

CESCA THERAPEUTICS INC.
Form DEF 14A
April 30, 2018
Table of Contents

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934

Filed by the Registrant [X]

Filed by a party other than the Registrant []

Check the appropriate box:

[] Preliminary Proxy Statement

[] Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))

[X] Definitive Proxy Statement

[] Definitive Additional Materials

[] Soliciting Material Pursuant to Section 240.14a-11(c) or Section 240.14a-12

CESCA THERAPEUTICS INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)

Payment of Filing Fee (Check the appropriate box):

No fee required.

Fee computed on table below per Exchange Act Rules 14a-6(i)(1) and 0-11.

- 1) Title of each class of securities to which transaction applies:
- 2) Aggregate number of securities to which transaction applies:
- 3) Per unit price or other underlying value of transaction computed pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 0-11 (set forth the amount on which the filing fee is calculated and state how it was determined):
- 4) Proposed maximum aggregate value of transaction:
- 5) Total fee paid:

Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.

Check box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Exchange Act Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing for which the offsetting fee was paid previously. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

- 1) Amount Previously Paid:
 - 2) Form, Schedule or Registration Statement No.:
 - 3) Filing Party:
 - 4) Date Filed:
-

Table of Contents

Cesca Therapeutics Inc.
2711 Citrus Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

Telephone (916) 858-5100

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
TO BE HELD JUNE 22, 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Cesca Therapeutics Inc. (the “Company” or “Cesca”), a Delaware corporation, will be held at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront, located at 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA 94010, on Friday, June 22, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. (PT) for the following purposes:

1. To elect the Company’s six (6) nominees named in the attached proxy statement as directors to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their successors are elected and qualified;
2. To approve an amendment to our 2016 Equity Incentive Plan;
3. To approve the potential issuance of in excess of 19.99% of our outstanding common stock upon the conversion of our convertible debt facility;
4. To ratify the appointment of Marcum LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018; and
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the stockholders at the Annual Meeting.

These items are described more fully in the proxy statement attached to this notice. Please give your careful attention to all of the information in the proxy statement.

The Board of Directors of the Company has fixed the close of business on April 23, 2018 as the record date for determining those stockholders who will be entitled to vote at the meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof. Stockholders are invited to attend the meeting in person.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ Ms. Vivian Liu

Corporate Secretary

April 30, 2018
Rancho Cordova, California

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Even if you plan to attend the annual meeting in person, we request that you vote by submitting your proxy as early as possible by following the instructions to ensure that your shares will be represented at the annual meeting if for any reason you are unable to attend. If you do attend the annual meeting and wish to vote in person, you may withdraw your proxy and vote in person.

Table of Contents

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	<u>PAGE</u>
<u>QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS</u>	1
<u>PROPOSAL 1 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS</u>	6
<u>CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MATTERS</u>	9
<u>COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS</u>	12
<u>EXECUTIVE OFFICERS</u>	12
<u>STOCK OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT OF CESCA THERAPEUTICS INC.</u>	13
<u>COMPENSATION OF NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS</u>	15
<u>PROPOSAL 2 – APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2016 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN</u>	18
<u>EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS</u>	27
<u>CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS</u>	27
<u>REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>	29
<u>FEES OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM</u>	30
<u>PROPOSAL 3 – APPROVAL OF THE POTENTIAL ISSUANCE OF IN EXCESS OF 19.99% OF OUR OUTSTANDING COMMON STOCK UPON THE CONVERSION OF OUR CONVERTIBLE DEBT FACILITY</u>	31
<u>PROPOSAL 4 – RATIFICATION OF MARCUM LLP</u>	34
<u>STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT CESCA THERAPEUTICS INC ANNUAL MEETING</u>	35
<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>	35
<u>TRANSACTIONS OF OTHER BUSINESS AT THE CESCA THERAPEUTICS INC. ANNUAL MEETING</u>	35

Table of Contents

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING
AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Why am I receiving these materials?

The Board of directors of Cesca (the “Board”) is making this proxy statement available to you on the Internet or by delivering a paper copy of this proxy statement to you by mail in connection with the solicitation of proxies for use at Cesca’s Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) to be held on Friday, June 22, 2018 and any adjournment or postponement thereof. The Annual Meeting will be held at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront, located at 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA 94010, for the purpose of considering and acting on the matters set forth in this proxy statement.

These proxy materials and the accompanying annual report are first being made available or mailed on May 3, 2018 to all Cesca stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Cesca’s website is www.cescatherapeutics.com.

What proposals will be voted on at the Annual Meeting?

Cesca stockholders are being asked to vote on the following matters at the Annual Meeting:

1. To elect the Company’s six (6) nominees named herein as directors to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their successors are elected and qualified;
2. To approve an amendment to our 2016 Equity Incentive Plan;
3. To approve the potential issuance of in excess of 19.99% of our outstanding common stock upon the conversion of our convertible debt facility;
4. To ratify the appointment of Marcum LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018; and
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the stockholders at the Annual Meeting.

Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

Cesca's Board set April 23, 2018 as the record date for the Annual Meeting. If you owned Cesca common stock at the close of business on April 23, 2018, you may attend and vote at the meeting. By using a proxy, you may vote whether or not you attend the meeting, as described below. As of April 23, 2018, there were 11,482,064 shares of Cesca common stock outstanding.

What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?

If your shares are registered directly in your name with Cesca's transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services LLC, you are considered the "stockholder of record" with respect to those shares, and the notice or these proxy materials have been sent directly to you by Cesca.

Some Cesca stockholders hold their shares through a broker, bank or other nominee, rather than directly in their own names. If your shares are held in a brokerage account or by a bank or another nominee, you are considered the "beneficial owner" of those shares held in street name, and the notice or these proxy materials have been forwarded to you by your broker, bank or nominee who is considered, with respect to those shares, the stockholder of record.

How many votes do I have?

You are entitled to one vote for each share of Cesca common stock you owned at the close of business on the record date.

Table of Contents

What should I do if I receive more than one notice or set of voting materials?

You may receive more than one notice or set of voting materials, including multiple copies of this proxy statement and multiple proxy cards or voting instruction cards. For example, if you hold your shares in more than one brokerage account, you may receive a separate notice or voting instruction card for each brokerage account in which you hold shares. If you are a stockholder of record and your shares are registered in more than one name, you will receive more than one notice or proxy card. Please vote by telephone or the Internet with respect to each notice that you receive, or complete, sign, date and return each proxy card and voting instruction card that you receive, to ensure that all of your shares are voted at the Annual Meeting.

How can I vote my shares in person at the Annual Meeting?

If you are the stockholder of record of shares of Cesca common stock, you have the right to vote in person at the Annual Meeting with respect to those shares.

If you are the beneficial owner of shares of Cesca common stock, you are invited to attend the Annual Meeting. However, if you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote these shares in person at the Annual Meeting, unless you obtain a legal proxy from your broker, bank or nominee giving you the right to vote the shares at the Annual Meeting.

Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we recommend that you also submit your proxy card or voting instructions as described in the next Q&A so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the Annual Meeting.

How can I vote my shares without attending the Annual Meeting?

If you are the stockholder of record, you may instruct the proxy holders how to vote your shares by using the Internet voting site or the toll-free telephone number provided on the website to which the notice directs you or, if you have requested paper copies of the proxy materials, by completing, signing, dating and returning a requested proxy card in the provided, postage pre-paid envelope or by using the Internet voting site or the toll-free telephone number listed on the proxy card. Specific instructions for using the Internet and telephone voting systems are on the website and proxy card (and repeated in the box below). The Internet and telephone voting systems for stockholders of record will be available until 1:00 a.m., Central Time, on June 22, 2018 (the morning of the Annual Meeting).

If you are the beneficial owner of shares of Cesca common stock held in street name, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or nominee on how to vote your shares. Your broker, bank or nominee has provided a notice that directs you to a website with Internet and toll-free telephone voting instructions (repeated in the boxes below) or, if you have requested paper copies of the proxy materials, enclosed is a voting instruction card for you to use in directing the broker, bank or nominee regarding how to vote your shares.

Specific voting instructions for Internet and website voting are as follows:

2

Table of Contents

VOTE BY INTERNET

Shares Held of Record:

www.envisionreports.com/KOOL

Shares Held Through Broker, Bank or Nominee:

Internet: www.proxyvote.com

24 hours a day/7 days a week

Through 1:00 am Central Time, June 22, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS:

Read this Proxy Statement.

Go to the applicable website listed above.

Have your notice of internet availability of proxy materials, proxy card or voting instruction card in hand (including the control number specified on that notice or card) and follow the instructions.

VOTE BY TELEPHONE

Shares Held of Record:

1-800-652-VOTE (8683)

Shares Held Through Broker, Bank or Nominee:

1-800-579-1639

Toll-free 24 hours a day/7 days a week

Through 1:00 am Central Time, June 22, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS:

Read this Proxy Statement.

Call the applicable toll-free number above.

Have your proxy materials, proxy card or voting instruction card in hand (including the control number specified on that notice or card) and follow the instructions.

Can I change or revoke my vote after I return a proxy card or voting instruction card?

If you are the stockholder of record, you may revoke your proxy or change your vote by:

Delivering to the Corporate Secretary of Cesca, prior to your shares being voted at the Annual Meeting, a written notice of revocation or a duly executed proxy card, in either case dated later than the prior proxy card relating to the same shares (such written notice should be hand delivered to Cesca's Corporate Secretary or should be sent so as to be delivered to Cesca Therapeutics Inc., 2711 Citrus Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742, Attention: Corporate Secretary);

Attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person; or

Making a timely and valid later Internet or telephone vote, as the case may be, if you have previously voted on the Internet or by telephone in connection with the Annual Meeting.

Table of Contents

If you are the beneficial owner of shares held in street name, you may change your vote by:

Submitting new voting instructions to your broker, bank or other nominee in a timely manner; or

Attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person, if you have obtained a legal proxy from the broker, bank or nominee that holds your shares giving you the right to vote the shares.

Can I attend the Annual Meeting?

All Cesca stockholders as of the record date, April 23, 2018, or their duly appointed proxies, may attend the Annual Meeting. If you are the beneficial owner of Cesca shares held in street name, please bring proof of ownership such as a brokerage statement or letter from the broker, bank or other nominee that is the owner of record of the shares.

How many votes must be present or represented to conduct business at the Annual Meeting?

The presence of a majority of the shares entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting is necessary to constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Presence is determined by the stockholder entitled to vote the shares being present at the Annual Meeting or having properly submitted a proxy with respect to the shares. In compliance with Delaware General Corporate Law, abstentions and broker “non-votes” will be counted as present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and are thereby included for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting.

If sufficient votes to constitute a quorum are not received by the date of the Annual Meeting, the persons named as proxies in this proxy statement may propose one or more adjournments of the meeting to permit further solicitation of proxies. Adjournment would require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Cesca common stock present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting. The persons named as proxies in this proxy statement would generally exercise their authority to vote in favor of adjournment.

What is a “broker non-vote”?

A broker “non-vote” occurs when a broker, bank or other nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the broker, bank or nominee does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that proposal and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner.

Brokers normally have discretion to vote on “routine matters,” but not on non-routine matters. The only routine matter being voted on at the Annual Meeting is the ratification of our independent public accounting firm.

What is the voting requirement to approve each of the proposals?

A plurality of the voting power of the shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting is required for the election of directors (Proposal 1). Thus, the nominees for director receiving the highest number of affirmative votes will be elected as members of Cesca’s Board of Directors to serve until Cesca’s next Annual Meeting of Stockholders. There is no cumulative voting in the election of directors.

The affirmative vote of the majority of the votes present, in person or by proxy, and entitled to vote at the meeting are required to approve Proposals 2, 3 and 4. A broker non-vote on a proposal is considered a share not entitled to vote on that proposal and is not a vote cast on that proposal, but is present for purposes of determining a quorum. Accordingly, a broker non-vote will have no effect on the vote outcome of Proposals 2, 3, and 4.

Table of Contents

How are votes counted?

With respect to the election of directors, you may vote “FOR” or “WITHHOLD” on each of the six nominees.

With respect to other proposals, you may vote “FOR”, “AGAINST” or “ABSTAIN” on each proposal. Abstentions are deemed to be votes cast and thereby have the same effect as a vote against the proposal. Broker non-votes are not deemed to be votes cast and thereby do not affect the outcome of the voting on the proposal.

What happens if one or more of the director nominees is unable to stand for election?

The Board may reduce the number of directors or select a substitute nominee. In the latter case, if you have submitted your proxy via the Internet or by telephone or completed and returned your proxy card or voting instruction card, Chris Xu or Vivian Liu as proxy holders, will have the discretion to vote your shares for the substitute nominee.

Where can I find the voting results of the Annual Meeting?

We intend to announce preliminary voting results at the Annual Meeting. We will provide final results on a Form 8-K within four business days of the Annual Meeting.

Who pays for the proxy solicitation process?

Cesca will bear the cost of soliciting proxies, including the cost of preparing, posting and mailing proxy materials. In addition to soliciting stockholders by mail and through its regular employees, Cesca will request brokers, banks and other nominees to solicit their customers who hold shares of Cesca common stock in street name. Cesca may reimburse such brokers, banks and nominees for their reasonable, out-of-pocket expenses. Cesca may also use the services of its officers, directors and employees to solicit proxies, personally or by telephone, mail, facsimile or email, without additional compensation other than reimbursement for reasonable, out-of-pocket expenses.

How do I get an additional copy of the proxy materials?

If you would like an additional copy of this proxy statement or Cesca's 2017 Transition Report on Form 10-K, these documents are available in digital form for download or review by clicking on the "Investors" tab at www.cescatherapeutics.com. Alternatively, we will promptly send a copy to you upon request by mail to Cesca Therapeutics Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, 2711 Citrus Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 or by calling the Corporate Secretary of Cesca Therapeutics at (916) 858-5100.

How do I get proxy materials electronically?

We encourage you to register to receive all future stockholder communications electronically, instead of in print. This means that the annual report, proxy statement and other correspondence will be delivered to you via email. Electronic delivery of stockholder communications helps Cesca to conserve natural resources and to save money by reducing printing, postage and service provider costs.

Stockholders of Record: If you vote your shares using the Internet at www.envisionreports.com/KOOL, please follow the prompts for enrolling in the electronic proxy delivery service.

Beneficial Owners: If you vote your shares using the Internet at www.proxyvote.com, please complete the consent form that appears on-screen at the end of the Internet voting procedure to register to receive stockholder communications electronically. Stockholders holding through a bank, broker or other nominee may also refer to information provided by the bank, broker or nominee for instructions regarding how to enroll in electronic delivery.

Table of Contents

**PROPOSAL 1
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

General Information

Our bylaws presently provide that the authorized number of directors may be fixed by resolution of the Board from time to time. Currently, the Board has fixed the authorized number of directors at six (6).

On April 16, 2018, we entered into an amendment and restatement of the Nomination and Voting Agreement that we originally entered into with Boyalife (Hong Kong) Limited, our largest stockholder (Boyalife HK), on February 13, 2016 (as amended and restated, the “Restated Nomination Agreement”). The Restated Nomination Agreement provides that Boyalife HK has the right to designate a number of members of the Board of Directors of the Company that is in proportion to the “Boyalife Ownership Percentage”, which is Boyalife HK’s and its affiliates’ combined percentage ownership of outstanding common stock, treating as outstanding any shares of common stock underlying convertible securities that are immediately exercisable by Boyalife HK and its affiliates’ (including under the Convertible Note) without any further payment (the “Boyalife Ownership Percentage”). The Restated Nomination Agreement will terminate according to its terms when and if the Boyalife Ownership Percentage falls below 20%.

Although the Boyalife Ownership Percentage is 65.49% as of the record date for the Annual Meeting and therefore Boyalife HK has the right pursuant to the Restated Nomination Agreement to designate four directors, the Board’s Nomination and Governance Committee has recommended, and Boyalife HK has concurred, that each of the existing six (6) members of the Board be nominated for reelection as directors at the Annual Meeting.

Nominees for Director

The below nominees for director have consented to being named as nominees in this proxy statement and have agreed to serve as directors, if elected. Each of the director nominees listed below are currently serving as members of our Board of Directors.

Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders will vote the proxies received by them for the six (6) nominees named below. If any nominee of the Company is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for any nominee designated by the present Board to fill the vacancy. The Board has no reason to believe that any of the nominees will be unavailable for election. Each Director who is elected shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders, or until the earlier of their death, resignation or removal, or until such Director’s successor is elected and qualified.

Our Board of Directors has concluded that Dr. Russell Medford, Dr. Joseph Thomis and Mr. Mark Westgate are “independent” as defined by NASDAQ and under Rule 10A-3(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as that term relates to membership on our Board of Directors.

	Age
Xiaochun (Chris) Xu, Ph.D, MBA	46
Vivian Liu	56
Russell Medford, MD, Ph.D.	63
Joseph (Jeff) Thomis, Ph.D.	72
Mark Westgate	48
James Xu	47

Table of Contents

Biographies

Xiaochun (Chris) Xu, PhD, MBA Director since March 2016

On November 13, 2017, the Board elected Dr. Xu as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (transitioning from interim Chief Executive Officer as of November 2016; he joined the Board of Directors in March 2016 and currently serves as Chairman of the Board). Dr. Xu is also a member of the board of directors of our majority owned subsidiary ThermoGenesis Corp. Dr. Xu has been the Founder, Chairman and CEO of Boyalife Group Ltd., China since July 2009. From 2008-2009, he was Vice President at Founder Group, a major Chinese technology conglomerate with interests in information technology, pharmaceuticals, real estate, finance, and commodities trading. From 2000-2008, Dr. Xu served in various management positions at Pfizer Inc., and two NASDAQ publicly traded bio-pharmaceutical companies. Dr. Xu received his B.S.C. in Biochemistry from the University of Saskatchewan, his Ph.D. degree in Immunology from Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis, USA) and an Executive MBA degree from Emory University (Atlanta, USA). We believe that Dr. Xu's extensive and varied experience and knowledge as an executive and investor in the biotechnology, medical device, and pharmaceuticals industry will be a valuable asset to the Company and its Board.

Vivian Liu Director since November 2016

Ms. Liu was appointed to the Board of Directors and as Chief Operating Officer (COO) in November 2016 and February 2017, respectively. She also serves as the President of our majority owned subsidiary, ThermoGenesis Corp. From 2012-2017, Ms. Liu was the Managing Director of OxOnc Services Company, an oncology service company and a partner in OxOnc Development LP, an oncology product development company. Since 2011, Ms. Liu has served as a member of the board of directors at Innovus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (OTCQB: INNV) and as its CEO from 2011-2012. Ms. Liu co-founded NexMed, Inc., renamed Apricus Biosciences, Inc., (NASDAQ: APRI), and served in numerous capacities, including chairman of the board, CEO and chief financial officer. Ms. Liu received her B.A. in International Relations from University of California, Berkeley and her MPA in International Finance from University of Southern California. We believe that Ms. Liu's experience as a senior executive officer in multiple publicly held pharmaceutical development companies brings important depth of experience and knowledge to the Company.

Russell Medford, MD, PhD Director since February 2017

In February 2017, Dr. Medford was appointed to the Board of Directors. Dr. Medford has been a Managing Partner of the Salutrained Group, LLC, a strategic life science advisory firm, since 2012. Dr. Medford has served as the CEO of healthEgames, Inc., a digital healthcare company and as the Chairman of ViaMune, Inc., an immuno-oncology therapeutics company, since 2014. From 1993 to 2009, Dr. Medford served as co-founder, President, CEO and Director of AtheroGenics, Inc (AGIX). On September 15, 2008, an involuntary petition under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code was filed against AGIX in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern district of Georgia (the "Bankruptcy Court") by certain holders of its 4.5% Convertible Notes due 2008. On October 6, 2008, AGIX consented to the bankruptcy filing and moved in the Bankruptcy Court to convert the Chapter 7 case to a case under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Dr. Medford was a founding Board Director of Inhibitex,

Inc. (INHX) until it was acquired by Bristol-Myers-Squibb in 2012. Dr. Medford is a board-certified physician, and currently holds numerous trustee or board positions including Georgia Global Health Alliance, Inc., and Georgia BIO. Dr. Medford served on the faculties of both the Harvard Medical School and Emory University School of Medicine and obtained his MD and PhD from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. We believe that Dr. Medford's experience as a founder and executive of several pharmaceutical development companies will be a valuable asset in connection with the Company's clinical development activities. Dr. Medford is one of our independent directors pursuant to applicable NASDAQ rules and is qualified as an Audit Committee Financial Expert as defined in Regulation S-K Item 407(d)(5)(ii).

Table of Contents

Joseph (Jeff) Thomis, PhD Director since January 2017

Dr. Thomis joined our Board of Directors in January 2017. Since 2012 he has been the CEO at Thomis Consulting BVBA and a partner in OxOnc Development LP, an oncology product development company. From 1997-2012 he was at Quintiles Transnational where he held numerous positions including Chairman of the American Management Board, President of Global Clinical Development Services and President of European Clinical Development Services. Dr. Thomis has served as a non-executive director at NovaQuest LLC, a private equity company since 2014 and is a member of the audit committee and Chairman of the Board of Quotient Clinical, a translational pharmaceuticals company since 2016. From 2013-2015, he served as Chairman of the Board of Idis Pharma, a global company providing unlicensed medicines to patients with unmet medical needs. From 2012 to 2013 he was a non-executive director of PDP Courier Services, Ltd and from 2010-2012 he was Chairman of the American Management Board of Quintiles. Dr. Thomis received his Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Leuven in Belgium. We believe that Dr. Thomis' extensive experience with clinical trials and contract research organizations will enable him to provide valuable insight and knowledge with respect to the Company's clinical development activities. Dr. Thomis is one of our independent directors pursuant to applicable NASDAQ rules.

Mark Westgate Director since May 2017

Mr. Westgate joined our Board of Directors in May 2017. Mr. Westgate has served as Vice President, Finance since 2011 at PCT Cell Therapy Services, LLC, now a Hitachi Group Company. From 2002 to 2011 he was Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary for NexMed, Inc., later renamed Apricus Biosciences, Inc. (NASDAQ: APRI). From 1998-2002, Mr. Westgate was Group Controller and Treasurer of Lavipharm Corp., an international pharmaceutical research and development company. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Public Accounting from Pace University. Mr. Westgate is a CPA in the state of New York. We believe that Mr. Westgate's experience as a principal financial officer in both publicly traded and privately held life sciences companies will provide substantial insight to the Board, particularly in connection with finance and accounting matters. Mr. Westgate is one of our independent directors pursuant to applicable NASDAQ rules and is qualified as an Audit Committee Financial Expert as defined in Regulation S-K Item 407(d)(5)(ii).

James Xu Director since November 2016

Mr. Xu joined our Board of Directors in November 2016. Mr. Xu has been the General Counsel of the Boyalife Group Ltd. since 2010. Mr. Xu received his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering and MBA from the University of Mississippi, J.D. and LL.M. in Taxation from DePaul Law School, LL.M. in Intellectual Properties and LL.M. in Information Technologies from John Marshall Law School. Mr. Xu is a practicing attorney and licensed CPA in the State of Illinois. Mr. Xu is also a Patent Lawyer licensed by U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. We believe that Mr. Xu's combination of technical, legal, and accounting knowledge will bring a unique cross-disciplinary skill set with respect to the Board's oversight of the Company's operations and development activities.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" EACH OF THE NOMINEES LISTED ABOVE.

Table of Contents

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MATTERS

General

Our Board believes that good corporate governance is important to ensure that Cesca is managed for the long-term benefit of our stockholders. This section describes key corporate governance guidelines and practices that we have adopted. Complete copies of our corporate governance guidelines, committee charters and code of ethical conduct described below are available under the investor information section of our website at www.cescatherapeutics.com.

Board Operating and Governance Guidelines

Our Board has adopted a number of operating and governance guidelines, including the following:

-Formalization of the ability of each committee to retain independent advisors;

-Directors have open access to the Company's management; and

Independent directors may meet in executive session prior to or after each regularly scheduled Board meeting without management present.

As a result of the resignation of Dr. Mahendra Rao from the Board on October 19, 2017, the Board is no longer comprised of a majority of independent directors. Although we intend to seek a new independent director to fill the vacancy created by Dr. Rao's resignation, we are a "controlled company" under NASDAQ rules and currently rely on the exemption from NASDAQ's requirement to have a majority of independent directors.

Board Leadership Structure

Dr. Chris Xu serves as both our Chairman of the Board and CEO. The Board and its independent members believe the most effective Board leadership structure at the present time is for the CEO to serve as Chairman of the Board. The independent members of the Board believe because the CEO is ultimately responsible for executing our strategy and because our performance is an integral part of the deliberations undertaken by the Board, the CEO is the director best qualified to act as our Chairman of the Board at this time. The Board reserves the authority to modify this structure to best address and advance the interests of all stockholders, as and when appropriate.

Risk Oversight

The Board has an active role, as a whole and also at the committee level, in overseeing risk management. The Board regularly reviews information regarding the Company's liquidity and operations, as well as the risks associated with each. The Company's Compensation Committee is responsible for overseeing the management of risks relating to the Company's executive compensation plans and arrangements. The Audit Committee oversees management of risks relating to financial reporting, internal controls and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Governance and Nominating Committee oversees the management of risks associated with corporate governance, the independence of the Board and potential conflicts of interest. While each committee is responsible for evaluating certain risks and overseeing the management of such risks, the entire Board is regularly informed through committee reports about such risks.

Table of Contents

Governance and Nominating Committee

The Governance and Nominating Committee was formed to address general governance and policy oversight; succession planning; to identify qualified individuals to become prospective Board members and make recommendations regarding nominations for the Board; to advise the Board with respect to appropriate composition of Board committees; to advise the Board about and develop and recommend to the Board appropriate corporate governance documents and assist the Board in implementing guidelines; to oversee the annual evaluation of the Board and the Company's CEO, and to perform such other functions as the Board may assign to the committee from time to time. The Governance and Nominating Committee has a Charter which is available on the Company's website at www.cescatherapeutics.com. The Governance and Nominating Committee currently consists of three independent directors: Dr. Russell Medford (Governance and Nominating Committee Chairman), Dr. Thomis and Mr. Westgate.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors makes recommendations regarding the retention of the independent registered public accounting firm, reviews the scope of the annual audit undertaken by our independent registered public accounting firm and the progress and results of their work, reviews our financial statements, and oversees the internal controls over financial reporting and corporate programs to ensure compliance with applicable laws. The Audit Committee reviews the services performed by the independent registered public accounting firm and determines whether they are compatible with maintaining the registered public accounting firm's independence. The Audit Committee has a Charter, which is reviewed annually and as may be required due to changes in industry accounting practices or the promulgation of new rules or guidance documents. The Audit Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at www.cescatherapeutics.com. The Audit Committee currently consists of the following three independent directors: Mr. Westgate (Audit Committee Chairman) and Drs. Medford and Thomis. The Board has determined that Mr. Westgate and Dr. Thomis are qualified as Audit Committee Financial Experts as defined in Regulation S-K Item 407(d)(5)(ii) and applicable NASDAQ rules.

Science and Technology Committee

The Science and Technology Committee oversees and advises the Board and management on the Company's corporate strategy and operations from a clinical, scientific and technological perspective, and performs such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned to the Science and Technology Committee by the Board. The Science and Technology Committee consists of two independent directors. Dr. Medford (Science and Technology Committee Chairman) and Dr. Thomis.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee of the Board reviews and approves executive compensation policies and practices, reviews salaries and bonuses for our CEO, administers the Company's stock option plans and other benefit plans, and considers other matters as may, from time to time, be referred to them by the Board. The Compensation Committee has a charter which is available on the Company's website at www.cescatherapeutics.com. The Compensation Committee consists of the three independent directors: Dr. Thomis (Compensation Committee Chairman), Dr. Medford and Mr. Westgate.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

None of the members of our Compensation Committee were at any time an officer or employee of ours. In addition, none of our executive officers serves as a member of the compensation committee of any entity that has one or more executive officers serving as a member of our Compensation Committee.

Table of Contents

Board and Committee Meetings and Attendance

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the Board of Directors met seven (7) times, the Audit Committee met six (6) times, the Compensation Committee met six (6) times, the Governance and Nominating Committee met one (1) time and the Special Financing Committee met three (3) times. During the Transition Period, the Board of Directors met three (3) times, the Audit Committee met two (2) times and the Compensation Committee met one (1) time. Each director attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board held while serving as a director. We generally expect our directors to attend our annual meetings. All of the directors elected to our Board of Directors at our most recent annual stockholders' meeting, held May 5, 2017, were in attendance at that meeting.

Director Nominating Procedures

Subject to the Restated Nomination Agreement (as described above), the Governance and Nominating Committee assists our Board in identifying director nominees consistent with criteria established by our Board. Although the Governance and Nominating Committee does not currently have a specific policy with regard to consideration of director candidates recommended by stockholders, the committee believes that it would provide such recommendations the same consideration as other candidates.

Generally, nominees for director are identified and suggested to the Governance and Nominating Committee by the members of the Board or management using their business networks and evaluation criteria they deem important, which may or may not include diversity. While the Company does not have a specific policy regarding diversity and has not established minimum experience or diversity qualifications for director candidates, when considering the nomination of directors, the Governance and Nominating Committee does consider the diversity of its directors and nominees in terms of knowledge, experience, background, skills, expertise and other demographic factors. The Company does not impose formal term limits on its directors.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act requires our executive officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of our common stock, to file reports regarding ownership of, and transactions in, our securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission and to provide us with copies of those filings. Based solely on our review of the copies of such forms received by us we believe that during the six months ended December 31, 2017, all filing requirements applicable to our officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial owners were timely complied with.

Code of Ethics

We have adopted a code of ethics that applies to all employees, including our CEO and CFO, Controller or any person performing similar functions. A copy of our code of ethical conduct can be found on our website at www.cescatherapeutics.com. The Company will report any amendment or waiver to the code of ethics on our website within four (4) business days.

Table of Contents**COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS****Director Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth the compensation received by each of the Company's non-employee directors for the six month Transition Period ended December 31, 2017.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Option Awards	Total
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Russell Medford, Ph.D.	25,000	--	25,000
Mahendra S. Rao, Ph.D. ⁽¹⁾	11,000	--	11,000
Jeff Thomis, Ph.D.	21,000	--	21,000
Mark Westgate	29,000	--	29,000
James Xu	8,000	--	8,000

⁽¹⁾ Dr. Rao resigned as a member of our Board of Directors effective October 19, 2017.

The following table sets forth the aggregate number of option awards held by each non-employee director as of December 31, 2017:

Name	Aggregate Number of Option Awards
Russell Medford, Ph.D.	13,500
Dr. Mahendra S. Rao ⁽¹⁾	11,182
Jeff Thomis, Ph.D.	13,500
Mark Westgate	13,500
Janes Xu	14,750

⁽¹⁾ Dr. Rao resigned as a member of our Board of Directors effective October 19, 2017.

Each non-employee director receives an annual fee of \$15,000. The chairperson of each standing committee receives an additional annual fee of \$15,000 for the Audit Committee, \$12,500 for the Science and Technology Committee, \$10,000 for the Compensation Committee and \$7,000 for the Governance Committee. Each non-chair committee member receives an annual fee of \$7,500 for the Audit Committee, \$6,000 for the Science and Technology Committee, \$5,000 for the Compensation Committee and \$3,500 for the Governance Committee.

All fees are paid quarterly. In addition, we reimburse our directors for their reasonable expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Board and its committees.

In May 2017, the annual stock option grant was changed to 13,500 shares with vesting over 24 months and a ten-year life. In March 2018, the annual stock option grant was changed to a one-time grant of 54,000 shares, with 13,500 shares vesting annually and a ten-year life.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Set forth below is information about the current executive officers of the Company as of April 26, 2018:

Name	Position	Age
Dr. Xiaochun (Chris) Xu, Ph.D, MBA	President, CEO and Chairman of the Board	46
Ms. Vivian Liu	COO; President of ThermoGenesis Corp. subsidiary	56
Mr. Jeff Cauble	Principal Accounting Officer	45

Table of Contents

Executive officers serve at the pleasure of our Board of Directors. To our management’s knowledge, there are neither any family relationships between any of our executive officers or key employees nor have any of our executive officers or key employees been involved in a legal proceeding that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 401 (f) of Regulation S-K of the Exchange Act.

Biographies

The biographies for Dr. Xu and Ms. Liu can be found under Proposal 1 – Election of Directors.

Mr. Jeff Cauble was appointed Principal Accounting and Financial Officer on March 10, 2017. Mr. Cauble has been employed with the Company since 2010 and has served as Accounting Manager, Assistant Controller and Director of Finance. Mr. Cauble has over 19 years of accounting experience in various financial and managerial roles for Diamond Foods Inc. (DMND) and E.&J. Gallo Winery. Mr. Cauble is a Certified Public Accountant in the state of California and graduated from University of Idaho with a BS in accounting and finance.

STOCK OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT OF CESCA THERAPEUTICS INC.

The Company has only one class of stock outstanding, common stock. The following table sets forth certain information as of April 23, 2018 with respect to the beneficial ownership of Company’s common stock for (i) each director and director nominee, (ii) each NEO herein, (iii) all of Company’s directors and officers as a group, and (iv) each person known to us to own beneficially five percent (5%) or more of the outstanding shares of Company’s common stock. As of April 23, 2018, there were 11,482,064 shares of common stock outstanding.

To the Company’s knowledge, except as indicated in the footnotes to this table or pursuant to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of common stock indicated.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership ⁽¹⁾	Percent of Class
Xiaochun (Chris) Xu, Ph.D, MBA	2,028,791 ⁽²⁾	15%

Vivian Liu	51,250 ⁽³⁾	*%
Russell Medford	9,410 ⁽⁴⁾	*%
Jeff Thomis, Ph.D.	9,920 ⁽⁵⁾	*%
Mark Westgate	7,306 ⁽⁶⁾	*%
James Xu	11,928 ⁽⁷⁾	*%
Jeff Cauble	11,749 ⁽⁸⁾	*%
Officers & Directors as a Group (7 persons)	2,130,354	15.7%
<u>5% Common Stockholders</u>		
Boyalife (Hong Kong) Limited	10,367,647 ⁽⁹⁾	69.1%
Boyalife Asset Holdings II, Inc.	1,976,291 ⁽¹⁰⁾	14.7%
* Less than 1%.		

“Beneficial Ownership” is defined pursuant to Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act, and generally means any person who directly or indirectly has or shares voting or investment power with respect to a security. A person shall be deemed to be the beneficial owner of a security if that person has the right to acquire beneficial ownership of the security within 60 days, including, but not limited to, any right to acquire the security through the exercise of any (1) option or warrant or through the conversion of a security. Any securities not outstanding that are subject to options or warrants shall be deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of outstanding securities of the class owned by that person, but shall not be deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of the class owned by any other person. Some of the information with respect to beneficial ownership has been furnished to us by each director or officer, as the case may be.

Table of Contents

- Dr. Xu's beneficial ownership represents (i) 52,500 shares issuable upon the exercise of options granted to him as CEO or a member of the Board of Directors, and (ii) 1,976,291 shares issuable upon the conversion of the Second Amended and Restated Convertible Promissory Note payable by the Company to Boyalife Asset Holding II, Inc.
- (2) Dr. Xu has sole voting and dispositive power over the shares held by Boyalife Asset Holding II, Inc. Dr. Xu's beneficial ownership as reflected in the above table does not include the 10,367,648 beneficial shares owned by Boyalife (Hong Kong) Limited. Dr. Xu's spouse, Ms. Yishu Li, is the sole stockholder of Boyalife (Hong Kong) Limited. Dr. Xu disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (3) Includes 25,000 common shares and 26,250 shares issuable upon the exercise of options.
- (4) Represents shares issuable upon the exercise of options.
- (5) Represents shares issuable upon the exercise of options.
- (6) Represents shares issuable upon the exercise of options.
- (7) Represents shares issuable upon the exercise of options.
- (8) Includes 8,103 common shares, 3,230 shares issuable upon the exercise of options and 416 shares of restricted stock that will vest by June 22, 2018.
Consists of 6,838,237 outstanding shares and 3,529,411 shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants. The business address of Boyalife (Hong Kong) Ltd. (Boyalife Hong Kong) is c/o Boyalife Group, Ltd. 800 Jiefang Road East, Wuxi City, China 214002. This information is based on a Form 4 filed with the SEC by Boyalife Hong Kong.
- (9) Ms. Yishu Li is the sole owner of and has sole management control of Boyalife Hong Kong, and accordingly Ms. Li has sole voting and dispositive power over the shares of Company common stock owned by Boyalife Hong Kong. Ms. Li is the spouse of Dr. Xu, our CEO and a director.
Consists of 1,976,291 common shares issuable upon the conversion of the Second Amended and Restated Convertible Promissory Note payable by the Company to Boyalife Asset Holding II, Inc. If Proposal 3 is approved by the stockholders, the number of shares issuable upon conversion of such note will increase. All of the shares held by Boyalife Asset Holding II, Inc. are held by Boyalife Group, Inc. As sole owner of Boyalife Group, Inc., and as sole officer and director of both Boyalife Asset Holding II, Inc. and Boyalife Group, Inc., Dr. Xu and Boyalife Group, Inc. have shared voting and dispositive power over the shares held by Boyalife Asset Holding II, Inc.
- (10)

Employment Agreements

Dr. Xiaochun (Chris) Xu. Dr. Xu has an employment agreement with the Company that provides that Dr. Xu is entitled to a base salary of \$460,000 per annum and that Dr. Xu will devote at least of a majority of his full working time and efforts to the affairs of the Company. Dr. Xu is eligible to receive a performance bonus equal to a percentage of his base salary based on performance against annual objectives at the discretion of the Board (STI award). The target percentage is 60%, but the actual percentage as determined by the Board may range from 0% to higher than 100% of his base salary. Either of Dr. Xu or the Company may terminate the employment agreement at any time and for any reason. In the event that Dr. Xu's employment is terminated by the Company without "Cause" or he resigns for "Good Reason" (each as defined in the employment agreement), he will be entitled to receive a sum equal to eighteen months of base salary in effect as of the termination date, a lump sum cash payment equal to one and a half times the most recently established and earned annual STI Award, all options to acquire Company common stock shall become vested as of the termination date, and the Company shall pay up to eighteen months of COBRA premiums. If Dr. Xu's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or he resigns for Good Reason, in each case, within three months prior to or eighteen months following certain changes in control of the Company, he will be entitled to receive

a lump sum cash payment equal to thirty-six months of the base salary in effect as of the termination date, a lump sum cash payment equal to three times the most recently established and earned annual STI Award, all options to acquire Company common stock shall become vested as of the termination date, and the Company shall pay up to twenty four months of COBRA premiums.

Ms. Vivian Liu. Ms. Liu has an employment agreement under which she serves as COO, and she receives a base salary of \$255,000 per annum, and has the potential to receive up to 50% of her salary in annual bonus. In the event that Ms. Liu's employment is terminated by the Company without "Cause" or she resigns for Good Reason (each as defined in her employment agreement), she will be entitled to receive nine months of base salary in effect as of the termination date and six months of accelerated vesting on all outstanding options to acquire the Company's common stock and restricted common stock awards. If Ms. Liu's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or she resigns for Good Reason, in each case, within three months prior to or one year following certain changes in control of the Company, she will be entitled to receive a lump-sum cash payment equal to twelve months of base salary in effect as of the termination date, a lump-sum cash payment equal to her most recently established annual short-term incentive target award, full acceleration of vesting on all outstanding options to acquire the Company's common stock and restricted common stock awards and 12 months of COBRA premiums.

Table of Contents

Mr. Jeff Cauble. The Company does not have an employment agreement with Mr. Cauble.

COMPENSATION OF NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the compensation paid to our Named Executive Officers (NEOs) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2017 and the six month Transition Period ended December 31, 2017:

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Option Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Comp (\$)	All Other Comp (\$)	Total (\$)
Chris Xu, Ph.D. ⁽⁷⁾ Chief Executive Officer (as of 11/3/16)	2017TP 2017	216,000 263,000	-- --	-- --	706,000 104,000	-- --	26,000 ⁽²⁾ --	948,000 367,000
Vivian Liu ⁽⁷⁾ Chief Operating Officer (as of 2/15/17)	2017TP 2017	128,000 86,000	-- --	-- 72,000	589,00 52,000	-- --	26,000 ⁽²⁾ --	743,000 210,000
Jeff Cauble Principal Financial & Accounting Officer (as of 3/10/17)	2017TP 2017 2016	80,000 143,000 ⁽⁴⁾ 126,000 ⁽⁵⁾	26,000 ⁽³⁾ 6,000 11,000	-- 46,000 6,000	-- 8,000 9,000	-- -- 11,000	-- -- (6) --	106,000 203,000 163,000

(1) The amounts reported are the aggregate grant date fair value of the awards computed in accordance with ASC 718.

(1) See Note 10 of notes to Financial Statements for the assumptions used in determining such amounts.

(2) Represents grant date calculated value of ThermoGenesis options awarded on December 29, 2017.

(3) Represents amounts earned under the Company's 2017 short-term incentive program.

(4) Includes payments through March 9, 2017 when Mr. Cauble was Director of Finance.

(5) Represents payments when Mr. Cauble was Director of Finance.

(6) Represents amounts earned under the Company's 2016 short-term incentive program. Mr. Cauble received 2,856 shares on July 7, 2016 and \$3,000 cash in September 2016 as payment.

(7) Dr. Xu and Ms. Liu were not employed by the Company during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

Table of Contents**Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End**

The following table provides information about outstanding option and stock awards held by the NEOs as of December 31, 2017. The grant date fair value of the awards granted during the six months ended December 31, 2017 and the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 is disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table.

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards			Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	
Chris Xu, Ph.D.	1,250	--	4.20	3/9/23				
	1,250	--	\$2.86	7/1/23				
	50,000	--	\$2.91	12/14/23				
	--	300,000 ⁽¹⁾	\$3.00	12/29/27				
	30,000 ⁽²⁾	--	\$1.50	12/29/27				
Vivian Liu	1,250	--	\$2.84	11/03/23				
	25,000	--	\$2.89	2/24/24				
	30,000 ⁽²⁾	250,000 ⁽³⁾	\$3.00	12/29/27				
Jeff Cauble	188	--	\$27.40	7/1/18				
	834	416 ⁽⁴⁾	\$12.60	9/10/22				

1,333 2,667⁽⁵⁾ \$2.86 7/7/23
416⁽⁶⁾ 1,000

(1) Vests in equal installments on December 31, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

(2) Represents ThermoGenesis options. Vests in equal installments on December 29, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

(3) Vests in equal installments on December 29, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

(4) Vests in equal installments on March 10, 2018 and September 10, 2018.

(5) Vests in equal installments on January 7, 2018, July 7, 2018, January 7, 2019 and July 7, 2019.

(6) Vests on May 5, 2018.

Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control

Dr. Xu and Ms. Liu have certain change of control rights under their employment agreements as described above. The Compensation Committee considers these rights, on a case by case basis, to provide Named Executive Officers with the ability to make appropriate, informed decisions on strategy and direction of the Company that may adversely impact their particular positions, but nevertheless are appropriate for the Company and its stockholders. Our Compensation Committee believes that the Company should provide reasonable severance benefits to certain of its executive officers, recognizing that it may be difficult for such officers to find comparable employment within a short period of time and that severance arrangements may be necessary to attract highly qualified officers in a competitive hiring environment.

Table of Contents

The following table describes the potential payments upon a hypothetical termination without cause, resignation for good reason or due to a change in control of the Company on December 31, 2017 for the NEOs. The actual amounts that may be paid upon an executive's termination of employment can only be determined at the actual time of such termination.

Termination Without Cause or Resignation for Good Reason

Name	Salary (\$)	Incentive Compensation	Estimated Value of Accelerated	Stock Options and Restricted Stock Awards ⁽¹⁾	Health Benefits (\$)	Total (\$)
Chris Xu, Ph.D.	690,000 ⁽²⁾	414,000 ⁽²⁾	--	--	36,000	1,140,000
Vivian Liu	191,000 ⁽³⁾	--	--	--	--	191,000
Jeff Cauble	--	--	--	--	--	--
<u>Termination Following a Change of Control</u>						
Chris Xu, Ph.D.	1,380,000 ⁽²⁾	828,000 ⁽²⁾	--	--	48,000	2,256,000
Vivian Liu	255,000 ⁽²⁾	43,000 ⁽²⁾	--	--	21,000	319,000
Jeff Cauble	--	--	--	--	--	--

For purposes of this calculation, we used the closing price of our common stock on December 31, 2017 which was (1)\$3.00. The estimated value of accelerated vesting for outstanding stock options is \$0 for all options in which the exercise price exceeded the closing price of our common stock as of December 31, 2017.

(2) Payable in a lump-sum payment.

(3) Payable in biweekly installments over nine months.

Table of Contents

PROPOSAL 2

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2016 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

We are proposing that our stockholders approve an amendment (the “Plan Amendment”) to our 2016 Equity Incentive Plan (as previously amended before the Plan Amendment, the “Plan”) in order to:

increase by 725,000 shares (to 1,325,000) the number of authorized shares of common stock available for issuance pursuant to awards under the Plan;

increase by 185,000 shares (to 400,000 shares) the aggregate maximum number of shares of common stock that a Plan participant may be granted under the Plan in any calendar year pursuant to stock options, stock appreciation rights, or share-denominated performance awards;

increase by 6,500 shares (to 20,000 shares) the aggregate maximum number of shares that may be granted under the Plan to any non-employee director of the Company in any calendar year, excluding awards under the Plan made in lieu of cash fees; and

increase to 1,325,000 shares the aggregate maximum number of shares of common stock that may be issued under the Plan as incentive stock options under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Our Board believes that the Plan is a vital component of our compensation programs, since it allows us the ability to compensate our employees, consultants and non-employee directors whose contributions are important to our success by offering them the opportunity to participate in our future performance, while at the same time providing an incentive to build long-term stockholder value. We operate in a competitive market and new hire grants are essential in helping us attract talented individuals. Likewise, annual grants are essential in helping us retain and motivate our most valuable employees. Both new hire grants and annual grants help keep employees’ interests aligned with the interests of our stockholders.

In view of the foregoing and for the reasons described below, on November 13, 2017, the Board approved the Plan Amendment, provided that the Plan Amendment is subject to approval by our stockholders and will be null and void if not approved by our stockholders prior to November 13, 2018. Therefore, our Board and management, recommend that stockholders approve the Plan Amendment. If our stockholders do not approve the Plan Amendment, the Plan will remain in effect but without the changes provided in the Plan Amendment, and stock options granted subsequent to the date of the approval of the Plan Amendment, to the extent in excess of the number of shares previously authorized for issuance under the Plan, will terminate and be deemed cancelled and void.

A copy of the Plan Amendment is attached to this Proxy Statement as Annex A-1.

Background of the Plan and Plan Amendment; Dilutive Impact

On May 5, 2017, our stockholders approved the Plan originally with 600,000 authorized shares. The purpose of the Plan is to promote our interests and our stockholders' interests by aiding us in attracting and retaining employees, officers, consultants, advisors and non-employee directors capable of assuring the future success of our Company, to offer such persons incentives to put forth maximum efforts for the success of our business, and to compensate such persons through various stock-based arrangements and provide them with opportunities for stock ownership in our Company, thereby aligning the interests of such persons with our stockholders.

Before giving effect to the Plan Amendment and awards granted under the Plan Amendment, as of March 31, 2018, there were 487,775 shares of common stock subject to outstanding awards under the Plan, with all such awards being in the form of stock options. Before giving effect to the Plan Amendment, 36,892 shares of our common stock remained available for grants under the Plan. The Board believes that this share reserve amount is insufficient to meet the future incentive needs of the Company and that the share reserve amount under the Plan should be increased to 1,325,000 shares in the aggregate.

Table of Contents

In addition, before giving effect to the Plan Amendment, the aggregate maximum number of shares of common stock that a Plan participant could be granted under the Plan in any calendar year pursuant to stock options, stock appreciation rights, or share-denominated performance awards was limited to 215,000 shares. This limitation (the “162(m) Sub-Limit”) was established for purposes of complying with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), which is described below. Also, before giving effect to the Plan Amendment, the aggregate annual limit on grants to non-employee directors was limited to 13,500 shares (the “Non-Employee Director Sub-Limit”). Finally, before giving effect to the Plan Amendment, the aggregate maximum number of shares of common stock that could be issued under the Plan as incentive stock options under Section 422 of the Code was limited to 1,000,000 shares (the “ISO Sub-Limit”), which was inadvertently in excess of the aggregate reserve under the Plan. The Board believes that, in view of changes in the value of the Company’s common stock since the date of original adoption of the Plan and changes in the number of shares outstanding, as well as other changes in the Company’s business strategy and operations, the foregoing sub-limits are insufficient to meet the future incentive needs of the Company and should be increased to provide the Board with sufficient flexibility to recruit and retain employees, and the ISO Sub-Limit should be modified to be equal to the total number of shares reserved for issuance under the Plan.

The Board firmly believes that the approval of the Plan Amendment to increase the share reserve under the Plan and to increase the 162(m) Sub-Limit, Non-Employee Director Sub-Limit, and ISO Sub-Limit is essential to build and grow our business. The Board believes that equity awards in meaningful amounts motivate high levels of performance, align the interests of our employees and stockholders by giving employees the perspective of an owner with an equity stake in the Company, and provide an effective means of recognizing employee contributions to the success of the Company. The Board believes that equity awards are a competitive necessity in the environment in which we operate and are essential to our continued success at recruiting and retaining the highly qualified technical and other key personnel who will help the Company meet its goals, as well as rewarding and encouraging current employees. The Board believes that the ability to continue to grant meaningful equity awards will be important to our future success. In setting the new amount of shares authorized under the Plan and the new sub-limits under the Plan (as set forth in the Plan Amendment), the Board considered, among other factors, the historical amounts of equity awards granted by the Company, the potential future grants over the next several years, and the recommendations by the Company’s CEO for other named executive officers.

Based solely on the closing price of our common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market on March 31, 2018, the maximum aggregate market value of the 725,000 additional shares that could potentially be issued under the Plan Amendment is approximately \$1.5 million. However, the dilutive impact to stockholders would be less than this amount if non-full value awards (such as options or stock appreciation rights) are granted under the Plan Amendment, and the Board expects that most awards granted under the Plan Amendment will, in fact, likely be non-full value awards. Such calculation assumes that all 725,000 additional shares were issued as options or other non-full value awards. Also, to reduce the dilutive impact of our equity award grants on our stockholders’ interests, we actively administer our equity grant program to make use of our resources as effectively as possible. Equity awards are generally limited to (1) those positions deemed critical to our future success, (2) individuals whose personal performance makes them highly valuable to us, and (3) essential new hires.

A summary of the material terms of the Plan, as amended by the Plan Amendment, is included below. The summary is entirely qualified by reference to the Plan as amended and restated to include the provisions of the Plan Amendment, which amendment and restatement is attached to this Proxy Statement as Annex A-2 (the “Amended Plan”). Stockholders are urged to carefully read the provisions of the Amended Plan.

Table of Contents

Summary of the Amended Plan

Administration

The Compensation Committee administers the Plan and has full power and authority to determine when and to whom awards will be granted, and the type, amount and other terms and conditions of each award, consistent with the provisions of the Plan. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Compensation Committee may amend the terms of, or accelerate the exercisability of, an outstanding award. The Compensation Committee has authority to interpret the Plan and establish rules and regulations for the administration of the Plan.

The Compensation Committee may delegate its powers under the Plan to one or more officers or directors, except that such delegated officers will not be permitted to grant awards to any officers or Affiliate who are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act or in a manner as would cause the Plan not to comply with Section 162(m) of the Code, applicable exchange rules or applicable corporate law.

Eligibility

Any employee, officer, non-employee director, consultant, independent contractor or advisor providing services to the Company or an affiliate, or any person to whom an offer of employment has been made, and who is selected by the Compensation Committee to participate, is eligible to receive an award under the Plan.

Shares Available for Awards

Currently, the aggregate number of shares that may be issued under all stock-based awards made under the Plan is 600,000 common shares. If the Plan Amendment is approved by the stockholders, 1,325,000 shares will be approved. In addition, for stock options and stock appreciation rights (SARs), the aggregate number of shares with respect to which such awards are exercised, rather than the number of shares actually issued upon exercise, will be counted against the number of shares available for awards under the Plan. If awards under the Plan expire or otherwise terminate without being exercised, the shares of common stock not acquired pursuant to such awards shall again become available for issuance under the Plan. However, under the following circumstances, shares will not again be available for issuance under the Plan: (i) shares unissued due to a “net exercise” of a stock option, (ii) any shares withheld or shares tendered to satisfy tax withholding obligations with respect to a stock option, restricted stock unit or SAR, (iii) shares covered by a SAR that is not settled in shares upon exercise and (iv) shares repurchased using stock option exercise proceeds. In addition, awards that do not entitle the recipient to receive or purchase shares shall

not be counted against the number of shares available for issuance under the Plan.

Certain awards under the Plan are subject to limitations. No person may be granted stock options, stock appreciation rights, or share-denominated performance awards under the Plan for more than 400,000 shares of our common stock in any calendar year (with this limit being 215,000 shares prior to the Plan Amendment). The maximum amount payable to a participant within any taxable year under all performance awards denominated in cash may not exceed \$6,000,000. Non-employee directors may not be granted awards in any calendar year of more than 20,000 shares (13,500 shares prior to the Plan Amendment).

The Compensation Committee will adjust (i) the number of shares available under the Plan, (ii) the number and type of shares subject to outstanding awards and (iii) the share limits described above in the case of a dividend (other than a regular cash dividend), recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-off, repurchase or exchange of shares, or other similar corporate transaction where such an adjustment is necessary to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits available under the Plan. Any adjustment determination made by the Compensation Committee or the Board shall be final, binding and conclusive.

Table of Contents

Type of Awards and Terms and Conditions

The Plan provides that the Compensation Committee may grant awards to eligible participants in any of the following forms, subject to such terms, conditions and provisions as the Compensation Committee may determine to be necessary or desirable:

stock options, including both incentive stock options (ISOs) and non-qualified stock options (together with ISOs, “options”);
stock appreciation rights;
restricted stock;
restricted stock units;
performance awards;
dividend equivalents; and
other stock-based awards.

Options and SARs

The holder of an option is entitled to purchase a number of shares of our common stock at a specified exercise price during a specified time period, all as determined by the Compensation Committee. The holder of a SAR is entitled to receive the excess of the fair market value (calculated as of the exercise date) of a specified number of shares of our common stock over the grant price of the SAR.

Exercise Price. The Compensation Committee has the discretion to determine the exercise price and other terms of options and SARs, except that the exercise price will in no event be less than 100% of the fair market value per share of our common stock underlying the award on the date of grant, unless such option or SAR is granted in substitution for an option or SAR previously granted by a merged or acquired entity. Without the approval of stockholders, we will not amend or replace previously granted options or SARs in a transaction that constitutes a “repricing” as discussed in the Plan.

Vesting. The Compensation Committee has the discretion to determine when and under what circumstances an option or SAR will vest.

Exercise. The Compensation Committee has the discretion to determine the method or methods by which an option or SAR may be exercised, which methods may include a net exercise. The Compensation Committee is not authorized under the Plan to accept a promissory note as consideration.

Expiration. Options and SARs will expire at such time as the Compensation Committee determines; provided, however, that no option or SAR may be exercised more than ten years from the date of grant, except that, in the case of an ISO held by a 10% stockholder, the option may not be exercised more than five years from the date of grant.

Special Limitations on ISOs. In the case of a grant of an option intended to qualify as an ISO, no such option may be granted to a participant who owns, at the time of the grant, stock representing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock or our subsidiaries unless the exercise price per share of our common stock subject to such ISO is at least 110% of the fair market value per share of our common stock on the date of grant, and such ISO award is not exercisable more than five years after its date of grant.

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units

The holder of restricted stock will own shares of our common stock subject to restrictions imposed by the Compensation Committee for a specified time period determined by the Compensation Committee. The holder of restricted stock units will have the right, subject to restrictions imposed by the Compensation Committee, to receive shares of our common stock at some future date determined by the Compensation Committee. The grant, issuance, retention, vesting and/or settlement of restricted stock and restricted stock units will occur at such times and in such installments as determined by the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee will have the right to make the timing of the grant and/or the issuance, ability to retain, vesting and/or settlement of restricted stock and restricted stock units subject to continued employment, passage of time and/or such performance conditions as are deemed appropriate by the Compensation Committee. Unless otherwise specified by the Compensation Committee, upon a participant ceasing to provide service as an employee or a non-employee director, all unvested shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units shall be forfeited and reacquired by us.

Table of Contents

Dividend Equivalents

The holder of a dividend equivalent will be entitled to receive payments (in cash, shares of our common stock, other securities or other property) equivalent to the amount of cash dividends paid by us to our stockholders, with respect to the number of shares determined by the Compensation Committee. Dividend equivalents will be subject to other terms and conditions determined by the Compensation Committee, but the Compensation Committee may not (i) grant dividend equivalents in connection with options or SARs or (ii) pay a dividend equivalent with respect to an award prior to the date on which all performance-based conditions or restrictions on such award have been satisfied, waived or lapsed.

Performance Awards

Option and SAR awards under the Plan qualify as “performance-based compensation” within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code (Section 162(m)). In addition, the Compensation Committee may grant performance awards denominated or payable in cash, shares (including restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards), other securities, other awards or other property under the Plan that are intended to qualify as “performance-based compensation” within the meaning of Section 162(m) (performance awards). A performance award will be conditioned solely upon the achievement of one or more objective performance goals established by the Compensation Committee in compliance with Section 162(m). The Compensation Committee must determine the length of the performance period, establish the performance goals for the performance period, and determine the amounts of the performance awards for each participant no later than 90 days after the beginning of each performance period according to the requirements of Section 162(m).

Performance goals must be based solely on one or more of the following, either individually, alternatively or in any combination, applied on a corporate, subsidiary, division, business unit or line of business basis: economic value added (EVA); sales or revenue; costs or expenses; net profit after tax; gross profit; income; cash flow; earnings; earnings per share (EPS); earnings per share from continuing operations; returns; margins; ratios; budget comparisons; unit volume; stock price; net working capital; value creation; market share; market capitalization; workforce satisfaction and diversity goals; employee retention; production metrics; development milestones for clinical therapies; development; implementation or completion of key projects; or strategic plan development and implementation. Such goals may reflect absolute results of individual performance or organizational performance at various levels. When establishing performance criteria, the Compensation Committee may allow the exclusion of charges related to an event or occurrence that the Compensation Committee determines should properly be excluded.

Under the Plan, following the close of each performance period, the Compensation Committee is required to certify that the applicable performance goals have been met prior to payment of any performance awards to participants.

Other Stock-Based Awards

The Compensation Committee is also authorized to grant other types of awards that are denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on or related to shares of our common stock, subject to terms and conditions determined by the Compensation Committee and the limitations in the Plan. No other stock-based awards shall contain a purchase right or option-like exercise feature.

Duration, Termination and Amendment

The Plan has a term of ten years expiring on July 7, 2026, unless terminated earlier by the Board. The Board may at any time and from time to time and in any respect amend or modify the Plan. The Board shall require the approval of the stockholders of any amendment or modification of the Plan that would: (i) be required under the rules or regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission or NASDAQ, (ii) increase the number of shares authorized under the Plan, (iii) increase the annual participant share limits or annual cash award limits, (iv) permit a repricing of options or SARs, (v) permit the award of options or SARs with an exercise price less than 100% of the fair market value of a share on the date of grant, or (vi) increase the maximum term of options or SARs. No amendment or modification of the Plan may be made that would adversely affect any outstanding award without the consent of the participant or the current holder of the award.

Table of Contents

Effect of Corporate Transaction

Awards under the Plan are generally subject to special provisions upon the occurrence of any reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, plan of arrangement, take-over bid or tender offer, repurchase or exchange of shares, or any other similar corporate transaction with respect to us. In the event of such a corporate transaction, the Compensation Committee or the Board may provide for one or more of the following to occur upon the occurrence of the event (or immediately prior to such event, provided the event is consummated):

termination of any award, whether vested or not, in exchange for an amount of cash and/or other property equal to the amount that would have been received upon exercise of the award or the realization of the participant's rights under the award. Awards may be terminated without payment if the Compensation Committee or Board determines that no amount is realizable under the award as of the time of the transaction;

replacement of any award with other rights or property selected by the Compensation Committee or the Board;

the assumption of any award by the successor entity (or its parent or subsidiary or the arrangement for substitution for similar awards covering the stock of such successor entity);

acceleration of the exercisability or vesting of any award, notwithstanding the language in the participant's award agreement; or

require that the award cannot vest, be exercised or become payable until after a future date, which may be the effective date of the corporate transaction.

Clawback or Recoupment

All awards under the Plan will be subject to forfeiture or other penalties pursuant to any clawback policy we may adopt or amend from time to time, as determined by the Compensation Committee or any applicable law, rule or regulation.

Income Tax Withholding

In order to comply with all applicable income tax laws and regulations, we may take appropriate action to ensure that all applicable taxes, which are the sole responsibility of the participant, are withheld or collected. The Compensation Committee may allow the participant to satisfy any tax obligation by (a) electing to have a portion of the shares withheld that otherwise would be delivered upon exercise, receipt or the lapse of restrictions with respect to the award, or (b) electing to deliver to us shares of the Company other than shares received pursuant to the award with a fair market value equal to the amount of the tax obligation.

Limited Transferability of Awards

Except as otherwise provided by the Compensation Committee, no award or other right or interest of a participant under the Plan (other than fully vested and unrestricted shares issued pursuant to an award) shall be transferable by a participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and no right or award may be pledged, alienated, attached or otherwise encumbered, and any purported pledge, alienation, attachment or encumbrance shall be void and unenforceable. If a transfer is allowed by the Compensation Committee (other than for fully vested and unrestricted shares), the transfer will be for no value and shall comply with the Form S-8 rules. The Compensation Committee may establish procedures to allow a named beneficiary to exercise the rights of the participant and receive any property distributable with respect to any award upon the participant's death.

Table of Contents

Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following is a summary of the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences generally applicable to awards under the Plan.

Grant of Options and SARs. The grant of a stock option (either an incentive stock option or a non-qualified stock option) or SAR is not expected to result in any taxable income for the recipient.

Exercise of Incentive Stock Options. Upon the exercise of an incentive stock option, no taxable income is realized by the optionee for purposes of regular federal income tax. However, the optionee may be required to recognize income for purposes of the alternative minimum tax (AMT). If stock is issued to the optionee pursuant to the exercise of an incentive stock option, and if no disqualifying disposition of such shares is made by such optionee within two years after the date of grant or within one year after the transfer of such shares to such optionee, then (1) upon the sale of such shares, any amount realized in excess of the option price will be taxed to such optionee as a long-term capital gain and any loss sustained will be a long-term capital loss, and (2) the Company will not be entitled to a deduction for federal income tax purposes.

If the stock acquired upon the exercise of an incentive stock option is disposed of prior to the expiration of either holding period described above, generally (1) the optionee will realize ordinary income in the year of disposition in an amount equal to the excess (if any) of the fair market value of such shares at exercise (or, if less, the amount realized on the disposition of such shares) over the option price paid for such shares, and (2) the Company will be entitled to deduct such amount for federal income tax purposes if the amount represents an ordinary and necessary business expense. Any further gain (or loss) realized by the optionee will be taxed as short-term or long-term capital gain (or loss), as the case may be, and will not result in any deduction by the Company.

Exercise of Non-Qualified Stock Options and SARs. Upon exercising a non-qualified stock option, the optionee must recognize ordinary income equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares of common stock acquired on the date of exercise over the exercise price, and the Company generally will be entitled at that time to an income tax deduction for the same amount. Upon exercising a SAR, the amount of any cash received and the fair market value on the exercise date of any shares of common stock received are taxable to the recipient as ordinary income and generally are deductible by the Company.

The tax consequence upon a disposition of shares acquired through the exercise of a non-qualified stock option or SAR will depend on how long the shares have been held. Generally, there will be no tax consequence to the Company in connection with the disposition of shares acquired under a non-qualified stock option or SAR.

Restricted Stock. Recipients of grants of restricted stock generally will be required to include as taxable ordinary income the fair market value of the restricted stock at the time it is no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture. However, an award holder who makes an 83(b) election within 30 days of the date of grant of the restricted stock will incur taxable ordinary income on the date of grant equal to the fair market value of such shares of restricted stock (determined without regard to forfeiture restrictions). With respect to the sale of shares after the forfeiture restrictions have expired, the holding period to determine whether the award recipient has long-term or short-term capital gain or loss generally begins when the restrictions expire, and the tax basis for such shares will generally be based on the fair market value of the shares on that date. However, if the award holder made an 83(b) election as described above, the holding period commences on the date of such election, and the tax basis will be equal to the fair market value of the shares on the date of the election (determined without regard to the forfeiture restrictions on the shares). Dividends, if any, that are paid or accrued while the restricted stock is subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture will also be taxed as ordinary income. The Company will be entitled to an income tax deduction equal to amounts the award holder includes in ordinary income at the time of such income inclusion.

Table of Contents

Restricted Stock Units, Performance Awards and Dividend Equivalents. Recipients of grants of restricted stock units, performance awards or dividend equivalents (collectively, “deferred awards”) will not incur any federal income tax liability at the time the deferred awards are granted. Deferred award holders will recognize ordinary income equal to (a) the amount of cash received under the terms of the deferred award or, as applicable, (b) the fair market value of the shares received (determined as of the date of receipt) under the terms of the deferred award. Dividend equivalents received with respect to any deferred award will also be taxed as ordinary income. Cash or shares to be received pursuant to a deferred award generally become payable when applicable forfeiture restrictions lapse; provided, however, that, if the terms of the deferred award so provide, payment may be delayed until a later date to the extent permitted under applicable tax laws. The Company will be entitled to an income tax deduction for any amounts included by the deferred award holder as ordinary income. For deferred awards that are payable in shares, the participant’s tax basis in the shares received pursuant thereto will be equal to the fair market value of the shares at the time the shares become payable. Upon the sale of the shares, appreciation (or depreciation) after the shares are paid is treated as either short-term or long-term capital gain (or loss) depending on how long the shares have been held.

Income Tax Deduction. Subject to the usual rules concerning reasonable compensation, including our obligation to withhold or otherwise collect certain income and payroll taxes, and assuming that, as expected, stock options, SARs and other performance awards paid under the Plan are “qualified performance-based compensation” within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code, our Company generally will be entitled to a corresponding income tax deduction at the time a participant recognizes ordinary income from awards made under the Plan. Section 162(m) of the Code generally limits to \$1,000,000 the amount that a publicly-held corporation is allowed each year to deduct for the compensation paid to each of the corporation’s chief executive officer and the corporation’s other three most highly compensated executive officers (excluding the chief financial officer). However, “qualified performance-based compensation” is not subject to the \$1,000,000 deduction limit. In general, to qualify as performance-based compensation, the following requirements need to be satisfied: (1) payments must be computed on the basis of an objective, performance-based compensation standard determined by a committee consisting solely of two or more “outside directors,” (2) the material terms under which the compensation is to be paid, including the business criteria upon which the performance goals are based, and a limit on the maximum bonus amount which may be paid to any participant pursuant to any performance period, must be approved by a majority of the corporation’s shareholders and (3) the committee must certify that the applicable performance goals were satisfied before payment of any performance-based compensation.

Delivery of Shares for Tax Obligation. Under the Plan, the Committee may permit participants receiving or exercising awards, subject to the discretion of the Committee and upon such terms and conditions as it may impose, to deliver shares of common stock (either shares received upon the receipt or exercise of the award or shares previously owned by the participant) to the Company to satisfy federal and state tax obligations.

Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. The Compensation Committee will administer and interpret the Plan and all award agreements in a manner consistent with the intent to satisfy the requirements of Section 409A of the Code to avoid any adverse tax results thereunder to a holder of an award. If any provision of the Plan or any award agreement would result in such adverse consequences, the Committee may amend that provision or take other necessary action to avoid any adverse tax results, and no such action will be deemed to impair or otherwise adversely affect the rights of any holder of an award under the Plan.

Special Rules for Executive Officers and Directors Subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act. Special rules may apply to individuals subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act. In particular, shares received through exercise or payout of a non-qualified option, an incentive stock option (for purposes of the AMT only), a SAR or a restricted stock unit, and any shares of restricted stock that vest, may be treated as restricted property for purposes of Section 83 of the Code if the recipient has had a non-exempt acquisition of shares of Company stock within the six months prior to the exercise, payout or vesting. Accordingly, the amount of any ordinary income recognized and the amount of the Company's income tax deduction will be determined as of the end of that period unless a special election is made by the recipient pursuant to Section 83(b) of the Code to recognize income as of the date the shares are received.

Table of Contents**New Plan Benefits**

The option grants described in the table below have been previously made with respect to the additional shares to be reserved for issuance under the Plan Amendment, provided that such options will not vest and will not be exercisable unless the Plan Amendment is approved by the Company's stockholders on or before November 13, 2018. If stockholder approval of the Plan Amendment does not occur prior to November 13, 2018, the below-described grants will automatically terminate and be deemed cancelled and void. The following table provides information with respect to the number of shares underlying awards granted to our executive officers and directors who are not executive officers, under the Plan following approval of the Plan Amendment.

Name and Position	Number of Stock Options
Chris Xu, CEO	300,000
Vivian Liu, COO	250,000
Executive Group	550,000 ⁽¹⁾
Non-Employee Director Group (4 persons)	80,000

⁽¹⁾ Although a portion of these shares were available prior to giving effect to the Plan Amendment, these shares will be null and void if the Plan is not approved.

Aside from the grants described in the table above, the number of shares that may be granted to our Chief Executive Officer, executive officers, non-employee directors, and non-executive officers under the Amended Plan in the future is not determinable at this time, as such grants are subject to the discretion of the Compensation Committee or the Board.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" APPROVAL OF THE PLAN AMENDMENT.

Table of Contents**EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS**

The following table provides information for all of the Company's equity compensation plans in effect as of December 31, 2017.

Plan Category	Number of securities	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options (b)	Number of securities remaining
	to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options and restricted stock (a)		available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	634,047	\$ 4.67	2,444
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders ⁽¹⁾	522,396	\$ 3.00	202,604
Total	1,156,443		205,048

⁽¹⁾ On November 13, 2017, the Board approved and adopted an amendment to the 2016 Equity Incentive Plan to increase the number of shares that may be issued by 725,000 shares. The amendment will be null and void if not approved by the Company's stockholders prior to November 13, 2018.

On December 29, 2017, the Board of Directors of ThermoGenesis Corp., a majority owned subsidiary of the Company (ThermoGenesis), adopted the ThermoGenesis Corp. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan (the "ThermoGenesis Plan") and on the same day granted options to purchase an aggregate of 280,000 shares of ThermoGenesis common stock to employees, directors, consultants, and advisors of ThermoGenesis. The ThermoGenesis Plan was unanimously approved by the ThermoGenesis stockholders (including the Company) on December 29, 2017. The ThermoGenesis Plan authorizes the issuance of up to 1,000,000 shares of ThermoGenesis common stock, all of which may be issued as incentive stock options under Section 422 of the Code. The ThermoGenesis Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the ThermoGenesis Board of Directors, except that if such a committee is not appointed, the plan will be administered by the ThermoGenesis Board of Directors.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

For the six months ended December 31, 2017 and the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, the following related party transactions are reportable under Item 404 of Regulation S-K.

Revolving Credit Agreement

On March 6, 2017, Cesca entered into a Revolving Credit Agreement with Boyalife Investment Fund II, Inc. (the “Lender”). The Lender was a wholly owned subsidiary of Boyalife Group Inc. and has since merged into Boyalife Asset Holding II, Inc., another subsidiary of Boyalife Group Inc. Boyalife Group Inc. is owned and controlled by the Company’s Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Credit Agreement granted to the Company the right to borrow up to \$5,000,000 (the “Loan”) at any time prior to March 6, 2022 (the “Maturity Date”).

On September 13, 2017, the Company entered into Amendment No. 1 to the Credit Agreement (the “Amended Credit Agreement”). The Amended Credit Agreement amended the Credit Agreement by increasing the Company’s maximum borrowing availability thereunder from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. In connection with such amendment, the Company and Lender entered into a First Amended and Restated Convertible Promissory Note (the “Note”) to reflect the new aggregate maximum principal amount of \$10,000,000. The Company has drawn down a total of \$6,700,000 under the Loan as of December 31, 2017.

Ta