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April 20, 2018

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2018 annual meeting of stockholders of Identiv, Inc. on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 8:00 a.m., local time. The meeting will be held at the offices of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, 2550 Hanover Street, Palo Alto, California, 94304.

The Notice of 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement, which describe the formal business to be conducted at the meeting, accompany this letter. A copy of our Annual Report to Stockholders is also enclosed for your information.

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, your vote is very important and we encourage you to vote promptly. After reading the Proxy Statement, please promptly mark, sign and date the enclosed proxy card and return it in the prepaid envelope. Alternatively, you may vote your shares via a toll-free telephone number or over the Internet. Instructions regarding all three methods of voting are provided on the proxy card. If you attend the meeting you will have the right to revoke the proxy and vote your shares in person. If you hold your shares through an account with a brokerage firm, bank or other nominee, please follow the instructions you receive from your brokerage firm, bank or other nominee to vote your shares.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ STEVEN HUMPHREYS

Chief Executive Officer

IDENTIV, INC.

2201 Walnut Avenue, Suite 100

Fremont, California 94538

NOTICE OF

2018 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

May 31, 2018

#### TO OUR STOCKHOLDERS:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Identiv, Inc. (the "Company"), a Delaware corporation, to be held on May 31, 2018, at 8:00 a.m., local time, at the offices of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP located at 2550 Hanover Street, Palo Alto, California, 94304, for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect the Class III director to serve for a three-year term ending at the annual meeting of stockholders in 2021 and until his successor have been duly elected and qualified or until he resigns or is removed;
- 2. To approve an amendment to the Company's 2011 Incentive Compensation Plan that would increase the number of shares reserved for issuance by an additional 500,000 shares;
- 3. To ratify the appointment of BPM LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as the independent auditor of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018;
- 4. To vote on a non-binding advisory resolution on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers ("Say on Pay");
- 5. To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the frequency of holding an advisory vote on named executive officer compensation ("Frequency of Say on Pay"); and
- 6. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this notice.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" the approval of the nominee and each of the proposals outlined above and as more fully described in the accompanying Proxy Statement.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on April 4, 2018 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") and any adjournments or postponements thereof. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for inspection at the U.S. headquarters of the Company.

You are cordially invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting in person, it is important that your shares be represented and voted. Accordingly, please review the proxy materials and sign, date and return the accompanying proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or submit your proxy or voting instruction card, as applicable, by telephone or through the Internet.

By Order of the Board of Directors of

Identiv, Inc.

/s/ Sandra Wallach

Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

Fremont, California

April 20, 2018

ALL STOCKHOLDERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING IN PERSON. IN ANY EVENT, TO ENSURE YOUR REPRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, WE URGE YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR PROXY AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED ON THE PROXY CARD OR VOTING INSTRUCTIONS CARD. THANK YOU FOR ACTING PROMPTLY.

IMPORTANT: Please vote your shares via telephone or the Internet, as described herein and on the proxy card or voting instructions, to assure that your shares are represented at the meeting, or, mark, sign and date the proxy card and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. If you attend the meeting, you may choose to vote in person even if you have previously voted your shares.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the

Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 31, 2018.

The Proxy Statement and Annual Report are available at

https://materials.proxyvote.com/45170X

IDENTIV, INC.

PROXY STATEMENT

**FOR** 

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

May 31, 2018

#### INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING

#### General

The Board of Directors of the Company is furnishing this Proxy Statement to you in connection with the solicitation of proxies for use at our Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") to be held on May 31, 2018, at 8:00 a.m., local time, at the offices of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP located at 2550 Hanover Street, Palo Alto, California, 94304, or any adjournments or postponements thereof, for the purposes set forth in this Proxy Statement and in the accompanying notice of our Annual Meeting. References in this proxy statement to the "Company," "we," "our," "us" or "Identiv" are to Identiv, Inc.

Copies of this Proxy Statement, the enclosed proxy card and our 2017 Annual Report to Stockholders are expected to be mailed on or about April 20, 2018 to stockholders of record as of the Record Date (as defined below).

#### Record Date

Our Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on April 4, 2018 as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of our stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

#### **Shares Outstanding**

On the Record Date, 15,148,074 shares of the Company's Common Stock were outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Our Common Stock is listed on The Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol INVE.

## Quorum

The holders of one-third (1/3) of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock entitled to vote at the meeting, present in person or by proxy, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and "broker non-votes" (as described below) will be treated as being present at the Annual Meeting for purposes of establishing a quorum for the transaction of business.

## Voting and Vote Required

Each stockholder of record on the Record Date will be entitled to one vote per share of Common Stock held on the Record Date on all matters submitted for consideration of, and to be voted upon by, the stockholders at the Annual Meeting.

Assuming that a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast is required for the election of the nominee for director. No stockholder will be entitled to cumulative votes at the Annual Meeting for the election of any members of our Board of Directors.

Proposals 2, 3 and 4 require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast. The option receiving a plurality of the votes cast on Proposal 5 will be considered the preferred frequency of our stockholders. The vote in each of Proposals 4 and 5 is advisory and therefore is not binding on the Company, the Board of Directors, or the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors.

Shares which abstain from voting as to a particular matter and shares held in "street name" by brokers or nominees who indicate on their proxies that they do not have discretionary authority to vote such shares as to a particular matter ("broker non-votes") will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present for the transaction of business, but will not be considered as voting on such matter. Abstentions shall have the same effect as a vote against the proposal. Neither abstentions nor broker non-votes will have any effect upon the outcome

of voting with respect to the election of directors, which requires a plurality of the votes cast, or the other matters being submitted to stockholders.

## **Voting Procedures**

If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company LLC, you are considered the "stockholder of record" with respect to those shares. As the stockholder of record, you have the right to vote in person at the meeting. If you choose to do so, you can bring your proxy card or vote using the ballot provided at the meeting. However, even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we recommend that you vote your shares in advance as described below so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the Annual Meeting.

If you hold your shares in "street name" through a broker, bank or other nominee rather than directly in your own name, you are considered the "beneficial owner" of shares held in street name. Because a beneficial owner is not a stockholder of record, you may not vote these shares in person at the meeting unless you obtain a legal proxy from the broker, bank or nominee that holds your shares, giving you the right to vote those shares at the meeting. If you wish to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person, you will need to contact your broker, bank or nominee to obtain a legal proxy.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, you may vote by proxy as follows:

- Internet. You may submit a proxy over the Internet by following the instructions provided on the separate proxy card. Telephone. You may submit a proxy over the telephone by following the instructions provided on the separate proxy card.
- Mail. You may submit a proxy by mail by completing, signing and returning the separate proxy card in the prepaid and addressed envelope included with the proxy materials.

Stockholders are urged to specify their choices on the proxy they submit by Internet, telephone or mail. If you submit a proxy, but do not specify how you want to vote on a proposal, in the absence of contrary instructions, the shares of Common Stock represented by such proxy will be voted as the Board of Directors recommends on each proposal and the persons named as proxies will vote on any other matters properly presented at the Annual Meeting in accordance with their judgment. Stockholder votes will be tabulated by a representative of Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc.

Brokers, banks, or other nominees that hold shares of Common Stock in "street name" for a beneficial owner of those shares typically have the authority to vote in their discretion if permitted by the stock exchange or other organization of which they are members. Brokers, banks, and other intermediaries are entitled to vote shares held for a beneficial holder on routine matters, such as the ratification of the appointment of BPM LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, without instructions from the beneficial holder of those shares, but, absent instructions from the beneficial holders of such shares, they are not entitled to vote shares held for a beneficial holder on non-routine matters, such as the election of directors, and the approval of the advisory resolutions on Say on Pay or Frequency of Say on Pay. Consequently, if you do not give your broker specific instructions, your shares may not be voted on the non-routine matters. Please instruct your bank or broker so your vote can be counted on all proposals.

#### Solicitation of Proxies

The cost of soliciting proxies will be borne by us. We may reimburse brokerage firms, banks and other persons representing the beneficial owners of shares for their expenses in forwarding solicitation materials to such beneficial owners. Solicitation of proxies by mail may be supplemented by telephone, facsimile or personal solicitation by our directors, officers or regular employees without additional compensation.

# Revocability of Proxies

If you are a stockholder of record, your proxy is revocable at any time before it is voted at the Annual Meeting either by delivering to the Secretary of the Company a written notice of revocation or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Attendance at the Annual Meeting, however, will not by itself revoke a proxy previously delivered to us. If you have executed and returned a proxy and are present in person at the Annual Meeting and wish to vote at the Annual Meeting, you may elect to do so by notifying the inspector of elections, thereby suspending the power of the proxy holders to vote the proxy previously delivered by you.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name, you may change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your broker, bank or nominee, or if you have obtained a legal proxy from the broker, bank or nominee that holds your shares giving you the right to vote the shares, by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Attendance at the meeting will not by itself revoke a previously granted proxy.

## **Annual Report and Other Matters**

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, which is being made available to stockholders with or preceding this Proxy Statement, contains financial and other information about our Company, but is not incorporated into this Proxy Statement and is not to be considered a part of these proxy materials or subject to Regulations 14A or 14C or to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

We make all of our filings with the Securities Exchange Commission (the "SEC") available free of charge on our website, www.identiv.com, including our proxy statements, our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, together with amendments to these reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

We will also provide to each stockholder of record as of the Record Date, without charge, a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, this Proxy Statement, and the related proxy card. Requests for copies may be made in writing directed to Identiv, Inc., 2201 Walnut Avenue, Suite 100, Fremont, California 94538, Attention: Investor Relations, by telephone at (949) 553-4251, or by e-mailing us at IR@Identiv.com.

# Stockholder Proposals for 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Assuming a mailing date of April 20, 2019 for our 2019 proxy statement, stockholder proposals submitted for inclusion in our proxy materials for the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act must be received at 2201 Walnut Avenue, Suite 100, Fremont, California 94538, Attention: Secretary, by December 21, 2018; provided, however, that if the date of the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is changed by more than 30 calendar days from the date of the Annual Meeting, then the deadline is a reasonable time before we begin to print and distribute our proxy materials.

Our Bylaws establish an advance notice procedure for stockholders who wish to present certain matters before an annual meeting of stockholders without including those matters in the Company's proxy statement. In general, such proposals shall set forth as to each matter the stockholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting (a) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting, (b) the name and address, as they appear on the Company's books, of the stockholder proposing such business, (c) the class and number of shares of the Company which are beneficially owned by the stockholder, and (d) any material interest of the stockholder in such

## business.

The notice period for proposals under our bylaws is not less than 60 calendar days nor more than 90 calendar days before the one-year anniversary of the date on which we first mailed our proxy materials for the preceding year's annual meeting. However, if the date of the Annual Meeting is moved more than 30 days after the anniversary of the Annual Meeting, the Company's advance notice procedure requires that such proposal must be received by us not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which such notice of the date of the meeting was mailed or such public disclosure was made. Notice must be delivered to the Secretary of the Company and must be received by the Company no earlier than the close of business on January 18, 2019 and no later than the close of business on

February 17, 2019. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a stockholder shall also comply with all applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to the matters set forth therein. Our bylaws have been publicly filed with the SEC.

If a stockholder fails to give notice of a stockholder proposal as required by our bylaws or other applicable requirements, then the proposal will not be included in the proxy statement for our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the stockholder will not be permitted to present the proposal to the stockholders for a vote at our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 1

## **ELECTION OF CLASS III DIRECTORS**

Our Board of Directors is divided into three classes with staggered three-year terms. Currently the authorized number of directors is four. Two directors serve in Class I (whose terms expire at the 2020 Annual Meeting), one director serves in Class II (whose term expires at the 2019 Annual Meeting) and one director serves in Class III (whose term expires at this Annual Meeting).

Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders named in the enclosed proxy will vote the proxies received by them for Mr. Kremen, who currently serves as a Class III director. In the event that the nominee is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxies received by the proxy holders named in the enclosed proxy will be voted for any nominee who is subsequently designated by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy. We do not expect, however, that the nominee will decline to serve as director at the Annual Meeting, as he has agreed to serve if elected.

The nominee for the Class III director receiving the highest number of votes will be elected as the Class III director. The nominee for the Class III director elected at the Annual Meeting will serve for a term ending on the date of the 2021 Annual Meeting of stockholders or until his successor has been elected and duly qualified, or upon the date of his earlier resignation or removal.

Set forth below is information as of March 1, 2018 about the nominees and each of the other directors who will remain in office following the Annual Meeting:

			Director
Name CLASS I DIRECTORS Steven Humphreys	Age 56	Position Chief Executive Officer	Since
Nina B. Shapiro	69	Director	2016
CLASS II DIRECTOR James E. Ousley	72	Director and Chairman	2014
CLASS III DIRECTOR Gary Kremen	54	Director	2014

### Class I Directors

Steven Humphreys has served as our Chief Executive Officer since September 9, 2015 and as a director of the Company since July 1996. Mr. Humphreys previously served as Chairman of the Board from September 2013 until September 9, 2015. Previously, he also served as Lead Director from May 2010 until April 2013 and as Chairman of the Board from April 2000 to March 2007. Mr. Humphreys also served as an executive officer of the Company, as President from July 1996 to December 1996 and as President and Chief Executive Officer from December 1996 to April 2000. From November 2011 to December 2014, Mr. Humphreys served as chief executive officer of Flywheel Software, Inc., a venture-backed, location-based mobile solutions company. From October 2008 until its acquisition by SMSC in February 2011, Mr. Humphreys served as Chief Executive Officer and President of Kleer Corporation, a venture-backed provider of wireless audio technology. From October 2001 to October 2003, he served as Chairman of

the Board and Chief Executive Officer of ActivIdentity, a provider of digital identity solutions, a publicly-listed company until its acquisition by HID Global in December 2010. He also served as a director of ActivIdentity from March 2008 until December 2010. Previously, Mr. Humphreys was President of Caere Corporation, a publicly-listed optical character recognition software company. Prior to Caere, he spent ten years with General Electric in a variety of factory automation and information technology positions, most recently leading the Information Delivery Services business unit of GE Information Services. Philanthropically, Mr. Humphreys has been an elected public school board trustee and a contributor to a range of education-oriented charities. He also serves on the board of Summit Public Schools, a charter school system with schools across the West Coast, and developer of the Summit Learning System, developed in cooperation with Facebook and deployed in over 1,000 schools nationwide. Mr. Humphreys holds a B.S. degree from Yale University and M.S. and M.B.A. degrees from Stanford University.

Nina B. Shapiro has served as a director of the Company since June 2016. Ms. Shapiro has served on a variety of boards and advisory committees since retiring from the World Bank in 2011, where she most recently as Vice President of Finance and the Treasurer of the International Finance Corporation. Ms. Shapiro has served on the boards of Mountain Partners AG, a German-Swiss investment group, an early technology company builder, since June 2015; Man Group, an investment manager that is a member of the FTSE 250 Index, since October 2011; and Zyfin Research Pvt. Ltd., an originator of ETFs for emerging markets, since March 2013. She has also served on the advisory boards or councils of New Silk Route, a private equity fund focused on India and South Asia since September of 2012, and the Zurich Insurance Investment Management Advisory Council from June 2013 to December 2016. Between September 2011 and March 2015 she served on the board of African Minerals Ltd., a mining company. In 2010, Ms. Shapiro received the Euroweek Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to the capital markets. Ms. Shapiro holds an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, an M.R.P. from the Harvard Graduate School of Design and a B.A. from Smith College. Ms. Shapiro brings to the Company's Board over 30 years of broad global experience in international finance and business development, along with extensive working experience with senior government and banking officials and international board experience.

#### Class II Director

James E. ("Jim") Ousley has served as the Chairman of the Board since September 9, 2015 and as a director of the Company since July 2014. Mr. Ousley has more than 40 years of experience leading global technology and telecommunications organizations, On July 1, 2014, he joined CVC Growth Capital as senior operating managing partner. Previously, he served as the chief executive officer at Savvis, Inc. from March 2010 to April 2013. Savvis was acquired by CenturyLink, where he served as chief executive officer of Savvis and president of enterprise markets group, which is now CenturyLink Technology Solutions, a global leader in cloud and managed solutions. Prior to Savvis, Mr. Ousley served as president and chief executive officer of Vytek Wireless, Inc., which was acquired by Calamp, Inc.; president and chairman of Syntegra (USA), a division of British Telecommunications Plc.; and president and chief executive officer of Control Data Systems, which was acquired by British Telecommunications. Mr. Ousley has also held various executive management positions with Control Data Corporation. Mr. Ousley currently serves on the board of directors of DTI Management, Inc., Northern Arizona Health Foundation, Chayora Ltd., and Wireless Logic, and previously served on the board of directors of Integra, Inc., Datalink, Inc., Savvis, Inc., ActivIdentity Corporation, Control Data Systems, Inc., Pacnet, Inc., Peak 10, Bell Microproducts, Inc., and other technology and network companies. Mr. Ousley brings to the Board of Directors many years' experience as an executive officer of technology companies and significant knowledge of global technology and telecommunications organizations, as well as knowledge of cloud based technology solutions.

# Class III Director

Gary Kremen has served as a director of the Company since February 2014. Mr. Kremen is a serial entrepreneur and has been an investor in over 100 private technology companies, private equity funds and venture capital funds. Companies he has founded or co-founded include Match.Com, the world's largest dating website. Clean Power Finance (now Spruce Finance), a leading white-label residential solar finance company backed by Google Ventures, Kleiner Perkins, Claremont Creek Ventures and several large utilities as well as Pace Avenue, a customer acquisition firm marketing renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions to low and moderate income (LMI) households. Mr. Kremen is credited as the primary inventor on a 1995-filed patent for dynamic web pages as well as four other patents. He holds two Bachelor of Science degrees: one in Electrical Engineering and the other in Computer Science, both from Northwestern University, as well as an MBA from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business. Currently, Mr. Kremen is a board member, principal or managing partner with private companies including Pace Avenue and CapGain Solutions and serves on the board of directors of several entities, including the Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority and the UC Merced Foundation. Mr. Kremen brings to the Board of Directors his significant experience as a

technology entrepreneur, his expertise with Internet, mobile and cloud technologies and his connections to the investment community in Silicon Valley, all of which are relevant to the Company's strategy to deliver trust solutions for the connected world.

To our knowledge, there are no family relationships between any of our directors or executive officers and any other of our directors or executive officers.

## Director Independence

Our Board of Directors has reviewed the independence of each of our directors and our nominees and considered whether any director or nominee has had a material relationship with the Company or our management that could compromise his ability to exercise independent judgment in carrying out his duties and responsibilities. As a result of this review, our Board of Directors affirmatively determined that all of our directors, other than Mr. Humphreys, are independent under applicable rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market and the SEC.

# Vote Required

At the Annual Meeting, the Class III nominee receiving the highest number of "For" votes cast will be elected to our Board of Directors as the Class III director. Abstentions, broker non-votes and votes withheld from the nominee will be counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum, but will have no other legal effect in the election of the director.

#### Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" the election of the Class III nominee listed above.

## **Board Meetings and Committees**

### **Board Leadership Structure**

In accordance with the Company's Bylaws, the Board of Directors elects all officers of the Company, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chairman, and each of these positions may be held by the same person or may be held by two persons. The Board of Directors has determined that a Lead Independent Director should be elected when the roles of the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer are filled by the same person, and such Lead Independent Director should be an independent director as defined by applicable Nasdaq Stock Market rules and the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines and be elected annually. The role of the Lead Independent Director is to coordinate the activities of the independent directors, to advise the Chairman of the Board as to the information provided by Company management to the independent directors, to manage executive sessions of the Board of Directors' independent directors, and to act as principal liaison between the independent directors and the Chairman of the Board.

Currently, Steven Humphreys serves as the Company's Chief Executive Officer and James E. Ousley, who is an independent director, serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors believes that the current structure of the Board of Directors is an appropriate allocation of roles and responsibilities to effectively manage the affairs of the Company.

## The Board of Directors' Role in Risk Oversight

The Board of Directors has an active role, as a whole and also at the committee level, in overseeing management of the Company's risks. The Board of Directors regularly reviews information regarding the Company's credit, liquidity and operations, as well as the risks associated with each. The Compensation Committee is responsible for overseeing the management of risks relating to the Company's executive compensation plans and arrangements. The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors oversees management of financial risks. The Nominating Committee manages risks associated with the independence of the Board of Directors and potential conflicts of interest. While each committee is responsible for evaluating certain risks and overseeing the management of such risks, the entire Board of Directors is regularly informed through committee reports about such risks.

#### **Board Meeting Attendance**

Our Board of Directors held twelve meetings in 2017. Each of our current directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of committees on which they served during 2017. As needed, our independent directors meet in executive session without Company management present to address any issues they determine to be appropriate. The Chairman of the Board presides at such executive sessions.

### Communications with the Board of Directors

Although we do not have a formal policy regarding communications between our stockholders and our Board of Directors, stockholders may communicate with the Board of Directors by sending an email to IR@Identiv.com or by writing to the Board of Directors at: Identiv, Inc., 2201 Walnut Avenue, Suite 100, Fremont, California 94538, Attention: Investor Relations. The Investor Relations staff will forward such communication to the Board of Directors or to any individual director or directors to whom the communication is directed as applicable, if the communication is relevant to the Company's business and financial operations, policies or corporate philosophy.

#### Director Attendance at Stockholder Meetings

We do not have a policy regarding director attendance at stockholder meetings. One director attended the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

#### COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors currently has three standing committees, the Audit, Compensation and Nominating Committees, which are composed of independent directors appointed by the Board of Directors. From time to time the Board of Directors may choose to create additional committees. The charters of each of these committees are available on the Corporate Governance page within the Investor Relations section of our website at www.identiv.com.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee of our Board of Directors assists our Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibility for oversight of the quality and integrity of our financial reporting processes, system of internal control, our process for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations, our audit process and standards of business conduct. Currently, the Audit Committee consists of Mr. Kremen, Mr. Ousley and Ms. Shapiro, and Mr. Ousley serves as Chairman. The Audit Committee held four meetings during 2017.

Our Board of Directors has determined that each member of the Audit Committee is an "independent director" within the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market and the requirements set forth in Rule 10A-3(b)(1) of the Exchange Act. Our Board of Directors has further determined that James E. Ousley is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act.

In discharging its duties, our Audit Committee, among its other duties:

- Selects the independent auditors, reviews the independent auditors' fee arrangements, proposed audit scope and approach; and pre-approves audit and non-audit services provided to the Company by the independent auditors (or subsequently approving non-audit services in those circumstances where a subsequent approval is necessary and permissible).
- Reviews on a continuing basis the adequacy of the Company's system of internal controls and financial reporting process.
- Reviews the performance of the Company's independent auditors and determines whether it is appropriate to adopt a policy of rotating independent auditors on a regular basis.
- Oversees the independence of the Company's independent auditors.
- Reviews with management and the Company's independent auditors such accounting policies (and changes therein) of the Company, including any financial reporting issues which could have a material impact on the Company's financial statements, as are deemed appropriate for review by the Audit Committee prior to any interim or annual filings with the SEC or other regulatory body.
- Meets with management and the independent auditors to review and discuss the annual financial statements and the report of the independent auditors thereon and, to the extent the independent auditors or management brings any such matters to the attention of the Audit Committee, to discuss significant issues encountered in the course of the audit work, if any, such as restrictions on the scope of activities or access to required information.
- Meets quarterly with management and the independent auditors to review and discuss the quarterly financial statements.
- Meets at least quarterly with the auditors in order to ensure sufficient independence is maintained from management and to provide the opportunity for the auditors to brief the members of the Audit Committee in confidence.

Reviews the Company's policies relating to the avoidance of conflicts of interest and reviews past or proposed transactions between the Company, members of the Board of Directors and management as well as policies and procedures with respect to officers' expense accounts and perquisites, including the use of corporate assets. Reviews all related party transactions for potential conflicts of interest.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors held four meetings during 2017. Currently, the Compensation Committee consists of Mr. Kremen, Mr. Ousley and Ms. Shapiro, and Mr. Kremen serves as Chairman. The Board of Directors has determined that each member of the Compensation Committee currently serving or having served during 2017 is independent within the meaning of the applicable SEC and Nasdaq Stock Market rules.

Pursuant to its charter, the Compensation Committee has responsibility for and authority to:

Review and approve corporate goals and objectives relevant to CEO compensation, evaluate the CEO's performance in light of those goals and objectives, and set the CEO's compensation level based on this evaluation;

Develop, review and approve compensation policies and practices applicable to the Company's officers who are deemed to be "executive officers" of the Company for SEC reporting purposes, including the criteria upon which executive compensation is based, the specific relationship of corporate performance to executive compensation and the composition of benefits;

Make recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to the Company's incentive compensation and equity-based compensation plans;

Review the compensation and benefits offered to non-employee directors and recommend changes to the Board of Directors as appropriate; and

Administer and evaluate the Company's incentive, equity-based and other executive compensation programs, including approving guidelines, making grants and awards and establishing annual award levels for employee stock options, units, restricted shares and other incentive and equity-based awards under such programs, interpreting and promulgating rules relating to the plans, modifying or canceling grants or awards, designating eligible participants and imposing limitations and conditions on grants or awards.

The Compensation Committee is authorized to delegate any portion of its authority to subcommittees and to engage external independent consultants, as deemed necessary.

Processes and Procedures. On an annual or more frequent basis, the Company's CEO recommends to the Compensation Committee salary, annual bonus and long-term compensation levels for less senior officers, including the other named executive officers. The executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table of this proxy statement are referred to as our "Named Executive Officers." Each Named Executive Officer is reviewed annually based on whether various performance objectives were met during the preceding review period. An evaluation of each officer's performance is presented to the Compensation Committee and used in the Compensation Committee's review and analysis of such officer's overall compensation. No other Named Executive Officer currently has a role in determining or recommending the form or amount of compensation paid to the Named Executive Officers, other than providing such financial or other information as the Compensation Committee may request from time to time. Although the participation of our CEO could influence performance targets, our Compensation Committee rather than our CEO makes all determinations regarding performance goals and targets. Our CEO does not attend any portion of meetings at which his compensation is discussed.

Independent Compensation Consultant. As indicated above, pursuant to its charter, the Compensation Committee has the power, in its discretion, to retain at the Company's expense, such independent counsel and other

advisors and experts as it deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the Compensation Committee's duties. Under its charter, the Compensation Committee has the express authority to decide whether to retain a compensation consultant to assist in the evaluation of compensation. If the Compensation Committee decides in its discretion to retain such a firm, the Board of Directors delegates to the Compensation Committee the sole authority to retain and terminate any compensation consultant engaged to assist in the evaluation of the compensation of the Company's senior executive officers (including all of the Named Executive Officers).

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation. No director who served on the Compensation Committee during 2017 and no current member of the Committee is a current or former executive officer or employee of the Company. No director who served on the Compensation Committee had any relationships requiring disclosure by the Company under the SEC's rules requiring disclosure of certain relationships and related-party transactions.

Analysis of Risk in Compensation Programs. In setting compensation, the Compensation Committee also considers the risks to the Company's stockholders, and the Company as a whole, arising out of the Company's compensation programs. The Committee considered the various elements of the Company's compensation practices, including base salary, annual bonus programs, short and long-term incentive awards, the use of cash and equity awards, and how performance is evaluated. While our annual bonus programs may encourage short-term risk taking on the part of participating employees, the Committee believes that these risks are balanced by the use of fixed base salaries and long-term equity incentives that encourage employees to take a long-term view of our business aligned with the interests of the Company's stockholders. The Committee did not identify any risks arising from the Company's compensation policies and practices reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

# Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee assists in identifying individuals qualified to become members of the Board of Directors. Currently, the Nominating Committee consists of Mr. Kremen, Mr. Ousley and Ms. Shapiro, with Mr. Kremen serving as the Chairman. The Board of Directors has determined that each of the members of the Nominating Committee is independent within the meaning of the Nasdaq Stock Market director independence standards. The Nominating Committee held no meetings during 2017.

## Policy for Director Recommendations and Nominations

The primary role of the Nominating Committee is to develop and recommend to the Board of Directors criteria for identifying and evaluating director candidates and to establish a procedure for consideration of director candidates recommended by our stockholders. The Nominating Committee periodically assesses the appropriate size of the Board of Directors and whether any vacancies are expected due to retirement or otherwise. In the event that vacancies are anticipated, the Nominating Committee seeks to identify and evaluate potential candidates at meetings of the Nominating Committee, which can take place at any point during the year.

Candidates may come to the attention of the Board of Directors through current members of the Board of Directors, professional search firms, stockholders or other parties. All candidates are evaluated based on a review of the individual's qualifications, skills, independence and expertise. The Nominating Committee will consider candidates submitted by stockholders as nominees for election as directors of the Company. Stockholders wishing to have the Nominating Committee consider a candidate should submit the name(s) and supporting information to Corporate Secretary, c/o Identiv, Inc., 2201 Walnut Avenue, Suite 100, Fremont, California 94538, and should include the following information: (a) the name(s) and address(es) of the stockholder(s) making the recommendation and of the persons to be nominated; (b) a representation that the stockholder is a record holder of stock of the Company entitled to vote for the election of directors on the date of such notice and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice; (c) a description of all arrangements or

understandings between the stockholder and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by the stockholder; (d) such other information regarding each nominee proposed by such stockholder as would be required to be included in the Proxy Statement filed pursuant to the proxy rules of the SEC, had the nominee been nominated, or intended to be nominated, by the Board of Directors; (e) the consent of each nominee to serve as a director of the Company if so elected; and (f) appropriate biographical information and a statement as to the qualifications of the

candidate. Written notice of a nomination must be received by us within the timeframe described under "Stockholder Proposals for 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders" above.

As part of its selection process, the Nominating Committee may consider recommendations of director candidates with diverse backgrounds and experience who are expected to enhance the quality of the Board of Directors, serve stockholders' long-term interests and contribute to our overall corporate goals. Pursuant to our Corporate Governance Guidelines, we endeavor to have a Board of Directors representing diverse experience at policy-making levels in various areas that are relevant to our global activities. While the Nominating Committee has not established specific minimum criteria for candidates, the philosophy of the Committee is that directors should possess the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values, informed judgment, and sound business experience and be committed to representing the long-term interests of our stockholders. Candidates must also have an inquisitive and objective perspective, the ability to make independent analytical inquiries, practical wisdom and mature judgment. In evaluating candidates, the Nominating Committee may consider a candidate's work experience related to our business, general professional experience and overall expected contributions to the Board of Directors in relation to other directors already serving on the Board of Directors. When evaluating existing directors for nomination for re-election, the Nominating Committee may also consider the directors' past Board of Director and committee meeting attendance and participation.

The Nominating Committee evaluates stockholder-recommended candidates using the same process and the same criteria it uses to evaluate candidates from other sources. The Nominating Committee has the authority to retain outside counsel, experts, and other advisors as it determines appropriate to assist it in the full performance of its functions, including sole authority to retain and terminate any search firm used to identify director candidates, and to approve the search firm's fees and other retention terms.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### Corporate Governance Guidelines

The Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines that assist the directors in following corporate practices that serve the best interests of the Company and its stockholders, including guidelines relating to board composition, director qualifications and selection process, director independence, board committees and auditor independence. The Corporate Governance Guidelines are available on the Corporate Governance page within the Investor Relations section of our website at www.identiv.com. The Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors review the Corporate Governance Guidelines annually and the Board of Directors may amend the Corporate Governance Guidelines at any time.

#### Code of Conduct and Ethics

The Board of Directors have adopted a Code of Conduct and Ethics for all of our employees, including our CEO, Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), any other principal accounting officers and for the members of our Board of Directors. Our Code of Conduct and Ethics is posted on the Corporate Governance page within the Investor Relations section of our website, at www.identiv.com. The Board of Directors may amend the Code of Conduct and Ethics at any time and has the sole authority to approve any waiver of the Code of Conduct and Ethics relating to the activities of any of our senior financial officers, other executive officers and directors. We intend to disclose future amendments to certain provisions of our Code of Conduct and Ethics or waivers of such Code granted to executive officers and directors on our website at http://www.identiv.com within four business days following the date of such amendment or waiver.

# Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

It is our policy that all employees, officers and directors must avoid any activity that is or has the appearance of conflicting with the interests of the Company. This policy is included in our Code of Conduct and Ethics. We conduct a review of all related party transactions for potential conflict of interest situations on an ongoing basis and all such transactions relating to executive officers and directors must be approved by the independent and disinterested members of the Board of Directors or an independent and disinterested committee of the Board of Directors.

#### Compensation of Directors

During 2017, each non-employee member of our Board of Directors was eligible to receive compensation, payable quarterly, as detailed below. However, at a minimum, 50% of the annual retainers must be paid in restricted stock units ("RSUs") under our 2011 Incentive Compensation Plan (the "2011 Plan"). Annual compensation for each eligible director potentially includes:

an annual retainer for the board year ended May 31 of \$100,000, except for the Chairman of the Board or Lead Independent Director, who is eligible to receive an annual retainer of \$180,000 for the board year ended May 31; and an additional annual retainer for the board year ended May 31 of \$40,000 for service on each committee of the Board of Directors, except for the Chairman of the Audit Committee, who is eligible to receive an annual cash retainer of \$65,000 for the board year ended May 31.

RSUs granted to non-employee directors for the board year ended prior to May 31, 2016 vested in full on the date of grant. RSUs granted to non-employee directors for the board years ending May 31, 2016 and after vest monthly. Vested shares will be delivered on the earlier of three years from the award's vesting start date or the date of separation of service.

Additionally, we reimburse our non-employee directors for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as directors, which primarily consist of travel expenses associated with Board of Directors or committee meetings or with committee assignments.

Directors who are our employees do not receive any fees for their service on the Board of Directors. During 2017, Mr. Humphreys was our only employee director.

## **Director Compensation**

The following table sets forth summary information concerning the compensation earned by our non-employee directors for their service as directors in 2017:

	Fees Earned	Stock Awards	Option Awards	Total
Name				
	(\$)	$(\$)^{(1)(2)(3)}$	$(\$)^{(4)}$	(\$)
James E. Ousley	185,834	179,480	_	365,314
Gary Kremen	110,000	104,976	_	214,976
Nina B. Shapiro	98,687	93,146	_	191,833

- (1) The amounts reported in this column represent the aggregate grant date fair value computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation-Stock Compensation ("ASC 718"), rather than amounts paid to or realized by the named individual. The assumptions used in determining grant date fair value of these awards are set forth in Note 3 to our Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC for the year ended December 31, 2017. There can be no assurance that the price of our common stock when RSUs vest and settle will equal or exceed the price of our common stock on the date of the applicable RSU award.
- (2) Stock award amounts reflect RSUs granted for service as a director and on committees. The number of shares awarded in lieu of cash was calculated based on dividing the average price of our Common Stock over the 30 trading days preceding the start of each Board of Directors' service year).
- (3) At December 31, 2017, the aggregate number of RSUs held by Mr. Ousley, Mr. Kremen, and Ms. Shapiro were 162,854, 121,618, and 61,421, respectively.
- (4) At December 31, 2017, Mr. Kremen and Mr. Ousley each held options to purchase 1,000 shares of Common Stock.

PROPOSAL NO. 2

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO

THE COMPANY'S 2011 INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN

The Company's stockholders are being asked to approve an amendment to the Company's 2011 Incentive Compensation Plan (the "2011 Plan"), which was adopted, subject to stockholder approval, by the Board of Directors on April 7, 2011 and approved by the Company's stockholders on June 6, 2011. The proposed amendment would increase the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the 2011 Plan by an additional 500,000 shares, to an aggregate of 4,359,956 shares. The 2011 Plan is the primary plan from which the Company may grant equity-based awards to our employees, officers, directors and consultants.

#### Background

An aggregate of 3,859,956 shares of our common stock have been authorized for issuance under the 2011 Plan, including the shares that remained available for issuance under our 2007 Stock Option Plan and 2010 Bonus and Incentive Plan at the time of those plans' termination. Where applicable, all share, per share and stock option information in this 2011 Plan proposal have been adjusted to reflect the one-for-ten reverse stock split of our common stock effective May 22, 2014. As of March 31, 2018, a total of 32,931 shares had been exercised and issued under the 2011 Plan; 672,441 shares remained subject to outstanding stock options under the 2011 Plan, with a weighted average exercise price of \$6.28 per share and a weighted average remaining term of approximately 7.48 years; 1,460,044 shares remained subject to unvested RSU awards; and 473,624 shares remained available for the future grant of equity-based awards under the 2011 Plan. The closing market price on the Nasdaq Stock Market for a share of our common stock on March 31, 2018 was \$3.74 per share. Unless earlier terminated by the Board of Directors, the 2011 Plan will terminate on December 23, 2025.

# Summary of the Proposal

Our Board of Directors approved an amendment to the 2011 Plan on March 6, 2018, subject to approval by our stockholders at the Annual Meeting that increases by 500,000 the aggregate maximum number of shares that may be issued under the 2011 Plan.

As part of our overall compensation program, the Company grants equity-based compensation awards to our employees, officers, directors and consultants at the time of engagement, annually, and in certain other circumstances. We believe that these awards are an important component of compensation in the technology industry, as they provide the opportunity to acquire or increase a proprietary interest in the Company and encourage recipients to expend their maximum efforts in the creation of stockholder value. We believe this amendment reflects best practices in our industry and allows the establishment of a stronger pay-for-performance culture.

With only 473,624 shares remaining available for the future grant of equity-based awards as of March 31, 2018, we believe we will not be able to continue to offer competitive equity packages to retain our current employees and hire new employees in fiscal year 2018 and future years. This could significantly hamper our plans for growth and adversely affect our ability to operate our business. In addition, if we were unable to grant competitive equity awards, we may be required to offer additional cash-based incentives to replace equity as a means of competing for talent. This could have a significant effect upon our quarterly results of operations and balance sheet and not be competitive with other companies that offer equity. Based upon on our review of our current and anticipated equity award requirements,

we believe that the authorization of an additional 500,000 shares under the 2011 Plan will provide us with enough shares to continue to offer competitive equity compensation through fiscal year 2019.

## Summary Description of the 2011 Plan

The principal terms of the 2011 Plan are summarized below. The following summary is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the 2011 Plan, which has been filed electronically with the Securities and Exchange Commission together with this Proxy Statement, and can be accessed on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.

#### General

The purpose of the 2011 Plan is to assist the Company in attracting, motivating, retaining and rewarding high-quality employees, officers, directors and consultants with annual and long-term performance equity awards. Our current growth strategy is largely dependent upon the services of our executive officers, directors and key personnel. These incentives may be provided through the grant of stock options, SARs, restricted stock, RSUs, bonus share awards, performance shares, performance units, other stock-based awards and dividend equivalent awards.

#### Shares Available for Awards

As amended, an aggregate total of 4,359,956 shares of common stock would be cumulatively authorized for issuance under the 2011 Plan, of which 782,995 shares would have remained available for grant as of March 31, 2018 had the proposed amendment been effective at that time. In addition, to comply with applicable tax rules, the 2011 Plan also limits to 2,609,956 the number of shares that may be issued upon the exercise of incentive stock options ("ISOs") granted under the 2011 Plan.

## **Share Counting**

The number of shares remaining available for grant at any time will be increased by the number of shares of common stock with respect to which awards previously granted under the 2011 Plan are forfeited, expire or otherwise terminate without issuance of shares of common stock, or are settled for cash or otherwise do not result in the issuance of shares of common stock, and the number of shares of common stock that are tendered (either actual or by attestation) or withheld upon exercise of an award to pay the exercise price or any tax withholding requirements will not reduce the number of shares remaining available for grant. Awards issued in substitution for awards previously granted by a company acquired by the Company or a related entity (as defined in the 2011 Plan), or with which the Company or any related entity combines, do not reduce the limit on grants of awards under the Plan.

#### **Annual Per-Person Limitations**

The 2011 Plan imposes individual limitations on the amount of certain awards in part to allow us to qualify such awards for exemption from a tax deduction limitation imposed by Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). (However, as described below under Summary of Federal Income Tax Consequences of Awards, Section 162(m) was recently amended to eliminate this exemption). Under these limitations of the 2011 Plan, during any fiscal year of the Company, no participant may be granted (i) stock options or SARs with respect to more than 250,000 shares of common stock (500,000 shares in the first year of employment), or (ii) shares of restricted stock, RSUs, performance shares and other stock based-awards with respect to more than 250,000 shares of common stock (500,000 shares in the first year of employment), in each case, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. The maximum amount that may be paid out as performance units with respect to any 12-month performance period is \$3,000,000 (pro-rated for any 12-month performance period that is less than 12 months), and with respect to any

performance period that is more than 12 months, \$3,000,000 multiplied by the number of full 12-month periods that are in the performance period.

# Adjustments for Capital Structure Changes

A committee designated by the Board of Directors consisting of not less than two directors (the "Compensation Committee") will make appropriate adjustments to the number of shares authorized under the 2011 Plan and the limitations described in the preceding paragraph and to outstanding awards (including adjustments to exercise prices of options and other affected terms of awards) in the event that any extraordinary dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, shares of common stock or other property), recapitalization, forward or reverse split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, spin-off, combination, repurchase, share exchange or other similar corporate

transaction or event affects the common stock. The Compensation Committee is also authorized to adjust performance conditions and other terms of awards in response to these kinds of events or in response to changes in applicable laws, regulations or accounting principles.

### Eligibility

The persons eligible to receive awards under the 2011 Plan are the officers, directors, employees, consultants and other persons who provide services to the Company or any related entity. The foregoing notwithstanding, only employees of the Company, or any parent corporation or subsidiary corporation of the Company (as those terms are defined in Sections 424(e) and (f) of the Code, respectively), are eligible for purposes of receiving any ISOs. An employee on leave of absence may be considered as still in the employ of the Company or a related entity for purposes of eligibility for participation in the 2011 Plan.

#### Administration

The 2011 Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee, provided, however, that except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, the Board may exercise any power or authority granted to the Compensation Committee under the 2011 Plan. Subject to the terms of the 2011 Plan, the Compensation Committee is authorized to select eligible persons to receive awards, determine the type, number and other terms and conditions of, and all other matters relating to, awards, prescribe award agreements (which need not be identical for each participant), and the rules and regulations for the administration of the 2011 Plan, construe and interpret the 2011 Plan and award agreements, correct defects, supply omissions or reconcile inconsistencies therein, and make all other decisions and determinations as the Committee may deem necessary or advisable for the administration of the 2011 Plan.

#### Stock Options and Appreciation Rights

The Compensation Committee is authorized to grant stock options, including ISOs, which can result in potentially favorable tax treatment to the participant, and non-qualified stock options, and SARs entitling the participant to receive the amount by which the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date of exercise exceeds the grant price of the SAR. The exercise price per share subject to an option and the grant price of a SAR are determined by the Compensation Committee, provided that the exercise price (i) per share of an ISO shall be no less than 100% of the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date such option is granted and (ii) in any event, be no less than the par value of a share of common stock on the date of grant. An option granted to a person who owns or is deemed to own stock representing 10% or more of the voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any parent company (sometimes referred to as a "10% owner") will not qualify as an ISO unless the exercise price for the option is not less than 110% of the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date such ISO is granted.

For purposes of the 2011 Plan, the term "fair market value" means the fair market value of common stock, awards or other property as determined by the Compensation Committee or under procedures established by the Compensation Committee. Unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee, the fair market value of common stock as of any given date is the closing sales price per share of common stock as reported on a consolidated basis on the principal stock exchange or market on which common stock is traded on the date as of which such value is being determined or, if there is no sale on that date, then on the last previous day on which a sale was reported.

The maximum term of each option or SAR, the times at which each option or SAR will be exercisable, and provisions requiring forfeiture of unexercised options or SARs at or following termination of employment generally are fixed by the Compensation Committee, except that no option or SAR may have a term exceeding ten years, and no ISO granted to a 10% stockholder (as described above) may have a term exceeding five years (to the extent required by the Code at the time of grant). Methods of exercise and settlement and other terms of options and SARs are determined by the

Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee, thus, may permit the exercise price of options awarded under the Plan to be paid in cash, shares, other awards or other property (including loans to participants).

Automatic Options for Non-Employee Directors and Stock in Lieu of Fees

The 2011 Plan provides that in addition to any other options that non-employee directors may be granted, non-employee directors will automatically be granted options as follows: (i) an initial grant on the date Board service begins of options to acquire that number of shares as determined by the Board of Directors or, if no amount is established by the Board, to acquire 1,000 shares and (ii) annual grants on the date of re-election at an annual meeting of awards to acquire that number of shares as determined by the Board of Directors (or, if no amount is established by the Board, to acquire 500 shares). Initial and annual option grants will vest as to one-twelfth (1/12th) of the total award each month and stock awards will vest quarterly so that the award is fully vested on the first anniversary of the grant. Annual option grants and stock awards will vest quarterly so that the award is fully vested on the first anniversary of the grant. If an optionholder's status as director terminates for any reason other than death, he or she will have 90 calendar days to exercise his or her options (to the extent that the optionholder was entitled to exercise such options as of the date of such termination). If an optionholder's status as director terminates due to death, his or her estate will have twelve months to exercise his or her options (to the extent that the optionholder was entitled to exercise such options as of the date of such termination).

In addition, the Compensation Committee may grant shares of common stock or other awards in lieu of Company obligations to pay cash under any compensatory arrangements, including the payment of fees to directors for their service on the Board of Directors, subject to such terms as the Compensation Committee may specify.

#### Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units

The Compensation Committee is authorized to grant restricted stock and RSUs. Restricted stock is a grant of shares of common stock which may not be sold or disposed of until vested, and which is subject to such risks of forfeiture and other restrictions as the Compensation Committee may impose. A participant granted restricted stock generally has all of the rights of a stockholder of the Company, unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee. An award of RSUs confers upon a participant the right to receive shares of common stock or cash equal to the fair market value of the specified number of shares of common stock covered by the RSUs at the end of a specified deferral period, subject to such risks of forfeiture and other restrictions as the Compensation Committee may impose. Prior to settlement, an award of RSUs carries no voting or dividend rights or other rights associated with share ownership, although dividend equivalents may be granted, as discussed below.

#### **Dividend Equivalents**

The Compensation Committee is authorized to grant dividend equivalents conferring on participants the right to receive, currently or on a deferred basis, cash, shares of common stock, other awards or other property equal in value to dividends paid on a specific number of shares of common stock or other periodic payments. Dividend equivalents may be granted alone or in connection with another award, may be paid currently or on a deferred basis and, if deferred, may be deemed to have been reinvested in additional shares of common stock, awards or otherwise as specified by the Compensation Committee.

# Bonus Stock and Awards in Lieu of Cash Obligations

The Compensation Committee is authorized to grant shares of common stock as a bonus free of restrictions, or to grant shares of common stock or other awards in lieu of Company obligations to pay cash under the 2011 Plan or other plans or compensatory arrangements, subject to such terms as the Compensation Committee may specify.

#### Other Stock-Based Awards

The Compensation Committee or the Board is authorized to grant awards that are denominated or payable in, valued by reference to, or otherwise based on or related to shares of common stock. The Compensation Committee determines the terms and conditions of such awards.

## Performance Awards

The Compensation Committee is authorized to grant performance awards to participants on terms and conditions established by the Compensation Committee. The performance criteria to be achieved during any performance period and the length of the performance period is determined by the Compensation Committee upon the grant of the performance award. Performance awards may be valued by reference to a designated number of Shares (in which case they are referred to as performance shares) or by reference to a designated amount of property

including cash (in which case they are referred to as performance units). Performance awards may be settled by delivery of cash, shares of common stock or other property, or any combination thereof, as determined by the Compensation Committee. Performance awards granted to persons whom the Compensation Committee expects will, for the year in which a deduction arises, be "covered employees" (as defined below) will, if and to the extent intended by the Compensation Committee, be subject to provisions that should qualify such awards as "performance-based compensation" not subject to the limitation on tax deductibility by the Company under Code Section 162(m). For purposes of Section 162(m), the term "covered employee" means the Company's chief executive officer and each other person whose compensation is required to be disclosed in the Company's filings with the SEC by reason of that person being among the three highest compensated officers of the Company (other than the Company's chief executive officer or principal financial officer) as of the end of a taxable year. If and to the extent required under Section 162(m) of the Code, any power or authority relating to a performance award intended to qualify under Section 162(m) of the Code is to be exercised by the Committee and not the Board of Directors.

If and to the extent that the Compensation Committee determines that these provisions of the 2011 Plan are to be applicable to any award, one or more of the following business criteria for the Company, on a consolidated basis, and/or for Related Entities, or for business or geographical units of the Company and/or a related entity (except with respect to the total stockholder return and earnings per share criteria), are to be used by the Compensation Committee in establishing performance goals for awards under the 2011 Plan: (1) earnings per share; (2) revenues or margins; (3) cash flow; (4) operating margin; (5) return on net assets, investment, capital, or equity; (6) economic value added; (7) direct contribution; (8) net income; pretax earnings; earnings before interest and taxes; earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; earnings after interest expense and before extraordinary or special items; operating income or income from operations; income before interest income or expense, unusual items and income taxes, local, state or federal and excluding budgeted and actual bonuses which might be paid under any ongoing bonus plans of the Company; (9) working capital; (10) management of fixed costs or variable costs; (11) identification or consummation of investment opportunities or completion of specified projects in accordance with corporate business plans, including strategic mergers, acquisitions or divestitures; (12) total stockholder return; (13) debt reduction; (14) market share; (15) entry into new markets, either geographically or by business unit; (16) customer retention and satisfaction; (17) strategic plan development and implementation, including turnaround plans; and/or (18) the fair market value of a share of common stock. Any of the above goals may be determined on an absolute or relative basis (e.g. growth in earnings per share) or as compared to the performance of a published or special index deemed applicable by the Compensation Committee including, but not limited to, the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index or a group of companies that are comparable to the Company. The Compensation Committee may exclude the impact of an event or occurrence which the Compensation Committee determines should appropriately be excluded, including without limitation (i) restructurings, discontinued operations, extraordinary items (as defined pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles), and other unusual or non-recurring charges; (ii) an event either not directly related to the operations of the Company or not within the reasonable control of the Company's management; (iii) a change in accounting standards required by generally accepted accounting principles; or (iv) such other exclusions or adjustments as the Compensation Committee specifies at the time the award is granted. The Committee may, in its discretion, determine that the amount payable as a performance award will be reduced from the amount of any potential Award.

### Other Terms of Awards

Awards may be settled in the form of cash, shares of common stock, other awards or other property, in the discretion of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee may require or permit participants to defer the settlement of all or part of an award in accordance with such terms and conditions as the Compensation Committee may establish, including payment or crediting of interest or dividend equivalents on deferred amounts, and the

crediting of earnings, gains and losses based on deemed investment of deferred amounts in specified investment vehicles. The Compensation Committee is authorized to place cash, shares of common stock or other property in trusts or make other arrangements to provide for payment of the Company's obligations under the 2011 Plan. The Compensation Committee may condition any payment relating to an award on the withholding of taxes and may provide that a portion of any shares of common stock or other property to be distributed will be withheld (or previously acquired shares of common stock or other property be surrendered by the participant) to satisfy withholding and other tax obligations. Awards granted under the 2011 Plan generally may not be pledged or otherwise encumbered and are not transferable except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, or to a

designated beneficiary upon the participant's death, except that the Compensation Committee may, in its discretion, permit transfers, subject to any terms and conditions the Compensation Committee may impose thereon. Awards under the 2011 Plan are generally granted without a requirement that the participant pay consideration in the form of cash or property for the grant (as distinguished from the exercise), except to the extent required by law. The Committee may, however, grant Awards in exchange for other Awards under the 2011 Plan, awards under other Company plans, or other rights to payment from the Company, and may grant Awards in addition to and in tandem with such other Awards, rights or other awards.

## Acceleration of Vesting; Change in Control

The Compensation Committee may, in its discretion, accelerate the settlement or exercisability, the lapsing of restrictions or the expiration of deferral or vesting periods of any award, including in the case of a "change in control" (as defined in the 2011 Plan) of the Company, as defined in the 2011 Plan.

#### Amendment and Termination

The Board of Directors may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue or terminate the 2011 Plan or the Compensation Committee's authority to grant awards without further stockholder approval (including in a manner adverse to the rights of a participant under an outstanding award), except that stockholder approval must be obtained for any amendment or alteration if such approval is required by law or regulation or under the rules of any stock exchange or quotation system on which shares of common stock are then listed or quoted. Thus, stockholder approval may not necessarily be required for every amendment to the 2011 Plan which might increase the cost of the 2011 Plan or alter the eligibility of persons to receive awards. Stockholder approval will not be deemed to be required under laws or regulations, such as those relating to ISOs, that condition favorable treatment of participants on such approval, although the Board may, in its discretion, seek stockholder approval in any circumstance in which it deems such approval advisable. Unless earlier terminated by the Board, the 2011 Plan, as amended, will terminate at the earliest of (a) such time as no shares of common stock remain available for issuance under the 2011 Plan, (b) termination of the 2011 Plan by the Board of Directors, or (c) December 23, 2025. Awards outstanding upon expiration of the 2011 Plan shall remain in effect until they have been exercised, terminated, or have expired.

## Summary of Federal Income Tax Consequences of Awards

The following summary is intended only as a general guide to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of participation in the 2011 Plan and does not attempt to describe all possible federal or other tax consequences of such participation or tax consequences based on particular circumstances. The 2011 Plan is not qualified under the provisions of section 401(a) of the Code and is not subject to any of the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

## Nonqualified Stock Options

An optionholder generally is not taxable upon the grant of a nonqualified stock option granted under the 2011 Plan. On exercise of a nonqualified stock option granted under the 2011 Plan, an optionholder will recognize ordinary income equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value on the date of exercise of the shares of stock acquired on exercise of the option over the exercise price. If the optionholder is an employee of the Company or a related entity, that income will be subject to the withholding of Federal income and employment tax purposes. The optionholder's tax basis in those shares will be equal to their fair market value on the date of exercise of the option, and their holding period for those shares will begin on that date.

The Company will be entitled to a deduction for Federal income tax purposes equal to the amount of ordinary income taxable to the optionholder, provided that the deduction is not otherwise disallowed under the Code.

## **Incentive Stock Options**

The 2011 Plan provides for the grant of stock options that qualify as "incentive stock options" as defined in section 422 of the Code, which we refer to as ISOs. Under the Code, an optionholder generally is not subject to tax upon the grant or exercise of an ISO. In addition, if the optionholder holds a share received on exercise of an ISO for at least two years from the date the option was granted and at least one year from the date the option was exercised,

which we refer to as the "Required Holding Period", the difference, if any, between the amount realized on a sale or other taxable disposition of that share and the holder's tax basis in that share will be long-term capital gain or loss.

If, an optionholder disposes of a share acquired on exercise of an ISO before the end of the Required Holding Period, which we refer to as a Disqualifying Disposition, the optionholder generally will recognize ordinary income in the year of the Disqualifying Disposition equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the share on the date the ISO was exercised over the exercise price. If, however, the Disqualifying Disposition is a sale or exchange on which a loss, if realized, would be recognized for Federal income tax purposes, and if the sales proceeds are less than the fair market value of the share on the date of exercise of the option, the amount of ordinary income recognized by the optionholder will not exceed the gain, if any, realized on the sale. If the amount realized on a Disqualifying Disposition exceeds the fair market value of the share on the date of exercise of the option, that excess will be short-term or long-term capital gain, depending on whether the holding period for the share exceeds one year.

The Company is not allowed an income tax deduction with respect to the grant or exercise of an incentive stock option or the disposition of a share acquired on exercise of an incentive stock option after the Required Holding Period. However, if there is a Disqualifying Disposition of a share, the Company is allowed a deduction in an amount equal to the ordinary income includible in income by the optionholder, provided that the deduction is not otherwise disallowed under the Code.

## Stock Awards

Generally, the recipient of a stock award will recognize ordinary compensation income at the time the stock is received equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the stock received over any amount paid by the recipient in exchange for the stock. If, however, the stock is non-vested when it is received under the 2011 Plan (for example, if the employee is required to work for a period of time in order to have the right to sell the stock), the recipient generally will not recognize income until the stock becomes vested, at which time the recipient will recognize ordinary compensation income equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the stock on the date it becomes vested over any amount paid by the recipient in exchange for the stock. A recipient may, however, file an election with the Internal Revenue Service, within 30 days of his or her receipt of the stock award, to recognize ordinary compensation income, as of the date the recipient receives the stock award, equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the stock on the date the stock award is granted over any amount paid by the recipient in exchange for the stock.

The recipient's basis for the determination of gain or loss upon the subsequent disposition of shares acquired as stock awards will be the amount paid for such shares plus any ordinary income recognized either when the stock is received or when the stock becomes vested. Upon the disposition of any stock received as a stock award under the 2011 Plan the difference between the sale price and the recipient's basis in the shares will be treated as a capital gain or loss and generally will be characterized as long-term capital gain or loss if the shares have been held for more the one year from the date as of which he or she would be required to recognize any compensation income.

The Company will be entitled to a deduction for Federal income tax purposes equal to the amount of ordinary income taxable to the recipient, provided that the deduction is not otherwise disallowed under the Code.

Stock Appreciation Rights

The Company may grant SARs separate from any other award, which we refer to as Stand-Alone SARs, or in tandem with options, which we refer to as Tandem SARs, under the 2011 Plan. Generally, the recipient of a Stand-Alone SAR will not recognize any taxable income at the time the Stand-Alone SAR is granted.

With respect to Stand-Alone SARs, if the recipient receives the appreciation inherent in the SARs in cash, the cash will be taxable as ordinary compensation income to the recipient at the time that the cash is received. If the recipient receives the appreciation inherent in the SARs in shares of stock, the recipient will recognize ordinary compensation income equal to the excess of the fair market value of the stock on the day it is received over any amounts paid by the recipient for the stock.

With respect to Tandem SARs, if the recipient elects to surrender the underlying option in exchange for cash or shares of stock equal to the appreciation inherent in the underlying option, the tax consequences to the recipient will be the same as discussed above relating to the Stand-Alone SARs. If the recipient elects to exercise the underlying option, the holder will be taxed at the time of exercise as if he or she had exercised a nonqualified stock option (discussed above), i.e., the recipient will recognize ordinary income for federal tax purposes measured by the excess of the then fair market value of the shares of stock over the exercise price.

In general, there will be no federal income tax deduction allowed to the Company upon the grant or termination of Stand-Alone SARs or Tandem SARs. Upon the exercise of either a Stand-Alone SAR or a Tandem SAR, however, the Company will be entitled to a deduction for federal income tax purposes equal to the amount of ordinary income that the employee is required to recognize as a result of the exercise, provided that the deduction is not otherwise disallowed under the Code.

**Dividend Equivalents** 

Generally, the recipient of a dividend equivalent award will recognize ordinary compensation income at the time the dividend equivalent award is received equal to the fair market value of the amount received. The Company generally will be entitled to a deduction for federal income tax purposes equal to the amount of ordinary income that the employee is required to recognize as a result of the dividend equivalent award, provided that the deduction is not otherwise disallowed under the Code.

Section 162 Limitations

Section 162(m) of the Code generally disallows a deduction for federal income tax purposes to any publicly-traded corporation for any remuneration in excess of \$1 million paid in any taxable year to its Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and each of the three non-CEO most highly-compensated executive officers (other than, prior to 2018, its chief financial officer ("CFO")) (the "Covered Employees"). However, compensation which qualifies as "performance-based" is excluded from the \$1 million limit if, among other requirements, the compensation is payable only upon attainment of pre-established, objective performance goals under a plan approved by the corporation's shareholders, although this exception is severely limited beginning in 2018, as described below. The material terms of the 2011 Plan were previously approved by shareholders in 2016 for purposes of Section 162(m), which allowed us to grant certain long-term incentive awards that are designed to meet the definition of performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) in order to qualify for the performance-based exception to the \$1 million deduction limit. However, to maintain flexibility in compensating executive officers in a manner designed to promote varying corporate goals in the best interest of the Company, we did not previously limit executive compensation to amounts deductible under Section 162(m) if the Compensation Committee determined that doing so is in the best interests of the Company.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, enacted on December 22, 2017, substantially modifies Section 162(m) and, among other things, eliminates the performance-based exception to the \$1 million deduction limit effective as of January 1, 2018. As a result, beginning in 2018, compensation paid to certain executive officers in excess of \$1 million will generally be non-deductible, whether or not it is performance-based. In addition, beginning in 2018, Covered Employees will include any individual who served as the CEO or CFO at any time during the taxable year and the three other most highly compensated officers (other than the CEO and CFO) for the taxable year, and once an individual becomes a Covered Employee for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2016, that individual will remain a Covered Employee for all future years, including following any termination of employment.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act includes a transition rule under which the changes to Section 162(m) described above will not apply to compensation payable pursuant to a written binding contract that was in effect on November 2, 2017 and is not materially modified after that date. To the extent applicable to our existing contracts and awards, the Compensation Committee may avail itself of this transition rule. However, because of uncertainties as to the application and interpretation of the transition rule, no assurances can be given at this time that our existing contracts and awards, even if in place on November 2, 2017, will meet the requirements of the transition rule. Moreover, to maintain flexibility in compensating executive officers in a manner designed to promote varying corporate goals in the best interest of the Company, the Compensation Committee does not limit its actions with respect to executive

compensation to preserve deductibility under Section 162(m) if the Compensation Committee determines that doing so is in the best interests of the Company.

## Aggregate Past Grants and Options to Certain Persons

As of March 31, 2018, awards covering 3,693,093 shares of the common stock subject to past RSU and option grants had been granted under the 2011 Plan (net of cancellations). The following table shows information regarding the distribution of those awards among the persons and groups identified below.

Name and Position	Number of Shares Subject to Past Grants
Current Executive Officers, as a Group	872,048
Current Non-Employee Directors, as a Group	375,365
All current employees who are not executive officers or directors, as a group	2,445,680
Total	3,693,093

## **Equity Compensation Information for Plans**

For a description of the equity compensation information for plans, see the table under the section entitled "Equity Compensation Plan Information" within this Proxy Statement.

## Vote Required

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be required for approval of the amendment to the 2011 Plan described above. Under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, brokers are prohibited from giving proxies to vote on equity compensation plan matters unless the beneficial owner of such shares has given voting instructions on the matter. This means that if your broker is the record holder of your shares, you must give voting instructions to your broker with respect to Proposal No. 2 if you want your broker to vote your shares on the matter. If you hold your shares in your own name and abstain from voting on this matter, your abstention will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.

### Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board recommends a vote "FOR" the amendment to increase the number of shares reserved for issuance under the 2011 Plan.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 3

# RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Our Board of Directors is asking you to ratify the appointment of BPM LLP ("BPM") as our independent auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. Although our Bylaws and applicable legal requirements do not require stockholder ratification of the selection of BPM as our independent auditor, our Board of Directors is submitting the selection of BPM to our stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. We expect that a representative of BPM will be available at the Annual Meeting to make a statement and will be available to respond to appropriate questions. BPM has audited our financial statements since 2015.

In the event that our stockholders fail to ratify the appointment of BPM as independent auditor, our Audit Committee may reconsider its selection. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee at its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

## Vote Required

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be required to ratify the appointment of BPM as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. As a result, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.

## Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" the ratification of the appointment of BPM LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, to serve as the Company's independent auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

## Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The aggregate fees billed or to be billed to us by BPM for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, are as follows:

	2017	2016
Audit Fees	\$681,722	\$580,100
Audit-Related Fees	102,363	
Tax Fees	_	_
All Other		
Total	\$784,085	\$580,100

Audit Fees. Audit fees include fees associated with the audit of our annual financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, review of our financial statements included in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and fees for the statutory audit of subsidiaries.

Audit-Related Fees. Audit-related fees include fees associated with the audit of our 401(K) plan and fees for services related to acquisitions.

Policy on Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services of Our Independent Registered Public Accountants

In accordance with the charter of the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors, the Audit Committee pre-approves all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm, including the estimated fees and other terms of any such engagement. In certain circumstances, the Audit Committee may provide subsequent approval of non-audit services not previously approved. Services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and

other services. Actual amounts billed, to the extent in excess of the estimated amounts, were periodically reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee considers whether such audit or non-audit services are consistent with the SEC rules on auditor independence. The Audit Committee has determined that the services provided by the Company's independent public accounting firm is compatible with maintaining the independence of such firm. All fees set forth in the table above were pre-approved pursuant to this policy.

#### REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is composed of three members and acts under a written charter adopted and approved by the Board of Directors. The members of the Audit Committee are independent as defined by the Audit Committee's charter, the Nasdaq Capital Market listing standards and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibility for oversight of the quality and integrity of our financial reporting processes, system of internal controls, processes for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations, audit processes and standards of business conduct. The Audit Committee manages the relationship with our independent auditor, who reports directly to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee also oversees the internal audit and Sarbanes-Oxley compliance functions of the Company, who reports directly to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee has the authority to obtain advice and assistance from outside legal, accounting or other advisors as the Audit Committee deems necessary to carry out its duties and to allocate appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee, for such advice and assistance.

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed with management the audited financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. The Audit Committee also has discussed with the Company's independent auditor for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, the matters required to be discussed by Auditing Standard No. 16 ("Communication with Audit Committees"), as amended by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB"). Furthermore, the Audit Committee has received written communications from our independent registered public accounting firm required by the PCAOB regarding communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and has discussed the auditor's independence from the Company and its management, and considered whether the provision of other non-audit services by our independent registered public accounting firm to the Company is compatible with the auditor's independence.

In performing all these functions, the Audit Committee acts only in an oversight capacity and necessarily relies on the work and assurances of our management and independent registered public accountants. Management has primary responsibility for preparing the Company's financial statements and for our financial reporting process. Our independent auditors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 are responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of our audited financial statements to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to in this report, and in light of its role and responsibilities, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 be included for filing with the SEC in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the Board of Directors has approved such inclusion.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

James E. Ousley, Chairman

Gary Kremen

Nina B. Shapiro

#### PROPOSAL NO. 4

## ADVISORY VOTE ON NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION "SAY ON PAY"

In accordance with the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the "Dodd-Frank Act"), as well as Section 14A of the Exchange Act and the rules promulgated thereunder, we are asking stockholders to approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the Company's compensation of our Named Executive Officers as described in this Proxy Statement. The Compensation Committee has designed the compensation of our Named Executive Officers to align each Named Executive Officer's compensation with the Company's short-term and long-term performance and to provide the compensation and incentives needed to attract, motivate and retain the Named Executive Officers, who are crucial to our long-term success. Please read the Summary Compensation Table and other related compensation tables and narrative, which provide detailed information on the compensation of our Named Executive Officers.

Based on the voting results at our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders with respect to the frequency (the "Frequency Vote") of stockholder advisory votes to approve the compensation of Named Executive Officers, we have decided to include an advisory vote to approve the compensation of Named Executive Officers in our proxy materials on an annual basis.

The advisory resolution, commonly known as a "say-on-pay" proposal, gives stockholders the opportunity to express their views on the compensation of our Named Executive Officers. This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our Named Executive Officers 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 a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation of the Named Executive Officers, as disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the 2017 Summary Compensation Table and the other related tables and disclosure."

The say-on-pay vote is advisory, and therefore not binding on us, the Compensation Committee or the Board of Directors; however, the Board of Directors and Compensation Committee value the opinions of our stockholders and to the extent there is any significant vote against the Named Executive Officer compensation as disclosed in this Proxy Statement, the Compensation Committee will consider the stockholders' concerns and will evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address those concerns.

#### Vote Required

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be required to approve this proposal. As a result, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.

## Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" the approval of the non-binding advisory resolution on Named Executive Officer compensation as disclosed in this Proxy Statement.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 5

# NON-BINDING ADVISORY VOTE ON THE FREQUENCY OF A NON-BINDING ADVISORY EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Dodd-Frank Act requires that we provide our stockholders with the opportunity to vote every six years, on a non-binding, advisory basis, for their preference as to how frequently to vote on future advisory votes on the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in accordance with the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC.

Stockholders may indicate whether they would prefer that we conduct future advisory votes on executive compensation every year, every two years, or every three years. Stockholders also may abstain from casting a vote on this proposal.

The Board of Directors has determined that a non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation that occurs annually is the most appropriate alternative for us and, therefore, the Board of Directors recommends that you vote for the option of "every year" for the advisory vote on executive compensation. In determining to recommend that stockholders vote for a frequency of every year, our Board of Directors was influenced by the fact that the compensation of our named executive officers is evaluated, adjusted and approved on an annual basis. By providing an advisory vote on executive compensation on an annual basis, our stockholders will be able to indicate their approval of, or dissatisfaction with, our compensation philosophy, policies and practices as disclosed in the proxy statement every year.

This vote is advisory, which means that it is not binding the Company, the Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee will take into account the outcome of the vote; however, when considering the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation, the Board of Directors may 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 frequency receiving the most votes cast by our stockholders.

Stockholders have the opportunity to choose among four options (holding the vote every year, every two years, every three years, or abstaining from voting) and, therefore, stockholders will not be voting to approve or disapprove the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

#### Vote Required

The option for holding an advisory vote every year, every two years or every three years receiving the greatest number of votes will be considered the preferred frequency of the stockholders. As a result, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.

#### Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors recommends a vote for the option of "EVERY YEAR" as the frequency for advisory votes on executive compensation.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The table below sets forth information known to us as of April 4, 2018 with respect to the beneficial ownership of our Common Stock by:

- each person who is known by us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our issued and outstanding Common Stock;
- each of our directors;
- each of our named executive officers appearing in the Summary Compensation Table; and
- all current directors and executive officers, as a group.

Except as otherwise indicated, and subject to applicable community property laws, to our knowledge, the persons named in the table below have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares held by them. Applicable percentage ownership in the following table is based on 15,148,074 shares of our Common Stock issued and outstanding as of April 4, 2018.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person, shares of Common Stock subject to options held by that person that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of April 4, 2018 or RSUs that vest within 60 days of April 4, 2018 are deemed outstanding. Such shares, however, are not deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

Unless specified below, the mailing address for each individual, officer or director is c/o Identiv, Inc., 2201 Walnut Avenue, Suite 100, Fremont, CA 94538.

Change of Common

	Shares of Common Stock			
	Beneficially			
	Number	Percentage	3	
5% Stockholders				
First Eagle Investment Management, LLC <sup>(1)</sup>	1,853,004	12.2	%	
1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105				
Mountain Partners AG <sup>(2)</sup>	786,945	5.2	%	
Poststr. 17, 9001 St. Gallen, Switzerland				
Royce & Associates, LP <sup>(3)</sup>	805,086	5.3	%	
745 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10151				
Directors and Executive Officers				
Steven Humphreys <sup>(4)</sup>	439,787	2.8	%	
Gary Kremen <sup>(5)</sup>	165,278	1.2	%	
James E. Ousley <sup>(6)</sup>	176,341	1.2	%	
Nina B. Shapiro <sup>(2) (7)</sup>	858,366	5.6	%	
Sandra Wallach <sup>(8)</sup>	28,125	*		
All current directors and executive officers as a group (5 persons) <sup>(9)</sup>	1,667,897	10.5	%	

<sup>\*</sup>Less than one percent.

<sup>(1)</sup> Based solely on Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 5, 2018, by First Eagle Investment Management, LLC, First Eagle Management, LLC ("FEIM"), an investment advisor registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, is deemed to be the beneficial owner of the 29

- shares. 21 April Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands company for which FEIM acts as investment advisor, may be deemed to beneficially own 1,474,732 of the shares.
- (2) Nina B. Shapiro is a director of Mountain Partners AG. Ms. Shapiro disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) Based solely on Amendment No. 13 to Schedule 13G filed by Royce & Associates, LP with the SEC on January 22, 2018.
- (4) Includes 312,507 shares of common stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 4, 2018 and 12,611 RSUs that vest within 60 days of April 4, 2018.
- (5) Includes 1,000 shares of common stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 4, 2018, 6,666 shares held by the Kremen Family Trust and 121,618 fully vested RSUs where settlement has been deferred to the earlier of May 31, 2019 or departure from the board.
- (6) Includes 1,000 shares of common stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 4, 2018 and 162,854 fully vested RSUs where settlement has been deferred to the earlier of May 31, 2019 or departure from the board.
- (7) Includes 61,421 fully vested RSUs where settlement has been deferred to the earlier of May 31, 2019 or departure from the board.
- (8) Includes 5,625 RSUs that vest within 60 days of April 4, 2018.
- (9) Includes an aggregate of 314,507 shares of common stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 4, 2018, 18,236 RSUs that vest within 60 days of April 4, 2018, and 345,893 fully vested RSUs where settlement has been deferred to the earlier of May 31, 2019 or departure from the board.

## SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our executive officers, directors and persons who beneficially own more than ten percent of a registered class of our equity securities ("10% stockholders"), to file reports on Forms 4 and 5 reflecting transactions affecting their beneficial ownership of our equity securities with the SEC. Such officers, directors and 10% stockholders are also required by the SEC's rules and regulations to provide us with copies of all such reports on Forms 4 and 5 that they file under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act.

Based solely on our review of copies of such reports on Forms 4 and 5 received by us, and on written representations from our officers, directors and the 10% stockholders known to us, we believe that, during the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, our executive officers, directors and the 10% stockholders known to us filed all required reports under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act on a timely basis.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Information concerning our executive officer other than Mr. Humphreys, including her background and age as of April 1, 2018, is set forth below.

Sandra	Sandra Wallach, has served as our Chief Financial Officer since February 16, 2017. Ms. Wallach
Wallach,	previously served as VP Finance for MiaSole, a thin film solar technology company, from May 2011 to
53,	January 2013. For a six-month period from January 2013 to June 2013, she served as Chief Financial
	Officer of UBM Tech, a wholly-owned subsidiary of UBM LLC. In June 2013, she returned to MiaSole
Chief	and served as their VP Finance until February 2017. Prior to that, she served as VP Finance at Juniper
Financial	Networks (from 2008-2011) as well as holding different Financial management positions with Intuit
Officer and	d (2003-2007). Before joining Intuit, Ms. Wallach served as Chief Financial Officer of General Electric's
	(GE) Industrial Systems, Drives & Controls division. Previously she held a range of financial and
Corporate	management positions at General Electric since joining GE in 1986. Ms. Wallach holds a B.A. in
Secretary	Economics and Public Policy from the University of California at Berkeley.
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#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

## **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth information concerning the compensation of our named executive officers for the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

				Stock	Option	All Other	
		Salary	Bonus	Awards <sup>(4)</sup>	Awards	Compensation	Total
Name and Principal Position	Year	\$	\$	\$	\$(4)	<b>\$</b> (5)	\$
Steven Humphreys Chief Executive Officer and	2017	350,000	87,500	_	_	14,441	451,941
Director <sup>(1)</sup>	2016	350,000	204,167	656,766	1,200,042	12,018	2,422,993
Sandra Wallach Chief Financial Officer and Secretary <sup>(2)</sup>	2017	221,837	_	497,700	_	12,034	731,571
Steven Finney	2017	215,026	_	_	_	7,423	222,449
Former Interim Chief Executive Officer and Secretary <sup>(3)</sup>	2016	331,250	_	177,188	_	12,018	520,456

- (1)Mr. Humphreys became our Chief Executive Officer effective September 9, 2015. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Humphreys was Chairman of our Board of Directors.
- (2)Ms. Wallach became our Chief Financial Officer effective February 16, 2017 at an annual salary of \$265,000.
- (3)Mr. Finney served as our Interim Chief Financial Officer until February 16, 2017, following which he continued to serve as a consultant through March 15, 2018 at a rate of \$5,000 per month, plus continued vesting of outstanding equity awards.
- (4) The amounts reported in this column represent the aggregate grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718, rather than amounts paid to or realized by the named individual. There can be no assurance that options will be exercised (in which case no value will be realized by the individual), that the value on exercise of options will approximate the compensation expense recognized, or that the price of our common stock when RSUs vest and settle will equal or exceed the price of our common stock on the date of the applicable RSU award. The assumptions used in determining grant date fair value of these awards are set forth in Note 3 to our Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.
- (5) Represents health insurance.

# Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the outstanding equity awards held by our named executive officers as of December 31, 2017.

	Option Awa	ards <sup>(1)</sup>				Stock	Awards <sup>(2)</sup> Market
		Number of	Number of			Numb	Value of
		Securities	Securities			Units	Shares or
		Underlying	Underlying			Stock	Units of
		Unexercised	Unexercised	Option	Option	Have	Stock That
	Date of	Options	Options	Exercise	Expiration		Have Not
Name	Grant <sup>(1)</sup>	Exercisable	Unexercisable <sup>(1)</sup>	Price	Date	Vested	d Vested <sup>(3)</sup>
Name Steven Humphreys <sup>(4)</sup>	Grant <sup>(1)</sup> 6/06/2011	Exercisable 500	Unexercisable <sup>(1)</sup>	Price \$ 23.60	Date 6/06/2021	Vested	d Vested <sup>(3)</sup>
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