors since June 2010 and our President and Chief Executive Officer since January 2011. Mr. Garabedian served as Vice President of Corporate Strategy for Celgene Corporation, a publicly-traded integrated global biopharmaceutical company, from July 2007 to December 2010, where he was responsible for assessing all potential business development transactions. From November 2005 to June 2007, Mr. Garabedian served as an independent consultant to early-stage biopharmaceutical companies. From 1997 to 1998 and from 1999 to November 2005, Mr. Garabedian worked at Gilead Sciences, Inc., a publicly-traded biopharmaceutical company, where he served in a number of global leadership roles, including as Vice President of Corporate Development, Vice President of Marketing, and Vice President of Medical Affairs. While at Gilead Sciences, Mr. Garabedian s responsibilities included managing corporate development initiatives, including portfolio review and planning, mergers and acquisitions and in-licensing activities, and leading four global product launches. Mr. Garabedian also held various commercial roles at COR Therapeutics, Inc. from 1998 to 1999 and at Abbott Laboratories from 1994 to 1997. He started his biopharmaceutical career as a consultant with Migliara/Kaplan Associates from 1991 to 1994. Our corporate governance and nominating committee believes that Mr. Garabedian s qualifications for membership on the board of directors include his previous experience serving in leadership positions within the biopharmaceutical industry and his position as our President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Garabedian s corporate vision and operational knowledge provide strategic guidance to our management team and our board of directors. Mr. Garabedian received his B.S. in marketing from the University of Maryland.

Edward M. Kaye, Ph.D., has served as our Senior Vice President, Chief Medical Officer since June 2011. Dr. Kaye was Group Vice President of Clinical Development at Genzyme Corporation, a biotechnology company, from April 2007 to June 2011, where he supervised the clinical research in the lysosomal storage disease programs and in the genetic neurological disorders. Prior to this, Dr. Kaye held various roles at Genzyme Corporation since 2001, including Vice President of Medical Affairs for Lysosomal Storage Diseases, Vice President of Clinical Research and Interim Head of PGH Global Medical Affairs. Dr. Kaye earned his B.S. in Biology from Loyola University and earned his M.D. at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. He received his Pediatric training at Loyola University Hospital, Child Neurology training at the Boston City Hospital, Boston University, and completed his training as a Neurochemical Research Fellow (Geriatric Fellow) at the Bedford VA Hospital, Boston University. Dr. Kaye was head of the section of Neurometabolism, Pediatric Neurology at The Floating Hospital for Children (Tufts University) and research fellow in gene therapy at the Massachusetts General Hospital until 1996 when he moved to Philadelphia to become Chief of Pediatric Neurology and Director of the Barnett Mitochondrial Laboratory at St. Christopher s Hospital for Children. In 1998, Dr. Kaye accepted the appointment as Chief of Biochemical Genetics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Associate Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics at the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Medicine until moving to Genzyme Corporation at the end of 2001. Dr. Kaye continues as a Neurological Consultant at the Children's Hospital of Boston and is on the editorial boards of a number of journals including Journal of Child Neurology and Pediatric Neurology. He also previously served on the board of Annals of Neurology. Dr. Kaye is also on the Medical/Scientific Advisory Boards of the United Leukodystrophy Foundation, Spinal Muscular Atrophy Foundation, CureCMD, CureDuchenne, and the Prize4Life.

Sandesh Mahatme has served as our Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer since November 2012. From January 2006 to November 2012, Mr. Mahatme worked at Celgene Corporation, a biopharmaceutical company, where he served in various roles, including Senior Vice President of Corporate Development, Corporate Treasurer and Senior Vice President of Tax. While at Celgene, Mr. Mahatme built the treasury and tax functions before establishing the Corporate Development Department, focused on strategic, targeted initiatives including emerging markets, acquisitions and licensing and strategic planning. Prior to working at Celgene, Mr. Mahatme worked for Pfizer Inc., a pharmaceutical company, for eight and a half years in senior roles in Business Development and Corporate Tax. Mr. Mahatme started his career at Ernst & Young LLP where he advised multinational corporations on a broad range of transactions. Mr. Mahatme holds Master of Laws (LL.M.) degrees from Cornell Law School and NYU School of Law and is a member of the New York State Bar Association.

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David Tyronne Howton has served as our Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary since November 2012. From September 2011 to June 2012, Mr. Howton served as the Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and as a member of the executive team at Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated, a publicly traded biotechnology company, and in this capacity he participated in the general management of the company and oversaw all aspects of the Vertex global legal and compliance departments. Mr. Howton served as Senior Vice President Legal from July 2012 to November 2012. Prior to his appointment as Chief Legal Officer at Vertex, Mr. Howton served as the Chief Compliance Officer from September 2009 to August 2011 and, in this capacity, he was responsible for designing and implementing the Vertex corporate compliance program as well as chairing the company s Corporate Compliance Committee. From 2003 to September 2009, Mr. Howton worked at Genentech, Inc., a biotechnology company, where he served in a number of legal roles before becoming the company s chief healthcare compliance officer in 2006. Prior to joining Genentech in 2003, Mr. Howton was a member of the Sidley Austin LLP corporate healthcare practice where he advised on corporate transactions involving life science companies and provided regulatory counsel. Mr. Howton holds a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law.

Jayant Aphale, Ph.D., has served as our Senior Vice President, Technical Operations since December 2011. From January 2011 to December 2011, Dr. Aphale served as the President of Apex CMC Advisors, LLC, a biotechnology consulting company. From January 2010 to November 2010, Dr. Aphale served as a Vice President at GlaxoSmithKline plc, a publicly traded pharmaceutical company, in Belgium leading new product introductions, cGMP scale-up of clinical material manufacturing, U.S. government interactions and global technology transfer of marketed vaccines. From June 2008 to January 2010, Dr. Aphale was the Vice President of Manufacturing and Process Sciences at Enobia Pharma Corp., a biopharmaceutical company, where he structured their CMO network and led technology transfer and scale-up of their lead product in the rare disease space. Before Enobia, from 2006 to May 2008, Dr. Aphale served as Vice President, Manufacturing Operations and Project Management at Acambis plc, a biotechnology company, where, besides managing cGMP manufacturing across multiple sites, he established and implemented business processes in project and portfolio management and in transitioning clinical manufacturing to commercial scale. Dr. Aphale received his Ph.D. in Microbiology from The Ohio State University in 1992, a Master of Business Administration in Finance and Strategy from the University of North Carolina in 2002, is a certified project manager (PMP) as well as holds the U.S. regulatory affairs certification (RAC).

William Goolsbee has served as a member of our board of directors since October 2007 and as chairman of the board of directors since June 2010. He also serves as a member of the audit committee and the compensation committee. Mr. Goolsbee was founder, chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Horizon Medical Inc. from 1987 until its acquisition by a unit of UBS Private Equity in 2002. Mr. Goolsbee was a founding director of ImmunoTherapy Corporation in 1993, becoming chairman of the board in 1995, a position he held until overseeing the successful acquisition of ImmunoTherapy by Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc. in 1998. His experience prior to 1987 includes a ser