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PULSE ELECTRONICS CORPORATION
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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Bel Fuse Inc., together with the other Participants named herein (collectively, “Bel”), is filing materials contained in this Schedule 14A with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) in connection with the solicitation of proxies for the election of its slate of director nominees at the 2011 annual meeting of shareholders (the “Annual Meeting”) of Pulse Electronics Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation. Bel has made a definitive filing with the SEC of a proxy statement and accompanying GOLD proxy card to be used to solicit votes for the election of its slate of director nominees at the Annual Meeting.

Item 1. Press Release of Bel Fuse Inc., dated May 3, 2011:

Bel Fuse Issues Shareholder Presentation and Mails Letter in Connection with Pulse Electronics' Upcoming Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Urges Shareholders to Vote the GOLD Proxy Card FOR the Election of Two Highly-Qualified, Independent Director Nominees

JERSEY CITY, N.J.-- Bel Fuse Inc. (NASDAQ:BELFA) and (NASDAQ:BELFB - News) today announced that it has issued a shareholder presentation and mailed a letter to the shareholders of Pulse Electronics Corporation (NYSE:PULS - News) in connection with Pulse's 2011 annual meeting of shareholders scheduled for May 18, 2011.

The full text of the letter follows:

VOTE YOUR GOLD PROXY CARD TODAY

May 3, 2011

Dear Pulse Electronics Shareholder:

**DO NOT BE MISLED ABOUT THE FACTS
DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY FROM THE PULSE BOARD
SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE THAT THE STATUS QUO IS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE**

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Listed below are a few important points you should consider when voting the GOLD proxy card.

FACTS ABOUT BEL'S OFFER TO PURCHASE PULSE

- In 2006, representatives from Bel and Pulse began discussing a framework for a potential business combination
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- √ Public Company Board Experience
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 - √ Mergers & Acquisitions Expertise
 - √ Independent Directors
 - √ Advocates for Shareholder Rights
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ABOUT BEL'S DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Timothy E. Brog (Age 47)

Education

JD Fordham University
School of Law

BA Tufts University

Relevant Experience

Chairman & CEO, Peerless Systems
(NASDAQ:PRLS - News)
Former Managing Director, Locksmith
Capital Management
Former Managing Director, E2
Investment Partners
Former President, Pembridge Capital
Management
Founder and Former Managing Director,
The Edwards Andrews Group
Director, Eco-Bat Technologies
Former Director, The Topps Company
Former Associate, Skadden, Arps, Slate,
Meagher & Flom

James Denny (Age 45)

Education

MBA Ohio State University
MA Economics University
of Colorado
BS Economics United
States Air Force Academy

Relevant Experience

Principal and Chief Investment Officer,
Arcadia Capital
Former Managing Partner,
Hamilton-Madison Group
Former President and CEO, Engyro
Corporation
Former Managing Partner,
Mitchell-Wright, LLC
Director, Agilysys, Inc.
(NASDAQ:AGYS - News)
Former Director and Chairman of Audit
Committee, NaviSite, Inc.
Former Director, I-Many, Inc.
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If you have any questions about Bel's nominees, or would like to speak with a representative from Bel to discuss this matter further, please contact Waheed Hassan from Alliance Advisors at whassan@allianceadvisorsllc.com or 877-777-5017 to coordinate a meeting.

Sincerely,

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ABOUT BEL FUSE INC.

Bel Fuse Inc. ("Bel") (www.belfuse.com) and its divisions are primarily engaged in the design, manufacture, and sale of products used in networking, telecommunications, high-speed data transmission, commercial aerospace, military, transportation, and consumer electronics. Products include magnetics (discrete components, power transformers and MagJack7 connectors with integrated magnetics), modules (DC-DC converters, integrated analog front-end modules and custom designs), circuit protection (miniature, micro and surface mount fuses) and interconnect devices (micro, circular and filtered D-Sub connectors, passive jacks, plugs and high-speed cable assemblies). Bel operates facilities around the world.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Except for historical information contained in this news release, the matters discussed in this press release are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements are: the market concerns facing our customers; the continuing viability of sectors that rely on our products; the effects of business and economic conditions; capacity and supply constraints or difficulties; product development, commercializing or technological difficulties; the regulatory and trade environment; risks associated with foreign currencies; uncertainties associated with legal proceedings; the market's acceptance of Bel's new products and competitive responses to those new products; and the risk factors detailed from time to time in Bel's Securities and Exchange Commission reports. In light of the risks and uncertainties, there can be no assurance that any forward-looking statement will in fact prove to be correct. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

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- Chairman & CEO, Peerless Systems (NASDAQ: PRLS)
- Former Managing Director, Locksmith Capital Management
- Former Managing Director, E2 Investment Partners
- Former President, Pembridge Capital Management
- Founder and Former Managing Director, The Edwards Andrews Group
- Director, Eco-Bat Technologies
- Former Director, The Topps Company
- Former Associate, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

James Denny (Age 45)

Education

- MBA Ohio State University
- MA Economics University of Colorado
- BS Economics United States Air Force Academy

Relevant Experience

- Principal and Chief Investment Officer, Arcadia Capital
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- Former President and CEO, Engyro Corporation
- Former Managing Partner, Mitchell-Wright, LLC
- Director, Agilysys, Inc. (NASDAQ: AGYS)
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