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NETAPP, INC.

495 East Java Drive

Sunnyvale, California 94089

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held August 31, 2011

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (Annual Meeting) of NetApp, Inc., a Delaware corporation (NetApp or Company), which will be held on August 31, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. local time, at the Company s headquarters, 495 East Java Drive, Sunnyvale, California 94089. We are holding the Annual Meeting for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect the following individuals to serve as members of the Board of the Directors for the ensuing year or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified: Daniel J. Warmenhoven, Nicholas G. Moore, Thomas Georgens, Jeffry R. Allen, Alan L. Earhart, Gerald Held, T. Michael Nevens, George T. Shaheen, Robert T. Wall, and Richard P. Wallace;
- 2. To approve an amendment to the Company s 1999 Stock Option Plan (the 1999 Plan) to increase the share reserve by an additional 7,700,000 shares of common stock and to approve the 1999 Plan for Section 162(m) purposes to enable certain awards granted under the 1999 Plan to continue to qualify as deductible performance-based compensation within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code:
- 3. To approve an amendment to the Company s Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Purchase Plan) to increase the share reserve by an additional 3,500,000 shares of common stock;
- 4. To conduct an advisory vote and approve an advisory resolution on Named Executive Officer compensation;
- 5. To conduct an advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on Named Executive Officer compensation; and
- 6. To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditors of the Company for the fiscal year ending April 27,

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement that accompanies this Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on July 11, 2011 as the record date for determining the stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

In accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rules and regulations, we have elected to provide access to our proxy materials over the Internet. Accordingly, the Company will mail, on or about July 19, 2011, a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials

to its stockholders of record and beneficial owners. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials will identify the website where the proxy materials will be made available; the date, time, and location of the Annual Meeting; the matters to be acted upon at the meeting and the Board of Directors recommendation with regard to each matter; a toll-free telephone number, an e-mail address, and a website where stockholders can request a paper or e-mail copy of the Proxy Statement, our Annual Report to stockholders and a form of proxy relating to the Annual Meeting; information on how to access the form of proxy; and information on how to obtain directions to attend the meeting and vote in person. These proxy materials will be available free of charge.

To assure your representation at the Annual Meeting, you are urged to cast your vote, as instructed in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, over the Internet or by telephone as promptly as possible. You may also request a paper proxy card to submit your vote by mail, if you prefer. Any stockholder of record attending the Annual Meeting may vote in person, even if she or he has voted over the Internet, by telephone or returned a completed proxy card.

Thank you for your participation.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Thomas Georgens

Chief Executive Officer and President

Sunnyvale, California

July 19, 2011

YOUR VOTE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. TO ENSURE YOUR REPRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, YOU ARE URGED TO VOTE BY TELEPHONE OR INTERNET AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. ALTERNATIVELY, YOU MAY REQUEST A PAPER PROXY CARD, WHICH YOU MAY COMPLETE, SIGN AND RETURN BY MAIL.

PROXY STATEMENT

FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF

NETAPP, INC.

To Be Held August 31, 2011

General

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors (Board or Board of Directors) of the Company, of proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (Annual Meeting) to be held on August 31, 2011, or at any adjournment or postponement thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Stockholders of record as of the close of business on July 11, 2011 will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. local time at the Company s headquarters at 495 East Java Drive, Sunnyvale, California 94089.

In accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), instead of mailing a printed copy of our proxy materials to each stockholder of record, we are now furnishing proxy materials to our stockholders over the Internet. If you received a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials. Instead, the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials instructs you as to how you may access and review all of the information contained in the proxy materials. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials also instructs you as to how you may submit your proxy over the Internet. If you received a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials by mail and would like to receive a printed copy of our proxy materials you should follow the instructions for requesting such materials included in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.

It is anticipated that the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials will be mailed to stockholders on or about July 19, 2011.

Record Date and Shares Outstanding

The close of business on July 11, 2011 was the record date to determine the stockholders who will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof. At the record date, the Company had approximately 372,389,616 shares of its common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and approximately 756 registered stockholders. No shares of the Company s preferred stock were outstanding. Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held by such stockholder on July 11, 2011.

Quorum Requirement

A majority of the shares of common stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote, in person or by proxy, constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting.

Votes Required for Proposals

For Proposal No. 1, the 10 director nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative Votes Cast (as defined below) will be elected, and for Proposal No. 5, the frequency (every one, two or three years) receiving the highest number of affirmative Votes Cast will be treated as indicative of our stockholders preference with respect to how often we hold an advisory say on pay vote. Approval of each of Proposal Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 6 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the number of Votes Cast. Votes Cast for Proposals Nos. 4 and 5

will be advisory votes only. Votes will be tabulated by a representative of Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., the independent inspector of elections appointed for the Annual Meeting, who will separately tabulate affirmative and negative votes, abstentions and broker nonvotes. Voting results will be published in a Current Report on Form 8-K, which will be filed with the SEC within 4 business days following the Annual Meeting.

Abstentions and Broker Nonvotes

While there is no definitive statutory or case law authority in Delaware as to the proper treatment of abstentions, the Company believes that abstentions should be counted for purposes of determining both (1) the presence or absence of a quorum for the transaction of business and (2) the total number of shares entitled to vote in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting (Votes Cast) with respect to a proposal. In the absence of controlling precedent to the contrary, the Company intends to treat abstentions in this manner. Accordingly, abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal. However, because the outcome of Proposal No. 1 (election of directors) and Proposal No. 5 (advisory vote on frequency of say on pay vote) will be determined by a plurality of the Votes Cast, abstentions will have no impact on the outcome of such proposals so long as a quorum exists.

Broker nonvotes (that is, votes from shares held of record by brokers as to which the beneficial owners have given no voting instructions) will be counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum for the transaction of business, but will not be counted for purposes of determining the number of Votes Cast with respect to the particular proposal on which the broker has expressly not voted. Accordingly, broker nonvotes will not affect the outcome of the voting on a proposal that requires a majority of the Votes Cast (such as the approval of an amendment to an option plan). Thus, a broker nonvote will make a quorum more readily attainable, but the broker nonvote will not otherwise affect the outcome of the vote on a proposal.

If your shares are held in street name and you do not instruct your broker on how to vote your shares, your brokerage firm, at its discretion, may either leave your shares unvoted or vote your shares on routine matters, but not on non-routine matters. The proposal to ratify the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm for the current fiscal year (Proposal No. 6) will be treated as a routine matter. To the extent your brokerage firm votes your shares on your behalf on this proposal, your shares will be counted as present for the purpose of determining a quorum. The proposals to approve Proposal Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are not considered routine matters and, consequently, your brokerage firm cannot vote your shares without your voting instructions.

Methods of Voting

Stockholders may vote by proxy. The Company is offering stockholders of record four methods of voting: (1) you may vote by telephone; (2) you may vote over the Internet; (3) you may vote in person at the Annual Meeting; and (4) finally, you may request a proxy card from us and indicate your vote by completing, signing and dating the card where indicated and by mailing or otherwise returning the card in the prepaid envelope that will be provided. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote on all matters presented at the Annual Meeting for each share of common stock held by such stockholder. Stockholders do not have the right to cumulate their votes for the election of directors.

If a proxy card is voted by telephone or Internet or signed and returned by mail, without choices specified, in the absence of contrary instructions, subject to the limitations described in Rule 14a-4(d) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), the shares of common stock represented by such proxy will be voted FOR Proposal Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be voted in the proxy holder s discretion as to other matters that may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

Revocability of Proxies

Any stockholder giving a proxy has the power to revoke it at any time before its exercise. You may revoke or change your proxy by filing with the Secretary of the Company an instrument of revocation or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person.

Solicitation of Proxies

The Company will bear the cost of soliciting proxies. Copies of solicitation materials will be made available upon request to brokerage houses, fiduciaries, and custodians holding shares in their names that are beneficially owned by others to forward to such beneficial owners. The Company may reimburse such persons for their costs of forwarding the solicitation materials to such beneficial owners. The original solicitation of proxies may be supplemented by solicitation by telephone, electronic communication, or other means by directors, officers, employees, or agents of the Company. No additional compensation will be paid to these individuals for any such services. The Company does not plan to retain a proxy solicitor to assist in the solicitation of proxies. If the Company were to retain a proxy solicitor, the estimated cost for such solicitor would be \$10,000 plus reimbursement of expenses.

Annual Report

The Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, this Proxy Statement and the Annual Report of the Company for the fiscal year ended April 29, 2011 have been made available to all stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Report is not incorporated into this Proxy Statement and is not considered proxy-soliciting material. The Annual Report is posted at the following website address: http://investors.netapp.com.

Stockholder Proposals

The Company s stockholders may submit proposals that they believe should be voted upon at the Company s 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Stockholders may also recommend candidates for election to our Board of Directors for such Annual Meeting (See Corporate Governance and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee).

Pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act and subject to the requirements of our bylaws, stockholder proposals may be included in our 2012 Proxy Statement. Any such stockholder proposals must be submitted in writing to the attention of the Corporate Secretary, NetApp, Inc., 495 East Java Drive, Sunnyvale, California 94089, no later than March 21, 2012, which is the date 120 calendar days prior to the anniversary of the mailing date of the proxy statement for the fiscal 2011 Annual Meeting.

Alternatively, under the Company s bylaws, a proposal that a stockholder intends to present for consideration at the meeting but does not seek to include in the Company s proxy materials for the 2012 Annual Meeting (whether or not it relates to nominations to the Company s Board of Directors) must be received by the Corporate Secretary (at the address specified in the immediately preceding paragraph) not less than 120 calendar days prior to the date of the 2012 Annual Meeting. The stockholder s submission must include the information specified in the bylaws.

Stockholders interested in submitting such a proposal are advised to contact knowledgeable legal counsel with regard to the detailed requirements of applicable securities laws.

If a stockholder gives notice of a proposal or a nomination after the applicable deadline specified above, the notice will not be considered timely, and the stockholder will not be permitted to present the proposal or the nomination to the stockholders for a vote at the meeting.

Householding

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries, such as brokers, to satisfy delivery requirements for proxy materials with respect to two or more stockholders sharing the same address by delivering a single proxy statement addressed to those stockholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as householding, potentially provides extra convenience for stockholders and cost savings for companies. The Company and some brokers household proxy materials unless contrary instructions have been received from one or more of the affected stockholders. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in householding and would prefer to receive a separate proxy statement, or if you are receiving multiple copies of the proxy statement and wish to receive only one, please (i) follow the instructions provided when you vote over the Internet, or (ii) contact Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., either by calling toll free at (800) 542-1061 or by writing to Broadridge, Householding Department, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, New York 11717.

PROPOSAL NO. 1:

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

During the majority of fiscal 2011, the Board consisted of 9 members until March 2011. The Board increased the number of directors from 9 to 10 in March 2011. Richard P. Wallace was recommended to the Board of Directors by an independent third-party search firm and appointed to the Board on March 16, 2011. Accordingly, at the Annual Meeting, 10 directors constituting the entire Board are to be elected to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until successors for such directors are elected and qualified, or until the death, resignation or removal of such directors. It is intended that the proxies will be voted for the 10 nominees named below for election to the Company s Board unless authority to vote for any such nominee is withheld. Each person nominated for election has agreed to serve if elected, and the Board has no reason to believe that any nominee will be unavailable or will decline to serve. In the event, however, that any nominee is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for any nominee who is designated by the current Board to fill the vacancy. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders will vote the proxies received by them for the nominees named below. The 10 nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative votes of the shares entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be elected directors of the Company. The proxies solicited by this Proxy Statement may not be voted for more than 10 nominees.

Information Regarding the Nominees

The name, age and position of each nominee as of May 26, 2011, are set forth in the table below. Except as described below, each of the nominees has been engaged in his principal occupation during the past five years. There are no family relationships among any of our directors or executive officers.

Name of Nominee	A go	Position	Director Since
Name of Nommee	Age		
Daniel J. Warmenhoven	60	Executive Chairman and Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors	1994
Nicholas G. Moore*	69	Lead Independent Director	2002
Thomas Georgens	51	Chief Executive Officer, President and Director	2008
Jeffry R. Allen*	59	Director	2005
Alan L. Earhart*	67	Director	2004
Gerald Held*	63	Director	2009
T. Michael Nevens*	61	Director	2009
George T. Shaheen*	67	Director	2004
Robert T. Wall*	65	Director	1993
Richard P. Wallace*	51	Director	2011

* Independent Directors

DANIEL J. WARMENHOVEN has been a member of the Board of Directors since October 1994 and currently serves as the Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Warmenhoven was Chief Executive Officer from October 1994 to August 2009 and currently holds the position of Executive Chairman of the Company. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Warmenhoven served in various capacities, including President, Chief Executive Officer, and chairman of the board of directors of Network Equipment Technologies, Inc., a telecommunications equipment company, from November 1989 to January 1994. Prior to Network Equipment Technologies, Mr. Warmenhoven held executive and managerial positions at Hewlett-Packard from 1985 to 1989 and IBM Corporation from 1972 to 1985. Mr. Warmenhoven is a director of Aruba Networks, Inc., sits on the Bechtel Board of Counselors, is vice chairman of the board of the Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose, California and is a trustee of Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, California. Mr. Warmenhoven holds a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Princeton University.

Mr. Warmenhoven brings to the Board extensive experience in the technology and data storage industry. As our former Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Warmenhoven spent 15 years successfully leading the Company through significant growth and possesses a deep understanding of our business, strategy, operations, and

employees. Mr. Warmenhoven also has valuable experience as a result of his service as a director of other technology companies. For these and other reasons, the Board believes that Mr. Warmenhoven contributes to the overall quality and diversity of perspectives on the Board.

NICHOLAS G. MOORE has been a member of the Board since April 2002 and was appointed as our Lead Independent Director in August 2009. Mr. Moore served as Global Chairman of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP from July 1998 until June 2001, and Chief Executive Officer of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP from July 1998 until June 2000. Prior to that, he served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Coopers & Lybrand LLP from October 1994 until June 1998, when it merged with Price Waterhouse LLP. Mr. Moore is a member of the boards of Wells Fargo & Co., Gilead Sciences, Bechtel Corporation, and a private, venture capital-backed technology company. Mr. Moore received a B.S. degree in accounting from St. Mary s College and a J.D. degree from Hastings College of Law, University of California.

Mr. Moore brings to the Board extensive management, financial and accounting expertise, as well as significant involvement with the technology industry. The Board believes that as the former Chief Executive Officer of a major accounting and consulting firm and a current director of one of the country s most prominent banks, Mr. Moore qualifies as a financial expert and is able to provide key insight to the Board on financial and other matters. In addition, Mr. Moore s service on the boards of other technology companies has given him expertise with respect to corporate governance issues. He also spent much of his client service career in the high technology and venture capital industry. For these and other reasons, the Board believes that Mr. Moore has the qualities necessary to contribute to the Board s overall effectiveness.

THOMAS GEORGENS has been the Company s President and Chief Executive Officer since August 2009. From February 2008 to August 2009, Mr. Georgens served as our President and Chief Operating Officer and was responsible for all product operations and field operations worldwide. Mr. Georgens has also been a member of our Board of Directors since March 2008. Mr. Georgens joined NetApp in October 2005 as Executive Vice President and General Manager of Enterprise Storage Systems and was named Executive Vice President of Product Operations where he served in that role from January 2007 to February 2008. Before joining the Company, Mr. Georgens spent nine years at Engenio, a former subsidiary of LSI Corporation, the last two years as Chief Executive Officer. He has also served in various other positions, including President of LSI Corporation Storage Systems and Executive Vice President of LSI Logic Storage Systems. Prior to Engenio, Mr. Georgens spent 11 years at EMC Corporation in a variety of engineering and marketing positions. Mr. Georgens holds a B.S. degree and an M.E. degree in computer and systems engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as well as an M.B.A. degree from Babson College.

As the Company s Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Georgens has direct, day-to-day exposure to all aspects of the Company s business. Mr. Georgens also brings to the Board substantial management and executive experience, as well as extensive knowledge of the data storage industry. As a result of these and other factors, the Board believes that Mr. Georgens adds to the Board s collective level of expertise, skills and qualifications.

JEFFRY R. ALLEN has been a member of the Board since May 2005. Prior to joining the Board, Mr. Allen was the Executive Vice President of Business Operations of the Company. Mr. Allen joined the Company in 1996 as the Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance and Operations. Before coming to the Company, Mr. Allen served as Senior Vice President of Operations for Bay Networks, where he was responsible for manufacturing and distribution functions. From 1990 to 1995, he held the position of Controller for Synoptic Communications and subsequently became Vice President and Controller for Bay Networks, the new company created via the merger of SynOptics and Wellfleet Communications. Previously, Mr. Allen had a 17-year career at Hewlett-Packard Company, where he served in a variety of financial, information systems, and financial management positions, including controller for the Information Networks Group. Mr. Allen holds a B.S. degree in accounting from San Diego State University.

The Board nominated Mr. Allen to serve as a director because he brings to the Board extensive experience gained from working in the technology industry in a variety of positions at the senior management level,

including almost 10 years at the Company. Mr. Allen also qualifies as an audit committee financial expert. With a strong mix of operational and financial knowledge, both generally and specifically in regards to the Company, Mr. Allen adds to the Board s collective level of expertise, skills and qualifications.

ALAN L. EARHART has been a member of the Board since December 2004. He has more than three decades of financial and accounting expertise that includes close involvement with many technology companies, including Cisco Systems, Legato, Varian and Polycom. Mr. Earhart began his career as a certified public accountant in 1970 with Coopers & Lybrand s San Francisco office. There he rose through the company to become regional managing partner and served as chair of Coopers & Lybrand s National Venture Capital Industry Group before its merger with Price Waterhouse. After the merger, he was named managing partner for PricewaterhouseCoopers Silicon Valley offices before eventually retiring in 2001. Mr. Earhart previously served on the board of directors of Quantum Corporation, Foundry Networks, and Monolithic Power Systems. He currently serves on the board of directors of Brocade Communication Systems, Inc. and Rovi Corporation (formerly known as Macrovision Solutions Corporation) and is an independent consultant and retired partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The Board selected Mr. Earhart to serve as a director because he brings to the Board a deep knowledge of financial and accounting issues. Through his work experience and service on the boards of several high tech public companies, Mr. Earhart has developed knowledge of the complex issues facing global companies today. In addition, Mr. Earhart qualifies as an audit committee financial expert under the rules and regulations of the SEC. Mr. Earhart is a skilled advisor who makes a strong contribution to the diversity of perspectives on the Board.

GERALD HELD has been a member of the Board since December 2009. Since 1999, Mr. Held has been the Chief Executive Officer of Held Consulting Group, LLC. From 2006 to 2010, he was the Executive Chairman of Vertica Systems, an analytic database company that was acquired by Hewlett Packard. From 2002 until 2008 Mr. Held was on the board of Business Objects. He was also a founding director for Microplace, a microfinance marketplace that was acquired by eBay, and Chairman of Bella Pictures, which was acquired by CPI Corp. Mr. Held currently serves on the boards of Informatica and Openwave Systems, both of which are public technology companies. Mr. Held also serves on the boards of several private companies including Trickplay and Software Development Technologies. From 1976 to 1997, Mr. Held served in a variety of executive roles at Tandem Computers and Oracle Corporation.

The Board selected Mr. Held to serve as a director because he has over 40 years of experience in developing, managing and advising technology organizations. He is also has experience leading organizations through periods of growth, including growing a startup company into a public company generating several billion dollars in annual revenue. In addition to his professional experience, Mr. Held has a strong technical background including an M.S. degree in systems engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and Ph.D. degree in computer science specializing in relational database technology from University of California, Berkeley.

T. MICHAEL NEVENS has been a member of the Board since December 2009. Since May 2006, Mr. Nevens has been a senior advisor to Permira Funds, an international private equity fund. Prior to his position with Permira Funds, Mr. Nevens spent 23 years advising technology companies with McKinsey & Co., where he managed the firm s Global High Tech Practice and chaired the firm s IT vendor relations committee. Mr. Nevens currently serves on the boards of Altera Semiconductors, Model N Software, and Active Video Networks, and served on the board of Borland Software from 2004 until 2009. Mr. Nevens has a B.S. degree in physics from the University of Notre Dame and an M.S. degree in industrial administration from Purdue University.

Mr. Neven s experience in equity investments and advising various technology companies throughout the world led the Board to conclude that he would be a valuable addition to the Board, particularly as the Company continues to grow internationally. His experience on the boards of both public and private technology companies also provides significant value and adds to his diverse perspective.

GEORGE T. SHAHEEN has been a member of the Board since June 2004. From December 2006 until July 2009 he was the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the board of directors of Entity Labs, a technology

company in the data collection, storage and analytics space. Mr. Shaheen was the Chief Executive Officer of Siebel Systems, Inc. from April 2005 until the sale of the company in January 2006. From October 1999 to April 2001 he served as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Webvan Group, Inc. Prior to joining Webvan Group, Inc., Mr. Shaheen was the Chief Executive Officer and Global Managing Partner of Andersen Consulting, which later became Accenture. Mr. Shaheen currently serves on the boards of Korn/Ferry International, 24/7 Customer, newScale, Voxify, PRA International, and Univita. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Marcus & Millichap Company and the Strategic Advisory Board of Genstar Capital. He has served as an IT Governor of the World Economic Forum and as a member of the Board of Advisors for the Northwestern University Kellogg Graduate School of Management. He has also served on the Board of Trustees of Bradley University. Mr. Shaheen received a B.S. degree in business and an M.B.A. degree from Bradley University.

The Board selected Mr. Shaheen to serve as a director because he has significant experience leading, managing and advising companies. Mr. Shaheen s consulting background gives him keen insight into sales and the customer-based, service aspect of the Company s operations. In addition, Mr. Shaheen has expertise on compliance matters as a result of his service on the boards of several private and public technology companies, including service as a chairman and member of the audit and compensation committees of those boards.

ROBERT T. WALL has been a member of the Board since January 1993. Since August 1984, Mr. Wall has been the Founder and President of On Point Developments, LLC, a venture management and investment company. Mr. Wall was a founder and, from November 2000 to December 2006, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Airgo Networks, Inc., a Wi-Fi wireless networking systems company that was acquired by QUALCOMM, Inc. in December 2006. From June 1997 to November 1998, he was Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of directors of Clarity Wireless, Inc., a broadband wireless data communications company that was acquired by Cisco Systems, Inc. in November 1998. Mr. Wall was Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Theatrix Interactive, Inc., a consumer educational software publisher, from April 1994 to August 1997. Mr. Wall has been a member of the Board of Complete Genomics, Inc., a human genome sequencing and informatics company, since September 2010. Mr. Wall has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco since June 2007 and a member of the Visiting Committee, Arts of Africa, Oceania, and the Americas at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York since March 2007. He received an A.B. degree in economics from De Pauw University and an M.B.A. degree from Harvard Business School.

The Board selected Mr. Wall to serve as a director because he brings to the Board over 30 years of experience leading and founding several technology companies, including companies in the data storage, computer systems, and wireless networking areas. As the Company s longest serving director, he brings a long-term perspective of the evolution of the Company to its present position and the development of its management team and compensation policy. Additionally, as a result of Mr. Wall s service on the boards of other public companies and varied strategic mergers and acquisition experience, he is familiar with a full range of corporate and board functions.

RICHARD P. WALLACE joined the Board in March 2011. Mr. Wallace currently serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of KLA-Tencor Corporation. He began his career at KLA Instruments in 1988 as an applications engineer and has held various general management positions throughout his 23-year tenure with the company. Mr. Wallace became the CEO of KLA-Tencor in January 2006. Mr. Wallace also currently serves as the chairman of the board of directors for Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI), an industry trade association, and Beckman Coulter®, an Orange County-based biomed company. Mr. Wallace earned his B.S. degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan and an M.S. degree in engineering management from Santa Clara University.

The Board selected Mr. Wallace to serve as a director because of his experience as chief executive officer of a publicly traded high-technology company. He brings to the Board more than two decades of experience gained while working at a technology company that has experienced growth. Mr. Wallace offers a unique perspective and expertise that is relevant to leading and advising a growth company. His experience as a board member of other publicly traded companies also provides important value and adds to his unique perspective.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company s Board of Directors has adopted policies and procedures that the Board believes are in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders while being compliant with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations of the SEC and The NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC (NASDAQ).

Board Leadership Structure

The Board of Directors does not currently have a policy on whether the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman may be filled by one individual. This allows the Board flexibility to better address the leadership needs of the Company from time to time as it deems appropriate. We currently separate the positions of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. From January 2008 until August 2009, Mr. Warmenhoven served as both Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. Since that time, Mr. Georgens has served in the role of Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Warmenhoven has continued in the role as Chairman of the Board and has assumed the position of Executive Chairman, a position intended to help the Company build and expand relationships with certain strategic partners around the world. The Board believes that the respective roles of Mr. Georgens and Mr. Warmenhoven best utilize their skills and qualifications in the service of the Company at this time.

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the Company, the general management and operation of the business, and guidance and oversight of senior management. The Executive Chairman of the Board presides at all meetings of the Board and of the stockholders, monitors the content, quality and timeliness of information sent to the Board and is available for consultation with the Board regarding the Company s oversight of business affairs.

We have also designated one of our directors as Lead Independent Director because our Chief Executive Officer and Executive Chairman of the Board are currently employees of the Company, and have deemed such position to be integral to our Board structure. The Lead Independent Director chairs Board meetings when the Executive Chairman of the Board is not present; schedules, sets the agenda for and chairs executive sessions; and chairs matters which are within the purview of the independent directors. The Lead Independent Director also chairs the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. In addition, the Lead Independent Director serves as a liaison between the Executive Chairman of the Board and the independent directors; recommends changes to improve the effectiveness of the Board, the Board committees and the individual directors serving on the Board; and performs such other functions and responsibilities as requested by the Board from time to time.

As described in more detail below, our Board of Directors has four standing committees, each chairman and each member of which is an independent director. Our Board of Directors delegates substantial responsibility to each Board committee, which reports its activities and actions back to the full Board of Directors. We believe that our independent Board committees and their respective chairs are an important aspect of our Board leadership structure.

Corporate Governance Guidelines

The Board of Directors has adopted a formal set of Corporate Governance Guidelines concerning various issues related to Board structure, function and processes; Board committees; leadership development, including succession planning; oversight of risk management; and our ethics helpline. A copy of the Corporate Governance Guidelines is available on our website at http://investors.netapp.com/governance.cfm.

Risk Oversight

Our Board of Directors, as a whole and through its committees, has responsibility for the oversight of risk management. With the oversight of our full Board of Directors, our executive officers are responsible for the day-to-day management of the material risks the Company faces. In its oversight role, our Board of Directors has the responsibility to satisfy itself that the risk management processes designed and implemented by the executive officers are adequate and functioning as designed. The involvement of the full Board of Directors in setting our

business strategy at least annually is a key part of its oversight of risk management and allows the Board to assess and determine what constitutes an appropriate level of risk for the Company and review and consider management s role in risk management. The full Board of Directors regularly receives updates from management and outside advisors regarding certain risks the Company faces.

Each committee of the Board of Directors oversees specific aspects of risk management. For example, our Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the management of risks associated with the our financial reporting, accounting and auditing matters; our Compensation Committee oversees our management succession planning and the relationship between our compensation policies and programs and our risk management; our Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee oversees the management of risks associated with director independence, conflicts of interest, board composition and organization, and director succession planning; and our Strategy Committee reviews our capital structure, liquidity, balance sheet, geographic distribution of cash, and other data necessary to manage the risks related to our long-term strategic planning and contemplated strategic transactions. Our committees regularly report their findings to the full Board of Directors.

In addition, on an annual basis, each committee performs a comprehensive year-end risk management review, the results of which are reported to the Audit Committee. As part of the annual review, each committee considers a wide range of risks, including, to the extent applicable, risks related to (i) financial matters, including accounting policies, counterparties and liquidity; (ii) legal compliance matters, including competition law, data privacy and antitrust; (iii) strategic matters, including technology and market trends; (iv) operational matters; and (v) human resource matters. If appropriate, the Audit Committee holds follow-up discussions with applicable committee members. The final results of the year-end risk management review are reported to the full Board in the fourth quarter of each fiscal year.

Other than when the Board or a committee of the Board meets in executive session, senior management attends all meetings of the Board of Directors and its committees and is available to address questions raised by directors with respect to risk management and other matters.

Independent Directors

A majority of our Board comprises independent directors, (as defined in the applicable NASDAQ rules).

The nonemployee directors regularly meet in executive session, without management, as part of the normal agenda of our Board meetings.

The Lead Independent Director is a nonemployee director and independent (as defined by the NASDAQ rules). **Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee**

The Board has adopted guidelines for the identification, evaluation and nomination of candidates for director.

To assist with director nominations, the Board has assigned the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee responsibility for reviewing and recommending nominees to the Board. While there are no specific minimum qualifications for director nominees, the ideal candidate should exhibit qualifications that will increase overall Board effectiveness, including independence, previous experience as an executive or director with other successful companies, and ability to meet other requirements under applicable rules, such as the requirement that Audit Committee members have an appropriate level of financial literacy and expertise. In evaluating the suitability of a particular director nominee, the Board considers a broad range of factors, including, without limitation, the nominee s character, integrity, judgment, independence, diversity (including with respect to race and gender), age, skills, education, expertise, length of service, understanding of the Company s business, and willingness and ability to make the necessary time commitment to diligently perform the duties of a director.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee makes an effort to ensure that the Board s composition reflects a broad diversity of experience, professions, skills, viewpoints, geographic representation, personal traits and backgrounds. However, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee does not have a formal policy with respect to diversity, does not assign specific weights to particular criteria, and does not believe that any specific criterion is necessarily applicable to all prospective nominees. When the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee reviews a potential new candidate, it looks specifically at the candidate s qualifications in light of the needs of the Board of Directors at that time, given the then-current mix of director attributes. With respect to the nomination of continuing directors for re-election, each continuing director s past contributions to the Board of Directors are also considered.

In the case of new director candidates, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee also determines whether the nominee must be independent for NASDAQ purposes, which determination is based upon applicable NASDAQ listing standards, applicable SEC rules and regulations and the advice of counsel, if necessary. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee generally relies on its network of contacts to compile a list of potential candidates, but it also engages a professional search firm when appropriate. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee conducts appropriate and necessary inquiries into the backgrounds and qualifications of possible candidates after considering the function and needs of the Board of Directors. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee meets to discuss and consider such candidates—qualifications and then selects a nominee for recommendation to the Board by majority vote.

If the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee determines that it wants to identify new independent director candidates for Board membership, it is authorized to retain, and to approve the fees of, third party executive search firms to help determine the skills and qualifications that would best complement the Board and identify prospective director nominees.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee uses the same process for evaluating all nominees, regardless of the source of the nomination, provided that the Company does not consider nominees recommended by stockholders unless such stockholders have continuously held at least 3% of the outstanding shares of the Company s voting securities for at least 3 years prior to the date on which the recommendation is submitted.

A stockholder who desires to recommend a candidate for election to the Board must direct the recommendation in writing to NetApp, Inc., 495 East Java Drive, Sunnyvale, California 94089, Attention: Corporate Secretary and must include the candidate s name; home and business contact information; detailed biographical data and qualifications; information regarding any relationships between the candidate and the Company within the last three years; and evidence of the nominating person s ownership of Company stock.

All of the members of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee meet the applicable requirements for independence from Company management.

The Board has adopted a charter for the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee that meets applicable NASDAQ standards and is available at http://investors.netapp.com/governance.cfm. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee charter is reviewed by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee on an annual basis and was most recently reviewed in March 2011.

Compensation Committee

All of the members of the Compensation Committee meet the applicable requirements for independence as defined by applicable NASDAQ and Internal Revenue Service rules.

The Compensation Committee reviews and approves our incentive compensation plans in accordance with our Compensation Committee charter.

The Compensation Committee sets compensation for nonemployee directors in accordance with our Compensation Committee charter.

The Board has adopted a charter for the Compensation Committee that meets applicable NASDAQ standards and is available at: http://investors.netapp.com/governance.cfm. The Compensation Committee charter is reviewed by Compensation Committee on an annual basis and was most recently reviewed in February 2011.

Audit Committee

The Board s Audit Committee has been established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act.

The Audit Committee has established policies and procedures that are consistent with the SEC and NASDAQ requirements for auditor independence.

All of the members of the Audit Committee meet the applicable requirements for independence from Company management and requirements for financial literacy.

Each member of the Audit Committee has the requisite financial management expertise.

Deloitte & Touche LLP, our independent auditor, reports directly to the Audit Committee.

The internal audit function of the Company reports directly to the Audit Committee.

The Board has adopted a charter for the Audit Committee that meets applicable NASDAQ standards and is available at http://investors.netapp.com/governance.cfm. The Audit Committee charter is reviewed by the Audit Committee on an annual basis and was most recently reviewed in February 2011.

Strategy Committee

The Board s Strategy Committee (formerly the Investment and Acquisitions Committee) assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to the development, articulation, and execution of the Company s long term strategic plan, and the review, evaluation, and approval of certain strategic transactions.

The Board has adopted a charter for the Strategy Committee, which is available at http://investors.netapp.com/governance.cfm. The Strategy Committee charter is reviewed by the Strategy Committee on an annual basis and was most recently reviewed in March 2011.

Stockholder Meeting Attendance for Directors

While we do not have a formal policy for director attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders, historically the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders is scheduled on the same day as a Board of Directors meeting and is attended by at least a majority of the directors. In 2010, three directors attended the Annual Meeting of Stockholders as the Annual Meeting was not held on the same day as the Board of Directors meeting. Although the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders has not been scheduled on the same day as a Board of Directors meeting, we have encouraged the directors to attend if their schedules permit.

Code of Conduct

The Company has adopted a Code of Conduct that includes a conflict of interest policy and applies to all directors, officers and employees.

All employees are required to affirm in writing their understanding and acceptance of the Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct is posted on the Company s website at: http://investors.netapp.com/governance.cfm. The Company will post any amendments to or waivers from the provisions of our code of conduct on its website.

Personal Loans to Executive Officers and Directors

The Company does not provide personal loans or extend credit to any executive officer or director.

Stockholder Communications Policy

Stockholders may contact any of the Company s directors by writing to them by mail or express mail, c/o NetApp, Inc., 495 East Java Drive, Sunnyvale, California 94089. Employees and others who wish to contact the Board or any member of the Audit Committee to report questionable practices may do so anonymously by using this address and designating the communication as confidential.

Meetings and Committees of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors held 7 regular meetings and 1 special meeting during fiscal 2011. During fiscal 2011, each member of the Board of Directors attended more than 75% of the aggregate of (1) the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors held during the portion of fiscal 2011 during which such director was a member of the Board of Directors and (2) the total number of committee meetings held during the portion of fiscal 2011 during which such director was a member of a Board committee. There are no family relationships among executive officers, directors or nominees of the Company. The Board of Directors has an Audit Committee, a Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, an Investment and Acquisition Committee, and a Compensation Committee.

For most of 2011, the Board consisted of 9 members. In March 2011, the Board increased the number of authorized directors on the Board from 9 to 10 and appointed Richard P. Wallace as a member of the Board to fill the newly created vacancy.

The members of the committees are identified in the following table:

Director	Audit	Strategy	Compensation	Corporate Governance and Nominating
Daniel J. Warmenhoven		X		
Nicholas G. Moore				Chair
Thomas Georgens				
Jeffry R. Allen	X	Chair		
Alan L. Earhart	Chair			X
Gerald Held		X	X	
T. Michael Nevens	X	X		
George T. Shaheen			X	
Robert T. Wall		X	Chair	X
Richard P. Wallace				

The Audit Committee is composed of directors Allen, Earhart, and Nevens, all of whom are independent in accordance with the requirements of applicable SEC and NASDAQ rules and regulations. The Company s Board has determined that both Messrs. Earhart and Allen qualify as an audit committee financial expert under the rules and regulations of the SEC. The Audit Committee reviews, acts on and reports to the Board of Directors with respect to various auditing and accounting matters, including the selection of the Company s auditors, the scope of the annual audits, fees to be paid to the auditors, the performance of the Company s auditors, the accounting practices of the Company and other such functions as detailed in the Audit Committee Charter, which can be found on the Company s website at http://investors.netapp.com/governance.cfm. The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors held 10 regular meetings and 2 special meetings during fiscal 2011.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is composed of directors Moore, Earhart, and Wall, all of whom are independent in accordance with applicable NASDAQ rules. The committee evaluates and recommends to the Board of Directors candidates for Board membership and considers nominees recommended by stockholders who have continuously held at least 3% of the outstanding shares of the Company s voting securities for at least 3 years prior to the date on which the recommendation is submitted. The committee also develops and recommends corporate governance policies and other governance guidelines and procedures to the Board of Directors. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee held 4 meetings during fiscal 2011.

The Strategy Committee, formerly known as the Investment and Acquisition Committee, is composed of directors Allen, Held, Nevens, Warmenhoven and Wall, a majority of whom are independent. The Strategy Committee assists in the development, articulation and execution of the Company s long-term strategic planning and reviews, evaluates, and approves certain acquisitions, divestitures, and other strategic transactions for the Company. The Strategy Committee held 4 meetings during fiscal 2011.

The Compensation Committee is composed of directors Wall, Held, and Shaheen, all of whom are independent in accordance with applicable NASDAQ rules. The Compensation Committee establishes salaries, incentive compensation programs, and other forms of compensation for officers; creates the compensation guidelines under which management establishes salaries for non-officers and other employees of the Company; and administers the incentive compensation and benefit plans of the Company. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Compensation Committee reviews, at least annually, compensation for the Chief Executive Officer and other officers, corporate goals relevant to compensation, and executive and leadership development policies. The Compensation Committee meets regularly with its outside advisors independently of management. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors held 6 regular meetings during fiscal 2011.

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The Compensation Committee evaluates the compensation and form of compensation for nonemployee directors annually. The nonemployee directors receive annual retainers as well as equity awards for their service on the Board. Details of the compensation are discussed in the narrative below. Employee directors do not receive any compensation for their services as members of the Board.

The table below summarizes the total compensation paid by the Company to the nonemployee directors for the fiscal year ended April 29, 2011.

					Change in		
					Pension		
	Fees			Nonequity	Value and		
	Earned			Incentive	Nonqualified		
	or Paid		Option	Plan	Deferred	All Other	
	in Cash	RSUs	Awards	Compensation	Compensation	Compensation	Total
Name	(\$)(1)	(\$)(2)	(\$)(2)(3)	(\$)	Earnings	(\$)	(\$)
Daniel J. Warmenhoven(4)							
Nicholas G. Moore	\$ 90,000	\$ 134,587	\$ 287,435		\$ 106,662		\$ 618,684
Jeffry R. Allen	\$ 75,000		\$ 357,733		\$ 111,096		\$ 543,829
Alan L. Earhart	\$ 85,000	\$ 134,587	\$ 215,056				\$ 434,643
Gerald Held	\$ 63,000	\$ 134,587	\$ 142,677				\$ 340,264
Mark Leslie(5)							
T. Michael Nevens	\$ 70,000		\$ 285,354				\$ 355,354
George Shaheen	\$ 58,000		\$ 285,354				\$ 343,354
Donald T. Valentine(5)							
Robert T. Wall	\$ 76,000		\$ 357,733				\$ 433,733
Richard P. Wallace	\$ 50,000	\$ 428,694	\$ 442,197		\$ 52,586		\$ 973,477

(1) Fees earned represent annual retainers and committee fees.

- (2) The amounts reported represent the grant date fair value of the stock and option awards to the director under the 1999 Plan and are computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 (FASB ASC 718). Assumptions used in the valuations of these awards are included in Note 11 of the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 29, 2011, as filed with the SEC on June 23, 2011. These amounts do not necessarily represent the actual value that may be realized by the nonemployee director.
- (3) The nonemployee directors had options to purchase the following number of shares of common stock outstanding as of April 29, 2011:

Name	# of Outstanding Options (in Shares)	# of Outstanding Awards (in Shares)	Total Equity Awards Outstanding
Nicholas G. Moore	95,000	6,666	101,666
Jeffry R. Allen	175,000		175,000
Alan L. Earhart	30,000	3,333	33,333
Gerald Held	37,500	12,499	49,999
Mark Leslie(4)			
T. Michael Nevens	75,000		75,000
George Shaheen	160,000		160,000
Donald T. Valentine(4)			
Robert T. Wall	160,000		160,000
Richard P. Wallace	27,500	9,166	36,666

- (4) Mr. Warmenhoven did not receive compensation as a director but did receive compensation as an employee of the Company per his role as Executive Chairman. Mr. Warmenhoven received \$450,000 in Fees Earned, \$752,400 in RSUs, \$801,732 in Option Awards, \$979,951 in Nonequity Incentive Plan Compensation, \$2,245,327 in Deferred Compensation, and \$672 in All Other Compensation for a total of \$5,230,082.
- (5) Messrs. Leslie and Valentine did not stand for re-election at the 2010 Annual Meeting and did not receive any compensation during fiscal 2011.

Summary of Director Compensation Policy

Fiscal 2011

The following table sets forth a summary of our total compensation policy for our nonemployee directors for fiscal year 2011:

	Annual Cash	Equity Gran	t/Stock Options	
Position	Retainer	Initial Grant	Annual Grant	
Board Member	\$ 50,000	55,000	20,000	
Lead Independent Director	\$ 30,000		5,000	
Audit Committee:				
Chairperson	\$ 30,000		5,000	
Member	\$ 15,000			
Compensation Committee:				
Chairperson	\$ 16,000		5,000	
Member	\$ 8,000			
Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee:				
Chairperson	\$ 10,000		5,000	
Member	\$ 5,000			
Strategy Committee:				
Chairperson	\$ 10,000		5,000	
Member	\$ 5,000			

Nonemployee directors are eligible to receive equity awards (in the form of stock options or, if the Plan Administrator permits and upon the election of the director, a combination of stock options and RSUs) under the Automatic Award Program in effect under the 1999 Plan. Such equity grants are made automatically upon a director s first election or appointment and at each Annual Meeting of Stockholders thereafter to directors who are re-elected and continue to serve. See Proposal No. 2 for a more thorough description of the Automatic Award Program.

In addition, the Compensation Committee has approved a deferral program for our nonemployee directors, which allows each nonemployee director to elect to defer the receipt of his or her annual cash retainer until a later date in accordance with applicable tax laws. If the nonemployee director does not elect to defer his or her cash compensation, he or she will continue to receive his or her cash compensation as set forth above. Additionally, the Company has implemented a program which allows our nonemployee directors to elect to receive his or her automatic equity grants either in the form of all stock options or a combination of stock options and RSUs. To the extent a nonemployee director elects to receive a portion of his or her automatic equity grant in the form of RSUs, the director may be permitted to elect in accordance with federal tax laws when he or she will receive the payout from his or her earned RSUs and defer income taxation until the award is paid. An election to defer the payout of the earned RSUs is not intended to increase the value of the payout to the nonemployee director, but rather to give the nonemployee director the flexibility to decide when he or she will be subject to taxation with respect to the award. Any election to defer payment of any earned RSUs will not alter the other terms of the award, including the vesting requirements.

At the 2010 Annual Stockholders Meeting held on August 31, 2010, each of the individuals reelected as a nonemployee Board member at that meeting received a number of RSUs and/or an option grant for a number of shares as indicated in the table below. In addition, on September 2, 2010, Messrs Allen, Earhart, Moore and Wall received an option grant for service as either the Lead Independent Director or Chair of a Board Committee. Mr. Wallace was appointed to the Board on March 16, 2011 and received a number of RSUs and an option grant for a number of shares as indicated in the table below. All such equity awards were received as compensation for service as a Board member, Lead Independent Director or Committee Chairperson, as applicable, in accordance with our director compensation policy described above.

	Restricted Stock Units	Stock Option Grants		ck Option	
Name	(in Shares)	(in Shares)	Exercis	e Price (\$)(1)	Grant Date
Nicholas G. Moore	3,333	10,000	\$	40.38	August 31, 2010
Nicholas G. Moore		10,000	\$	43.07	September 2, 2010
Jeffry R. Allen		20,000	\$	40.38	August 31, 2010
Jeffry R. Allen		5,000	\$	43.07	September 2, 2010
Alan L. Earhart	3,333	10,000	\$	40.38	August 31, 2010
Alan L. Earhart		5,000	\$	43.07	September 2, 2010
Gerald Held	3,333	10,000	\$	40.38	August 31, 2010
Mark Leslie(2)					
T. Michael Nevens		20,000	\$	40.38	August 31, 2010
George Shaheen		20,000	\$	40.38	August 31, 2010
Donald T. Valentine(2)					
Robert T. Wall		20,000	\$	40.38	August 31, 2010
Robert T. Wall		5,000	\$	43.07	September 2, 2010
Richard P. Wallace	9,166	27,500	\$	46.77	March 16, 2011

- (1) Represents the fair market value per share of common stock on the grant date.
- (2) Messrs. Leslie and Valentine did not stand for re-election at the 2010 Annual Meeting and did not receive any equity grants at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

Fiscal 2012

In June 2011, the Compensation Committee evaluated the compensation for nonemployee directors and approved changes to reduce the amount of equity awards to nonemployee directors. The following table sets forth a summary of our total compensation policy for our nonemployee directors for fiscal year 2012:

	Annual Cash	Equity Gran	t/Stock Options
Position	Retainer	Initial Grant	Annual Grant
Board Member	\$ 50,000	\$ 500,000	17,000
Lead Independent Director	\$ 30,000		3,000
Audit Committee:			
Chairperson	\$ 30,000		3,000
Member	\$ 15,000		
Compensation Committee:			
Chairperson	\$ 16,000		3,000
Member	\$ 8,000		
Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee:			
Chairperson	\$ 10,000		3,000
Member	\$ 5,000		
Strategy Committee:			
Chairperson	\$ 10,000		3,000
Member	\$ 5,000		

The change in the initial equity award for new nonemployee directors is represented as a dollar value rather than a fixed number of shares. For these purposes, the value of any awards of restricted stock or restricted stock units will equal the product of the fair market value of one share of common stock on the grant date of such award, and the aggregate number of shares of restricted stock or number of restricted stock units. With respect to stock options, the value is determined by using the Black-Scholes option valuation methodology, or such other methodology the Board or Compensation Committee may determine, on the grant date of the option. Additionally, the size of annual equity awards was reduced to reflect the increase in our stock price, which resulted in a greater value being attributed to those awards and resulted in the directors equity compensation being at a greater percentile relative to our peer group than desired. The size of the new equity awards puts the directors compensation nearer to historical levels. Other than the changes made with respect to the amount of the equity grants, the terms of the compensation arrangement for nonemployee directors remain the same as they were for fiscal 2011.

Vote Required

Directors are elected by a plurality vote. The 10 nominees for director receiving the highest number of affirmative votes of the shares entitled to be voted for them shall be elected as directors. Votes against, abstentions and broker nonvotes have no legal effect on the election of directors due to the fact that such elections are by plurality. Unless you indicate otherwise, your proxy will be voted FOR the election of each nominee.

The Board of Directors Unanimously Recommends That Stockholders

Vote FOR the Election of All Nominees Named Above

PROPOSAL NO. 2

AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANY S 1999 STOCK OPTION PLAN

Summary

We are asking our stockholders to approve an amendment to the 1999 Stock Option Plan (the 1999 Plan) to increase by 7,700,000 the number of shares that may be issued thereunder. The Board has approved the increase in the number of shares reserved for issuance under the 1999 Plan, subject to approval from stockholders at the Annual Meeting. We are also seeking stockholder approval of the material terms of the 1999 Plan for purposes of complying with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Section 162(m)). Approval of the amendment to the 1999 Plan requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the Votes Cast. The Company s named executive officers and directors have an interest in this proposal.

The 1999 Plan is intended to increase incentives and to encourage share ownership on the part of eligible employees, nonemployee directors and consultants who provide significant services to the Company and its affiliates. The Company believes strongly that the approval of the amendment to the 1999 Plan is essential to attracting and retaining our most valuable asset, our employees. Offering a broad-based equity compensation program is vital to attracting and retaining highly skilled people in our industry. The Company believes that employees who have a stake in the future success of our business become highly motivated to achieve our long-term business goals and increase stockholder value. At this important time in our history, the Company s employees innovation and productivity are critical to its success in a highly competitive and fast-paced industry. The 1999 Plan is designed to assist in recruiting, motivating and retaining talented employees who help us achieve the Company s business goals, including creating long-term value for stockholders.

Approval of the amended 1999 Plan will also allow the Company to continue to deduct in full for federal income tax purposes the compensation recognized by our executive officers in connection with certain awards granted under the 1999 Plan. Section 162(m) generally denies a corporate tax deduction for annual compensation exceeding \$1,000,000 paid to the chief executive officer and other covered employees as determined under Section 162(m) and applicable guidance. However, certain types of compensation, including performance-based compensation, are generally excluded from this deductibility limit. To enable compensation in connection with stock options, stock appreciation rights and certain stock issuances, restricted stock units, performance shares and performance units awarded under the 1999 Plan to continue to qualify as performance-based compensation within the meaning of Section 162(m), we are asking our stockholders to approve the amended 1999 Plan thereby permitting the Company to continue to receive a federal income tax deduction in connection with such awards.

Description of the 1999 Plan

The following paragraphs provide a summary of the principal features of the 1999 Plan and its operation. The 1999 Plan is set forth in its entirety and has been filed as Appendix A to this Proxy Statement with the SEC. The following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the 1999 Plan. Any stockholder who wants to obtain a copy of the actual plan document may do so by written request to the Corporate Secretary at the Company s principal offices in Sunnyvale, California.

The 1999 Plan is divided into five separate equity programs:

- 1. Discretionary Option Grant Program Under the Discretionary Option Grant Program, the Plan Administrator is able to grant options to purchase shares at an exercise price not less than the fair market value of those shares on the grant date.
- 2. Stock Appreciation Rights Program Under the Stock Appreciation Rights Program, the Plan Administrator is able to grant stock appreciation rights that will allow individuals to receive the appreciation in the shares subject to the award between the date of grant and the exercise date.

- 3. Stock Issuance Program Under the Stock Issuance Program, the Plan Administrator is able to make direct issuances of shares either through the issuance (or promise to issue) or immediate purchase of such shares or as a bonus for services rendered by participants on such terms as the Plan Administrator deems appropriate. In addition, the Plan Administrator is able to make grants of RSUs on such terms as the Plan Administrator deems appropriate.
- 4. *Performance Share and Performance Unit Program* Under the Performance Share and Performance Unit Program, the Plan Administrator is able to grant performance shares and performance units, which are awards that will result in a payment to a participant only if the performance goals or other vesting criteria established by the Plan Administrator are achieved or the awards otherwise vest.
- 5. Automatic Award Program Under the Automatic Award Program nonemployee directors automatically receive award grants at periodic intervals to purchase or receive shares.

Administration of the 1999 Plan

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors administers the 1999 Plan (Plan Administrator). The members of the Compensation Committee qualify as nonemployee directors under Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act and as outside directors under Section 162(m) such that the Company can receive a federal tax deduction for certain compensation paid under the 1999 Plan.

Subject to the terms of the 1999 Plan, the Plan Administrator has the sole discretion to select the employees, consultants, nonemployee directors and other independent advisors who will receive awards, determine the terms and conditions of awards (for example, the exercise price and vesting schedule), and interpret the provisions of the 1999 Plan and outstanding awards, provided, however, that the Company is unable (without the approval of stockholders) to reduce the exercise price of any outstanding stock options or stock appreciation rights granted under the 1999 Plan or cancel any outstanding stock options or stock appreciation rights with a lower exercise price, awards of a different type, and/or cash. Administration of the Automatic Award Program will be self-executing in accordance with the terms of the program, but the Plan Administrator will have discretion to revise the amount or type of award made under the program on a prospective basis. Subject to the terms of our Compensation Committee Charter, the Compensation Committee may delegate any part of its authority and powers under the 1999 Plan to a subcommittee consisting of at least two members, at least one of whom must be a member of the Board and the other of whom may be an officer or the Company s executive vice president of human resources, subject to Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act (such officers are referred to herein as executive officers), but only the Compensation Committee itself can make awards to participants who are executive officers of the Company.

Shares Subject to the 1999 Plan

If Proposal No. 2 is approved, a total of 104,030,429 shares will be reserved for issuance under the 1999 Plan. As of June 20, 2011, 32,642,676 shares were subject to outstanding awards granted under the 1999 Plan, of which 22,762,188 shares are subject to option awards and 9,880,488 shares are subject to full value awards, 10,899,214 shares remained available for any new awards to be granted in the future, of which 6,304,509 shares may be granted as RSUs or other full value awards, and 52,788,539 shares had been issued pursuant to awards thereunder. The outstanding option awards have a weighted average exercise price of \$29.34 per share and a weighted average remaining term of 4.55 years. The closing price of our common stock was \$49.705 on June 20, 2011.

If an award expires or is cancelled without having been fully exercised or vested, the unvested or cancelled shares generally will be returned to the available pool of shares reserved for issuance under the 1999 Plan. Also, in the event any change is made to our common stock issuable under the 1999 Plan by reason of any stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization, combination of shares, merger, reorganization, consolidation, recapitalization, exchange of shares, or other change in capitalization of the Company affecting the common stock as a class without the Company s receipt of consideration, appropriate adjustments will be made to (1) the maximum number and/or class of securities issuable under the 1999 Plan, (2) the maximum number and/or class of securities for which any one individual may be granted stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock issuances,

RSUs or performance shares and performance units under the 1999 Plan per calendar year, (3) the class and/or number of securities and the purchase price per share in effect under each outstanding award, and (4) the class and/or number of securities for which automatic awards are to be subsequently made under the Automatic Award Program. The Plan Administrator will make adjustments to outstanding awards to prevent the dilution or enlargement of benefits intended to be provided thereunder.

Discretionary Option Grant Program

A stock option is the right to acquire shares at a fixed exercise price for a fixed period of time. Under the Discretionary Option Grant Program, the Plan Administrator may grant nonstatutory stock options and/or incentive stock options (which entitle the recipients, but not the Company, to more favorable tax treatment). The Plan Administrator will determine the number of shares covered by each option, but during any calendar year, no participant may be granted options and/or stock appreciation rights covering more than 3,000,000 shares.

The exercise price of each option is set by the Plan Administrator but cannot be less than 100% of the fair market value of the shares covered by the option on the date of grant. The exercise price of an incentive stock option must be at least 110% of fair market value if on the grant date the participant owns stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

An option granted under the Discretionary Option Grant Program cannot be exercised until it becomes vested. The Plan Administrator establishes the vesting schedule of each option at the time of grant. Options become exercisable at the times and on the terms established by the Plan Administrator. To the extent the aggregate fair market value of the shares (determined on the grant date) covered by incentive stock options first becomes exercisable by any participant during any calendar year is greater than \$100,000, the excess above \$100,000 will be treated as a nonstatutory stock option. Options granted under the 1999 Plan expire at the times established by the Plan Administrator, but not later than seven (7) years after the grant date.

Stock Appreciation Rights Program

A stock appreciation right is the right to receive the appreciation in fair market value of the shares subject to the award between the exercise date and the date of grant. We can pay the appreciation in either cash or shares. Stock appreciation rights will become exercisable at the times and on the terms established by the Plan Administrator, subject to the terms of the 1999 Plan. No participant will be granted stock appreciation rights and/or options covering more than 3,000,000 shares during any calendar year. The exercise price of each stock appreciation right is set by the Plan Administrator but cannot be less than 100% of the fair market value of the shares covered by the award on the date of grant. A stock appreciation right granted under the 1999 Plan cannot be exercised until it becomes vested. The Plan Administrator establishes the vesting schedule of each stock appreciation right at the time of grant. Stock appreciation rights granted under the 1999 Plan expire at the times established by the Plan Administrator, but not later than seven (7) years after the grant date.

Stock Issuance Program

Stock issuances are awards where shares are or will be issued to a participant and the participant s right to retain or receive such shares will vest in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the Plan Administrator. RSUs are awards that will result in a payment to a participant only if the performance goals or other vesting criteria established by the Plan Administrator are achieved or the awards otherwise vest. The number of shares covered by a stock issuance award or restricted stock unit awards will be determined by the Plan Administrator, but during any calendar year no participant may be granted an award covering more than 200,000 shares. No more than 8,893,237 shares plus the sum of (i) 50% of the number of shares subject to outstanding awards as of August 17, 2009 that are cancelled and returned to the 1999 Plan pursuant to its terms, and (ii) 50% of the number of shares that are added to the 1999 Plan upon approval of the stockholders after the 2009 Annual Meeting, (which includes shares being added to the 1999 Plan pursuant to this proposal), may be issued pursuant to awards under the Stock Issuance and Performance Share and Performance Unit Programs and

pursuant to RSUs issued under the Automatic Award Program. In determining whether an award should be made and/or the vesting schedule for any such award, the Plan Administrator may impose whatever conditions to vesting as it determines to be appropriate. For example, the Plan Administrator may determine to make an award only if the participant satisfies performance goals established by the Plan Administrator.

Performance Share and Performance Unit Program

Performance shares and performance units are awards that will result in a payment to a participant only if the performance goals or other vesting criteria established by the Plan Administrator are achieved or the awards otherwise vest. The Plan Administrator will establish organizational, individual performance goals or other vesting criteria at its discretion, which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine the number and/or the value of performance units and performance shares to be paid to participants. No participant will receive performance units with an initial value greater than \$2,000,000 and no participant will receive more than 200,000 performance shares during any calendar year. Performance units will have an initial dollar value established by the Plan Administrator prior to the grant date. Performance shares will have an initial value equal to the fair market value of a share on the grant date. No more than 8,893,237 shares plus the sum of (i) 50% of the number of shares subject to outstanding awards as of August 17, 2009 that are cancelled and returned to the 1999 Plan pursuant to its terms, and (ii) 50% of the number of shares that are added to the 1999 Plan upon approval of the stockholders after the 2009 Annual Meeting, (which includes shares being added to the 1999 Plan pursuant to this proposal), may be issued pursuant to awards under the Stock Issuance and Performance Share and Performance Unit Programs and pursuant to RSUs issued under the Automatic Award Program.

Performance Goals

The Plan Administrator (at its discretion) may make performance goals applicable to a participant with respect to an award intended to qualify as performance-based compensation—under Section 162(m). At the Plan Administrator—s discretion, one or more of the following performance goals will apply: annual revenue, cash position, earnings per share, individual objectives, net income, cash flow from operations, operating profit, return on assets, return on equity, return on sales and total stockholder return. The Plan Administrator may utilize other performance criteria for awards not intended to qualify as performance-based compensation—under Section 162(m).

Automatic Award Program

The terms of the 1999 Plan provide that our nonemployee directors will automatically receive equity grants pursuant to a compensation policy adopted by the Board or the Compensation Committee that may be revised from time to time as they deem appropriate. The Board has instituted a compensation policy for nonemployee directors whereby a nonemployee director may elect to receive his or her automatic equity grants either in the form of all stock options or in a combination of stock options and RSUs, at the nonemployee director s discretion. Nonemployee directors are also eligible to receive discretionary awards pursuant to the other equity programs under the 1999 Plan. The Board or Compensation Committee, in their respective discretion, may change and otherwise revise the terms of awards granted pursuant to the compensation policy for awards granted on or after the date they make the change.

Pursuant to the terms of the compensation policy, each new individual who is first elected or appointed as a nonemployee director on or after July 14, 2011, will automatically receive, on the date of his or her initial election or appointment to the Board, an award with a value of \$500,000 that will consist of either (i) a nonstatutory stock option, or (ii) if the Plan Administrator permits and the nonemployee director makes a timely election in accordance with the provisions of the 1999 Plan, a nonstatutory stock option and RSUs. For these purposes, the value of any awards of restricted stock or restricted stock units will equal the product of (1) the fair market value of one share of common stock on the grant date of such award, and (2) the aggregate number of shares of restricted stock or number of restricted stock units. With respect to stock options, the value is determined by using the Black-Scholes option valuation methodology, or such other methodology the Board or Compensation Committee may determine prior to the grant of a stock option becoming effective, on the grant

date of the option. On the date of each annual stockholder meeting beginning with the 2011 Annual Meeting, each nonemployee director who is to continue to serve as a nonemployee director automatically receives an award of either (i) a nonstatutory stock option to purchase 17,000 shares, or (ii) if the Plan Administrator permits and the nonemployee director makes a timely election in accordance with the provisions of the compensation policy, a nonstatutory stock option to purchase 8,500 shares and 2,883 RSUs. In addition, each nonemployee director who serves as the Lead Independent Director or as chairperson of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, or the Strategy Committee will automatically be granted an option to purchase 3,000 shares.

The exercise price of each option granted to a nonemployee director is equal to 100% of the fair market value of the shares covered by the option on the date of grant. The shares subject to each nonstatutory stock option granted pursuant to an initial award is scheduled to vest over four (4) years, with five-elevenths of such shares vesting upon the nonemployee director s completion of one (1) year of Board service measured from the option grant date and the remaining balance vesting in three (3) equal annual installments over the three (3) year period measured from the first anniversary of the option grant date (assuming that he or she remains a nonemployee director on each scheduled vesting date). The shares subject to each nonstatutory stock option granted pursuant to an annual award shall become 100% vested on the day preceding the next annual stockholders meeting following the grant date subject to the nonemployee director s continued service on such date. An option granted under the compensation policy is immediately exercisable. However, any shares purchased under the option program are subject to repurchase by the Company if the nonemployee director ceases Board service prior to vesting. If a nonemployee director terminates his or her service on the Board due to death or disability his or her options would immediately vest.

Options granted to nonemployee directors generally expire no later than seven (7) years after the date of grant. If a nonemployee director terminates his or her service on the Board prior to an option s normal expiration date, the option will remain exercisable for twelve (12) months to the extent it has vested. However, the option may not be exercised later than the original expiration date.

RSUs granted under the compensation policy shall have a value equal to the fair market value of the shares on the grant date. RSUs granted pursuant to an initial award vest over four (4) years, with 5/11 of the RSUs vesting upon the completion of the nonemployee director s first year of service on the Board measured from the RSU grant date and the remaining balance of RSUs vesting in three (3) equal annual installments over the three (3) year period measured from the first anniversary of the RSU grant date (assuming that he or she remains a nonemployee director on each scheduled vesting date). All RSUs granted pursuant to an annual award become 100% vested on the day preceding the next annual stockholders meeting following the grant date subject to the nonemployee director s continued service on such date. If a nonemployee director terminates his or her service on the Board due to death or disability, 100% of his or her unvested RSUs would immediately vest. Additionally, the Board (or its authorized designee) may provide that holders of RSUs granted pursuant to the compensation policy be permitted to defer the delivery of the proceeds from vested RSUs to the extent that such deferral satisfies the requirements of the U.S. tax code.

Awards to be Granted to Certain Individuals and Groups

The number of awards that an employee, nonemployee director, or consultant, may receive under the 1999 Plan is at the discretion of the Plan Administrator and therefore cannot be determined in advance. The following table sets forth (1) the aggregate number of shares subject to options granted under the 1999 Plan during fiscal 2011, (2) the average per share exercise price of such options, (3) the aggregate number of shares subject to awards of RSUs granted under the 1999 Plan during fiscal 2011, and (4) the dollar value of such shares based on \$49.705 per share, the fair market value on June 20, 2011.

AMENDED PLAN BENEFITS

1999 Plan

	Number of Options	Average per Share Exercise		Number of Restricted Stock	Res	llar Value of
Name of Individual or Group	Granted		Price	Units Granted		nits Granted
Thomas Georgens	300,000	\$	37.62	33,333	\$	1,656,817
Chief Executive Officer and President	75.000	Ф	27.62	25,000	Ф	1 242 625
Steven J. Gomo	75,000	\$	37.62	25,000	\$	1,242,625
Executive Vice President Finance and Chief						
Financial Officer						
Robert E. Salmon	75,000	\$	37.62	25,000	\$	1,242,625
Executive Vice President Field Operations	,	_		,,,,,		-,,
Manish Goel	75,000	\$	37.62	25,000	\$	1,242,625
Executive Vice President Product Operations	72,000	Ψ	07.102	25,000	Ψ	1,2 .2,020
Matthew K. Fawcett	75,000	\$	49.30	25,000	\$	1,242,625
Senior Vice President and General Counsel	,	_		,,,,,		-,- :-,
Andrew Kryder(1)						
Senior Vice President and General Counsel						
Daniel J. Warmenhoven	60,000	\$	37.62	20.000	\$	994,100
Executive Chairman and Executive Chairman of	,	_		,		,
the Board						
Nicholas Moore	20,000	\$	41.73	3,333	\$	165,667
Lead Independent Director	20,000	Ψ	71.73	3,333	Ψ	103,007
Jeffry Allen	25,000	\$	40.92			
Director	23,000	φ	40.32			
Alan Earhart	15,000	\$	41.28	3,333	\$	165,667
Director	13,000	Ψ	41.20	3,333	Ψ	103,007
Gerald Held	10,000	\$	40.38	3,333	\$	165,667
Director	10,000	Ψ	40.50	3,333	Ψ	103,007
T. Michael Nevens	20,000	\$	40.38			
Director	20,000	Ψ	40.50			
George Shaheen	20,000	\$	40.38			
Director	20,000	Ψ	10.50			
Robert Wall	25,000	\$	40.92			
Director	20,000	Ψ	.0.,2			
Richard P. Wallace	27,500	\$	46.77	9,166	\$	455,596
Director	,	_		7,200		,.,
All current executive officers, as a group (5 persons)	600,000	\$	39.08	133,333	\$	6,627,317
All directors who are not executive officers, as a group (9				,		, , , , ,
persons)	222,500	\$	40.73	39,165	\$	1,946,696
All employees, including current officers who are not		-			7	,, , 0
executive officers, as a group (6,370 persons)	3,003,478	\$	46.86	4,395,262	\$	218,466,498
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⁽¹⁾ Mr. Kryder retired effective September 2, 2010 and did not receive awards under the 1999 Plan during fiscal year 2011.

Limited Transferability of Awards

Options granted under the 1999 Plan generally may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than by will or by the applicable laws of descent and distribution. However, participants may, in a manner specified by the Plan Administrator, transfer nonstatutory stock options (1) to a member of the participant s family, (2) to a trust or other entity for the sole benefit of the participant and/or a member of his or her family, or (3) to a former spouse pursuant to a domestic relations order.

Federal Tax Aspects

The following paragraphs are a summary of the general federal income tax consequences to U.S. taxpayers and the Company of awards granted under the 1999 Plan. Tax consequences for any particular individual may be different.

Nonstatutory Stock Options

No taxable income is reportable when a nonstatutory stock option is granted to a participant. Upon exercise, the participant will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value (on the exercise date) of the shares purchased over the exercise price of the option. Any taxable income recognized in connection with an option exercise by an employee of the Company is subject to tax withholding by the Company. Any additional gain or loss recognized upon any later disposition of the shares would be capital gain or loss.

As a result of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1936, as amended (the Code) and the Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder (Section 409A), nonstatutory stock options granted with an exercise price below the fair market value of the underlying stock or with a deferral feature may be taxable to the recipient in the year of vesting in an amount equal to the difference between the then fair market value of the underlying stock and the exercise price of such awards and may be subject to an additional 20% tax plus penalties and interest. In addition, certain states, such as California, have adopted similar tax provisions.

Incentive Stock Options

No taxable income is reportable when an incentive stock option is granted or exercised (except for purposes of the alternative minimum tax, in which case taxation is the same as for nonstatutory stock options). If the participant exercises the option and then later sells or otherwise disposes of the shares more than two (2) years after the grant date and more than one (1) year after the exercise date, the difference between the sale price and the exercise price will be taxed as capital gain or loss. If the participant exercises the option and then later sells or otherwise disposes of the shares before the end of the two (2) year or one (1) year holding periods described above, he or she generally will have ordinary income at the time of the sale equal to the fair market value of the shares on the exercise date (or the sale price, if less) minus the exercise price of the option.

Stock Appreciation Rights

No taxable income is reportable when a stock appreciation right is granted to a participant. Upon exercise, the participant will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the amount of cash received and the fair market value of any shares received. Any additional gain or loss recognized upon any later disposition of the shares would be capital gain or loss.

As a result of Section 409A, however, stock appreciation rights granted with an exercise price below the fair market value of the underlying stock or with a deferral feature may be taxable to the recipient in the year of vesting in an amount equal to the difference between the then fair market value of the underlying stock and the exercise price of such options and may be subject to an additional 20% tax plus penalties and interest. In addition, certain states, such as California, have adopted similar tax provisions.

Stock Issuance, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Units and Performance Shares

A participant generally will not have taxable income at the time an award of stock, RSUs, performance shares or performance units is granted. Instead, he or she will recognize ordinary income in the first taxable year in which his or her interest in the shares underlying the award becomes either (1) freely transferable or (2) no longer subject to substantial risk of forfeiture. However, the recipient of an award of restricted stock may elect to recognize income at the time he or she receives the award in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares underlying the award (less any cash paid for the shares) on the date the award is granted and the recipient of a RSU granted pursuant to the Annual Award Program may be permitted to elect in accordance with federal tax laws when he or she will receive the payout from his or her earned RSUs and defer income taxation until the award is paid.

Tax Effect for the Company

The Company generally will be entitled to a tax deduction in connection with an award under the 1999 Plan in an amount equal to the ordinary income realized by a participant and at the time the participant recognizes such income (for example, the exercise of a nonstatutory stock option). Special rules limit the deductibility of compensation paid to our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and to certain other of our most highly compensated executive officers. Under Section 162(m) of the Code, the annual compensation paid to any of these specified executive officers will be deductible only to the extent that it does not exceed \$1,000,000. However, the Company can preserve the deductibility of certain compensation in excess of \$1,000,000 if the conditions of Section 162(m) are met. These conditions include stockholder approval of the 1999 Plan, setting limits on the number of awards that any individual may receive and for awards other than stock options, establishing performance criteria that must be met before the award actually will vest or be paid. The 1999 Plan has been designed to permit the Plan Administrator to grant awards that qualify as performance-based compensation for purposes of satisfying the conditions of Section 162(m), thereby permitting the Company to continue to receive a federal income tax deduction in connection with such awards.

Amendment and Termination of the Plan

The Board or the Primary Committee (as defined in the 1999 Plan) generally may amend or terminate the 1999 Plan at any time and for any reason, subject to stockholder approval if applicable.

Summary

The 1999 Plan is designed to assist us in recruiting, motivating and retaining talented employees who help us achieve our business goals, including creating long-term value for stockholders. We strongly believe that the amendment to the 1999 Plan to increase the number of shares we can use to grant awards is essential for us to compete for talent in the very competitive labor markets in which we operate. We are also asking our stockholders to approve the 1999 Plan so that the Company can continue to deduct in full for federal income tax purposes the compensation recognized by our executive officers in connection with certain awards granted under the 1999 Plan.

Vote Required

The affirmative vote by a majority of the Votes Cast is required to approve the amendment to the 1999 Plan described in this Proposal No. 2. The effect of an abstention is the same as that of a vote against the proposal. Unless you indicate otherwise, your proxy will be voted FOR the proposal

The Board of Directors Unanimously Recommends That Stockholders

Vote FOR Proposal No. 2

PROPOSAL NO. 3:

AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANY S EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

Introduction

The Company is asking the stockholders to approve amendments to the Company s Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Purchase Plan), which will increase the number of shares authorized for issuance under the Purchase Plan by an additional 3,500,000 shares.

We are asking our stockholders to increase the number of shares authorized for issuance under the Purchase Plan to ensure that the Company will continue to have a sufficient reserve of shares of the Company s common stock available under the Purchase Plan to provide eligible employees of the Company and its participating affiliates (whether now existing or subsequently established) with the opportunity to purchase shares at semiannual intervals through their accumulated periodic payroll deductions.

The Purchase Plan was adopted by the Board on September 26, 1995 and became effective on November 20, 1995, in connection with the Company's initial public offering of its common stock.

The terms and provisions of the Purchase Plan, as most recently amended, are summarized below. This summary, however, does not purport to be a complete description of the Purchase Plan. The Purchase Plan is set forth in its entirety and has been filed with the SEC as Appendix B to this Proxy Statement. The following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Purchase Plan. Any stockholder who wants to obtain a copy of the actual plan document may do so by written request to the Corporate Secretary at the Company s principal offices in Sunnyvale, California.

Description of the Purchase Plan

The Purchase Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board, serving as the plan administrator. As plan administrator, such committee has full authority to adopt administrative rules and procedures and to interpret the provisions of the Purchase Plan.

Share Reserve

If Proposal No. 3 is approved, the maximum number of shares reserved for issuance over the term of the Purchase Plan will be limited to 38,700,000 shares. As of June 20, 2011, 32,312,341 shares had been issued under the Purchase Plan, and 2,887,659 shares were available for future issuance. The closing price of our common stock was \$49.705 on June 20, 2011.

The shares issuable under the Purchase Plan may be made available from authorized but unissued shares or from shares of common stock reacquired by the Company, including shares purchased on the open market.

In the event that any change is made to the outstanding common stock (whether by reason of any stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization, exchange or combination of shares or other change affecting the outstanding common stock as a class without the Company s receipt of consideration), appropriate adjustments will be made to (1) the maximum number and class of securities issuable under the Purchase Plan, (2) the maximum number and class of securities purchasable per participant on any one semiannual purchase date, (3) the maximum number of shares purchasable in total by all participants on any one purchase date (if applicable) and (4) the number and class of securities subject to each outstanding purchase right and the purchase price per share in effect thereunder. Such adjustments will be designed to preclude any dilution or enlargement of benefits under the Purchase Plan or the outstanding purchase rights thereunder.

Offering Period and Purchase Rights

Shares are offered under the Purchase Plan through a series of overlapping offering periods, each with a maximum duration of twenty-four (24) months. Such offering periods will begin on the first business day of June and on the first business day of December each year over the term of the Purchase Plan. Accordingly, two (2) separate offering periods will begin in each calendar year.

Each offering period will consist of a series of one or more successive purchase intervals. Purchase intervals will run from the first business day in June to the last business day in November each year and from the first business day in December each year to the last business day in May in the immediately succeeding year. Accordingly, shares will be purchased on the last business day in May and November each year with the payroll deductions collected from the participants for the purchase interval ending with each such semiannual purchase date.

If the fair market value per share of common stock on any semiannual purchase date within a particular offering period is less than the fair market value per share of common stock on the start date of that offering period, then the participants in that offering period will automatically be transferred from that offering period after the semiannual purchase of shares on their behalf and enrolled in the new offering period which begins on the next business day following such purchase date.

Eligibility and Participation

Any individual who is employed on a basis under which he or she is regularly expected to work for more than twenty (20) hours per week for more than five (5) months per calendar year in the employ of the Company or any participating parent or subsidiary corporation (including any corporation which subsequently becomes such at any time during the term of the Purchase Plan) (or any lesser number of hours per week and/or number of months in any calendar year established by the Plan Administrator in accordance with applicable law and the provisions of the Purchase Plan) is eligible to participate in the Purchase Plan.

An individual who is an eligible employee on the start date of any offering period may join that offering period by properly electing to participate in the offering period pursuant to procedures established by the Plan Administrator in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Plan. However, no employee may participate in more than one offering period at a time.

As of June 20, 2011, approximately 11,120 employees, including all five of our executive officers, were eligible to participate in the Purchase

Purchase Price

The purchase price of the shares purchased on behalf of each participant on each semiannual purchase date will be equal to 85% of the lower of (1) the fair market value per share on the start date of the offering period in which the participant is enrolled or (2) the fair market value on the semiannual purchase date.

The fair market value per share on any particular date under the Purchase Plan will be deemed to be equal to the closing selling price per share on such date reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. On June 20, 2011, the closing selling per share of the Company s common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$49.705 per share.

Payroll Deductions and Stock Purchases

Each participant may authorize periodic payroll deductions in any multiple of 1% up to a maximum of 10% of his or her total cash earnings (generally base salary, bonuses, overtime pay and commissions) to be applied to the acquisition of shares at semiannual intervals. Accordingly, on each semiannual purchase date (the last

business day in May and November each year), the accumulated payroll deductions of each participant will automatically be applied to the purchase of whole shares at the purchase price in effect for the participant for that purchase date.

Special Limitations

The Purchase Plan imposes certain limitations upon a participant s rights to acquire common stock, including the following limitations:

Purchase rights granted to a participant may not permit such individual to purchase more than \$25,000 worth of shares (valued at the time each purchase right is granted) for each calendar year those purchase rights are outstanding.

Purchase rights may not be granted to any individual if such individual would, immediately after the grant, own or hold outstanding options or other rights to purchase stock possessing 5% or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock of the Company or any of its affiliates.

No participant may purchase more than 1,500 shares on any one purchase date.

The Plan Administrator will have the discretionary authority to increase, decrease, or implement the per participant and any total participant limitations prior to the start date of any new offering period under the Purchase Plan.

Withdrawal Rights and Termination of Employment

The participant may withdraw from the Purchase Plan at any time (subject to the Plan Administrator s authority to designate a different withdrawal date in accordance with the provisions of the Purchase Plan), and his or her accumulated payroll deductions may either be applied to the purchase of shares on the next semiannual purchase date or refunded.

Upon the participant s cessation of employment or loss of eligible employee status, payroll deductions will automatically cease. Any payroll deductions which the participant may have made for the semiannual period in which such cessation of employment or loss of eligibility occurs will be immediately refunded.

Stockholder Rights

No participant will have any stockholder rights with respect to the shares covered by his or her purchase rights until the shares are actually purchased on the participant s behalf. No adjustment will be made for dividends, distributions or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date of such purchase.

Assignability

Purchase rights are not assignable or transferable by the participant and may be exercised only by the participant.

Change of Control

In the event a change of control occurs, all outstanding purchase rights will automatically be exercised immediately prior to the effective date of such change. The purchase price in effect for each participant will be equal to 85% of the lower of (1) the fair market value per share on the start date of the offering period in which the participant is enrolled at the time the change of control occurs or (2) the fair market value per share immediately prior to the effective date of such change of control.

A *change of control* will be deemed to occur if (1) the Company is acquired through a merger or consolidation in which more than 50% of the Company s outstanding voting stock is transferred to a person or persons different from those who held stock immediately prior to such transaction; (2) the Company sells, transfers or disposes of all or substantially all of its assets; or (3) any person or related group of persons acquires ownership of securities possessing more than 50% of the total combined voting power of the Company s outstanding securities pursuant to a tender or exchange offer made directly to the Company s stockholders.

Share Proration

Should the total number of shares to be purchased pursuant to outstanding purchase rights on any particular date exceed either (1) the maximum number of shares purchasable in total by all participants on any one purchase date (if applicable) or (2) the number of shares then available for issuance under the Purchase Plan, then the Plan Administrator will make a pro-rata allocation of the available shares on a uniform and nondiscriminatory basis. In such an event, the Plan Administrator will refund the accumulated payroll deductions of each participant, to the extent in excess of the purchase price payable for the shares prorated to such individual.

Amendment and Termination

The Purchase Plan will terminate upon the earliest of (1) the date on which all shares available for issuance thereunder are sold pursuant to exercised purchase rights or (2) the date on which all purchase rights are exercised in connection with a change of control.

The Board may at any time alter, amend, suspend or discontinue the Purchase Plan and will seek stockholder approval of any changes to the extent necessary to comply with the Internal Revenue Code or other applicable law, regulation or stock exchange rule.

Plan Benefits

The table below shows, as to the named executive officers (NEOs) and specified groups, the number of shares purchased under the Purchase Plan during fiscal 2011, together with the value of those shares as of the date of purchase.

Participation in the Purchase Plan

Participation in the Purchase Plan is voluntary and dependent on each eligible employee s election to participate and his or her determination as to the level of payroll deductions. Accordingly, future purchases under the Purchase Plan are not determinable. Nonemployee directors are not eligible to participate in the Purchase Plan. The following table sets forth certain information regarding shares purchased under the Purchase Plan during the last fiscal year for each of the NEOs, for all current executive officers as a group and for all other employees who participated in the Purchase Plan as a group:

AMENDED PLAN BENEFITS

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

		Do	llar Value	
	Number of	of		
	Purchased		Purchased	
Name	Shares	S	Shares(1)	
Thomas Georgens	2,048	\$	63,174	
Chief Executive Officer and President				
Steven J. Gomo	2,048	\$	63,174	
Executive Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer				
Robert E. Salmon	2,047	\$	63,134	
Executive Vice President Field Operations				
Manish Goel	2,048	\$	63,174	
Executive Vice President Product Operations				
Matthew K. Fawcett				
Senior Vice President and General Counsel				
Andrew Kryder(2)	1,500	\$	40,952	
Senior Vice President and General Counsel				
All current executive officers as a group (5 persons)	8,191	\$	252,657	
All employees, including current officers who are not executive officers, as a group (5,976				
persons)	5,993,046	\$ 19	99,529,581	

- (1) Determined based on the fair market value of the shares on date of purchase, minus the purchase price under the Purchase Plan.
- (2) Mr. Kryder retired as of September 2, 2010.

New Plan Benefits

No purchase rights have been granted, and no shares have been issued, on the basis of the 3,500,000 share increase that is the subject of this Proposal No. 3.

Federal Tax Consequences

The Purchase Plan is intended to be an employee stock purchase plan within the meaning of Section 423 of the Code. Under an employee stock purchase plan, which so qualifies, no taxable income will be recognized by a participant, and no deductions will be allowable to the Company, upon either the grant or the exercise of the purchase rights. Taxable income will not be recognized until there is a sale or other disposition of the shares acquired under the Purchase Plan or in the event the participant should die while still owning the purchased shares.

If the participant sells or otherwise disposes of the purchased shares within two (2) years after the start date of the offering period in which such shares were acquired or within one (1) year after the actual semiannual purchase date of those shares, then the participant will recognize ordinary income in the year of sale or disposition equal to the amount by which the fair market value of the shares on the purchase date exceeded the

purchase price paid for those shares, and the Company will be entitled to an income tax deduction, for the taxable year in which such disposition occurs equal in amount to such excess. The participant will also recognize capital gain equal to the amount by which the amount realized upon the sale or disposition exceeds the sum of the aggregate purchase price paid for the shares and the ordinary income recognized in connection with their acquisition.

If the participant sells or disposes of the purchased shares more than two (2) years after the start date of the offering period in which the shares were acquired and more than one (1) year after the actual semiannual purchase date of those shares, then the participant will recognize ordinary income in the year of sale or disposition equal to the lesser of (1) the amount by which the fair market value of the shares on the sale or disposition date exceeded the purchase price paid for those shares or (2) 15% of the fair market value of the shares on the start date of that offering period. Any additional gain upon the disposition will be taxed as a long-term capital gain. The Company will not be entitled to an income tax deduction with respect to such disposition.

If the participant still owns the purchased shares at the time of death, the lesser of (1) the amount by which the fair market value of the shares on the date of death exceeds the purchase price or (2) 15% of the fair market value of the shares on the start date of the offering period in which those shares were acquired will constitute ordinary income in the year of death.

Summary

The Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Company to continue to provide employees with the opportunity to acquire an ownership interest in the Company through their participation in the Purchase Plan and thereby encourage them to remain in the Company s employ and more closely align their interests with those of the stockholders.

Vote Required

The affirmative vote of a majority of the Votes Cast is required for approval of the amendment to the Purchase Plan described in this Proposal No. 3. Should such stockholder approval not be obtained, the 3,500,000 share increase, which is the subject of this Proposal, will not be implemented. Unless you indicate otherwise, your proxy will be voted FOR the proposal.

The Board of Directors Unanimously Recommends That Stockholders

Vote FOR Proposal No. 3

PROPOSAL NO. 4

ADVISORY VOTE ON NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION

SAY ON PAY

In accordance with Section 14A of the Exchange Act, we are asking stockholders to approve an advisory resolution on the compensation of our Named Executive Officers (NEOs) as reported in this Proxy Statement. As described below in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement, the Compensation Committee has designed the compensation of our NEOs to align each NEOs compensation with our short-term and long-term performance and to provide the compensation and incentives needed to attract, motivate and retain the NEOs, who are crucial to our long-term success. You are urged to read the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, which describes in more detail our executive compensation policies, as well as the Summary Compensation Table and other related compensation tables and narrative, which provide detailed information on the compensation of our NEOs.

Our compensation programs reflect our continued commitment to pay-for-performance, with a substantial portion of each NEO s compensation being at-risk and subject to important performance measures aligned with long-term stockholder value. During fiscal 2011, a significant percentage of each NEO s total compensation (as reported in the summary compensation table) was at-risk, being comprised of performance-based cash bonus opportunities, restricted stock units, and stock options, which become valuable to the executive only upon realized share appreciation. The Compensation Committee sets a portion of the compensation of the NEOs based on their ability to achieve annual operational objectives that advance our long-term business objectives and that are designed to create sustainable long-term stockholder value in a cost-effective manner. Our performance-based compensation elements are guided by the Compensation Committee s long-term objectives of maintaining market competitiveness and retention value of our compensation packages. In addition, we continue to be committed to good compensation governance practices. The Compensation Committee believes that the compensation arrangements for NEOs are consistent with market practice and provide for compensation that is reasonable in light of our and each individual officer s performance. Moreover, the Compensation Committee does not provide for egregious pay practices, such as excessive perquisites or tax gross up payments as elements of NEOs compensation. The detailed ways in which we link pay with company and individual performance and structures the NEO compensation arrangements consistent with good governance practices is described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section below.

The advisory resolution, commonly known as a say-on-pay proposal, gives stockholders the opportunity to express their views on our NEOs compensation. This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our NEOs and the philosophy, policies and practices described in this Proxy Statement. Accordingly, you are being asked to vote on the following resolution at the Annual Meeting:

RESOLVED, that the Company s stockholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the NEOs, as disclosed in the Company s Proxy Statement for the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to the executive compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the fiscal 2011 Summary Compensation Table and the other related tables and disclosure.

The say-on-pay vote is advisory, and is therefore not binding on us, the Compensation Committee or the Board. However, the Board and Compensation Committee value the opinions of our stockholders and to the extent there is any significant vote against the NEO compensation disclosed in this Proxy Statement, the Compensation Committee will consider the Company s stockholders concerns and will evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address those concerns.

Vote Required

The affirmative vote by a majority of the Votes Cast is required to approve this proposal. The effect of an abstention is the same as that of a vote against the proposal. Unless you indicate otherwise, your proxy will be voted FOR the proposal.

The Board of Directors Unanimously Recommends That Stockholders

Vote, on an Advisory Basis, FOR Proposal No. 4

PROPOSAL NO. 5

ADVISORY VOTE ON FREQUENCY OF SAY ON PAY VOTE

In accordance with Section 14A of the Exchange Act, this proposal enables stockholders to indicate their opinion on the frequency with which the Company should seek a say-on-pay vote, such as Proposal No. 4 included in this Proxy Statement. By voting on this Proposal No. 5, stockholders may indicate whether they would prefer to vote on an advisory say-on-pay resolution on NEO compensation once every one, two, or three years or may abstain from voting. The Board has determined that an advisory vote on NEO compensation every year is the most appropriate alternative for the Company and, therefore, the Board recommends that you vote for the advisory resolution on executive compensation to occur every year.

In formulating its recommendation, the Board considered that an annual advisory vote on NEO compensation will allow stockholders to provide us with direct input on our compensation philosophy, policies and practices during every proxy season. Additionally, while our NEO compensation programs are designed to promote a long-term connection between pay and performance, the Board currently believes that an annual advisory vote on NEO compensation is consistent with seeking input from, and engaging in discussions with, the stockholders on corporate governance matters. We understand that the stockholders may have different views as to what is the best approach for us, and we look forward to hearing from our stockholders on this proposal.

You may cast your vote on your preferred voting frequency by choosing the option of every year, every two years, or every three years, or you may abstain from voting. This vote is advisory and is therefore not binding on the Compensation Committee, the Board or the Company in any way, and the Board may in the future decide that it is in the best interests of our stockholders and the Company to hold an advisory vote on executive compensation more or less frequently than the option approved by our stockholders. Stockholders are able to specify one of four choices for this proposal on the proxy card: one year, two years, three years or abstain. Stockholders are not voting to approve or disapprove the Board s recommendation. Although non-binding, the Board and the Compensation Committee will carefully consider the input of our stockholders.

Vote Required

For Proposal No. 5, the frequency (every one, two, or three years) receiving the highest number of affirmative Votes Cast will be treated as indicative of our stockholders preference with respect to how often we hold an advisory say on pay vote. Abstentions and broker nonvotes will have no effect on the outcome of the vote with respect to this proposal.

The Board of Directors Unanimously Recommends That Stockholders

Vote, on an Advisory Basis, FOR Holding an Advisory Say on Pay Vote Every Year

PROPOSAL NO. 6

RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Company is asking the stockholders to ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company s independent auditors for the fiscal year ending April 27, 2012.

In the event the stockholders fail to ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors will consider it as a direction to select other auditors for the subsequent year. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee at its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent accounting firm at any time during the year if the Board determines that such a change would be in the best interest of the Company and its stockholders.

A representative of Deloitte & Touche LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if he or she desires to do so, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Vote Required

The affirmative vote by a majority of the Votes Cast is required to ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP. The effect of an abstention is the same as that of a vote against the proposal. Unless you indicate otherwise, your proxy will be voted FOR the proposal.

The Board of Directors Unanimously Recommends That Stockholders

Vote FOR Proposal No. 6

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN

BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

To the Company s knowledge, the following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of the Company s common stock as of June 20, 2011 by (1) each person or entity who is known by the Company to own beneficially more than 5% of the Company s common stock, (2) each of the Company s directors and nominees for director, (3) each of the Company s executive officers set forth in the Summary Compensation Table of the Compensation of Executive Officers section of this Proxy Statement, and (4) all of the Company s current directors and executive officers as a group.

Except as indicated, the address of the beneficial owners is c/o NetApp, Inc., 495 East Java Drive, Sunnyvale, California 94089. Information related to holders of more than 5% of the Company s common stock was obtained from filings with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(d) or 13(g) of the Exchange Act.

Title of Class	Name of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Class(1)
Common Stock	FMR LLC(2)	33,308,030	9.01%
	82 Devonshire Street		
	Boston, MA 02109		
	Prudential Financial, Inc.(3) 751 Broad Street	21,656,446	5.86%
	Newark, NJ 07102		
	BlackRock, Inc.(4) 40 East 52nd Street	21,540,837	5.83%
	New York, NY 10055		
	Jennison Associates, LLC(5) 466 Lexington Avenue	21,139,976	5.72%
	New York, NY 10017		
	Waddell & Reed Financial Inc.(6) 6300 Lamar Ave	20,108,098	5.44%
	Overland Park, KS 66202-4200		
	Thomas Georgens(7)	772,334	*
	Steven J. Gomo(8)	212,571	
	Robert F. Salmon(9)	378,772	*
	Manish Goel(10)	47,095	*
	Matthew K. Fawcett(11)	1,109	*
	Andrew Kryder	21,497	*
	Daniel J. Warmenhoven(12)	5,226,779	1.39%
	Nicholas G. Moore(13)	98,333	*
	Jeffry R. Allen(14) Alan L. Earhart(15)	200,499 30,000	*
	Gerald Held(16)	41,924	*
	T. Michael Nevens(17)	75,000	*
	George T. Shaheen(18)	161,633	*
	Robert T. Wall(19)	337,571	*
	Richard P. Wallace(20)	27,500	*
	All current directors and executive officers as a group (14	7,611,120	2.02%

persons)(21)

* Less than 1%

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- (1) Percentage of Class is based on 372,056,997 shares of common stock outstanding on June 20, 2011. Shares of common stock subject to stock options and restricted stock units (RSU) that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable/issuable within 60 days of June 20, 2011 are deemed outstanding for computing the percentage of the person or group holding such options, but are not deemed outstanding for computing the percentage of any other person or group. Except as indicated in the footnotes to this table and pursuant to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock.
- (2) Information is based on a Schedule 13G/A that was jointly filed with the SEC on February 14, 2011 by FMR LLC (FMR), a Delaware limited liability company, Edward C. Johnson 3d and Fidelity Management & Research Company (FM&RC). FMR s principal business office is located at 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, MA 02109. FMR, in its capacity as a parent holding company, may be deemed to beneficially own 33,308,030 shares that are beneficially owned by its subsidiaries, including FM&RC. FMR has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 288,362 shares and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 33,308,030 shares. Mr. Johnson, as Chairman of FMR, may be deemed to have the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 33,308,030 shares.
- (3) Information is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on January 31, 2011 by Prudential Financial, Inc. (Prudential), a New Jersey corporation, on behalf of itself. Prudential s principal business office is located at 751 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102. Prudential, in its capacity as a parent holding company, may be deemed to beneficially own 21,656,446 shares that are beneficially owned by its subsidiaries. Prudential has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 461,636 shares, the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 13,905,744 shares, the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 461,636 shares, and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 21,194,810 shares. In addition, Prudential indirectly owns 100% of the equity interests of Jennison Associates, LLC (Jennison); therefore, Prudential may be deemed to have the power to vote or direct the vote of, or dispose or direct the disposition of, the shares owned by the portfolio managed by Jennison. Jennison does not file jointly with Prudential; therefore, the shares reported on Jennison s Schedule 13G may be included in the shares reported on Prudential s Schedule 13G. See footnote (5) below.
- (4) Information is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 7, 2011 by BlackRock, Inc. (BlackRock), a New York company on behalf of itself. BlackRock s principal business office is located at 55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10055. BlackRock, in its capacity as a parent holding company, has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of, and dispose or direct the disposition of, 21,540,837 shares held by its subsidiaries.
- (5) Information is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 11, 2011 by Jennison Associates, LLC (Jennison), a New York limited liability company, on behalf of itself. Jennison s principal business office is located at 466 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017. Jennison, in its capacity as an investment advisor, may be deemed to beneficially own 21,139,976 shares that are held of record by clients of Jennison. Jennison has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 14,214,473 shares, and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 21,139,976 shares. Because Prudential indirectly owns 100% of the equity interests of Jennison, Prudential may be deemed to have the power to vote or direct the vote of, or dispose or direct the disposition of, the shares owned by the portfolio managed by Jennison. Jennison does not file jointly with Prudential; therefore, the shares reported on Jennison s Schedule 13G may be included in the shares reported on Prudential s Schedule 13G. See footnote (3) above.
- (6) Information is based on a Schedule 13G/A that was jointly filed with the SEC on February 8, 2011 by Waddell & Reed Financial Inc. (WDR), Waddell & Reed, Inc. (WRI), Waddell & Reed Financial Services, Inc. (WRFSI), Waddell & Reed Investment Management Company (WRIMCO), and Ivy Investment Management Company (IICO). WDR s principal business office is located at 6300 Lamar Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66201. WDR has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of, and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of, 20,108,098 shares. Each of WRI, WRFSI and WRIMCO has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of, and the sole power to dispose of or direct the disposition of, 8,856,123 shares. IICO has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of, and the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of, 11,251,975 shares.

- (7) Includes 198,583 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options granted under the 1995 Stock Option Plan (1995 Plan); and 565,624 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options granted under the 1999 Plan, each of which is currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 20, 2011.
- (8) Includes 186,079 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options granted under the 1999 Plan, each of which is currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 20, 2011.
- (9) Includes 73,634 shares held by Robert Salmon and Patricia Mertens-Salmon, trustees to the Salmon Trust; and 480 shares held by Patricia Mertens-Salmon, Custodian under UTMA CA. Includes 131,250 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options granted under the 1995 Plan and 172,382 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options granted under the 1999 Plan, each of which is exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 20, 2011.
- (10) Includes 23,749 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options granted under the 1999 Plan, each of which is currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 20, 2011.
- (11) Includes 895 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options granted under the 1999 Plan, each of which is currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 20, 2011.
- (12) Includes 2,165,581 shares held by Daniel J. Warmenhoven and Charmaine A. Warmenhoven, trustees to The Warmenhoven 1987 Revocable Trust, of which Mr. Warmenhoven is a trustee and shares voting and investment powers. Also includes 170,000 shares held by Warmenhoven Ventures LP, a limited partnership of which the Warmenhoven Management Trust is the general partner, of which Mr. Warmenhoven is a trustee. Excludes 78,962 shares held by Richard A. Andre, trustee to the Daniel J. Warmenhoven 1991 Children s Trust, as Mr. Warmenhoven disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by this trust. Includes 407,415 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options granted under the 1995 Plan; and 2,432,644 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options granted under the 1999 Plan, each of which are currently exercisable or will become exercisable with 60 days of June 20, 2011.
- (13) Includes 10,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable options granted under the 1995 Plan, of which 5,000 shares are held by Nicholas G. Moore and 5,000 shares are held by The Moore Family Ventures LP, of which Mr. Moore is General Partner. Also includes 88,333 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable options or release of RSUs granted under the 1999 Plan, of which 68,333 shares are held by Nicholas G. Moore and 20,000 shares are held by The Moore Family Ventures LP, of which Mr. Moore is General Partner.
- (14) Includes 15,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable options granted under the 1995 Plan; and 160,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable options granted under the 1999 Plan.
- (15) Common stock issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable options granted under the 1999 Plan.
- (16) Includes 41,665 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable options or release of RSU shares granted under the 1999 Plan.
- (17) Common stock issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable options granted under the 1999 Plan.
- (18) Includes 1,633 shares held in trust by George T. Shaheen and Darlene F. Shaheen, trustees to the Shaheen Revocable Trust and 160,000 shares of Common stock issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable options granted under the 1999 Plan.
- (19) Includes 160,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable options granted under the 1999 Plan.
- (20) Common stock issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable options granted under the 1999 Plan.
- (21) Includes 762,248 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options granted under the 1995 Plan and 4,116,373 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of options and 7,498 shares of common stock issuable upon vesting of RSUs granted under the 1999 Plan, each of which is currently exercisable or will become exercisable/issuable within 60 days of June 20, 2011.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

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

Based solely on the review of the copies of such reports furnished to the Company and written representations that no other reports were required, the Company believes that during the fiscal year ended April 29, 2011, its executive officers, directors and greater than 10% stockholders complied with all Section 16 filing requirements.

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Board has delegated to the Compensation Committee of the Board (Compensation Committee) sole authority and responsibility for establishing and overseeing salaries, incentive compensation programs, and other forms of compensation for our executive officers, general remuneration policies for the balance of our employee population and for administering our equity incentive and benefits plans. As used in this Compensation Discussion and Analysis (CD&A), the term executive refers to an employee of the Company who holds a position at the Senior Vice President level or above, and the term named executive officers (NEOs) refers to the individuals included in the Summary Compensation Table below.

This CD&A explains the material elements of compensation for our NEOs and how our executive compensation program is designed and operated to help us achieve our corporate goals. The Compensation Committee believes strongly in a pay for performance philosophy and administered the executive compensation program during fiscal 2011 with this in mind.

The principal components of compensation that we pay to our NEOs consist of the following:

- 1. Base salary;
- 2. Cash incentive compensation tied to the achievement of short-term (generally annual) goals;
- 3. Equity compensation in the form of grants of stock options and restricted stock units; and
- 4. Standard employee benefits (including our 401(k) plan, health and life insurance plans, and nonqualified deferred compensation program) and the Executive Retirement Medical Plan (for certain qualifying NEOs).

Our stockholders will have the opportunity for the first time at this year s Annual Meeting to endorse our executive compensation program through the stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation (commonly known as a say-on-pay vote) included as Proposal 4 in this Proxy Statement. We encourage you to review this CD&A, together with the compensation tables that follow, prior to casting your advisory vote on the say-on-pay proposal.

Executive Summary

Our executive compensation program is designed to hold our NEOs accountable for results over the long term and reward them for consistently strong corporate performance.

Pay for Performance Philosophy

Our Compensation Committee is committee to a philosophy of pay for performance and designs our executive compensation program to ensure that our NEOs interests are aligned with those of our stockholders. The Compensation Committee links NEOs compensation to the attainment of challenging goals that will drive us to achieve profitability and revenue growth. The Compensation Committee emphasizes profitability and revenue metrics because it believes that solid performance in these areas will lead to long-term stockholder value.

Equity is a key component of our compensation program. We believe strongly that equity awards serve to align the interests of our NEOs with those of our stockholders, provide incentives for executives to focus on the long-term performance of the company, and strengthen retention. The Compensation Committee considers company and individual performance in determining the size and form of NEO equity grants.

As part of its diligence around scrutinizing pay and performance, the Compensation Committee, on behalf of the full Board, reviews analyses that are prepared by its independent consultant, Farient Advisors (Farient). These analyses are designed to test the award outcomes of our executive pay programs to ensure that

they are aligned with our financial and stockholder performance. Following the close of fiscal 2011, Farient assessed the relationship between our CEO s pay and performance using its proprietary alignment methodology to test whether our executive compensation, adjusted for performance, was reasonable relative to our revenue size and industry peers, and sensitive to our total stockholder return performance over time. In addition, Farient provided other analyses commonly used by independent governance organizations to test whether our CEO s pay and performance move in concert with one another. By requesting and reviewing these analyses, the Compensation Committee satisfied itself as to the coherence and integrity of our executive pay system and the relationship between pay and performance.

Company Performance

We experienced strong performance in fiscal 2010 and the Compensation Committee s goal was to incentivize our NEOs to lead us to even stronger performance in fiscal 2011. During fiscal 2011, we continued progress on a number of strategic and operational fronts, which included:

Our strong product and services growth rate in the storage business resulted in more market share gain than at any time in our history;

Our recent product launch further strengthened our position as the platform of choice for the next-generation IT infrastructure;

We are now viewed as a clear innovation leader in virtualized environments, producing solutions that are efficient, flexible, automated and secure, all with far less complexity and a smaller footprint than those of the competition;

Our channel diversification and channel relationships are the best they have ever been, with the related market diversification of our channels a key driver to our growth strategy;

We achieved record net revenue of \$5.12 billion, an increase of 30% over fiscal year 2010;1

Record net revenue and higher gross margins combined with operating expense discipline helped us achieve operating profit substantially above that achieved in fiscal year 2010 as well as our target for fiscal year 2011;²

We were honored to be named #5 on Fortune Magazine s 2011 list of the 100 Best Companies to Work For, improving two positions from last year and our third consecutive year in the top 10. We have always stressed that our culture is a long-term strategic advantage, and this process enables us to measure ourselves against the very best and identify opportunities for improvement. The Compensation Committee believes that our financial performance is best expressed through our operating profit and revenue results for the year. Operating profit encourages our NEO s to effectively manage resources that directly impact the Company s underlying operations and therefore positively or negatively impact operating profit. Metrics relating to increased revenue ensure that we will continue to invest in our product and services portfolio to drive top line growth and will keep our NEOs from focusing solely on improvements in our cost structure to drive operating income. We were able to build on our strong fiscal 2010 performance in fiscal 2011 as evidenced by the year over year performance for these key metrics described above.

All fiscal year 2011 financial metrics in this CD&A reflect the adoption of new accounting standards related to revenue recognition, as more fully described in our Annual Report on 10-K for the period ended April 29, 2011. Fiscal year 2010 numbers have not been adjusted. Year over year comparisons reflect the new accounting standards for fiscal year 2011 results and the prior standards for fiscal year 2010 results.

² All references to operating profit in this CD&A refer to non-GAAP measures of operating profit, the calculation and use of which is discussed in greater detail below under Components of Compensation Incentive Compensation Plan .

We feel this level of Company achievement is directly attributable to the results driven by our executive team and the commitment by the Compensation Committee to pay for performance. This performance and supporting philosophy have resulted in significant value to our stockholders as reflected in our total stockholder return as shown in the table below.

	Year Over Year (%) -		
Annualized Total	3-Year (%)		
Stockholder Return	2011	fiscal 2009 fiscal 2011	
NetApp, Inc.	44%	31%	
S&P 500	12%	-1%	

Alignment of Performance and Compensation

In fiscal 2011, our executive compensation program aligned compensation with our business objectives and performance as follows:

Incentive Compensation Plan Our cash incentive plan aligns executive compensation with our annual performance and motivates our NEOs to enhance the value of the Company. Our NEOs only earn their incentives if we achieve threshold levels of performance for operating profit and revenue. When the annual performance goals are exceeded, accelerators are triggered in order to reward the higher than expected performance, while decelerators are applied (down to the threshold levels) if the actual results are lower than the expected performance. For fiscal 2011, the Company achieved 124% of our annual target operating profit goal and 109% of our annual revenue goal, which resulted in payment of cash incentives to our NEOs equal to 198% of their target amounts.

Equity Awards We grant our NEOs awards of stock options and restricted stock units (RSUs) to align their incentives with the long-term interests of our stockholders, reward them for their contributions, and provide them an opportunity to share in our positive performance. The size of the awards was based in part on our strong fiscal 2010 performance and their expected future contributions to our long-term success. The value of these awards ultimately depends on the performance of our stock.

Base Salary Our base salary compensation is designed to promote excellence in the day-to-day management and operation of our business. Adjustments to base salary are driven by Company performance and market forces. This is a fixed element of compensation, but represents less than 20% of our NEOs total target compensation.

The link between Company performance, the performance of our stock, and compensation for our NEOs is illustrated by the following charts, which show the portion of 2011 compensation for our CEO and the other NEOs disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table below.

As these charts illustrate, most of our CEO s and other NEOs total compensation is performance-based, meaning that the actual value realized is subject to short-term financial performance or long-term stock price performance. By linking more of our NEOs total compensation to performance, the Company emphasizes variable pay, which is consistent with the Company s pay for performance philosophy.

Other Compensation Considerations

As noted above, the Compensation Committee seeks to ensure that total compensation is weighted to variable, performance-based compensation and that non-performance-based compensation is limited. In addition, we adhere to the following best practices for our executive compensation programs and policies:

No Pension or SERPs. We do not provide our NEOs with a defined benefit pension plan or any supplemental executive retirement plans. Our employees, including NEOs, are able to participate in our 401(k) plan.

Double Trigger Change of Control Severance Agreements. Our change of control severance agreements provide severance payments and accelerated vesting of equity awards only on a double trigger basis.

No Tax Gross-Ups. Tax gross-ups are not provided to our NEOs on change of control severance payments or any other compensation.

Risk Oversight. The Compensation Committee oversees and evaluates the design and implementation of the incentives and risks associated with our compensation policies and practices. In addition, the Audit Committee reviews risks associated with compensation policies and practices as part of its overall corporate risk management assessment.

Independent Compensation Consultant. The Compensation Committee s compensation consultant provides services only for the Compensation Committee and does not provide any other services to the Company.

The Compensation Committee believes that the programs and policies described above demonstrate our commitment to an effective pay-for-performance executive compensation program in 2011. For more information, please see the discussion below.

Principles and Objectives of Compensation

The Compensation Committee has designed our executive compensation program with respect to our NEOs in order to:

Drive long-term positive stock performance by linking a meaningful portion of NEO compensation to the creation of stockholder value:

Reward our NEOs when the Company experiences high levels of Company financial performance;

Recruit and retain experienced and highly qualified executives despite the competitive labor environment in which the Company competes for such talent; and

Motivate our NEOs to perform to the best of their abilities while conducting themselves ethically.

The Compensation Committee believes in a pay-for-performance philosophy. Total compensation generally is higher for our NEOs compared to other executives and employees in recognition of their greater responsibility and ability to influence the Company s performance. As a NEO s position and responsibility increase, we believe that a greater portion of his/her total compensation should be performance-based pay that is

contingent on the achievement of specific corporate goals or the increase in Company value for our stockholders. As a NEO s performance-based pay increases with higher levels of responsibility, we also believe that equity-based compensation should comprise a higher portion of total compensation. Therefore, our executive compensation program is structured such that a significant portion of our NEOs total target compensation is tied to long-term appreciation of our stock price.

We offer each component of compensation outlined below to our NEOs because we believe that in combination they meet the goals that we have set for our Company. Our base salary compensation is designed to promote excellence in the day-to-day management and operation of our business. Our cash incentive compensation program rewards behaviors that support the Company s short-term (typically annual) goals. Our equity award program targets longer term value creation and rewards behavior that leads to a sustained increase in our stock price and is also a key tool for retaining our NEOs.

Administration of Our Compensation Program

The Compensation Committee determines and approves the principal components of compensation for our NEOs on an annual basis, typically prior to or shortly after the beginning of the applicable fiscal year. In making its decisions regarding compensation, the Compensation Committee obtains the advice and counsel of outside advisors engaged by the Compensation Committee. During fiscal 2010, the Compensation Committee underwent a process of reviewing its outside advisors, and after making the determination that Farient had no conflicts that would prevent it from objectively and independently performing services for the Compensation Committee, selected Farient as its executive compensation consultant for fiscal 2011. Farient took its direction from the Compensation Committee and interacted with management, including executive, human resources and finance personnel, and provided compensation benchmarking data to assist the Compensation Committee in making its determinations. Additionally, Farient provided advice to the Compensation Committee on the design of our fiscal 2011 incentive programs (including guidance on equity grant budgets and dilution standards, performance measures, and the goal-setting process to ensure pay for performance alignment). Farient also provided advice on key talent development processes including top management evaluation and succession. Farient did not provide any services to the Company other than those requested and approved by the Compensation Committee.

The Compensation Committee also solicits the input of our CEO regarding the salary, incentive compensation and equity-based compensation to be paid to our NEOs. As part of the annual review process, our CEO provides recommendations for NEOs other than himself consistent with our pay for performance philosophy and therefore his recommendations are based on our CEO s assessment of the Company s performance and each NEO s performance of his or her duties in helping to achieve that Company performance. With respect to compensation for our CEO, the Chair of the Compensation Committee solicits input from our CEO and the Board of Directors as to their perspectives on the CEO s and the Company s performance, and from Farient regarding CEO compensation relative to the market and company performance. The Compensation Committee deliberates and makes decisions on our CEO s compensation outside the presence of our CEO.

Factors in Determining Compensation

The primary factors that the Compensation Committee takes into consideration in establishing the principal components of compensation for our NEOs are discussed below. While these are typically the considerations upon which the Compensation Committee bases its compensation decisions for our NEOs, the Compensation Committee may, at its discretion, apply entirely different factors, such as different measures of financial performance, for future fiscal years.

Self-Assessment

After each fiscal year, executives in senior vice president positions and above perform an evaluation of their performance for the prior year. To guide in this assessment, each executive is requested to analyze the Company s performance as a whole and their performance, as well as their respective team s performance, in helping to drive and support that performance. Our CEO uses this self-assessment as one of the factors, along with the others described below, in making his recommendations to the Compensation Committee regarding their compensation. Likewise, our CEO performs a similar self-assessment and communicates this to the Chairman of our Compensation Committee near the end of the fiscal year.

Competitive Market Data

In order to establish the market rate of pay for NEOs, the Compensation Committee reviews data from a targeted peer group of similarly situated technology companies. To determine the appropriate peer group, the Compensation Committee considers companies that are similar in one or more of the following criteria: revenue, number of employees, market capitalization and other comparable business considerations. In addition to focusing on our direct product line competitors, we consider other companies that we compete with for talent in our various markets and for which data is available.

For fiscal 2011, the Compensation Committee reviewed and revised the Company s compensation peer group, used to benchmark compensation of our NEOs, with assistance and guidance from Farient. In particular, the Company focused on companies with revenue in the \$3 billion to \$5 billion range. For fiscal 2011, the Compensation Peer Group() consisted of:

Adobe Systems, Inc. Harris Corp. NVIDIA Corp. ASML Holding N.V. Intuit, Inc. Palm, Inc. Atmel Corp. SanDisk Corp. Juniper Networks, Inc. Autodesk, Inc. Level 3 Communications, Inc. Spansion, Inc. Bell Microproducts, Inc. Logitech International S.A. Symantec Corp. Broadcom Corp. LSI Corporation Western Digital Corp.

CA, Inc. Marvell Technology Group Ltd. Xilinx, Inc.

eBay, Inc. Metavante Corp.
Electronic Arts, Inc. National Semiconductor

In addition, with Farient s assistance and guidance the Compensation Committee identified a more targeted list of thirteen companies in the storage and enterprise solutions markets in order to assess pay practices (for example, the use of equity incentives, performance measures, and goal setting) and to supplement our benchmarking of NEO compensation. These Pay Practices Peers consisted of the following companies:

BMC Software, Inc.

Brocade Communications Systems, Inc.

CA, Inc.

EMC Corporation

McAfee, Inc.

Hewlett-Packard Company*

International Business Machines Corp.*

Symantec Corporation

Teradata Corporation

VMware, Inc.

VMware, Inc.

Oracle Corp.*

Pay Positioning

The Compensation Committee has established a pay positioning philosophy for NEOs which examines the compensation practices of the Compensation Peer Group. The Compensation Committee established this pay positioning given the highly competitive market for talent in which we participate, our rapid growth, and the relatively aggressive incentive goals for our organization. For fiscal 2011, we targeted between the 50th and 75th percentile for total compensation versus the Compensation Peer Group. As a starting point, the Compensation Committee looked at the ranges of base salary, target cash incentive and equity compensation between the 50th

() We eliminated the following companies from our fiscal 2011 Compensation Peer Group either because they have been acquired or because they no longer participate in the Radford Executive Benchmark Survey, which is the main data source for competitive market data: American Power Conversion, ATI Technologies, Inc., Corning, Inc., Gateway, Inc., Sabre Holdings Corp., Stryker Endoscopy, Symbol Technologies, Inc. and VeriSign, Inc.

^{*} These companies are substantially larger than us, so were excluded from our pay level benchmarking analysis. However, the Compensation Committee includes the programs and policies of these companies in its review of market practices.

and 75th percentile within the Compensation Peer Group and used its judgment in determining proper levels of each component of compensation for NEOs. The result is intended to be a total compensation package which is on average for NEOs at approximately the 60th percentile versus the Compensation Peer Group for target levels of performance, which the Compensation Committee believes is consistent with the Company s historically high rates of growth and performance goals, which generally have been in excess of competitors.

The Compensation Committee makes decisions regarding individual NEO s compensation based on a wide range of factors, including the specific responsibilities of each NEO, individual and corporate performance, skills and experience, and overall contribution to the management and strategic development of the Company. These subjective factors are considered by the Compensation Committee in its judgment without any specific weight or measurement. The Compensation Committee also relies on the input and recommendations of our CEO and Farient when making these decisions.

For our NEOs, a majority of their total compensation is performance-based, meaning that the actual value realized is subject to short-term financial performance or long-term stock price performance. By linking more of our NEOs total compensation to performance, the Company emphasizes variable pay, which is consistent with the Company s pay for performance philosophy.

Components of Compensation

Base Salary

Base salaries are intended to compensate our NEOs on a day-to-day basis for their services to the Company. The Compensation Committee does not target specific percentiles within the Compensation Peer Group when making its base salary decisions for our NEOs. Instead, the Compensation Committee evaluates the base salary amounts of the Compensation Peer Group and refers to the 50th to 75th percentile of such salaries as a reference from which to make decisions regarding NEO salaries. Using this range ensures that the Company s base salaries are competitive with the companies for which we compete for talent, but also permits the Compensation Committee to use its own judgment to ultimately determine NEO salaries. In setting the base salary for each NEO, the Compensation Committee considers the NEO s qualifications and experience, scope of responsibilities, future potential contributions to the Company, the NEO s past performance relative to the goals and objectives of the NEO and the length of the NEO s tenure with the Company. The relative weight given to each factor varies with each individual at the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee.

In fiscal 2011, modest salary increases were implemented for NEOs generally in line with salary increases considered for the general employee population and consistent with the practices being observed by our Pay Practice Peers. The Compensation Committee primarily focused on the market range of the Compensation Peer Group in adjusting base salaries for NEOs with the result that base salaries for NEOs were positioned at approximately the 60th percentile relative to the Compensation Peer Group.

Incentive Compensation Plan

The Compensation Committee believes that a cash incentive compensation plan that is tied to operational performance metrics motivates our NEOs to achieve short-term performance goals that are important drivers of business results and ultimately stock price performance. The Compensation Committee annually develops an incentive compensation plan under our Executive Compensation Plan with payment of incentives, if any, shortly following the end of a particular fiscal year.

Similar to the establishment of base salary amounts, the Compensation Committee does not target specific percentiles within the Compensation Peer Group when making its target incentive decisions for our NEOs. Instead, the Compensation Committee refers to and evaluates the 50th to 75th percentile of the short-term cash incentive compensation of the Compensation Peer Group. Using this range ensures that the Company s short-term cash incentive compensation is competitive with the companies for which we compete for talent. For fiscal 2011, our NEOs target short-term incentive cash compensation were positioned at approximately the 60th percentile relative to the Compensation Peer Group.

For fiscal 2011, the Compensation Committee adjusted the framework for evaluating short-term incentives for our NEOs. Based on an assessment of our past pay practices conducted by Farient, the Compensation Committee determined that the incentive compensation plan established for fiscal 2011 under our Executive Compensation Plan should include a combination of revenue and operating profit targets (with revenue weighted 1/3rd and operating profit weighted 2/3^{rds}) rather than only using an operating profit target. The Compensation Committee believes the addition of revenue as a performance measure for fiscal 2011 encourages our NEOs to expand market share in the highly competitive markets within which we compete. The use of a revenue measure also supports our annual planning process, and mitigates the inherent volatility of relying solely on operating profit as the performance measure. The continued use of operating profit encourages the NEOs to manage effectively resources that directly impact the Company s underlying operations and therefore positively or negatively impact operating profit. These changes are intended to better reflect the Company s business strategy, which includes making tradeoffs between operating profit margins and revenue growth. Additionally, the use of two corporate metrics encourages executives to make balanced decisions that are intended to benefit the Company as a whole, while mitigating potential risks that might exist for executives to be focused on achieving a single metric which could lead them to taking actions that could be contrary to the Company s overall interests.

Prior to or shortly after the beginning of each fiscal year, including the 2011 fiscal year, the Company develops an annual operating plan (or AOP) that includes a measure of non-GAAP income from operations (or operating profit) (as described below) and revenue. The AOP is derived from results in the prior year as well as the Company s expectations for its performance relative to the Company s competitors and the overall market for the upcoming year and is reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors each year. The target operating profit and revenue goals for the incentive compensation plan for fiscal year 2011 were set at the expected level of achievement of the AOP, which the Compensation Committee believed was an aggressive target that reflected the Company s growth strategy.

The measure of non-GAAP operating profit is derived from the revenues of our products, software entitlement and maintenance, and services and the costs directly related to the generation of those revenues, such as cost of revenue, sales and marketing, research and development, and general and administrative expenses. Non-GAAP operating profit, both on an actual and target basis, excludes items that we believe are not reflective of our short-term operating performance, such as stock-based compensation expenses, acquisition related income and expenses, amortization of intangible assets, restructuring and other charges, significant asset impairments, non-cash interest expense, income tax effects, and litigation settlement payments or awards. We publicly disclose a detailed reconciliation of actual GAAP to non-GAAP net income and operating profit, along with other statement of operations items, on a regular basis with the Company s quarterly earnings announcements.

In establishing our operating income and revenue goals, we set challenging growth targets that we believe exceed growth rates relative to our peers.

Also in fiscal 2011, the Compensation Committee approved a more rapid decelerator in comparison to fiscal 2010 for performance below the target level in order to reduce the range of performance below plan for which NEOs are compensated in light of the improvement in market conditions that were expected for fiscal 2011.

The accelerators for 2011 were maintained at the same level as in fiscal 2010. The specific performance range and payouts for each measure are as follows():

	Percent of			
Percent of	Incentive Compensation	Percent of	Incentive Compensation	
Operating Profit Target	Payout for Factor	Revenue Target	Payout for Factor	
110% or higher	200%	110% or higher	200%	
105%	150%	105%	150%	
100%	100%	100%	100%	
95%	80%	95%	75%	
90%	60%	90%	50%	
85%	40%	85%	25%	
80%	20%	80% and lower	0%	
75% and lower	0%			

^() Amount of awards determined by interpolating for performance between established points. For fiscal 2011, the Company achieved 124% of our annual target operating profit goal and 109% of our annual target revenue goal,³ which resulted in actual cash incentives paid to our NEOs equaling 198% of their target amounts.

Long-Term Stock-Based Incentive Compensation

The grant of equity awards to our NEOs is designed to align their interests with those of the stockholders and provide them with a significant incentive to manage the Company from the perspective of an owner with an equity stake in the business.

Equity award guidelines for our NEOs are designed to be competitive with those offered by companies in the Compensation Peer Group. The Company does not target a specific percentile of the Compensation Peer Group when determining the value of equity awards. Instead, the Compensation Committee refers to and evaluates the 50th to 75th percentile of the equity practices of the Compensation Peer Group as a general guideline for the value of equity grants and then considers the Company s own unique situation and goals when determining the value of equity grants. The size of the actual equity grant to each NEO is designed to create a meaningful opportunity for stock ownership and is based on a number of factors, which include the NEO s current position with the Company, external comparability with equity grants made to executive officers of the Compensation Peer Group, internal comparability with equity grants made to other executives within the Company, the number of vested and unvested options and RSUs held by the NEO, the NEO s current level of performance, and the NEO s potential for future responsibility and promotion over time. The Compensation Committee also takes into account the remaining share reserve under the Company s equity plan when determining the size of equity awards. The Compensation Committee, however, does not place any particular weight on any one individual factor and does not adhere to any specific guidelines in making its determinations.

In fiscal 2011, the Compensation Committee granted both stock options and RSUs to our NEOs. Though many of the companies in the Compensation Peer Group utilize only RSUs to compensate their executives, the Compensation Committee believes that stock options are an important part of the equity package. Stock options allow each NEO to acquire shares of the Company s common stock at a fixed price per share (the market price

³ Each of these metrics were calculated on a non-GAAP basis as discussed in greater detail under above, and prior to giving effect to the adoption of the new accounting standards described in footnote 1 of this CD&A above. Because the change in accounting standards resulted in the Company recognizing higher revenue and higher operating profit, the Compensation Committee did not believe it was appropriate to reward the NEOs for results which were based purely on the adoption of the accounting standards, so it approved the cash incentive awards based on the lower amounts of revenue and operating profit.

on the grant date) over a specified period of time (up to seven years), thus providing value to the NEO only if the market price of the shares appreciates over the option term. Accordingly, they better align the NEOs interests with those of stockholders and drive long-term performance.

RSUs, on the other hand, are full-value grants settled in the Company s stock, which reward NEOs for changes in our stock price, but also provide retention incentive even when our stock price does not increase. We use RSUs to better manage the number of shares needed to deliver a competitive compensation package to our NEOs (as RSUs require fewer shares and are less dilutive over time as compared to stock options) and to include a retention element in our overall compensation package in addition to performance incentives.

For fiscal 2011, the mix of options versus RSUs for NEOs other than our CEO was 50%-50% based on the fair value on the date of grant. The mix for our CEO was 75% options and 25% RSUs. The Compensation Committee weighted our CEO s grant more heavily to stock options because it believes that he has the greatest ability to influence the Company s performance and therefore he should have a greater portion of his award at risk by requiring an increase in the Company s stock price for him to benefit from it. The mix of options versus RSUs is reviewed by the Compensation Committee annually and may fluctuate from year to year.

For fiscal 2011, the Compensation Committee approved grants that were above the Company's competitive grant guidelines for the NEOs. The Compensation Committee chose to approve fiscal 2011 grants at above market levels partly because of the Company's excellent performance in fiscal 2010 relative to the Compensation Peer Group and partly for retention purposes due to the highly competitive market for talent as the economy improved.

Policies Regarding Granting of Equity Awards

The Compensation Committee has established an equity subcommittee to award equity to employees who are Vice President level or below or other service providers, which is currently comprised of our CEO and the Executive Vice President of Human Resources. The exception to this delegation is that the Compensation Committee has retained the authority to grant or amend equity awards to Vice Presidents who report directly to our CEO. The Compensation Committee establishes equity grant guidelines each year for the equity subcommittee s consideration in approving such grants, and the Compensation Committee is informed on a regular basis of all grants made by the equity subcommittee that are outside of the guidelines.

Except in extraordinary circumstances as approved by the Compensation Committee, we grant stock options and RSUs to all of our employees (including our NEOs) on fixed dates. Grants to new hires in connection with their commencement of employment become effective on the 15th (or the first business day following the 15th in the event that the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday) of the month that immediately follows the month in which the individual first commences employment with us. RSUs commence vesting on the date of grant and stock options commence vesting from the first day of the person s employment. Promotion and retention grants become effective on the 15th (or the first business day following the 15th in the event that the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday) of the month that immediately follows the month in which the promotion becomes effective. Vesting for promotion RSUs commences from the date of grant and for stock option grants on the effective date of the promotion. Annual retention and refresh stock option and RSU grants for employees who are Vice President level and above become effective on June 1st (or the first business day following June 1st in the event that June 1st falls on a weekend or holiday) and on July 15th (or the first business day following July 15th in the event that July 15th falls on a weekend or holiday) for employees who are below the Vice President level. Annual RSU and stock option grants commence vesting from the date of grant.

We do not have either a policy or practice in place to grant equity awards that are timed to precede or follow the release or withholding of material nonpublic information.

Recovery of Incentive-Based Compensation

The Company and the Compensation Committee each recognize that the compensation program will be subject to the forthcoming rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as a result of Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Act, which directs the SEC to issue rules prohibiting the listing on any national securities exchange of companies that do not adopt a policy providing for the recovery from any current or former executive officer of any incentive-based compensation (including stock options) awarded during the three-year period prior to an accounting restatement resulting from material noncompliance of the issuer with financial reporting requirements. We intend to adopt such a clawback policy which complies with all applicable standards when such rules become available.

Other Compensation for NEOs

Severance and Change of Control Arrangements

The Compensation Committee has developed change of control severance agreements which we have entered into with our key senior executives so that we can mitigate the risk of not being able to retain key senior executives in the event of an acquisition of the Company. When deciding on the terms of such agreements, the Compensation Committee consulted with its advisor, who provided various suggestions regarding the potential terms of a change of control severance agreement based on competitive market data from our peer group in effect at the time. In considering these potential terms, the Compensation Committee s objectives were to: (1) assure we would have the continued dedication and objectivity of our senior executives, notwithstanding the possibility of a change of control of the Company, thereby aligning the interests of these key senior executives with those of the stockholders in connection with potentially advantageous offers to acquire the Company; and (2) create a total executive compensation plan that was competitive with our peer group. The Compensation Committee from time to time determines which key senior executives will receive a change of control severance agreement. Individuals are selected as needed to support the above outlined objectives.

The terms of the individual Change of Control Severance Agreements are described in further detail in the section below titled Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control. The Compensation Committee believes that these change of control severance agreements satisfy the objectives above and ensure that key executives are focused on the Company s goals and objectives, as well as the interests of our stockholders, rather than any negative personal consequences that may arise as a result of a change of control.

Perquisites

Certain of our NEOs are eligible to participate in the Company s Executive Retirement Medical Plan, which upon retirement provides medical coverage beyond the COBRA maximum benefit period to a defined group of senior executives based on minimum age, service and level of responsibility (that is, Executive Vice President or above) as a fully-insured plan. The plan was adopted by the Company as a method to retain the defined group of executives. Our NEOs are also entitled to a preventative care medical benefit of up to \$2,500 per calendar year not available to nonexecutives.

Other Benefits and Reimbursements

NEOs are eligible to participate in all of our employee benefit plans, such as medical, dental, vision, group life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance and our 401(k) plan. We offer up to \$3,000 in a matching contribution under our 401(k) plan to each employee. Under the Company s nonqualified deferred compensation program (discussed in further detail below), participating employees (including the NEOs) may defer a percentage of their compensation. The program permits contributions on a tax deferred basis in excess of IRS limits imposed on 401(k) plans as permitted and in compliance with Internal Revenue Code Section 409A. The only additional retirement benefits (other than the 401(k) plan) that we offer to certain of our NEOs are those under the Executive Retirement Medical Plan discussed above.

Tax Deductibility of Compensation

Section 162(m) of the Code generally disallows a tax deduction to publicly held companies for compensation paid to certain executive officers, to the extent that compensation exceeds \$1 million per officer in any year. The Company generally seeks to maximize the deductibility for tax purposes of all elements of compensation. Our Amended and Restated 1999 Stock Option Plan is structured so that any compensation recognized by an executive officer in connection with the exercise of his or her outstanding options under the plan will qualify as performance-based compensation and will not be subject to the \$1 million limitation. In addition, our Amended and Restated 1999 Stock Option Plan allows our Compensation Committee to structure equity awards other than stock options as performance based compensation under Section 162(m). In addition, our Executive Compensation Plan allows us to structure our cash incentives that are paid thereunder to be qualify for a deduction under Section 162(m). The Compensation Committee, however, periodically reviews applicable tax provisions, such as Section 162(m), and may revise compensation plans from time to time to comply with their rules and to maximize deductibility.

The information contained in the following Compensation Committee Report shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, nor shall such information be incorporated by reference into any future filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates it by reference in such filing.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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 upon such review and discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement.

Submitted by the Compensation Committee of the

Board of Directors:

Robert T. Wall, Chairman

Gerald Held

George T. Shaheen

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND RELATED INFORMATION

Summary Compensation Table

The table below summarizes the compensation information for the NEOs for the fiscal years ended April 29, 2011, April 30, 2010, and April 24, 2009.

						Non-Equity	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualifie	d	
Name and					Option	Incentive Plan	Deferred Compensation	Mall Other	
Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	RSUs (\$)(1)	Awards (\$)(2)	Compensation (\$)(3)	Earnings (\$)	Comp (\$)(4)	Total (\$)
Thomas Georgens President and Chief Executive Officer	2011 2010 2009	\$ 861,539 \$ 754,038 \$ 590,769	(4)	\$ 1,253,987 \$ 1,724,160	\$ 4,008,660 \$ 8,012,370 \$ 1,656,360	\$ 2,217,265(5 \$ 2,001,750(5 \$ 339,716(5	(i) (i)	\$ 672 \$ 1,932 \$ 1,493	\$ 8,342,123 \$ 12,494,250 \$ 2,588,338
Steven J. Gomo Executive Vice President and Chief	2011 2010	\$ 521,923 \$ 500,000		\$ 940,500 \$ 689,660	\$ 1,002,165 \$ 762,690	\$ 1,136,576(6 \$ 1,121,153(6	,		\$ 3,601,164 \$ 3,073,503
Financial Officer	2009	\$ 472,115			\$ 621,135	\$ 248,861(6	()		\$ 1,342,111
Robert E. Salmon Executive Vice President, Field	2011 2010	\$ 551,923 \$ 530,000		\$ 940,500 \$ 862,090	\$ 1,002,165 \$ 953,362	\$ 1,201,906(7 \$ 1,188,423(7	<i>'</i>	\$ 672 \$ 1,492	\$ 3,697,166 \$ 3,535,367
Operations	2009	\$ 513,769			\$ 828,180	\$ 270,818(7	")	\$ 1,260	\$ 1,614,027
Manish Goel(8) Executive Vice President, Product Operations	2011 2010	\$ 461,538 \$ 425,576		\$ 940,500 \$ 1,379,340	\$ 1,002,165 \$ 381,345	\$ 1,005,078(9 \$ 954,250(9		\$ 672 \$ 1,259	\$ 3,409,953 \$ 3,141,769
Matthew K. Fawcett(10) Senior Vice President and	2011	\$ 247,000	\$ 90,000(11)	\$ 1,232,500	\$ 1,200,832	\$ 391,188(1	2)	\$ 672	\$ 3,162,192
General Counsel									
Andrew Kryder(13) Senior Vice President and	2011 2010	\$ 143,654 \$ 390,000		\$ 347,686	\$ 305,076	\$ 0(1 \$ 636,000(1	,		\$ 143,654 \$ 1,678,762

General Counsel

⁽¹⁾ The amounts shown represent the aggregate grant date fair value as calculated for financial statement reporting purposes in accordance with FASB ASC 718 for RSUs granted in fiscal years ended April 29, 2011, April 30, 2010, and April 24, 2009. These amounts do not necessarily represent actual value that may be realized by the NEOs. Assumptions used in the valuations of these awards are included in Note 11 of the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC on June 23, 2011.

⁽²⁾ The amounts shown represent the aggregate grant date fair value as calculated for financial statement reporting purposes in accordance with FASB ASC 718 for stock option awards granted in fiscal years ended April 29, 2011, April 30, 2010, and April 24, 2009. These amounts do not necessarily represent actual value that may be realized by the NEOs. Assumptions used in the valuations of these awards are included in Note 11 of the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC on June 23, 2011.

- (3) Amounts shown consist of payouts under the Company s Executive Compensation Plan paid based upon the Company achieving 73.9% of its fiscal 2009 plan, 133% of its fiscal 2010 plan, and 124% of its targeted revenue and 109% of its targeted operating profit under its fiscal 2011 plan.
- (4) The amounts shown represent the imputed income of term life insurance in excess of \$50,000.
- (5) Fiscal 2011 is based upon the Company achieving 109% of its targeted operating profit and 124% of its targeted revenue, and Mr. Georgens received 198% of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 257% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2011. Fiscal 2010 is based upon the Company achieving 133% of its targeted operating profit, Mr. Georgens received 200% of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 260% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2010. Based upon the Company achieving 73.9% of its targeted operating profit, Mr. Georgens received 47.9% of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 58% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2009.
- (6) Fiscal 2011 is based upon the Company achieving 109% of its targeted operating profit and 124% of its targeted revenue, and Mr. Gomo received 198% of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 218% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2011. Based upon the Company achieving 133% of its targeted operating profit, Mr. Gomo received 200% of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 220% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2010. Based upon the Company achieving 73.9% of its targeted operating profit, Mr. Gomo received 47.9% of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 53% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2009.
- (7) Fiscal 2011 is based upon the Company achieving 109% of its targeted operating profit and 124% of its targeted revenue, and Mr. Salmon received 198% of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 218% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2011. Fiscal 2010 is based upon the Company achieving 133% of its targeted operating profit, and Mr. Salmon received 200%

- of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 220% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2010. Based upon the Company achieving 73.9% of its targeted operating profit, Mr. Salmon received 47.9% of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 53% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2009.
- (8) Mr. Goel became an executive officer during fiscal 2010; therefore information has been omitted for fiscal 2009.
- (9) Fiscal 2011 is based upon the Company achieving 109% of its targeted operating profit and 124% of its targeted revenue, and Mr. Goel received 198% of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 218% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2011. Fiscal 2010 is based upon the Company achieving 133% of its targeted operating profit, and Mr. Goel received 200% of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 220% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2010. Based upon the Company achieving 73.9% of its targeted operating profit, Mr. Goel received 73.9% of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 59% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2009.
- (10) Mr. Fawcett became an executive officer during fiscal 2011; therefore information has been omitted for fiscal 2010 and 2009.
- (11)Mr. Fawcett received \$90,000 as a signing bonus when he joined the Company in September 2010.
- (12) Fiscal 2011 is based upon the Company achieving 109% of its targeted operating profit and 124% of its targeted revenue, and Mr. Fawcett received 198% of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 158% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2011.
- (13) Mr. Kryder became an executive officer during fiscal 2010; therefore information has been omitted for fiscal 2009. Mr. Kryder retired during fiscal 2011.
- (14) Fiscal 2010 is based upon the Company achieving 133% of its targeted operating profit, and Mr. Kryder received 200% of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 160% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2010. Based upon the Company achieving 73.9% of its targeted operating profit, Mr. Kryder received 73.9% of his nonequity incentive compensation target, which is 59% of his base compensation earnings for fiscal 2009.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The table below summarizes information concerning all plan-based awards granted to the NEOs during fiscal 2011, which ended on April 29, 2011.

		Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(1)			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards		All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying	Exercise or Base Price of Option	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option	
Name	Grant Th Date	resholo (\$)	d Target (\$)(2)	MaximumTl (\$)(3)	nresho (#)	liarget! (#)			Options (#)	Awards (\$/Sh)(6)	Awards (\$)(7)
Thomas Georgens	6/1/2010 6/1/2010	``,	\$ 1,000,875	\$ 2,001,750	Ý	Ì	, ,	33,333	300,000(5)	\$ 37.62	\$ 4,008,660 \$ 1,253,987
Steven J. Gomo	6/1/2010 6/1/2010		\$ 560,577	\$ 1,121,154				25,000	75,000(5)	\$ 37.62	\$ 1,002,165 \$ 940,500
Robert E. Salmon	6/1/2010 6/1/2010		\$ 594,212	\$ 1,188,423				25,000	75,000(5)	\$ 37.62	\$ 1,002,165 \$ 940,500
Manish Goel	6/1/2010 6/1/2010		\$ 477,125	\$ 954,250				25,000	75,000(5)	\$ 37.62	\$ 1,002,165 \$ 940,500
Matthew K. Fawcett	9/15/2010 9/15/2010							25,000	75,000(8)	\$ 49.30	\$ 1,200,832 \$ 1,232,500

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