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**NOTICE OF  
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
AND  
PROXY STATEMENT**

**DATE:** May 24, 2006  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time  
**PLACE:** Mid-America Club  
  
200 E. Randolph Drive, 80th Floor  
  
Chicago, IL 60601

April 21, 2006

Greetings to the stockholders of Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. I am pleased to invite you to attend our Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The meeting will be held on May 24, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time at the Mid-America Club located at 200 E. Randolph Drive, 80<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois.

The Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders accompanying this letter describes the business we will be transacting at the meeting.

Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting in person, I urge you to sign and date the enclosed Proxy Card and return it as soon as possible so that your shares will be represented at the meeting. The vote of every stockholder is important!

I look forward to seeing you on May 24th.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Friel

*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

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**HEIDRICK & STRUGGLES INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

**233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 4200**

**Chicago, Illinois 60606-6303**

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**PLACE:** Mid-America Club

200 E. Randolph Drive, 80th Floor

Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Stockholders:

At our annual meeting, we will ask you to

I. Elect three (3) directors; and

II. Transact any other business that may properly come before the annual meeting, or any adjournment of the annual meeting. If you were a stockholder of record at the close of business on April 7, 2006, you are entitled to vote at the annual meeting or any adjournment of the meeting. A stockholder list will be available at our principal executive offices located at 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 4200, Chicago, Illinois 60606, beginning April 25, 2006 during normal business hours, for examination by any stockholder registered on our stock ledger as of April 7, 2006, for any purpose germane to the annual meeting.

Your attention is called to the accompanying Proxy Card and Proxy Statement. A copy of our Annual Report to Stockholders (including our Annual Report on Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2005 is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

K. Steven Blake

*Secretary*

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**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.** Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting in person, please sign and return the Proxy Card in the enclosed postage prepaid envelope so your shares may be voted.

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**VOTING INFORMATION**

*Proxy Solicitation.* We are furnishing you with this Proxy Statement in connection with the solicitation of your proxy for our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 24, 2006 and at any adjournment thereof. This solicitation is being made by mail. We may also use our officers and other employees to solicit proxies from stockholders, personally or by telephone, facsimile, letter or electronic mail. We will pay all costs associated with our solicitation of proxies. If we request nominees and brokers to solicit their principals and customers for their proxies, we will reimburse the nominees and brokers for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

*Annual Meeting of Stockholders.* Our Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on May 24, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time at the Mid-America Club located at 200 E. Randolph Drive, 80<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois. This Proxy Statement is first being mailed on or about April 21, 2006 to our stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting.

*Record Date.* Each share of our common stock that you owned as of April 7, 2006, the record date for the annual meeting, entitles you to one vote. On April 7, 2006 there were 19,585,095 shares of our common stock outstanding.

*Quorum.* A quorum of stockholders is necessary for us to hold a valid meeting. If at least a majority of our common stock is present in person or by proxy, a quorum will exist. The inspector of election appointed for the annual meeting will determine whether a quorum is present. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present to establish a quorum. A broker non-vote occurs when a broker does not vote on some matters presented at the meeting because the broker does not have authority to do so.

*Voting.* You may vote on the proposals presented at the annual meeting in one of two ways:

By Proxy: You can vote your shares by signing, dating and returning the enclosed Proxy Card. If you do this, the individuals named on the card will vote your shares in the manner you indicate and in their discretion on any other matters that may properly come before the meeting. You may specify on your Proxy Card how you would like your shares voted. If you do not indicate instructions on the card, your shares will be voted *for* the election of each individual nominated for director; or

In Person: You may come to the annual meeting and cast your vote.

If you grant us a proxy, you may revoke your proxy at any time before it is exercised by (1) sending notice to our Secretary at our principal executive offices in writing; (2) providing to us a later-dated proxy; or (3) attending the annual meeting in person and voting your shares. Merely attending the annual meeting, without further action, will not revoke your proxy.

*Required Vote.* A plurality of the votes cast at the annual meeting is required for the election of directors (Proposal I). This means that the three director nominees receiving the highest number of votes cast **FOR** will be elected. Only votes **FOR** will affect the outcome. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not counted for purposes of the election of directors.

If your broker holds your shares in its name, the broker is permitted to vote your shares for the election of each nominee for director even if the broker does not receive voting instructions from you. If your broker does receive voting instructions from you, it must vote in accordance with these instructions.

The inspector of election appointed for the annual meeting will tabulate votes.

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**DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL STOCK**

Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides for our authorized capital stock to consist of 100,000,000 shares of common stock, \$.01 par value per share, of which 19,585,095 shares were issued and outstanding on April 7, 2006; and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$.01 par value per share, none of which has been issued. Our common stock is included for quotation on the NASDAQ National Market under the symbol HSII.

Each stockholder is entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be voted upon by the stockholders. The holders of common stock do not have cumulative voting rights. Holders of common stock are entitled to receive dividends if and when dividends are declared by our Board of Directors and out of funds legally available, after payment of dividends required to be paid on outstanding preferred stock, if any. To date, we have not declared any dividends. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities and accrued but unpaid dividends and liquidation preferences on any outstanding preferred stock. The shares of common stock have no preemptive or conversion rights and are not subject to our further calls or assessment. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock.



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**VOTING SECURITIES OF CERTAIN  
BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock, which is the only outstanding class of voting securities and equity securities of our company, as of April 7, 2006 (except where otherwise noted) by (1) our directors, (2) each of our named executive officers, (3) each person known to us to be the beneficial owner of 5% or more of our outstanding shares of common stock and (4) all of our directors and executive officers as a group. On April 7, 2006, there were 19,585,095 shares of common stock outstanding. Unless otherwise indicated, we believe that each beneficial owner has the sole voting and sole investment power over the number of shares listed adjacent to his, her or its name.

Names (1)	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned (2)	
	Number	Percent
Thomas J. Friel (3) (4)	547,796	2.8
Richard I. Beattie	7,225	*
Antonio Borges	1,698	*
John A. Fazio	5,111	*
Jill Kanin-Lovers	1,642	*
Robert E. Knowling, Jr. (5)	20,225	*
Gerard R. Roche (4)	222,374	1.1
V. Paul Unruh	1,542	*
Douglas C. Yearley	3,651	*
Eileen A. Kamerick (4)	62,679	*
Bonnie W. Gwin (4)	106,566	*
L. Kevin Kelly (4)	61,137	*
Jeffrey R. Scherb (4)	104,686	*
Abrams Bison Investments, LLC (6)	1,621,732	8.3
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (7)	1,071,040	5.5
Eminence Capital, L.L.C. (8)	1,231,000	6.3
Barclays Global Investors, NA (9)	1,222,242	6.2
Kornitzer Capital Management, Inc. (10)	1,525,925	7.8
On April 7, 2006, the shares beneficially owned by all executive officers and directors as a group (14 persons) were:	1,189,640	6.1

\* Represents holdings of less than one percent (1%) of our outstanding shares.

- (1) The mailing address for each executive officer and director is 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 4200, Chicago, Illinois 60606-6303.
- (2) In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person, shares of common stock subject to options held by that person that are exercisable on April 7, 2006 or which would become exercisable within 60 days of that date, are deemed issued and outstanding. These shares, however, are not deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other stockholder.
- (3) Number includes shares held by the trustee of Heidrick & Struggles, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing and Retirement Plan for Mr. Friel's account.
- (4) Number includes the right to acquire beneficial ownership of shares of common stock through stock options granted under the 1998 Heidrick & Struggles GlobalShare Program I, which were exercisable on April 7, 2006 or which would become exercisable within 60 days

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of that date as follows: Mr. Friel, 170,951 shares; Mr. Roche, 53,658 shares; Mr. Kelly, 26,525 shares; Mr. Scherb, 66,665 shares; Ms. Kamerick, 17,666 shares; and Ms. Gwin, 59,466 shares.

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- (5) Number includes the right of Mr. Knowling to acquire beneficial ownership of 15,000 shares of common stock through stock options granted under the 1998 Heidrick & Struggles GlobalShare Program II, which were exercisable on April 7, 2006 or which would become exercisable within 60 days of that date.
  
- (6) Number is based on information contained in Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2006. The mailing address for Abrams Bison Investments, LLC is 4800 Hampden Lane, Suite 1050, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.
  
- (7) Number is based on information contained in Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2006. The mailing address for PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. is One PNC Plaza, 249 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222.
  
- (8) Number is based on information contained in Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 31, 2005. The mailing address for Eminence Capital, L.L.C. is 65 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10022.
  
- (9) Number is based on information contained in Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 31, 2005. The mailing address for Barclays Global Investors, NA is 45 Fremont Street, San Francisco, California 94105.
  
- (10) Number is based on information contained in Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 31, 2005. The mailing address for Kornitzer Capital Management, Inc. is 5420 West 61<sup>st</sup> Place, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66205.

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**PROPOSAL I**

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Our Board of Directors currently has nine members, two of whom are our employees and seven of whom are non-employees.

Our Board of Directors is divided into three classes for purposes of election. Our Certificate of Incorporation calls for each class to consist, as nearly as possible, of one-third of the total number of directors that make up the Board of Directors. Typically, one class is elected at each annual meeting of stockholders to serve for a three-year term. We propose that three directors be elected at the annual meeting to hold office for a three-year term expiring in 2009. Directors who are not standing for election this year will continue in office for the remainder of their respective terms.

Our Board of Directors has recommended and nominated each of the following persons to be reelected to our Board of Directors in the Class with terms expiring in 2009: **Ms. Jill Kanin-Lovers and Messrs. Thomas J. Friel and Douglas C. Yearley.**

The enclosed Proxy will be voted **FOR** the election of each of the three nominees unless it is marked to withhold authority to vote for one or more nominees. Proxies cannot be voted for more than three nominees.

If any nominee ceases to be a candidate for election for any reason, the Proxy will be voted for a substitute nominee designated by our Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors currently has no reason to believe that any nominee will not remain a candidate for election as a director or will be unwilling to serve as a director if elected.

Below is certain information about each director nominee and each director whose term of office will continue after the annual meeting. There are no family relations among any directors, executive officers, or persons nominated to become a director.

**NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR**

			<b>Director</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Principal Occupation and Five-Year Employment History</b>	<b>Since</b>
Jill Kanin-Lovers	54	Ms. Kanin-Lovers is the former Senior Vice President for Human Resources and Workplace Management of Avon Products, Inc., where she held that position from 1998 to 2004. Previously, Ms. Kanin-Lovers held executive-level positions in human resources at International Business Machines Corporation from 1995 to 1998 and American Express Company from 1992 to 1995. Prior to that, Ms. Kanin-Lovers worked at Towers Perrin for seventeen years, leaving that company in 1992 as a Vice President and Principal. Ms. Kanin-Lovers currently serves on the boards of directors of Alpharma, Inc., and Dot Foods, Inc.	06/2004
Thomas J. Friel	58	Mr. Friel has been our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since June 2003. Previously, Mr. Friel was Chairman of our Technology Practice, Chairman of our Leadership Services Group and a Vice Chairman of Heidrick & Struggles from October 2001 to June 2003. Prior to that, Mr. Friel was President of Heidrick & Struggles Ventures from 1999 to 2001. Mr. Friel also served on the Heidrick & Struggles Board of Directors subsequent to our initial public offering in 1999 until 2002 when the Board was transitioned to a majority of independent directors. He joined Heidrick & Struggles, Inc., in 1979.	06/2003
Douglas C. Yearley	70	Mr. Yearley has served as Chairman Emeritus of Phelps Dodge Corporation, since 2000, and was Chairman of Phelps Dodge from 1989 until his retirement in 2000, Chief Executive Officer from 1989 to 1999, and President from 1991 to 1997. Mr. Yearley also serves on the boards of directors of Lockheed Martin Corporation, United States Steel Corporation and Marathon Oil Corporation.	04/2003

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Principal Occupation and Five-Year Employment History</b>	<b>Director Since</b>
Richard I. Beattie	67	Mr. Beattie has served as Chairman of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, an international law firm, since 2004. From 1991 until 2004, he was Chairman of the Executive Committee of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, and has practiced law at the firm since 1968. Mr. Beattie also serves on the board of directors of Harley-Davidson, Inc.	03/2002
Antonio Borges	56	Mr. Borges has served as Vice Chairman of Goldman Sachs International since 2000. Prior to that, Mr. Borges was Dean of INSEAD, widely recognized as among the world's top-tier business schools, from 1993 to 2000. Mr. Borges serves on the boards of directors of Sonaecom, Scor S.A., Jeronimo Martins, SGPS, S.A., Caixa Seguros, Banco Santander Portugal, S.A., and CNP Assurances. Mr. Borges is also Chairman of the European Corporate Governance Institute.	04/2004
John A. Fazio	62	Mr. Fazio is the former Senior General Practice Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers. Mr. Fazio retired from PricewaterhouseCoopers in 2000 following 35 years of service to the global accounting and professional services company. A Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Management Accountant, Mr. Fazio held a variety of senior positions in accounting, auditing, consulting, and administration at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Currently, Mr. Fazio serves on the boards of directors and chairs the audit committees of ImClone Systems, Inc. and Dendrite International, Inc.	09/2003

**CLASS 2008 DIRECTORS****(Directors with Terms Expiring in 2008)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Principal Occupation and Five-Year Employment History</b>	<b>Director Since</b>
Robert E. Knowling, Jr.	50	Mr. Knowling has served as Chief Executive Officer of Vercuity Inc., since April 2005. From January 2002 to April 2005, Mr. Knowling was Chief Executive Officer of the New York City Leadership Academy. From February 2001 to January 2003, Mr. Knowling was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Internet Access Technologies, Inc. Prior to that, Mr. Knowling was Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Covad Communications from July 1998 to November 2000 (Covad Communications filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 on August 15, 2001). From March 1996 to July 1998, Mr. Knowling was Executive Vice President of Operations and Technologies at US West Communications, and Vice President of Network Operations at Ameritech Corp., from November 1994 to March 1996. Mr. Knowling serves on the boards of directors of Ariba, Inc. and The Immune Response Corporation.	09/2000
Gerard R. Roche	74	Mr. Roche has been our Senior Chairman since the merger of Heidrick & Struggles, Inc., into Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. in 1999 (the Merger) and was our acting Chief Executive Officer from April 2003 until June 2003. Mr. Roche joined Heidrick & Struggles, Inc., in 1964 and was a member of the Board of Directors of Heidrick & Struggles, Inc., from 1970 until the Merger. Mr. Roche has been a member of our Board of Directors since the Merger.	02/1999
V. Paul Unruh	57	Mr. Unruh is the former Senior Vice Chairman of Bechtel Group, Inc. Mr. Unruh retired from Bechtel in 2003 after more than 25 years of service to the company. Mr. Unruh held numerous leadership positions at Bechtel, including President of Bechtel Enterprises from 1997 to 2001, Chief Financial Officer of Bechtel from 1992 to 1996, Controller from 1987 to 1991, Treasurer from 1983 to 1986 and Manager of Financial Systems Development from 1978 to 1982. Currently, Mr. Unruh serves on the boards of directors of Homestore, Inc., and VERITAS Software Corporation.	07/2004

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF JILL KANIN-LOVERS, THOMAS J. FRIEL AND DOUGLAS C. YEARLEY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**



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### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

*Board of Director and Stockholder Meetings.* Our Board of Directors met five times during 2005. With the exception of Richard I. Beattie, each of the directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board and the committees of which they were members. It is our policy to encourage our directors to attend the annual meetings of stockholders unless circumstances impair their ability to do so. Eight of our directors attended the 2005 annual meeting of stockholders.

*Board of Director Independence.* Each year, our Board of Directors reviews the relationships that each director has with us and with other parties. Only those directors who do not have any of the categorical relationships that preclude them from being independent within the meaning of applicable NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. Marketplace Rules (the "NASDAQ Rules"), and who our Board of Directors affirmatively determines have no relationships that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director, are considered to be independent directors. Our Board of Directors has adopted Director Independence Standards to use in evaluating the independence of directors. After a review of the relevant information, our Board of Directors has determined that Richard I. Beattie, Antonio Borges, John A. Fazio, Jill Kanin-Lovers, Robert E. Knowling, Jr., V. Paul Unruh and Douglas C. Yearley are independent directors of the company within the meaning of applicable NASDAQ Rules and our Director Independence Standards. You can access our Director Independence Standards on the Corporate Governance portion of our website at: <http://www.heidrick.com>

*Corporate Governance Guidelines.* Our Board of Directors has adopted corporate governance practices to help it fulfill its responsibilities to the stockholders in overseeing the work of management and our business results. These guidelines are intended to ensure that our Board of Directors has the necessary authority and practices in place to review and evaluate our business operations, as needed, and to make decisions that are independent of our management. In addition, the guidelines are intended to align the interests of directors and management with those of our stockholders. A copy of our Corporate Governance Guidelines is available on the Corporate Governance portion of our website at: <http://www.heidrick.com>

*Stockholder Communications.* Our stockholders may communicate directly with our Board of Directors. All communications should be directed to: Corporate Secretary, Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc., 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 4200, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Any such communication should prominently indicate on the outside of the envelope that it is intended for the Board of Directors or a particular director. Each communication intended for the Board of Directors or a particular director and received by the secretary will be forwarded to the specified party following its clearance through normal security procedures.

*Code of Ethics.* Our Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all of our employees, officers and directors. You can access this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics on the Corporate Governance portion of our website at: <http://www.heidrick.com>

### **COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Our Board of Directors has a standing Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and Nominating and Board Governance Committee. Our Board of Directors has determined that all of the directors who serve on these committees are independent within the meaning of our Director Independence Standards and the applicable NASDAQ Rules, including, in the case of members of the Audit Committee, the specific independence requirements for audit committees.

Our Board of Directors has adopted a charter for each of the three standing committees. You can access these committee charters on the Corporate Governance portion of our website at: <http://www.heidrick.com>

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*Audit Committee.* The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is presently composed of four directors, Messrs. Fazio, Knowling and Unruh and Ms. Kanin-Lovers, each of whom is independent within the meaning of applicable NASDAQ Rules. Mr. Fazio is the Chair of the Audit Committee. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Fazio and Mr. Unruh are audit committee financial experts as defined in Securities and Exchange Commission Rules. During 2005, the Audit Committee met ten times.

The Audit Committee recommends to our Board of Directors the appointment of an independent registered public accounting firm annually to audit our books and records; meets with and reviews the activities and the reports of our independent registered public accounting firm; and reports the results of the review to our Board of Directors. The Audit Committee also periodically reviews the adequacy of our internal controls and pre-approves all services to be provided to the company by our independent registered public accounting firm, KPMG LLP. These and other aspects of the Audit Committee's authority are more particularly described in our Audit Committee Charter.

*Compensation Committee.* The Compensation Committee consists of four independent directors, Messrs. Beattie, Knowling and Yearley and Ms. Kanin-Lovers. Ms. Kanin-Lovers chairs the Compensation Committee. Each member also qualifies as a non-employee for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and an outside director for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. The duties of the Compensation Committee are generally to review and approve employment and compensation matters involving executive officers. The Compensation Committee reviews, as appropriate, other compensation matters, including matters relating to salary, bonus, stock options and other equity and incentive arrangements. These and other aspects of the Compensation Committee's authority are more particularly described in the Compensation Committee Charter. During 2005, the Compensation Committee met four times.

*Nominating and Board Governance Committee.* The Nominating and Board Governance Committee consists of three independent directors, Messrs. Beattie, Borges and Yearley. Mr. Beattie chairs the Nominating and Board Governance Committee. The Nominating and Board Governance Committee makes recommendations to our Board of Directors concerning candidates for nomination to our Board of Directors, the membership on committees of our Board of Directors, compensation of our Board of Directors and other corporate governance matters. The Nominating and Board Governance Committee also approves all related party transactions in accordance with the applicable NASDAQ Rules. These and other aspects of the Nominating and Board Governance Committee's authority are more particularly described in the Nominating and Board Governance Committee Charter. During 2005, the Nominating and Board Governance Committee met four times.

*Director Nominating Procedures.* Directors may be nominated by the Board of Directors or by stockholders in accordance with our Bylaws. The Nominating and Board Governance Committee reviews all proposed nominees for the Board of Directors, including those proposed by stockholders, in accordance with its mandate contained in its charter. This includes a review of the person's occupation, experience, time commitments, financial literacy, independence, judgment, understanding of our business or other related industries, and such other factors as the Nominating and Board Governance Committee determines are relevant in light of the needs of the Board of Directors and our company. The Nominating and Board Governance Committee selects qualified candidates and reviews its recommendations with the Board of Directors, which determines whether to nominate them for election to the Board of Directors. To date, the Nominating and Board Governance Committee has not paid a fee to any third party to assist in the process of identifying or evaluating director candidates; however, the Nominating and Board Governance Committee has worked with search consultants from our firm to identify director candidates.

*Stockholder Recommendations for Nominations.* Stockholders who wish to recommend individuals for consideration by the Nominating and Board Governance Committee to be nominees for election to the Board of Directors may do so by notifying our Corporate Secretary. In addition, our Bylaws permit stockholders to nominate directors at a stockholder meeting. To nominate a director at the 2007 Annual Meeting, a stockholder must notify our Corporate Secretary not less than sixty days, nor more than ninety days, prior to May 24, 2007.



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Notices should be sent to: Corporate Secretary, Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc., 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 4200, Chicago, Illinois 60606. In either case, the notice must meet all of the requirements contained in our Bylaws. The notice must set forth:

(1) the name, age, business address and residence address of the proposed nominee, the class and number of voting shares of our capital stock the nominee beneficially owns and any other information relating to the nominee that is required to be disclosed in solicitations for proxies for the election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations thereunder; and

(2) as to the stockholder proposing such nominee, that stockholder's name and address, the class and number of voting shares of our capital stock the stockholder beneficially owns, a description of all arrangements and understandings between the stockholder and the nominee or any other person (including their names) pursuant to which the nomination is made, a representation that the stockholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person named in its notice and any other information relating to the stockholder that is required to be disclosed in solicitations for election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations thereunder.

The notice must also be accompanied by a written consent of the proposed nominee to being both named as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected.

## **DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

Our directors who are also our employees do not receive any compensation for serving as directors. In 2005, each of our non-employee directors received as compensation an annual retainer of \$75,000, of which \$50,000 was payable in cash and \$25,000 was payable in the form of restricted stock units awarded on the date of our annual meeting of stockholders (a pro-rata award of restricted stock units is made to directors who join the Board of Directors between annual meetings). These awards of restricted stock units do not vest until the earlier of the date on which a director ceases to serve on the Board or the date of a change in control of the company. In 2005, the chair of the Audit Committee received an additional annual fee of \$25,000 in cash and the chairs of the other standing committees received an additional annual fee of \$10,000 in cash.

Our non-employee directors may elect to defer payment of all or a portion of their cash compensation until termination of their service as directors under a deferred compensation plan. They may also elect to receive shares of common stock in lieu of the restricted stock units described above.

We reimburse all members of our Board of Directors for their out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attending meetings.

**Table of Contents****EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The following tables and narrative text discuss the compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to (i) our Chief Executive Officer and (ii) our four other most highly compensated executive officers (other than the Chief Executive Officer) who were serving as executive officers as of December 31, 2005, during the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

**SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE**

Name and Principal Position	Year	Annual Compensation			Long-Term Compensation Awards		Term Incentive Payouts	All Other Compensation (\$ (5))
		Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Other Annual Compensation (\$)	Restricted Stock Award (\$ (4))	Securities Underlying Options (#)		
Thomas J. Friel Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	2005	600,000	580,000(2)		2,040,333	25,000		17,625,386
	2004	600,000	600,000	389,816(3)		50,000		3,647
Bonnie W. Gwin President, Americas	2005	700,000	577,922(6)		1,409,919	10,000		9,505
	2004	650,000	428,662(6)			25,000		1,454
L. Kevin Kelly President, Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific	2005	775,000	835,000(7)	504,877(8)	985,933	6,000		11,474
	2004	519,698	1,320,926(7)	194,522(8)		15,000		79,590
Eileen A. Kamerick Chief Financial Officer (1)	2005	450,000	327,506(9)		1,408,208	13,000		2,610
	2004	227,692	200,000(9)					3,150
Jeffrey R. Scherb Chief Technology and Operations Officer	2005	353,889	240,000(10)	311,609(11)	970,236	10,000		4,336
	2004	350,000	225,000			20,000		73,580
	2003	300,000	200,000			30,000		1,530

(1) Ms. Kamerick was appointed Chief Financial Officer effective June 7, 2004.

(2) For 2005, Mr. Friel received 80% of his Management bonus in cash (\$580,000) and 20% of the bonus (\$145,000) in restricted stock units (RSUs). The number of RSUs (4,399) was determined based on the price of our common stock on March 3, 2006, the date of the grant. Consistent with our policy, Mr. Friel also received a 10% premium on the RSU portion of his bonus (resulting in an additional award of 440 RSUs). These RSU awards have been reported in the Restricted Stock Award column of this table.

(3) For 2004, this amount represents compensation Mr. Friel received in connection with our exercise of stock warrants obtained in connection with client search assignments, but excludes \$17,272,900 of such compensation deferred by Mr. Friel under a non-qualified deferred compensation arrangement. Mr. Friel participated in these search assignments prior to his appointment as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

- (4) For fiscal 2005, the amounts shown reflect the dollar value of RSUs awarded to each Named Executive Officer (NEO) under our 2005 Management Incentive Plan (MIP) and the 1998 Heidrick & Struggles GlobalShare Program I (GlobalShare). The following amounts were awarded to each NEO under the MIP and GlobalShare programs (MIP/GlobalShare): Mr. Friel (\$593,533/\$1,446,800), Mr. Kelly (\$202,018/\$783,915), Ms. Gwin (\$312,855/\$1,097,064), Ms. Kamerick (\$323,108/\$1,085,100), Mr. Scherb (\$246,836/\$723,400). The dollar values reflected in the table are based on the fair market value of our common stock on the grant date. The following number of RSUs was awarded to each NEO under the MIP program: Mr. Friel (16,839); Mr. Kelly (5,837); Ms. Gwin (9,005); Ms. Kamerick (9,170); Mr. Scherb (7,002). These awards vest ratably over a three-year period commencing on the grant date. The following number of retention RSUs was awarded to each NEO under the GlobalShare program: Mr. Friel (40,000), Mr. Kelly (20,000), Ms. Gwin (30,000), Ms. Kamerick (30,000) and Mr. Scherb (20,000). These retention grants vest on the third anniversary of the grant date. The following number of Fee/SOB bonus RSUs were also awarded under the GlobalShare program: Mr. Kelly (1,836) and Ms. Gwin (363). These Fee/

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SOB bonus RSUs vest ratably over a three-year period commencing on the grant date. As of December 31, 2005, Mr. Friel, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Gwin, Ms. Kamerick, and Mr. Scherb held 68,667; 26,219, 35,000; 36,500; and 25,000 restricted stock units, respectively, with a value as of that date of \$2,200,777; \$840,319; \$1,121,750; \$1,169,825; and \$801,250, respectively.

- (5) For Mr. Friel, the 2005 amount represents the deferred balance of compensation he received in connection with our exercise of stock warrants obtained in connection with client search assignments (\$17,272,900 plus \$348,456 in accumulated earnings), a group term life insurance expense (\$1,530) and employer 401(k) matching contributions (\$2,500). For Mr. Kelly, this amount represents a group term life insurance expense (\$1,530) and compensation related to medical and life insurance expenses (\$9,944). For Ms. Gwin, this amount represents a group