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**FORM 10-K**

(Mark One)

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002**

**OR**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

*Commission file number 1-9102*

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**AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of Incorporation)

**77-0100596**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**245 South Los Robles Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91101**

(Address and Zip Code of principal executive offices)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(626) 683-4000**

**SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT:**

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

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Common Stock \$2.50 par value

New York Stock Exchange

**SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT: None**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. o

The Registrant estimates that as of February 11, 2003 the aggregate market value of the shares of its Common Stock, \$2.50 par value, held by non-affiliates of the Registrant (that is, shares beneficially owned by other than executive officers and directors) was in excess of \$197 million.

On February 11, 2003 there were 3,950,312 shares of Common Stock, \$2.50 par value outstanding. This is the only class of Common Stock outstanding.

### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

1. PORTIONS OF AMERON'S 2002 ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS (PARTS I, II AND IV).
  2. PORTIONS OF AMERON'S PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2003 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS (PART III).
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### PART I AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries are collectively referred to herein as "Ameron", the "Company", the "Registrant" or the "Corporation" unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. The business of the Company has been divided into business segments in Item 1(c)(1). Substantially all activities relate to the manufacture of highly engineered products for sale to the industrial, chemical, energy and construction markets. All references to "the year" or "the fiscal year" pertain to the 12 months ended November 30, 2002. All references to the "Annual Report" pertain to the Company's 2002 Annual Report to Stockholders.

#### ITEM 1 BUSINESS

(a) **GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS.**

Although the Company's antecedents date back to 1907, it evolved directly from the merger of two separate firms in 1929, resulting in the incorporation of American Concrete Pipe Co. on April 22, 1929. Various name changes occurred between that time and 1942, at which time the Company's name became American Pipe and Construction Co. By the late 1960s the Company was almost exclusively engaged in manufacturing and had expanded its product lines to include not only concrete and steel pipe but also high-performance protective coatings, ready-mix concrete, aggregates and reinforced thermosetting resin pipe and fittings.

At the beginning of 1970, the Company's name was changed to Ameron, Inc. In the meantime, other manufactured products had been added to its product lines. These included concrete and steel poles for street and area lighting, and steel poles for traffic signals.

In 1996, the Company's name was changed to Ameron International Corporation in order to better reflect its expanded, global focus. Also in 1996, the Company acquired assets of Centron, a leading manufacturer of fiberglass pipe for the worldwide oilfield market, as well as the worldwide Devoe marine coatings business of Imperial Chemical Industries Plc. In 1998, the Company acquired the protective coatings and light industrial product finishes businesses of Croda International Plc in the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

Further details or commentary on the year's operations can be found in the Annual Report, which is Exhibit 13 to this report on Form 10-K, and which should be read in conjunction with this report.

(b) **FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS TO INDUSTRY SEGMENTS.**

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The information contained in Notes (1), (5) and (17) of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements on pages 32, 33, 34, 35, 42 and 43 of the Annual Report is incorporated herein by reference.

(c)

### **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS.**

(1)

For geographical and operational convenience, the Company is organized into divisions. These divisions are combined into the following groups serving the following-described industry segments.

a)

The Performance Coatings & Finishes Group develops, manufactures and markets high-performance coatings and surfacer systems on a worldwide basis. These products are utilized for the preservation of structures, such as metallic and concrete facilities and equipment, to prevent their degradation by corrosion, abrasion, marine fouling and other forms of chemical and physical attack. The primary markets served include marine, offshore, petrochemical, power generation, petroleum, chemical, steel, pulp and paper, railroad, bridges, mining, metal processing and original equipment manufacturing. These products are marketed

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by direct sales, as well as through manufacturers' representatives, distributors and licensees. Competition is based upon quality, price and service. Manufacture of these products is carried out in the Company's plant in Arkansas, by wholly-owned subsidiaries in The Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, by joint ventures in Mexico and Saudi Arabia and by various third-party licensees.

b)

The Fiberglass-Composite Pipe Group develops, manufactures and markets filament-wound and molded fiberglass pipe and fittings. These products are used by a wide range of process industries, including industrial, petroleum, chemical processing and petrochemical industries, for service station replacement piping systems, aboard marine vessels and on offshore oil platforms, and are marketed as an alternative to metallic piping systems which ultimately fail under corrosive operating conditions. These products are marketed by direct sales, as well as through manufacturers' representatives, distributors and licensees. Competition is based upon quality, price and service. Manufacture of these products is carried out in the Company's plant in Texas, by its wholly-owned domestic subsidiary, Centron International Inc. ("Centron"), at its plant in Texas, by wholly-owned subsidiaries in The Netherlands, Singapore, and Malaysia, by a joint venture in Saudi Arabia and by third-party licensees.

c)

The Water Transmission Group supplies products and services used in the construction of water pipelines. Five pipe manufacturing plants are located in Arizona and California. Also included within this group is American Pipe & Construction International, a wholly-owned subsidiary, with a plant in Colombia. These plants manufacture concrete cylinder pipe, prestressed concrete cylinder pipe, steel pipe and reinforced concrete pipe for water transmission, storm and industrial waste water and sewage collection. These products are marketed by direct selling using the Company's own personnel and by competitive bidding. Customers include local, state and federal agencies, developers and general contractors. Normally no one customer or group of customers will account for sales equal to or greater than 10 percent of the Company's consolidated revenue. However, occasionally, when more than one unusually large project is in progress, combined sales to all U.S. government agencies and/or general contractors for those agencies can reach those proportions. Besides competing with several other welded steel pipe and concrete pipe manufacturers located in the market area, alternative products such as ductile iron, plastic, and clay pipe compete with the Company's concrete and steel pipe products, but ordinarily these other materials do not offer the full diameter range produced by the Company. Principal methods of competition are price, delivery schedule and service. The Company's technology is used in the Middle East through affiliated companies. This segment also includes the manufacturing and marketing on a worldwide basis through direct sales and manufacturing representatives, of polyvinyl chloride and polyethylene sheet lining for the protection of concrete pipe and cast-in-place concrete structures from the corrosive effects of sewer gases, acids and industrial chemicals. Competition is based upon quality, price and service. Manufacture of this product is carried out in the Company's plant in California. This segment also includes engineered design, fabrication and direct sale of specialized proprietary equipment which is outside the regular business of the other segments of the Company's businesses. Competition for such work is based upon quality, price and service. Manufacture of such equipment is carried out in the Company's plant in California.

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The Infrastructure Products Group supplies ready-mix concrete, crushed and sized basaltic aggregates, dune sand, concrete pipe and box culverts, primarily to the construction industry in Hawaii, and manufactures and markets concrete and steel poles for highway, street and outdoor area lighting and for traffic signals nationwide. Ample raw materials are available locally in Hawaii. As to rock products, the Company has exclusive rights to a quarry containing many years' reserves. There is only one major source of supply for cement in

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Hawaii. Within the market area there are competitors for each of the segment's products. No single competitor offers the full range of products sold by the Company in Hawaii. An appreciable portion of the segment's business is obtained through competitive bidding. Sales of poles are nationwide, but with a stronger concentration in the western states. Marketing is handled by the Company's own sales force and by outside sales agents for poles. Competition for such products is mainly based on price and quality, but with some consideration for service and delivery. Poles are manufactured in two plants in California, as well as plants in Washington, Oklahoma and Alabama.

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Except as individually shown in the above descriptions of industry segments, the following comments or situations apply to all segments:

- (i) Because of the number of manufacturing locations and the variety of raw materials essential to the business, no critical situations exist with respect to supply of materials. The Company has multiple sources for raw materials. The effects of increases in costs of energy are being mitigated to the extent practical through conservation and through addition or substitution of equipment to manage the use and reduce consumption of energy.
- (ii) The Company owns certain patents and trademarks, both U.S. and foreign, related to its products. The Company licenses its patents, trademarks, know-how and technical assistance to various of its subsidiary and affiliated companies and to various third-party licensees. It licenses these proprietary items to some extent in the U.S., and to a greater degree abroad. These patents, trademarks, and licenses do not constitute a material portion of the Company's total business. No franchises or concessions exist.
- (iii) Many of the Company's products are used in connection with capital goods, water and sewage transmission and construction of capital facilities. Favorable or adverse effects on general sales volume and earnings can result from weather conditions. Normally, sales volume and earnings will be lowest in the first fiscal quarter. Seasonal effects simply accelerate or slow the business volume and normally do not bring about severe changes in full-year activity.
- (iv) With respect to working capital items, the Company does not encounter any requirements which are not common to other companies engaged in the same industries. No unusual amounts of inventory are required to meet seasonal delivery requirements. All of the Company's industry segments turn their inventory between three and eight times annually. Average days' sales in accounts receivable range between 35 and 133 for all segments.
- (v) The value of backlog orders at November 30, 2002 and 2001 by industry segment is shown below. A substantial portion of the November 30, 2002 backlog is expected to be billed and recorded as sales during fiscal 2003.

Segment	2002	2001
	(in thousands)	
Performance Coatings & Finishes Group	\$ 5,461	\$ 3,593
Fiberglass-Composite Pipe Group	32,687	25,334
Water Transmission Group	151,523	92,194

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Segment	2002	2001
Infrastructure Products Group	26,495	22,815
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 216,166</b>	<b>\$ 143,936</b>

- (vi) There was no significant change in competitive conditions or the competitive position of the Company in the industries and localities in which it operates. There is no knowledge of any competitive situation which would be material to an understanding of the business.
- (vii) Sales contracts in all of the Company's business segments normally consist of purchase orders, which in some cases are issued pursuant to master purchase agreements. Longer-term contracts seldom involve commitments of more than one year by the Company, and exceptions are not deemed

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material by management. Payment is normally due from 30 to 60 days after shipment, with progress payments prior to shipment in some circumstances. It is the Company's practice to require letters of credit prior to shipment of foreign orders, subject to limited exceptions. The Company does not typically extend long-term credit to purchasers of its products.

- (2) a) Approximate expense during each of the last three fiscal years for Research and Development costs is shown under the caption in Note (1) of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements on page 32 of the Annual Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- b) The Company's business is not dependent on any single customer or few customers, the loss of any one or more of whom would have a material adverse effect on its business.
- c) For many years the Company has been consistently installing or improving devices to control or eliminate the discharge of pollutants into the environment. Accordingly, compliance with federal, state, and locally enacted provisions relating to protection of the environment is not having, and is not expected to have, a material effect upon the Company's capital expenditures, earnings, or competitive position.
- d) At year-end the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries employed approximately 2,800 persons. Of those, approximately 700 were covered by labor union contracts. There are four separate bargaining agreements subject to renegotiation in 2003.

**(d) FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC OPERATIONS AND EXPORT SALES.**

The information contained in Notes (1), (5) and (17) of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements on pages 32, 33, 34, 35, 42 and 43 of the Annual Report is incorporated herein by reference.

Export sales in the aggregate from U.S. operations during the last three fiscal years were:

	In thousands
2002	\$ 26,372
2001	35,952
2000	30,665

**ITEM 2 PROPERTIES**

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The location and general character of principal plants and other materially important physical properties used in the Company's operations are tabulated below. Property is owned in fee simple except where otherwise indicated by footnote. In addition to the property shown, the Company owns vacant land adjacent to or in the proximity of some of its operating locations and holds this property available for use when it may be needed to accommodate expanded or new operations. Property listed does not include any temporary project sites which are generally leased for the duration of the respective projects or leased or owned warehouses that could be easily replaced. With the exception of the Kailua, Oahu property, shown under the Infrastructure Products industry segment, there are no material leases with respect to which expiration or inability to renew would have any material adverse effect on the Company's operations. The lease term on the Kailua property extends to the year 2052. Kailua is the principal source of quarried rock and aggregates for the Company's operations on Oahu, Hawaii; and, in management's opinion, rock reserves are adequate for its requirements during the term of the lease.

- (b) The Company believes that its existing facilities are adequate for current and presently foreseeable operations. Because of the cyclical nature of certain of the Company's operations, and the substantial amounts involved in some individual orders, the level of utilization of particular facilities may vary significantly from time to time in the normal course of operations.

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Industry Segment	Group	Division	Location	Description
<b>PERFORMANCE COATINGS &amp; FINISHES GROUP</b>				
		Coatings Division	USA	
			Alpharetta, GA	*Office
			Brea, CA	Office, Laboratory, Warehouse
			Little Rock, AR	Office, Plant
			Houston, TX	Warehouse
		Ameron B.V.		
			Geldermalsen, The Netherlands	Office, Plant
			Huthwaite, UK	Office, Plant
		Ameron (UK) Limited		
			Hull, UK	Office, Plant
		Ameron (Australia) Pty. Limited		
			Sydney, Australia	Office, Plant
			Adelaide, Australia	Plant
		Ameron (New Zealand) Limited		
			Auckland, New Zealand	Office, Plant
<b>FIBERGLASS-COMPOSITE PIPE GROUP</b>				
		Fiberglass Pipe Division	USA	
			Houston, TX	*Office
			Burkburnett, TX	Office, Plant
		Centron International, Inc.		
			Mineral Wells, TX	Office, Plant
		Ameron B.V.		
			Geldermalsen, The Netherlands	Office, Plant
		Ameron (Pte) Ltd.		

Industry Segment	Group	Division	Location	Description
			Singapore	*Office, Plant
		Ameron Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	*Office, Plant
WATER TRANSMISSION GROUP				
			Rancho Cucamonga, CA	*Office
			Etiwanda, CA	Office, Plant
			Fontana, CA	Office, Plant
			Lakeside, CA	Office, Plant
			Phoenix, AZ	Office, Plant
			Tracy, CA	Office, Plant
		Protective Linings Division	Brea, CA	Office, Plant
		Fabrication Plant	South Gate, CA	Office, Plant
		American Pipe & Construction International		
			Bogota, Colombia	Office, Plant
INFRASTRUCTURE PRODUCTS GROUP				
		Hawaii Division	Honolulu, Oahu, HI	*Office, Plant
			Kailua, Oahu, HI	*Plant, Quarry
			Barbers Point, Oahu, HI	Office, Plant
			Puunene, Maui, HI	*Office, Plant, Quarry
		Pole Products Division	Ventura, CA	*Office
			Fillmore, CA	Office, Plant
			Oakland, CA	*Plant
			Everett, WA	*Office, Plant
			Tulsa, OK	*Office, Plant
			Anniston, AL	*Office, Plant
CORPORATE				
		Corporate Headquarters	Pasadena, CA	*Office
		Corporate Research & Engineering	South Gate, CA	Office, Laboratory

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### ITEM 3 LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

An action was filed in 1992 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona by the Central Arizona Water Conservation District ("CAWCD") seeking damages against several parties, including the Company and the Company's customer, Peter Kiewit Sons Company ("Kiewit"), in connection with six prestressed concrete pipe siphons furnished and installed in the 1970's as part of the Central Arizona Project ("CAP"), a federal project to bring water from the Colorado River to Arizona. The CAWCD also filed separate actions against the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation ("USBR") in the U.S. Court of Claims and with the Arizona Projects Office of the USBR in connection with the CAP siphons. The CAWCD alleged that the six CAP siphons were defective and that the USBR and the defendants in the U.S. District Court action were liable for damages for the repair or replacement of those siphons. On September 14, 1994, the U.S. District Court granted the Company's motion to dismiss the CAWCD action and entered judgment against the CAWCD and in favor of the Company and its co-defendants.

Separately, on September 28, 1995, the Contracting Officer for the USBR issued a final decision claiming for the USBR approximately \$40 million in damages against Kiewit, based in part on the Contracting Officer's finding that the siphons supplied by the Company were defective. That claim amount was considered by the Company to be duplicative of the damages sought by the CAWCD for the repair or replacement of the siphons in the aforementioned action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. The Contracting Officer's final decision was appealed by Kiewit to the U.S. Department of the Interior Board of Contract Appeals ("IBCA"). The Company actively cooperated with and assisted Kiewit in the administrative appeal of that final decision before the IBCA. Trial on that appeal commenced in November 2000, however the proceeding was stayed with the concurrence of

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the parties pending efforts aimed at settlement of the entire matter. Settlement efforts were then undertaken, during which the IBCA appeal was suspended.

As of November 30, 2002, tentative settlements had been reached among the USBR, Kiewit, the Company and various insurance carriers. Since November 30, 2002, those settlements have been finalized and the entire matter, including the aforementioned CAWCD claim, has been resolved on economic terms that did not result in an adverse material effect on the financial position of the Company or its results of operations. The Company will receive sufficient reimbursement from its own and a supplier's insurance companies to fully cover the settlement.

The Company is one of numerous defendants in various pending lawsuits involving, as of November 30, 2002, some 8,382 individuals or their representatives alleging personal injury from exposure to asbestos-containing products. None of such lawsuits specifies any dollar amount sought as damages by such individuals or their representatives, and at this time the Company is not aware of the extent of injuries allegedly suffered by the individuals or the facts supporting the claim that such injuries were caused by the Company's products. Based upon the information available to it at this time, the Company is not in a position to evaluate its potential exposure, if any, as a result of these claims. The Company intends to vigorously defend all asbestos-related lawsuits.

In addition to the above, certain other claims, suits and complaints that arise in the ordinary course of business, have been filed or are pending against the Company. Management believes that these matters are either adequately reserved, covered by insurance, or would not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or its results of operations if disposed of unfavorably.

The Company is subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the environment and is currently participating in administrative proceedings at several sites under these laws. While the Company finds it difficult to estimate with any certainty the total cost of remediation at the several sites, on the basis of currently available information and reserves provided, the Company believes that the outcome of such environmental regulatory proceedings will not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or its results of operations.

### ITEM 4 SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

(Not Applicable)

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**ITEM 4A EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT**

The following sets forth information with respect to individuals who served as executive officers as of November 30, 2002 and who are not directors of the Company. All executive officers are appointed by the Board of Directors to serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Name	Age	Title and Year Elected as Officer	
Thomas P. Giese	58	Vice President; Group President Water Transmission Group	1997
James R. McLaughlin	55	Vice President-Treasurer & Controller	1997
Gordon G. Robertson	63	Vice President; Group President Fiberglass-Composite Pipe Group	1997
Javier Solis	56	Senior Vice President of Administration, Secretary & General Counsel	1984
Gary Wagner	51	Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer	1990

All of the executive officers named above have held high level managerial or executive positions with the Company for more than the past five years. Gordon Robertson retired in December 2002.

**PART II**

**ITEM 5 MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

The Common Stock, \$2.50 Par Value, of the Company, its only outstanding class of common equity, is traded on the New York Stock Exchange, the only exchange on which it is presently listed. On February 11, 2003, there were 1,172 stockholders of record of such stock. Information regarding stock compensation plans is contained in Note (12) on page 37 and 38 of the Annual Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Dividends have been paid each quarter during the prior two years. Information as to the amount of dividends paid during the reporting period and the high and low prices of the Company's Common Stock during that period are set out in Note (16) on page 42 of the Annual Report, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

Terms of lending agreements which place restrictions on cash dividends are discussed in Note (10) on pages 36 and 37 of the Annual Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 6 SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

The information required by this item is contained in the Selected Consolidated Financial Information shown on page 20 of the Annual Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 7 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The information required by this item is contained in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section shown on pages 21 through 26 and Note (1) pages 32, 33 and 34 of the Annual Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 7A QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

The information required by this Item is contained on page 25 of the Annual Report under the caption Market Risks, and is incorporated herein by reference. At November 30, 2002, the Company had foreign currency forward contracts with an aggregate face value of \$6,623,000. In January 2003, the Company finalized a three-year, floating rate, revolving credit facility which permits borrowings up to

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\$100,000,000, and issued seven-year notes payable totaling \$50,000,000 at a fixed rate of 5.36%. Future debt maturities are as follows, adjusted to reflect the refinancing that occurred in January 2003:

	Expected Maturity Date						Total Outstanding As of November 30, 2002	
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Thereafter	Recorded Value	Fair Value
<b>Liabilities</b>								
(US\$ in thousands)								
Long Term Debt:								
Fixed-rate notes, payable in US\$	\$ 8,333	\$ 8,333	\$ 8,333	\$ 8,334	\$	\$	\$ 33,333	\$ 35,577
Average interest rate	7.92%	7.92%	7.92%	7.92%			7.92%	
Fixed-rate notes, payable in US\$			10,000	10,000	10,000	20,000	50,000	50,000
Average interest rate			5.36%	5.36%	5.36%	5.36%	5.36%	
Variable-rate bank revolving credit facilities, payable in US\$				12,123			12,123	12,123
Average interest rate							2.00%	
Variable-rate industrial development bonds, payable in US\$						7,200	7,200	7,200
Average interest rate							1.25%	
Variable-rate industrial development bonds, payable in US\$						8,500	8,500	8,500
Average interest rate							1.40%	

**ITEM 8 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

The Consolidated Financial Statements as of November 30, 2002 and 2001 and for each of the three years in the period ended November 30, 2002 and the report thereon of Deloitte & Touche LLP dated February 3, 2003, comprising pages 27 through 44 of the Annual Report, are incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9 CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

(Not applicable)

**PART III****ITEM 10 DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT**

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Information with respect to the directors is contained under the section entitled, "Election of Directors" in the Company's Proxy Statement which was filed on February 21, 2003 in connection with the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on March 26, 2003. Such information is incorporated herein by reference.

Information with respect to the executive officers who are not directors of the Company is located in Part I, Item 4A of this report.

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### **ITEM 11 EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION\***

### **ITEM 12 SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS\***

### **ITEM 13 CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS\***

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The information required by Items 11, 12 and 13 is contained in the Company's Proxy Statement which was filed on February 21, 2003 in connection with the 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on March 26, 2003. Such information is incorporated herein by reference.

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## **PART IV**

### **ITEM 14 CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

The consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report and incorporated by reference herein were prepared by management, which is responsible for their fairness, integrity, and objectivity. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and include amounts based on management's reasonable estimates and judgments. The other financial information contained in this report has been prepared in a manner consistent with the preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

Management has established, maintains and necessarily relies on the Company's system of internal controls and disclosure controls. This system is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that a) the Company's transactions are properly authorized, b) the Company's assets are safeguarded against unauthorized or improper use, and c) the Company's transactions are properly recorded and reported. The concept of reasonable assurance is based on the recognition that in any system of controls there are certain inherent limitations and that the cost of such systems should not exceed the benefits to be derived.

A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, cannot provide absolute assurance that the objectives of the control system will be met. No evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company will be detected. Judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, any control can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion, or by management override of the control. Any system of controls is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any system of controls will succeed under all potential future conditions. Controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

The Company's disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Company's periodic filings made in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is (a) recorded, processed, accumulated and summarized within the time periods specified by the Commission, (b) communicated to the Company's management, including its chief executive and financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure, and (c) presented in the Company's periodic filings in a manner that fairly portrays the information being

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presented (i) in light of all available facts and circumstances relating to the matters disclosed, and (ii) in conformity with the disclosure requirements promulgated by the Commission.

Within 90 days prior to the filing of the Annual Report and this Form 10-K, an evaluation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the chief executive and financial officers. Based on that evaluation, management, including the Company's chief executive and financial officers, concluded that (a) the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in timely alerting management to material information relating to the Company that is required to be included in the Company's periodic filings and (b) the Company's system of internal controls was effective in providing reasonable assurance that the Company's financial statements are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Since the date of the evaluation, there have been no significant changes in the Company's system of disclosure or internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect those controls.

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### ITEM 15 EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES, AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

#### (a)(1) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The financial statements to be filed hereunder are cross-referenced, in the index immediately following, to the Annual Report, as to sections incorporated herein by reference.

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(i) Summarized information as to the financial condition and results of operations for Ameron Saudi Arabia, Ltd., Bondstrand, Ltd, Oasis-Ameron, Ltd. and TAMCO is presented in Note (5) of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements on page 34 and 35 of the Annual Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### (a)(2) FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES:

The following additional financial data should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements in the Annual Report. Schedules not included with this additional financial data

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have been omitted because they are either not applicable, not required, not significant, or the required information is provided in the consolidated financial statements in the Annual Report.

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One report on Form 8-K was filed by the Company during the last quarter of the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002 as follows:

September 27, 2002 reporting under Item 9, Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Ameron International Corporation:

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Ameron International Corporation and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of November 30, 2002 and 2001, and for each of the three years in the period ended November 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated February 3, 2003. Such financial statements and report are included in your 2002 Annual Report to Stockholders and are incorporated herein by reference. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in Item 15(a)2. This financial statement schedule is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our audits. In our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Los Angeles, California  
February 3, 2003

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AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES  
SCHEDULE II VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS AND RESERVES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2002  
(In thousands)

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Classification	Balance at Beginning of Year	Additions Charged to Costs and Expense	Deductions, Payments and Write-offs	Reclassifications and Other	Balance at End of Year
<i>DEDUCTED FROM ASSET ACCOUNTS</i>					
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 6,699	\$ 1,300	\$ (1,496)	\$ 149	\$ 6,652
Reserve for realization of investments in joint ventures	18,190	(1,282)			16,908
Reserve for write-down of assets related to certain foreign joint ventures	2,360				2,360
<i>INCLUDED IN CURRENT LIABILITIES</i>					
Reserve for pending claims and litigation	\$ 8,227	\$ 210	\$ (3,170)	\$ 41	\$ 5,308
Other reserves	292		(66)	10	236
Reserve for self-insured programs	14,223	3,833	(3,834)		14,222

AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES  
SCHEDULE II VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS AND RESERVES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2001  
(In thousands)

Classification	Balance at Beginning of Year	Additions Charged to Costs and Expense	Deductions, Payments and Write-offs	Reclassifications and Other	Balance at End of Year
<i>DEDUCTED FROM ASSET ACCOUNTS</i>					
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 6,616	\$ 1,738	\$ (1,649)	\$ (6)	\$ 6,699
Reserve for realization of investments in joint ventures	16,358	1,832			18,190
Reserve for write-down of assets related to certain foreign joint ventures	2,649		(289)		2,360
<i>INCLUDED IN CURRENT LIABILITIES</i>					
Reserve for pending claims and litigation	\$ 13,744	\$ 1,362	\$ (6,864)	\$ (15)	\$ 8,227
Other reserves	217	151	(75)	(1)	292
Reserve for self-insured programs	12,620	5,047	(3,438)	(6)	14,223

AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES  
SCHEDULE II VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS AND RESERVES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2000  
(In thousands)

Classification	Balance at Beginning of Year	Additions		
		Charged to Costs and Expense	Deductions, Payments and Write-offs	Reclassifications and Other

*DEDUCTED  
FROM ASSET  
ACCOUNTS*

Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 6,937	\$ 1,953	\$ (2,143)	\$ (131)
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Reserve for realization of investments in joint ventures	14,183	2,175		
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Reserve for write-down of assets related to certain foreign joint ventures	2,698		(49)	
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*INCLUDED  
IN CURRENT  
LIABILITIES*

Reserve for pending claims and litigation	\$ 16,370	\$ 8,259	\$ (10,745)	\$ (140)
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Other reserves	252	89	(97)	(27)
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Reserve for self-insured programs	11,239	4,256	(2,694)	(181)
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*INCLUDED  
IN  
LONG-TERM  
LIABILITIES*

Other reserves	\$ 650	\$ 126	\$ (47)	\$ (729)
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We will promptly deliver, upon request, separate copies of the proxy statement and to any stockholder residing at an address at which only one copy was mailed. And v remove your name from the householding program within 30 days of receiving you Requests should be addressed to Investor Relations at our principal executive office eligible for householding, but you and other stockholders of record currently receive copies of these proxy materials, or if you hold stock in more than one account, and you wish to receive only a single copy of each of these documents for your household contact Broadridge, either by calling toll-free at: 1 800 542-1061, or by writing to Household Department, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717. If you are a beneficial stockholder and own your shares through a bank or broker, p your bank or broker to request additional copies, or you may contact Broadridge, ei toll-free at: 1 800 542-1061, or by writing to Broadridge, Household Department Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

Classification	Balance at Beginning of Year	Additions		
		Charged to Costs and Expense	Deductions, Payments and Write-offs	Reclassifications and Other

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Classification	Balance at Beginning of Year	Additions			Reclassifications
		Charged to Costs and Expense	Deductions, Payments and Write-offs	Other	

PROPOSAL NO. 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that the Board shall be divided into three classes, with the directors in each class having a three-year term. The Board determines that vacancies (including vacancies created by increases in the number of directors) shall be filled by the stockholders, and except as otherwise provided by law, any vacancy on the Board may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors. A director elected by the Board to fill a vacancy (including a vacancy created by an increase in the number of directors) shall serve for the remainder of the full term of the class of directors in which the vacancy occurred and until such director's successor is elected and qualified to serve. The Board currently consists of eleven directors, divided into the following three classes:

- Class I directors: Sigmund Anderman, Alan S. Henricks and Bernard M. Notas, whose current terms will expire at the Annual Meeting;
- Class II directors: Carl Buccellato, A. Barr Dolan, Frank Schultz and Marina Levin, whose current terms will expire at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2016; and
- Class III directors: Jonathan Corr, Craig Davis, Robert J. Levin and Jeb S. Spencer, whose current terms will expire at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2017.

At each annual meeting of stockholders, the successors to directors whose terms will expire will be elected to serve from the time of election and qualification until the third subsequent annual meeting of stockholders.

The terms of Messrs. Henricks and Notas will end as of the Annual Meeting. On March 27, 2015, our Board redesignated Mr. Schultz from a Class II director into a Class I director, and Mr. Levin from a Class III director into a Class I director, effective as of the Annual Meeting. The Board also appointed Mr. Buccellato to the compensation committee effective March 27, 2015, and appointed Mr. Davis to the audit committee and Mr. Schultz to the technology committee effective following the Annual Meeting. After the Annual Meeting, the Board will consist of nine directors, with two vacancies in Classes II and III, to be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office.

Messrs. Anderman, Davis and Schultz have been nominated to serve as Class I directors, and each agreed to stand for election. Each director to be elected will hold office from the time of their election by the stockholders until the third subsequent annual meeting of stockholders, or until his successor is elected and has been qualified, or until such director's earlier death, resignation or removal.

Shares represented by executed proxies will be voted, if authority to do so is not withdrawn, in favor of the election of the three nominees named below. In the event that any nominee should be unable to stand for election as a result of an unexpected occurrence, such shares will be voted for the election of such substitute nominee as the Board may propose. Each person nominated for election has agreed to serve if elected, and management has no reason to believe that any nominee will be unable to serve. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the meeting.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH NAMED NOMINEE.**

Classification	Balance at Beginning of Year	Additions		
		Charged to Costs and Expense	Deductions, Payments and Write-offs	Reclassifications and Other

The following table sets forth, for the Class I nominees and our other current directors who will continue in office after the Annual Meeting, information with respect to their ages and positions/office held with the Company:

Name	Age	Position/Office Held With the Company
<b>Class I Nominees for Election at the Annual Meeting</b>		
Sigmund Anderman	73	Director and Executive Chairman
Craig Davis (1)(2)(3)	63	Director
Frank Schultz (3)(5)	76	Director
<b>Class II Directors Whose Terms Expire at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders</b>		
Carl Buccellato (2)(4)	72	Director
A. Barr Dolan (2)(4)	65	Director
Marina Levinson (1)(5)	56	Director
<b>Class III Directors Whose Terms Expire at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders</b>		
Robert J. Levin (1)(3)(5)	59	Director
Jeb S. Spencer (4)	46	Director
Jonathan Corr	48	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

- (1) Member of the audit committee of the Board.
- (2) Member of the compensation committee of the Board.
- (3) Member of the nominating and corporate governance committee of the Board.
- (4) Member of the mergers and acquisitions committee of the Board.
- (5) Member of the technology committee of the Board.

Set forth below is biographical information for the nominees and each person whose term of office as a director will continue after the Annual Meeting. The following includes information regarding our directors' individual experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led the Board to conclude that they should serve as directors.

**Nominees for Election to a Three-Year Term Expiring at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

Sigmund Anderman, our founder, has served as executive chairman since February 2015 and as a member of the Board since our inception in August 1997. Mr. Anderman previously served as chief executive officer from August 1997 through January 2015. Mr. Anderman co-founded American Home Shield Corporation, a home warranty company, in 1973, and served as its general counsel until 1979 and as its chief executive officer from 1979 to 1982. Mr. Anderman founded CompuFund, Inc., a computerized mortgage banking company, in 1982 and served as its chief executive officer until 1991. Mr. Anderman founded Inspectech Corporation, a computerized home inspection company, in 1991 and served as its chief executive officer until 1998. Mr. Anderman holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from City University of New York and a Juris Doctor from New York University. The Board has concluded that Sigmund Anderman should serve on the Board as executive chairman based on his extensive

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		Charged to Costs and Expense	Deductions, Payments and Write-offs	Reclassifications and Other

leadership experience, knowledge of our company as founder and former chief executive officer and comprehensive knowledge of the mortgage and mortgage technology industries. Craig Davis serves as the Board's lead independent director and has served on the Board since January 2004. From September 2003 to the present, Mr. Davis has been a private investor. From December 1996 to September 2003, Mr. Davis served as president of the Home Loan Services Group at Washington Mutual, a national bank. From January 1996 to December 1996, Mr. Davis held various positions at American Savings Bank, a financial services company, including as executive vice president and director of Mortgage Origination and president of several ASB Subsidiaries. From May 1982 to January 1989, Mr. Davis served as vice president at Griffin Financial Services, a financial services company and subsidiary of Savings of America. Mr. Davis has served on numerous boards and councils including the Estate Board of Governors of the Mortgage Bankers Association and Fannie Mae's Advisory Council. Mr. Davis holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in English and History from the United States International University. The Board has concluded that Mr. Davis should serve on the Board and the compensation, audit and nominating and corporate governance committees based on his extensive experience in the residential mortgage industry and his service as a director of some of the largest residential mortgage lenders in the United States.

Classification	Balance at Beginning of Year	Additions		
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Frank Schultz chairs the Board’s nominating and corporate governance committee and has served on the Board since June 2000. From 1995 to the present, Mr. Schultz has been a private equity investor. From 1992 to 1995, Mr. Schultz served as chief executive officer, president and chairman of the board of directors of ITT Financial Corp., a financial services company. From 1983 to 1992, Mr. Schultz was an executive vice president at Bank of America, a financial services company, in which he oversaw consumer marketing, credit card and mortgage divisions. Mr. Schultz has also previously served as a member of Fannie Mae’s National Advisory Board and as a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association’s Presidents’ Council. Mr. Schultz holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Princeton University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Princeton University. The Board has concluded that Mr. Schultz should serve on the Board and chair our nominating and corporate governance committee based on his extensive experience as a former executive and board member of companies in the mortgage and financial services industries.

Carl Buccellato has served on the Board since December 1997 and will chair our technology committee beginning immediately following the Annual Meeting. Since March 2011, Mr. Buccellato has been a private investor. From May 2008 to February 2012, Mr. Buccellato served as chief executive officer and a director of SavingStreet, LLC, an e-commerce company. From 1996 to May 2008, Mr. Buccellato was a private investor and, from June 2000 to May 2008, he served as a consultant to Ultrastrip Technologies, currently known as Echosphere Technologies, an engineering, technology development and manufacturing company. Mr. Buccellato was also a co-founder of Homeowners Group, Inc., a real estate services company, and served as president and chief executive officer from 1982 to 1996. Mr. Buccellato has also served on a variety of industry boards, including the President’s Advisory Council on Real Estate Research, the Estate Buyers Council. The Board has concluded that Mr. Buccellato should serve on the Board and the compensation committee based on his experience in founding and managing a successful nationwide real estate services company, and his extensive background in advising and serving as a director of many high growth companies.

A. Barr Dolan has served on the Board since June 2005 and was previously a member of the Board from December 1997 to November 2000. From 1982 to April 2010, Mr. Dolan was a general partner of Charter Ventures, a venture capital firm. From 1986 to May 2008, Mr. Dolan was a member of the board of directors for Heska Corporation, a veterinary product company. Mr. Dolan is a member of the board of directors for several private companies, including CIO Advisory Group, Inc. and CMD Consulting. Mr. Dolan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from Cornell University, a Science degree in Engineering from Cornell University, a Master of Arts degree in Chemistry from Harvard University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University. The Board has concluded that Mr. Dolan should serve on the Board and chair our compensation committee based on his significant experience in analyzing, investing and serving on the boards of directors of many start-up and high growth companies.

Marina Levinson has served on the Board since August 2014 and will chair our technology committee beginning immediately following the Annual Meeting. Ms. Levinson is a private equity investor and chief executive officer of CIO Advisory Group, LLC. She is also a partner at the private equity capital firm Benhamou Global Ventures and has chaired the Ellie Mae Technology Board since March 2012. Ms. Levinson is a member of the board of directors of Quanta Services, a private company. From 2005-2011, Ms. Levinson served as senior vice president and

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		Charged to Expense	Deductions, Payments and Write-offs		

information officer for NetApp, Inc. From 1999-2005, she served as vice president information officer for Palm, Inc., having earlier served as senior director of global 3Com. The Board has concluded that Ms. Levinson should serve on the Board and committee based on her extensive enterprise technology, business process and corporate leadership experience.

Directors Continuing in Office Until the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders  
 Robert J. Levin currently chairs both the audit committee and, until the date of our Meeting, the technology committee of our Board, and has served on the Board since 2009. From May 2009 to the present, Mr. Levin has been a consultant. From August February 2009, Mr. Levin was a senior advisor to Fannie Mae. From May 1981 to Mr. Levin served in a variety of executive positions at Fannie Mae, including serving business officer from January 2006 to August 2008, interim chief financial officer from December 2004 to December 2005 and executive vice president for housing and community development from August 1998 to December 2004. Mr. Levin currently serves as a member of the board of trustees for Morehouse College and the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network. Mr. Levin holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of North Carolina. The Board has concluded that Mr. Levin should serve on the Board and the audit and corporate governance committees based on his extensive experience as a key executive for 20 years, serving a variety of functions for Fannie Mae, the largest investor in residential mortgage-backed securities in the United States.

Jeb S. Spencer chairs the Board's mergers and acquisitions committee and has served on the Board since August 2011. From September 2007 to the present, Mr. Spencer has served as a managing partner of TVC Capital, a private equity and venture capital firm, of which he is a co-founder. From September 2002 to April 2005, Mr. Spencer served as chief executive officer of Del Mar DataTrac, a mortgage lending automation solutions company, and as its chairman of the board of directors.

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from 2002 to 2005 and from 2008 to 2011. From December 1999 to April 2001, Mr. Spencer served as president and a member of the board of directors of Backwire.com, Inc., a publishing company, of which he was a co-founder. Mr. Spencer was chairman of the board of directors of Accordent Technologies, a video content management company. Mr. Spencer is also a member of the board of directors for several private companies, including Centage Software, Edgewave, Inc., LocationSmart, Inc., HALO Business Intelligence Inc., Levels Beyond, and ReverseVision, Inc. Mr. Spencer holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Boston College and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University. The Board has concluded that Mr. Spencer should serve on the Board based on his extensive background in the software industry and his significant experience advising and serving on boards of directors of many start-up and high growth companies, including companies in the mortgage and software industries.

Jonathan Corr, our chief executive officer since February 2015 and president since February 2013, has served on the Board since February 2015. Previously, Mr. Corr served as chief operating officer from November 2011 to February 2015, executive vice president and chief strategy officer from November 2009 to November 2011, as chief strategy officer from November 2005 to November 2009 and as the Company's senior vice president of product management from October 2002 to August 2005. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Corr served in executive management positions at PeopleSoft, Inc., Netscape Communications Corporation and Kana/Broadbase Software/Rubric, a number of software companies that combined to form the Company's acquisition. The Board has concluded Mr. Corr should serve on the Board based on his experience, deep knowledge of our Company, and strategic mortgage industry and technology industry knowledge.

#### Executive Officers

The following is biographical information for our executive officers not discussed above:

Name	Age	Position(s)
Limin Hu	53	EVP, Chief Technology Officer
Edgar A. Luce	64	EVP, Finance & Administration, Chief Financial Officer
Cathleen Schreiner Gates	60	EVP, Sales & Marketing
Joseph Tyrrell	49	EVP, Corporate Strategy

Limin Hu, one of our founders, has served as our chief technology officer since the founding of the Company in August 1997 and as our executive vice president and chief technology officer since November 2009. From January 1996 to August 1997, Mr. Hu served as chief technology officer and president of Hugo Technologies, Inc., a technology consulting firm. From August 1994 to January 1996, he served as vice president and general manager at Teknekron Corporation, a software consulting company, and as its Director of Systems Technology from March 1994 to December 1994. From December 1990 to March 1994, Mr. Hu held research positions at IBM Research Center. Mr. Hu holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from National Taiwan University and a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from the University of California at Berkeley.

Edgar A. Luce has served as our chief financial officer since July 2005 and as our executive vice president and chief financial officer since November 2009. From November 2004 to July 2005, Mr. Luce served as our acting chief financial officer. From January 2001 to April 2004, Mr. Luce served as chief financial officer for Sanarus Medical, Inc., a medical device company.

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March 2000 to January 2001, he was chief financial officer, secretary and treasurer of Biex Corporation, a cardiology imaging software company. From February 1997 to March 1997, Luce was chief financial officer at Biex, Inc., a healthcare company, and from August 1997 to February 1997, he served as vice president, finance and administration and corporate controller at Penederm Inc., a public dermatology products company. Mr. Luce holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Stanford University and a Master of Business Administration in Finance from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Cathleen Schreiner Gates has served as our executive vice president of sales & marketing since March 2015, overseeing all sales, marketing, client management, professional services, customer support and training. Previously, Ms. Schreiner Gates served as our senior vice president of sales and client services from February 2012 to March 2015. From January 2011 to December 2011 Ms. Schreiner Gates served as senior vice president of sales and client services for Bersin & Associates and from October 2008 to December 2010 she served as vice president of sales, business development and client success for Clickability, Inc. She has held senior management positions with MarketTools, Inc. and Keynote Systems/Vivident. Ms. Schreiner Gates holds an MBA in finance from the Rutgers Graduate School of Management and a BA in French literature from Douglass College-Rutgers University.

Joseph Tyrrell has served as our executive vice president of corporate strategy since March 2015, overseeing our product strategy, product management and our business and corporate development efforts involving our network of current and potential business partners and acquisition strategies. Mr. Tyrrell has been with our company since 2002 and

Classification	Additions			
	Balance at Beginning of Year	Charged to Costs and Expenses	Deductions, Payments and Write-offs	Reclassifications and Other

previously held the positions of senior vice president of corporate strategy from March 2015 and senior vice president of client management and business development from August 2013 to March 2014. Prior to joining Ellie Mae, Mr. Tyrrell served as vice president at Provident Financial in addition to other executive positions within the mortgage industry. Mr. Tyrrell holds a Bachelor's of Art in Business Management from St. Mary's College.

#### Independence of the Board of Directors

As required under the rules and regulations of the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE"), a majority of the members of a listed company's board of directors must qualify as "independent," as affirmatively determined by the Board. The Board consults with the Company's counsel to ensure that the Board's determinations are consistent with all relevant securities and other laws and regulations regarding the definition of "independent," including those set forth in the listing standards of the NYSE, as in effect from time to time.

Consistent with these considerations, after review of all relevant transactions or relationships between each director, or any of his or her family members, and the Company, its subsidiaries, management and its independent registered public accounting firm, the Board has affirmatively determined that Messrs. Buccellato, Davis, Dolan, Levin and Schultz, and Ms. Levi are independent directors within the meaning of the applicable NYSE listing standards.

As required under the NYSE rules and regulations, our independent directors meet in regularly scheduled executive sessions at which only independent directors are present. The Board designates one independent director, or if unavailable another independent director designee, to preside at these executive sessions. Each of our audit committee, compensation committee, and non-employee director corporate governance committee is composed entirely of directors determined by the Board to be independent within the meaning of the NYSE rules and regulations.

#### Information Regarding the Board of Directors and its Committees

##### Board Responsibilities; Risk Oversight

The Board is responsible for, among other things, overseeing the conduct of our business, reviewing and, where appropriate, approving our major financial objectives, plans and strategies, and reviewing the performance of our chief executive officer and other members of management based on reports from the compensation committee. Following the end of each year, the Board conducts a self-evaluation, which includes a review of any areas in which the Board believes management believes the Board can make a better contribution to our corporate governance, as well as a review of the committee structure and an assessment of the Board's compliance with corporate governance principles. In fulfilling the Board's responsibilities, directors have unrestricted access to our management and independent advisors. With respect to the Board's risk oversight, the audit committee discusses with management our policies with respect to internal control assessment and risk management and our significant financial risk exposures and the actions that management has taken to limit, monitor or control such exposures. The audit committee reports its findings to the full Board with respect to these matters, among others.

##### Board Leadership

##### Chairman

Mr. Anderman currently serves as our chairman of the Board and holds the title of chairman. Mr. Corr serves as our chief executive officer. The Board has not adopted 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



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non-employee directors or should be an employee. The Board believes it is appropriate in the discretion and flexibility to make these determinations from time to time as needed for appropriate leadership for the Company. At this time, the Board believes that it has the best Board leadership structure for the Company and our stockholders by appointing Mr. Anderman as our executive chairman and Mr. Corr as our chief executive officer.

**Lead Independent Director**

Mr. Davis currently serves as the lead independent director for a term expiring immediately at the Annual Meeting. The independent directors have designated Mr. Davis to continue as the lead independent director until the 2016 annual meeting of stockholders. The lead independent director presides at all meetings of the Board at which the chairman or chief executive officer are not present, including executive sessions of the Board and the independent directors, briefs the chairman of the Board on any issues arising in the executive sessions, facilitates discussions among independent directors on key issues and concerns outside of Board meetings, suggests calling Board meetings to the chairman of the Board when appropriate, acts as a liaison between the chairman and the other directors, approves information sent to the independent directors, collaborates with the chairman of the Board to set meeting agendas and Board information, assists the chairs of the committees of the Board as requested, is available for consultation and direct communication with major stockholders upon request and performs such other duties and responsibilities as set forth in the our corporate governance guidelines or as requested by the Board or the independent directors from time to time. The lead independent director has the authority to call additional executive

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sessions of the independent directors and to encourage direct dialogue between all of our management, set the agenda for executive sessions of the Board and independent directors, and retain outside advisors and consultants that will report directly to the Board on board matters. In performing the duties described above, the lead independent director is expected to coordinate with the chairs of the appropriate Board committees. The lead independent director will also serve as the chair of the nominating and corporate governance committee.

**Board Committees**

The Board has the following standing committees: an audit committee; a compensation committee; a nominating and corporate governance committee; a mergers and acquisitions (“M&A”) committee and a technology committee. The composition and responsibilities of each committee are described below. Members serve on these committees until their resignation or until otherwise determined by the Board.

The members of each of these committees as of December 31, 2014 are identified below. The terms of directors Alan S. Henricks and Bernard M. Notas will end at our Annual Meeting.

	Audit Committee	Compensation Committee	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee	M&A Committee	Technology Committee
	Robert J. Levin (chair)	Bernard M. Notas (chair)	Frank Schultz (chair)	Jeb Spencer (chair)	Robert J. Levin (chair)
	Alan S. Henricks	Craig Davis	Craig Davis	Carl Buccellato	Alan S. Henricks
	Marina Levinson	A. Barr Dolan	Robert J. Levin	A. Barr Dolan	Marina Levinson
		Bernard M. Notas			Bernard M. Notas

At its March 23, 2015 meeting, our Board reconstituted the committees of the Board effective at the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, as follows:

	Audit Committee	Compensation Committee	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee	M&A Committee	Technology Committee
	Robert J. Levin (chair)	Carl Buccellato (chair)*	Frank Schultz (chair)	Jeb Spencer (chair)	Marina Levinson (chair)
	Craig Davis	Craig Davis	Craig Davis	Carl Buccellato	Robert J. Levin
	Marina Levinson	A. Barr Dolan	Robert J. Levin	A. Barr Dolan	Frank Schultz

\*Mr. Buccellato was made a member of our compensation committee effective March 23, 2015.

**Audit Committee**

The audit committee oversees our corporate accounting and financial reporting procedures. In addition to other matters, the audit committee: evaluates the independent auditors’ qualifications and independence and performance; determines the engagement of the independent auditors; and approves the scope of the annual audit and the audit fee; discusses with management and independent auditors the results of the annual audit and the review of our quarterly financial statements; approves the retention of the independent auditors to perform permitted permissible non-audit services; monitors the rotation of partners of the independent auditors; the Ellie Mae engagement team as required by law; reviews our critical accounting estimates; reviews and approves all material transactions with any related party; reviews

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corporate code of business conduct and ethics; and annually reviews the audit committee and the committee's performance. Until our Annual Meeting, our audit committee consisted of directors Robert J. Levin, Alan S. Henricks, Bernard M. Notas and Marina Levinson. At the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, the audit committee will be reconstituted to consist of directors Robert J. Levin, Craig Davis and Marina Levinson. Mr. Levin serves and is expected to serve in fiscal 2015 as the chairman of the audit committee. The audit committee believes that it satisfies (and as will be constituted will satisfy) the independence requirements of the rules of the SEC that apply to the audit committee director independence requirements established by the SEC that apply to companies listed on the NYSE. The Board has determined that Mr. Levin is an audit committee financial expert as defined under the applicable rules of the SEC and has the financial, accounting or related financial management expertise required under applicable NYSE listing regulations. This designation is a disclosure requirement of the SEC and does not in itself constitute an indication that Mr. Levin has any duties, obligations, or liabilities greater than that which would otherwise be imposed by virtue of their membership on the Board or the audit committee. In addition, this designation does not affect the duties, obligations, or liabilities of any other director or committee member. The Board has determined that

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each audit committee member has sufficient knowledge in reading and understanding financial statements to serve on the audit committee. All of the members of the audit committee are independent directors as defined under applicable SEC and NYSE rules and regulations. The audit committee operates under a written charter that satisfies the applicable standards of the SEC and the NYSE. A copy of the audit committee charter and our code of business conduct and ethics are available on the Company's website at <http://www.elliemae.com/about/investor-relations/corporate-governance>.

#### Compensation Committee

The compensation committee reviews and recommends policies relating to compensation and benefits of our officers and employees. The compensation committee reviews and recommends compensation goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of our chief executive officer and other executive officers, evaluates the performance of these officers in light of those goals and objectives, and sets the compensation of these officers based on such evaluations. The compensation committee also oversees the issuance of stock options and other awards under our stock plans. In addition, the compensation committee has authority to retain and fund the services of compensation consultants, independent legal counsel and other compensation advisers. The compensation committee is generally responsible for considering the independence of such advisers prior to selection. The compensation committee will review and evaluate, at least annually, the performance of the compensation committee and its members, including compliance of the compensation committee with its charter. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the compensation committee may delegate some of its responsibilities to a subcommittee of the compensation committee, but only if such delegation is consistent with our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws, Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (to the extent applicable), NYSE rules and other applicable law. Until our Annual Meeting in 2015, the compensation committee shall consist of directors Carl Buccellato (appointed effective March 2015), Bernard M. Notas, Craig Davis and A. Barr Dolan. At the adjournment of the 2015 Annual Meeting, the compensation committee will be reconstituted to consist of directors Carl Buccellato, Craig Davis and A. Barr Dolan. Mr. Notas will continue to serve as chairman of the compensation committee until the Annual Meeting when Mr. Buccellato shall become chairman. All of the members of the compensation committee are independent under the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC, the NYSE and the Internal Revenue Code. In March 2015, the Board adopted a new charter for the compensation committee. A copy of the charter is available on the Company's website at <http://www.elliemae.com/about/investor-relations/corporate-governance>.

#### Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The nominating and corporate governance committee is responsible for making recommendations regarding candidates for directorships and the size and composition of the Board. In addition, the nominating and corporate governance committee is responsible for overseeing our corporate governance guidelines and reporting and making recommendations concerning governance matters. The nominating and corporate governance committee will review and evaluate, at least annually, the performance of the nominating and corporate governance committee and its members, including compliance of the nominating and corporate governance committee with its charter. The current and continuing members of the nominating and corporate governance committee are Craig Davis, Robert J. Levin and Frank Schultz, with Mr. Schultz serving as chairman of the committee. In March 2015, our Board adopted a new charter for the

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and corporate governance committee. A copy of the charter and our corporate governance guidelines are available on the Company’s website at <http://www.elliemae.com/about/investor-relations/corporate-governance>.

**Mergers and Acquisitions Committee**

The M&A committee was formed in August 2013 and is responsible for reviewing acquisition strategy no less than annually, as well as reviewing potential mergers, acquisitions, investments or dispositions of material assets or a material portion of any business (“Transactions”) and reporting its conclusions and recommendations to the Board, as appropriate. Among other matters, the M&A committee: reviews with management and the Board potential Major Transaction and how the Major Transaction fits with the Company’s business plans and acquisition strategy; has the authority to evaluate and conduct diligence on potential acquisition and investment candidates on behalf of the Company; reviews with management the integration of any acquired businesses and whether the Major Transaction meets the Company’s business objectives and strategic plans; and has the ability to retain independent accounting or other consultants or advisors to advise the M&A committee without the need for Board approval. In addition, the M&A committee will review and evaluate, at least annually, the performance of the M&A committee and its members, including compliance of the committee with its charter. The current and continuing members of the M&A committee are Mr. Buccellato, A. Barr Dolan and Jeb Spencer, with Mr. Spencer serving as chairman of the committee.

**Technology Committee**

The technology committee was formed in December 2014 and is responsible for overseeing the Company’s information technology (“IT”) strategy, operations, policies and controls, with respect to product development, risk management, IT security, regulatory matters and other IT controls. Among other matters, the technology committee reviews

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reports from management or other third parties relating to the Company’s IT strategy and operations, focusing on IT security, “cloud” service capacity and product reliability. The technology committee has the ability to retain independent counsel or outside experts and advisors if it deems necessary and without seeking Board approval. In addition, the technology committee shall review and evaluate, at least annually, the performance of the technology committee members, including compliance of the technology committee with its charter. Until the 2014 Annual Meeting, our technology committee shall consist of directors Alan S. Henricks, Robert J. Levin, Marina Levinson and Bernard M. Notas. At the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, the technology committee will be reconstituted to consist of directors Marina Levinson, Robert J. Levin and Frank Schultz. Mr. Levin will continue to serve as chairman of the technology committee until the Annual Meeting when Ms. Levinson shall become chairman. The following table sets forth the attendance at the 2014 Annual Meeting, the 2014 Special Meetings of the Board of Directors, Board and Committee Member Attendance and Director Meeting Attendance.

The Board met 11 times during last year. The audit committee met 16 times, the compensation committee met nine times, the nominating and corporate governance committee met 11 times, the M&A committee met six times and the technology committee did not meet last year. In 2014, each Board member attended 75% or more of the aggregate of the meetings of the Board and of the committees on which he served.

We encourage all of our directors and nominees for director to attend our annual meeting for the benefit of our stockholders; however, attendance is not mandatory. All of our directors attended our annual meeting of stockholders in 2014.

#### Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors

Should stockholders wish to communicate with the Board or any specified individual, including our lead independent director, such correspondence should be sent to the attention of the Secretary, at Ellie Mae, Inc., 4420 Rosewood Drive, Suite 500, Pleasanton, California 94588. The Secretary will forward the communication to the Board or any specified individual, as appropriate.

#### Stockholder Recommendations and Nominations for Membership on our Board of Directors

The policy of our nominating and corporate governance committee is to consider and evaluate all submitted stockholder recommendations for candidates for membership on the Board of Directors. In evaluating such recommendations, the nominating and corporate governance committee will address the membership criteria set forth under “Director Qualifications.” Any stockholder recommendations proposed for consideration by the nominating and corporate governance committee should be provided in writing and should be addressed to our Secretary at Ellie Mae, Inc., 4420 Rosewood Drive, Suite 500, Pleasanton, California 94588. Stockholder recommendations must include the nominee’s name and qualifications for membership on the Board, a document signed by the candidate indicating the candidate’s willingness to accept election, and evidence of the stockholder’s ownership of our common stock.

In addition to stockholder recommendations of candidates for membership on the Board of Directors, a stockholder may nominate an individual for election to our Board in the manner set forth in accordance with the provisions of, our Amended and Restated Bylaws. Under Section 3.2 of our Bylaws, for a stockholder to make any nomination for election to the Board at an annual meeting, the stockholder must provide notice to the Company, which notice must be delivered in person or mailed and received at, the Company’s principal executive offices not less than 90 days

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more than 120 days prior to the one-year anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting provided, that if the date of the annual meeting is more than 30 days before or more than 30 days after such anniversary date, the stockholder's notice must be delivered, or mailed or otherwise transmitted, no later than 90 days prior to the date of the annual meeting or, if later, the 10th day following the date on which public disclosure of the date of such annual meeting is made. Further requirements and supplements to such notice may be required at the times and in the forms required under our Bylaws. Accordingly, assuming that the annual meeting of our stockholders to be held in 2016 occurs within 30 days before or 60 days after the first anniversary date of the Annual Meeting, any such notice of a nomination delivered by or on behalf of a stockholder pursuant to Section 2.5 of our Bylaws must be received no earlier than February 18, 2016 and no later than February 18, 2016.

As set forth in our Bylaws, submissions must include the name and address of the proposed nominee, information regarding the proposed nominee that is required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings in a contested election pursuant to Section 14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act, information regarding the proposed nominee's indirect and direct interests in shares of the Company's common stock, and a completed and signed questionnaire, representation and warranty agreement of the proposed nominee. Our Bylaws also specify further requirements regarding the form and content of a stockholder's notice. We recommend that any stockholder wishing to submit a nomination for director review a copy of our Bylaws, as amended and restated to date, which are available, without charge, from our Secretary, at Ellie Mae, Inc., 4420 Rosewood Drive, Suite 500, Pleasanton, California 94588.

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### Director Qualifications

Our corporate governance guidelines contain membership criteria that apply to nomination and election to our Board. In recommending candidates for election to the Board, the independent members of the nominating and corporate governance committee may consider the following criteria, among others the nominating and corporate governance committee shall determine to be appropriate: diversity of personal and professional background, perspective and experience; personal and professional integrity, ethics and values; experience in corporate management, operations or finance, such as serving as an officer or former officer of a publicly held company and a general understanding of marketing, finance and other elements relevant to the operation of a publicly-traded company in today's business environment; experience in the Company and with relevant social policy concerns; experience as a board member or executive officer of another publicly held company; academic expertise in an area of the Company's operations; practical and mature business judgment, including ability to make independent analyses and inquiries; diversity of business or career experience relevant to the success of the Company; and any other relevant qualifications, attributes or skills. The Board evaluates each individual in the context of the Board as a whole, with the objective of assembling a group that can best ensure the success of the business and represent stockholder interests through the exercise of sound judgment using its diversity of experience in these various areas.

The Board considers a number of factors in its evaluation of diversity, including gender, age and ethnicity. As indicated above, diversity is one factor among many that the Board considers when evaluating director candidates. The nominating and corporate governance committee monitors its assessment of diversity as part of its annual self-evaluation process. The nominating and corporate governance committee will reassess the qualifications of a director, including the director's attendance, involvement at Board and committee meetings and contribution to the Company's diversity, prior to recommending a director for re-election. Nominees will be screened to ensure each candidate has qualifications which complement the overall core competencies of the Board. The screening process for new nominees includes conducting a background investigation and independence determination.

### Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

During 2014, the compensation committee was composed of Craig Davis, A. Barr Iversen and Bernard M. Notas, with Mr. Notas serving as the chairman of the committee. None of the members of the compensation committee is or has at any time during last year been an employee of ours or was formerly an officer of ours. None of our executive officers or directors serves or in the last year has served as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of any entity that has one or more executive officers serving on the Board of Directors of the Company or on the compensation committee.

### Risk Assessment and Compensation Practices

Our management assesses and discusses with the compensation committee our compensation policies and practices for our employees as they relate to our risk management and, in connection with this assessment, we believe that any risks arising from such policies and practices are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us in the future.

Our employees' base salaries are fixed in amount and thus we do not believe that they present an excessive risk-taking. While performance-based cash bonuses and sales commissions are based on the achievement of short-term or annual goals, which may encourage the taking of short-



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the expense of long-term results, we believe that our compensation policies help mitigate risk and our performance-based cash bonuses and sales commissions are limited, representing a small portion of the total compensation opportunities available to most employees. We believe that our performance-based cash bonuses and sales commissions appropriately balance our desire to focus our employees on specific short-term goals important to our success with our desire to encourage unnecessary or excessive risk-taking.

A significant proportion of the compensation provided to our employees is in the form of long-term equity-based incentives that we believe are important to help further align our employees' interests with those of our stockholders. We do not believe that these equity-based incentives encourage unnecessary or excessive risk taking because vesting schedules are staggered and their ultimate value is tied to our stock price.

This Proxy Statement, including the preceding paragraphs, contains forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events. Forward-looking statements contained in this Proxy Statement should be considered in light of the many uncertainties that affect our business and those factors discussed from time to time in our public reports filed with the SEC, such as those discussed under the heading, "Risk Factors," in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, which may be updated in subsequent SEC filings.

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PROPOSAL NO. 2

RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The audit committee of the Board has engaged Grant Thornton LLP as our independent public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2015, and is seeking ratification of its selection by our stockholders at the Annual Meeting. Grant Thornton LLP has audited our consolidated financial statements since the year ended December 31, 2002. Representatives of Grant Thornton LLP are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting. They will have an opportunity to make a statement if they so desire and will be available to respond to appropriate questions. Neither our Bylaws nor other governing documents or applicable law require stockholder ratification of the selection of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm. However, the audit committee is submitting the selection of Grant Thornton LLP to our stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. If our stockholders fail to ratify the selection, the audit committee will reconsider whether or not to reappoint Grant Thornton LLP. Even if the selection is ratified, the audit committee in its discretion may appoint the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if they determine that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders.

To be approved, the ratification of the selection of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm must receive a “FOR” vote from the holders of a majority of the voting power of the shares of common stock which are present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the proposal. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted for purposes of quorum. Abstentions will have the same effect as an “AGAINST” vote for purposes of determining whether this matter has been approved. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.

Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The following table provides information regarding the fees incurred by Grant Thornton LLP in relation to the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. All fees described below were approved by the audit committee.

	Year Ended December 31, 2014
Audit Fees	\$771,175
Audit-Related Fees	—
Tax Fees	—
All Other Fees	—
Total Fees	\$771,175

Audit fees of Grant Thornton LLP during 2014 and 2013 included the audits of our consolidated financial statements, the reviews of each of the quarterly condensed consolidated financial statements included in the Company’s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and the comfort letters rendered in connection with our registration statements on Form S-8, comfort letters and other matters related to the SEC.

Audit-Related Fees

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There were no audit-related fees paid to Grant Thornton LLP during 2014 and 2013.  
Tax Fees

There were no tax fees paid to Grant Thornton LLP during 2014 and 2013. The Company engages a different third-party service provider for its tax services.

All Other Fees

There were no other fees of Grant Thornton LLP during 2014 and 2013.

Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The audit committee pre-approves all audit and non-audit services provided by its independent registered public accounting firm. This policy is set forth in the charter of the audit committee and available at <http://www.elliemae.com/about/investor-relations/corporate-governance>

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The audit committee approved all audit and tax consulting services provided by Grant Thornton LLP for 2014 and 2013 and the estimated costs of those services. Actual amounts beyond the extent in excess of the estimated amounts, were periodically reviewed and approved by the audit committee.

The audit committee considered whether the non-audit services rendered by Grant Thornton LLP were compatible with maintaining Grant Thornton LLP's independence and concluded that the services were so compatible.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE RE-ELECTION OF THE SELECTION OF GRANT THORNTON LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014.

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PROPOSAL NO. 3

ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Pursuant to Section 14A of the Exchange Act, the Company is providing stockholders with an advisory (non-binding) vote to approve compensation programs for our named executive officers (sometimes referred to as “say on pay”). Accordingly, you may vote on the following proposal at the Annual Meeting:

“Resolved, that the stockholders approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation programs for the named executive officers, as disclosed in this Proxy Statement, pursuant to the disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the accompanying compensation tables and the related narrative disclosure that accompany the compensation tables.”

To be approved, this proposal must receive a “FOR” vote from the holders of a majority of the power of the shares of common stock which are present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the proposal. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted to determine a quorum. Abstentions will have the same effect as an “AGAINST” vote for purposes of determining whether this matter has been approved. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.

This vote is nonbinding. The Board and the compensation committee, which is composed of independent directors, expect to take into account the outcome of the vote when considering future executive compensation decisions to the extent they can determine the cause of any significant negative voting results. Consistent with the stated preference of a majority of stockholders, the Board and the compensation committee determined that we will hold a say on pay vote every year. Unless the Board and the compensation committee modify the frequency of future say on pay votes, the next say on pay vote will be held at the next annual meeting of stockholders.

As described in detail under “Compensation Discussion and Analysis,” our compensation programs are designed to motivate our executives to create a successful company. Our philosophy is to make a significant percentage of an executive officer’s compensation tied to stockholder interests and to keep cash compensation to a competitive level while providing the opportunity for our executives to be well-rewarded through equity if we perform well over time. We believe that our compensation program, with its balance of short-term incentives (including performance bonuses) and long-term incentives (including equity awards), rewards sustained performance that is consistent with long-term stockholder interests. Stockholders are encouraged to read the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the accompanying compensation tables and the related narrative disclosure.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COMPANY’S EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION ON AN ADVISORY BASIS, OF THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, AS DISCLOSED IN THE COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, THE ACCOMPANYING COMPENSATION TABLES AND THE RELATED NARRATIVE DISCLOSURE INCLUDED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT.

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PROPOSAL NO. 4

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO OUR CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO ELIMINATE SUPERMAJORITY VOTING PROVISIONS

We are proposing amendments to our current Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the supermajority voting provisions contained therein.

Background

At our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders, approximately 90% of our stockholders present and approved a proposal to direct the Board to take steps necessary to eliminate the supermajority voting provisions contained in our current Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws. As a result, the Board evaluated the voting requirements imposed by our current Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws and the Board believes that the proposed “majority of outstanding shares” voting requirement which will replace the current supermajority voting requirement will continue to provide protection against proposals that are harmful to our stockholders. The Board believes that a “majority of outstanding shares” standard is the best outcome that responds to stockholder feedback while appropriately maintaining the Company’s defensive posture against hostile takeovers.

For these reasons and in light of the strong stockholder support of this proposal at the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders, and based on the Board’s evaluation of our corporate governance practices and the best interests of the Company and its stockholders, we are asking our stockholders to approve amendments to our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the supermajority voting provisions contained therein. The Board approves and recommends that our stockholders approve the proposed amendments to our current Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation as set out below and in Appendix A.

Proposed Amendments to our Current Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation: Approval of this Proposal 4 will result in the following changes to our current Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation:

**Directors and Powers.** Article V, Paragraph B(1) will provide that the Company’s Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws may be rescinded, altered, amended or repealed in any respect by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding shares of the Voting Stock.

**Amendments to Certificate of Incorporation.** Article VIII will provide that the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding shares of the Voting Stock, voting together as a single class, shall be required to alter, amend or repeal all of Section B of Article IV (Terms of the Preferred Stock), Article V (Directors and Officers), Article VII (Limitation of Liability and Indemnification) or this Article VIII (Amendments to Certificate of Incorporation).

The summary of the proposed amendments to Article V, Paragraph B(1) and VIII of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation set forth above is qualified in its entirety by the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, which shows the text of the proposed amendments, which is attached as Appendix A to this Proxy Statement. Text to be deleted is stricken through and additions to text are indicated by underlining as shown in Appendix A.

The approval of the proposed amendments to our current Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the

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capital stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote. If this proposal is approved by the stockholders, we intend to promptly file the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation with the State of Delaware. Our Amended and Restated Bylaws reflecting the elimination of supermajority voting provisions was approved by our Board and became effective as of July 11, 2014.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THIS PROPOSAL TO ADOPT THE COMPANY'S SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO ELIMINATE ALL SUPERMAJORITY VOTING PROVISIONS.

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SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANA

The following table presents information regarding the beneficial ownership of our stock as of March 31, 2015 by:

- each person known by us to beneficially own more than 5% of our outstanding shares of common stock;
- each named executive officer as set forth in the summary compensation table below;
- each of our directors; and
- all current executive officers and directors as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Unless otherwise indicated, to our knowledge, the persons named in the table have sole voting and sole investment power with respect to all shares beneficially owned, subject to community property laws where applicable. Shares of our common stock (i) subject to options that are currently exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2015 and (ii) subject to restricted stock units that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2015, are deemed to be outstanding and to be beneficially owned by the person holding the options or restricted stock units, as applicable, for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of that person, but are not treated as outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

Percentage ownership of our common stock in the table below is based on 29,274,600 shares of our common stock issued and outstanding on March 31, 2015. Except as set forth below, the address of each of the individuals and entities named below is c/o Ellie Mae, Inc., 4000 Rosewood Drive, Suite 500, Pleasanton, California 94588.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned		
	Common Stock	Options Exercisable Within 60 Days	Shares Beneficially Owned
<b>5% Stockholders:</b>			
PRIMECAP Management Company (2)	3,813,245	—	3,813,245
Tremblant Capital Group (3)	1,694,837	—	1,694,837
Frontier Capital Management Co., LLC (4)	1,598,386	—	1,598,386
Entities affiliated with BlackRock Inc. (5)	1,623,636	—	1,623,636
The Vanguard Group (6)	1,697,229	—	1,697,229
Sylebra Capital Management (7)	1,939,783	—	1,939,783
Jackson Square Partners, LLC (8)	1,449,098	—	1,449,098
<b>Named Executive Officers and Directors:</b>			
Sigmund Anderman (9)	587,962	77,086	665,048
Edgar Luce (10)	72,550	102,546	175,096
Jonathan Corr (11)	158,616	74,404	233,020
Limin Hu (12)	268,348	65,107	333,455
Carl Buccellato (13)	38,365	73,332	111,697
Craig Davis (14)	58,332	88,998	147,330
A. Barr Dolan	—	62,666	62,666
Alan S. Henricks (15)	6,700	12,000	18,700



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Robert J. Levin (16)		6,340	72,666	79,006
Bernard M. Notas (17)		133,667	3,000	136,667
Frank Schultz		—	4,000	4,000
Jeb Spencer		1,005	37,517	38,522
Marina Levinson		—	—	—
All 15 directors and executive officers as a group (18)		1,344,336	759,929	2,104,265

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\* Represents beneficial ownership of less than one percent of the outstanding shares of stock.

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- Represents shares of common stock held, common stock held in escrow for 2012 Performance Shares, 2013 Performance Shares and 2014 Performance Shares, options that vest within 60 days of March 31, 2015, and restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of March 31, 2015, by such individuals. Includes shares held in the beneficial owner's name jointly with others, or in the name of a bank, nominee or trustee for the beneficial owner. Reported numbers do not include options that vest more than 60 days after March 31, 2015. Based on information set forth in an Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 13, 2015. The address of PRIMECAP Management Company is 225 S. Wilshire Ave., #400, Pasadena, California 91101. Based on information set forth in an Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 17, 2015. The address of Tremblant Capital Group is 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153. Based on information set forth in an Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 13, 2015. The address of Frontier Capital Management Co., LLC is 99 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Based on information set forth in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on January 29, 2015. BlackRock Inc., BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A., BlackRock Advisors, LLC, BlackRock Management Canada Limited, BlackRock Fund Advisors, BlackRock Institutional Solutions Company, N.A., BlackRock International Limited, BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Ltd, and BlackRock Investment Management, LLC have shared voting or disposal rights over these shares. The address of BlackRock Inc. is 40 East 52nd Street, New York, New York 10022. Based on information set forth in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 13, 2015. As a result of serving as investment managers, (i) Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, Inc. ("The Vanguard Group"), is the beneficial owner of 32,330 shares and (ii) Vanguard Investments Australia, Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, is the beneficial owner of 1,200 shares. The address of The Vanguard Group is 100 Vanguard Blvd., Malvern, Pennsylvania 19354. Based on information set forth in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 13, 2015. Sylebra HK Company Limited ("Sylebra HK") may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of 100,000 shares by virtue of its position as investment advisor to Sylebra Capital Management (UK) Limited. (7) Jeffrey Richard Fieler and Daniel Patrick Gibson, who serve as directors to Sylebra HK, who equally share ownership of Sylebra HK, may be deemed to be beneficial owners of 100,000 shares. The address of Sylebra Capital Management is 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, 28 Hennessy Road, Chai, Hong Kong. Based on information set forth in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 13, 2015. (8) The address of Jackson Square Partners, LLC is 101 California Street, Suite 3750, San Francisco, CA 94111. Includes 204,837 shares held by The Sigmund and Susan Anderman Family Trust, 100,000 shares held by the Sigmund Anderman TTEE Sigmund Anderman 2014 GRAT Trust, 100,000 shares held by Susan Anderman TTEE Susan Anderman 2014 GRAT Trust, 100,000 shares held by U/A DTD 12/12/2014, 10,000 shares held by Sigmund Anderman, 110,000 shares held in escrow for 2012 Performance Shares, 27,500 shares held in escrow for 2013 Performance Shares, and 35,625 shares held in escrow for 2014 Performance Shares.

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Includes 44,000 shares held in escrow for 2012 Performance Shares, 9,626 shares held in escrow for 2013 Performance Shares, 14,250 shares held in escrow for 2014 Performance Shares and 4,674 ESPP shares.

Includes 70,341 shares held by Jonathan & Rae Corr 2006 Family Trust DTD 1/1/1995.  
(11) 56,000 shares held in escrow for 2012 Performance Shares, 13,750 shares held in escrow for 2013 Performance Shares, and 18,525 shares held in escrow for 2014 Performance Shares.

Includes 204,361 shares held by Limin Hu, 44,000 shares held in escrow for 2012 Performance Awards, 6,875 shares held in escrow for 2013 Performance Shares, and 1,000 ESPP shares.  
(12)

Includes 38,365 shares held jointly by Carl Buccellato and Mary Ellen Buccellato.  
(13)

Includes 16,666 shares held by Craig S Davis Trustee & Lecia A Davis Trustee & Family Trust Dated 12/8/1995.  
(14)

Includes 6,700 shares held by The Henricks Family Trust.  
(15)

Includes 6,340 shares held jointly by Robert and Abby Levin.  
(16)

Includes 113,667 shares held by The Notas Family Trust.  
(17)

Includes shares held by Cathleen Schreiner Gates, executive vice president of sales and marketing, and Joseph Tyrrell, executive vice president of corporate strategy, who were appointed as executive officers on March 23, 2015.  
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**SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's directors and executive persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of the Company's equity securities with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of common and other equity securities of the Company. Officers, directors and greater than 10% are required by SEC regulations to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) reports they file.

To the Company's knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of such reports furnished to the Company and written representations that no other reports were required, during the year ended December 31, 2014, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our directors and greater than 10% stockholders were complied with except that Mr. Lu filed a Form 4 on one occasion but a Form 4 was subsequently filed and all transactions are disclosed in this Proxy Statement.

**DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

Our non-employee director compensation policy currently provides that each non-employee director receives an annual cash retainer of \$32,000. Our lead independent director receives an additional annual cash retainer of \$15,000. In addition, all non-employee directors who serve on one or more committees are eligible to receive the following annual committee fees:

Committee	Chair
Audit committee	\$15,000
Compensation committee	12,000
Nominating and corporate governance committee	7,500
Mergers and acquisitions committee	9,000
Technology committee(1)	10,000

(1) Since the technology committee was formed on December 19, 2014, the technology committee fees were prorated with the chair of the technology committee receiving \$10,000 and the members of the technology committee (other than the chair) receiving \$2,000 for their service on the committee in 2014.

Based upon a recommendation by the compensation committee, on March 23, 2015, the Board of Directors approved certain increases to the non-employee director compensation policy to take effect immediately after the Annual Meeting, increasing the annual cash retainer for each non-employee director on our audit committee to \$12,000, or \$20,000 in the case of the chairman of the audit committee, as well as increasing the annual cash retainer paid to our lead independent director to \$47,000. All non-employee directors will continue to receive an annual cash retainer of \$32,000. All non-employee directors who serve on one or more committees will be eligible to receive the following revised annual committee fees:

Committee	Chair
Audit committee	\$20,000
Compensation committee	12,000
Nominating and corporate governance committee	7,500
Mergers and acquisitions committee	9,000

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Technology committee 10,000

Other than the annual retainers and committee fees described above, non-employee directors are not entitled to receive any cash fees in connection with their service on our Board. Newly elected or appointed non-employee directors are entitled to receive an option to purchase restricted stock units equal to \$150,000, plus a pro-rata portion of the annual stock option grant described below based on when the director joins our Board relative to the date of the previous year's annual meeting, upon initial election or appointment to the Board. In addition, our non-employee directors are entitled to receive both an option to purchase our common stock with a \$100,000 value based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model and restricted stock units with a \$100,000 value automatically immediately after each annual meeting of stockholders. Options granted to non-employee directors will have a per share exercise price equal to the closing trading price of our common stock as of the date of grant. The initial restricted stock unit grant will vest 1/3rd on each anniversary of the date of grant over a three-year period from the date of grant. The initial pro-rata portion of the annual stock option grant vests in equal monthly installments until the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders. The initial pro-rata portion of the annual restricted stock grant vests in full on the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders. Subsequent annual option grants

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will vest in equal monthly installments over one year from the date of grant and subsequent annual restricted stock unit grants will vest 100% on the first anniversary of the date of grant. Directors who are employees are compensated for their service as employees and do not receive any additional compensation for their service on the Board.

The following table sets forth information concerning the compensation paid or accrued for services rendered to us in all capacities by our non-employee directors during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Option Awards (1)	Stock Awards (2)
Carl Buccellato	34,317	143,959	—
Craig Davis	47,992	143,959	—
A. Barr Dolan	43,517	143,959	—
Alan S. Henricks	43,291	143,959	—
Robert J. Levin	43,999	143,959	—
Marina Levinson	15,038	—	300,389
Bernard M. Notas	50,291	143,959	—
Frank Schultz	35,958	143,959	—
Jeb S. Spencer	38,500	143,959	—

(1) Amounts do not reflect compensation actually received by the director. Instead, they represent aggregate grant date fair value of options granted during 2014 computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718 Stock Compensation. The valuation assumptions used in determining such amounts are described in Notes 2 and 10 of the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

(2) Amounts do not reflect compensation actually received by the director. Instead, the amounts included in the “Stock Awards” column represent the grant date fair value of awards granted during 2014 calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 718. For a discussion of the assumptions used in determining the valuations reflected in this column, see Notes 2 and 10 of the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

The following table shows the number of shares subject to outstanding and unexercised options and awards and the number of shares subject to outstanding stock awards held by each of our non-employee directors as of December 31, 2014:

Name	Number of Shares Subject to Outstanding Options as of 12/31/14
Carl Buccellato	73,332
Craig Davis	88,998

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					A. Barr Dolan	62,666
					Alan S. Henricks	24,000
					Robert J. Levin	72,666
					Marina Levinson	—
					Bernard M. Notas	46,000
					Frank Schultz	19,550
					Jeb S. Spencer	37,517

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### COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section discusses the principles underlying our policies and decisions with respect to the compensation of our executive officers who are named in the “2014 Summary Compensation Table” and the material factors relevant to an analysis of these policies and decisions. The compensation of executive officers for 2014 was as follows: Sigmund Anderman, chief executive officer; Luce, executive vice president and chief financial officer; Jonathan Corr, president and chief operating officer; Limin Hu, executive vice president and chief technology officer; and Ms. Lee, executive vice president and general counsel. Ms. Lee resigned from the Company on September 2, 2014. Effective January 5, 2015, Mr. Anderman became our executive vice president and chief financial officer and Jonathan Corr became our president and chief executive officer. However, as the information in this section relates to fiscal year 2014, we refer to Mr. Anderman as our chief executive officer and Mr. Corr as our president and chief operating officer.

#### Good Governance and Best Practices

We endeavor to maintain sound governance standards consistent with our executive compensation policies and practices. The compensation committee evaluates our executive compensation program on a regular basis to ensure that it is consistent with our short- and long-term goals given the dynamic nature of our business and the market in which we operate for executive talent. The following policies and practices were in effect during fiscal year 2014: Independent Compensation Committee. The compensation committee is comprised of five independent directors.

Independent Compensation Committee Advisors. The compensation committee engaged an independent compensation consultant, Compensia, Inc. (“Compensia”), to assist with its fiscal 2014 executive compensation reviews. Compensia performed no other consulting or other services for the Company during the Annual Executive Compensation Review. The compensation committee conducts a regular review and approval of our compensation strategy, including a review of our compensation philosophy, peer group used for comparative purposes and a review of our compensation-related risks to ensure that our compensation-related risks are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our Company.

Executive Compensation Policies and Practices. Our compensation philosophy and executive compensation policies and practices are complemented by several specific compensation practices that are designed to align our executive compensation with long-term stockholder interests, including the following:

Compensation At-Risk. Our executive compensation program is designed so that a significant portion of compensation is “at risk” based on corporate performance, as well as equity-based awards, to align the interests of our executive officers and stockholders;

No Post-Employment Tax Reimbursements. We do not provide any tax reimbursements (including “gross-ups”) on any severance or change-in-control payments or benefits;

“Double-Trigger” Change-in-Control Arrangements. All change-in-control payments are based on a “double-trigger” arrangement (that is, they require both a change-in-control of the Company plus a qualifying termination of employment before payments and benefits are made);

Performance-Based Incentives. We use performance-based short- and long-term incentive awards;

Multi-Year Vesting Requirements. The equity awards granted to our named executive officers vest or are earned over multi-year periods, consistent with current market practice and our retention objectives;



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No Retirement Plans. We do not currently offer, nor do we have plans to provide, pension arrangements, retirement plans or nonqualified deferred compensation plans or arrangements for our named executive officers other than the plans available to all employees;

Limited Perquisites. We provide limited perquisites or other personal benefits to our named executive officers;

No Tax Reimbursements. We do not provide any tax reimbursement payments (including "gross-ups") on any perquisites or other personal benefits, other than standard relocation expenses;

No Special Health or Welfare Benefits. Our named executive officers participate in the same Company-sponsored health and welfare benefits programs on the same basis as our other full-time, salaried employees;

Pledging Prohibited. Our named executive officers and Board members are prohibited from pledging our common stock as collateral to secure loans and our executive officers and Board members may not

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purchase put and call options or engage in any other hedging transactions through R trading plans.

• **Succession Planning.** We review the risks associated with key executive officer positions to ensure adequate succession plans are in place; and

• **Compensation Risk.** The compensation committee regularly reviews our compensation policy to ensure it does not create inappropriate or excessive risk that is likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

#### Objectives and Philosophy of Our Executive Compensation Program

We recognize that our ability to excel depends on the integrity, knowledge, imagination, diversity and teamwork of our named executive officers. To this end, we strive to create an environment of mutual respect, encouragement and teamwork that rewards commitment to performance and that is responsive to the needs of our named executive officers. The principles and objectives of our compensation and benefits programs for our employees generally, and our named executive officers specifically, are to:

• attract, engage and retain individuals of superior ability, experience and managerial expertise, enabling us to be an employer of choice in the highly-competitive and dynamic information technology industry;

• ensure compensation is closely aligned with our corporate strategies, business and financial objectives and the long-term interests of our stockholders;

• motivate and reward executives whose knowledge, skills and performance ensure our success;

• ensure that the elements of compensation, individually and in the aggregate, do not create excessive risk-taking; and

• ensure that total compensation is fair, reasonable and competitive.

The compensation components described below simultaneously fulfill one or more of the principles and objectives.

#### Components of Our Executive Compensation Program

The individual components of our executive compensation program consist primarily of (i) base salary, (ii) performance-based bonuses, (iii) equity incentives, (iv) retirement saving opportunities, (v) post-termination benefits and (vi) various other employee benefits. We review each of these components as related but distinct, reviewing them each individually, and collectively to ensure that the total compensation paid to our named executive officers is consistent with the objectives of our executive compensation program as detailed above. Not all compensation components are provided to each named executive officer. Instead, we determine the appropriate level for each compensation component based in part, but not exclusively, on our position in the market in which we compete for talent based on the experience of members of our management, the length of service of our named executive officers, internal parity of the compensation of our executives, the criticality of the executive for our business, the marketability of the executive in the market, our overall performance and other considerations we deem relevant. The compensation committee endeavors to make compensation decisions that are consistent with our recruiting and retention goals. We review each compensation component for internal consistency between named executive officers with similar levels of responsibility.

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We strive to achieve an appropriate mix between equity incentive awards and cash in order to meet our objectives. We do not currently have any policies for allocating compensation between short- and long-term compensation or cash and non-cash. While we utilize both short- and long-term compensation components, our strategy with respect to the compensation of our named executive officers is to tie a greater percentage of their total compensation to performance-based compensation, which we achieve through the use of annual bonuses and equity incentives. Base salaries paid to our named executive officers are kept at a competitive level, as determined by members of the compensation committee and other members of the board based on their experience and their review of market data, with the opportunity for a named executive officer to achieve higher total compensation through bonuses and equity incentives if we perform well over time. We emphasize equity compensation because we believe that the achievement of our business and financial objectives will be reflected in the value of our equity, thereby increasing stockholder value, our named executive officers will be incentivized to achieve these objectives when a larger percentage of their total compensation is tied to the value of our stock. In order to accomplish these goals, we use stock options, restricted stock and performance shares (“Performance Shares”) as a significant component of compensation. While we offer competitive base salaries, we believe bonuses and stock-based compensation are more effective motivators in retaining and rewarding employees for technology companies. Each of the individual components of our named executive officers’ compensation is described in more detail below. While we have identified particular compensation objectives that each component of our named executive officers’ compensation serves, our compensation program is designed to be flexible and complementary and to collectively serve all

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of the compensation objectives described above. Accordingly, whether or not specifically mentioned below, we believe that, as a part of our overall executive compensation program, each individual element, to a greater or lesser extent, serves each of our objectives.

#### Compensation Determination Process

Compensation of our named executive officers has historically been highly individualized, resulting from independent negotiations between us and the chief executive officer, other named executive officers, such individuals, and based on a variety of informal factors considered at the time of each applicable compensation decision including, in addition to the factors listed above, the following: our financial condition and available resources; the need for a particular position to be filled; the competitive market; the length of service of the named executive officer; and comparisons to the compensation levels of our other executives.

Our chief executive officer, and, in the case of our chief executive officer, the Board of Directors, reviews the performance of each of our named executive officers on an annual basis. We do not set a predetermined time for such review. Our chief executive officer, based on his own experience and his review of our executives' performance, recommends compensation levels for our named executive officers, other than himself, to the compensation committee for approval. With respect to compensation levels for our chief executive officer, the compensation committee makes recommendations to the Board for approval.

The compensation committee engages Compensia, an independent compensation consulting firm with substantial experience in the technology sector, to evaluate our levels and types of compensation and to recommend changes from time to time as appropriate.

On an annual basis, Compensia recommends to the compensation committee for approval a peer group of companies determined based on an analysis of companies in our industry and their relative revenue and market capitalization to be used in evaluating our compensation levels. The peer group is revised as necessary and is comprised of companies in the software and software services industry with revenue and market capitalization that we believe represent the competitive market we will face as a high growth public company. In December 2013, Compensia updated the peer group by adding certain companies that had recently completed initial public offerings and removing companies included as part of the peer group for 2013 that were acquired by other companies. The peer group recommended by Compensia for 2014 was approved by our compensation committee for purposes of evaluating compensation levels. The 2014 peer group was comprised of the following companies:

American Software	Angie's List	Bazaarvoice
Cornerstone OnDemand	Demandware	Financial Engines
Guidance Software	Jive Software	Live Person
LogMeIn	Marketo	Open Table
Sci Quest	SPS Commerce	Tangoe
Trulia	Vocus	Yelp

In addition to the peer group, the compensation committee reviews broader market data from a Radford survey. The Radford survey data consists of survey information from a broad group of technology companies with revenues similar to ours. The Radford survey data was included in the Compensia market study provided to the compensation committee. Together

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the peer and Radford data as the market data. Depending on the position, the comm favor one set of data or the other or look at a blend based on the robustness of the d the closeness of the market data to the responsibilities and duties of the executive.

**Base Salaries**

In general, base salaries for our named executive officers were initially established arm's-length negotiation at the time a named executive officer was hired, taking into named executive officer's qualifications, experience and salary prior to joining the c strive to maintain base salaries for our named executive officers that are competitive remaining cost-effective.

Periodic adjustments to the base salaries of our named executive officers are based each executive's responsibilities, individual contribution, prior experience and susta performance. Decisions regarding salary increases may

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take into account the executive’s current salary and equity ownership, and the salary of the executive’s peers within the Company. Base salaries are typically reviewed as part of the promotion process or upon other significant changes in responsibility.

In determining 2014 base salaries for our executives, Compensia provided updated market data showing base salaries for similarly situated executives at the 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles. In evaluating the market data provided by Compensia, the weight the compensation committee gave to the market data varied by executive based on how closely the executive’s position and responsibilities appeared to match those for the position the executive was matched to in the market data. The compensation committee and the Board referred to this market data and their experience in setting 2014 compensation levels for our executive officers in order to ensure that their decisions were competitive and reasonable. Following its review, the compensation committee determined to increase only our general counsel’s salary to \$275,000, which the compensation committee determined was warranted to provide her with a market-competitive salary reflective of her performance and to align her compensation more closely with the compensation of named executive officers. Base salaries for fiscal year 2014 were as follows:

Name and Principal Position	New Base Salary
Sigmund Anderman, Chief Executive Officer	\$410,000
Jonathan Corr, President and Chief Operating Officer	310,000
Edgar Luce, EVP & Chief Financial Officer	280,000
Limin Hu, EVP & Chief Technology Officer	270,000
Elisa Lee, EVP & General Counsel	275,000

The actual base salaries paid to all of our named executive officers during fiscal year 2014 are set forth in the “2014 Summary Compensation Table.”

#### Annual Cash Bonuses

In addition to base salaries, annual performance-based cash bonus opportunities have been awarded to our named executive officers when the compensation committee, upon the recommendation of our chief executive officer (other than with respect to his own annual cash bonus opportunity), and the Board, upon recommendation of the compensation committee, have determined that such an increase is necessary to align our corporate goals with the cash compensation payable to an executive officer. Historically, annual cash bonus opportunities have been awarded to each of our named executive officers.

In January 2014, the compensation committee reviewed the executive cash bonus opportunities for fiscal year 2014 against the market data, and determined that it would keep cash bonus targets for our executives as a percentage of their base salaries at the same levels as the market. In approving the cash bonus targets, the compensation committee considered the market data to understand how the target bonuses and the target total cash compensation compared to the market, but they did not target a specific market percentile in establishing the target bonuses for our named executive officers.

Following these approvals, the 2014 cash target bonus eligibility for Messrs. Anderman, Luce and Hu and Ms. Lee were as follows:

Name and Principal Position

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	Old Target Bonus Percentage	New Target Bonus Percentage
Sigmund Anderman, Chief Executive Officer	100%	100%
Jonathan Corr, President and Chief Operating Officer	100	100
Edgar Luce, EVP & Chief Financial Officer	60	60
Limin Hu, EVP & Chief Technology Officer	60	60
Elisa Lee, EVP & General Counsel	50	50

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Name and Principal Position	Old Target Bonus	New Target Bonus
	Amount (\$)	Amount (\$)
Sigmund Anderman, Chief Executive Officer	\$410,000	\$410,000
Jonathan Corr, President and Chief Operating Officer	310,000	310,000
Edgar Luce, EVP & Chief Financial Officer	168,000	168,000
Limin Hu, EVP & Chief Technology Officer	162,000	162,000
Elisa Lee, EVP & General Counsel	130,000	137,500

Under their bonus arrangements, Messrs. Anderman, Corr, Luce and Hu and Ms. Lee are entitled to receive these amounts if bonus goals were achieved at target. The bonus payable to the named executive officers were to be determined shortly after the end of each calendar year. The compensation committee and, with respect to our chief executive officer, the Board, retain complete discretion over whether any additional compensation is paid to the named executives if bonus goals are achieved at a level greater than target and the amount of such compensation, which does not have to correlate to the amount of overachievement, shall not exceed a maximum bonus amount of 250% of target. The compensation committee and, with respect to our chief executive officer, the Board, also retain complete discretion over whether any compensation under the bonus program will be paid to the executives in the event the bonus goals were not achieved at target and the amount of any such compensation.

The goals for Messrs. Anderman, Corr, Luce and Hu and Ms. Lee were based on the Company's overall performance, measured in terms of achieving revenue and EBITDASC as a percentage of revenue (EBITDASC defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense) in 2014 of at least \$154 million and 20%, respectively, and the Company's market share by adding at least 9,500 net new contracted SaaS End Customers and maintaining a customer satisfaction score of greater than 19, as well as individual performance measures. The customer satisfaction score is derived from analysis performed by an independent third-party. The weighting of the corporate and individual performance measures for each executive as follows:

Name and Principal Position	Corporate Performance (% of total)
Sigmund Anderman, Chief Executive Officer	80%
Jonathan Corr, President and Chief Operating Officer	80
Edgar Luce, EVP & Chief Financial Officer	60
Limin Hu, EVP & Chief Technology Officer	50
Elisa Lee, EVP & General Counsel	50

Mr. Anderman's individual performance measures included setting overall corporate strategy, direction and strategy, developing an annual business plan, managing executive staff, organizational development, identifying an effective succession plan, assuring appropriate corporate governance, defining and executing on the Company's acquisition strategy, communicating effectively with the Board, stockholders and investors and interacting with key customer partners and mortgage industry participants. Mr. Corr's individual performance measures included selecting, effectively leading and developing direct reports, developing an annual business plan, gaining Total Quality Loan adoption by lender clients, maintaining data center uptime



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successfully executing on the Company’s acquisition strategy, and interacting with partners and mortgage industry participants. Mr. Luce’s individual performance measures included producing effective and timely internal budgets and forecasts, delivering financial statements with clean audit results, preparing timely reports internally and to the SEC, meeting with investors, coordinating and effectively participating in earnings and other investor calls and meetings, and assisting in acquisition due diligence and integration. Mr. Hu’s individual performance measures included overseeing and managing product development, quality assurance and program management organizations to deliver on key product initiatives, continuing to build up the technical organization by hiring talent, coaching and promoting teamwork and a focus on quality, process and development velocity, overseeing technical strategy, architecture, assisting in cross-functional efforts to deliver quality products, ensuring operations uptime for clients, managing technical due diligence for acquisitions and the Company’s IP strategy and IP portfolio. Ms. Lee’s individual performance measures included assuring appropriate corporate governance, managing and assisting with SEC filing, managing legal fees and outside counsel services, developing a legal team to scale with the business, and managing production of legal work for internal stakeholders and assistant in due diligence for acquisitions.

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In early 2015, the compensation committee and the Board set the weighting of the corporate goals for fiscal year 2014 as follows: 25% for revenues, 25% for EBITDA increased new contracted SaaS Encompass users and 25% for customer satisfaction. Further, the compensation committee determined the level of achievement for the company based on the Company's revenue and EBITDASC for fiscal year 2014 as well as having approximately 126,400 contracted SaaS users and a customer satisfaction score of 85.0. In light of the forgoing weighting and achievement against the applicable corporate goals, the committee established the aggregate achievement percentage for the corporate goals as 85.0%. Per the terms of the bonus program, individual performance objectives were also taken into consideration by the compensation committee and, with respect to our chief executive officer and the Board. In addition, the compensation committee weighted more heavily the achievement of corporate goals than personal goals for Messrs. Anderman and Corr at 80%, than Mr. Luce and Hu and Ms. Lee at 60%, 50% and 50%, respectively, given the different focus of each executive's role at the Company. The compensation committee determined the following achievement percentages for the personal goals for fiscal year 2014: 95.6% for Mr. Luce, 87.4% for Mr. Corr, 90% for Mr. Luce and 84% for Mr. Hu. In light of the achievement of corporate and individual performance objectives by each of our executives, the compensation committee and, with respect to our chief executive officer and the Board decided to pay each of Messrs. Anderman, Corr, Luce and Hu their target bonus for fiscal year 2014 as follows:

Name and Principal Position	Weighted Corporate Performance (1)	Weighted Individual Performance (2)
Sigmund Anderman, Chief Executive Officer	85.7%	19.1%
Jonathan Corr, President and Chief Operating Officer	85.7	17.5
Edgar Luce, EVP & Chief Financial Officer	64.3	36.0
Limin Hu, EVP & Chief Technology Officer	53.6	42.0

The Weighted Corporate Performance represents the aggregate corporate achievement percentage of 107.11% multiplied by the weighting for the executive for the corporate performance goals provided above.

The Weighted Individual Performance represents the individual achievement percentage of each executive stated above multiplied by the weighting for the executive for the individual performance goals.

Ms. Lee did not receive a bonus for fiscal year 2014 because she resigned her employment with the Company effective September 2, 2014.

We have put in place similar bonus programs for our named executive officers for 2015. Long-Term Equity Incentives

The goals of our long-term, equity-based incentive awards are designed to align the interests of our employees, including our named executive officers with the interests of our stockholders. Because vesting is based on continued employment, our equity-based incentives also serve to promote the retention of our named executive officers through the vesting period of the awards.

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In determining the size of the long-term equity incentives to be awarded to our named executive officers, we take into account a number of internal factors, such as the relative job seniority, the value of existing long-term incentive awards, individual performance history, prior grants made to us and the size of prior grants. In determining the size of our equity incentive awards, the Board draws upon the experience of its members, the members of the compensation committee and our chief executive officer and reviews market data. Based upon these factors, our chief executive officer, other than with respect to himself, determines the size of the long-term equity incentives at levels he considers appropriate to create a meaningful opportunity for our named executive officers predicated on the creation of long-term stockholder value and recommends grants to the compensation committee for approval. The compensation committee, based on the information provided by its members together with the market data described above, recommends the level of grants to our chief executive officer to the Board for approval.

To reward and retain our named executive officers in a manner that best aligns their interests with our stockholders' interests, we use stock options, restricted stock units and Performance Shares as our primary incentive vehicles for long-term compensation. We believe that stock options and Performance Shares are effective tools for meeting our compensation goal of increasing long-term stockholder value by tying the potential value our named executive officers receive to the value of our stock, as well as the additional financial performance criteria of our Performance Shares driving our business strategy. We use restricted stock units to provide retention hold on our key executives.

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We typically make grants in connection with the commencement of employment, periodic “refresher” grants.

#### January 2014 Program and Stock Option and Restricted Stock Unit Grants

As part of the annual review of executive officer annual equity grant practices with peer group of companies and our established compensation philosophy to link our executive officer annual equity grants with the performance of the Company, the compensation committee approved certain equity awards and the 2014 Senior Executive Performance Share Plan (“2014 Program”) under the 2011 Equity Incentive Award Plan (the “2011 Plan”) on February 5, 2014. The compensation committee approved stock option and restricted stock unit grants in connection with the 2014 Program, Performance Shares to our executives on February 5, 2014, and, upon a recommendation by the compensation committee, the Board approved the stock option and restricted stock unit grants and the Performance Shares to our Mr. Anderman on February 5, 2014. The stock options were granted with an exercise price equal to our common stock price on the grant date and vest 25% of the total number of shares on each anniversary of the grant date, and an additional 1/48th of the total number of shares on each anniversary of each month thereafter, until all shares are vested on the fourth anniversary of the grant date. The restricted stock units vest in substantially equal annual installments over 48 months on each anniversary of February 14, 2014.

Under the 2014 Program, each designated participant was eligible to receive from zero to one-half shares of the Company’s common stock per Performance Share, or from zero to one-half the target Performance Share level, upon determination of the achievement or non-achievement of performance goals during a performance period established by the compensation committee under the program. The following table sets forth the number of common stock underlying each Performance Share that each participant was eligible to receive at target:

#### Executive Officer

- Sigmund Anderman, Chief Executive Officer
- Jonathan Corr, President & Chief Operating Officer
- Edgar Luce, EVP & Chief Financial Officer
- Limin Hu, EVP & Chief Technology Officer
- Elisa Lee, EVP & General Counsel

The number of common stock underlying the Performance Shares that were available and issuable pursuant to the 2014 Program was dependent on the Company’s achievement of certain performance goals related to annual revenue growth and annual growth in the number of contracted SaaS users for the performance period commencing on January 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2014. However, no shares of common stock underlying the Performance Shares were to be awarded if the Company’s EBITDASC as a percentage of revenue was less than 10% for the performance period. The common stock underlying the Performance Shares granted under the 2014 Program were issued in the second quarter of 2015 after the compensation committee determined the achievement of the Company performance goals (the “2014 Performance Determination Date”) after the Company filed its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. The 2014 Program also contemplated that the compensation committee could establish the performance period over which attainment of the performance goals

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determined and the vesting period. In addition, the participant must have remained with the Company following the performance period in order to be granted the common stock underlying his or her Performance Shares. The performance goals may not have been achieved during a performance period once set except to reflect extraordinary events, and the compensation committee may not have used its discretion to increase the number of shares issuable to a participant for a performance period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the compensation committee had the right to terminate, modify or suspend the 2014 Program and related Performance Shares at any time prior to the completion of the performance period. See the chart of the performance criteria and the potential number of common stock underlying Performance Shares that could be earned and awarded as a percent of the target Performance Share amount.

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	Performance Period	Revenue Growth Rate			
		10%	15%	20%	25%
Number of Contracted SaaS Users	104,000 to 108,999	50	75	100	150
	109,000 to 113,999	70	90	125	175
	114,000 or greater	90	100	150	200

Notwithstanding the above chart, no shares of common stock underlying the Performance Shares were issuable if the Company's EBITDASC as a percentage of revenue was less than the achievement percentage for the performance period. All achievement percentages greater than 50% are pro-rated based on the numbers appearing on the above chart. To the extent that the number of contracted SaaS users at the end of the performance period was less than 104,000 (but in no event less than 95,000, which is the threshold achievement to be eligible for any Performance Shares) then the applicable achievement percentage otherwise achieved as a result of the revenue growth rate for the performance period was to be multiplied by a fraction equal to the difference between the number of contracted SaaS users at the end of the performance period minus 95,000 divided by 8,999.

On March 6, 2015, the 2014 Performance Share Determination Date, the compensation committee determined that the Company's level of achievement of the performance period was 190% with revenue growth rate of approximately 24% (after excluding revenue attributable to the AllRegs acquisition) and contracted SaaS users as of the end of the fiscal year of 114,000. Accordingly, Messrs. Anderman, Corr, Luce and Hu will be awarded and will receive 24,700, 19,000 and 16,150 shares of our common stock, respectively, during the second quarter of 2015, with 25% of the shares immediately vested and the remaining shares vesting in three equal respect to 25% of the shares on each of the first three anniversaries of the 2014 Performance Share Determination Date, subject to continuous employment of the participant through the vesting dates.

As Ms. Lee resigned from the Company effective September 2, 2014, she was not eligible to receive any shares of common stock underlying the Performance Shares granted to her. The compensation committee approved a similar program for Performance Shares for the December 2014 Equity Grants.

In December 2014, in connection with his transition out of the role of chief executive officer and the role of Executive Chairman, Mr. Anderman was awarded stock options to purchase 37,203 shares of our common stock, which equated to a grant date fair value of approximately \$1,500,000 and 37,203 restricted stock units, which had a grant date fair value of approximately \$1,500,000, but in the case of the restricted stock units, subject to adjustment based on the achievement of certain performance goals as discussed below. The stock options were granted with an exercise price equal to the closing price for a share of our common stock on the grant date and vest 25% of the total number of shares on the one year anniversary of the grant date and an additional 1/48th of the total number of shares on the anniversary of each month thereafter until all shares are vested on the fourth anniversary of the grant date. The restricted stock units will be paid in substantially equal annual installments over four years on each anniversary of December 31, 2014. However, the total number of shares of common stock issuable on each vesting date will be

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restricted stock units is calculated by multiplying the percentage of achievement the directors or compensation committee certifies for the fiscal year 2015 performance applicable to the company-wide short term incentive program times the number of restricted stock units vesting on such date (up to a maximum of 200%).

**Employee Benefits**

We provide standard employee benefits to our full-time employees in the United States and our named executive officers, including health, disability, life insurance and a 401(k) plan as a means of attracting and retaining our employees. Additionally, the Company provides a \$1,000,000 (\$2,000,000 for Mr. Anderman) term life insurance policy for each named executive officer. Premiums for the term life insurance policies are paid by the individual, but for the named executive officers by the Company and are intended to provide liquid funds to the executive's estate and for the purposes of exercising stock options in the event of said executive's untimely death. Under the tax rules, our named executive officers are subject to ordinary income with respect to the reimbursement of the term life insurance premiums. We do not think these additions represent a significant element of our compensation structure.

**Termination Based Compensation**

As noted under the caption "Offer Letters and Employment Agreements" on page 30 of our 2015 Annual Report, our compensation committee approved our entering into employment or control severance agreements, as applicable,

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with each of our named executive officers. These agreements include certain protection provisions, which our compensation committee has deemed necessary to attract or retain executive officer.

On January 5, 2015, we entered into an amended and restated employment agreement with Mr. Anderman pursuant to which we must generally provide a severance payment equal to 36 months of either 36 months of his base salary plus target bonus, at the rate in effect immediately prior to his termination of employment, or the aggregate amount of base salary and target bonus he would have been eligible through the termination date of his employment agreement through December 31, 2019 (the "Termination Date"), had he continued to be employed through the Termination Date, plus continued payments for health coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended, or COBRA, for no more than the lesser of 18 months or the period until the Termination Date, if he is terminated without cause or experiences a constructive termination. Termination for cause means (i) an act of dishonesty in connection with his responsibilities as an employee, (ii) the conviction of, or plea of nolo contendere to, a felony or (iii) gross misconduct or (iv) continued substantial violations of employment duties in response to a written demand for performance from the Board which specifically sets forth the basis for the Company's belief that he has not substantially performed his duties. Constructive termination means Mr. Anderman's resignation from employment with the Company following the occurrence, without Mr. Anderman's written consent, of any of the following: (a) a material reduction by the Company in his base salary as in effect immediately prior to such reduction (except as expressly contemplated by his employment agreement); (b) a material breach by the Company of the employment agreement between him and the Company; (c) the material relocation of his principal place of employment to a facility or a location more than 50 miles from his then present principal place of employment; or (d) a material reduction of his duties or responsibilities with respect to the business of the Company. Mr. Anderman's right to receive severance payments is conditioned upon (i) him providing us a general release of claims within 60 days following such termination and (ii) his compliance with his confidentiality and non-solicitation obligations to the Company and any breach of such obligations may constitute a condition precedent to our recovery by us of any severance payments made to Mr. Anderman. In addition, if Mr. Anderman is terminated without cause or experiences a constructive termination, the vesting of each equity award held by Mr. Anderman will be fully accelerated and, to the extent applicable, such equity award will be exercisable for the duration of its original term.

On January 5, 2015, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Corr pursuant to which if Mr. Corr is terminated without cause or experiences a constructive termination and provides us a general release of claims within 60 days following such termination, we must provide a severance payment equal to 24 months of his base salary at the rate in effect immediately prior to his termination of employment, plus continued payments for health coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended, or COBRA, for no more than 24 months, plus, if the termination occurs on or prior to the second anniversary of a change in control of the Company, then the vesting of each equity award held by Mr. Corr will be fully accelerated and, to the extent applicable, such equity award will be exercisable for the duration of its original term. Termination for cause means (i) an act of dishonesty in connection with his responsibilities as an employee, (ii) the conviction of, or plea of nolo contendere to, a felony, (iii) gross misconduct or (iv) continued substantial violations of employment duties in response to a written demand for performance from the Board which specifically sets forth the basis for the Company's belief that he has not substantially performed his duties.



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factual basis for the Company’s belief that he has not substantially performed his duties. Constructive termination means Mr. Corr’s resignation from employment with the Company at the occurrence, without Mr. Corr’s written consent, of any of the following: (a) a material and substantial reduction by the Company in his base salary or annual target bonus eligibility as in effect immediately prior to such reduction; (b) a material breach by the Company of the employment agreement between him and the Company; (c) the relocation of his principal place of residence that increases his one-way commute by more than 50 miles from his then present principal place of employment; or (d) a material reduction of his duties, authority or responsibilities if he ceases to serve as the chief executive officer of the ultimate parent entity of a public company. Mr. Corr’s right to severance payments is conditioned upon his compliance with confidentiality and non-solicitation obligations to the Company and any breach of such obligations may result in the recovery by us of any severance payments made to Mr. Corr. In connection with our initial public offering, the compensation committee determined it was more appropriate to adopt comprehensive change in control severance arrangements for all named executive officers, other than Mr. Anderman, in order to encourage the focus and dedication of our named executive officers in the event a strategic transaction became a viable alternative for the Company. Accordingly, we have entered into change in control severance agreements with each of our named executive officers other than Mr. Anderman. Hereto, Mr. Corr’s employment agreement entered into in January 2015 replaces and supersedes the change in control severance agreement previously entered into with him. Under the terms of the change in control severance agreements, each named executive officer, other than Mr. Anderman and Mr. Corr (who are entitled to severance payments pursuant to their employment agreements as discussed above), will be entitled to receive severance benefits, accelerated vesting of restricted stock and extended exercisability if his employment is terminated (i) other than for cause or (ii) in the event of a constructive termination within 60 days prior to or 12 months following a change in control. In each case, within the meaning of the change in control severance agreements, and provided the named executive officer provides us a general release of claims within 60 days following such termination. The severance benefits consist of a lump sum cash payment equal to 12 months of base salary, as well as continued payment of group health continuation coverage premium for the named executive officer and his or her eligible dependents under Title X of the COBRA benefit for the period from the date of termination and ending on the earlier of: (i) 12

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months after the date when the employment termination is effective and (ii) the date the executive officer or his or her eligible dependents become eligible for coverage plan. In addition, the vesting of each equity award held by the named executive officer will be fully accelerated and, to the extent applicable, such equity award will be exercisable during the duration of its original term.

Under the 2014 Program as well as performance share programs implemented in August 2012 and January 2013 for which shares of our common stock were awarded in fiscal year 2014, if a named executive officer's employment is terminated by the Company other than for cause, by reason of death or disability or by such named executive officer for good cause as defined in the respective officer's employment or change in control agreement) and as of the Determination Date for a performance period but prior to settlement, the Performance Shares earned by and granted to the named executive officer which have not yet been settled will be issued to such named executive officer on the thirtieth (30th) day following the termination of employment. In the event of a change in control that occurs during a performance period, the performance period will be shortened to end on the last business day of the last completed quarter preceding the date of the change in control and each named executive officer who is employed by the Company immediately prior to the change in control will be entitled to a payment under the Program based on achievement over the shortened performance period.

The severance payments and benefits that are payable under Mr. Anderman's and Mr. M... employment agreements and each of our other named executive officer's change in control severance agreement are further described below in the section captioned "Potential Payments Upon Change in Control, Upon Termination Apart From a Change in Control and Upon Termination Following Change in Control."

In June 2014, we entered into a separation and release agreement with Elisa Lee, our former executive vice president and general counsel, pursuant to which we agreed that on the date of her separation, September 2, 2014, Ms. Lee would be entitled to severance equal to six months of wages at her base salary, equal to \$137,500. The separation and release agreement further provided that we would provide for COBRA benefits for the lesser of six months or until Ms. Lee was no longer eligible for COBRA benefits.

#### Stockholder Advisory Vote to Approve Executive Compensation

At our 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders our stockholders voted, in a non-binding advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers. The compensation committee reviewed the result of the stockholders' advisory vote on executive compensation. In light of the approval by a substantial majority of our stockholders of the compensation program described in our 2012 proxy statement (with approval of approximately 90% of the shares represented in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote), the compensation committee determined to implement changes to our executive compensation programs as a result of the stockholders' advisory vote. The compensation for each of the Company's named executive officers for the year 2014 reflects the continued improvements in each individual's performance and the Company's financial and operating performance. Consistent with the status of a majority of our stockholders (with approval of over 95% of the shares represented in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote) at our 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the compensation committee determined that we will hold a "say-on-pay" vote every year. A "say-on-pay" advisory vote will be held at the 2015 annual meeting of stockholders.

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Tax Considerations

The Board has considered the potential future effects of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (“Section 162(m)”) on the compensation paid to our named executive officers. Section 162(m) disallows a tax deduction for any publicly held corporation for individual compensation exceeding \$1.0 million in any taxable year for our chief executive officer and each of our named executive officers (other than our chief financial officer), unless compensation is performance-based and the terms of the performance plan have been timely approved by our stockholders. In approving the amount and form of compensation for our named executive officers, the Board and compensation committee considers all elements of the cost to the Company of providing such compensation, including the potential impact of Section 162(m). However, the Board, or committee thereof, may, in its judgment, authorize compensation payments that do not comply with the exemptions in Section 162(m) when it believes such payments are appropriate to attract and retain executive talent.

2014 Summary Compensation Table

The following table provides information regarding the compensation of our named executive officers during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012.

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Classification	Balance at Beginning of Year	Additions			Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)(1)	Stock Awards (\$)(2)	Option Awards (\$)(2)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(3)	All Other Compensation (\$)(4)
		Charged to Costs and Expense	Deductions, Payments and Write-offs	Reclassifications and Other							
Sigmund Anderman, Chief Executive Officer				2014	\$410,000	\$21,000	\$2,746,525	\$2,141,751	\$410,000	\$34,280	
				2013	410,000	30,504	980,000	494,255	410,000	34,138	
				2012	365,000	450,000	5,678,200	—	450,000	33,988	
Edgar Luce, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer				2014	280,000	1,000	498,600	256,804	168,000	10,000	
				2013	280,000	2,822	343,000	172,989	168,000	9,850	
				2012	260,000	165,000	2,268,640	—	165,000	9,700	
Jonathan Corr, President and Chief Operating Officer				2014	310,000	11,000	648,180	333,845	310,000	8,220	
				2013	310,000	33,356	490,000	247,128	310,000	8,070	
				2012	260,000	275,000	2,887,360	—	275,000	7,920	
Limin Hu, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer				2014	270,000	1,000	423,810	218,283	162,000	8,860	
				2013	270,000	9,850	245,000	123,564	162,000	8,710	
				2012	260,000	165,000	2,268,640	—	165,000	8,560	
Elisa Lee, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary				2014	93,782	—	299,160	154,082	137,500	169,460	
				2013	260,000	10,920	156,800	79,081	130,000	7,935	
				2012	250,000	130,000	2,062,400	—	130,000	7,785	

(1) Our management bonus program for 2014 provided for payments of up to 250% of executive officers' target bonus amounts based upon performance. Amounts reported in the bonus column represent the amount of each bonus paid to our named executive officers.

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was discretionarily awarded above target under the management bonus program. The amounts included in the “Stock Awards” and “Option Awards” columns represent the grant date fair value of awards granted, calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 718. (2) discussion of the assumptions made in the valuations reflected in this column, see Note 10 of the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

For the Performance Shares awarded under the 2014 Program, the amount reported represents the grant date fair value of the Performance Shares at 100% achievement of performance. The table below sets forth the grant date fair value determined in accordance with ASC Topic 718 principles established each year for the performance-related component of the awards based upon the probable outcome and the maximum possible outcome of the performance-related component as of the grant date. See “Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Long-Term Equity Incentives” for a more complete description of the Performance Shares.

Name	Year	Probable Outcome of Performance Conditions Grant Date Fair Value (\$)	Maximum of Performance Conditions Grant Date Fair Value (\$)
Sigmund Anderman	2014	\$623,250	\$1,558,250
Edgar Luce	2014	249,300	623,250
Jonathan Corr	2014	324,090	810,250
Limin Hu	2014	211,905	529,763
Elisa Lee	2014	149,580	373,950

(3) Represents amounts paid under our management bonus program to which each named executive officer was entitled based upon performance.

Represents: (i) \$7,800 in 401(k) matching contributions made to each of Messrs. Luce, Corr and Hu and \$3,299 in 401(k) matching contributions made to Ms. Lee.

(4) Luce, Corr and Hu and \$3,299 in 401(k) matching contributions made to Ms. Lee. \$26,488, \$2,200, \$420, \$1,060 and \$285 for

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Messrs. Anderman, Luce, Corr and Hu and Ms. Lee, respectively, for the purchase of insurance; and (iii) \$165,881 for Ms. Lee in connection with her separation.

(5) Ms. Lee's employment with us terminated on September 2, 2014.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2014 Table

The following table provides information regarding equity-grant awards and plan-based bonus awards to each of our named executive officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Name	Award	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards Target (\$)(1)	Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards (#)(2)		All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)(3)
				Target	Maximum	
Sigmund Anderman	Option Award	2/5/2014	\$—	—	—	50,000
	Option Award	12/31/2014	—	—	—	76,648
	Restricted Stock Unit	2/5/2014	—	—	—	25,000
	Performance Share Program	2/5/2014	—	25,000	62,500	—
	Performance Share Program	12/31/2014	—	37,203	74,406(5)	—
	Bonus		410,000	—	—	—
Edgar Luce	Option Award	2/5/2014	—	—	—	20,000
	Restricted Stock Unit	2/5/2014	—	—	—	10,000
	Performance Share Program	2/5/2014	—	10,000	25,000	—
	Bonus		168,000	—	—	—
Jonathan Corr	Option Award	2/5/2014	—	—	—	26,000
	Restricted Stock Unit	2/5/2014	—	—	—	13,000

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					Performance Share	2/5/2014	—	13,000	32,500	—
					Program Bonus		310,000	—	—	—
				Limin Hu	Option Award	2/5/2014	—	—	—	17,000
					Restricted Stock Unit	2/5/2014	—	—	—	8,500
					Performance Share	2/5/2014	—	8,500	21,250	—
					Program Bonus		162,000	—	—	—
				Elisa Lee	Option Award	2/5/2014	—	—	—	12,000
					Restricted Stock Unit	2/5/2014	—	—	—	6,000
					Performance Share	2/5/2014	—	6,000	15,000	—
					Program Bonus		137,500	—	—	—

(1) Represents the target management bonus amounts for 2014 for Messrs. Anderma and Hu and Ms. Lee pursuant to their respective 2014 executive compensation p amounts paid to our named executive officers are set forth in the section titled “2 Compensation Table.” There is no minimum or maximum threshold for manager

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The stock award table above reports the Performance Shares granted to our named executive officers for fiscal 2014. Under the Program the number of Performance Shares that will be granted and issuable pursuant to the Program will range from zero to the maximum number of shares disclosed based on the Company's achievement of certain financial goals during the period from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 related to both year-over-year revenue growth as well as maintaining certain profit margins during this period.

The vesting of each stock award and option granted in 2014 is set forth in the Outstanding Equity Awards at 2014 Fiscal Year-End Table below.

Amounts represent the grant date fair value of stock options and stock awards granted in 2014, calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 718. For a discussion of the assumptions used in the valuations reflected in this column, see Notes 2 and 10 of the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Mr. Anderman was awarded stock options and restricted stock units on December 17, 2011. The number of shares of common stock issuable upon vesting of the restricted stock units is calculated by multiplying the percentage of achievement the Board or compensation committee certifies for the fiscal year 2015 performance goals applicable to the short term incentive program times the number of restricted stock units vesting on December 31, 2014.

Outstanding Equity Awards at 2014 Fiscal Year-End Table

The following table presents certain information concerning outstanding equity awards held by each of our named executive officers on December 31, 2014, the last day of our fiscal year.

Name	Vesting Commencement Date	Option Awards			Option Expiration Date	Stock Awards		
		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable (1)	Exercise Price (\$)		Number of Shares or Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)(2)	Number of Shares or Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)(3)	Market Value of Shares or Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)(4)
Sigmund Anderman	8/26/2010	230	—	8.85	8/26/2020			
	9/16/2010	2,605	—	8.85	9/16/2020			
	8/17/2011	18,001	20,000	5.02	8/17/2021			



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		Charged to Costs and Expense	Deductions, Payments and Write-offs	Reclassifications and Other	
		22,916	27,084	19.60	2/4/2023
		—	50,000	24.93	2/5/2024
		—	76,648	40.32	12/31/2024
					25,000
					008,000
					110,000
					35,200
					41,250
					663,200
					47,
					37,

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Name	Vesting Commencement Date	Option Awards				Stock Awards	
		Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable (1)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable (1)	Number of Securities Underlying Exercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)(2)
Edgar Luce	2/26/2009	10,417	—	1.38	2/22/2015		
	2/26/2009	14,226	—	1.38	2/22/2017		
	2/26/2009	5,555	—	1.38	8/23/2017		
	8/26/2010	29,798	—	8.85	8/26/2020		
	8/17/2011	41,666	8,334	5.02	8/17/2021		
	2/4/2013	8,020	9,480	19.60	2/4/2023		
	2/5/2014	—	20,000	24.93	2/5/2024		
	2/5/2014					10,000	403,200
	8/9/2012					44,000	1,774,080
	2/4/2013					14,437	582,100
2/5/2014							
Jonathan Corr	8/26/2010	48,915	—	8.85	8/26/2020		
	8/17/2011	—	8,334	5.02	8/17/2021		
	12/19/2011	416	43,750	5.45	12/19/2021		
	2/4/2013	11,458	13,542	19.60	2/4/2023		
	2/5/2014	—	26,000	24.93	2/5/2024		
	2/5/2014					13,000	524,160
	8/9/2012					56,000	2,257,920
	2/4/2013					20,625	831,600
2/5/2014							
Limin Hu	2/26/2009	27,777	—	1.38	8/23/2017		
	4/23/2009	13,333	—	1.38	4/23/2019		

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		46,745	—	8.85	8/26/2010	
		18,750	8,334	5.02	8/17/2011	8/17/2021
		5,729	6,771	19.60	2/4/2013	2/4/2023
		—	17,000	24.93	2/5/2014	2/5/2024
					2/5/2014	8,500 342,720
					8/9/2012	44,000 1,774,080
					2/4/2013	10,312 415,780
					2/5/2014	

These stock options were granted with a standard four year vest schedule; 25% of the number of shares will be vested on the one year anniversary of the grant date, and (1) additional 1/48th of the total number of shares shall be vested on the anniversary month thereafter, until all shares are vested on the fourth anniversary of the grant date. This column represents the 2012 Performance Shares, 2013 Performance Shares and (2) December 31, 2014 Restricted Stock Unit award to Mr. Anderman. With respect to Performance Shares, the named executive officers satisfied the performance criteria for the period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, with 25% of the shares immediately vested.

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upon award in August 2013, and the remaining 75% vesting with respect to 25% of each of the first three anniversaries of the Determination Date, subject to continuous employment of the participant through such dates. With respect to the 2013 Performance Shares, executive officers satisfied the performance criteria for calendar year 2013 with 25% immediately vested upon award in April 2014 and the remaining 75% vesting in equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the Determination Date, subject to continuous employment of the participant through such date.

This column represents the 2014 Performance Shares based on actual performance. Named executive officers satisfied the performance criteria for calendar year 2014 at the level with 25% of the shares immediately vested on April 6, 2015 and the remaining (3) vesting in equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the Determination Date, subject to continuous employment of the participant through such date. See “Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Long-Term Equity Incentives” in this report for a more complete description of these Performance Shares and the Program.

The dollar amounts shown are determined by multiplying the number of unvested (4) shares or units by \$40.32 (the closing price of our common stock on the last trading day of fiscal 2014).

#### Option Exercises and Stock Vested in 2014 Table

The following table presents certain information regarding the vesting of stock awards granted and stock options exercised by our named executive officers during the year ended December 31, 2014.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)(1)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)
Sigmund Anderman	249,996 (2)	\$ 6,145,672 (2)	68,750
Edgar Luce	60,000	1,507,898	26,813
Jonathan Corr	126,242 (3)	3,505,085 (3)	34,875
Limin Hu	68,062	2,254,626	25,438

(1) Amounts reported represent the difference between the exercise price of the award and the closing trading price of our common stock on the date of exercise.

On June 3, 2014 and October 2, 2014, Sigmund Anderman exercised 19,094 and 26,813 shares. The value realized on exercise represented in this table for such shares is based on the difference between the closing fair market value of our common stock on the exercise date and the option exercise price paid, even though Mr. Anderman had not sold the underlying shares as of December 31, 2014.

(2) difference between the closing fair market value of our common stock on the exercise date and the option exercise price paid, even though Mr. Anderman had not sold the underlying shares as of December 31, 2014.

(3) On November 18, 2014, Jonathan Corr exercised 12,242 ISO shares. The value realized on exercise represented in this table for such shares is based on the difference between the closing fair market value of our common stock on November 18, 2014 and the option exercise price paid even though Mr. Corr had not sold the underlying shares as of December 31, 2014.

Pension Benefits

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We do not maintain any defined benefit pension plans.

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

We do not maintain any nonqualified deferred compensation plans.

Offer Letters and Employment Agreements

On January 5, 2015, we entered into an amended and restated employment agreement

Anderman, which replaces in its entirety Mr. Anderman's previous employment agreement

dated March 27, 2012, and sets forth the terms and conditions of his employment as our Executive

Chairman of the Board. The agreement provides that Mr. Anderman will serve as the

Executive Chairman of the board for a term commencing February 1, 2015 and ending December

31, 2015. Under the agreement, Mr. Anderman will receive an annual base salary of \$410,000

which is automatically reduced each year by approximately 10% until it reaches \$247,000.

In addition, Mr. Anderman will be entitled to a target bonus equal to

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100% of his base salary, which will be entirely based upon the corporate goals established for other senior executives of the Company. The agreement also provides that Mr. Anderman will be granted an option to purchase shares of common stock and performance-vesting restricted stock units, each having a grant date fair value of approximately \$1,400,000, which were granted on January 5, 2015, and that Mr. Anderman will be granted options and restricted stock units having grant values of \$400,000, \$300,000, \$200,000 and \$160,000 in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, respectively. Each of the options will have a four-year, employment-based vesting schedule, and the restricted stock unit awards will vest based upon the achievement of the corporate goals used for the senior executive bonus program and continued employment. The number of shares issuable under the restricted stock unit awards will increase or decrease based on overachievement or underachievement, respectively, of the corporate performance goals. Under the agreement, Mr. Anderman is also entitled to participate in the same benefit plans as other senior executive officers of the Company, and the Company will continue to maintain a \$2,000,000 life insurance policy for the benefit of Mr. Anderman as well as continue to make premium payments for any other life insurance policies maintained by the Company for the benefit of Mr. Anderman. In addition, the Company will reimburse Mr. Anderman for reasonable travel, entertainment and other expenses incurred by Mr. Anderman in furtherance of his duties to the Company. Mr. Anderman is also entitled to a severance payment equal to the lesser of 36 months of his base salary plus target bonus, at the rate in effect immediately prior to the termination of employment, or the aggregate amount of base salary and target bonus that Mr. Anderman has been eligible through the termination date of his employment agreement, December 31, 2019 (the "Termination Date"), had he continued to be employed through the Termination Date, plus continued payments for health coverage under COBRA for no more than the lesser of 36 months or the period until the Termination Date, if he is terminated without cause or a constructive termination, as those terms are defined in his employment agreement. Mr. Anderman's severance is conditioned upon (i) him providing us a general release of all claims within 60 days of such termination and (ii) his compliance with his confidentiality and non-solicitation obligations to the Company. Any breach of such obligations may result in the recovery of any severance payments made to Mr. Anderman. In addition, if Mr. Anderman is terminated without cause or experiences a constructive termination, the vesting of each equity award granted to Mr. Anderman will be fully accelerated and, to the extent applicable, such equity awards will be exercisable for the duration of its original term. If Mr. Anderman dies, becomes permanently disabled or continues to serve as Executive Chairman through the Termination Date, the vesting of each stock option and other equity award will fully accelerate and each stock option will remain exercisable for its full term.

On January 5, 2015, we also entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Corry. Under the terms and conditions of his employment as our President and Chief Executive Officer, the employment agreement provides for Mr. Corry to be paid a base salary of \$375,000 and to be granted equity awards having a grant value of \$1,800,000 during 2015. The employment agreement also provides for Mr. Corry to be eligible for a target bonus and to participate in the same benefit plans as other senior executive officers of the Company. In addition, the Company will reimburse Mr. Corry for reasonable travel, entertainment and other expenses incurred by Mr. Corry in furtherance of his duties to the Company, and the Company will continue to maintain a \$1,000,000 life insurance policy for the benefit of Mr. Corry as well as continue to pay

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premium payments for any other life insurance policies maintained by the Company on behalf of Mr. Corr. Under the employment agreement, if Mr. Corr is terminated while employed by the Company and experiences a constructive termination, as those terms are defined in the employment agreement, and provides us a general release of claims within 60 days following such termination, we will be required to provide a severance payment equal to 24 months of his base salary at the rate in effect at the time of his termination prior to his termination of employment, plus continued payments for health coverage under COBRA for no more than 24 months, plus, if the termination occurs on or prior to the 10th anniversary of a change in control of the Company, then the vesting of each equity award held by Mr. Corr will be fully accelerated and, to the extent applicable, such equity award will be exercisable for the duration of its original term. Mr. Corr's right to severance payment is conditioned upon his compliance with his confidentiality and non-solicitation obligations to the Company and any breach of such obligations may result in the recovery by us of all severance payments made to Mr. Corr. If Mr. Corr dies or becomes permanently disabled, then the vesting of each stock option and other equity award will fully accelerate.

We have also entered into offer letter agreements with Messrs. Luce in connection with the commencement of employment with us. This offer letter agreements include Mr. Luce's base salary, stock option grant and bonus arrangement for the fiscal year in which he commences employment. We no longer have any executory obligations under this agreement.

In October 2014, we entered into change in control severance agreements with each of our executive officers, other than Mr. Anderman, which replaced change in control severance agreements entered into with these executive officers in September 2010. However, Mr. Anderman's January 2015 employment agreement replaces and supersedes the change in control severance agreement entered into with him. Under the terms of the change in control severance agreements, each named executive officer, other than Mr. Anderman and Mr. Corr, will be entitled to receive severance benefits and accelerated vesting if his or her employment is terminated for any cause or as the result of a constructive termination within 60 days prior to or 12 months following a change in control, in each case, within the meaning of the change in control severance agreements, and such executive officer provides us a general release of claims within 60 days following such termination. The severance

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benefits consist of a lump sum cash payment equal to 12 months' base salary, as well as the payment of group health continuation coverage premiums for the executive officer and his or her eligible dependents under Title X of the COBRA beginning on the date of termination or the earlier of (i) 12 months after the date when the employment termination is effective or (ii) the date upon which the executive officer or his or her eligible dependents become eligible for coverage under another plan. In addition, the vesting of each equity award held by the executive officer will be fully accelerated and, to the extent applicable, such equity award will be exercisable for the duration of its original term. The initial term of change in control agreements is three years, and thereafter the agreements automatically renew for successive three-year terms unless the Company provides written notice of non-renewal to the officer at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the then-current term.

Potential Payments Upon Change in Control, Upon Termination Apart From a Change in Control and Upon Termination Following Change in Control

Potential Payments Upon a Change in Control

The following table shows the amount each of our named executive officers would receive if they were terminated following a change in control, assuming the termination took place on December 31, 2014. Amounts below reflect potential payments pursuant to stock options and restricted stock units (RSUs) granted under our Amended and Restated 1999 Stock Option and Incentive Plan (the "1999 Plan"), our 2009 Stock Option and Incentive Plan (the "2009 Plan") and our 2011 Performance Share Plan (the "2011 Plan"). In the event of a change in control in which our outstanding options are not assumed or substituted, the performance period will be shortened to the last business day of the last completed fiscal quarter preceding the change in control and each named executive officer employed by the Company prior to such change in control is entitled to a payment based on the shortened performance period.

Name of Executive Officer	Value of Accelerated Options if Not Assumed or Substituted (\$)(1)	Value of Stock Awards Assumed or Substituted
Sigmund Anderman	\$ 2,036,680	\$ 10,521,600
Edgar Luce	798,416	3,525,620
Jonathan Corr	2,500,483	4,609,580
Limin Hu	696,115	3,183,740

(1) Amounts calculated based on the aggregate amount by which the fair value of the stock subject to unvested equity awards exceeded the aggregate exercise price of the stock as of December 31, 2014, using \$40.32 per share, the closing trading price of our common stock as of that date.

(2) Includes restricted stock units and Performance Shares, using \$40.32 per share, the closing trading price of our common stock as of that date. For the Performance Shares, vesting is assumed to be accelerated based on the actual performance through the last business day immediately prior to a change in control, which would be December 31, 2014 as of that date.



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change in control occurred on December 31, 2014. For these purposes, the 2012 Shares are calculated at the 400% achievement level, the 2013 Performance Shares are calculated at the 110% achievement level, and the 2014 Performance Shares are calculated at the 190% achievement level. The amounts calculated are based on the aggregate shares of common stock to vest multiplied by \$40.32 per share, the closing trading price of common stock as of December 31, 2014.

**Potential Payments Upon Termination Apart From a Change in Control**

The following table sets forth quantitative estimates of the benefits that would have been payable to Mr. Anderman if his employment had been involuntarily terminated by us without cause or he experienced a constructive termination on December 31, 2014, in the event such termination occurred prior to, or more than 24 months following, a change in control of the Company pursuant to Mr. Anderman's previous employment. Payments pursuant to Mr. Anderman's employment agreement for certain terminations within 24 months after a change in control are addressed below under the section titled "Potential Payments upon Termination Following a Change in Control." No other named executive officer was eligible for benefits in the event of termination of employment during 2014. Under the Performance Share Program, in the event of a named executive officers termination of employment by the Company for other than death, disability, or by such named executive officer for good reason (each as defined in the Program) after the Determination Date for a performance period but prior to the vesting of Performance Shares earned by the named executive officer which have not yet been

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will be issued to such named executive officer on the thirtieth (30th) day following termination of employment. Since the Determination Date of the Performance Shares occurred, no amount would be payable.

Name of Executive Officer	Salary Continuation (\$)	Value of Continued Health Care Coverage Premiums (\$)(1)
Sigmund Anderman	\$ 820,000	\$ 29,815

If Mr. Anderman elects to receive continued healthcare coverage pursuant to the COBRA, he will be eligible for reimbursement or direct payment of COBRA coverage (1) premiums for the executive and any dependents for up to a maximum of 24 months.

Mr. Anderman and/or his dependents become eligible for healthcare coverage under subsequent employer's plans, payment of health care coverage premiums will be made.

#### Potential Payments Upon Termination Following a Change in Control

The following table sets forth quantitative estimates of the benefits that would have been payable to Mr. Anderman pursuant to Mr. Anderman's previous employment agreement and the control severance agreement entered into with each of our other named executive officers described above under "—Offer Letters and Employment Agreements," if their employment was terminated by us other than for cause or as a result of a constructive termination with effect following a change in control consummating on December 31, 2014 for Mr. Anderman within 60 days prior to or 12 months following a change in control consummating on December 31, 2014 for all other named executive officers.

Name of Executive Officer	Salary Continuation (\$)	Value of Accelerated Equity Awards (\$)(1)	Value of Continued Health Care Coverage Premiums (\$)
Sigmund Anderman	\$ 820,000	\$ 3,044,680	\$ 29,815
Jonathan Corr	310,000	3,024,642	21,928
Edgar Luce	280,000	1,201,616	16,185
Limin Hu	270,000	1,038,835	21,294

(1) Amounts calculated based on (i) with respect to stock options, the aggregate amount of the fair market value of the common stock subject to unvested stock options excluding the aggregate exercise price of the stock options, and (ii) with respect to restricted stock units, the aggregate fair market value of the common stock subject to restricted stock units, as of December 31, 2014, using \$40.32 per share, the closing trading price of our common stock as of that date. This value does not include the Performance Shares which accelerate automatically upon a change in control, for the value of the Performance Shares.

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table above under “—Potential Payments Upon a Change in Control.”

If Mr. Anderman elects to receive continued healthcare coverage pursuant to the COBRA, he will be eligible for reimbursement or direct payment of COBRA coverage (2) premiums for himself and any dependents for 24 months. If Mr. Anderman and/or dependents become eligible for healthcare coverage under a subsequent employer, payment of health care coverage premiums will cease.

If Messrs. Luce, Corr, Hu and Ms. Lee elect to receive COBRA pursuant to provisions of change of control severance agreements, each will be eligible for reimbursement (3) payment of COBRA premiums for himself or herself and dependents, for up to a maximum of 12 months. The value of continued healthcare is based on benefit premiums for 2012.

**Proprietary Information and Inventions Agreements**

Each of our named executive officers has entered into a standard form agreement with respect to proprietary information and inventions. Among other things, this agreement obligates each executive officer to refrain from

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disclosing any of our proprietary information received during the course of employment, with some exceptions, to assign to us any inventions conceived or developed during the course of employment.

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EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

The following table summarizes the number of outstanding options and restricted stock granted to our employees and directors, as well as the number of shares of common stock remaining available for future issuance, under our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2014.

Plan Category	Number of Securities		Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a))
	to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (a)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (1) (b)	
Equity Compensation Plans Approved by Stockholders	4,157,489 (4)	\$17.41	3,248,588 (5)
Equity Compensation Plans not Approved by Stockholders	—	—	—
Total	4,157,489	\$17.41	3,248,588

(1) The weighted average exercise price does not take into account shares issuable under outstanding stock awards which have no exercise price.

The 2011 Plan incorporates an “evergreen” provision, pursuant to which the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance or transfer pursuant to awards under the 2011 Plan shall be increased on the first day of each year beginning in 2012 and ending in 2021, to the least of (A) 1,666,666 shares and (B) five percent (5%) of the shares of our common stock outstanding (on an as converted basis) on the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year and (C) such smaller number of shares of common stock as determined by the Board of Directors, provided, however, no more than 23,333,333 shares of common stock may be issued pursuant to the exercise of incentive stock options.

(2) The 2011 ESPP Plan incorporates an “evergreen” provision, pursuant to which the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance or transfer pursuant to awards under the 2011 ESPP shall be increased on the first day of each year, equal to the least of (i) five percent (5%) of the shares of common stock outstanding (on an as converted basis) on the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year and (ii) the number of shares of common stock as determined by the Board, which may be either authorized unissued Stock or reacquired Stock, including shares of Stock purchased on the open market.

(3) Includes (i) 3,050,301 shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options under the 2011 Plan, (ii) 652,614 shares issuable pursuant to RSUs under the 2011 Plan, and (iii) 454,574 shares issuable pursuant to Performance Shares under the 2011 Plan.

(4) Represents the total stock awards available for grant under the 2011 Plan and the 2011 ESPP Plan as of December 31, 2014.

(5) Represents the total stock awards available for grant under the 2011 Plan and the 2011 ESPP Plan as of December 31, 2014, less the number of shares of common stock remaining under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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REPORT OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The material in this report is not “soliciting material,” is not deemed “filed” with the SEC, and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Ellie Mae under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The compensation committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K with management and, based on that review and discussions, the compensation committee recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement.

Compensation Committee  
Bernard M. Notas, Chairman  
A. Barr Dolan  
Craig Davis

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The primary purpose of the audit committee is to oversee our financial reporting process on behalf of the Board. The audit committee’s functions are more fully described in its charter, which is available on our website at

<http://www.elliemae.com/investor-relations/corporate-profile/corporate-governance>

Management has the primary responsibility for our financial statements and reporting process, including our systems of internal controls. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the audit committee reviewed and discussed with management our audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014.

The audit committee has discussed with Grant Thornton LLP, the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm, the matters required to be discussed under Audit Committee Rule No. 16 adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (“PCAOB”) regarding “Communications with Audit Committees.” In addition, the audit committee discussed with Grant Thornton LLP their independence, and received from Grant Thornton LLP the written declaration and the letter required by Ethics and Independence Rule 3526 of the PCAOB. Finally, the audit committee discussed with Grant Thornton LLP, with and without management present, the findings and results of Grant Thornton LLP’s audit of such financial statements.

Based on these reviews and discussions, the audit committee has recommended to the Board that such audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 for filing with the SEC. The audit committee also has recommended to the Board that Grant Thornton LLP be selected as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 and is seeking ratification of such selection by the stockholders.

Audit Committee  
 Robert J. Levin, Chairman  
 Bernard M. Notas,  
 Alan S. Henricks  
 Marina Levinson



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**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

We describe below transactions and series of similar transactions, during our last fiscal year and in the period currently proposed, to which we were a party or will be a party, in which:

- the amounts involved exceeded or will exceed \$120,000; and
  - any of our directors, executive officers, holders of more than 5% of our common stock or any member of their immediate family had or will have a direct or indirect material interest in the transaction.
- We entered into change of control agreements with certain of our executive officers and other things, provide for certain severance and change of control benefits. For a description of these agreements, see “Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Termination-Based Compensation.” We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our current directors and executive officers. These agreements provide for the indemnification of our directors and officers for certain legal expenses and liabilities incurred in connection with any action, suit, proceeding or arbitration, dispute resolution mechanism, or hearing, inquiry or investigation that may lead to a determination to which they are a party, or are threatened to be made a party, by reason of the fact that they were or were a director, officer, employee, agent or fiduciary of the Company, or any of our subsidiaries, by reason of any action or inaction by them while serving as an officer, director, agent or fiduciary, or by reason of the fact that they were serving at our request as an officer, employee, agent or fiduciary of another entity. Under the indemnification agreements, indemnification will only be provided in situations where the indemnified parties acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to our best interests with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, to situations where they had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful. In the case of an action or proceeding brought on the right of the Company or any of our subsidiaries, no indemnification will be provided for any claim where a court determines that the indemnified party is prohibited from receiving any indemnification.

Other than as described above under this section “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions,” since the beginning of last year, we have not entered into any transactions, nor are there any currently proposed transactions, between us and a related party where the amount involved exceeds, or would exceed, \$120,000, and in which any related person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest. We believe the terms of the transactions described above are fair and comparable to terms we could have obtained in arm’s length dealings with unrelated parties. See our Policies and Procedures for Related Party Transactions.

The Board has adopted a written policy to set forth the policies and procedures for the review, approval or ratification of related party transactions. This policy covers any transaction, arrangement or relationship, or any series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships in which we are to be a participant, the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and a related person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest, including purchases of goods or services from the related person or entities in which the related person has a material interest. The audit committee is responsible for reviewing and either approving or rejecting such proposed transactions, agreements or relationships and, in doing so, will consider the relevant facts and circumstances available and deemed relevant to them, including, but not limited to, the costs and benefits to us, the terms of the agreement, the availability of other sources of comparable services or products, and, if applicable, the impact on a director’s independence.

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director may participate in the approval of a related party transaction for which he is a related party. We adopted a written Code of Business Conduct and Ethics which requires that all officers and employees make appropriate disclosure of potential conflicts of interest to their supervisor or our general counsel, as appropriate. A copy of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available to security holders of the Company's website at <http://www.elliemae.com/investor-relations/corporate-profile/corporate-governance>

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**OTHER MATTERS**

The Board knows of no other matters that will be presented for consideration at the Meeting. If any other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, it is of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

The 2014 Annual Report to Stockholders, including our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K (which is not a part of our proxy soliciting materials), is being mailed with this Proxy Statement to those stockholders that request and receive a copy of the proxy materials in the manner specified in the Proxy Statement. Stockholders that received the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials can also receive a copy of our Proxy Statement and our 2014 Annual Report to Stockholders at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Our website does not have “cookies” that identify visitors to the site. Requests for copies of our 2014 Annual Report to Stockholders may also be directed to the Secretary at Ellie Mae, Inc., 44250 Calle Arroyo Drive, Suite 500, Pleasanton, California 94588.

We have filed our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 with the SEC. It is available free of charge at the SEC’s web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Upon request by an Ellie Mae stockholder, we will mail without charge a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the financial statements and financial statement schedules, but excluding exhibits to the Annual Report on Form 10-K. Exhibits to the Annual Report on Form 10-K are available upon payment of a reasonable fee, which is limited to our expenses in furnishing the requested exhibit. All requests should be directed to Secretary, Ellie Mae, Inc., 44250 Calle Arroyo Drive, Suite 500, Pleasanton, California 94588.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
 Brian Brown  
 Vice President of Legal Affairs and Secretary  
 April 23, 2015

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APPENDIX A

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
MAE, INC.

Ellie Mae, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (“Corporation”), hereby certifies that:

ONE: The name of the Corporation is Ellie Mae, Inc. and the Corporation was incorporated on October 14, 2009 pursuant to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (“Delaware General Corporation Law”).

TWO: This Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation shall be effective as of Easter Time, on April 20, 2011. THREE: This Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation has been duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 228 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, and prompt written notice will be delivered pursuant to Section 228 of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

FOURTHREE: This Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation amends and restates the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to read as follows:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Corporation is Ellie Mae, Inc.

ARTICLE II

ADDRESS

The address of the Corporation’s registered office in the State of Delaware is 1209 North City of Wilmington, county of New Castle. The name of its registered agent at such address is The Corporation Trust Company.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE AND EXISTENCE

The purpose of the Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the Delaware General Corporation Law.

ARTICLE IV

CAPITAL STOCK

A. This Corporation is authorized to issue two classes of stock to be designated, respectively, “Common Stock” and “Preferred Stock.” The total number of shares that the Corporation is authorized to issue is ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION (150,000,000) shares, OF WHICH ONE HUNDRED FORTY MILLION (140,000,000) shares of which shall be Common Stock and TEN MILLION (10,000,000) shares of which shall be Preferred Stock. The Common Stock shall have a par value of \$0.0001 per share and the Preferred Stock shall have a par value of \$0.0001 per share.

B. Preferred Stock. Shares of Preferred Stock may be issued in one or more series, from time to time, with each such series to consist of such number of shares and to have such voting, full or limited, or no voting powers, and such designations, preferences and relative rights, optional or other special rights, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereon to be stated in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issuance of such series adopted by the Board of Directors of the corporation, and the Board of Directors is hereby expressly granted the authority, to the full extent now or hereafter provided by law, to adopt any such resolutions. The authority of the Board of Directors with respect to each series of Preferred

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shall include, but not be limited to, determination of the following:

- (1) the number of shares constituting that series and the distinctive designation of the shares of that series;
- (2) the dividend rate or rates on the shares of that series, the terms and conditions upon which dividends shall be payable, the periods in respect of which dividends shall be payable, whether dividends shall be cumulative, and, if so, from which date or dates, and the relative rights of priority, in the event of non-payment of dividends on shares of that series;
- (3) whether that series shall have voting rights, in addition to the voting rights provided for the shares of that series, and, if so, the terms of such voting rights;
- (4) whether that series shall have conversion privileges, and, if so, the terms and conditions of such conversion, including provision for adjustment of the conversion rate in such event, which the Board of Directors shall determine;
- (5) whether or not the shares of that series shall be redeemable, and, if so, the terms and conditions of such redemption, including the date or dates upon or after which they shall be redeemable, and the amount per share payable in the event of redemption, which may vary under different conditions and at different redemption dates;

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- (6) whether that series shall have a sinking fund for the redemption or purchase of shares of that series, and, if so, the terms and amount of such sinking fund;
- (7) the rights of the shares of that series in the event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation or distribution of assets, dissolution or winding up of the corporation, and the relative priority, if any, of payment of shares of that series; and
- (8) any other relative rights, powers and preferences and the qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof, of that series.

C. Common Stock. The Common Stock shall have the rights, powers, qualifications and limitations, as hereinafter set forth in this Article IV.

(1) Subject to the preferences applicable to any series of Preferred Stock outstanding, the holders of shares of Common Stock shall be entitled to receive such dividends and distributions in cash, property or shares of stock of the Corporation as may be declared by the Board of Directors from time to time out of assets or funds of the Corporation legally available therefor.

(2) Upon the dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Corporation, subject to the rights of the holders of any outstanding series of Preferred Stock, the holders of shares of Common Stock shall be entitled to receive the assets of the Corporation available for distribution to the stockholders ratably in proportion to the number of shares held by them.

(3) Except as required by law, each holder of Common Stock shall be entitled, with respect to each share of Common Stock held by such holder on the applicable record date, to vote in person or by proxy on all matters submitted to a vote of the holders of Common Stock, without limitation, in connection with the election of directors to the Board of Directors. It is understood that in respect of the election of directors, no stockholder shall be entitled to vote on behalf of any candidate), whether voting separately as a class or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and except as otherwise required by law, holders of Common Stock, as such, shall not be entitled to vote on any amendment to this Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (including any Certificate of Designation relating to any series of Preferred Stock) that relates solely to the terms of one or more outstanding series of Preferred Stock if the holders of such affected series of Preferred Stock are entitled, separately or together with the holders of one or more other such series of Preferred Stock, to vote thereon pursuant to this Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (including any Certificate of Designation relating to any series of Preferred Stock) or the Delaware General Corporation Law.

ARTICLE V

DIRECTORS AND POWERS

For the management of the business and for the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation, and for the further definition, limitation and regulation of the powers of the Corporation, of its officers and of its stockholders or any class thereof, as the case may be, it is further provided that:

A.(1) The management of the business and the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors. In addition to the powers and authority expressly conferred upon them by statute or by this Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Corporation, the directors are hereby empowered to exercise all such powers and to do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Corporation. Subject to the rights of any series of Preferred Stock then outstanding to elect additional directors under

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circumstances, the number of directors which shall constitute the whole Board of Directors initially shall be seven, and, thereafter shall be fixed exclusively by one or more resolutions adopted from time to time by a majority of the Board of Directors.

(2) Subject to the rights of any series of Preferred Stock then outstanding to elect additional directors under specified circumstances, the directors shall be divided into three classes designated as Class I, Class II and Class III, as nearly equal in number as possible. The Board of Directors is authorized to assign members of the Board of Directors already in office to Class II or Class III. At the first annual meeting of stockholders following the effectiveness of this Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Qualifying Record Date"), the term of office of the Class I directors shall expire and Class I directors shall be elected for a full term of three years. At the second annual meeting of stockholders following the Qualifying Record Date, the term of office of the Class II directors shall expire and Class II directors shall be elected for a full term of three years. At the third annual meeting of stockholders following the Qualifying Record Date, the term of office of the Class III directors shall expire and Class III directors shall be elected for a full term of three years. At each succeeding annual meeting of stockholders, directors shall be elected for a full term of three years to succeed the directors of the class whose terms expire at such annual meeting.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article V(A), each director shall serve until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her death, resignation or removal. A decrease in the number of directors constituting the Board of Directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent director.

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(3) Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock then outstanding, the Board of Directors or any individual director may be removed from office at any time for cause by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of all the then outstanding shares of voting stock of the Corporation entitled to vote at an election of directors (the "Vote"). For purposes of this Article V, "cause" shall mean: (i) the director's conviction (treating a guilty or nolo contendere plea as a conviction) of a felony involving (a) moral turpitude or (b) a violation of any federal or state securities laws, but specifically excluding any conviction based entirely on vicarious liability; (ii) the director's commission of any material act of dishonesty or fraud intended to result in material personal gain or enrichment of such director at the expense of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries; (iii) the director's fraud or intentional misrepresentation, including falsifying use of funds and intentional misstatements made in financial statements, books, records or reports to stockholders or governmental agencies; (iv) the director's violation of any agreement between the director and the Corporation; (v) the director's action causing the Corporation to commit violations of applicable law (including by failure to file required reports); (vi) the director being adjudged legally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(4) Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock then outstanding, any vacancies on the Board of Directors resulting from death, resignation, disqualification or other causes and any newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the number of directors shall, unless the Board of Directors determines by resolution that any such newly created directorships shall be filled by a vote of the stockholders, except as otherwise provided by law, be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office, even though less than a quorum of the Board of Directors, and not by the stockholders. Any director elected in accordance with the preceding sentence shall hold office for the full term of the director for which the vacancy was created or occurred and until his or her director's successor shall have been elected and qualified.

(5) During any period when the holders of any series of Preferred Stock have the right to elect additional directors as provided for or fixed pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, the total number of directors upon commencement and for the duration of the period during which such right continues shall be the then otherwise total authorized number of directors of the Corporation shall automatically be increased by such specified number of directors, and the holders of such Preferred Stock shall be entitled to elect the additional directors so provided for or fixed pursuant to said provisions. (ii) each such additional director shall serve until such director's successor shall have been elected and qualified, or until such director's right to hold such office terminates pursuant to the provisions, whichever occurs earlier, subject to his earlier death, disqualification, resignation or removal. Except as otherwise provided by the Board of Directors in the resolution of the Corporation establishing such series, whenever the holders of any series of Preferred Stock having the right to elect additional directors are divested of such right pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, the terms of office of all such additional directors elected by the holders of such stock, and any such additional directors, shall forthwith terminate and the total authorized number of directors of the Corporation shall be reduced accordingly.

B.(1) In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statute, the Board of Directors is expressly authorized to make, alter or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present at any regular or special meeting.



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Board of Directors at which a quorum is present. Notwithstanding the foregoing, but to any affirmative vote of the holders of any particular class or series of the Voting by law, this Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation or any Certificate of Designation, the Bylaws of the Corporation may be rescinded, altered, amended or amended in any respect by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the voting power of all the then outstanding shares of the Voting Stock.

(2)The directors of the Corporation need not be elected by written ballot unless the Bylaws provide.

(3)Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock then outstanding, no action required or permitted to be taken by the stockholders of the Corporation must be taken at a duly called annual or special meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation, and no action of any action by written consent of the stockholders is specifically denied.

(4)Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock then outstanding, special meetings of the stockholders of the Corporation may be called, for any purpose or purpose, by the Board of Directors, chairperson of the Board of Directors, chief executive officer or chief financial officer (in the absence of a chief executive officer), but such special meetings may not be called by any other person or persons.

(5)Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock then outstanding, notice of stockholder nominations for the election of directors and of business to be considered by the stockholders before any meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation shall be given in the manner provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE VI**

**MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS; BOOKS AND RECORDS**

Meetings of the stockholders of the Corporation may be held within or outside the State of Delaware, as the Bylaws of the Corporation may provide. The books and records of the Corporation may be kept outside the State of Delaware at such place or places as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors or in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

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ARTICLE VII

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

A.To the maximum extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law or of the State of Delaware, as the same exists or as may hereafter be amended, a director of the Corporation shall not be personally liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. If the Delaware General Corporation Law is amended after approval by the stockholders of this Article VI to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of the Corporation shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law as so amended.

B.To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Corporation may indemnify and advance the expenses of any person made or threatened to be made a party to an action or proceeding, whether civil, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that the person, the person's estate or the person's intestate is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or any predecessor of the Corporation, or serves or served at any other enterprise as a director, officer, employee or agent at the request of the Corporation or any predecessor to the Corporation.

C.Neither any amendment nor repeal of this Article VII, nor the adoption of any provision of the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation inconsistent with this Article VII, shall eliminate or reduce the effect of this Article VII in respect of any matter occurring, or any action or proceeding accruing or arising or that, but for this Article VII, would accrue or arise from any amendment, repeal or adoption of an inconsistent provision.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS TO CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision of this Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation in the manner prescribed by and by the laws of the State of Delaware and all rights conferred upon stockholders of the Corporation subject to this reservation; provided, however, that notwithstanding any other provision of the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation or any provision of law otherwise permit a lesser vote or no vote, but in addition to any affirmative vote of a majority of any particular class or series of the Voting Stock required by law, this Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation or any Certificate of Designation, the affirmative vote of holders of at least a majority sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the voting shares of the then-outstanding shares of the Voting Stock, voting together as a single class, shall be required to alter, amend or repeal any or all of Section B of Article IV, Article V, Article VI or Article VII of this Article VIII.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Ellie Mae, Inc., has caused this Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to be executed by its duly authorized officer on this 20th day of April [\_\_], 2011 2015.

ELLIE MAE, INC.

By:

Sigmund Anderman  
Jonathan Corr

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President & Chief Executive Officer

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