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Washington, D.C. 20549

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Notice of 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders
and Proxy Statement
Meeting Date:
April 27, 2004
Epicor Software Corporation

195 Technology Drive

Irvine, CA 92618

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Epicor Software Corporation
195 Technology Drive  Irvine, CA 92618
To our shareholders:
You are hereby cordially invited to attend the 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Epicor Software Corporation. The Annual Meeting wil be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. local time, at The Irvine Marriott Hotel located at 18000 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine, California 92612.
The expected actions to be taken at the Annual Meeting are described in the attached Proxy Statement and Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Included with the Proxy Statement is a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003. We encourage you to read the Form 10-K. It includes our audited financial statements and information about our operations, markets and products.
Stockholders of record as of March 15, 2004 may vote at the Annual Meeting.
Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, please complete, sign, date, and return the accompanying proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or, if available, vote via the Internet or by telephone. Returning the proxy card or voting via the Internet or by telephone will ensure your representation at the meeting but does NOT deprive you of your right to attend the meeting and to vote your shares in person. The Proxy Statement explains more about the proxy voting. Please read it carefully. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.
Sincerely,
L. George Klaus
Chairman of the Board,
Chief Executive Officer and President

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Date:	Tuesday, April 27, 2004
Time:	10:00 a.m. local time
Place:	Irvine Marriott Hotel
	18000 Von Karman Avenue
	Irvine, California 92612.
Matters to be	e voted on:
Election     H. Smitl	of the Company s five nominee directors, L. George Klaus, Donald R. Dixon, Thomas F. Kelly, Harold D. Copperman and Robert n;
• Amendr	ment to the Company s Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares from 60 million to 180 million;
• Ratificat	tion of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004; and
• Any oth	er matters that may properly be brought before the meeting.
Any of the a such meeting	bove matters may be considered at the annual meeting at the date and time specified above or an adjournment or postponement of g.
By order of t	the Board of Directors
L. George K	laus
Chairman, C	EO and President
April , 2	2004

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY CARD OR VOTING INSTRUCTION CARD IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE OR, IF AVAILABLE, VOTE BY TELEPHONE OR USING THE INTERNET AS INSTRUCTED ON THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD OR VOTING INSTRUCTION CARD.

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#### EPICOR SOFTWARE CORPORATION

#### PROXY STATEMENT FOR 2004

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

#### INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING

The enclosed Proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of Epicor Software Corporation. ( Epicor or the Company ), for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. local time, and at any postponement or adjournment thereof. The Annual Meeting will be held at The Irvine Marriott Hotel located at 18000 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine, California 92612. The purposes of the Annual Meeting are set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

These proxy solicitation materials and the enclosed Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, including financial statements, were first mailed on or about April \_\_\_, 2004 to all stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting. Our principal executive offices are located at 195 Technology Drive, Irvine, California 92618, and our telephone number is (949) 585-4000.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING

Who May Vote

Stockholders of record at the close of business on March 15, 2004 ( Record Date ) are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Company has three (3) classes of equity securities outstanding, designated Common Stock, \$.001 par value ( Common Stock ), and Series C and D Preferred Stock, \$.001 par value ( Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock, respectively). At the Record Date, 44,162,441 shares of Common Stock, 61,735 shares of Series C Preferred Stock and 300,000 shares of Series D Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding.

Voting and Conversion Rights of D Preferred Stock

Each share of Common Stock outstanding at the record date will be entitled to one (1) vote with Common Stock and Series C and Series respect to each proposal herein and any other matter that properly may come before the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Each share of Series C Preferred Stock is convertible into ten (10) shares of Common Stock, as adjusted for any stock dividends, combinations or splits with respect to such shares, at any time at the option of the holder. In addition, each share of Series C Preferred Stock automatically converts into ten (10) shares of Common Stock, as adjusted as provided above, ten (10) days following the date that the average closing price of the Common Stock for twenty (20) consecutive days has exceeded \$25.00 per share, as adjusted as provided above. Each share of Series D Preferred Stock is also convertible into ten (10) shares of Common Stock, as adjusted for any stock dividends, combinations or splits with respect to such shares, at any time at the option of the holder. In addition, once registered, each share of Series D Preferred Stock automatically converts into ten (10) shares of Common Stock, as adjusted as provided above, ten (10) days following the date that

the average closing price of the Common Stock for twenty (20) consecutive days has exceeded \$5.73 per share, as adjusted as provided above.

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Each share of Series C and D Preferred Stock will be entitled to vote with the holders of Common Stock on an as-converted basis on all matters presented for stockholder approval. Thus, a total of 47,779,791 votes are eligible to be cast at the Annual Meeting.

#### **Voting Your Proxy**

If a broker, bank or other nominee holds your shares, you will receive instructions from them that you must follow in order to have your shares voted.

Internet and telephone voting may be available in the instructions from your broker, bank or other nominee. If a bank, broker or other nominee holds your shares and you wish to attend the meeting and vote in person, you must obtain a legal proxy from the record holder of the shares giving you the right to vote the shares.

If you hold your shares in your own name as a holder of record, you may instruct the proxy holders how to vote your common stock by using the toll free telephone number, the Internet voting site listed on the proxy card, or by signing, dating and mailing the proxy card in the postage paid envelope that we have provided. Of course, you may also choose to attend the meeting and vote your shares in person. Specific instructions for using the telephone and Internet voting systems are on the proxy card. The telephone and Internet voting systems will be available until 12:00 p.m. (Central Time) on April 26, 2004. Whichever of these methods you select to transmit your instructions, the proxy holders will vote your shares in accordance with those instructions. If you sign and return a proxy card without giving specific voting instructions, your shares will be voted as recommended by our Board of Directors.

#### Matters to be Presented

We are not aware of any matters to be presented other than those described in this Proxy Statement. If any matters not described in the Proxy Statement are properly presented at the meeting, the proxy holders will use their own judgment to determine how to vote your shares. If the meeting is adjourned, the proxy holders can vote your shares on the new meeting date as well, unless you have revoked your proxy instructions, as described below under Changing Your Vote.

#### **Changing Your Vote**

To revoke your proxy instructions if you are a holder of record, you must (i) advise our Corporate Secretary in writing before the proxy holders vote your shares, (ii) deliver later proxy instructions, or (iii) attend the meeting and vote your shares in person. If your shares are held by a bank, broker or other nominee, you must follow the instructions provided by the bank, broker or nominee.

#### **Cost of This Proxy Solicitation**

We will pay the cost of this proxy solicitation. We may, on request, reimburse brokerage firms and other nominees for their expenses in forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners. In addition to soliciting proxies by mail, we expect that our directors, officers and employees may solicit proxies in person or by telephone or facsimile. None of these individuals will receive any additional or special compensation for doing this, although we will reimburse these individuals for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

#### How Votes are Counted

The Annual Meeting will be held if a majority of the outstanding Common Stock, including Series C and Series D Preferred Stock on an as converted basis, entitled to vote is represented in person or by proxy at the meeting. If you have returned valid proxy instructions or attend the meeting in person,

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your Common Stock will be counted for the purpose of determining whether there is a quorum, even if you wish to abstain from voting on some or all matters at the meeting.

#### **Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes**

Shares that are voted WITHHELD or ABSTAIN are treated as being present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum and as entitled to vote on a particular subject matter at the Annual Meeting. If you hold your common stock through a bank, broker or other nominee, the broker may be prevented from voting shares held in your account on some proposals (a broker non-vote ) unless you have given voting instructions to the bank, broker or nominee. Shares that are subject to a broker non-vote are counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists but not for purposes of determining whether a proposal has passed.

#### **Our Voting Recommendations**

When proxies are properly dated, executed and returned, the shares represented by such proxies will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the instructions of the stockholder. However, if no specific instructions are given, the shares will be voted in accordance with the following recommendations of our Board of Directors:

- FOR the election of the Director nominees to the Board of Directors;
- FOR amendment of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation; and
- FOR ratification of Deloitte & Touche, LLP as our independent auditors for fiscal year 2004

# Deadline for Receipt of Stockholder Proposals

Stockholders may present proposals for action at a future meeting only if they comply with the requirements of the proxy rules established by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and our bylaws. Stockholder proposals that are intended to be included in our Proxy Statement and form of Proxy relating to the meeting for our 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders under rules set forth in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Securities Exchange Act) must be received by us no later than December 18, 2004 to be considered for inclusion.

If a stockholder intends to submit a proposal or nomination for director for our 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders that is not to be included in Epicor s Proxy Statement and form of Proxy relating to the meeting, the stockholder must give us notice in accordance with the requirements set forth in Epicor s bylaws between January 21, 2005 and February 20, 2005. Epicor s bylaws require that certain information and acknowledgments with respect to the proposal and the stockholder making the proposal be set forth in the notice. A copy of the relevant bylaw provision is available upon written request to Epicor Software Corporation, 195 Technology Drive, Irvine, California 92618, Attention: Corporate Secretary. You can also access our SEC filings, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K, on our website at www.Epicor.com.

#### PROPOSAL ONE: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

#### **Nominees**

Currently, there are five (5) members of the Board of Directors. Accordingly, at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, five (5) directors are to be elected by the holders of Common Stock and Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders will vote the proxies received by them for the Company s five (5) nominees named below. All nominees are currently directors of the Company. If any Company nominee is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the proxies will be voted for a nominee designated by the present Board of Directors to fill the vacancy. The Company is not aware of any nominee who will be unable to or will decline to serve as a director. The term of office for each person elected as a director will continue until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until his successor has been elected and qualified.

The names of the nominees and certain information about them are set forth below:

Age Title		Director Since	
63	Chairman of the Board,	1996	
	President and Chief		
	Executive Officer		
56	Director	1995	
51	Director	2000	
57	Director	2001	
67	Director	2003	
	63 56 51 57	63 Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer 56 Director 51 Director 57 Director	

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the election of all of the nominees listed above.

#### L. George Klaus

Mr. Klaus has been a Director of the Company and has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company since February 1996 and Chairman of the Board since September 1996. Mr. Klaus also served as President of the Company from February 1996 through November 1999 and from June 2001 to the present. From July 1993 through October 1995, Mr. Klaus served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Frame Technology, Inc., a software company that produces software tools for authoring, managing and distributing business-critical documents. Mr. Klaus currently serves on the board of FileNET Corporation (NASDAQ: FILE). Mr. Klaus is also a member of the Information and Computer Science CEO Advisory Board for the University of California, Irvine.

#### Donald R. Dixon

Mr. Dixon has been a Director of the Company since September 1995. Mr. Dixon has served as Managing Director of Trident Capital, Inc., a private investment firm, since June 1993. Mr. Dixon also is a director of a number of private companies, including BlueStar Solutions, Inc.

#### Thomas F. Kelly

Mr. Kelly has been a Director of the Company since January 2000. Mr. Kelly has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BlueStar Solutions, Inc., an enterprise resource planning software hosting company, since January 2001. From July 1998 through December 2000, Mr. Kelly was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Blaze Software, Inc., a provider of rules-based e-business software that enables personalized interaction across an

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enterprise s electronic contact points. From March 1996 through March 1998, Mr. Kelly was employed at Cirrus Logic, Inc. as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and then subsequently Chief Operating Officer. From September 1993 through December 1995, Mr. Kelly served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Frame Technology Corporation, a software company that produces software tools for authoring, managing and distributing business-critical documents. Mr. Kelly is also a director of FEI Company (NASDAQ: FEIC), a manufacturer of particle and ion beam imaging and analysis solutions for the semiconductor and science markets.

#### Harold D. Copperman

Mr. Copperman has been a director of the Company since July 2001. Mr. Copperman is currently the CEO and President of HDC Ventures, Inc., a management and investment group focusing on enterprise systems, software and services. From 1993 through 1999, Mr. Copperman served as Senior Vice President and Group Executive of the Products Divisions at Digital Equipment Corporation where he was responsible for the company s six computer systems business units and worldwide manufacturing and distribution. Mr. Copperman was formerly a director of America Online, Inc. (1989-1993) and 800 Software (1992-1993) and currently sits on the Board of Avocent Corporation (NASDAQ: AVCT) and a number of other private companies in the information technology business.

#### Robert H. Smith

Mr. Smith joined the board in May 2003 bringing over forty years of experience in financial management with leading technology companies. From 1963 at the onset of his career at Honeywell, Inc. Smith has held a number of executive positions in operations, finance and administration with Memorex Corporation and Control Data Corporation. In 1982, Smith joined R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company (NYSE: DNY), a leading provider of financial printing and communications as executive vice president, finance and chief financial officer. Smith went on to become president of Maxwell Graphics in 1986. In 1996, Smith joined Novellus Systems, Inc., as executive vice president, finance and administration and chief financial officer. Smith also served on the board of directors of Novellus until his retirement in 2002. Since 1990, Smith has been a member of the board of directors of Cirrus Logic, Inc. (NASDAQ: CRUS), serves on the company s compensation committee, and also serves as chairman of the audit committee. In 2003, Smith joined the board of directors of PLX Technology (NASDAQ: PLXT) a provider of high-speed connectivity equipment in the semiconductor industry and also joined the board of Virage Logic (NASDAQ: VIRL), a single source provider of semiconductor IP platforms.

#### Vote Required

The five (5) nominees for director receiving the highest number of affirmative votes from holders of shares entitled to be voted for them shall be elected as directors. Votes withheld from any director are counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum, but have no other legal effect under Delaware law. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE COMPANY S FIVE** (5) **NOMINEE DIRECTORS.** Unless otherwise marked, proxies solicited by the Company will be voted FOR the election of the Company s FIVE (5) nominee directors.

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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors held 13 meetings during fiscal year 2003. All directors attended at least 80% percent of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the committees on which they served during fiscal year 2003.

#### **Board Independence**

The Board of Directors has determined that each of its current directors, including all directors standing for re-election, except the Chief Executive Officer, has no material relationship with Epicor and is independent within the meaning of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. director independence standards, as currently in effect and as they may be changed from time to time.

#### **Committees of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors has Audit, Nominating and Corporate Governance, and Compensation Committees. Each of these committees has adopted a written charter. All members of the committees are appointed by the Board of Directors, and are non-employee directors. The following describes each committee, its current membership, the number of meetings held during fiscal year 2003 and its function.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee consists of Messrs. Dixon, Kelly, Smith, and Copperman, each of whom is independent within the meaning of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. director independence standards, as currently in effect and as they may be changed from time to time. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Kelly is an audit committee financial expert as defined in SEC rules. The Audit Committee held 4 meetings during fiscal year 2003. Mr. Kelly serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee oversees the accounting, financial reporting and audit processes; makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the selection of independent auditors; reviews the results and scope of audit and other services provided by the independent auditors; reviews the accounting principles and auditing practices and procedures to be used in preparing our financial statements; and reviews our internal controls.

The Audit Committee works closely with management and our independent auditors. The Audit Committee also meets with our independent auditors in an executive session, without the presence of our management, on a quarterly basis, following completion of their quarterly reviews and annual audit and prior to our earnings announcements, to review the results of their work. The Audit Committee also meets with our independent auditors to approve the annual scope of the audit services to be performed. A copy of the Audit Committee Charter adopted by the Board of Directors on October 23, 2003 is included herein as Appendix B.

The Audit Committee Report is included herein on page 29.

## Committee

Nominating and Corporate Governance The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee consists of Messrs. Kelly, Copperman and Smith, each of whom is independent within the meaning of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. director independence standards, as currently in effect and as they may be changed from time to time. Mr. Smith serves as chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee was formed on January 27, 2004 and therefore did not hold any meetings during fiscal year

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2003. It has held 1 meeting since our fiscal 2003 year ended. The Board of Directors recently adopted the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charter, which is included herein as Appendix A. Prior to such adoption, the functions of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee was performed by the Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers and periodically reports on matters relating to the identification, selection and qualification of the Board of Directors and candidates nominated to the Board of Directors and its committees; develops and recommends governance principles applicable to us; oversees the evaluation of the Board of Directors and management; and oversees and sets compensation for the Board of Directors.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers properly submitted stockholder recommendations for candidates for membership on the Board of Directors as described below under Identification and Evaluation of Nominees for Directors. In evaluating such recommendations, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capability on the Board of Directors and to address the membership criteria set forth under Director Qualifications. Any stockholder recommendations proposed for consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee should include the candidate s name and qualifications for membership on the Board of Directors and should be addressed to our Corporate Secretary. In addition, procedures for stockholder direct nomination of directors are discussed above under the section Deadline for Receipt of Stockholder Proposals and are discussed in detail in our bylaws, which will be provided to you upon written request.

#### **Director Qualifications**

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee uses a variety of criteria to evaluate the qualifications and skills necessary for members of our Board of Directors. Under these criteria, members of the Board of Directors should have the highest professional and personal ethics and values, consistent with longstanding Epicor values and standards. They should have broad experience at the policy-making level in business, government, education, technology or public interest. They should be committed to enhancing stockholder value and should have sufficient time to carry out their duties and to provide insight and practical wisdom based on experience. Their service on other boards of public companies should be limited to a number that permits them, given their individual circumstances, to perform responsibly all director duties. Each director must represent the interests of all stockholders.

#### **Identification and Evaluation of Nominees for Directors**

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee utilizes a variety of methods for identifying and evaluating nominees for director. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee regularly assesses the appropriate size of the Board of Directors, and whether any vacancies on the Board of Directors are expected due to retirement or otherwise. In the event that vacancies are anticipated, or otherwise arise, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers various potential candidates for director. Candidates may come to the attention of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee through current members of the Board of

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Directors, professional search firms, stockholders or other persons. These candidates are evaluated at regular or special meetings of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and may be considered at any point during the year. As described above, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers properly submitted stockholder recommendations for candidates for the Board of Directors. In evaluating such recommendations, the Nominating and Governance Committee uses the qualifications standards discussed above and seeks to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capability on the Board of Directors.

There is one nominee for election to the Board this year who has not previously stood for election to the Board by the shareholders, Robert H. Smith. Mr. Smith joined the Board in May 2003 following Charles Boesenberg s resignation from the Board and following the 2003 Annual shareholder s meeting. He first came to the attention of the Board through its Chairman and CEO George Klaus, who had previously served with Mr. Smith on another board of directors. At that time, the Board considered Mr. Smith and his qualifications and voted him to the Board in May 2003. Since that time, Mr. Smith has served actively on the Board and the Compensation Committees and was recently elected to the Board s Audit Committee and elected to chair the Board s Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Smith s background and qualifications are identified in the section entitled Robert H. Smith on page 5, herein.

#### **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee consists of Messrs. Dixon, Kelly, and Smith. The Compensation Committee held 4 meetings during fiscal year 2003 and also acted by unanimous written consent. Mr. Dixon serves as Chair of the Compensation Committee.

The Compensation Committee oversees and makes recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding our compensation and benefits policies; and oversees, evaluates and approves compensation plans, policies and programs for our executive officers.

The Compensation Committee Report is included herein on page 24.

# **Compensation Committee Interlocks** and **Insider Participation**

During fiscal year 2003, no member of the Compensation Committee was an officer or employee of Epicor. During fiscal year 2003, no member of the Compensation Committee or executive officer of Epicor served as a member of the Board of Directors or Compensation Committee of any entity that has an executive officer serving as a member of our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee.

#### **Annual Meeting Attendance**

The Company s policy is to invite directors to attend annual meetings of Epicor stockholders. One director attended the 2003 annual meeting of stockholders.

# Communicating with the Board of Directors

Epicor s policy is that shareholders may communicate with the Board of Directors, by submitting an email to <a href="mailto:bod@epicor.com">bod@epicor.com</a>, or by writing to us at Epicor Software Corporation. Attention: Board of Directors, 195 Technology Drive, Irvine, California 92618. Stockholders who would like their submission directed to a member of the Board of Directors may so specify, and the communication will be forwarded, as appropriate.

#### **Code of Ethics**

The Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Ethics, which is applicable to the Company, including the Chief Executive Officer. Chief Financial Officer

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and all officers of the Company. The Board has also adopted a separate Corporate Governance Guidelines, which contains provisions specifically applicable to directors.

We will provide a copy of the Code of Ethics and/or the Corporate Governance Guidelines upon request made by email to <a href="mailto:investor-relations@epicor.com">investor-relations@epicor.com</a> or in writing to Epicor Software Corporation. Attention: Investor Relations, 195 Technology Drive, Irvine, California 92618. Epicor will disclose any amendment to the Code of Ethics or the Corporate Governance Guidelines or waiver of a provision of the Code of Ethics or the Corporate Governance Guidelines, including the name of the officer to whom the waiver was granted, on our website at <a href="www.epicor.com">www.epicor.com</a>, on the Investor Relations page.

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#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information as of March 15, 2004 regarding the beneficial ownership of the Common Stock and Series C and D Preferred Stock of the Company by (i) each person known by management to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of any class of the Company s capital stock (based upon reports filed by such persons with the Securities and Exchange Commission), (ii) each director of the Company, (iii) each of the persons named in the Summary Compensation Table, and (iv) all current directors and executive officers of the Company as a group:

	Common Stock		Series C Preferred Stock		Series D Preferred Stock		<b>Total Voting Power</b>	
Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership (1)	Percentage of Class	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership (1)	Percentage of Class	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership (1)	Percentage of Class	Votes	Total Percentage
LeRoy C. Kopp	4,828,492(2)	10.8%					4,828,492	10.0%
7701 France Avenue South, Suite 500 Edina, MN 55435								
Trident Capital Fund-V, LP,	3,654,018(4)(7)	8.2%	61,735(3)(4)	100.0%	300,000(3)(4)	100.0%	3,654,018	7.6%
Trident Capital Fund-V Affiliates Fund, L.P. Trident Capital Fund-V Affiliates Fund (Q), L.P. Trident Capital Fund-V Principals Fund, L.P. , Trident Capital Parallel Fund-V, C.V. Trident Capital Partners Fund-I, L.P. Trident Capital Partners Fund-I, C.V. 2480 Sand								

Hill Road, Ste. 100 Menlo Park, CA 94025

L. George Klaus	4,013,750(6)(11)	9.0%				4,013,750	8.3%
Robert H. Smith	5,000(9)	*				5,000	*
Donald R. Dixon	3,654,018(3)(4)(7)	8.2%	61,735(3)(4)	100.0%	300,000(3)(4)	100.0% 3,654,018	7.6%
Thomas F. Kelly	36,668(5)(6)	*				36,668	*
Harold D. Copperman	41,667(10)	*				41,667	*
Lee Kim (14)		*					