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**DSP GROUP, INC.**

**Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

**To Be Held May 15, 2012**

To the Stockholders of DSP GROUP, INC.:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual meeting of stockholders of DSP Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, will be held at the InterContinental New York Barclay, 111 East 84<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City, New York, on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., local time, for the following purposes:

1. **Election of Directors.** To elect three Class III directors, Tom Lacey, Patrick Tanguy and Kenneth H. Traub to serve until the 2015 annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors are elected and qualified and one Class I director, Reuven Regev, to serve until the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders or until his successor is elected and qualified;
2. **Amendment and Restatement of the 1993 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.** To approve an amendment and restatement to the Company's 1993 Employee Stock Purchase Plan to increase the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance thereunder from 2,800,000 shares to 3,300,000 shares;
3. **2012 Equity Incentive Plan.** To approve the Company's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan;
4. **Selection of Independent Auditors.** To ratify the appointment of Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer, a member of Ernst & Young Global, as our independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2012;
5. **Compensation of the Named Executive Officers.** Advisory vote to approve the Company's named executive officer compensation; and
6. To transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the proxy statement which is attached and made a part hereof. Our board of directors has fixed the close of business on April 4, 2012 as the record date for determining the stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Whether or not you expect to attend the annual meeting in person, you are urged to mark, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card as promptly as possible in the postage-prepaid envelope provided to ensure your representation and the presence of a quorum at the annual meeting. Should you receive more than one proxy because your shares are registered in different names and addresses, each proxy should be returned to ensure that all of your shares will be voted. If you send in your proxy card and then decide to attend the annual meeting to vote your shares in person, you may still do so. Your proxy is revocable in accordance with the procedures set forth in the proxy statement.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ Ofer Elyakim  
Ofer Elyakim

*Chief Executive Officer*

San Jose, California

April 9, 2012

Mailed to Stockholders

on or about April 13, 2012

**DSP GROUP, INC.**

**2580 North First Street, Suite 460**

**San Jose, CA 95131**

**PROXY STATEMENT**

**FOR 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**General Information**

This proxy statement is furnished to the stockholders of DSP Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, in connection with the solicitation by our board of directors of proxies in the accompanying form for use in voting at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 15, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., local time, at InterContinental New York Barclay, 111 East 84<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City, New York, and any adjournment or postponement thereof. The shares represented by proxies received, properly marked, dated, executed and not revoked will be voted at the annual meeting.

**Solicitation, Record Date and Voting Procedures**

The solicitation of proxies will be conducted by mail and we will bear all attendant costs. These costs will include the expense of preparing and mailing proxy materials for the annual meeting and reimbursements paid to brokerage firms and others for their expenses incurred in forwarding solicitation material regarding the annual meeting to beneficial owners of our common stock. We may conduct further solicitation personally, telephonically or by facsimile through our officers, directors and regular employees, none of whom will receive additional compensation for assisting with the solicitation. We have retained the services of MacKenzie Partners, Inc., a professional proxy solicitation firm, to assist in the solicitation of proxies; and we will pay approximately \$12,500 for its services, in addition to reimbursement of its out-of-pocket expenses.

The close of business on April 4, 2012 has been fixed as the record date for determining the holders of shares of our common stock entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting. As of the close of business on the record date, we had 22,114,073 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the annual meeting. The presence at the annual meeting of a majority of these shares of our common stock, either in person or by proxy, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the annual meeting. An automated system administered by our transfer agent will tabulate votes cast by proxy, and a representative from our transfer agent will act as the inspector of elections to tabulate votes cast in person at the annual meeting. Each outstanding share of common stock on the record date is entitled to one vote on all matters.

Under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, an abstaining vote and a broker non-vote are counted as present and are, therefore, included for purposes of determining whether a quorum of shares is present at the annual meeting. Abstentions are included in determining the number of shares voted on the proposals submitted to stockholders and will have the same effect as a no vote on such proposals. A broker non-vote occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular matter because the nominee does not have the discretionary voting power with respect to that matter and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner. Broker non-votes, and shares as to which proxy authority has been withheld with respect to any matter, are generally not deemed to be entitled to vote for purposes of determining whether stockholders approval of that matter has been obtained. Pursuant to New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) Rule 452, the uncontested election of directors is no longer a routine matter and, therefore, may not be voted upon by brokers without instruction from beneficial owners. Consequently, proxies submitted by brokers for shares beneficially owned by other persons may not, in the absence of specific instructions from such beneficial owners, vote the shares in favor of a nominee or withhold votes from a director nominee at the brokers discretion.

With respect to proposal 1 of this proxy statement, each director nominee will be elected by a plurality of the votes of shares of our common stock represented and voted at the annual meeting, and abstentions and broker non-votes will not affect the election of a Class I or Class III director nominee who receives a plurality of votes. Nevertheless, the Company's bylaws specify that in an uncontested election, any director nominee who receives a greater number of votes withheld from his election than votes for his election shall promptly tender his resignation following the vote. Abstentions will not count as a vote cast with respect to a director nominee. The nomination and corporate governance committee of our board of directors will consider the resignation offered by a director nominee who receives a greater number of votes withheld from his election than votes for his election and recommend to our board whether to accept the resignation offer. Our board will disclose its determination within ninety days from the date of the certification of the stockholder vote for the relevant annual meeting.

With respect to proposals 2, 3 and 4 of this proxy statement, the affirmative vote of a majority of shares of our common stock represented and voted at the annual meeting is required for approval. With respect to proposal 5 of this proxy statement, the affirmative vote of a majority of shares of our common stock represented and voted at the annual meeting is required for approval, although such vote will not be binding on us. Abstentions will have the same effect as no votes on proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5 presented at this annual meeting. Broker non-votes will have no effect on proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5 presented at this annual meeting.

### **The Proxy**

The persons named as proxy holders, Ofer Elyakim and Dror Levy, were selected by our board of directors and currently serve as our executive officers.

All shares represented by each properly executed, unrevoked proxy received in time for the annual meeting will be voted in the manner specified therein. If no specification is made on the proxy as to any one or more of the proposals, the common stock represented by the proxy will be voted as to the proposal for which no specification is given as follows: (1) **FOR** the election of the Class III director nominees and the Class I director nominee named in this proxy statement; (2) **FOR** proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5; and (3) with respect to any other matters that may come before the annual meeting, at the discretion of the proxy holders. We do not presently know of any other business to be conducted at the annual meeting.

### **Revocability of Proxy**

If the shares of common stock are held in your name, you may revoke your proxy given pursuant to this solicitation at any time before the proxy card is voted by: (i) delivering to us (to the attention of Dror Levy, our Secretary), at the address of our principal executive offices, a written notice of revocation or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or (ii) attending the annual meeting and voting in person. If your shares are held in street name, you should follow the directions provided by your broker regarding how to revoke your proxy. Your attendance at the annual meeting after having executed and delivered a valid proxy card will not in and of itself constitute a revocation of your proxy. You will be required to give oral notice of your intention to vote in person to the inspector of elections at the annual meeting.

**PROPOSAL NO. 1**

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Our bylaws authorize the number of directors to be not less than five or more than nine. The number of directors on our board of directors is currently fixed at nine. The board is divided into three classes: Class I, Class II and Class III. Each director serves a three-year term. The board is currently composed of three Class I directors (Messrs. Eliyahu Ayalon, Zvi Limon and Louis Silver), whose terms will expire at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2013; three Class II directors (Messrs. Yair Seroussi, Ofer Elyakim and Yair Shamir), whose terms will expire at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2014; and two Class III directors (Mr. Patrick Tanguy and Dr. Reuven Regev), whose terms are expiring at this annual meeting. Avigdor Willenz resigned as a Class III director effective as of January 31, 2011. Dr. Regev and Mr. Elyakim were appointed as a Class III director and a Class II director, respectively, effective as of January 31, 2011 and May 31, 2011, respectively. On April 6, 2012, Mr. Silver tendered his resignation as a director effective as of the adjournment of this annual meeting.

At this annual meeting, the stockholders will specifically elect three Class III directors and one Class I director. Tom Lacey, Patrick Tanguy and Kenneth H. Traub have each been nominated as a Class III director to serve a three-year term, until the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2015, or until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified, or until their earlier resignation or removal. Reuven Regev has been nominated as a Class I director, to serve until the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders or until his successor is elected or appointed and qualified, or until his earlier resignation or removal. Our board has no reason to believe that each of Messrs. Lacey, Regev, Tanguy and Traub will be unable or unwilling to serve as a director if elected.

**Class III Director Nominees**

**Tom Lacey**, 53, currently serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of G2 Technology, a provider of cloud-based product lifecycle solutions. He also currently serves on the Board of Directors of International Rectifier, a leader in power management technology. Prior to joining G2 Technology, Mr. Lacey served as Chief Executive Officer of Phoenix Technologies, a NASDAQ listed leading provider of core systems software, and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of International DisplayWorks, a NASDAQ listed liquid crystal display company. Mr. Lacey also has served in management roles at Applied Materials, Flextronics International and Intel. Mr. Lacey was nominated by our Board of Directors in connection with a settlement agreement the company entered into with Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd and certain affiliated entities. We believe Mr. Lacey's qualifications to sit on our board include his experience as CEO of leading technology companies, as well as his executive leadership and management experiences.

**Patrick Tanguy**, 52, has served as one of our directors since November 1999. Since September 2007, Mr. Tanguy has been a Managing Director at Wendel, a French-listed investment company. From February 2006 to September 2007, Mr. Tanguy was the Chief Executive Officer of Prezioso S.A., an industrial coating and insulation specialist. From April 2004 to February 2006, Mr. Tanguy was the Chief Executive Officer of Monne-Decroix, a real estate development company. He served as Chief Executive Officer of Technal Group, an aluminum building systems company, from 1999 to March 2004. From May 1998 to September 1999, Mr. Tanguy served as a director of Hays DX France, an express transport services company. From August 1993 to April 1998, he served as the Chairman of Groupe DAFSA, a supplier of economic data and financial information. Since February 2010, he has served on the board of directors of Legrand, a French publicly traded company. We believe Mr. Tanguy's qualifications to sit on our board include his experience as CEO of leading complex global organizations, his financial expertise, as well as his executive leadership and management experience, and his understanding of our company acquired during his 10 plus years of service on our board.

**Kenneth H. Traub**, 50, currently serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Ethos Management, a private investment and consulting firm. Mr. Traub also currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of MRV Communications, a global supplier of optical communications systems and services, and as a member of the Boards of Directors of iPass, a leading global supplier of mobility services for enterprises

and carriers, and MIPS Technologies, a provider of industry standard processor architectures and cores. Previously, Mr. Traub served as President, Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of American Bank Note Holographics, a publicly traded product and document security company. Mr. Traub also previously served on the Board of Directors of Phoenix Technologies. Mr. Traub was nominated by our Board of Directors in connection with a settlement agreement the company entered into with Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd and certain affiliated entities. We believe Mr. Traub's qualifications to sit on our board include his executive leadership and management experiences, as well as his experience on boards of various public companies.

#### **Class I Director Nominee**

**Reuven Regev**, 62, has served as one of our directors since January 2011. Dr. Regev is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Topscan Ltd, a computer peripheral electronic devices company, a company he founded, since 2008. Dr. Regev is also serving as the Chairman of Flexicath Ltd, a medical devices company, since 2009. From 2006 to 2008, Dr. Regev served as Chief Executive Officer and a board member of Karmelsonix Ltd., a medical devices company focused on Asthma treatment and listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. Dr. Regev received a B.Sc. and an M.Sc in Electrical Eng. Communications and Control Systems from the Technion, Israel. He received a M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering and Management from Stanford University, California. The Company believes Dr. Regev's qualifications to sit on the Company's Board of Directors include his years of executive and operational experience and his deep understanding of technology companies operating from the U.S. and Israel.

#### **Director Independence**

Our board of directors has determined that the director nominees, Messrs. Lacey, Regev, Tanguy and Traub, are independent as that term is defined in the published listing requirements of NASDAQ.

#### **Required Vote**

Pursuant to NYSE Rule 452, the uncontested election of directors is no longer a routine matter and, therefore, may not be voted upon by brokers without instruction from beneficial owners. Consequently, proxies submitted by brokers for shares beneficially owned by other persons may not, in the absence of specific instructions from such beneficial owners, vote the shares in favor of a director nominee or withhold votes from a director nominee at the brokers' discretion.

The director nominees will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not affect the election of a Class III director nominee or Class I director nominee who receives a plurality of votes. Nevertheless, the Company's bylaws specify that in an uncontested election, any director nominee who receives a greater number of votes withheld from his election than votes for his election shall promptly tender his resignation following the vote. Abstentions will not count as a vote cast with respect to a director nominee. The nominating and governance committee of our board of directors will consider the resignation offered by a director nominee who receives a greater number of votes withheld from his election than votes for his election and recommend to our board whether to accept the resignation offer. Our board will disclose its determination within ninety days from the date of the certification of the stockholder vote for the relevant annual meeting.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR**

**THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE DIRECTOR NOMINEES NAMED ABOVE.**



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**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to our executive officers and directors as of March 19, 2012:

Name	Age	Position
Eliyahu Ayalon (1)	69	Chairman of the Board of Directors
Ofer Elyakim (2)	42	Chief Executive Officer and Director
Dror Levy	38	Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
David Dahan (3)	42	Chief Operating Officer
Zvi Limon (4)(5)	53	Director
Reuven Regev	62	Director
Yair Seroussi (5)(6)	56	Director
Yair Shamir (4)(5)	66	Director
Louis Silver (4)(6)(7)	58	Director
Patrick Tanguy (5)(6)	52	Director

- (1) Mr. Ayalon resigned as an executive officer of the company, effective as of May 31, 2011.
- (2) Mr. Elyakim was appointed to the board, effective as of May 31, 2011.
- (3) The board appointed Mr. Dahan as an executive officer of the company effective as of February 1, 2012.
- (4) Member of the compensation committee
- (5) Member of the audit committee
- (6) Member of the nomination and corporate governance committee
- (7) On April 6, 2012, Mr. Silver tendered his resignation as a director effective as of the adjournment of this annual meeting.

**Eliyahu Ayalon** is currently our Chairman of the board. He joined us in April 1996 as President, Chief Executive Officer and a director. In January 2000, Mr. Ayalon was appointed as Chairman of our board. Between April 2005 and January 2006, Mr. Ayalon stepped down as Chief Executive Officer and became our Executive Chairman. Mr. Ayalon resumed the Chief Executive Officer position from January 2006 to July 2009. From August 2009 to May 2011, Mr. Ayalon was our Executive Chairman. Mr. Ayalon is also a member of the board of directors of CEVA, Inc., a NASDAQ listed company that develops and licenses of DSP cores and related platform-level IP to the semiconductor industry, as of November 2002, and was the Chairman until February 2005. Mr. Ayalon is a member of the Board of Governors of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology and a member of the executive committee of the University Center of Ariel, Israel. We believe Mr. Ayalon's qualifications to sit on our board include his years of executive experience in the high technology and semiconductor industries, and his deep understanding of our company, people and products acquired during his 15 plus years of service on our board and as our Chief Executive Officer.

**Ofer Elyakim** currently serves as our Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Elyakim joined us in January 2006 as Director of Business Development and Investor Relations, and was promoted to Vice President of Business Development in May 2007. He was promoted to Senior Vice President, President of South East Asia Operations in May 2008. In July 2009, Mr. Elyakim was appointed our Chief Executive Officer. In May 2011, Mr. Elyakim was appointed to our board. Previously, Mr. Elyakim worked as a research analyst covering media and broadcasting companies at CIBC World Markets in New York. Prior to that, he held several management positions at Radvision, Tundo Communications and Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer, a member of Ernst & Young Global. A certified public accountant, Mr. Elyakim holds an MBA with honors from Columbia Business School and a BA in Computer Science and Accounting from Tel Aviv University.

**Dror Levy** currently serves as our Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Levy joined us in August 2002 as Corporate Controller and was promoted to the position of Vice President of Finance in January 2006 and as our Chief Financial Officer and Secretary in July 2006. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Levy worked at Kost Forer

Gabbay & Kasierer, a member of Ernst & Young Global, where he served as an account manager in the high-tech practice. Mr. Levy is a certified public accountant and holds an M.B.A. from Tel Aviv University and a B.A. in Business and Accounting from the Israeli College of Management.

**David Dahan** currently serves as our Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Dahan joined us in that capacity in February 2012 as Chief Operating Officer. Before joining the company, Mr. Dahan was the Chief Operating Officer at PrimeSense, Ltd., a provider of 3D sensing technology for Kinect, from 2007 to 2012. He previously held managerial positions at CEVA, Inc. (NASDAQ: CEVA), a provider of DSP processor technology for the semiconductor industry, including leading the operations at CEVA as Vice President, from 2003 to 2007. Prior to CEVA, Mr. Dahan held the position of Director of VLSI at the company from 2001 to 2003. Mr. Dahan holds a B.Sc. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Ben Gurion University in Israel and a MBA from Inter Disciplinary Center in Israel.

**Zvi Limon** has served as one of our directors since February 1999. Mr. Limon is a partner at Magma Venture Capital, a consulting and investment advisory firm. Since 2006, Mr. Limon also has been a general partner of Rimon Investment Fund, a consulting and investment advisory firm. He served as chairman of Limon Holdings Ltd., a consulting and investment advisory firm, from October 1993 to July 2000. Mr. Limon is a director of CEVA, Inc., Tefron Ltd., a NASDAQ listed apparels company, and various private companies. We believe Mr. Limon's qualifications to sit on our board include his years of experience providing strategic and investment advisory services to companies, his understanding of our company acquired during his 10 plus years of service on our board and his board experience by being a board member of various public and private companies.

**Reuven Regev** has served as one of our directors since January 2011. Dr. Regev is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Topscan Ltd, a computer peripheral electronic devices company, a company he founded, since 2008. Dr. Regev is also serving as the Chairman of Flexicath Ltd, a medical devices company, since 2009. From 2006 to 2008, Dr. Regev served as Chief Executive Officer and a board member of Karmelsonix Ltd., a medical devices company focused on Asthma treatment and listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. Dr. Regev received a B.Sc. and an M.Sc in Electrical Eng. Communications and Control Systems from the Technion, Israel. He received a M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering and Management from Stanford University, California. The Company believes Dr. Regev's qualifications to sit on the Company's Board of Directors include his years of executive and operational experience and his deep understanding of technology companies operating from the U.S. and Israel.

**Yair Seroussi** has served as one of our directors since February 2002. Mr. Seroussi is currently the chairman of the board of directors of Bank Hapoalim, Israel's leading bank. Previously, he was serving as advisory director, head of Morgan Stanley Israel, since 1993. During this period, he served as a board member of various Israeli companies. Mr. Seroussi is also on the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University. We believe Mr. Seroussi's qualifications to sit on our board include his years of experience providing strategic and investment advisory services to companies, as well as his leadership and risk assessment skills, and directorship expertise by being a director of various Israeli companies.

**Yair Shamir** has served as one of our directors since October 1996 and is also the Chairman of our compensation committee. Mr. Shamir has served as a Managing Partner of Catalyst Fund L.P., an Israeli Venture Capital firm, since 2000. Mr. Shamir currently serves as a director of Commtouch Software Ltd., an email and Web defense technology provider listed on NASDAQ; and Cyalume Technologies Holdings, Inc., a provider of safety, security and training products for military use. Since February 2012, Mr. Shamir serves as the Chairman of Israel National Roads Company. He was the Executive Chairman of I.A.I. (Israel Aerospace Industries) from July 2005 to August 2011 and Chairman of El-Al, Israel Airlines from April 2004 to January 2005. Mr. Shamir was on the board of Orckit Communications, Limited, a developer and manufacturer of local loop communications systems; from April 2008 to December 2011. From 1997 to 2008, he served as Chairman of VCON Telecommunications Ltd., a developer and marketer of video conference systems, and was its CEO from

1997 to 2005. From 1994 to 2006, Mr. Shamir was a director of Mercury Interactive Corporation. In connection with the Securities and Exchange Commission's investigation into possible violations of securities laws by Mercury Interactive Corporation, the Commission issued a Wells notice in June 2006 informing him that they were considering bringing a civil injunctive action against him. Mr. Shamir submitted an offer of settlement to the Commission, neither admitting nor denying the Commission's allegations. On January 26, 2009, the settlement received a final judgment by the District Court of Northern District of California. From 2005 to 2007, Mr. Shamir was also Chairman of Shamir Optical Industry Ltd, a leading designer, manufacturer and distributor of progressive spectacle lenses for presbyopia. We believe Mr. Shamir's qualifications to sit on our board include his executive positions at global organizations, years of experience providing strategic advisory services to other Israeli companies, his leadership and risk assessment skills, and public company expertise by being a director of various public companies, as well as the deep understanding of our company, acquired during his 14 plus years of service on our board.

**Louis Silver** has served as a member of our board of directors since November 1999. He is a Principal of RP Capital Group, an alternative investment firm focused on investment opportunities in the Eastern Europe/Middle East/Africa Region (EEMEA) and has served as an advisor to RP Capital Group since April 2005. From January 2005 until January 2006, he acted as a private banking consultant. From August 2002 until April 2005, he acted as a legal and business development advisor to companies and individuals. From September 1996 until June 2002, he served as an advisor and counsel to Discount Bank & Trust Company. Mr. Silver is currently a member of the board of directors of CEVA, Inc. He was a director of Scopus Video Networks Ltd., a former NASDAQ-listed company, until December 2008. We believe Mr. Silver's qualifications to sit on our board include his financial expertise, his years of experience providing strategic and investment advisory services to companies, his leadership and risk assessment skills, and public company expertise by being a board member of CEVA, and his understanding of our company acquired during his 10 plus years of service on our board. Mr. Silver has tendered his resignation as a director effective as of the adjournment of this annual meeting.

**Patrick Tanguy** has served as one of our directors since November 1999. Since September 2007, Mr. Tanguy has been a Managing Director at Wendel, a French-listed investment company. From February 2006 to September 2007, Mr. Tanguy was the Chief Executive Officer of Prezioso S.A., an industrial coating and insulation specialist. From April 2004 to February 2006, Mr. Tanguy was the Chief Executive Officer of Monne-Decroix, a real estate development company. He served as Chief Executive Officer of Technal Group, an aluminum building systems company, from 1999 to March 2004. From May 1998 to September 1999, Mr. Tanguy served as a director of Hays DX France, an express transport services company. From August 1993 to April 1998, he served as the Chairman of Groupe DAFSA, a supplier of economic data and financial information. Since February 2010, he has served on the board of directors of Legrand, a French publicly traded company. We believe Mr. Tanguy's qualifications to sit on our board include his experience as CEO of leading complex global organizations, his financial expertise, as well as his executive leadership and management experience, and his understanding of our company acquired during his 10 plus years of service on our board.

### **Board Leadership Structure**

We separated the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board in July 2009 in recognition of, among other things, the differences and responsibilities between the two roles. Our Chief Executive Officer is responsible for implementing the strategic direction of the company and the day-to-day leadership and performance of the company. Our Chief Executive Officer joined as a member of our board in May 2011. Our board of directors unanimously appointed our Chief Executive Officer to the board in consideration of the insights he brings to the board in light of his day to day leadership of the company and intimate knowledge of our business and operations. Our Chairman of the board, formerly our Chief Executive Officer for over 15 years, provides guidance to our Chief Executive Officer on corporate strategies and reviews the strategic initiatives of the company with the Chief Executive Officer and the rest of the board. The board values the insights of our Chairman in light of his deep understanding of our company, people and products and the semiconductor

industry. Our Chairman also sets the agenda for board meetings in consultation with judgment, presides over meetings of the board, facilitates communication among directors and ensures an appropriate information flow from senior management to the board.

### **Director Independence**

Our board of directors has determined that all non-employee directors of the board, currently consisting of Messrs. Limon, Regev, Seroussi, Shamir, Silver and Tanguy, are independent as that term is defined in the NASDAQ listing standards. In making this determination, our board of directors considered transactions and relationships between each director or his immediate family and the company and our subsidiaries, of which there were none in 2011. The purpose of this review was to determine whether any such relationships or transactions were material and, therefore, inconsistent with a determination that the director is independent. As a result of this review, our board affirmatively determined, based on its understanding of such transactions and relationships, that all of our non-employee directors are independent of the company and, therefore, a majority of the members of our board is independent, under the standards set forth by the NASDAQ listing standards.

### **The Board's Role in Risk Oversight**

Our board of directors oversees an enterprise-wide approach to risk management, designed to support the achievement of business objectives, including organizational and strategic objectives, to improve long-term organizational performance and enhance stockholder value. The involvement of the full board in setting our business strategy is a key part of its assessment of management's plans for risk management and its determination of what constitutes an appropriate level of risk for the company. Our board's role in the company's risk oversight process includes receiving regular reports from members of senior management on areas of material risk to the company, including operational, financial, legal and regulatory, and strategic and reputational risks. While the full board has the ultimate oversight responsibility for the risk management process, various committees of the board also have responsibility for risk management. For example, financial risks, including internal controls, are overseen by the audit committee and risks that may be implicated by our executive compensation programs are overseen by the compensation committee. Moreover, our nomination and corporate governance committee conducts an annual board assessment and reports its findings to the full board. Upon identification of a risk, the assigned board committee or the full board discuss or review risk management and risk mitigation strategies. Additional review or reporting on enterprise risks is conducted as needed or as requested by the board or committee.

### **Relationships among Directors or Executive Officers**

There are no family relationships among any of our directors or executive officers.

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

During 2011, our board of directors met 9 times in meetings or telephonically. No director attended fewer than 75% of the aggregate of either (i) the total number of board meetings held during the period for which he was a director, or (ii) the total number of committee meetings of the board held in 2011 on which he served. In light of the geographic dispersion of our directors, the directors' attendance at the annual meeting of stockholders is encouraged but not required. Director attendance at each annual stockholders' meeting will be posted on our web site at [www.dspg.com](http://www.dspg.com). It is also the general policy of our board that at the conclusion of each meeting of the board the independent directors shall meet separately with no members of management present.

#### *Compensation Committee*

The compensation committee met in meetings or telephonically once in 2011. The compensation committee currently consists of Messrs. Limon, Shamir and Silver. Our board of directors has determined that all current members of the compensation committee are independent as that term is defined in the NASDAQ listing

standards. The committee's functions are to establish and apply our compensation policies with respect to our executive officers. Additional duties and powers of the compensation committee are set forth in its charter, which was adopted and approved in January 2005, and a copy of which is available on our website at [www.dspg.com](http://www.dspg.com).

#### *Audit Committee*

The audit committee met 4 times in meetings or telephonically in 2011. The audit committee currently consists of Messrs. Limon, Seroussi, Shamir and Tanguy. The audit committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of our independent auditors. In addition, the audit committee is responsible for approving the audit and non-audit services performed by our independent auditors and for reviewing and evaluating our accounting principles and our system of internal accounting controls. Additional duties and powers of the audit committee are set forth in its amended and restated charter, which was adopted and approved in November 2002 and further amended in July 2003, January 2005 and February 2009, and a copy of which is available on our website at [www.dspg.com](http://www.dspg.com). The audit committee has also established procedures for (a) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by us regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and (b) the confidential, anonymous submission by our employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

After considering transactions and relationships between each member of the audit committee or his immediate family and the company and our subsidiaries and reviewing the qualifications of the members of the audit committee, our board of directors has determined that all current members of the audit committee are (1) independent as that term is defined in Section 10A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act); (2) independent as that term is defined in the NASDAQ listing standards; and (3) financially literate and have the requisite financial sophistication as required by the NASDAQ listing standards. Furthermore, our board of directors has determined that Mr. Tanguy qualifies as an audit committee financial expert, as defined by the applicable rules of the Exchange Act, pursuant to the fact that, among other things, he was the Chief Executive Officer of Prezioso S.A., and Monne-Decroix and Technal Group, and in those capacities had acquired the relevant experience and expertise and has the attributes set forth in the applicable rules as being required for an audit committee financial expert.

#### *Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee*

The nomination and corporate governance committee met in meetings or telephonically once in 2011. The nomination and corporate governance committee consists of Messrs. Seroussi, Silver and Tanguy. Mr. Willenz was a member of the nomination and corporate governance committee in 2011. He resigned as a director effective as of January 31, 2011. Our board of directors has determined that all current members of the nomination and corporate governance committee are independent as that term is defined in the NASDAQ listing standards. The nomination and corporate governance committee is to assist the board in all matters relating to the establishment, implementation and monitoring of policies and processes regarding the recruitment and nomination of candidates to the board and committees of the board, and the development, evaluation and monitoring of our corporate governance processes and principles. The committee also is responsible for developing, implementing and monitoring compliance of our code of business conduct and ethics and making recommendations to the board of revisions to the code from time to time as appropriate. Additional duties and powers of the nomination and corporate governance committee are set forth in its charter, which was adopted and approved in January 2005, and a copy of which is available on our website at [www.dspg.com](http://www.dspg.com).

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

Our compensation committee during 2011 consisted of Messrs. Limon, Shamir and Silver; Mr. Shamir served as its Chairman. No member of this committee is a present or former officer or employee of the company or any of our subsidiaries. Mr. Silver is a member of the board of directors and a member of the compensation committee of the board of CEVA, Inc. and Mr. Ayalon, our current Chairman of the board of directors and

former Executive Chairman, is a member of the board of directors of CEVA, Inc. Other than as noted with respect to Mr. Ayalon, none of our executive officers served on the board of directors or compensation committee of any entity which has one or more executive officers serving as a member of our board or compensation committee.

### **Qualifications of Directors**

Our board of directors has not established any special qualifications or any minimum criteria for director nominees. In considering candidates for the board, the nomination and corporate governance committee will consider the entirety of each candidate's credentials. However, as specified in the charter for the nomination and corporate governance committee, the nomination and corporate governance committee shall consider certain qualifications such as the nominee's personal and professional integrity, ability, judgment, broad experience in business, finance or administration, familiarity with our industry, ability to serve the long-term interests of our stockholders and sufficient time available to devote to our affairs. The nomination and corporate governance committee does not assign specific weights to particular criteria and no particular criterion is necessarily applicable to all prospective director nominees. The committee believes that the backgrounds and qualifications of the directors, considered as a group, should provide a significant composite mix of experience, knowledge and abilities that will allow our board to fulfill its responsibilities. The nomination and corporate governance committee will also use its best efforts to seek to ensure that the composition of our board of directors at all times adheres to the independence requirements applicable to companies listed on NASDAQ, as well as other regulatory requirements applicable to us.

### **Diversity of the Board**

Our board of directors does not have a formal policy requiring the nominating and corporate governance committee to consider the diversity of directors in its nomination process. Nonetheless, our board values diversity and diversity is one of the factors considered by the committee in the director identification and nomination process. The committee seeks nominees with a broad diversity of experience, professions, education, skills, geographic representation and backgrounds with a view to have a slate of candidates for election that represents a diversity of views, experiences, and backgrounds.

### **Director Nomination Process**

We do not have a formal director nomination process.

#### *Continuing Directors*

Generally, the nomination and corporate governance committee identifies nominees by first evaluating the current members of the board willing to continue in service. Current members of the board with skills and experience that are relevant to our business and who are willing to continue in service are considered for renomination. The nomination and corporate governance committee will balance the value of continuity of service by existing members of the board with that of obtaining a new perspective.

#### *New Directors*

Generally, once a need to add a new board member is identified, the nomination and corporate governance committee will initiate a search by working with staff support, seeking input from board members and senior management and, if necessary, hiring a consultant or search firm. After a slate of possible candidates is identified, members of the nomination and corporate governance committee, other members of the board and senior management have the opportunity to interview the prospective candidate(s). The remaining members of the board who do not interview the prospective candidate(s) are kept informed of the progress. A potential new director also may be recommended by a current director, after which the input of the nomination and corporate governance committee and the other members of the board on the merits of his or her appointment to the board

would be sought. The nomination and corporate governance committee ultimately recommends the best candidate(s) the committee members determine after the selection process for approval by the full board.

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

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors, executive officers and persons who own more than 10% of our common stock (collectively, Reporting Persons ) to file initial reports of ownership and changes in ownership of our common stock with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Copies of these reports are also required to be delivered to us.

We believe, based solely on our review of the copies of such reports received or written representations from the Reporting Persons, that during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, all Reporting Persons complied with all applicable filing requirements except that a Form 4 disclosing an equity award grant to Lior Blanka, our Chief Technology Officer and former executive officer, was inadvertently filed one business day late.

### **Communications with the Board**

Our board of directors believes that full and open communication between stockholders and members of our board is in our best interests and the best interests of our stockholders. Stockholders can contact any director or committee of the board by writing to the Chairman of the nomination and corporate governance committee, c/o DSP Group, Inc., 2580 North First Street, Suite 460, San Jose, CA 95131. The Chairman of the nomination and corporate governance committee will determine the extent to which such stockholder communications should be disseminated to other members of the board and what response, if any, should be made to such communications. Comments or complaints relating to our accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters may be referred directly to our audit committee by writing to the Chairman of the audit committee, c/o DSP Group, Inc., 2580 North First Street, Suite 460, San Jose, CA 95131.

### **Stockholder Proposals**

The nomination and corporate governance committee will consider stockholder proposals properly submitted to us, including recommendations of qualified director nominee(s), in accordance with the procedures set forth below. In order to have a proposal considered by the nomination and corporate governance committee for the 2013 annual meeting, a stockholder must submit its proposal and other relevant information in writing to the attention of our Secretary at our principal executive offices no later than December 14, 2012. With respect to general stockholder proposals, the stockholder must submit the following relevant information: (i) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting, (ii) the name and address, as they appear on our books, of the stockholder proposing such business, (iii) the class and number of shares of our common stock which are beneficially owned by the stockholder, (iv) any material interest of the stockholder in such business, (v) as to the stockholder giving the notice and any Stockholder Associated Person (as defined below), whether and the extent to which any hedging or other transaction or series of transactions has been entered into by or on behalf of, or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding (including, but not limited to, any short position or any borrowing or lending of shares of our common stock) has been made, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss or increase profit to or manage the risk or benefit of stock price changes for, or to increase or decrease the voting power of, such stockholder or any such Stockholder Associated Person with respect to any share of our common stock (each, a Relevant Hedge Transaction ), (vi) as to the stockholder giving the notice and any Stockholder Associated Person, to the extent not set forth pursuant to the immediately preceding clause, (a) whether and the extent to which such stockholder or Stockholder Associated Person has direct or indirect beneficial ownership of any option, warrant, convertible security, stock appreciation right, or similar right with an exercise or conversion privilege or a settlement payment or mechanism at a price related to our common stock, whether or not such instrument or right shall be subject to settlement in the underlying common stock or otherwise, or any other

direct or indirect opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any increase or decrease in the value of our common stock (a Derivative Instrument ), (b) any rights to dividends on our common stock beneficially owned by such stockholder that are separated or separable from the underlying shares of our common stock, (c) any proportionate interest in shares of our common stock or Derivative Instruments held, directly or indirectly, by a general or limited partnership in which such stockholder is a partner or, directly or indirectly, beneficially owns an interest in a partner and (d) any performance-related fees (other than an asset-based fee) that such stockholder is entitled to based on any increase or decrease in the value of shares of our common stock or Derivative Instruments, if any, as of the date of such notice, including without limitation, any such interests held by members of such stockholder's immediate family sharing the same household (which information shall be supplemented by such stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, not later than ten days after the record date for the meeting to disclose such ownership as of the record date); and (vii) any other information that is required to be provided by the stockholder pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in his or her capacity as a proponent to a stockholder proposal. A Stockholder Associated Person of any stockholder means (i) any person controlling or controlled by, directly or indirectly, or acting in concert with, such stockholder, (ii) any beneficial owner of shares of our common stock owned of record or beneficially by such stockholder and (iii) any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Stockholder Associated Person. Subject to any exclusions permitted by applicable law, only stockholder proposals submitted in accordance with the above requirements will be presented at any annual meeting. The chairman of the meeting may, if the facts warrant, determine and declare at the meeting that business was not properly brought before the meeting and, if he should so determine, he may so declare at the meeting that any such business not properly brought before the meeting will not be transacted.

With respect to recommendations of director nominee(s), the stockholder must submit the following relevant information in writing to the attention of our Secretary at our principal executive offices no later than December 14, 2012: (i) as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or reelection as a director: (A) the name, age, business address and residence address of such person, (B) the principal occupation or employment of such person, (C) the class and number of shares of our common stock which are beneficially owned by such person, (D) a description of all arrangements or understandings between the stockholder and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nominations are to be made by the stockholder, and (E) any other information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for elections of directors, or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (including without limitation such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected); and (ii) the information set forth in the above paragraph relating to general stockholder proposals. Once the nomination and corporate governance committee receives the stockholder recommendation, it may deliver to the prospective candidate a questionnaire that requests additional information about the candidate's independence, qualifications and other matters that would assist the nomination and corporate governance committee in evaluating the candidate, as well as certain information that must be disclosed about the candidate in our proxy statement or other regulatory filings, if nominated.

The nomination and corporate governance committee will not evaluate candidates differently based on who has made the proposal. The committee will consider candidates for the board from any reasonable source, including stockholder recommendations. The committee has the authority under its charter to hire and pay a fee to consultants or search firms to assist in the process of identifying and evaluating candidates. No such consultants or search firms were used for the slate of director nominees at this annual meeting, and, accordingly, no fees have been paid to consultants or search firms in the past fiscal year.

Greater detail about the submission process for stockholder proposals are set forth in our bylaws, a copy of which may be obtained by making a written request to our Secretary at the address of our principal executive offices.

We have not received a director nominee recommendation from any stockholder (or group of stockholders) that beneficially owns more than five percent of our common stock.



### **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

Our board of directors adopted a code of business conduct and ethics in July 2003 and further amended it in January 2005. This code applies to all of our employees and is posted on our web site at [www.dspg.com](http://www.dspg.com). The code satisfies the requirements under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as NASDAQ rules applicable to issuers listed on NASDAQ. The code, among other things, addresses issues relating to conflicts of interests, including internal reporting of violations and disclosures, and compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations. The purpose of the code is to deter wrongdoing and to promote, among other things, honest and ethical conduct and to ensure to the greatest possible extent that our business is conducted in a legal and ethical manner. Any waivers to the code with respect to our executive officers and directors may be granted only by the audit committee. Any waivers to the code with respect to the remainder of the employees may be granted by the corporate compliance officer, which is currently our Chief Financial Officer. Any waivers to the code and any amendments to the code applicable to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, principal accounting officer, controller or persons performing similar functions, will be posted on our web site. Our audit committee has also established procedures for (a) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by us regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and (b) the confidential, anonymous submission by our employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

### **Corporate Governance Guidelines**

Our board of directors adopted a set of corporate governance guidelines in January 2011. The guidelines set forth the practices our board follows with respect to, among other things, the composition of the board and board committees, director responsibilities, director continuing education and performance evaluation of the board. The guidelines are posted on our web site at [www.dspg.com](http://www.dspg.com).

## SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF

## CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information known to us with respect to beneficial ownership of our common stock as of March 19, 2012, by (i) each stockholder known to us to own beneficially more than 5% of our common stock; (ii) each of our directors as of March 19, 2012; (iii) the named executive officers; and (iv) all of our directors and executive officers as a group. Except as otherwise indicated, the address of each of the executive officers and directors is c/o DSP Group, Inc., 2580 North First Street, Suite 460, San Jose, CA 95131.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and generally includes voting power and/or investment power with respect to securities. The percentages are based on 22,388,424 shares of our common stock as of March 19, 2012. Shares of common stock subject to options or stock appreciation rights currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 19, 2012 are deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage beneficially owned by the person holding the options or stock appreciation rights, but are not deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage beneficially owned by any other person. Except as indicated by footnote, we believe that the persons named in this table, based on information provided by them, have sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of common stock indicated.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares Beneficially Owned	Approximate Percent Beneficially Owned	Options and Stock Appreciation Rights Included in Shares Beneficially Owned (7)
BlackRock, Inc. (1) 40 East 52nd Street New York, NY 10022	3,971,387	17.7%	
Starboard Value LP and affiliates (2) 599 Lexington Avenue, 19 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10022	2,132,000	9.5%	
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP (3) Palisades West, Building One 6300 Bee Cave Road Austin, Texas, 78746	1,870,451	8.4%	
Roumell Asset Management, LLC (4) 2 Wisconsin Circle, Suite 660 Chevy Chase, MD 20815	1,811,847	8.1%	
Eliyahu Ayalon	694,035	3.0%	684,166
Ofer Elyakim	264,403	1.2%	255,001
Dror Levy	174,218	*	174,218
Lior Blanka (5)	113,281	*	113,281
Zvi Limon	226,666	1.0%	226,666
Reuven Regev	10,000	*	10,000
Yair Seroussi	110,000	*	110,000

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Yair Shamir	220,000	*	220,000
Louis Silver	210,000	*	210,000
Patrick Tanguy	130,000	*	130,000
All directors and executive officers as a group (13 persons) (6)	2,152,603	8.8%	2,133,332

\* Less than 1%

- (1) Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed by BlackRock, Inc. on January 10, 2012, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2011.
- (2) Based on a Schedule 13D/A jointly filed by Starboard Value LP, Starboard Value and Opportunity master Fund Ltd., Starboard Value GP LLC, Starboard Value and Opportunity S LLC, Starboard Principal Co LP and Starboard Principal Co GP LLC on August 22, 2011 with the Securities and Exchange Commission, reporting aggregate beneficial ownership as of the same date.
- (3) Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed by Dimensional Fund Advisors LP on February 14, 2011, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2011.
- (4) Based on a Schedule 13G jointly filed by James C. Roumell and Roumell Asset Management, LLC on February 10, 2012, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2011.
- (5) Mr. Blanka became our Chief Technology Officer in July 2010 and was appointed as an executive officer of the company in January 2011. Mr. Blanka is no longer deemed an executive officer as of January 1, 2012.
- (6) The group of all directors and executive officers includes Mr. Dahan who was appointed Chief Operating Officer and an executive officer of the company effective as of February 1, 2012.
- (7) For purposes of the above table, with respect to stock appreciation right awards granted to all of our executive officers, the number of shares of our common stock subject to stock appreciation right awards that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 19, 2012 is calculated based on 50% of the units subject to such awards for grants prior to 2009, are calculated based on 75% of the units subject to such awards for grants in 2009, and are calculated based on 67% of the units subject to such awards for grants in 2010 and 2011. Our directors do not receive stock appreciation right awards.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2011.

Plan category	(a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(b) Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(c) Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	1,081,968	\$ 16.00	1,003,217(1)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders (2)	6,345,497	\$ 11.48	2,461,467
Total	7,427,465	\$ 12.14	3,464,684

- (1) The amount includes 534,433 shares of common stock available for future issuance under our 1993 Employee Stock Purchase Plan as of December 31, 2011.
- (2) Neither the Amended and Restated 1998 Non-Officer Employee Stock Option Plan (the "1998 Plan") nor the Amended and Restated 2003 Israeli Share Incentive Plan (the "2003 Plan") was previously approved by our stockholders. The total number of shares of common stock available for the grant of options under the 2003 Plan is increased on the first day of each calendar year beginning in 2004 by a number of shares equal to three percent of the number of shares of our common stock outstanding as of such date or a lesser number as determined by the administrator of the plan; provided, however that in May 2011, our board of directors approved an amendment and restatement of the 2003 Plan to eliminate the automatic annual increase in the authorized number of shares of our common stock available for grant under the 2003 Plan after 2012. Furthermore, as discussed in Proposal 3 below, subject to approval by our stockholders of the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, we would terminate the 2003 Plan and no further grants would be made under the plan.

In 2004, we granted stock options to purchase a total of 239,000 shares of common stock outside of stockholder-approved stock option plans in connection with our acquisition of the Wi-Fi assets of Bermai, Inc., of which none were outstanding as of December 31, 2011. Further, in 2007, we granted stock options to purchase a total of 235,000 shares of common stock outside of stockholder-approved stock option plans in connection with our acquisition of the cordless and VoIP terminals business of NXP B.V. of which none were outstanding as of December 31, 2011.

*Amended and Restated 1998 Non-Officer Employee Stock Option Plan*

Our board of directors adopted the 1998 Plan in November 1998. As of December 31, 2011, 5,062,881 shares of common stock were authorized and 266,049 shares of common stock remained available for grant. The board of directors, or a committee designated by the board of directors, administers the 1998 Plan. The administrator has the sole discretion to interpret any provision of the 1998 Plan, and to determine the terms and conditions of awards of non-qualified stock options or stock appreciation rights under the 1998 Plan. Options and stock appreciation rights currently may be granted to our employees and employees of any of our subsidiaries. Officers may not be granted options or stock appreciation rights under the 1998 Plan. The material features of the 1998 Plan are summarized below.

*Term.* The term of each option or stock appreciation right shall be stated in the applicable option or stock appreciation right agreement.

*Exercise Price or Base Appreciation Right.* The exercise price per share of common stock for an option and the base appreciation amount for a stock appreciation right shall be determined by the administrator.

*Vesting.* Each option or stock appreciation right shall vest in accordance with a schedule as determined by the administrator.

*Early Exercise.* An option may include a provision whereby the participant may elect to exercise any part or all of the option prior to vesting of the option. Any unvested shares received pursuant to such exercise may be subject to a repurchase right in favor of the Company or any other restriction the administrator determines to be appropriate.

*Transferability.* Options and stock appreciation rights are transferable to the extent provided in the applicable option agreement or stock appreciation right agreement.

*Termination of Employment.* A participant may not exercise an option or stock appreciation right after the termination of the participant's employment, director or consulting relationship with us or with any of our subsidiaries, except to the extent specified in the applicable option or stock appreciation right agreement. Where the option or stock appreciation right agreement permits the exercise of the option or stock appreciation right following termination of the participant's employment or other service relationship with us or any of our subsidiaries, the option or stock appreciation right shall terminate to the extent not exercised on the last day of the specified period or the last day of the term of the option or stock appreciation right, whichever occurs first.

*Acquisition of the Company.* If we are acquired whether by sale, transfer of assets, merger or similar transaction, the administrator shall have the authority to provide for the full automatic vesting and exercisability of one or more outstanding unvested options or unvested stock appreciation rights under the 1998 Plan on such terms and conditions as the administrator may specify.

*Amendment and Termination of the Plan.* The 1998 Plan will continue until it is terminated by the board of directors. The board may amend the 1998 Plan at any time or from time to time or may suspend or terminate it, without approval of the stockholders, except as required by law. However, no action by the board of directors or stockholders may alter or impair any option or stock appreciation right previously granted under the 1998 Plan. No option or stock appreciation right may be granted during any suspension of or after termination of the 1998 Plan.

#### *Amended and Restated 2003 Israeli Share Incentive Plan*

Our board of directors adopted the 2003 Plan in November 2002. As of December 31, 2011, 8,474,671 shares of common stock were authorized and 2,195,418 shares of common stock remained available for grant. Pursuant to the plan terms, the number of shares authorized for issuance is increased annually on the first business day of each calendar year equal to three percent of the number of shares of our common stock issued and outstanding as of such date or a lesser number of shares as determined by the board of directors; provided, however that in May 2011, our board of directors approved an amendment and restatement of the 2003 Plan to eliminate the automatic annual increase in the authorized number of shares of our common stock available for grant under the 2003 Plan after 2012. Furthermore, as discussed in Proposal 3 below, subject to approval by our stockholders of the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, we would terminate the 2003 Plan and no further grants would be made under the plan.

The board of directors, or a committee designated by the board of directors, administers the 2003 Plan. The administrator has the sole discretion to interpret any provision of the 2003 Plan and to determine the terms and conditions of the options and stock appreciation rights issued under the 2003 Plan. Options and stock appreciation rights currently may be granted to our employees and other service providers and employees and other service providers of any of our subsidiaries. The material features of the 2003 Plan are summarized below.

*Term.* The term of each option or stock appreciation right shall be stated in the applicable option agreement or stock appreciation right agreement.

*Exercise Price or Base Appreciation Right.* The exercise price per share of common stock for an option and the base appreciation amount for a stock appreciation right shall be determined by the administrator and will be set forth in the applicable option or stock appreciation right agreement.

*Vesting.* Each option or stock appreciation right shall vest in accordance with a schedule as determined by the administrator.

*Transferability.* Options and stock appreciation rights are non-transferable except as provided in the option or stock appreciation right agreement. During the lifetime of the participant, the option or stock appreciation right may be exercised only by the participant.

*Termination of Employment.* In the event a participant's employment relationship with us or any of our subsidiaries is terminated other than for cause or as a result of death or disability, the vested portion of the option or stock appreciation right shall be exercisable for 90 days after the date of termination. In the event a participant's employment relationship with us or any of our subsidiaries is terminated as a result of death or disability, the vested portion of the option or stock appreciation right shall be exercisable for 12 months after the date of termination. In the event a participant's employment relationship with us or any of our subsidiaries is terminated for cause, the option or stock appreciation right shall immediately terminate and cease to be exercisable. In no event shall an option or stock appreciation right be exercisable after the expiration date of the option or stock appreciation right.

*Acquisition of the Company.* The terms of an option or stock appreciation right agreement may provide for the full automatic vesting and exercisability of the option or stock appreciation right in the event we are acquired by sale, transfer of assets, merger or similar transaction.

*Amendment and Termination of the 2003 Plan.* The board of directors may amend the 2003 Plan at any time or from time to time or may suspend or terminate it, without approval of the stockholders, except as required by law. However, no action by the board of directors or stockholders may alter or impair any option or stock appreciation right previously granted under the 2003 Plan.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### Compensation Discussion & Analysis

#### *Overview of Compensation Philosophy and Objectives*

We operate in a very competitive, dynamic and challenging industry. Our compensation policy, as established by the compensation committee of our board of directors, is designed to attract, motivate and retain highly talented individuals who will contribute to our long-term success, reward our executive officers who contribute to our positive financial performance and provide a strong link between our executive officers' compensation and long-term interests of our stockholders. We believe that our executive officers' compensation should not be based on the short-term performance of our stock, whether favorable or unfavorable, but rather that the price of our stock will, in the long-term, reflect our operating performance and ultimately the management of the company by our executive officers. The various compensation levels for our executive officers are set based on the scope of their responsibilities and performance. Our policy for allocating between long-term and currently paid compensation is to ensure adequate base compensation to attract and retain key personnel, while providing them incentives to maximize long-term value for our company and stockholders. We further believe that the executive officers' total annual cash compensation should vary with the company's performance and that the higher an executive officer's level of responsibility within the company, the greater the percentage of such executive officer's compensation should be tied to the company's performance. However, notwithstanding the above principles, we rely upon judgment and not rigid guidelines or formulas in determining the amount and mix of compensation elements for each executive officer. The compensation committee has complete discretion over each element of our executive officers' compensation, except to the extent the company's performance-based bonus plan applies.

The compensation committee, which is comprised solely of independent, non-employee board members, has the authority and responsibility to establish the overall compensation strategy for the company, including reviewing, analyzing and approving the compensation structure for our former Executive Chairman of the board, Chief Executive Officer, other executive officers and other key employees each year; and administer our incentive compensation and benefit plans, 401(k) plan and employee stock purchase plan. The compensation committee regularly updates the board of directors with respect to its undertakings in establishing the company's overall compensation strategy. Messrs. Limon, Shamir and Silver were the members of the compensation committee in 2011, with Mr. Shamir acting as the Chairman.

#### *Role of Chief Executive Officer and Compensation Consultants in Compensation Decisions*

Mr. Ayalon, our former Executive Chairman of the board, and Mr. Elyakim, our Chief Executive Officer, have annually reviewed the performance of each executive officer (other than themselves). The assessment by Messrs. Ayalon and Elyakim of the performance of each executive officer, and the individual and corporate performance of each executive officer and their conclusions thereon, including with respect to salary adjustments and annual award amounts, are then presented to the compensation committee in connection with the committee's annual review of each executive officer's total compensation. While the committee considers their recommendations, it independently evaluates the recommendations and makes all final compensation decisions.

Mr. Ayalon resigned as our Executive Chairman, effective May 31, 2011, after which he has continued to serve as a non-executive Chairman. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Ayalon has resigned as the Executive Chairman of the board, the compensation committee greatly values Mr. Ayalon's insights about our people which he acquired over the 15 plus years of service on our board and as our Chief Executive Officer. As a result, the compensation committee will continue to solicit Mr. Ayalon's assessment of the performance of each executive officer in connection with its annual review of each executive officer's total compensation.

Neither Messrs. Ayalon nor Elyakim makes any recommendations as to his own compensation and such decisions are made solely by the compensation committee.



The charter of the compensation committee authorizes the committee to engage the services of consultants to assist in the determination of our executive officers' compensation. In connection with deliberations associated with establishment of a performance-based bonus plan, including the parameters for the 2011 performance-based bonus plan, the compensation committee engaged the services of Compensia, a compensation consultant, in 2011 to provide the committee with general comparative information about executive compensation of peer companies, general observations about the compensation elements of executive officers of peer companies, general observations about retirement and termination data of executive officers of peer companies and general observations about our executive compensation program. Compensia did not directly recommend any specific compensation elements or specific parameters for the 2011 performance-based bonus plan. We paid Compensia approximately \$15,000 in fees for 2011. No member of the compensation committee has any affiliation with Compensia.

### *Principal Elements of Executive Compensation*

Compensation of our executive officers consists of three principal components: base salary, bonus and long-term incentive compensation consisting of grants of stock options and stock appreciation rights. The overall compensation of our executive officers is set by the compensation committee, in consultation with the board of directors, after an annual review by the compensation committee of each executive officer's overall performance for the prior year and the overall performance of the company for the prior year. Prior to 2011, the compensation committee did not set specific goals for its executive officers to achieve, other than the general goals of positive financial results, growth of the company's business and dutiful completion of responsibilities consistent with the position of the executive officers. Prior to 2011, the compensation committee did not follow a specific set of guidelines or formulas in determining the amount and mix of compensation elements for each executive officer. As discussed below, starting in 2011, one element of executive compensation established by our board, in consultation with the compensation committee, was a performance-based bonus plan.

*Base Salary.* The base salaries of our executive officers are set by the compensation committee. When setting base salary levels, the compensation committee considers competitive market conditions for executive compensation, the company's performance, the performance of the individual executive officer for the then completed year and any promotion or other change in job responsibility of the individual executive officer. The determination of the base salaries of the executive officers is discretionary; no specific goals are considered and no specific weight is given to any particular goal achieved or any other factor by the compensation committee in its annual review.

*Bonus.* In consideration of the small size of our management team, the flexibility offered by a less formula-based bonus plan and the recognition that the long-term success of the company is achieved by the attainment of various strategic goals and not singular focus on specific financial metrics, prior to 2011, the compensation committee annually evaluated the performance of, and set the cash bonuses payable to, our Executive Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers based on a broad set of corporate and personal performance goals. The bonus amounts payable to our executive officers, if any, were at the complete discretion of the compensation committee. Nonetheless, the compensation committee considered a variety of factors when assessing whether a bonus was appropriate for a particular executive officer. The performance factors utilized by the compensation committee included the following: (1) changes in sales of our products and our profitability during the year; (2) our performance in penetrating new markets for our products; (3) our success in executing on our long-term strategic goals; (4) the company's success in improving its gross margins and reducing its total operating expenses; (5) the company's success in restructuring various operations, including its European operations; (6) each executive officer's overall individual performance in his position and his relative contribution to our corporate performance during the year; and (7) the desire of the board of directors to retain the executive officer in light of the level of competition for executive talent within the industry. No specific weight was given to any particular goal achieved or any other factor. The compensation committee did not set a fixed minimum or maximum payout amount for any executive officer's annual discretionary bonus.

*Performance-Based Bonus Plan.* In January 2011, our board approved a performance-based bonus plan applicable for our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and other members of the management team of the company. The payment of bonuses under the performance-based bonus plan for a particular year is based upon our achievement of financial performance, consisting of annual revenue and operating income targets and new products backlog, based on our annual budget for the year which would be approved by the board in its regularly scheduled January meeting each year. Bonuses under the plan will be capped and no bonuses would be payable for a particular year if we fail to achieve above 90% of the target annual revenue based on the board-approved annual budget for the year. Payment of bonuses (if any) under the performance-based bonus plan would be made in the following year. Any such bonuses would be paid in cash in a single lump sum, subject to payroll taxes and tax withholdings.

*2011 Performance-Based Bonus Plan*

The 2011 performance-based bonus plan applicable for our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and other members of the management team was effective as of January 1, 2011. The following is a description of the plan as applicable to each of our named executive officers. Mr. Ayalon was not eligible to participate in our 2011 performance-based bonus plan.

*Chief Executive Officer*

Criteria	% of Total Bonus
A. Annual Revenue Target: \$236 Million	$A = 60\% \times \text{Annual Revenue Score}$
	Annual Revenue Score:  0 if annual revenue is at or below 90% of plan  0.7 if annual revenue meets plan  1.05 if annual revenue is 10% above plan  1.4 if annual revenue is at or above 20% of plan
	The payout based on the annual revenue score is linear between any two points.
B. Annual Non-GAAP Operating Income Target: \$9.5 Million	$B = 20\% \times \text{Annual Non-GAAP Operating Income Score}$
	Annual Non-GAAP Operating Income Score:  0 if annual non-GAAP operating income is at or below 80% of plan  0.7 if annual non-GAAP operating income meets plan

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1.05 if annual non-GAAP operating income is at or above 20% of plan

1.4 if annual non-GAAP operating income is at or above 40% of plan

The payout based on the annual non-GAAP operating income score is linear between any two points.

Criteria	% of Total Bonus
C. Backlog Target for New Products determined as of 12/31/2011: \$5 Million	$C = 20\% \times \text{New Products Backlog Score}$
	New Products Backlog Score:
	0 if no new products backlog
	0.7 if new products backlog meets plan
	1.05 if new products backlog is 20% above plan
	1.4 if new products backlog is at or above 40% of plan
	The payout based on the new products backlog score is linear between any two points.
Total	$(A+B+C) \times \text{Annual Salary}$
The target bonus payout under the plan for our Chief Executive Officer was 0.7x of his annual base salary and the cap under the plan was 1.4x of his annual base salary.	

*Chief Financial Officer*

Criteria	% of Total Bonus
A. Annual Revenue Target: \$236 Million	$A = 30\% \times \text{Annual Revenue Score}$
	Annual Revenue Score:
	0 if annual revenue is at or below 90% of plan
	0.35 if annual revenue meets plan
	0.52 if annual revenue is 10% above plan
	0.7 if annual revenue is at or above 20% of plan
	The payout based on the annual revenue score is linear between any two points.

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B . Annual Non-GAAP Operating

B = 30% x Annual Non-GAAP Operating Income Score

Income Target: \$9.5 Million

Annual Non-GAAP Operating Income Score:

0 if annual non-GAAP operating income is at or below 80% of plan

0.35 if annual non-GAAP operating income meets plan

0.52 if annual non-GAAP operating income is 20% above plan

0.7 if annual non-GAAP operating income is at or above 40% of plan

The payout based on the annual non-GAAP operating income score is linear between any two points.

Criteria	% of Total Bonus
C. Backlog Target for New Products determined as of 12/31/2011: \$5 Million	$C = 10\% \times \text{New Products Backlog Score}$

New Products Backlog Score:

0 if no new products backlog

0.35 if new products backlog meets plan

0.52 = if new products backlog is 20% above plan

0.7 = if new products backlog is at or above 40% of plan

The payout based on the new products backlog score is linear between any two points.

D. Individual Performance Goals	$D = 30\% \times \text{Individual Performance Goal Score}$
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Total  $(A+B+C+D) \times \text{Annual Salary}$

The individual performance goals for our Chief Financial Officer in 2011 were in the field of budget control and cost savings, cash management and overall financial performance evaluation. The board's determination as to whether individual performance goals of the Chief Financial Officer have been met may be subjective in nature. Due to their strategic significance, the company believes that the disclosure of our Chief Financial Officer's specific individual performance goals would cause competitive harm to the company and are therefore not disclosed.

The target bonus payout under the plan for our Chief Financial Officer was 0.35x of his annual base salary and the cap under the plan was 0.7x of his annual base salary.

*Chief Technology Officer*

Criteria	% of Total Bonus
A. Individual Performance Goal	$A = 100\% \times \text{Individual Performance Goal Score}$

Total  $A \times \text{Annual Salary}$

The individual performance goals for our Chief Technology Officer in 2011 related to technology roadmaps for new applications of current company technologies, technology feasibility studies for certain new technologies that the company is exploring, technical evaluation and diligence related to potential M&A transactions and supervision on design wins and corporate customer technical support. The board's determination as to whether individual performance goals of our Chief Technology Officer have been met may be subjective in nature. Due to their strategic significance, the company believes that the disclosure of our Chief Technology Officer's specific individual performance goals would cause competitive harm to the company and are therefore not disclosed.

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The target bonus payout under the plan for our Chief Technology Officer was 0.35x of his annual base salary and the cap under the plan was 0.7x of his annual base salary.

None of our executive officers received any bonus under the 2011 performance-based bonus plan as the board determined in February 2012 that the company did not meet the 90% revenue threshold.

*2012 Performance-Based Bonus Plan*

In April 2012, our compensation committee of the board approved a 2012 performance-based bonus plan applicable for our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer. The payment of bonuses under the 2012 performance-based bonus plan is based upon our achievement of an operating income target, which is fifty percent higher than our annual plan for 2012. Bonuses under the plan will be capped and no bonuses would be payable for 2012 if we fail to achieve above 90% of the target operating income. Payment of bonuses (if any) under the performance-based bonus plan would be made in the following year. Any such bonuses would be paid in cash in a single lump sum, subject to payroll taxes and tax withholdings. The following is a description of the plan as applicable to each of our named executive officers.

*Chief Executive Officer*

Criteria	% of Total Bonus	
Meeting Operating Income (OI) Target	A=OI Score	Payout is linear between any two points.
Target is 50% higher than the 2012 Plan	OI Score:  0 = at or below 50% of plan or if 2012 revenues don't meet 90% of plan  0.7 = if actual OI is 50% above plan  1.4 = if actual OI is 100% or above plan	
Total	(A) x Annual Salary	Target = 0.7x  Cap = 1.4x

*Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer*

Criteria	% of Total Bonus	
Meeting Operating Income (OI) Target	B=OI Score	Payout is linear between any two points.
Target is 50% higher than the 2012 Plan	OI Score:	



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0 = at or below 50% of plan or  
if 2012 revenues don't meet 90%  
of plan

0.35 = if actual OI is 50%  
above plan

0.7 = if actual OI is 100% or  
above plan

Total

(B) x Annual Salary

Target = 0.35x

Cap = 0.7x

*Long-term Incentive Compensation.* Stock option grants and the grant of stock appreciation rights are made from time to time to our employees, including executive officers, whose contributions have or will have a significant impact on our long-term performance. We began to grant stock appreciation rights to our executive officers beginning in 2006 with a view to conserve the number of shares of our common stock authorized for issued under our various equity incentive plans. We believe that the grant of stock options and stock appreciation rights (1) align our executive officers' interests with stockholder interests by creating a direct link between compensation and stockholder return; (2) give executive officers a significant, long-term interest in our success; and (3) help retain key executive officers in a competitive market for executive talent. We grant stock options and stock appreciation rights to our executive officers pursuant to our Amended and Restated 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2001 Stock Plan") and Amended and Restated 2003 Israeli Share Incentive Plan (the "2003 Stock Plan"). In 2011, we provided long-term awards to our executive officers through the grant of stock appreciation rights, which vest based on continued employment consistent with the general vesting schedules discussed below.

*Compensation of Chief Executive Officer.* The compensation committee's determination of Mr. Elyakim's remuneration generally was based upon methods consistent with those used for the other executive officers. The compensation committee additionally considered the following factors in evaluating the performance of, and setting the compensation for, Mr. Elyakim: (1) changes in revenues and net income from the previous year; (2) changes in our market share as compared both to our industry peers and to the previous year; (3) changes in the stock price of our common stock as compared both to our industry peers and to the previous year; (4) his contribution to an enhanced research and development strategy in response to changing market trends; (5) his contribution to the hiring and retention of top management personnel; and (6) the time and effort that he individually applied in connection with the execution of his duties. The compensation committee believes that the salary and long-term incentive compensation paid to Mr. Elyakim during 2011 were appropriate based on the above criteria.

### ***Equity Incentive Programs***

We intend that our equity incentive awards be the primary vehicle for offering long-term incentives and rewarding our executive officers and key employees. We also regard our equity incentive awards as a key retention tool. This is a very important factor in our determination of the type of award to grant and the number of underlying shares that are granted in connection with that award.

Equity incentive awards are granted based upon the compensation committee's annual review of each executive officer's performance for the prior year. The size of each grant is generally set at a level that the compensation committee deems appropriate to create a meaningful opportunity for stock ownership, the individual's position with the company and the individual's potential for future responsibility and promotion. In the grant of awards, the compensation committee further considers the executive officer's past performance, the total compensation being paid to the executive officer, the number of options or stock appreciation rights awarded to the executive officer during previous years and the vesting status of such options or rights, and the comparability with option or stock appreciation right grants made to our other executive officers and similarly situated executive officers at peer companies. All awards of stock options and stock appreciation rights are made at the market price at the time of the awards. The determination for the grant of equity incentive awards is discretionary; no specific goals are considered and no specific weight is given to any particular goal achieved or any other factor by the compensation committee.

*Stock Option Awards Granted.* We grant stock option awards to our executive officers and key employees based upon the criteria discussed above. However, there is no set formula for the granting of stock option awards to individual executive officers. Generally, stock options previously granted to our executive officers vest as to 25% of the grant on the first anniversary of the grant date with the remaining options vesting quarterly over the next three years and expiring seven years from the grant date. Stock options previously granted to Mr. Ayalon vest as to 25% of the grant on the grant date with the remaining options vesting annually over the next three years and expiring seven years from the grant date. No stock options were granted to our executive officers in 2011.

*Stock Appreciation Right Awards Granted.* Due to the evolution of regulatory, tax and accounting treatment of equity incentive programs and because it is important for us to retain our executive officers and key employees, we realized that it is important that we explore the use of other forms of equity awards. During 2006, we began to grant our executive officers stock appreciation rights, capped with a ceiling. The stock appreciation right confers upon our executive officers the right to stock appreciation over a preset price during a specified period of time. When the stock appreciation right is exercised, the appreciation amount is paid by the issuance of shares of our common stock. For stock appreciation right awards granted prior to 2009, the maximum number of shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the stock appreciation right award equaled 50% of the number of stock appreciation rights granted. With respect to the stock appreciation right awards granted in 2009 to our executive officers, the maximum number of shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the stock appreciation right award equaled 75% of the number of stock appreciation rights granted. The change to the ceiling percentage was implemented in 2009 in recognition of the unprecedented market conditions in late 2008 and 2009 that drove down the stock price of the company's stock significantly which resulted in approximately half of the outstanding equity awards to executive officers being out of the money. In January of 2010 and 2011, the compensation committee granted stock appreciation right awards to our executive officers with the maximum number of shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the stock appreciation right award equal to 67% of the number of stock appreciation rights granted.

Stock appreciation rights granted to our executive officers generally vest as to 25% of the grant on the first anniversary of the grant date with the remaining stock appreciation rights vesting quarterly over the next three years and expiring seven years from the date of grant. Stock appreciation rights granted to Mr. Ayalon vest as to 25% of the grant on the grant date with the remaining stock appreciation rights vesting annually over the next three years and expiring seven years from the date of grant.

Grant of stock appreciation rights to our executive officers are generally made based upon the criteria discussed above. However, there is no set formula for the grant of stock appreciation rights to individual executive officers. During 2011, 1,012,500 stock appreciation right units were granted to our employees. Our named executive officers received 300,000 stock appreciation right units or 30% of the total stock appreciation right units granted in 2011. The amounts of the above referenced stock appreciation rights granted to each of the named executive officers in 2011 are specified in the 2011 grants of plan based awards table on page 43 of the proxy statement.

In January 2012, the compensation committee granted stock appreciation right awards to our executive officers, namely Messrs. Elyakim, Levy and Dahan, in the amount of 105,000, 50,000 and 60,000, respectively. The stock appreciation rights were capped with a ceiling such that the maximum number of shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the stock appreciation right award equals 50% of the number of stock appreciation rights granted.

*Timing of Grants.* Equity incentive awards to our executive officers and other key employees are typically granted annually in conjunction with the compensation committee's review of their individual performance during the prior year. Options and stock appreciation rights are not necessarily granted to each employee every year. Grants of stock options and/or stock appreciation rights to newly hired executive officers who are eligible to receive them generally are made at the next regularly scheduled compensation committee or board meeting following their hire date.

*Stock Ownership Guidelines.* We do not currently require our executive officers and members of our board to own a minimum number of shares of our common stock. The compensation committee is satisfied that stock and option holdings among our executive officers and directors are sufficient at this time to provide motivation and to align this group's interests with those of our stockholders.

***Retirement Benefits and Perquisites***

We do not offer any retirement benefits to our Israeli-based executive officers except for social benefits required pursuant to Israeli labor laws, or are common practice in Israel and are generally available to all Israeli employees. Specifically, based on Israeli labor laws, an Israeli employee is entitled to severance pay upon termination of employment for any reason, including retirement, based on the most recent monthly salary of such employee multiplied by the number of years of employment of such employee. We make a payment of 8.333% of each employee's monthly base salary to an insurance or pension fund to pay for this future liability owed to Israeli employees upon termination of their employment. In addition, we make a payment of 5% of each employee's monthly base salary to another insurance or pension fund, which accrued amount may be withdrawn by the employee after retirement or, subject to various tax restrictions in Israel, after leaving our employment. We generally provide all of our Israeli employees with a car for business-related purposes and pay the associated expenses. Also, as is customary in Israel applicable to all Israeli employees, we provide our Israeli employees with a certain amount of monthly contributions (7.5% of their base salary) for the benefit of each employee's study and training purposes. The amounts of the above referenced benefits contributed by us to each of the named executive officers in 2011 are specified in the summary compensation table on page 40 of the proxy statement.

We currently do not provide any material benefits to our executive officers that are not generally available to our employees.

***Employment Agreements and Post-Termination Protection***

The compensation committee also recognizes that, from time to time, it is appropriate to enter into agreements with certain key employees to ensure that we continue to retain their services and to promote stability and continuity within our company. Moreover, employment agreements are generally customary for employees residing in Israel. We have entered into employment agreements with our named executive officers. The varied terms of their employment agreements reflect the importance of retaining their services and their potential contributions to the attainment of our long-term goals. None of the employment agreements with our named executive officers provide for tax gross ups and none includes any single trigger change-in-control provisions. The employment agreements with our named executive officers are described starting on page 46 of the proxy statement.

***Financial Restatements***

The compensation committee has not adopted a policy with respect to whether we will make retroactive adjustments to any cash- or equity-based incentive compensation paid to executive officers (or others) where the payment was predicated upon the achievement of financial results that were subsequently the subject of a restatement. Our compensation committee believes that this issue is best addressed when the need actually arises, when all of the facts regarding the restatement are known.

***Tax and Accounting Treatment of Compensation***

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, enacted in 1993, generally disallows a tax deduction to publicly held companies for compensation exceeding \$1 million paid to certain of the company's executive officers. The limitation applies only to compensation which is not considered to be performance-based. Only our 2001 Stock Plan is structured so that any compensation deemed paid to an executive officer in connection with the exercise of option grants made under the plan will qualify as performance-based compensation which will not be subject to the \$1 million limitation. Generally, our executive officers are granted stock options and stock appreciation rights under the 2001 Stock Plan and the 2003 Stock Plan. The compensation committee is aware of the limitations imposed by Section 162(m), and the exemptions available therefrom, and will address the issue of deductibility when and if circumstances warrant. The compensation committee also reserves the right to use its judgment to authorize compensation payments that do not comply with the exemptions in Section 162(m) when

the committee believes that such payments are appropriate and in the best interests of our stockholders, after taking into account changing business conditions or the executive officer's performance. In addition, the compensation committee cannot ensure that compensation intended to qualify for deductibility under Section 162(m) will in fact be deductible because: (1) a number of requirements must be satisfied in order for the compensation to qualify; and (2) uncertainties as to the application and interpretation surrounding this section currently exist.

**Compensation Committee Report**

The compensation committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis set forth above with our management. Based on its review and discussions, the committee recommended to our board of directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this report.

Submitted by the compensation committee:

Zvi Limon

Yair Shamir

Louis Silver

**2011 Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth the total compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to our Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors, principal executive officer, principal financial officer and the other executive officers whose total compensation in fiscal year 2011 exceeded \$100,000 for the periods presented. We refer to these executive officers as our named executive officers.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Option Awards	All Other Compensation	Total
		(\$)	(\$) (4)	(\$) (5)	(\$) (6)	(\$)
Eliyahu Ayalon (1) Chairman of the Board	2011	131,250		309,657	1,066,998	1,507,905
	2010	315,000	90,000	525,810	110,322	1,041,132
	2009	330,000	100,000	592,850	121,700	1,144,550
Ofer Elyakim (2)* Chief Executive Officer	2011	260,000		327,817	101,507	689,324
	2010	260,000	90,000	553,933	106,627	1,010,560
	2009	211,000	100,000	303,708	149,500	764,208
Dror Levy** Chief Financial Officer and Secretary	2011	201,224		144,054	89,794	435,072
	2010	184,838	45,000	260,316	82,037	572,191
	2009	172,400	55,000	228,534	74,500	530,434
Lior Blanka (3)** Chief Technology Officer	2011	194,517		140,711	75,378	410,606
	2010	175,060	45,000	216,380	69,862	506,302
	2009					

- (1) Mr. Ayalon was our Chief Executive Officer from 1996 to April 2005 and resumed such position again from January 2006 to July 2009. From November 22, 2008 to February 10, 2009, Mr. Ayalon took a temporary leave of absence in performing the functions of Chief Executive Officer to take on the position of Chair of the Likud Campaign Committee for the Israel Knesset election. Mr. Ayalon was our Executive Chairman of our board of directors from August 2009 to May 2011. He is currently our Chairman of the board, a non-executive position.
- (2) Mr. Elyakim was appointed our President of South East Asia Operations and Director of Investor Relations, an executive officer position, in February 2009. He became our Chief Executive Officer in July 2009.
- (3) Mr. Blanka became our Chief Technology Officer in July 2010 and was appointed as an executive officer of the company in January 2011. Mr. Blanka is no longer deemed an executive officer as of January 1, 2012.
- (4) Represents the bonus amounts awarded to Messrs. Ayalon, Elyakim, Levy and Blanka in 2010 and Messrs. Ayalon, Elyakim and Levy in 2009 at the discretion of the compensation committee of the board of directors. No bonuses were awarded to the above named executive officers in 2011.
- (5) The amounts shown in this column do not reflect compensation actually received by the named executive officer. Instead, the amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the awards based on FASB ASC No. 718, Stock Compensation ( FASB ASC No. 718 ). In addition, the amounts shown in this column include the benefit provided to our named executive officers under our Employee Stock Purchase Plan, which is derived mainly from a discount of 15% to fair market value when share purchases are made during the purchase period under the plan. The above benefit is available to all eligible employees.
- (6) See the table captioned "2011 All Other Compensation" below for greater detail.

\* Mr Elyakim's base salary from January 2009 to May 2009 was denominated in Hong Kong Dollars (HKD) as he was relocated to Hong Kong. From June 2009 to December 2009, his base salary was denominated in New Israeli Shekel (NIS) when he relocated back to Israel. The HKD and NIS amounts were translated into U.S. dollar at the average annual exchange rate of HKD and NIS, as applicable, into U.S. dollar.

\*\* Base salaries of Messrs. Levy and Blanka are denominated in New Israeli Shekel (NIS). The NIS amounts are translated into U.S. dollar at the average annual exchange rate of NIS 3.578 into U.S. dollar.

**2011 All Other Compensation**

The following tables set forth all other compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to each of our named executive officers during fiscal year 2011. The NIS amounts relating to the 2011 all other compensation for Messrs. Ayalon, Elyakim, Levy and Blanka are translated into U.S. dollar at the average annual exchange rate of NIS into U.S. dollar.

Name	Israeli Social	Car	Education	Vacation	Social Security	Disability	Other	Total
	Benefits	Allowance	Fund		Payments	Insurance		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(\$)
Eliyahu Ayalon	17,257	9,059	9,725	22,509	5,149	3,242	1,000,057	1,066,998
Ofer Elyakim	34,684	12,873	19,515	15,619	13,865	3,019	1,932	101,507
Dror Levy	26,823	24,667	15,093	4,954	14,953	1,409	1,895	89,794
Lior Blanka	25,929	16,074	14,589	0	14,820	1,167	2,799	75,378

- (1) Based on Israeli labor laws, an Israeli employee is entitled to severance pay upon termination of employment by the employer for any reason, including retirement, based on the most recent monthly base salary of such employee multiplied by the number of years of employment of such employee. We make a payment of 8.333% of each employee's monthly base salary to an insurance or pension fund to pay for this future liability payable to our employees upon termination of their employment. In addition, we make a payment of 5% of each employee's monthly base salary to another insurance or pension fund, which accrued amount may be withdrawn by the employee after retirement or, subject to various tax restrictions in Israel, after leaving our employment. The amounts represent the above referenced contributions we made on behalf of each of the named executive officers in 2011.
- (2) We generally provide all of our Israeli employees with a car for business-related purposes and pay the associated expenses.
- (3) As is customary in Israel applicable to all Israeli employees, we provide our Israeli employees with a certain amount of monthly contributions (7.5% of their base salary) for the benefit of each employee's study and training purposes, which amounts contributed by us to each of the named executive officers in 2011 are as specified.
- (4) Represents the dollar value of any positive difference between the vacation days to which the named executive officer is entitled in 2011 and the vacation days used by such named executive officer in 2011.
- (5) Represents payments we made to the Israeli government that the employees will receive in the event of unemployment or other disability.
- (6) As is customary in Israel, we make a payment of up to 2.5% of each employee's monthly base salary to cover employer liability associated with employment disability.
- (7) Represents: (i) a lump sum severance payment in the amount of \$998,489 paid to Mr. Ayalon upon his resignation as an executive officer of the company, effective as of May 31, 2011, in accordance with the terms of his employment agreement, which amount represented all of Mr. Ayalon's rights under his employment agreement for a period of two years; and (ii) tax reimbursements and convalescence pay.

**2011 Grants of Plan Based Awards**

The following table sets forth each equity award granted to our named executive officers during fiscal year 2011.

Name	Grant Date	Approval Date	Threshold (#)	Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards		All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (1)	Exercise Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Closing Price on Grant Date (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$ (2)
				Target (#)	Maximum (#)					
Eliyahu Ayalon	1/31/2011	1/31/2011					70,000(3)	\$ 7.49	\$ 7.49	309,657
Ofer Elyakim	1/31/2011	1/31/2011					70,000	\$ 7.49	\$ 7.49	321,028
Dror Levy	1/31/2011	1/31/2011					30,000	\$ 7.49	\$ 7.49	137,583
Lior Blanka	1/31/2011	1/31/2011					30,000	\$ 7.49	\$ 7.49	137,583

- Represents shares underlying stock appreciation right units made pursuant to our Amended and Restated 2003 Israeli Share Incentive Plan. Stock appreciation rights granted to our executive officers generally vest as to 25% of the grant on the first anniversary of the grant date with the remaining stock appreciation rights vesting quarterly over the next three years and expiring seven years from the date of grant. Stock appreciation rights granted to Mr. Ayalon vest as to 25% of the grant on the grant date with the remaining stock appreciation rights vesting annually over the next three years and expiring seven years from the date of grant. When the vested stock appreciation rights granted in 2011 are exercised, the number of underlying shares that may be received upon exercise cannot exceed 67% of the number of stock appreciation right units granted.
- Represents the fair value of the stock appreciation rights as of the date they were granted, computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718 but disregarding adjustments for forfeiture assumptions. For a discussion of valuation assumptions under FASB ASC 718, see Note 2 to our 2011 Consolidated Financial Statements included in our 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K.
- All unvested equity awards, including options and stock appreciation rights, granted to Mr. Ayalon (including the stock appreciation rights that are presented in the table above) were accelerated upon Mr. Ayalon's resignation as an executive officer of the Company, effective as of May 31, 2011, in accordance with the terms of his employment agreement.



**Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End 2011**

The following table sets forth information concerning unexercised options and stock appreciation rights held by each of our named executive officers as of December 31, 2011. None of our named executive officers had any stock awards outstanding at fiscal year-end 2011.

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Awards	Option Exercise Price (\$ (3))	Option Expiration Date (4) (5)
			Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options (#)		
Eliyahu Ayalon (6)	110,000(1)			23.88	7/04/2012
	40,000(1)			28.59	4/05/2013
	50,000(1)			21.7	1/24/2014
	110,000(1)			10.23	1/30/2015
	187,500(1)			5.97	2/02/2016
	116,667(1)			7.26	1/27/2017
	70,000(1)			7.49	1/31/2018
Ofir Elyakim	25,000(1)			27.36	2/07/2013
	7,500(1)			21.7	1/24/2014
	35,159(1)	2,341(1)		10.23	1/30/2015
	82,500(2)	37,500(2)		5.97	2/02/2016
	51,043(1)	65,624(1)		7.26	1/27/2017
		70,000(1)		7.49	1/31/2018
Dror Levy	15,000(1)			23.88	7/04/2012
	10,000(1)			28.59	4/05/2013
	20,000(1)			21.7	1/24/2014
	32,813(1)	2,188(1)		10.23	1/30/2015
	46,406(1)	21,094(1)		5.97	2/02/2016
	23,333(1)	30,000(1)		7.26	1/27/2017
		30,000(1)		7.49	1/31/2018
Lior Blanka	25,000(1)			18.31	7/23/2014

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23,438(1)		10.23	1/30/2015
	1,563(1)		
21,094(1)		5.97	2/02/2016
	16,406(1)		
20,417(1)		7.26	1/27/2017
	26,250(1)		
	30,000(1)	7.49	1/31/2018

- (1) Represents shares underlying stock appreciation rights granted pursuant to our Amended and Restated 2003 Israeli Share Incentive Plan.
- (2) Represents shares underlying stock option award granted pursuant to our 1998 Non-Officer Employee Stock Option Plan.
- (3) All stock options and stock appreciation rights were granted at fair market value on the grant date, as reported on NASDAQ.
- (4) The table sets forth the number of units granted pursuant to a stock appreciation right award. When the vested stock appreciation rights granted prior to 2009 are exercised, the number of underlying shares that may be received upon exercise cannot exceed 50% of the number of stock appreciation right units granted. When the vested stock appreciation rights granted in 2009, 2010 and 2011 are exercised, the number of underlying shares that may be received upon exercise cannot exceed 75%, 67% and 67%, respectively, of the number of stock appreciation right units granted.
- (5) Stock options granted to our executive officers generally vest as to 25% of the grant on the first anniversary of the grant date with the remaining options vesting quarterly over the next three years and expiring seven

years from the grant date. Stock options previously granted to Mr. Ayalon vest as to 25% of the grant on the grant date with the remaining options vesting annually over the next three years and expiring seven years from the grant date.

- (6) All unvested equity awards, including options and stock appreciation rights, granted to Mr. Ayalon were accelerated upon Mr. Ayalon's resignation as an executive officer of the Company, effective as of May 31, 2011, in accordance with the terms of his employment agreement.

### 2011 Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table sets forth information concerning any option and stock appreciation right exercises and the number of shares acquired on vesting by each of our Named Executive Officers during fiscal year 2011. None of our Named Executive Officers has received any stock awards and therefore no shares were acquired upon vesting of any stock awards.

Name	Option Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#) (1)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$ (2)
Eliyahu Ayalon		
Ofer Elyakim		
Dror Levy		
Lior Blanka	2,537	20,803

(1) Reflects exercise of stock appreciation rights received pursuant to our Amended and Restated 2003 Israeli Share Incentive Plan.

(2) The value realized on exercise of stock appreciation rights represents the difference between the base appreciation amount and the market price of the common stock on the date of exercise.

### Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

We do not provide any nonqualified defined contribution or other deferred compensation plans to our named executive officers.

### Employment Agreements

Each of our named executive officers has a written employment agreement with us.

In April 1996, Eliyahu Ayalon entered into an employment agreement with DSP Group, Ltd., our wholly-owned subsidiary in Israel ( DSP Israel ), pursuant to which Mr. Ayalon was to serve as our President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Ayalon resigned as Executive Chairman and an executive officer of the company, effective as of May 31, 2011. Mr. Ayalon currently is a non-executive director and Chairman of the board. Based on his employment agreement, Mr. Ayalon was employed at will. Mr. Ayalon's then annual salary prior to his resignation as Executive Chairman was \$315,000, subject to adjustment from time to time. In addition to any other bonus program approved by the board, Mr. Ayalon was entitled to an annual bonus, the amount of which was determined in the sole discretion of the compensation committee of our board of directors. Mr. Ayalon's employment agreement, as amended, provided for the following: (i) Mr. Ayalon's base compensation was fixed at the commencement of each year but would not be subject to reduction during the term of the agreement, (ii) if Mr. Ayalon desired to terminate his employment agreement without good reason (as defined in the employment agreement), he would have to notify the company six months in advance and then all of his rights under the employment agreement would continue during the six-month notice period plus two years, and all equity awards held by Mr. Ayalon would accelerate and immediately vest 6 months following the date of such notice and be exercisable in whole or in part at any time from the date of the vesting of the equity awards for a period of two years; provided, however, that in accordance with the terms of the equity award agreements, all equity awards held by Mr. Ayalon would continue to be exercisable so long as Mr. Ayalon remained a director of the company, (iii) if the company terminated the agreement for cause, then no further payments would be made to Mr. Ayalon.

pursuant to the agreement and he would be subject to a one-year prohibition against competition in addition to the customary prohibitions against disclosure of trade secrets, (iv) if the company terminated the agreement without cause, then all rights of Mr. Ayalon under the agreement would continue for two years and all equity awards held by Mr. Ayalon would accelerate and immediately vest and be exercisable in whole or in part at any time from the date of the vesting of the equity awards for a period of two years; provided, however, that in accordance with the terms of the equity award agreements, all equity awards held by Mr. Ayalon would continue to be exercisable so long as Mr. Ayalon remained a director of the company, (v) in the event of death or permanent disability of Mr. Ayalon, all of his equity awards would accelerate and immediately vest and be exercisable in whole or in part at any time from the date of the vesting of the equity awards for a period of two years, and (vi) upon a change of control of the company but only if Mr. Ayalon's employment is terminated, all of his rights under the employment agreement would continue for a period of two years and all equity awards held by Mr. Ayalon would accelerate and immediately vest and be exercisable in whole or in part at any time from the date of the vesting of the equity awards for a period of two years; provided, however, that in accordance with the terms of the equity award agreements, all equity awards held by Mr. Ayalon would continue to be exercisable so long as Mr. Ayalon remained a director of the company.

In connection with Ofer Elyakim's appointment as our Chief Executive Officer in July 2009, he entered into an employment agreement with DSP Israel, effective July 1, 2009. Mr. Elyakim's current annual salary is \$260,000, subject to adjustment from time to time. In addition to any other bonus program approved by the board, Mr. Elyakim is entitled to an annual bonus, the amount of which is determined in the sole discretion of the compensation committee of our board of directors. Mr. Elyakim is employed at will. In January 2011, Mr. Elyakim's employment agreement was amended to set forth that in the event Mr. Elyakim desires to terminate his employment with the company without good reason (as defined in his employment agreement), he will have to notify us nine months in advance. Similarly, if we desire to terminate Mr. Elyakim's employment with the company without good reason, we will have to notify Mr. Elyakim nine months in advance. However, if we wish to terminate Mr. Elyakim's employment but fails to provide him with the nine-months advance written notice, Mr. Elyakim would be entitled to receive an amount equal to the nine-months of his then-effective salary. In May 2011, Mr. Elyakim's employment agreement was further amended to provide that if Mr. Elyakim's employment is terminated by (i) the company following a change in control (as defined in the amendment), (ii) Mr. Elyakim for good reason (as defined in the amendment), or (iii) the company without cause (as defined in the amendment), all of Mr. Elyakim's rights under his employment agreement would continue for one year and all equity awards held by Mr. Elyakim would accelerate and immediately vest and be exercisable in whole or in part at any time for a period of two years after termination of employment. In the event Mr. Elyakim desires to terminate his employment agreement with the company without good reason, he will have to notify us one year in advance and then all of his rights under his employment agreement would continue during the one-year notice period. All equity awards held by Mr. Elyakim would accelerate and immediately vest one year following the date of such notice and be exercisable in whole or in part at any time from the date of the vesting of the equity awards for a period of two years.

In June 2002, in connection with Dror Levy's initial employment as our Controller, he entered into an employment agreement with DSP Israel. No further agreement was entered into with Mr. Levy when he became our Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Levy's current annual salary is approximately \$204,400, subject to adjustment from time to time (Mr. Levy's salary is determined in NIS and is 60,000 NIS per month). In addition to any other bonus program approved by the board, Mr. Levy is entitled to an annual bonus, the amount of which is determined in the sole discretion of the compensation committee of our board of directors. Mr. Levy is employed at will. In January 2011, Mr. Levy's employment agreement was amended to set forth that in the event Mr. Levy desires to terminate his employment with the company without good reason (as defined in his employment agreement), he will have to notify us five months in advance. Similarly, if we desire to terminate Mr. Levy's employment with the company without good reason, we will have to notify Mr. Levy five months in advance. However, if we wish to terminate Mr. Levy's employment but fails to provide him with the five-months advance written notice, Mr. Levy would be entitled to receive an amount equal to the five-months of his then-effective salary. In May 2011, Mr. Levy's employment agreement was further amended to provide that if Mr. Levy's

employment is terminated by (i) the company following a change in control (as defined in the amendment), (ii) Mr. Levy for good reason (as defined in the amendment), or (iii) the company without cause (as defined in the amendment), all of Mr. Levy's rights under his employment agreement would continue for nine months and all equity awards held by Mr. Levy would accelerate and immediately vest and be exercisable in whole or in part at any time for a period of one year after termination of employment. In the event Mr. Levy desires to terminate his employment agreement with the company without good reason, he will have to notify the company nine months in advance and then all of his rights under his employment agreement would continue during the nine-month notice period. All equity awards held by Mr. Levy would accelerate and immediately vest nine months following the date of such notice and be exercisable in whole or in part at any time from the date of the vesting of the equity awards for a period of one year.

In connection with Lior Blanka's initial employment as Corporate Vice President and Platform Division Manager of the company, he entered into an employment agreement with DSP Israel, effective July 2007. No further agreement was entered into with Mr. Blanka when he became our Chief Technology Officer. Mr. Blanka's current annual salary is approximately \$197,600, subject to adjustment from time to time (Mr. Blanka's salary is determined in NIS and is 58,000 NIS per month). In addition to any other bonus program approved by the board, Mr. Blanka may be entitled to an annual bonus, the amount of which is determined in the sole discretion of the compensation committee of our board of directors. Mr. Blanka is employed at will. Mr. Blanka's employment agreement sets forth that in the event Mr. Blanka desires to terminate his employment with the company without good reason (as defined in his employment agreement), he will have to notify us three months in advance. Similarly, if we desire to terminate Mr. Blanka's employment with the company without good reason, we will have to notify Mr. Blanka three months in advance. Mr. Blanka's employment agreement does not provide for any additional compensation in the event of termination of his employment or the change in control of our company. Mr. Blanka is no longer an executive officer as of January 1, 2011.

In connection with David Dahan's appointment as our Chief Operating Officer, he executed an employment agreement with DSP Group Israel. Pursuant to the agreement, Mr. Dahan's annual salary is approximately \$202,000, subject to adjustment from time to time (Mr. Dahan's salary is determined in New Israeli Shekel (NIS) and is 62,600 NIS per month). Mr. Dahan also is eligible to receive an annual bonus, the amount, if any, is determined in the sole discretion of the compensation committee of our board of directors. Mr. Dahan is employed at will. In the event Mr. Dahan desires to terminate his employment with us, he must notify us three months in advance. Similarly, if we desire to terminate Mr. Dahan's employment with us, we must notify Mr. Dahan three months in advance; provided that we may terminate Mr. Dahan's employment immediately without notice for cause (as defined in his employment agreement). Other than for cause, we also may terminate Mr. Dahan's employment without the three-months advance notice if we pay him an amount equal to three-months of his then-effective salary. Mr. Dahan's employment agreement does not provide for any additional compensation in the event of termination of his employment or a change in control of the company.

#### Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change of Control

The following tables set forth the amount of compensation to each of Messrs. Elyakim, Levy and Blanka in the event termination of such executive officer's employment or a change in control of our company occurred as of December 31, 2011.

Name: Ofer Elyakim	Termination for Cause (\$)	Voluntary Termination by Employee After Provision of Requisite Notice (\$)	Termination upon Death of Employee (\$)	Termination w/o Cause or for Good Reason (\$)	Upon a Change in Control and Termination (\$)
Base Salary				352,781	352,781
Vested and Unvested Options/SARs (1)					
Accrued Vacation Pay	47,686	47,686	47,686	47,686	47,686
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,686</b>	<b>47,686</b>	<b>47,686</b>	<b>400,467</b>	<b>400,467</b>

(1) As of December 30, 2011 (the last trading day of fiscal 2011), Mr. Elyakim had no in-the-money options or SARs outstanding.

Name: Dror Levy	Termination for Cause (\$)	Voluntary Termination by Employee After Provision of Requisite Notice (\$)	Termination upon Death of Employee (\$)	Termination w/o Cause or for Good Reason (\$)	Upon a Change in Control and Termination (\$)
Base Salary				202,818	202,818
Vested and Unvested Options/SARs (1)					
Accrued Vacation Pay	37,472	37,472	37,472	37,472	37,472
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,472</b>	<b>37,472</b>	<b>37,472</b>	<b>240,290</b>	<b>240,290</b>

(1) As of December 30, 2011 (the last trading day of fiscal 2011), Mr. Levy had no in-the-money options or SARs outstanding.

Name: Lior Blanka (1)	Termination for Cause (\$)	Termination After Provision of Requisite Notice (\$)	Termination by the company w/o Provision of Requisite Notice (\$)	Termination upon Death of Employee (\$)
Base Salary			45,538	
Vested and Unvested Options/SARs (2)				
Accrued Vacation Pay	14,144	14,144	14,144	14,144
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,144</b>	<b>14,144</b>	<b>59,682</b>	<b>14,144</b>

(1) Mr. Blanka became our Chief Technology Officer in July 2010 and was appointed as an executive officer of the company in January 2011. Mr. Blanka is no longer deemed an executive officer as of January 1, 2012.

(2) As of December 30, 2011 (the last trading day of fiscal 2011), Mr. Blanka had no in-the-money options or SARs outstanding. The following table set forth the actual payments made to Mr. Ayalon in connection with his resignation as Executive Chairman effective May 31, 2011.

Name: Eliyahu Ayalon	As of May 31, 2011 (\$)
Severance payment (1)	998,489
Options/SARs Units (2)	291,262
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,289,751</b>

(1) Upon Mr. Ayalon's resignation as our Executive Chairman, effective as of May 31, 2011, he received a lump sum severance payment in the amount of \$998,489, in accordance with the terms of his employment agreement, which amount represented all of Mr. Ayalon's rights under his employment agreement for a period of two years.

(2) This amount represents the value of all unvested equity awards, totaling 228,750, that accelerated upon Mr. Ayalon's resignation as our Executive Chairman, effective as of May 31, 2011, in accordance with the terms of his employment agreement. The value was calculated based on the exercise price or base appreciation amount of the unvested equity awards and the market price of our stock on May 31, 2011.

## DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

We use a combination of cash and stock-based incentive compensation to attract and retain qualified candidates to serve on our board. In setting director compensation, we consider the significant amount of time that directors expend in fulfilling their duties to the company as well as the skill-level we require of members of our board. We do not currently have a minimum share ownership requirement for our directors.

### Cash Compensation Paid to Board Members

Directors who are also employees do not receive any additional compensation for their services as directors. Directors who are not employees receive an annual retainer of \$32,000, payable in quarterly installments of \$8,000 each. The retainer contemplates attendance at four board meetings per year. Additional board meetings of a face-to-face nature are compensated at a rate of \$1,000 per meeting. In addition, committee meetings of a face-to-face nature and on a telephonic basis are compensated at a rate of \$1,000 per meeting. All directors are reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with attending board and committee meetings.

### Stock Option Program

Each of our non-employee directors is also entitled to participate in our 1993 Director Stock Option Plan. The director option plan provides for the grant of non-statutory options to our non-employee directors. The director option plan is designed to work automatically; however, to the extent administration is necessary, it will be provided by our board of directors. The director option plan provides that each eligible director is granted an option to purchase 30,000 shares of our common stock on the date on which he first becomes a director (the "First Option"). Thereafter, each non-employee director is granted a subsequent option to purchase 15,000 shares of our common stock on January 1 of each year if, on such date, he shall have served on our board of directors for at least six months (a "Subsequent Option"). In addition, an additional option to purchase 15,000 shares of our common stock (a "Committee Option") is granted on January 1 of each year to each non-employee director for each committee of the board on which he shall have served as a chairperson for at least six months.

The following table sets forth the compensation paid to each of our non-employee directors during fiscal year 2011.

Name	Fees Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$) (1)	Total (\$)
Eliyahu Ayalon (2)	8,000			8,000
Zvi Limon (3)	37,000		126,184	163,184
Regev Reuven (4)	24,000		115,836	139,837
Yair Seroussi (5)	37,000		63,092	100,092
Yair Shamir (6)	37,000		126,184	163,184
Louis Silver (7)	34,000		126,184	160,184
Patrick Tanguy (8)	37,000		63,092	100,092
Avigdor Willenz (9)	8,000		63,092	71,092

- (1) The amounts shown in this column do not reflect compensation actually received by the directors. Instead, the amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the awards based on FASB ASC No. 718.
- (2) Mr. Ayalon became our non-executive Chairman of the board of directors as of June 1, 2011. The director fees shown are for Mr. Ayalon's attendance at board meetings after he was no longer an employee of the Company.
- (3) On January 1, 2011, Mr. Limon was granted a Subsequent Option (15,000) and a Committee Option (15,000), each at an exercise price of \$8.14 per share under the 1993 Director Stock Option Plan. As of December 31, 2011, Mr. Limon had outstanding stock options to purchase 256,666 shares of our common stock.

- (4) On January 31, 2011, in connection with Mr. Reuven's appointment as a director, he was granted a First Option (30,000) at an exercise price of \$7.49 per share under the 1993 Director Stock Option Plan. As of December 31, 2011, Mr. Reuven had outstanding stock options to purchase 30,000 shares of our common stock.
- (5) On January 1, 2011, Mr. Seroussi was granted a Subsequent Option (15,000) at an exercise price of \$8.14 per share under the 1993 Director Stock Option Plan. As of December 31, 2011, Mr. Seroussi had outstanding stock options to purchase 135,000 shares of our common stock.
- (6) On January 1, 2011, Mr. Shamir was granted a Subsequent Option (15,000) and a Committee Option (15,000), each at an exercise price of \$8.14 per share under the 1993 Director Stock Option Plan. As of December 31, 2011, Mr. Shamir had outstanding stock options to purchase 250,000 shares of our common stock.
- (7) On January 1, 2011, Mr. Silver was granted a Subsequent Option (15,000) and a Committee Option (15,000), each at an exercise price of \$8.14 per share under the 1993 Director Stock Option Plan. As of December 31, 2011, Mr. Silver had outstanding stock options to purchase 252,651 shares of our common stock.
- (8) On January 1, 2011, Mr. Tanguy was granted a Subsequent Option (15,000) at an exercise price of \$8.14 per share under the 1993 Director Stock Option Plan. As of December 31, 2011, Mr. Tanguy had outstanding stock options to purchase 157,651 shares of our common stock.
- (9) On January 1, 2011, Mr. Willenz was granted a Subsequent Option (15,000) at an exercise price of \$8.14 per share. As of December 31, 2011, Mr. Willenz had no outstanding stock options. Mr. Willenz resigned as a director in January 2011.



**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers. Such agreements require us to indemnify such individuals to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law.

All transactions between us and our officers, directors, principal stockholders and affiliates have been and will be approved by a majority of our board of directors, including a majority of our disinterested, non-employee directors on the board, and have been or will be on terms no less favorable to us than could be obtained from unaffiliated third parties. There were no related party transactions in 2011.

**Review, Approval or Ratification of Transactions with Related Persons**

We have adopted a written policy regarding related person transactions which is incorporated in the Charter of the Audit Committee. Pursuant to this policy, our Audit Committee must review and approve any such transactions.

**PROPOSAL NO. 2**

**AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF THE 1993 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**

Our stockholders are being asked to approve an amendment and restatement of our Amended and Restated 1993 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the Purchase Plan). The proposed amendment and restatement of the Purchase Plan will increase the number of shares reserved for issuance under the Purchase Plan from 2,800,000 shares to 3,300,000 shares. The purpose of amending and restating the Purchase Plan is to enable us to continue to attract and retain talented employees by offering them participation in the Purchase Plan.

Our board of directors has approved the proposed amendment and restatement of the Purchase Plan as described above.

The purpose of the Purchase Plan is to provide our employees and employees of our subsidiaries with an opportunity to purchase common stock through accumulated payroll deductions. The Purchase Plan is intended to qualify as an Employee Stock Purchase Plan under Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code). Accordingly, the provisions of the Purchase Plan will be construed so as to extend and limit participation in the Purchase Plan in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Code. The Purchase Plan is intended to enable us and our subsidiaries to attract and retain the best available personnel, to provide additional incentive to current employees, and to promote the success of the company's business. The board of directors believes that our long-term success is dependent upon the ability of the company and our subsidiaries to attract and retain superior individuals who, by virtue of their ability and qualifications, make important contributions to us.

Subject to stockholder approval, we plan to register the additional 500,000 shares reserved under the Purchase Plan on a Registration Statement on Form S-8.

A general description of the principal terms of the Amended and Restated Purchase Plan as proposed is set forth below. However, the summary does not purport to be a complete description of all of the provisions of the Purchase Plan.

**General Description**

The Purchase Plan was adopted by our board of directors and approved by our stockholders in 1993. There are currently 2,800,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the Purchase Plan. If the amendment and restatement of the Purchase Plan is approved by the stockholders, the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the Purchase Plan will be increased by 500,000 shares from 2,800,000 shares to 3,300,000 shares. As of March 19, 2012, a total of 2,493,886 shares have been purchased under the Purchase Plan, and 306,114 shares of common stock remained available for purchase thereunder. As of March 19, 2012, the closing price of a share of our common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$6.45.

The number of shares of our common stock reserved for issuance under the Purchase Plan is also subject to adjustment in the event of a stock split, stock dividend or other similar change in the common stock or the capital structure of the company.

The Purchase Plan is administered by the board of directors, or a committee of the board as designated by the board from time to time (the Plan Administrator), which has the authority to determine the terms and conditions under which purchase rights are to be granted under the Purchase Plan for any offering period during the term of the Purchase Plan, and to resolve all questions relating to the administration of the plan.

The purpose of the Purchase Plan is to provide our employees who participate in the Purchase Plan with an opportunity to purchase common stock through payroll deductions. The Purchase Plan is intended to qualify as an employee stock purchase plan under the provisions of Section 423 of the Code. Employees, including officers, of the company and certain of our subsidiaries (as designated by our board of directors) are eligible to

participate in the Purchase Plan. Payroll deductions may be up to 10% (in whole percentage increments) of a participant's compensation (as defined in the Purchase Plan). Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent necessary to comply with Section 423(b)(8) of the Code, a participant's payroll deductions may be decreased to zero percent during any purchase period that is scheduled to end during the relevant calendar year.

Any person who is employed by us or certain of our subsidiaries (as designated our board of directors) for at least 20 hours per week and more than five months in a calendar year is eligible to participate in the Purchase Plan, provided that the employee is employed on the first trading day of an offering period and subject to certain limitations imposed by Section 423(b) of the Code. Eligible employees become participants in the Purchase Plan by delivering to us a subscription agreement authorizing payroll deductions prior to the commencement of the applicable offering period, unless a later date is set by our board of directors for all eligible employees. At December 31, 2011, we had 395 employees.

The Purchase Plan has consecutive, overlapping offering periods of 24 months' duration commencing each January 1 and July 1. The Plan Administrator may alter the duration of the offering periods if such change is announced at least 15 days prior to the scheduled beginning of the first offering period to be affected thereafter.

The price per share at which shares are sold under the Purchase Plan is equal to 85% of the fair market value of the common stock on the enrollment date or on the exercise date, whichever is lower. The fair market value of the common stock on a given date is the closing sale price of the common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market as of such date. The number of shares of common stock which may be purchased is subject to adjustment in the event of a stock split, stock dividend or other similar change in the common stock or the capital structure of the company. We make no cash contributions to the Purchase Plan, but bear the expenses of administration.

At the beginning of an offering period, each participant will be granted the right to purchase up to the number of shares determined by dividing 10% of the participant's compensation receivable during the offering period by the applicable purchase price. No employee shall be granted a purchase right under the Purchase Plan (1) if immediately after the grant of the purchase right, the employee would own 5% or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock of the company or of any of our subsidiaries (including stock which may be purchased under the Purchase Plan or issued pursuant to any other options) or (2) which would permit the employee to buy more than \$25,000 worth of stock (determined at the fair market value of the shares at the time the purchase right is granted) in any calendar year. No fractional shares will be purchased; any payroll deductions accumulated in a participant's account which are not sufficient to purchase a full share shall be carried over to the next purchase period or offering period, whichever applies, or returned to the participant, if the participant withdraws from the Purchase Plan.

A participant may increase or decrease the rate of his or her payroll deduction for the remainder of an offering period by filling out a new subscription agreement and delivering it to us (or our designee). The participant's new subscription agreement will remain in effect for the entire offering period and each subsequent offering period, unless the participant further modifies his subscription or terminates his participation in the Purchase Plan.

A participant's interest in a given offering period may be terminated in whole, but not in part, by delivering to us a written notice which indicates the participant's withdrawal from such offering period. Such withdrawal may be elected at any time prior to the end of the applicable offering period. Any withdrawal by the participant of accumulated payroll deductions for a given offering period automatically terminates the participant's interest in that offering period. If a participant withdraws from an offering period, payroll deductions will not resume at the beginning of the succeeding offering period unless the participant delivers to us a new subscription agreement.

Upon termination of a participant's employment relationship, including by virtue of his or her having failed to remain an employee with us for at least twenty (20) hours per week during an offering period in which the

employee is a participant, the payroll deductions credited to such participant's account during the offering period but not yet used to exercise the option will be returned to such participant or, in the case of his or her death, to the person or persons entitled thereto, and such participant's option will be automatically terminated.

No rights or accumulated payroll deductions of a participant under the Purchase Plan may be pledged, assigned, transferred or otherwise disposed of for any reason (other than by will and the laws of descent and distribution, as provided in the Purchase Plan) and any such attempt may be treated by us as an election to withdraw from the Purchase Plan.

Subject to any required action by our stockholders, in the event any change, such as a stock split or dividend, is made in our capitalization which results in an increase or decrease in the number of outstanding shares of common stock without receipt of consideration by the company, an appropriate adjustment shall be made in the number of shares under the Purchase Plan and the price per share covered by each outstanding option. In the event of a proposed dissolution or liquidation of the company, the offering periods in progress will terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such dissolution or liquidation, unless otherwise provided by our board of directors. In the event of a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the company, or the merger of the company with or into another corporation, each option under the Purchase Plan shall be assumed, or an equivalent option shall be substituted, by such successor corporation or a parent or subsidiary of such successor corporation, unless the Plan Administrator determines, in the exercise of its sole discretion and in lieu of such assumption or substitution, to shorten the offering period then in progress by setting a new exercise date (the New Exercise Date). If the Plan Administrator shortens the offering period then in progress in lieu of assumption in the event of a sale of assets or merger as described above, the Plan Administrator shall notify each participant in writing, at least ten business days prior to the New Exercise Date, that the exercise date for his or her option has been changed to the New Exercise Date and that his or her option will be exercised automatically on the New Exercise Date, unless prior to such date he or she has withdrawn from the offering period.

#### **Amendment and Termination of the Purchase Plan.**

Our board of directors may amend the Purchase Plan at any time or from time to time or may terminate the Purchase Plan without approval of the stockholders. To the extent necessary to comply with applicable provisions of federal securities laws, state corporate and securities laws, the rules of any applicable stock exchange or national market system, and the rules of any foreign jurisdiction applicable to purchase rights granted to residents therein, we will obtain stockholder approval of any amendment to the Purchase Plan in such a manner and to such a degree as required. No amendment may alter any option previously granted under the Purchase Plan without the consent of the affected participant if such amendment would adversely affect the rights of the participant under the option, provided that the Purchase Plan or any one or more offering periods may be terminated by the Plan Administrator on any exercise date or by the Plan Administrator establishing a new exercise date with respect to any offering period and/or purchase period then in progress if the Plan Administrator determines that the termination of the Purchase Plan or such one or more offering periods is in the best interests of the company and our stockholders. Without stockholder consent and without regard to whether any participant rights may be considered to have been adversely affected, the Plan Administrator shall be entitled to limit the frequency and/or number of changes in the amount withheld during offering periods, change the length of purchase periods within any offering period, change the length of subsequent offering periods, determine whether subsequent offering periods shall be consecutive or overlapping, establish the exchange ratio applicable to amounts withheld in a currency other than U.S. dollars, establish additional terms, conditions, rules or procedures to accommodate the rules or laws of applicable foreign jurisdictions, permit payroll withholding in excess of the amount designated by a participant in order to adjust for delays or mistakes in our processing of properly completed withholding elections, establish reasonable waiting and adjustment periods and/or accounting and crediting procedures to ensure that amounts applied toward the purchase of common stock for each participant properly correspond with amounts withheld from the participant's compensation, and establish such other limitations or procedures as the Plan Administrator determines in its sole discretion advisable and which are consistent with the Purchase Plan. The Purchase Plan will remain in effect until terminated by the board.

**Amended Purchase Plan Benefits.**

The benefits to be received by our employees pursuant to the amended and restated Purchase Plan are not determinable at this time.

The following table sets forth information with respect to purchases under the Purchase Plan during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011. The executive group in 2011 consisted of Messrs. Ayalon (until May 31, 2011), Elyakim, Levy and Blanka. The non-executive director group in 2011 consisted of Messrs. Limon, Reuven, Seroussi, Shamir, Silver, Tanguy and Willenz (until January 31, 2011). Please note, however, that directors, other than our former Executive Chairman, Mr. Ayalon and solely prior to his resignation as Executive Chairman in May 2011, are not allowed to participate in the Purchase Plan.

Identity of Group	Purchases	% of Total Purchases (1)	Weighted Average Purchase Price Per Share (\$)
Eliyahu Ayalon Former Executive Chairman of the Board and Current Chairman of the Board			
Ofer Elyakim	4,621	1%	4.6015
Chief Executive Officer Dror Levy	4,404	1%	4.5713
Chief Financial Officer and Secretary Lior Blanka	2,129		4.5713
Chief Technology Officer Executive Group	11,154	3%	4.5843
Non-Executive Director Group Non-Executive Employee Group	425,934	97%	4.5666

(1) Based on a total of 437,088 shares of common stock purchased under the Purchase Plan during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

**Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Information**

The following summarizes the federal income tax consequences of participation under the Purchase Plan and certain tax effects to us based upon federal income tax laws in effect on the date of this proxy statement. This summary does not purport to be complete, and does not discuss any non-U.S., state or local tax consequences. In addition, the discussion does not address tax consequences which may vary with, or are contingent on, a participant's individual circumstances. Each participant in the Purchase Plan is strongly urged to consult with his or her tax advisor regarding participation in the Purchase Plan.

The Purchase Plan and the right of participants to make purchases thereunder are intended to qualify under the provisions of Section 423 of the Code. Under these provisions, no income will be taxable to a participant at the time of grant of the purchase right or purchase of shares. Amounts deducted from a participant's pay under the Purchase Plan are part of the employee's regular compensation and remain subject to federal, state and local income and employment withholding taxes.

Taxable income will not be recognized until there is a sale or other disposition of the shares acquired under the Purchase Plan or in the event the participant should die while still owning the purchased shares.

If the participant sells or otherwise disposes of the purchased shares within two years after the start date of the offering period in which such shares were acquired or within one year after the actual purchase date of those shares, then the participant will recognize ordinary income in the year of such sale or disposition equal to the amount by which the fair market value of the shares on the purchase date exceeded the purchase price paid for those shares, and we will be entitled to an income tax deduction, for the taxable year in which such sale or disposition occurs, equal in amount to such excess.



If the participant sells or disposes of the purchased shares more than two years after the start date of the offering period in which such shares were acquired and more than one year after the actual purchase date of those shares, then the participant will recognize ordinary income in the year of such sale or disposition equal to the lesser of (i) the amount by which the fair market value of the shares on the sale or disposition date exceeds the purchase price paid for those shares or (ii) 15% of the fair market value of the shares on the start date of the offering period, and any additional gain upon the disposition will be taxed as long-term capital gain. We will not be entitled to any income tax deduction with respect to such sale or disposition.

If the participant still owns the purchased shares at the time of his or her death, the lesser of (i) the amount by which the fair market value of the shares on the date of death exceeds the purchase price or (ii) 15% of the fair market value of the shares on his or her entry date into the offering period in which those shares were acquired will constitute ordinary income in the year of death.

#### **Required Vote**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of our common stock present or represented at the annual meeting is required to approve the amendment and restatement of the Purchase Plan. Abstentions will have the same effect as no votes on this proposal, whereas broker non-votes will have no effect.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF THE 1993 EMPLOYEE PURCHASE PLAN**

**PROPOSAL 3:**

**APPROVAL OF THE 2012 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

**General**

We are asking our stockholders to approve a new 2012 Stock Incentive Plan (the 2012 Plan ). We intend to use the 2012 Plan to attract and retain key talent, encourage stock ownership by our employees, non-employee directors and consultants, to better align with governance best practices, and to receive a federal income tax deduction for certain compensation paid under the 2012 Plan. The Board unanimously approved the 2012 Plan, subject to approval of our stockholders at the Annual Meeting. Approval of the 2012 Plan requires that the votes cast affirmatively exceed the votes cast negatively on the matter. Subject to approval by our stockholders of the 2012 Plan at the Annual Meeting, our Amended and Restated 2003 Israeli Share Incentive Plan (the 2003 Plan ) will be terminated and no further awards will be granted thereunder. As of December 30, 2011, the closing sales price of a share of the Company s common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Global Market was \$5.21. As of December 31, 2011, the potential number of participants in the 2012 Plan was approximately 395.

Subject to your approval, the 2012 Plan will:

Permit a total number of 350,000 shares of common stock ( Shares ) authorized for issuance under the 2002 Plan.

Permit the grant of options, stock appreciation rights, dividend equivalent rights, restricted stock and restricted stock units.

Permit us to grant performance-based awards under the 2012 Plan to allow us increased compensation deductions for performance-based awards made to certain of our employees.

Impose annual per person limits on the number of Shares covered by stock options and stock appreciation rights and by certain awards of restricted stock and restricted stock units.

Provide that the 2012 Plan will terminate on the date that is ten (10) years following stockholder approval of the 2012 Plan.

Provide flexibility in determining the terms and conditions of each award, in particular with respect to vesting.

Prohibit repricing of awards without the approval of our stockholders.

As noted above, we will terminate our 2003 Plan upon stockholder approval of the 2012 Plan. In addition, we are sensitive to the concerns of our stockholders regarding dilution. Therefore, our board of directors commits to our stockholders that we will not grant a number of shares subject to options, stock appreciation rights or other stock awards to employees or non-employee directors at an annual average rate greater than 5.83% over the next three fiscal years (commencing on January 1, 2012). 5.83% is the 2012 as-published cap by Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) for our Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) group and represents their allowable burn rate level for our company. For purposes of calculating the annual average rate, the numerator for calculating the percentage for each fiscal year shall be the total number of shares granted in such fiscal year and the denominator shall be the weighted average number of common shares outstanding at the end of fiscal year. For this purpose, when determining the number of shares granted in a year, any full-value awards (these are restricted stock awards and restricted stock units, but not stock options) will count as equivalent to 1.5 shares.

We believe strongly that the approval of the 2012 Plan is essential to our success. Our employees are our most valuable assets. Stock options and the other awards permitted under the 2012 Plan are vital to our ability to attract and retain outstanding and highly skilled employees, especially in the competitive labor markets in which we compete. These awards also are crucial to our ability to motivate employees to achieve our goals. The proposed terms of the 2012 Plan are designed to allow the Company to continue to attract, retain and motivate people whose skills and performance are critical to the Company s success. We will continue to monitor the environment in which we operate and make changes to our equity compensation program to help us meet our goals, including achieving long-term stockholder value.





A general description of the principal terms of the 2012 Plan is set forth below. This description is qualified in its entirety by the terms of the 2012 Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

### **General Description**

**Purpose.** The purposes of the 2012 Plan are to attract and retain the best available personnel, to provide additional incentives to our employees, consultants and directors through ownership of our Shares, and to promote the success of the Company's business.

**Shares Reserved for Issuance under the 2012 Plan.** If approved by our stockholders, the total number of Shares reserved for issuance under the 2012 Plan will be 350,000 Shares.

The maximum number of Shares with respect to which options and stock appreciation rights may be granted to a participant during a calendar year will be 175,000 Shares. In connection with a participant's commencement of service with the Company or a related entity of the Company, the participant may be granted options and stock appreciation rights for up to an additional 175,000 Shares, which would not count against the limit set forth in the previous sentence. For awards of restricted stock and restricted stock units that are intended to be performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code, the maximum number of Shares subject to such awards that may be granted to a participant during a calendar year will be 175,000 Shares.

**Share Counting.** Any Shares covered by an award which is forfeited, canceled, expires or is settled in cash shall be deemed not to have been issued for purposes of determining the maximum number of Shares which may be issued under the 2012 Plan. Shares that have actually been issued under the 2012 Plan pursuant to an award shall not be returned to the 2012 Plan and shall not become available for future grant under the 2012 Plan, except where unvested Shares are forfeited or repurchased by the Company at the lower of their original purchase price or their fair market value at the time of such repurchase. Shares tendered or withheld in payment of an option exercise price, Shares withheld by the Company to pay any tax withholding obligation, and all Shares covered by the portion of a stock appreciation right that is exercised (regardless of whether Shares are actually issued in connection with such exercise) shall not be returned to the 2012 Plan and shall not become available for future issuance under the 2012 Plan.

**Administration.** The 2012 Plan will be administered by the 2012 Plan administrator (the Administrator), defined as the Board or one (1) or more committees designated by the Board. The Compensation Committee will initially act as the Administrator. With respect to grants to Officers and Directors, the Compensation Committee shall be constituted in such a manner as to satisfy applicable laws, including Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act and Section 162(m) of the Code.

**No Repricings without Stockholder Approval.** The Company shall obtain stockholder approval prior to (i) the reduction of the exercise price of any option or the base appreciation amount of any stock appreciation right awarded under the 2012 Plan or (ii) the cancellation of an option or stock appreciation right at a time when its exercise price or base appreciation amount exceeds the fair market value of the underlying Shares, in exchange for another option, stock appreciation right, restricted stock or other award or for cash (unless the cancellation and exchange occurs in connection with a Corporate Transaction (as defined in the 2012 Plan and as described below)). Notwithstanding the foregoing, cancelling an option or stock appreciation right in exchange for another option, stock appreciation right, restricted stock, or other award with an exercise price, purchase price or base appreciation amount that is equal to or greater than the exercise price or base appreciation amount of the original option or stock appreciation right will not be subject to stockholder approval.

**Terms and Conditions of Awards.** The 2012 Plan provides for the grant of stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, dividend equivalent rights and stock appreciation rights (collectively referred to as awards). Stock options granted under the 2012 Plan may be either incentive stock options under the provisions of Section 422 of the Code, or nonqualified stock options. Incentive stock options may be granted only to employees. Awards other than incentive stock options may be granted to our employees, consultants and

directors or to employees, consultants and directors of our related entities. To the extent that the aggregate fair market value of the Shares subject to options designated as incentive stock options which become exercisable for the first time by a participant during any calendar year exceeds \$100,000, such excess options shall be treated as nonqualified stock options. Under the 2012 Plan, awards may be granted to such employees, consultants or directors who are residing in non-U.S. jurisdictions as the Administrator may determine from time to time. Each award granted under the 2012 Plan shall be designated in an award agreement.

Subject to applicable laws and except as otherwise provided by the Board, the Administrator will have the authority, in its discretion, to select employees, consultants and directors to whom awards may be granted from time to time, to determine whether and to what extent awards are granted, to determine the number of Shares or the amount of other consideration to be covered by each award, to approve forms of award agreement for use under the 2012 Plan, to determine the terms and conditions of any award (including the vesting schedule applicable to the award), to amend the terms of any outstanding award granted under the 2012 Plan (provided that any amendment that would adversely affect a participant's rights under an outstanding award would not be made without the participant's written consent), to construe and interpret the terms of the 2012 Plan and awards granted, to establish additional terms, conditions, rules or procedures to accommodate the rules or laws of applicable non-U.S. jurisdictions and to take such other action, not inconsistent with the terms of the 2012 Plan, as the Administrator deems appropriate.

The term of any award granted under the 2012 Plan will be stated in the applicable award agreement but may not exceed a term of more than ten years (or five years in the case of an incentive stock option granted to any participant who owns stock representing more than 10% of our combined voting power or any parent or subsidiary of us), excluding any period for which the participant has elected to defer the receipt of the Shares or cash issuable pursuant to the award pursuant to a deferral program the Administrator may establish in its discretion.

The 2012 Plan authorizes the Administrator to grant incentive stock options at an exercise price not less than 100% of the fair market value of our common stock on the date the option is granted (or 110%, in the case of an incentive stock option granted to any employee who owns stock representing more than 10% of our combined voting power or any parent or subsidiary of us). In the case of nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, and awards intended to qualify as performance-based compensation, the exercise price, base appreciation amount or purchase price, if any, shall be not less than 100% of the fair market value per Share on the date of grant. In the case of all other awards granted under the 2012 Plan, the exercise or purchase price shall be determined by the Administrator. The exercise or purchase price is generally payable in cash, check, Shares or, with respect to options, payment through a broker-dealer sale and remittance procedure or a net exercise procedure, or any combination of the foregoing methods of payment.

Under the 2012 Plan, the Administrator may establish one or more programs to permit selected participants the opportunity to elect to defer receipt of consideration payable under an award. The Administrator also may establish under the 2012 Plan separate programs for the grant of particular forms of awards to one or more classes of participants.

**Section 162(m) of the Code.** The maximum number of Shares with respect to which options and stock appreciation rights may be granted to a participant during a calendar year will be 175,000 Shares. In connection with a participant's commencement of service with the Company or a related entity of the Company, the participant may be granted options and stock appreciation rights for up to an additional 175,000 shares, which would not count against the limit set forth in the previous sentence. The foregoing limitations shall be adjusted proportionately by the Administrator in the event of a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of Shares or other similar change in our Shares or our capital structure. Under Code Section 162(m) no deduction is allowed in any taxable year of the Company for compensation in excess of \$1 million paid to the Company's covered employees. An exception to this rule applies to compensation that is paid to a covered employee pursuant to a stock incentive plan approved by stockholders and that specifies,

among other things, the maximum number of Shares with respect to which options and stock appreciation rights may be granted to eligible participants under such plan during a specified period. Compensation paid pursuant to options and stock appreciation rights granted under such a plan and with an exercise price or base appreciation amount equal to the fair market value of common stock on the date of grant is deemed to be inherently performance-based, since such awards provide value to participants only if the stock price appreciates. To the extent required by Section 162(m) of the Code or the regulations thereunder, in applying the foregoing limitations, if any option or stock appreciation right is canceled, the canceled award shall continue to count against the maximum number of Shares with respect to which an award may be granted to a participant.

For awards of restricted stock and restricted stock units that are intended to be performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code, the maximum number of Shares subject to such awards that may be granted to a participant during a calendar year will be 175,000 Shares. The foregoing limitation shall be adjusted proportionately by the plan administrator in the event of a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of Shares or other similar change in our Shares or our capital structure. In order for restricted stock and restricted stock units to qualify as performance-based compensation, the Administrator must establish a performance goal with respect to such award in writing not later than 90 days after the commencement of the services to which it relates (or, if earlier, the date after which 25% of the period of service to which the performance goal relates has elapsed) and while the outcome is substantially uncertain. In addition, the performance goal must be stated in terms of an objective formula or standard.

Under Code Section 162(m), a covered employee is the Company's chief executive officer and the three other most highly compensated officers of the Company other than the chief financial officer.

The 2012 Plan includes performance criteria that may be considered, individually or in combination, by the Administrator when granting performance-based awards, including the following: (i) sales and net sales, (ii) appreciation in and/or maintenance of the price of Shares or any other publicly-traded securities of the Company, (iii) expense levels, (iv) sales or licenses of the Company's assets, including its intellectual property, whether in a particular jurisdiction or territory or globally, or through partnering transactions, (v) implementation, completion or attainment of measurable objectives with respect to research, development, manufacturing, commercialization, products or projects, production volume levels, acquisitions and divestitures and recruiting and maintaining personnel, (vi) financing and other capital raising transactions (including sales of the Company's equity or debt securities, factoring transactions), (vii) revenue growth or product revenue growth, (viii) profits (including gross profits, operating profits, net operating profits, controllable profits and profit margins), (ix) financial ratios, including those measuring liquidity, activity, profitability or leverage, (x) cost of capital or assets under management, (xi) net operating income (before or after taxes) or operating income (before or after taxes), (xii) earnings (including earnings before taxes, earnings before interest and taxes, earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation, earnings before interest, taxes and amortization or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), (xiii) revenue, (xiv) strategic partnerships or transactions (including in-licensing and out-licensing of intellectual property and establishing relationships with commercial entities with respect to the marketing, distribution and sale of the Company's products (including with group purchasing organizations, distributors and other vendors)), (xv) co-development, co-marketing, profit sharing, joint venture or other similar arrangements, (xvi) pre- or after-tax income (before or after allocation of corporate overhead and bonus), (xvii) market share, (xviii) regulatory achievements (including submitting or filing applications or other documents with regulatory authorities or receiving approval of any such applications or other documents; passing pre-approval inspections (whether of the Company or third parties)), (xix) operating margins, gross margins or cash margins, (xx) earnings per share, (xxi) comparisons with various stock market indices, (xxii) stockholder equity, (xxiii) debt reduction, (xxiv) net income (before or after taxes), (xxv) reductions in costs, (xxvi) year-end cash, (xxvii) return on equity, (xxviii) operating cash flow or cash flow per share (before or after dividends) and cash flow or cash flow per share (before or after dividends), (xxix) working capital levels, including cash, inventory and accounts receivable, (xxx) total shareholder return, (xxxii) return on capital (including return on total capital or return on invested capital), (xxxiii) research and development achievements, (xxxiv) return on assets or net assets, (xxxv) cash flow return on investment, (xxxvi) operating efficiencies, (xxxvii) economic

value-added models or equivalent metrics, (xxxvii) success in recruitment of financial advisors, (xxxviii) customer growth, (xxxix) employee or customer satisfaction (including objective customer indicators), (xxxx) productivity, (xxxxi) supplier awards from significant customers, (xxxxii) credit rating, (xxxxiii) contract awards or backlog, (xxxxix) bookings or orders, (xxxxv) budget comparisons, and (xxxxvi) improvements in capital structure. The performance criteria may be applicable to the Company, any parent or subsidiary of the Company, and/or any individual business units of the Company or any parent or subsidiary of the Company.

**Change in Capitalization.** Subject to any required action by the stockholders of the Company, the number of Shares covered by outstanding awards, the number of Shares that have been authorized for issuance under the 2012 Plan, the exercise or purchase price of each outstanding award, the maximum number of Shares that may be granted subject to awards to any participant in a calendar year, as well as other terms that the Administrator determines require adjustment, shall be proportionally adjusted by the Administrator in the event of (i) any increase or decrease in the number of issued Shares resulting from a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of the Shares or similar transaction affecting the Shares, (ii) any other increase or decrease in the number of issued Shares effected without receipt of consideration by the Company or (iii) any other transaction with respect to our Shares including a corporate merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or stock, separation (including a spin-off or other distribution of stock or property), reorganization, liquidation (whether partial or complete), distribution of cash or other assets to stockholders other than a normal cash dividend, or any similar transaction; provided, however, that conversion of any convertible securities of the Company shall not be deemed to have been effected without receipt of consideration. Such adjustment shall be made by the Administrator and its determination shall be final, binding and conclusive.

**Corporate Transaction.** Effective upon the consummation of a Corporate Transaction, all outstanding awards under the 2012 Plan will terminate unless the awards are assumed in connection with the Corporate Transaction. In addition, except as provided otherwise in an individual award agreement, for the portion of each award that is neither assumed nor replaced, such portion of the award shall automatically become fully vested and exercisable and be released from any repurchase or forfeiture rights (other than repurchase rights exercisable at fair market value) for all of the Shares (or other consideration) at the time represented by such portion of the award, immediately prior to the specified effective date of such Corporate Transaction, provided that the Grantee's Continuous Service has not terminated prior to such date.

Under the 2012 Plan, Corporate Transaction includes a merger or consolidation in which the Company is not the surviving entity, except for a transaction the principal purpose of which is to change the state in which the Company is incorporated; the sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company; the complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company; any reverse merger or series of related transactions culminating in a reverse merger in which the Company is the surviving entity but (i) the Shares outstanding immediately prior to such merger are converted or exchanged by virtue of the merger into other property or (ii) in which securities possessing more than fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of the Company's outstanding securities are transferred to a person or persons different from those who held such securities immediately prior to such merger or the initial transaction culminating in such merger; and an acquisition in a single or series of related transactions by any person or related group of persons (other than the Company or by a Company-sponsored employee benefit plan) of beneficial ownership of securities possessing more than fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of the Company's outstanding securities.

**Change in Control.** Except as provided otherwise in an individual award agreement, in the event of a Change in Control (other than a Change in Control which also is a Corporate Transaction), all outstanding awards under the 2012 Plan automatically shall become fully vested and exercisable and be released from any repurchase or forfeiture rights (other than repurchase rights exercisable at fair market value), immediately prior to the specified effective date of such Change in Control, for all of the Shares (or other consideration) at the time represented by such awards, provided that the grantee's continuous service, as such term is defined in the 2012 Plan, has not terminated prior to such date.

Under the 2012 Plan, a Change in Control is defined as a change in ownership or control of the Company effected through either of the following transactions: (i) the direct or indirect acquisition by any person or related group of persons (other than an acquisition from or by the Company or by a Company-sponsored employee benefit plan or by a person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Company) of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act of 1934) of securities possessing more than fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of the Company's outstanding securities pursuant to a tender or exchange offer made directly to the Company's stockholders which a majority of the continuing directors who are not affiliates or associates of the offeror do not recommend such stockholders accept, or (ii) a change in the composition of the board over a period of twelve months or less such that one-third of the board members (rounded up to the next whole number) ceases, by reason of one or more contested elections for Board membership, to be comprised of individuals who are continuing directors.

**Amendment, Suspension or Termination of the 2012 Plan.** The Board may at any time amend, suspend or terminate the 2012 Plan. The 2012 Plan will terminate on May 15, 2022 unless earlier terminated by the Board. To the extent necessary to comply with applicable provisions of federal securities laws, state corporate and securities laws, the Code, applicable rules of any stock exchange or national market system, and the rules of any foreign jurisdiction applicable to awards granted to residents of the jurisdiction, the Company shall obtain stockholder approval of any such amendment to the 2012 Plan in such a manner and to such a degree as required. No suspension or termination of the 2012 Plan will adversely affect any rights under awards already granted to a participant.

**Awards to Israeli Residents.** The 2012 Plan is designed to comply with the provisions of the Israeli Income Tax Ordinance New Version, 1961, as amended (the Tax Ordinance), and is intended to enable the Administrator to grant options under the 2012 Plan to participants who are, or are deemed to be, Israeli residents. Specifically, the 2012 Plan permits option awards to employees pursuant to Section 102 of the Tax Ordinance and option awards to non-employees pursuant to Section 3(i) of the Tax Ordinance. For this purpose, employee refers to employees, officers and directors of the Company or a related entity who are not considered Controlling Shareholders pursuant to, or otherwise excluded by, the Tax Ordinance. In accordance with the terms and conditions imposed by the Tax Ordinance, participants who are, or are deemed to be, Israeli residents and who receive option awards under the 2012 Plan may be afforded certain tax benefits in Israel.

#### **Certain U.S. Federal Tax Consequences**

The following summary of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the 2012 Plan transactions is based upon federal income tax laws in effect on the date of this Proxy Statement. This summary does not purport to be complete, and does not discuss state, local or non-U.S. tax consequences.

**Nonqualified Stock Options.** The grant of a nonqualified stock option under the 2012 Plan will not result in any federal income tax consequences to the participant or to the Company. Upon exercise of a nonqualified stock option, the participant is subject to income taxes at the rate applicable to ordinary compensation income on the difference between the option exercise price and the fair market value of the Shares at the time of exercise. This income is subject to withholding for federal income and employment tax purposes. The Company is entitled to an income tax deduction in the amount of the income recognized by the participant, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and so long as the Company withholds the appropriate taxes with respect to such income (if required) and the participant's total compensation is deemed reasonable in amount. Any gain or loss on the participant's subsequent disposition of the Shares will receive long or short-term capital gain or loss treatment, depending on whether the Shares are held for more than one year following exercise. The Company does not receive a tax deduction for any such gain.

A nonqualified stock option can be considered deferred compensation and subject to Section 409A of the Code. A nonqualified stock option that does not meet the requirements of Code Section 409A can result in the acceleration of income recognition, an additional 20% tax obligation, plus penalties and interest.

*Incentive Stock Options.* The grant of an incentive stock option under the 2012 Plan will not result in any federal income tax consequences to the participant or to the Company. A participant recognizes no federal taxable income upon exercising an incentive stock option (subject to the alternative minimum tax rules discussed below), and the Company receives no deduction at the time of exercise. In the event of a disposition of stock acquired upon exercise of an incentive stock option, the tax consequences depend upon how long the participant has held the Shares. If the participant does not dispose of the Shares within two years after the incentive stock option was granted, nor within one year after the incentive stock option was exercised, the participant will recognize a long-term capital gain (or loss) equal to the difference between the sale price of the Shares and the exercise price. The Company is not entitled to any deduction under these circumstances.

If the participant fails to satisfy either of the foregoing holding periods (referred to as a disqualifying disposition), he or she must recognize ordinary income in the year of the disposition. The amount of ordinary income generally is the lesser of (i) the difference between the amount realized on the disposition and the exercise price or (ii) the difference between the fair market value of the stock at the time of exercise and the exercise price. Any gain in excess of the amount taxed as ordinary income will be treated as a long or short-term capital gain, depending on whether the stock was held for more than one year. The Company, in the year of the disqualifying disposition, is entitled to a deduction equal to the amount of ordinary income recognized by the participant, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and so long as the participant's total compensation is deemed reasonable in amount.

The spread under an incentive stock option i.e., the difference between the fair market value of the Shares at exercise and the exercise price is classified as an item of adjustment in the year of exercise for purposes of the alternative minimum tax. If a participant's alternative minimum tax liability exceeds such participant's regular income tax liability, the participant will owe the larger amount of taxes. In order to avoid the application of alternative minimum tax with respect to incentive stock options, the participant must sell the Shares within the calendar year in which the incentive stock options are exercised. However, such a sale of Shares within the year of exercise will constitute a disqualifying disposition, as described above.

*Stock Appreciation Rights.* Recipients of stock appreciation rights (SARs) generally should not recognize income until the SAR is exercised (assuming there is no ceiling on the value of the right). Upon exercise, the recipient will normally recognize taxable ordinary income for federal income tax purposes equal to the amount of cash and fair market value of the shares, if any, received upon such exercise. Recipients who are employees will be subject to withholding for federal income and employment tax purposes with respect to income recognized upon exercise of a SAR. Recipients will recognize gain upon the disposition of any shares received on exercise of a SAR equal to the excess of (i) the amount realized on such disposition over (ii) the ordinary income recognized with respect to such shares under the principles set forth above. That gain will be taxable as long or short-term capital gain depending on whether the shares were held for more than one year. We will be entitled to a tax deduction to the extent and in the year that ordinary income is recognized by the recipient, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and so long as we withhold the appropriate taxes with respect to such income (if required) and the recipient's total compensation is deemed reasonable in amount.

A SAR can be considered non-qualified deferred compensation and subject to Section 409A of the Code. A SAR that does not meet the requirements of Code Section 409A can result in the acceleration of income recognition, an additional 20% tax obligation, plus penalties and interest.

*Restricted Stock.* The grant of restricted stock will subject the recipient to ordinary compensation income on the difference between the amount paid for such stock and the fair market value of the Shares on the date that the restrictions lapse. This income is subject to withholding for federal income and employment tax purposes. The Company is entitled to an income tax deduction in the amount of the ordinary income recognized by the recipient, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and so long as the Company withholds the appropriate taxes with respect to such income (if required) and the participant's

total compensation is deemed reasonable in amount. Any gain or loss on the recipient's subsequent disposition of the Shares will receive long or short-term capital gain or loss treatment depending on how long the stock has been held since the restrictions lapsed. The Company does not receive a tax deduction for any such gain.

Recipients of restricted stock may make an election under Section 83(b) of the Code ( Section 83(b) Election ) to recognize as ordinary compensation income in the year that such restricted stock is granted, the amount equal to the spread between the amount paid for such stock and the fair market value on the date of the issuance of the stock. If such an election is made, the recipient recognizes no further amounts of compensation income upon the lapse of any restrictions and any gain or loss on subsequent disposition will be long or short-term capital gain to the recipient. The Section 83(b) Election must be made within thirty days from the time the restricted stock is issued.

*Restricted Stock Units.* Recipients of restricted stock units generally should not recognize income until such units are converted into cash or Shares. Upon conversion, the recipient will normally recognize taxable ordinary income for federal income tax purposes equal to the amount of cash and fair market value of the Shares, if any, received upon such conversion. Recipients who are employees will be subject to withholding for federal income and employment tax purposes with respect to income recognized upon conversion of the restricted stock units. Participants will recognize gain upon the disposition of any Shares received upon conversion of the restricted stock units equal to the excess of (i) the amount realized on such disposition over (ii) the ordinary income recognized with respect to such Shares under the principles set forth above. That gain will be taxable as long or short-term capital gain depending on whether the Shares were held for more than one year. The Company will be entitled to a tax deduction to the extent and in the year that ordinary income is recognized by the recipient, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and so long as the Company withholds the appropriate taxes with respect to such income (if required) and the recipient's total compensation is deemed reasonable in amount.

Restricted stock units also can be considered non-qualified deferred compensation and subject to Section 409A of the Code. A grant of restricted stock units that does not meet the requirements of Code Section 409A will result in an additional 20% tax obligation, plus penalties and interest to such recipient.

*Dividends and Dividend Equivalents.* Recipients of stock-based awards that earn dividends or dividend equivalents will recognize taxable ordinary income on any dividend payments received with respect to unvested and/or unexercised shares subject to such awards, which income is subject to withholding for federal income and employment tax purposes. We are entitled to an income tax deduction in the amount of the income recognized by a participant, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and so long as we withhold the appropriate taxes with respect to such income (if required) and the individual's total compensation is deemed reasonable in amount.

## **2012 Plan Benefits**

Awards under the 2012 Plan are in the discretion of the Administrator. Accordingly, the benefits to be received by our directors, employees and consultants pursuant to the 2012 Plan are not determinable at this time.

## **Required Vote**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of our common stock present or represented at the annual meeting is required to approve the 2012 Plan. Abstentions will have the same effect as no votes on this proposal, whereas broker non-votes will have no effect.

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE 2012 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN.**



**PROPOSAL NO. 4**

**RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

Our audit committee has selected Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer (a member of Ernst & Young Global) as our auditors for the current fiscal year, subject to ratification by our stockholders at the annual meeting. We expect a representative of Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer (a member of Ernst & Young Global) to be available via teleconference to respond to appropriate questions and to make a statement if he or she so desires, but no representative will be present at the annual meeting.

Neither our bylaws nor other governing documents or law require stockholder ratification of the selection of Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer (a member of Ernst & Young Global) as our independent accountants. However, the audit committee of the board of directors is submitting the selection of Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer (a member of Ernst & Young Global) to the stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. If the stockholders fail to ratify the selection, the audit committee will reconsider whether or not to retain that firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the audit committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of different independent accountants at any time during the year if they determine that such a change would be in our best interests and the best interests of our stockholders.

In connection with the audit of the 2011 financial statements, we entered into an engagement agreement with Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer which set forth the terms by which Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer will perform audit services for us. That agreement is subject to alternative dispute resolution procedures and an exclusion of punitive damages.

**Required Vote**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of our common stock present or represented at the annual meeting is required to approve the ratification of the selection of Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer as our independent auditors for fiscal year 2012. Abstentions will have the same effect as no votes on this proposal, whereas broker non-votes will have no effect.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF**

**THE SELECTION OF KOST FORER GABBAY & KASIERER.**

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## Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors

*Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in any of the Company's previous filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act) or the Exchange Act of 1934, that might incorporate future filings, including this proxy statement, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in whole or in part, the following report shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any such filings, nor shall the following report be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any future filings under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.*

The audit committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the Company's independent auditors. Additionally, the audit committee must approve all audit and non-audit services performed by the Company's independent auditors. Furthermore, the audit committee is responsible for reviewing and evaluating the Company's accounting principles and the Company's system of internal accounting controls. Management is responsible for the financial reporting process, including the system of internal controls and for the preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The Company's independent auditors, Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer, a member of Ernst & Young Global, are responsible for auditing those financial statements. However, the members of the audit committee are not professionally engaged in the practice of accounting or auditing and are not experts in the fields of accounting or auditing. The audit committee relies, without independent verification, on the information provided to the committee and on the representations made by management and the independent auditors.

The audit committee hereby reports as follows:

1. The audit committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with the Company's management and Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer, the Company's independent auditors.
2. The audit committee has discussed with Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer (a) their judgments as to the quality of the Company's accounting policies, and (b) the matters required to be discussed with the committee under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, including Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended (AICPA, Professional Standards, Vol. 1. AU section 380), as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T.
3. The audit committee met with management periodically during the year to consider the adequacy of the Company's internal controls and the quality of its financial reporting and discussed these matters with the Company's independent auditors and with appropriate Company financial personnel and internal auditors.
4. The audit committee discussed with the Company's senior management, Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer and internal auditors the process used for the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to make the certifications required by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 in connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K and other periodic filings with the Commission.
5. The audit committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer required by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding its communications with the audit committee concerning independence. The audit committee considered whether the audit and non-audit services provided by Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer were compatible with maintaining its independence from the Company. Based on discussions with Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer, the audit committee determined that the audit and non-audit services provided to the Company by Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer were compatible with maintaining the independence of Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer.
6. Based on the reviews and discussions referred to in paragraphs (1) through (5) above, the audit committee recommended to the Company's board of directors, and the board approved, the audited financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, that was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2012.

7. The audit committee has also recommended the selection of Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer and, based on the committee's recommendation, the board of directors has selected Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012. The board of directors is submitting the selection of Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer to the stockholders for ratification.

Submitted by the audit committee:

Zvi Limon

Yair Seroussi

Yair Shamir

Patrick Tanguy

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**PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES**
**Audit Fees**

Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer performed services for us in fiscal 2011 and 2010 related to financial statement audit work, quarterly reviews, Forms S-8 reviews, tax services, special projects and other ongoing consulting projects. Fees paid or accrued to Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer in fiscal 2011 and 2010 were as follows:

	2010	2011
Audit Fees (1)	\$ 454,000	\$ 380,000
Audit-Related Fees (2)		
Tax Fees (3)	\$ 166,000	\$ 74,000
All Other Fees		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 620,000</b>	<b>\$ 454,000</b>

- (1) Audit fees represent fees for the audit of consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the review of financial statements included in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q.
- (2) Audit-related fees represent fees for accounting professional services on actual or contemplated transactions.
- (3) Tax fees represent fees for professional services rendered by our auditors for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice on actual or contemplated transactions and advisory services for other tax compliance matters.

The audit committee approved 100% of the above set forth fees in 2011 and 2010.

**Audit and Non-Audit Services Pre-Approval Policy**

Under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, all audit and non-audit services performed by Kost Forer Gabbay & Kasierer, our independent auditors, must be approved in advance by the audit committee to assure that such services do not impair the auditors' independence from the company. In January 2004, the audit committee adopted an audit and non-audit services pre-approval policy which sets forth the procedures and conditions pursuant to which audit and non-audit services to be performed by the independent auditors are to be pre-approved. Pursuant to the policy, certain services or category of services described in detail in the policy may be pre-approved generally on an annual basis together with pre-approved maximum fee levels for such services. The services eligible for annual pre-approval consist of audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services. If not pre-approved on an annual basis, proposed services must otherwise be separately approved prior to being performed by the independent auditors. The audit committee may also pre-approve particular services on a case-by-case basis. In addition, any services that receive annual pre-approval but exceed the pre-approved maximum fee level also will require separate approval by the audit committee prior to being performed. The audit committee may delegate authority to pre-approve audit and non-audit services to any member of the audit committee, but may not delegate such authority to management. Our independent auditors and Chief Financial Officer are required to periodically report to the audit committee regarding the extent of services provided by the independent auditors in accordance with the pre-approval policy and the fees for the services performed to date.

**PROPOSAL NO. 5**

**ADVISORY VOTE ON COMPENSATION OF THE NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

At last year's annual meeting, we provided our stockholders with the opportunity to cast an advisory vote regarding the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in our proxy statement for the 2011 annual meeting of stockholders. At our 2011 annual meeting, our stockholders overwhelmingly approved the proposal, with more than 92% of the votes cast voting in favor of the proposal. We also asked our stockholders to indicate if we should hold a say-on-pay vote every one, two or three years. After consideration of the 2011 voting results, our board of directors elected to hold a stockholder say-on-pay vote annually. Accordingly, this year we are again asking our stockholders to vote on the compensation of our executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement. Our board of directors and our compensation committee value the opinions of our stockholders. We will consider our stockholders' concerns and our compensation committee will evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address those concerns. In addition to our annual advisory vote on executive compensation, we are committed to ongoing engagement with our stockholders on executive compensation and corporate governance issues.

As described in detail under the heading *Compensation Discussion and Analysis*, our compensation philosophy supports our key business objectives of creating value for, and promoting the interests of, our stockholders. In order to align the interests of our executives with those of our stockholders, we believe that our executive compensation arrangements must provide our named executive officers with competitive compensation opportunities, based upon both their contribution to the development and financial success of the company and their personal performance. We believe our executive compensation arrangements strikes the appropriate balance between utilizing responsible, measured pay practices and effectively incentivizing our executives to dedicate themselves fully to value creation for our stockholders. This balance is evidenced by the following:

Our compensation arrangements for the named executive officers are simple, consisting principally of base salary, annual bonus, which may or may not be awarded annually at the discretion of the compensation committee prior to 2011 and based on a performance-based bonus plan starting in 2011, and long-term incentive award, in the form of stock options or stock appreciation rights, which again may or may not be awarded annually at the discretion of the compensation committee.

We provide a significant part of executive compensation in the form of performance based incentives. Starting in 2011, our board established a performance-based bonus plan whereby bonuses are awarded under the plan based on achievement of the company's financial goals based on an annual budget approved by our board. Bonuses under the performance-based plan are capped and no bonuses would be payable for a particular year if the company fails to achieve above 90% of the target annual revenue based on the board-approved annual budget for the year. No bonus was paid to our executive officers under the 2011 performance-based bonus plan as a result of failure to meet 90% target of annual revenue plan.

A significant portion of our named executive officer's compensation is in the form of long-term incentive awards, currently consisting of stock options and stock appreciation rights. Such equity awards vest 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date and the remaining equity awards vest quarterly over the following three years.

We align base salaries with strong pay-for-performance orientation and our compensation committee generally takes a conservative approach on base salary increases. For example, the base salaries of our named executive officers were reduced in 2009 by ten percent from their respective 2008 amounts in consideration of deteriorating market conditions, our financial performance and the company's desire to reduce operating expenses. The base salaries were restored to their respective 2008 amounts in 2010 for all our named executive officers except Mr. Alayon. In addition, in 2008, a majority of our named executive officers received no increases from their 2007 base salaries.

We do not provide any nonqualified defined contribution or other deferred compensation plans to our named executive officers.

We do not provide tax gross-ups to our named executive officers.

None of the employment agreements with our named executive officers includes any single trigger change-in-control provisions or golden parachute arrangements.

The perquisites offered to our named executive officers based in Israel are those generally provided to all of our employees based in Israel.

The compensation committee is updated on compensation best practices and trends. The committee from time to time as appropriate engages the services of a compensation consultant to provide advice on compensation trends and market information to assist the committee in designing our compensation programs and making compensation decisions.

The vote on this resolution is not intended to address any specific element of compensation; rather, the advisory vote relates to the compensation of our named executive officers, as described in this proxy statement. The vote is advisory, and therefore it is not binding on the company, the compensation committee or our board of directors. The compensation committee will carefully consider the outcome of the vote when considering future executive compensation arrangements.

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented and entitled to vote either in person or by proxy is required to approve this Proposal 5.

Accordingly, we ask our stockholders to vote on the following resolution at the annual meeting:

RESOLVED, that the compensation of the named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company's proxy statement for the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and narrative discussion, is hereby APPROVED.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, AS DISCLOSED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT.**

## STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

*Requirements for Stockholder Proposals to Be Brought Before an Annual Meeting and Considered for Inclusion in our Proxy Materials.* In addition to submitting information related to the proposal as described elsewhere in this proxy statement, pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act and the Company's bylaws, stockholder proposals intended for consideration by the Company for presentation and inclusion in its proxy materials for the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2013 must be received by Dror Levy, Secretary, DSP Group, Inc., 2580 North First Street, Suite 460, San Jose, CA 95131, no later than December 14, 2012 in order to be considered for inclusion in our proxy materials for that meeting.

*Discretionary Authority.* The proxies to be solicited by our board of directors for the 2013 annual meeting will confer discretionary authority on the proxy holders to vote on any stockholder proposal presented at such annual meeting if we fail to receive notice of such stockholder's proposal for the meeting by February 27, 2013.

## OTHER MATTERS

### Annual Report

Our annual report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 has been mailed concurrently with the mailing of these proxy materials to all stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting.

### Form 10-K

Our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 is included in the annual report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, which is mailed concurrently with the mailing of these proxy materials. Upon written request to our Secretary, Dror Levy, at the address of our principal executive offices, the exhibits set forth on the exhibit index of the Form 10-K may be made available at a reasonable charge.

### Internet Availability of Proxy Materials

In addition to the mailing, the notice of the annual meeting, this proxy statement and the proxy card are available for your review, print and download on our website at [www.dspg.com](http://www.dspg.com). **Our website and the information contained therein or connected thereto are not intended to be incorporated into this proxy statement.**

### Householding of Annual Meeting Materials

In December 2000, the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted new rules that permit us to send a single set of annual reports and proxy statements to any household at which two or more stockholders reside if we believe they are members of the same family. Each stockholder will continue to receive a separate proxy card. Upon written request to our Secretary, Dror Levy, at the address of our principal executive offices or by phone at (408) 986-4300, you may revoke your decision to household, and we will deliver a separate copy of the annual report or proxy statement, as applicable, to you at the shared address within 30 days of your request.

A number of brokerage firms have already instituted householding. If your family has multiple accounts of our stock, you may have received householding notification from your broker. Please contact your broker directly if you have questions, require additional copies of the proxy statement or annual report, or wish to revoke your decision to household, and thereby receive multiple reports.

**Other Matters**

Our board of directors knows of no other business which will be presented at the annual meeting. If any other business is properly brought before the annual meeting, it is intended that proxies in the enclosed form will be voted in respect thereof in accordance with the judgments of the proxy holders.

It is important that the proxies be returned promptly and that your shares are represented. Stockholders are urged to mark, date, execute and promptly return the accompanying proxy card in the enclosed envelope.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ Ofer Elyakim  
Ofer Elyakim  
*Chief Executive Officer*

April 9, 2012

San Jose, California



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**THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF**  
**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DSP GROUP, INC.**  
**FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

The undersigned stockholder of DSP GROUP, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), hereby acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement, each dated April 9, 2012, the Company's Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2011 and the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and hereby appoints Ofer Elyakim and Dror Levy, or either of them, proxies, with full power to each of substitution, on behalf and in the name of the undersigned, to represent the undersigned at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., local time, at the InterContinental New York Barclay, 111 East 84<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City, New York, and at any postponement or adjournment thereof, and to vote all shares of common stock of the Company which the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then and there personally present, on the matters set forth below.

**THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED OR, IF NO CONTRARY DIRECTION IS INDICATED, WILL BE VOTED (1) FOR THE ELECTION OF THE CLASS I AND III DIRECTOR NOMINEES, (2) FOR PROPOSALS 2, 3, 4 AND 5, AND (3) AS SAID PROXIES DEEM ADVISABLE ON SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.**

1. ELECTION OF THREE CLASS III DIRECTORS AND ONE CLASS I DIRECTOR:

FOR the nominees listed below

WITHHOLD AUTHORITY to vote for the nominees listed below

(except as indicated)

**If you wish to withhold authority to vote for the following nominees, strike a line through such nominee's name listed below.**

Tom Lacey as Class III Director

Patrick Tanguy as Class III Director

Kenneth H. Traub as Class III Director

Reuven Regev as Class I Director

2. PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SHARES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE AMENDED AND RESTATED 1993 EMPLOYEE PURCHASE PLAN BY 500,000 SHARES:

3. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN  
PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE 2012 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN:

\_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN

4. PROPOSAL TO RATIFY THE SELECTION OF KOST FORER GABBAY & KASIERER AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FOR FISCAL 2012:

\_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN  
5. ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE THE COMPANY'S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION:

\_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN  
The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

(Signature)

(Signature)

This Proxy should be marked, dated and signed by the stockholder(s) exactly as his or her name appears hereon, and returned promptly in the enclosed envelope. Persons signing in a fiduciary capacity should so indicate. If shares are held by joint tenants or as community property, both should sign.