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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

The 2014 annual meeting of stockholders of Marathon Patent Group, Inc. (the “Company”) will be held at 11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 210, Los Angeles, CA 90025, on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, beginning at 2:00 P.M. local time. At the meeting, the holders of the Company’s outstanding common stock will act on the following matters:

- (1) The election of the five nominees named in the attached proxy statement as directors to be elected to the class and for the terms provided herein and until their successors have been elected and qualified;
- (2) The approval, on an advisory basis, of the 2013 compensation of the Company’s named executive officers;
- (3) The resolution, on an advisory basis, on the frequency of the stockholders’ say on pay proposal;
- (4) The ratification of the appointment of SingerLewak LLP as the Company’s independent registered certified public firm for fiscal 2014; and
- (5) The transaction of any other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Stockholders of record at the close of business on August 15, 2014 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting and any postponements or adjournments thereof.

It is hoped you will be able to attend the meeting, but in any event, please vote according to the instructions on the enclosed proxy as promptly as possible. If you are able to be present at the meeting, you may revoke your proxy and vote in person.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
/s/ Doug Croxall  
Doug Croxall  
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman

Dated: August 18, 2014

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ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
To Be Held September 16, 2014

PROXY STATEMENT

The Board of Directors of Marathon Patent Group, Inc. (the “Company”) is soliciting proxies from its stockholders to be used at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held at 11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 210, Los Angeles, CA 90025, on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, beginning at 2:00 P.M. local time, and at any postponements or adjournments thereof. This proxy statement contains information related to the annual meeting. This proxy statement and the accompanying form of proxy are first being sent to stockholders on or about August 18, 2014.

ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Why did I receive these materials?

Our Board of Directors is soliciting proxies for the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders. You are receiving a proxy statement because you owned shares of our common stock on August 15, 2014 (the “Record Date”) and that entitles you to vote at the meeting. By use of a proxy, you can vote whether or not you attend the meeting. This proxy statement describes the matters on which we would like you to vote and provides information on those matters so that you can make an informed decision.

What information is contained in this proxy statement?

The information in this proxy statement relates to the proposals to be voted on at the annual meeting, the voting process, our Board, the compensation of Directors and Executive Officers and other information that the Securities and Exchange Commission requires us to provide annually to our stockholders.

Who is entitled to vote at the meeting?

Holders of common stock as of the close of business on the Record Date will receive notice of, and be eligible to vote at, the annual meeting and at any adjournment or postponement of the annual meeting. At the close of business on the Record Date, we had outstanding and entitled to vote 5,745,409 shares of common stock.

How many votes do I have?

Each outstanding share of our common stock you owned as of the Record Date will be entitled to one vote for each matter considered at the meeting. There is no cumulative voting.

Who can attend the meeting?

Only persons with evidence of stock ownership as of the Record Date or who are invited guests of the Company may attend and be admitted to the annual meeting of the stockholders. Stockholders with evidence of stock ownership as of the record date may be accompanied by one guest. Photo identification may be required (a valid driver’s license, state identification or passport). If a stockholder’s shares are registered in the name of a broker, trust, bank or other nominee, the stockholder must bring a proxy or a letter from that broker, trust, bank or other nominee or their most recent

brokerage account statement that confirms that the stockholder was a beneficial owner of shares of stock of the Company as of the Record Date. Since seating is limited, admission to the meeting will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cameras (including cell phones with photographic capabilities), recording devices and other electronic devices will not be permitted at the meeting.

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### What constitutes a quorum?

The presence at the meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of one-third (33.33%) of the voting power of common stock issued and outstanding on the Record Date will constitute a quorum, permitting the conduct of business at the meeting. Proxies received but marked as abstentions or broker non-votes, if any, will be included in the calculation of the number of votes considered to be present at the meeting for purposes of a quorum.

### How do I vote?

If you are a holder of record (that is, your shares are registered in your own name with our transfer agent), you can vote either in person at the annual meeting or by proxy without attending the annual meeting. We urge you to vote by proxy even if you plan to attend the annual meeting so that we will know as soon as possible that enough votes will be present for us to hold the meeting.

Each stockholder receiving proxy materials by mail may vote by proxy by using the accompanying proxy card. When you return a proxy card that is properly signed and completed, the shares represented by your proxy will be voted as you specify on the proxy card.

If you hold your shares in "street name," you must either direct the bank, broker or other record holder of your shares as to how to vote your shares, or obtain a proxy from the bank, broker or other record holder to vote at the meeting. Please refer to the voter instruction cards used by your bank, broker or other record holder for specific instructions on methods of voting, including by telephone or by using the Internet.

Your shares will be voted as you indicate. If you return the proxy card but you do not indicate your voting preferences, then your shares will not be voted with respect to any proposal. The Board and management do not intend to present any matters at this time at the annual meeting other than those outlined in the notice of the annual meeting. Should any other matter requiring a vote of stockholders arise, stockholders returning the proxy card confer upon the individuals designated as proxy's discretionary authority to vote the shares represented by such proxy on any such other matter in accordance with their best judgment.

### Can I change my vote?

Yes. If you are a stockholder of record, you may revoke or change your vote at any time before the proxy is exercised by filing a notice of revocation with our Secretary or by mailing a proxy bearing a later date or by attending the annual meeting and voting in person. For shares you hold beneficially in "street name," you may change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your bank, broker, other record holder of your shares or other nominee or, if you have obtained a legal proxy from your bank, broker, other record holder of your shares or other nominee giving you the right to vote your shares, by attending the meeting and voting in person. In either case, the powers of the proxy holders will be suspended if you attend the meeting in person and so request, although attendance at the meeting will not by itself revoke a previously granted proxy.

### Who is soliciting this proxy?

We are soliciting this proxy on behalf of our Board of Directors and will pay all expenses associated with this solicitation. In addition to mailing these proxy materials, certain of our officers and other employees may, without compensation other than their regular compensation, solicit proxies through further mailing or personal conversations, or by telephone, facsimile or other electronic means. We will also, upon request, reimburse brokers and other persons holding stock in their names, or in the names of nominees, for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for forwarding

proxy materials to the beneficial owners of our stock and to obtain proxies.

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Will stockholders be asked to vote on any other matters?

To the knowledge of the Company and its management, stockholders will vote only on the matters described in this proxy statement. However, if any other matters properly come before the meeting, the persons named as proxies for stockholders will vote on those matters in the manner they consider appropriate.

What vote is required to approve each item?

The five nominees receiving the highest vote totals of the eligible shares of our common stock will be elected as our directors. The approval of the advisory resolution on executive compensation, the advisory resolution on the frequency of the stockholders' say-on-pay proposal and the ratification of the appointment of SingerLewak LLP ("SingerLewak") require the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes present, in person or by proxy, and entitled to vote at the meeting.

How are votes counted?

With regard to the election of directors, votes may be cast in favor or withheld and votes that are withheld will be excluded entirely from the vote and will have no effect. You may not cumulate your votes for the election of directors.

For the other proposals, you may vote "FOR," "AGAINST" or "ABSTAIN." Abstentions are considered to be present and entitled to vote at the meeting and, therefore, will have the effect of a vote against each of the proposals.

If you hold your shares in "street name," the Company has supplied copies of its proxy materials for its 2014 annual meeting of stockholders to the broker, bank or other nominee holding your shares of record and they have the responsibility to send these proxy materials to you. Your broker, bank or other nominee that have not received voting instructions from their clients may not vote on any proposal other than the appointment of SingerLewak. These so-called "broker non-votes" will be included in the calculation of the number of votes considered to be present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum, but will not be considered in determining the number of votes necessary for approval of any of the proposals and will have no effect on the outcome of any of the proposals other than the approval of the amendment to our articles of incorporation to provide for a classified board of directors. Your broker, bank or other nominee is permitted to vote your shares on the appointment of SingerLewak as our independent auditor without receiving voting instructions from you.

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

You may receive more than one 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 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 proxy card. Please vote your shares applicable to each proxy card and voting instruction card that you receive.

How can I find out the Results of the Voting at the Annual Meeting?

Preliminary voting results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Final voting results will be published in a Current Report on Form 8-K, which we will file within four business days of the meeting.

Do I Have Dissenters' Rights of Appraisal?

Under the Nevada Revised Statutes and our charter documents, holders of our common stock will not be entitled to statutory rights of appraisal, commonly referred to as dissenters' rights or appraisal rights (i.e., the right to seek a judicial determination of the "fair value" of their shares and to compel the purchase of their shares for cash in that amount) with respect to the proposals contained herein.

What Interest Do Officers and Directors Have in Matters to Be Acted Upon?

No person who has been a director or executive officer of the Company at any time since the beginning of our fiscal year, and no associate of any of the foregoing persons, has any substantial interest, direct or indirect, in any matter to be acted upon, other than Proposal 1, the election to our board of the five nominees set forth herein and Proposals 2 and 3, to the extent such proposals are on a non-binding advisory basis.

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## PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of our common stock as of July 30, 2014: (i) by each of our directors, (ii) by each of the Named Executive Officers, (iii) by all of our executive officers and directors as a group, and (iv) by each person or entity known by us to beneficially own more than five percent (5%) of any class of our outstanding shares. The percentage ownership of each beneficial owner is calculated after giving effect to the Reverse Split. As of July 30, 2014, there were 5,721,370 shares of our common stock outstanding, after giving effect to the Reverse Split.

## Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership (1)

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Common Stock	Preferred	Options	Warrants	Total	Percentage of Common Stock (%)
<b>Officers and Directors</b>						
Doug Croxall (Chairman and CEO)	307,692		278,830(3)	0	586,522	9.78%
John Stetson (EVP, Secretary and Director)	180,824(4)	30,769	12,820(5)	10,893(6)	235,306	4.07%
Francis Knuettel II (CFO)	0		16,111(17)	0	16,111	*
James Crawford (COO)	0		24,030(7)	0	24,030	*
Stuart Smith (Director)	105,770	5,000	0	25,289(8)	136,059	2.37%
William Rosellini (Director)	0		9,764(10)	0	9,764	*
Edward Kovalik (Director)	0		4,998(21)	0	4,998	*
All Directors and Executive Officers ( seven persons )	594,286	35,769	346,554	36,182	1,012,791	16.05%
<b>Persons owning more than 5% of voting securities</b>						
Erich and Audrey Spangenberg (19)	813,462(12)	0	0	24,039	837,501	14.58%
Jeff Feinberg	116,102	270,366	0	185,096(11)	571,564	9.99%
Barry Honig	393,156(15)	102,482	0	75,926(16)	571,564	9.99%

\* Less than 1%

(1) Amounts set forth in the table and footnotes gives effect to the Reverse Split that we effectuated on July 18, 2013. In determining beneficial ownership of our common stock as of a given date, the number of shares shown includes shares of common stock which may be acquired on exercise of warrants or options or conversion of convertible securities within 60 days of that date. In determining the percent of common stock owned by a person or entity on July 30, 2014, (a) the numerator is the number of shares of the class beneficially owned by such person or entity, including shares which may be acquired within 60 days on exercise of warrants or options and conversion of convertible securities, and (b) the denominator is the sum of (i) the total shares of common stock outstanding on July 30, 2014 (5,721,370), and (ii) the total number of shares that the beneficial owner may acquire upon conversion of the preferred and on exercise of the warrants and options, subject to limitations on conversion and exercise as more fully described in note 10 below. Unless otherwise stated, each beneficial owner has sole power to vote and dispose of its shares.

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(2) Held by LVL Patent Group LLC, over which Mr. Croxall holds voting and dispositive power.

(3) Represents (i) options to purchase 141,020 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.50 per share, (ii) options to purchase 96,150 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$5.265 per share and (iii) options to purchase 41,660 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$5.93 per share and excludes (i) options to purchase 12,826 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.50 per share, (ii) options to purchase 57,696 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$5.265 per share and (iii) options to purchase 58,340 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$5.93 per share that are not exercisable within 60 days of July 30, 2014.

(4) Represents 121,786 shares held by Mr. Stetson individually, 5,769 shares held by HS Contrarian Investments LLC and 53,269 shares held by Stetson Capital Investments, Inc. Mr. Stetson is the President of Stetson Capital Investments, Inc. and the manager of HS Contrarian Investments LLC and in such capacities is deemed to have voting and dispositive power over shares held by such entities.

(5) Represents options to purchase 12,820 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.50 per share and excludes options to purchase 25,642 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.50 per share that do not vest and are not exercisable within 60 days of July 30, 2014.

(6) Represents (i) a warrant to purchase 3,201 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$7.80 per share and (ii) a warrant to purchase 7,692 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$7.50 per share.

(7) Represents options to purchase 24,030 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$4.94 per share and excludes options to purchase 14,432 shares of common stock that do not vest and are not exercisable within 60 days of July 30, 2014.

(8) Represents (i) a warrant to purchase 14,423 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.50 per share and (ii) a warrant to purchase 5,769 shares of common stock held by Stetson Capital Investments, Inc. and (iii) a warrant to purchase 1,923 shares of common stock held by Stetson Capital Investments, Inc. Retirement Plan. John Stetson is the President of Stetson Capital Investments, Inc. and the trustee of Stetson Capital Investments, Inc. Retirement Plan and is deemed to hold voting and dispositive power of the shares held by such entities.

(9) Represents 5,000 shares of common stock underlying Series A Preferred Stock.

(10) Represents (i) options to purchase 2,564 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.50 per share and (ii) options to purchase 7,200 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$5.265 per share and excludes (i) options to purchase 5,128 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.50 per share and (ii) options to purchase 4,338 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$5.265 per share that do not vest and are not exercisable within 60 days of July 30, 2014.

(11) Represents (i) 50% of a warrant to purchase 216,346 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.50 per share held by The Feinberg Family Trust and (ii) a warrant to purchase 76,923 shares of common stock held by Jeffrey. Jeffrey Feinberg is one of two trustees of The Feinberg Family Trust and holds shared voting and dispositive power over shares held by The Feinberg Family Trust with his wife. Jeffrey Feinberg disclaims beneficial ownership as to 50% of such amount held by The Feinberg Family Trust due to pending divorce.

(12) Includes (i) 153,846 shares of Common Stock owned directly by Erich Spangenberg, (ii) 150,000 shares of Common Stock held directly by TT IP, LLC, of which Erich Spangenberg is the beneficial owner; (iii) 48,077 shares of Common Stock held directly by IPNav Capital, LLC ("IPNav Capital"), of which Erich Spangenberg is the beneficial owner; and (iv) 461,539 shares directly owned by TechDev, of which Audrey Spangenberg is the beneficial owner.



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(13) Excludes (i) 195,500 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock held directly by TechDev, of which Audrey Spangenberg is the beneficial owner, and (ii) 195,500 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock held directly by Granicus, of which Erich Spangenberg is the beneficial owner, because pursuant to the terms of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, the holders cannot convert any of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock if such holders would beneficially own, after any such conversion, more than 9.99% of the outstanding shares of common stock (the "9.99% Blocker"). The number of shares and percentage set forth in the table give effect to the 9.99% Blocker.

(14) Represents 232,204 shares of common stock held by The Feinberg Family Trust. Jeffrey Feinberg is one of two trustees of the Trust and holds shared voting and dispositive power over shares held by the Trust with his wife. Jeffrey Feinberg disclaims beneficial ownership as to 50% of such amount due to pending divorce. Excludes 100,000 shares of common stock, 50% of which shall vest on November 18, 2014 and the remaining 50% of which shall vest on November 18, 2015.

(15) Represents 90,527 shares of common stock directly, 39,700 shares of common stock held by GRQ Consultants, Inc. ("GRQ"), 92,515 shares of common stock held by GRQ Consultants, Inc. 401k Plan ("GRQ 401k Plan"), 57,408 shares of common stock held by GRQ Consultants, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan ("GRQ Defined Plan"), 102,217 shares of common stock held by GRQ Consultants, Inc. Roth 401k Plan ("GRQ Roth 401k Plan") and 10,789 shares of common stock held by Barry and Renee Honig Charitable Foundation, Inc. ("Honig Foundation"). Mr. Honig is the President of GRQ and the Honig Foundation and the trustee of GRQ 401k Plan, GRQ Defined Plan and GRQ Roth 401k Plan and is deemed to hold voting and dispositive power over shares held by such entities.

(16) Represents 9,616 shares of common stock underlying warrants with an exercise price of \$6.50 per share held directly, 14,423 shares of common stock underlying warrants with an exercise price of \$6.50 per share and 31,731 shares of common stock underlying warrants with an exercise price of \$7.50 per share held by GRQ 401k Plan, 11,502 shares of common stock underlying warrants with an exercise price of \$7.80 per share, held by GRQ Roth 401k Plan, 962 shares of common stock underlying warrants with an exercise price of \$7.50 per share held by GRQ and 7,692 shares of common stock underlying warrants with an exercise price of \$7.50 per share.

(17) Represents options to purchase 16,111 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$8.33 per share and excludes options to purchase 128,889 shares of common stock that do not vest and are not exercisable within 60 days of July 30, 2014.

(18) Represents 24,039 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of a warrant held by IPNav Capital, of which Erich Spangenberg is the beneficial owner.

(19) Erich Spangenberg is the sole member of TT IP, LLC. Accordingly, Erich Spangenberg may be deemed to beneficially own all of the shares that are owned by TT IP, LLC. IP Navigation Group, LLC is the sole member of IPNav Capital. Erich Spangenberg is the managing member and owner of 90% of the membership interests in IP Navigation Group, LLC. Accordingly, Erich Spangenberg may be deemed to beneficially own all of the shares that are owned by IPNav Capital. Acclaim Financial Group, LLC ("AFG") is the sole member of TechDev. Accordingly, AFG may be deemed to beneficially own all of the shares of Common Stock that are owned by TechDev. Audrey Spangenberg is the sole managing member of AFG, and accordingly may be deemed to beneficially own all of the shares that are owned by TechDev. Erich Spangenberg owns 99% of the membership interests of Granicus. Accordingly, Erich Spangenberg may be deemed to beneficially own all of the shares that are owned by Granicus.

Erich Spangenberg, the spouse of Audrey Spangenberg, may be deemed to beneficially own all of the shares of Common Stock that are owned by Audrey Spangenberg and Audrey Spangenberg may be deemed to beneficially own

all of the shares of Common Stock that are owned by Erich Spangenberg.

(20) Represents (i) 23,077 shares of common stock underlying shares of Series A Preferred Stock held by Stetson Capital Investments, Inc. and (ii) 7,692 shares of common stock underlying Series A Preferred Stock held by Stetson Capital Investments, Inc. Retirement Plan. John Stetson is the President of Stetson Capital Investments, Inc. and the trustee of Stetson Capital Investments, Inc. Retirement Plan and is deemed to hold voting and dispositive power of the shares held by such entities.

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(21) Represents options to purchase 4,998 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.59 per share and excludes options to purchase 5,002 shares of common stock that do not vest and are not exercisable within 60 days of July 30, 2014.

(22) Represents 307,692 shares of common stock underlying Series A Preferred Stock of which 37,326 shares of common stock underlying Series A Preferred Stock are excluded due to a 9.99% blocker that limits conversion in excess of 9.99% of our issued and outstanding common stock.

(23) Excludes options to purchase 100,000 shares of common stock that do not vest and are not exercisable within 60 days of July 30, 2014.

(24) Represents 3,846 shares of common stock underlying Series A Preferred Stock held by GRQ, 126,923 shares of common stock underlying Series A Preferred Stock held by GRQ 401K and 30,769 shares of common stock underlying Series A Preferred Stock held by Honig Foundation of which 59,056 shares of common stock underlying Series A Preferred Stock are excluded due to a 9.99% blocker that limits conversion in excess of 9.99% of our issued and outstanding common stock.

**SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), requires our executive officers and directors and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission initial statements of beneficial ownership, reports of changes in ownership and annual reports concerning their ownership of the our common stock and other equity securities, on Form 3, 4 and 5 respectively. Executive officers, directors and greater than 10% shareholders are required by the Securities and Exchange Commission regulations to furnish our company with copies of all Section 16(a) reports they file.

Based solely on our review of the copies of such reports received by us, and on written representations by our officers and directors regarding their compliance with the applicable reporting requirements under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, we believe that, with respect to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, our officers and directors, and all of the persons known to us to own more than 10% of our common stock, filed all required reports on a timely basis, except as follows:

- Erich Spangenberg is late in filing a Form 4 to report 1 transaction,
- James Crawford is late in filing a Form 3 and a Form 4 to report 1 transaction,
- Craig Nard is late in filing a Form 4 to report 1 transaction, and
- Stuart Smith is late in filing a Form 3.

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PROPOSAL NO. 1  
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

General

The number of authorized directors as of the date of this proxy statement is five (5). All of the nominees have indicated to the Company that they will be available to continue to serve as directors. If any nominee named herein for election as a director should for any reason become unavailable to serve prior to the annual meeting, the Board may, prior to the annual meeting, (i) reduce the size of the Board to eliminate the position for which that person was nominated, (ii) nominate a new candidate in place of such person or (iii) leave the position vacant to be filled at a later time. The Board of Directors has nominated the following persons to serve in each of the following classes of directors: (i) John Stetson and Edward Kovalik for election as Class I directors, and, if elected, their initial term will expire at the 2015 annual meeting of stockholders; (ii) Stuart Smith and William Rosellini for election as Class II directors, and, if elected, their initial term will expire at the 2016 annual meeting of stockholders; and (iii) Doug Croxall for election as a Class III director, and, if elected, his initial term will expire at the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders.

Directors elected at the 2014 annual meeting will hold office until their respective successors are elected and qualified, or until their earlier death, resignation or removal. All of the nominees are currently directors of the Company. The experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led to the conclusion that the persons should serve as a director of our Company are described below in each director nominee's biography.

Director Nominees:

Doug Croxall - Chief Executive Officer and Chairman

Mr. Croxall, 45, has served as the Chief Executive Officer and Founder of LVL Patent Group LLC, a privately owned patent licensing company since 2009. From 2003 to 2008, Mr. Croxall served as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of FirePond, a software company that licensed configuration pricing and quotation software to Fortune 1000 companies. Mr. Croxall earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Purdue University in 1991 and a Master of Business Administration from Pepperdine University in 1995. Mr. Croxall was chosen as a director of the Company based on his knowledge of and relationships in the patent acquisition and monetization business.

John Stetson - Executive Vice President, Secretary and Director

Mr. Stetson, 29, has been Executive Vice President since December 2013. Prior to that time, Mr. Stetson was the Chief Financial Officer and Secretary of the Company since June 2012. Mr. Stetson has been the Managing Member of HS Contrarian Investments LLC since 2011 and the President of Stetson Capital Investments, Inc. since 2010. Mr. Stetson was an Investment Analyst from 2008 to 2009 for Heritage Investment Group and worked in the division of Corporate Finance of Toll Brothers from 2007 to 2008. The Board believes his knowledge of business makes him a valuable member of the Board.

Stuart Smith - Director

Stuart H. Smith, 52, is a practicing plaintiff attorney licensed in Louisiana. He is a founding partner of the New Orleans-based law firm SmithStag, LLC. Smith has practiced law for nearly 25 years, litigating against oil companies and other energy-related corporations for damages associated with radioactive oilfield waste, referred to within the oil and gas industry as technologically enhanced radioactive material (TERM). In 2001, Smith was lead counsel in an

oilfield radiation case that resulted in a verdict of \$1.056 billion against ExxonMobil. Smith has been interviewed and his cases have been covered by a variety of media outlets, including CNN's Andersen Cooper 360, BBC World News, Fox News, The New York Times, The Washington Post, USA Today, Lawyers Weekly USA, The Times-Picayune, The Baton Rouge Advocate, The Hill, The Associated Press, Bloomberg, National Public Radio, Radio America, and Washington Post Radio. Mr. Smith was chosen to be a member of our Board of Directors based on knowledge of complex litigation.

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Edward Kovalik - Director

Edward Kovalik, 39, is the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner of KLR Group, which he co-founded in the spring of 2012. KLR Group is an investment bank specializing in the Energy sector. Ed manages the firm and focuses on structuring customized financing solutions for the firm's clients. He has over 16 years of experience in the financial services industry. Prior to founding KLR, Ed was Head of Capital Markets at Rodman & Renshaw, and headed Rodman's Energy Investment Banking team. Prior to Rodman, from 1999 to 2002, Ed was a Vice President at Ladenburg Thalmann & Co, where he focused on private placement transactions for public companies. Ed serves as a director on the board of River Bend Oil and Gas.

William Rosellini - Director

William Rosellini, 33, is Founder and Chairman of Microtransponder Inc. and Rosellini Scientific, LLC. Mr. Rosellini previously served as the founding CEO of Microtransponder from 2006 to 2012 and Lexington Technology Group in 2012. During his tenures as CEO he has raised nearly \$30M in venture funding and \$10M in NIH grants. Mr. Rosellini has been named a MTBC Tech Titan and a GSEA Entrepreneur of the Year and has testified to Congress on the importance of non-dilutive funding for inventors and researchers. Mr. Rosellini holds a BA in economics from the University of Dallas, a JD from Hofstra Law, an MBA and MS of Accounting from the University of Texas, a MS of Computational Biology from Rutgers, a MS of Regulatory Science from USC and a MS of Neuroscience from University of Texas. Previously, Mr. Rosellini was a right-handed pitcher who played in Arizona Diamondbacks system. The Board has determined that Mr. Rosellini's medical technology expertise and industry knowledge and experience will make him a valuable member of the Board.

Our Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the Director nominees listed above.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Board Composition

Directors currently hold are elected to the class and for the terms as provided in Proposal No. 1 or until the earlier of their death, resignation, removal or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. There are no family relationships among our Directors. Our bylaws provide that the number of members of our Board of Directors may be changed from time to time by resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors and/or the stockholders. Our Board of Directors currently consists of five members.

Directorships

Except as otherwise reported above, none of our directors held directorships in other reporting companies and registered investment companies at any time during the past five years.

Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings

During the past ten years, none of our officers, directors, promoters or control persons have been involved in any legal proceedings as described in Item 401(f) of Regulation S-K.

Board Leadership Structure

Our Board does not have a policy on whether the same person should serve as both the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board or, if the roles are separate, whether the Chairman should be selected from the non-employee directors or should be an employee. Our Board believes that it should have the flexibility to periodically determine the leadership structure that it believes is best for the Company. The Board believes that its current leadership structure, with Mr. Croxall serving as both Chief Executive Officer and Board Chairman, is appropriate given the efficiencies of having the Chief Executive Officer also serve in the role of Chairman.

Board Role in Risk Oversight

Risk is inherent with every business and we face a number of risks. Management is responsible for the day-to-day management of risks we face, while our Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing our management and operations, including overseeing its risk assessment and risk management functions.

Number of Meetings of the Board of Directors and Committees

The Board held 5 meetings during 2013, the Audit Committee held 1 meeting. The Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee were not established until 2014. Directors are expected to attend Board and Committee meetings and to spend time needed to meet as frequently as necessary to properly discharge their responsibilities. Each active director attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board during 2013, except for Edward Kovalik, who was elected in 2014.

Attendance at Annual Meetings of the Stockholders

The Company has no policy requiring Directors and Director Nominees to attend its annual meeting of stockholders; however, all Directors and Director Nominees are encouraged to attend.

Director Independence

Mr. Stuart Smith, Mr. Edward Kovalik, and Mr. William Rosellini are determined to be “independent” Directors under the applicable definition of the listing standards of the NASDAQ Capital Market (“NASDAQ”).

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### Stockholder Communications

Stockholders may send communications to the Company's directors as a group or individually, by writing to those individuals or the group: c/o the Chief Executive Officer c/o Marathon Patent Group, Inc., 11100 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 380, Los Angeles, CA 90025. The Chief Executive Officer will review all correspondence received and will forward all correspondence that is relevant to the duties and responsibilities of the Board or the business of the Company to the intended director(s). Examples of inappropriate communication include business solicitations, advertising and communication that is frivolous in nature, relates to routine business matters (such as product inquiries, complaints or suggestions), or raises grievances that are personal to the person submitting the communication. Upon request, any director may review communication that is not forwarded to the directors pursuant to this policy.

### Committees of the Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors has established three standing committees: an audit committee, a nominating and corporate governance committee and a compensation committee, which are described below. Members of these committees are elected annually at the regular board meeting held in conjunction with the annual stockholders' meeting. The charter of each committee is available on our website at [www.marathonpg.com](http://www.marathonpg.com).

#### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee members are Mr. Stuart Smith, Mr. Edward Kovalik and Dr. William Rosellini. The Committee has authority to review our financial records, deal with our independent auditors, recommend to the Board policies with respect to financial reporting, and investigate all aspects of our business. All three members of the Audit Committee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kovalik and Mr. Rosellini, currently satisfy the independence requirements and other established criteria of NASDAQ.

The Audit Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at <http://www.marathonpg.com/>. The Audit Committee has sole authority for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of our independent registered public accounting firm, and responsibility for reviewing and discussing with management and our independent registered public accounting firm our audited consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, our interim financial statements and our earnings press releases. The Audit Committee also reviews the independence and quality control procedures of our independent registered public accounting firm, reviews management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal controls, discusses with management the Company's policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management and will review the adequacy of the Audit Committee charter on an annual basis.

The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Rosellini meet the requirements of an audit committee financial expert as defined in the SEC rules.

#### Nominating and Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee members are Stuart Smith, William Rosellini and Edward Kovalik. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has the following responsibilities: (a) setting qualification standards for director nominees; (b) identifying, considering and nominating candidates for membership on the Board; (c) developing, recommending and evaluating corporate governance standards and a code of business conduct and ethics applicable to the Company; (d) implementing and overseeing a process for evaluating the Board, Board committees (including the Committee) and overseeing the Board's evaluation of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company; (e) making recommendations regarding the structure and composition of the Board

and Board committees; (f) advising the Board on corporate governance matters and any related matters required by the federal securities laws; and (g) assisting the Board in identifying individuals qualified to become Board members; recommending to the Board the director nominees for the next annual meeting of shareholders; and recommending to the Board director nominees to fill vacancies on the Board.



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The Nominating and Governance Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at <http://www.marathonpg.com/>. The Nominating and Governance Committee determines the qualifications, qualities, skills, and other expertise required to be a director and to develop, and recommend to the Board for its approval, criteria to be considered in selecting nominees for director (the "Director Criteria"); identifies and screens individuals qualified to become members of the Board, consistent with the Director Criteria. The Nominating and Governance Committee considers any director candidates recommended by the Company's stockholders pursuant to the procedures described in the Company's proxy statement, and any nominations of director candidates validly made by stockholders in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations and the provisions of the Company's charter documents. The Nominating and Governance Committee makes recommendations to the Board regarding the selection and approval of the nominees for director to be submitted to a stockholder vote at the annual meeting of stockholders, subject to approval by the Board.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee oversees our executive compensation and recommends various incentives for key employees to encourage and reward increased corporate financial performance, productivity and innovation. Its members are Mr. Stuart Smith, Mr. Edward Kovalik and Mr. William Rosellini. All three members of the Compensation Committee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kovalik and Mr. Rosellini, currently satisfy the independence requirements and other established criteria of NASDAQ.

The Compensation Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at <http://www.marathonpg.com/>. The Compensation Committee is responsible for: (a) assisting our Board in fulfilling its fiduciary duties with respect to the oversight of the Company's compensation plans, policies and programs, including assessing our overall compensation structure, reviewing all executive compensation programs, incentive compensation plans and equity-based plans, and determining executive compensation; and (b) reviewing the adequacy of the Compensation Committee charter on an annual basis. The Compensation Committee, among other things, reviews and approves the Company's goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, evaluate the Chief Executive Officer's performance with respect to such goals, and set the Chief Executive Officer's compensation level based on such evaluation. The Compensation Committee also considers the Chief Executive Officer's recommendations with respect to other executive officers and evaluates the Company's performance both in terms of current achievements and significant initiatives with long-term implications. It assesses the contributions of individual executives and recommend to the Board levels of salary and incentive compensation payable to executive officers of the Company; compares compensation levels with those of other leading companies in similar or related industries; reviews financial, human resources and succession planning within the Company; recommend to the Board the establishment and administration of incentive compensation plans and programs and employee benefit plans and programs; recommends to the Board the payment of additional year-end contributions by the Company under certain of its retirement plans; grants stock incentives to key employees of the Company and administer the Company's stock incentive plans; and reviews and recommends for Board approval compensation packages for new corporate officers and termination packages for corporate officers as requested by management.

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## Director Compensation

The following summary compensation table sets forth information concerning compensation for services rendered in all capacities during 2013 and 2012 awarded to, earned by or paid to our directors. The value attributable to any Warrant Awards reflects the grant date fair values of stock awards calculated in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718. As described further in Note 6 – Stockholders’ Equity (Deficit) – Common Stock Warrants to our consolidated year-end financial statements, a discussion of the assumptions made in the valuation of these warrant awards.

Name	Fees earned or paid in cash (\$)	Stock awards (\$)	Warrant awards (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$)	Nonqualified deferred compensation earnings (\$)	All other compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
<b>Stuart Smith</b>							
2013	-	101,250	-	-	-	-	101,250
2012	-	-	124,725	-	-	-	124,725
<b>Craig Nard (1)</b>							
2013	-	-	-	-	-	62,863	62,863
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>William Rosellini</b>							
2013	-	-	-	-	-	62,863	62,863
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>David Rector (2)</b>							
2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2012	-	-	124,725	-	-	-	124,725
<b>Joshua Bleak (3)</b>							
2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2012	-	-	349,230	-	-	-	349,230

(1) Craig Nard resigned from his position as Director on April 14, 2014.

(2) David Rector resigned from his position as Director on March 8, 2013.

(3) Joshua Bleak resigned from his position as Director on March 8, 2013.

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Certain information regarding our Executive Officers is provided below:

Name and Address	Age	Date First Elected or Appointed	Position(s)
Doug Croxall	45	November 14, 2012	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman
Francis Knuettel II	48	May 15, 2014	Chief Financial Officer
John Stetson	29	June 26, 2012	Executive Vice President, Secretary and Director
James Crawford	39	March 1, 2013	Chief Operating Officer

For information with respect to Doug Croxall and John Stetson, please see the information about the members of our Board of Directors on the preceding pages. There are no family relationships among our Directors or Executive Officers. For James Crawford and Francis Knuettel II, please see the following:

## James Crawford - Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Crawford, 39, was a founding member of Kino Interactive, LLC, and of AudioEye, Inc. Mr. Crawford's experience as an entrepreneur spans the entire life cycle of companies from start-up capital to compliance officer and director of reporting public companies. Prior to his involvement as Chief Operating Officer of Marathon, Mr. Crawford served as a director and officer of Augme Technologies, Inc. beginning March 2006, and assisted the company in maneuvering through the initial challenges of acquisitions executed by the company through 2011 that established the company as a leading mobile marketing company in the United States. Mr. Crawford is experienced in public company finance and compliance functions. He has extensive experience in the area of intellectual property creation, management and licensing. Mr. Crawford also served on the board of directors Modavox® and Augme Technologies, and as founder and managing member of Kino Digital, Kino Communications, and Kino Interactive.

## Francis Knuettel II - Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Knuettel, 48, has served as the Company's Chief Financial Officer since May 2014. From 2013 through his appointment as CFO of Marathon Patent Group, Mr. Knuettel was Managing Director and CFO for Greyhound IP LLC, an investor in patent litigation expenses for patents enforced by small firms and individual inventors. Since 2007, Mr. Knuettel has been the Managing Member of Camden Capital LLC, which is focused on the monetization of patents Mr. Knuettel acquired in 2007. From 2007 through 2013, Mr. Knuettel served as the Chief Financial Officer of IP Commerce, Inc. IP Commerce is the creator of an open commerce network, delivering on-demand access to the next generation of commerce services in the payments industry. From 2005 through 2007, Mr. Knuettel served as the CFO of InfoSearch Media, Inc., a publicly traded company, at which he managed the acquisition of numerous private companies, multiple PIPE transactions and the filing of numerous registration statements. Prior to InfoSearch, from 2000 through 2004, Mr. Knuettel was at Internet Machines Corporation, a fables semiconductor company located in Los Angeles, where he served on the Board of Directors and held several positions, including Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. At Internet Machines, Mr. Knuettel raised almost \$90 million in equity and debt and managed the sale of the business in 2004. During 1999, he was Chief Financial and Operating Officer for Viking Systems, Inc., a Boston-based producer of enterprise software systems for non-profit fundraising institutions. From 1996 through 1999, he was Director of Finance and then Vice President of Operations and Chief Financial Officer for Fightertown Entertainment, Inc. in Irvine, California. Mr. Knuettel was a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Audit Committee for Firepond, Inc., a publicly traded producer of CPQ software systems. Mr. Knuettel received his BA with honors in Economics from Tufts University and holds an MBA in Finance and Entrepreneurial Management from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.



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## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

## Summary Compensation Table

The following summary compensation table sets forth information concerning compensation for services rendered in all capacities during 2013 and 2012 awarded to, earned by or paid to our executive officers. The value attributable to any Option Awards and Stock Awards reflects the grant date fair values of stock awards calculated in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718. As described further in Note 6 – Stockholders' Equity (Deficit) – Common Stock Option to our consolidated year-end financial statements, a discussion of the assumptions made in the valuation of these option awards and stock awards.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus Awards (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Other Incentive Compensation (\$)	Non-Equity Plan Compensation (\$)	Nonqualified Deferred Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Doug Croxall CEO and Chairman	2013	363,333	350,000	-	902,692	-	-	-	1,616,025
	2012	40,385	-	-	968,600	-	-	-	1,008,985
Francis Knuettel II CFO	2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richard Raisig Former CFO (1)	2013	19,791	-	-	511,036	-	-	-	530,827
	2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Crawford COO	2013	221,408	-	-	366,677	-	-	-	588,085
	2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Stetson (2) Executive Vice President, Secretary and Former CFO	2013	79,583	-	405,000	284,750(5)	-	-	-	769,333
	2012	8,654	-	33,287	-	-	-	-	41,941
Nathaniel Bradley (3) Former CTO	2013	148,125	-	-	517,200	-	-	-	665,325
	2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mark Groussman (4) Former CEO	2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2012	44,384	-	-	-(6)	-	-	-	44,384

(1) Richard Raisig resigned from his position as our Chief Financial Officer on April 25, 2014.

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(2) John Stetson was appointed as President, Chief Operating Officer and a director on June 26, 2012. On November 14, 2012, John Stetson resigned as the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer and was re-appointed as the Chief Financial Officer and Secretary on January 28, 2013. Mr. Stetson ceased to serve as Chief Financial Officer, effective December 3, 2013 and we appointed Mr. Richard Raisig as our Chief Financial Officer, effective December 3, 2013. Mr. Stetson served as our Interim Chief Financial Officer from April 25, 2014 until May 15, 2014, when we appointed Francis Knuettel II to serve as our Chief Financial Officer.

(3) Nathaniel Bradley served as the Company's Chief Technology Officer and President of IP Services from March 1, 2013 to June 19, 2013.

(4) Mark Groussman was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company on June 11, 2012 and resigned as the Company's Chief Executive Officer on November 14, 2012.

(5) John Stetson was awarded a ten-year option award to purchase an aggregate of 115,385 shares of the Company's common stock (after giving effect to the Reverse Split) with an exercise price of \$6.50 per share and was cancelled on November 14, 2012 upon resignation.

(6) Mark Groussman was awarded a ten-year option award to purchase an aggregate of 115,385 shares of the Company's common stock (after giving effect to the Reverse Split) with an exercise price of \$6.50 per share and was cancelled on November 14, 2012 upon resignation.

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## Outstanding Equity Awards at 2013 Fiscal Year-End

On August 1, 2012, our board of directors and stockholders adopted the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, pursuant to which 769,231 shares of our common stock are reserved for issuance as awards to employees, directors, consultants, advisors and other service providers, after giving effect to the Reverse Split.

Name	Option awards					Stock awards				
	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#) exercisable	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#) unexercisable	Equity incentive plan awards: Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Equity incentive plan awards: Number of securities underlying unexercised options (\$)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Number of shares or units of stock that have not vested (#)	Market value of shares of units of stock that have not vested (\$)	Equity incentive plan awards: Number of unearned shares, units or other rights that have not vested (#)	Equity incentive plan awards: Market or payout value of unearned shares, units or other rights that have not vested (\$)
Doug Croxall	83,333	70,513	-	6.50		11/14/22	-	-	-	-
Doug Croxall	38,462	115,385	-	5.27		06/11/18	-	-	-	-
Doug Croxall	4,167	95,833	-	5.93		11/18/23	-	-	-	-
Richard Raisig	-	115,000	-	5.70		12/03/23	-	-	-	-
John Stetson	-	38,462	-	6.50		01/28/23	-	-	-	-

(1) On November 14, 2012, Mr. Croxall received an option to purchase an aggregate of 153,846 shares of Common Stock at \$6.50 per share, after giving effect to the Reverse Split. The option shall become exercisable during the term of Mr. Croxall's employment in twenty-four (24) equal monthly installments on each monthly anniversary of the date of the Mr. Croxall's employment.

## Agreements with Executive Officers

On November 14, 2012, we entered into an employment agreement with Doug Croxall (the "Croxall Employment Agreement"), whereby Mr. Croxall agreed to serve as our Chief Executive Officer for a period of two years, subject to renewal, in consideration for an annual salary of \$350,000 and an Indemnification Agreement. Additionally, under the terms of the Croxall Employment Agreement, Mr. Croxall shall be eligible for an annual bonus if we meet certain criteria, as established by the Board of Directors, subject to standard "claw-back rights" in the event of any restatement of any prior period earnings or other results as from which any annual bonus shall have been determined. As further consideration for his services, Mr. Croxall received a ten year option award to purchase an aggregate of One Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Six (153,846) shares of our common stock with an exercise price of



\$6.50 per share, after giving effect to the Reverse Split, which shall vest in twenty-four (24) equal monthly installments on each monthly anniversary of the date of the Croxall Employment Agreement. On November 18, 2013, we entered into Amendment No. 1 to the Croxall Employment Agreement (“Amendment”). Pursuant to the Amendment, the term of the Croxall Agreement shall be extended to November 14, 2017 and (ii) Mr. Croxall’s annual base salary shall be increased to \$480,000, subject to a 3% increase every year, commencing on November 14, 2014.

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On January 28, 2013, we entered into an employment agreement with John Stetson, our Chief Financial Officer and Secretary (the “Stetson Employment Agreement”) whereby Mr. Stetson agreed to serve as our Chief Financial Officer for a period of one year, subject to renewal, in consideration for an annual salary of \$75,000. Additionally, Mr. Stetson shall be eligible for an annual bonus if we meet certain criteria, as established by the Board of Directors, subject to standard “claw-back rights” in the event of any restatement of any prior period earnings or other results as from which any annual bonus shall have been determined. As further consideration for his services, Mr. Stetson received a ten year option award to purchase an aggregate of Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Two (38,462) shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$6.50 per share, after giving effect to the Reverse Split, which shall vest in three (3) equal annual installments on the beginning on the first annual anniversary of the date of the Stetson Employment Agreement, provided Mr. Stetson is still employed by us. In the event of Mr. Stetson’s termination prior to the expiration of his employment term under his employment agreement, unless he is terminated for Cause (as defined in the Stetson Employment Agreement), or in the event Mr. Stetson resigns without Good Reason (as defined in the Stetson Employment Agreement), we shall pay to him a lump sum in an amount equal to the sum of his (i) base salary for the prior 12 months plus (ii) his annual bonus amount during the prior 12 months.

On March 1, 2013, Mr. James Crawford was appointed as our Chief Operating Officer. Pursuant to the Employment Agreement with Mr. Crawford dated March 1, 2013 (“Crawford Employment Agreement”), Mr. Crawford shall serve as our Chief Operating Officer for two (2) years. The Crawford Employment Agreement shall be automatically renewed for successive one (1) year periods thereafter. Mr. Crawford shall be entitled to a base salary at an annual rate of \$185,000, with such upward adjustments as shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion. Mr. Crawford shall also be entitled to an annual bonus if we meet or exceed criteria adopted by the Compensation Committee of the Board for earning bonuses. Mr. Crawford shall be awarded five (5) year stock options to purchase an aggregate of five hundred thousand (500,000) shares of our common stock, with a strike price based on the closing price of our common stock on March 1, 2013, vesting in twenty-four (24) equal installments on each monthly anniversary of March 1, 2013, provided Mr. Crawford is still employed by us on each such date.

On March 1, 2013, Mr. Nathaniel Bradley was appointed as our Chief Technology Officer and President of IP Services. Pursuant to the Employment Agreement between the Company and Mr. Bradley dated March 1, 2013 (“Bradley Employment Agreement”), Mr. Bradley shall serve as the Company’s Chief Technology Officer and President of IP Services for two (2) years. The Bradley Employment Agreement shall be automatically renewed for successive one (1) year periods thereafter. Mr. Bradley shall be entitled to a base salary at an annual rate of \$195,000, with such upward adjustments as shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion. Mr. Bradley shall also be entitled to an annual bonus if the Company meets or exceeds criteria adopted by the Compensation Committee of the Board for earning bonuses. Mr. Bradley shall be awarded five (5) year stock options to purchase an aggregate of one million (1,000,000) shares of the Company’s common stock, with a strike price based on the closing price of the Company’s common stock on March 1, 2013, vesting in twenty-four (24) equal installments on each monthly anniversary of March 1, 2013, provided Mr. Bradley is still employed by the Company on each such date. On June 19, 2013, our Board accepted resignation of Mr. Nathaniel Bradley from his position of Chief Technology Officer and President of IP Services. In connection with his resignation, Mr. Bradley entered into a Separation and Release Agreement with the Company (“Separation and Release Agreement”), pursuant to which, Mr. Bradley is entitled to a severance payment of \$16,250 and 125,000 options previously granted to him under his employment agreement, which - vested but were subsequently forfeited. Pursuant to the Separation and Release Agreement, Mr. Bradley also agreed to provide periodic consultation to the Company as requested at an agreed upon hourly rate of \$75.00.

On November 18, 2013, we entered into a 2-year Executive Employment Agreement with Richard Raisig (“Raisig Agreement”), pursuant to which Mr. Raisig shall serve as our Chief Financial Officer, effective December 3, 2013. Pursuant to the terms of the Raisig Agreement, Mr. Raisig shall receive a base salary at an annual rate of \$250,000.00 and an annual bonus up to 100% of Mr. Raisig’s base salary as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board. As further consideration for Mr. Raisig’s services, we agreed to issue Mr. Raisig ten (10) year stock options to

purchase an aggregate of 115,000 shares of common stock, with a strike price of \$5.70 per share, vesting in twenty-four (24) equal installments on each monthly anniversary of the date of the Raisig Agreement, provided Mr. Raisig is still employed by us on each such date. On April 25, 2014, Mr. Richard Raisig resigned from his position as Chief Financial Officer of the Company.

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On May 15, 2014, we entered into a 3-year Executive Employment Agreement with Francis Knuettel II (the “Knuettel Agreement”), pursuant to which Mr. Knuettel will serve as the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, effective May 15, 2014. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, Mr. Knuettel shall receive a base salary at an annual rate of \$250,000.00 and an annual bonus up to 75% of Mr. Knuettel’s base salary as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board. As further consideration for Mr. Knuettel’s services, the Company agreed to issue Mr. Knuettel ten (10) year stock options to purchase an aggregate of 145,000 shares of Common stock, with a strike price of \$8.33 per share, vesting in thirty-six (36) equal installments on each monthly anniversary of the date of the Agreement, provided Mr. Knuettel is still employed by the Company on each such date.

Equity Incentive Plan

On August 1, 2012, our board of directors and stockholders adopted the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, pursuant to which 769,231 shares of our common stock are reserved for issuance as awards to employees, directors, consultants, advisors and other service providers, after giving effect to the Reverse Split.

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CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

Between February 2010 and March 2010, Christopher Clitheroe, our former Secretary and a Director, loaned us an aggregate of \$1,375 for operating expenses. Between April 2011 and September 2011, Mr. Clitheroe loaned us an aggregate of \$9,675 for operating expenses. These loans were non-interest bearing and were due on demand. On December 13, 2011, Mr. Clitheroe agreed to waive these loans.

In November 2011, we issued a promissory note for \$53,500 to an affiliated company owned by the officers of American Strategic Minerals Corporation (“Amicor”). The note was payable in full without interest on or before January 15, 2012. In December 2011, we issued a promissory note for \$99,474 to an affiliated company owned by the officers of Amicor. The note was payable in full without interest on or before January 15, 2012. Such note was issued in connection with the execution of a lease assignment agreement between us and the affiliated company for certain mineral rights located in San Juan County, Utah. On January 30, 2012, we paid both promissory notes above for a total of \$152,974. The affiliated company agreed not to charge us a late penalty fee upon satisfaction of the notes.

On January 26, 2012, we entered into a 1 year consulting agreement with GRQ Consultants, Inc., pursuant to which such consultant will provide certain services to us in consideration for which we sold to the consultant warrants to purchase an aggregate of 134,615 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$6.50. Barry Honig is the owner of GRQ Consultants, Inc. GRQ Consultants, Inc. 401(k), which is also owned by Mr. Honig, purchased an aggregate of \$500,000 of shares of Common stock in the our private placement. In addition, we entered into an Option Agreement with Pershing and Mr. Honig is a member of Pershing’s board of directors. Additionally, we entered into consulting agreement with Melechdavid Inc. in consideration for which we sold to Melechdavid Inc. warrants to purchase an aggregate of 134,615 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$6.50 per share. Our former Chief Executive Officer is the President of Melechdavid Inc.

On January 26, 2012, we entered into an option agreement with Pershing pursuant to which we purchased the option to acquire certain uranium properties in consideration for (i) a \$1,000,000 promissory note payable in installments upon satisfaction of certain conditions, expiring six months following issuance and (ii) 769,231 shares of our common stock. Pursuant to the terms of the note, upon the closing of a private placement in which we receive gross proceeds of at least \$5,000,000, we shall repay \$500,000 under the note. Additionally, upon the closing of a private placement in which we receive gross proceeds of at least an additional \$1,000,000, we shall pay the outstanding balance under the note. The note does not bear interest. On January 26, 2012, in conjunction with a private placement, we paid Pershing \$500,000 under the terms of the note. Pershing may have been deemed to be our initial promoter. Additionally, Barry Honig was, until February 9, 2012, the Chairman of Pershing and had been a shareholder of Continental Resources Group, Inc., the then- controlling shareholder of Pershing, since 2009. Mr. Honig remains a director of Pershing. Mr. Honig is also the sole owner, officer and director of GRQ Consultants, Inc. David Rector, a then- member of our board of directors, was the President and a director of Pershing at the time of the transaction and Joshua Bleak, our former director, was the Chief Executive Officer of Continental. Mr. Rector resigned as the President of Pershing on March 6, 2012 and on such date was appointed as the Treasurer and Vice President of Administration and Finance of Pershing. In November 2012, David Rector resigned from Pershing as Treasurer, Vice President of Administration and Finance and member of the board of directors.

Additionally, we entered into consulting agreement with Melechdavid Inc. in consideration for which we issued to Melechdavid Inc. warrants to purchase an aggregate of 134,615 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$6.50 per share. Our then-Chief Executive Officer, Mark Groussman, is the President of Melechdavid Inc.

On January 26, 2012, we issued a ten-year warrant to purchase an aggregate of 13,077 shares of common stock with an exercise price of \$6.50 per share to Daniel Bleak, an outside consultant to us, which vests in three equal annual

installments with the first installment vesting one year from the date of issuance. Daniel Bleak is the father of Joshua Bleak, a former member of our board of directors. Additionally, in August 2012, we paid Daniel Bleak \$50,000 for research and business advisory services rendered pursuant to a Professional Service Agreement executed on August 1, 2012.

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On January 26, 2012, we issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 207,692 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.50 per share to Joshua Bleak, David Rector, Stuart Smith and George Glasier, our then- directors.

On March 19, 2012, we entered into an agreement with California Gold Corp., pursuant to which we agreed to provide California Gold Corp. with a geological review on or prior to March 30, 2012, of certain uranium properties in consideration for \$125,000. David Rector, our former director, is a member of California Gold Corp.'s board of directors.

Our former principal place of business was located in a building owned by Silver Hawk Ltd., a Colorado corporation. George Glasier, our former Chief Executive Officer, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Silver Hawk Ltd. We leased our office space on a month to month basis at a monthly rate of \$850 pursuant to a lease effective January 1, 2012. Under the terms of a Rescission Agreement dated June 11, 2012, our lease for such office space was terminated.

On June 11, 2012, we exercised the option we purchased from Pershing through the assignment of Pershing's wholly owned subsidiary, Continental Resources Acquisition Sub, Inc., a Florida corporation, which is the owner of 100% of the issued and outstanding common stock of each of Green Energy Fields, Inc., a Nevada corporation (which is the owner of 100% of the issued and outstanding common stock of CPX Uranium, Inc.) and ND Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation. Additionally, ND Energy, Inc. and Green Energy Fields, Inc. hold a majority of the outstanding membership interests of Secure Energy LLC. Through our acquisition of the above entities, we acquired certain uranium properties and claims.

Between June 2012 and July 2012, we loaned \$147,708 to an affiliated company in exchange for a secured promissory note. The note bore 6% interest per annum and shall become due and payable on or before June 29, 2013. This note was secured by a real estate property owned by the affiliated company. In November 2012, we collected a total of \$218,218 from the affiliated company and such payment was applied towards the principal amount of \$147,708 and interest of \$70,510. We recognized interest income of \$70,510 during the year ended December 31, 2012 and are included in the loss from discontinued operations as this transaction relates to our real estate business. Barry Honig, the President of the affiliated company, is one of our shareholders.

In August 2012, we issued 23,305 shares of common stock in connection with the exercise of 46,154 stock warrants on a cashless basis. The warrant holder was Melechdavid, Inc. who purchased 46,154 warrants from a third party in June 2012. Our former Chief Executive Officer is the President of Melechdavid, Inc. Additionally, in November 2012, we received a notice from the former Chief Executive Officer that the former Chief Executive Officer had violated Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act as a result of certain purchases and sales of shares of our common stock made by the former Chief Executive Officer within a period of less than six months that generated short-swing profits under Section 16(b). In December 2012, the former Chief Executive Officer made a \$50,000 payment to us in disgorgement of the short-swing profits.

On November 14, 2012, we entered into a share exchange agreement with Sampo and the members of Sampo. Upon closing of the transaction contemplated under the share exchange agreement, on November 14, 2012, the Sampo Members (six members) transferred all of the issued and outstanding membership interests of Sampo to us in exchange for an aggregate of 711,538 shares of our common stock. Such exchange caused Sampo to become our wholly-owned subsidiary. LVL Patent Group LLC, of which Mr. Croxall is the Chief Executive Officer, and John Stetson were former members of Sampo and received 307,692 and 38,462 shares of our common stock, respectively, in connection with the share exchange.

On May 13, 2013, we entered into a six year advisory services agreement (the "Advisory Services Agreement") with IP Nav, of which Erich Spangenberg is Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Spangenberg is an affiliate of the Company. The

terms of the Advisory Services Agreement provides that, in consideration for its services as intellectual property licensing agent, the Company will pay to IP Nav between 10% and 20% of the gross proceeds of certain licensing campaigns in which IP Nav acts as intellectual property licensing agent.



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On May 31, 2013, Barry Honig, a beneficial owner of more than 5% of our common stock at the time, purchased an aggregate of \$100,000 of shares of common stock and warrants in our private placement.

On August 2, 2013, GRQ Consultants Inc. 401K funded a subscription of \$150,000 of shares of common stock and warrants in our private placement, which was assigned to it by another investor. Barry Honig is the trustee of GRQ Consultants Inc. 401K and was a beneficial owner of more than 5% of our common stock at the time of the transaction.

On November 11, 2013, we entered into a consulting agreement with Kairix Analytics, Ltd., an Ohio limited liability company (“Kairix”), pursuant to which we granted options to acquire 300,000 shares of common stock to Kairix in exchange for services. The options shall vest 33%, 33% and 34% on each annual anniversary of the date of the issuance. Craig Nard, a member of our board of directors, is a principal of Kairix. We terminated the consulting agreement with Kairix on June 18, 2014, with an effective date of July 19, 2014, which among other things, terminated Kairix’s option to purchase shares under the consulting agreement.

On November 14, 2012, upon the closing of the Sampo Share Exchange, LVL Patent Group LLC, in which Mr. Croxall, our Chief Executive Officer, was also the Chief Executive Officer of LVL Patent Group LLC, and John Stetson, were former members of Sampo, received 307,692 and 38,461 shares of the Company’s common stock, respectively, in connection with the Sampo Share Exchange.

On November 18, 2013, we entered into Amendment No. 1 to the Executive Employment Agreement with our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Doug Croxall, pursuant to which Mr. Croxall’s base salary was raised to \$480,000, subject to a 3% increase every year commencing on November 14, 2013. We also granted Mr. Croxall a bonus of \$350,000 and ten year stock options to purchase an aggregate of 100,000 shares of our common stock, with a strike price of \$5.93 per share (representing the closing price on the date of grant), vesting in twenty-four (24) equal installments on each monthly anniversary of the date of grant.

On November 18, 2013, we entered into a consulting agreement with Jeff Feinberg (“Feinberg Agreement”), pursuant to which we agreed to grant Mr. Feinberg 100,000 shares of our restricted common stock; 50% of which shall vest on the one-year anniversary of the Feinberg Agreement and the remaining 50% of which shall vest on the second year anniversary of the Feinberg Agreement. Mr. Feinberg is one of two trustees of The Feinberg Family Trust and with his wife, holds shared voting and dispositive power over shares held by The Feinberg Family Trust, which beneficially owns more than 10% our common stock.

On May 2, 2014, we entered into an opportunity agreement (the “Marathon Opportunity Agreement”) with Erich Spangenberg, whom is an affiliate of the Company. The terms of the Marathon Opportunity Agreement provide that we have ten business days after receiving notice from Mr. Spangenberg to provide up to 50% of the funding for certain opportunities relating to the licensing, intellectual property acquisitions and/or intellectual property enforcement actions in which Mr. Spangenberg, IP Nav or any entity controlled by Mr. Spangenberg, other than: (i) IP Nav or any of its affiliates, and (ii) Medtech Development, LLC or any of its affiliates.

Review, Approval or Ratification of Transactions with Related Persons

We have not adopted written policies and procedures specifically for related person transactions. Our Board of Directors is responsible for approving all related party transactions. The independent directors that are on our Board of Directors are responsible to approve all related party transactions that involve Mr. Croxall, if any.



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PROPOSAL NO. 2  
ADVISORY RESOLUTION ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

We are asking stockholders to approve an advisory resolution on the Company's 2013 executive compensation as reported in this proxy statement. As described in this proxy statement, our compensation policies and determinations, including those made for fiscal year 2013, have been the product of discussions between our entire Board. Our recently formed Compensation Committee will make all compensation decisions regarding executive compensation in future periods. Accordingly, the compensation paid to our named executive officers for fiscal year 2013 is not necessarily indicative of how we will compensate our named executive officers in the future.

We urge stockholders to read the "Executive Compensation" section beginning on page 14 of this proxy statement, as well as the Summary Compensation Table and other related compensation tables and narrative in this proxy statement, which provide detailed information on the compensation of our named executive officers.

In accordance with Section 14A of the Exchange Act, and as a matter of good corporate governance, we are asking stockholders to approve the following advisory resolution:

RESOLVED, that the stockholders of Marathon Patent Group, Inc. (the "Company") approve, on an advisory basis, the 2013 compensation of the Company's named executive officers disclosed in the Executive Compensation section and the related compensation tables, notes and narrative in the Proxy Statement for the Company's 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

This advisory resolution, commonly referred to as a "say-on-pay" resolution, is non-binding on the board of directors. Although non-binding, the board will review and consider the voting results when making future decisions regarding our executive compensation program.

Our Board of Directors recommends that a vote FOR the approval of the advisory resolution on executive compensation.

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PROPOSAL NO. 3  
ADVISORY RESOLUTION ON THE FREQUENCY OF THE STOCKHOLDERS' SAY ON PAY

We are including in this proxy statement a separate non-binding stockholder vote to advise on whether the say-on-pay vote should occur every one, two or three years. You have the option to vote for any one of the three options, or to abstain on the matter.

The Board has determined that an advisory vote on executive compensation every three years is the best approach for the Company based on a number of considerations, including the following:

- Our compensation program is designed to induce performance over a multi-year period. A vote held every three years would be more consistent with, and provide better input on, our long-term compensation, which constitutes a significant portion of the compensation of our named executive officers;
- A three-year vote cycle gives the Board sufficient time to thoughtfully consider the results of the advisory vote and to implement any desired changes to our executive compensation policies and procedures; and
- A three-year cycle will provide stockholders sufficient time to evaluate the effectiveness of our short- and long-term compensation strategies and the related business outcomes of the Company.

Required Vote

Although the vote is non-binding, our Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee will take into account the outcome of the vote when making future decisions about the Company's executive compensation policies and procedures. The Company's stockholders also have the opportunity to provide additional feedback on important matters involving executive compensation even in years when say-on-pay votes do not occur. For example, as discussed under "Stockholder Communications", the Company provides stockholders an opportunity to communicate directly with the Board, including on issues of executive compensation.

Our Board of Directors recommends a vote to conduct an advisory vote on executive compensation every three years.

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PROPOSAL NO. 4  
THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF SINGERLEWAK LLP AS  
THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2014

The Board of Directors has appointed SingerLewak LLP ("SingerLewak") as our independent registered certified public accounting firm for the fiscal year 2014 and has further directed that the selection of SingerLewak be submitted to a vote of stockholders at the annual meeting for ratification.

As described below, the stockholder vote is not binding on the Board. If the appointment of SingerLewak is not ratified, the Board will evaluate the basis for the stockholders' vote when determining whether to continue the firm's engagement, but may ultimately determine to continue the engagement of the firm or another audit firm without re-submitting the matter to stockholders. Even if the appointment of SingerLewak is ratified, the Board may in its sole discretion terminate the engagement of the firm and direct the appointment of another independent auditor at any time during the year if it determines that such an appointment would be in the best interests of our Company and our stockholders.

Representatives of SingerLewak are expected to attend the annual meeting, where they will be available to respond to appropriate questions and, if they desire, to make a statement.

Our Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the ratification of the appointment of SingerLewak as our independent registered certified public accounting firm for the year 2014. If the appointment is not ratified, our Board will consider whether it should select another independent registered certified public accounting firm.

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CHANGES IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT.

Dismissal of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

On April 16, 2014, the Company notified KBL, LLP (the "Former Auditor") of its dismissal, effective April 16, 2014, as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. The Former Auditor served as the auditors of the Company's financial statements for the period from December 9, 2011 through April 16, 2014.

The reports of the Former Auditor on the Company's consolidated financial statements for the Company's fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 did not contain any adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principle, except that there was an explanatory paragraph describing conditions that raised substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for the year ended December 31, 2012. The decision to change accountants was approved by the Company's Board of Directors.

From December 9, 2011 through April 15, 2014, the period during which the Former Auditor was engaged as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, there were no disagreements with the Former Auditor on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of the Former Auditor, would have caused the Former Auditor to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreements as defined in Item 304 of Regulation S-K in connection with any reports it would have issued, and there were no "reportable events" as such term is described in Item 304 of Regulation S-K.

The Company has provided the Former Auditor with a copy of the foregoing disclosure, and requested that the Former Auditor furnish the Company with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether or not it agrees with such disclosure. A copy of the letter from the Former Auditor addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission dated as of April 16, 2014 has been filed as Exhibit 16.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on April 18, 2014.

New Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

On April 16, 2014, the Audit Committee of the Board appointed SingerLewak as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the Company's fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 and through April 16, 2014, the Company did not consult with SingerLewak regarding (1) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, (2) the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's financial statements, (3) written or oral advice provided that would be an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to an accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue, or (4) any matter that was the subject of a disagreement between the Company and its predecessor auditor as described in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) or a reportable event as described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

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## INDEPENDENT REGISTERED CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FEES AND SERVICES

During the years ended December 31, 2013, and 2012, we engaged KBL, LLP, as our independent auditor. For the years ended December 31, 2013, and 2012, we incurred fees as discussed below:

	Fiscal Year Ended	
	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Audit fees	\$ 75,000	\$ 27,500
Audit – related fees	-	-
Tax fees	-	-
All other fees	-	-

Audit fees consist of fees related to professional services rendered in connection with the audit of our annual financial statements. All other fees relate to professional services rendered in connection with the review of the quarterly financial statements.

## Policy on Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Non-Audit Services

Our policy is to pre-approve all audit and permissible non-audit services performed by the independent accountants. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services. Under our audit committee's policy, pre-approval is generally provided for particular services or categories of services, including planned services, project based services and routine consultations. In addition, the audit committee may also pre-approve particular services on a case-by-case basis. Our audit committee approved all services that our independent accountants provided to us in the past two fiscal years.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management, which has represented that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The Audit Committee discussed with management the quality and acceptability of the accounting principles employed, including all critical accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements and related notes, the reasonableness of judgments made, and the clarity of the disclosures included in the statements.

The Audit Committee also reviewed our consolidated financial statements for fiscal 2013 with KBL LLP, our independent auditors for fiscal 2013, who are responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of those audited financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The Board of Directors has discussed with KBL LLP the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended.

The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from KBL LLP mandated by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent auditors' communications with the Board of Directors concerning independence and has discussed with both KBL LLP and SingerLewak its independence and has considered whether the provision of non-audit services provided by KBL LLP is compatible with maintaining KBL LLP's independence.





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Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Board of Directors recommended that the audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Board of Directors has selected SingerLewak as our independent auditor for 2014.

This report is submitted by the members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors:

Stuart Smith  
Edward Kovalik  
William Rosellini

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STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR THE 2015 MEETING

Our bylaws provide that, for matters to be properly brought before an annual meeting, business must be either (i) specified in the notice of annual meeting (or any supplement or amendment thereto) given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, (ii) otherwise brought before the annual meeting by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, or (iii) otherwise properly brought before the annual meeting by a stockholder.

Stockholder proposals intended for inclusion in our proxy statement relating to the next annual meeting in 2015 must be received by us no later than April 24, 2015. If the date of next year's annual meeting is moved by more than 30 days before or after the anniversary date of this year's annual meeting, then the deadline for inclusion of a stockholder proposal in our proxy materials is instead a reasonable time before we begin to print and send our proxy materials for that meeting. Any such proposal must comply with Rule 14a-8 of Regulation 14A of the proxy rules of the SEC.

Notice to us of a stockholder proposal submitted otherwise than pursuant to Rule 14a-8 also will be considered untimely if received at our principal executive offices other than during the time period set forth below and will not be placed on the agenda for the meeting. In addition to any other applicable requirements, for business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder, the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to our secretary. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to the secretary at our principal executive offices not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90th) day nor earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is more than thirty (30) days before or more than seventy (70) days after such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder must be so delivered not earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the ninetieth (90th) day prior to such annual meeting or the tenth (10th) day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made by us.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board knows of no matter to be brought before the annual meeting other than the matters identified in this proxy statement. However, if any other matter properly comes before the annual meeting or any adjournment of the meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy solicited by the Board to vote the shares represented by them in accordance with their best judgment.

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