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LEAP WIRELESS INTERNATIONAL, INC.
(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

Pentwater Capital Management LP

Pentwater Growth Fund Ltd.

Pentwater Equity Opportunities Master Fund Ltd.

Oceana Master Fund Ltd.

LMA SPC for and on behalf of MAP 98 Segregated Portfolio

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Pentwater Capital Management LP, together with the other participants named in this Schedule 14A (collectively, "Pentwater") is filing materials contained in this Schedule 14A with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in connection with the solicitation of proxies for the election of its director nominees to the board of directors of Leap Wireless International, Inc. ("Leap") and to vote on four other proposals at Leap's 2011 annual meeting of stockholders. Leap stockholders should read Pentwater's definitive proxy statement and its other publicly-filed proxy materials as they become available, because they contain important information. Information regarding the direct and indirect interests of each participant in the solicitation of proxies by Pentwater is included in Pentwater's proxy materials filed with the SEC. Pentwater's proxy materials and other SEC filings may be accessed without charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Pentwater's proxy statement and GOLD proxy card are also available at www.ViewOurMaterial.com/pentwater-leap or by contacting Pentwater's proxy solicitor, MacKenzie Partners, Inc., at its toll-free number (800) 322-2885 or at leap@mackenziepartners.com.

On July 11, 2011, Pentwater issued the attached letter as a press release.

July 11, 2011

Dear Leap Stockholders:

On July 7, Leap filed an investor presentation claiming that, Leap is led by an experienced and independent Board of Directors. Leap further claimed that Pentwater's criticisms of Leap's corporate governance are misinformed and inaccurate. These statements are misleading. The reality is that several members of Leap's board have previously acted in concert with each other in a breach of their fiduciary duties owed to shareholders in order to enrich MHR Capital (controlled by Leap's chairman) at the expense of public shareholders.

The facts cited below come from an opinion issued in September 2008 by Chancellor Strine of the Delaware Chancery Court, who is also the judge assigned to hear our case challenging Leap's adoption and enforcement of its advance notice bylaw.¹ The case was brought by shareholders of Loral Space and Communications Inc., who claimed MHR Capital (which is controlled by Dr. Rachesky) used its control over the Loral board of directors to allow MHR to make a \$300 million investment in Loral on non-economic terms in breach of the fiduciary duties Loral's directors owed to all of Loral's shareholders. At the time of the actions that were the subject of the case, the chairman of the board of Loral was Dr. Rachesky, who is Leap's chairman, and both John Harkey and Michael Targoff were on the board of Loral just as they are now on the board of Leap. We strongly encourage all Leap shareholders to read the opinion.

In the opinion, Chancellor Strine found that, MHR soon used its influence at Loral to place one of its advisors, defendant Michael B. Targoff, as Loral's CEO. Targoff went into the job of CEO with the goal conceived in connection with MHR's creator, defendant Mark. H. Rachesky of having MHR make a substantial equity investment into Loral. (opinion p.1) Almost as soon as Targoff assumed the managerial reins at Loral, he proposed that MHR make an investment of \$300 million into Loral, an investment equal to over half of Loral's existing stock market capitalization. Targoff and others affiliated with MHR argued that Loral had to raise no less than \$300 million and that it had to be in equity, despite the fact that there was no magic to the \$300 million figure and that the company's own financial advisors suggested viable options for raising capital that involved both debt and equity. (opinion p.1)

Even though the \$300 million constituted a huge percentage of the company's existing capitalization, the Loral board eschewed any consideration of a sale of the company as a whole, a sale that would have threatened MHR's effective control position. (opinion p.1) A special committee that had been appointed to look at the equity investment was chaired by John Harkey, a Leap board member who is a close friend of Rachesky, served on three boards at the instance of MHR, and was touted by MHR as one of its investment advisors. (opinion pp.1-2)

Despite the fact that the process dragged on, the Special Committee never used that breathing space to subject the MHR Financing to a real market check. Similarly, even though the MHR

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Financing gave MHR a veto over the company's future, the Special Committee never considered whether Loral should be exposed to a hot market for corporate control, in which private equity buyers were using the availability of easy credit to make good buys. Instead, the Special Committee simply dealt with MHR, which drove a bargain that left itself with terms that were better than market. (opinion p.3)

Chancellor Strine concluded that the MHR Financing was unfair to Loral. Using its effective control, MHR set in motion a process in which the only option that the Special Committee considered was a deal with MHR itself. Rather than acting as an effective agent for the public stockholders by aggressively demanding a market check or seeking out better-than-market terms from MHR in exchange for no market check, the Special Committee gave MHR terms that were highly favorable to MHR, in comparison to the convertible preferred transactions its own advisor deemed comparable. These terms gave MHR a chokehold on Loral's future and 63% of its equity. Regrettably, the negotiation process was also marred by the conduct of its chairman and financial advisor, who undercut Loral's own negotiation position. Even more egregiously, during the special committee process, its chairman was seeking to have MHR invest in his own business. The behavior of MHR itself suggests that Loral had positive growth prospects that MHR wanted to capture solely for itself; growth prospects that MHR was uniquely positioned to know about and that were not known by the public markets. (opinion pp.4-5)

The five pages in Leap's July 7 presentation dedicated to the experience and independence of Leap's board fail to provide the facts regarding their past history and connections to MHR. In Pentwater's opinion, Leap is more like Loral, where:

- Loral was effectively controlled by MHR and lacked a complement of several independent directors, from whom a larger special committee free from conflicting ties to MHR could be selected (opinion p.17)
- Harkey and Rachesky were business school classmates [and] have maintained a long-time friendship (opinion p.11)
- The Special Committee's narrow mandate of obtaining \$300 million in equity financing and the resulting focus on the MHR Financing persisted despite an April 18, 2006 presentation from Morgan Stanley, Loral's long-time investment banker, recommending a different approach. (opinion p.19)

Two of Pentwater's nominees are former CEOs of multi-billion dollar telecom companies who have extensive board experience. Pentwater's CEO is the other nominee. No nominee is tied to MHR. Pentwater's nominees will uphold their fiduciary duties and act in the best interest of all of Leap's stockholders. Pentwater's nominees are the better choice for stockholders, and we urge you to vote for Mr. Roscitt, Mr. Switz, and Mr. Halbower on the GOLD proxy card.

Regards,

Pentwater Capital Management LP

¹ The referenced opinion is included in additional proxy materials Pentwater filed with the SEC on Schedule 14A on July 11, 2011.

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