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FLEX LTD. (Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore) (Company Registration Number 199002645H)
To Our Shareholders:
On August 15, 2017, we will hold our 2017 annual general meeting of our shareholders at our offices located at 6201 America Center Drive, San Jose, CA 95002, U.S.A. Our 2017 annual general meeting of shareholders will begin at 9:00 a.m., Pacific time.
The matters to be voted upon at the meeting are listed in the notice that follows this letter and are described in more detail in the accompanying proxy statement. We urge you to read the entire proxy statement carefully before voting. Part I of the accompanying proxy statement provides general information about the meeting, Part II describes the proposals to be voted upon at the 2017 annual general meeting of shareholders and related information, and Part III provides additional information, including information about our named executive officers and their compensation.
IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC AVAILABILITY OF PROXY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT:
We have elected to provide access to our proxy materials to our shareholders by notifying them of the availability of our proxy materials on the Internet. On or about July 5, 2017, we will mail to most of our shareholders (including all of our registered shareholders) a Notice of Availability of Proxy Materials on the Internet (referred to as the Notice) containing instructions on how to access this proxy statement and our annual report and to submit their proxies via the Internet. Instructions on how to request a printed copy of our proxy materials may be found in the Notice.
You may revoke your proxy at any time prior to the time it is voted. Shareholders who are present at the meeting may revoke their proxies and vote in person or, if they prefer, may abstain from voting in person and allow their proxies to be voted.
Sincerely,

Tay Hong Chin Regina Company Secretary Singapore July 5, 2017

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FLEX LTD.

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore) (Company Registration Number 199002645H)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To Be Held on August 15, 2017

To Our Shareholders:

You are cordially invited to attend, and NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of, the annual general meeting of shareholders of FLEX LTD. (Flex or the Company), which will be held at our offices located at 6201 America Center Drive, San Jose, CA 95002, U.S.A, at 9:00 a.m., Pacific time, on August 15, 2017, for the following purposes:

- To re-elect the following directors: Michael D. Capellas and Marc A. Onetto (Proposal No. 1);
- To approve the re-appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent auditors for the 2018 fiscal year and to authorize the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, to fix their remuneration (*Proposal No. 2*);
- To approve a general authorization for the Directors of Flex to allot and issue ordinary shares (*Proposal No. 3*);

•	To hold a non-binding, advisory vote on executive compensation (<i>Proposal No. 4</i>);
• execu	To hold a non-binding, advisory vote on the frequency of the non-binding, advisory vote on tive compensation (<i>Proposal No. 5</i>);
•	To approve the adoption of the Flex Ltd. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan (<i>Proposal No. 6</i>);
• acquir	To approve a renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate permitting Flex to purchase or otherwise e its own issued ordinary shares (<i>Proposal No. 7</i>); and
• No. 8)	To approve changes in the cash compensation payable to Flex s non-employee directors (<i>Proposal</i> .
The full	text of the resolutions proposed for approval by our shareholders is as follows:
	As Ordinary Business
1. Consti	To re-elect each of the following directors, who will retire by rotation pursuant to Article 95 of our tution, to the Board of Directors:
(a)	Mr. Michael D. Capellas; and
(b)	Mr. Marc A. Onetto.
	To consider and vote upon a proposal to re-appoint Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent rs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018, and to authorize our Board of Directors, upon the mendation of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, to fix their remuneration.

The full text of the resolutions proposed for approval by our shareholders is as follows:

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3.	To pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:	

RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 161 of the Singapore Companies Act, Cap. 50, but subject otherwise to the provisions of the Singapore Companies Act, Cap. 50 and our Constitution, authority be and is hereby given to our Directors to:

- (a) (i) allot and issue ordinary shares in our capital; and/or
- (ii) make or grant offers, agreements or options that might or would require ordinary shares in our capital to be allotted and issued, whether after the expiration of this authority or otherwise (including but not limited to the creation and issuance of warrants, debentures or other instruments convertible into ordinary shares in our capital).

at any time to and/or with such persons and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes as our Directors may in their absolute discretion deem fit, and with such rights or restrictions as our Directors may think fit to impose and as are set forth in our Constitution; and

(b) (notwithstanding that the authority conferred by this resolution may have ceased to be in force) allot and issue ordinary shares in our capital in pursuance of any offer, agreement or option made or granted by our Directors while this resolution was in force.

and that such authority shall continue in force until the conclusion of our next annual general meeting or the expiration of the period within which our next annual general meeting is required by law to be held, whichever is the earlier.

4. To consider and put to a non-binding, advisory vote the following non-binding, advisory resolution:

RESOLVED THAT, the shareholders of Flex approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation of the Company s named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of SEC Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the compensation tables and related disclosures contained in the section of the accompanying proxy statement captioned Executive Compensation .

This resolution is being proposed to shareholders as required pursuant to Section 14A of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The shareholders vote on this resolution is advisory and non-binding in nature, will have no legal effect and will not be enforceable against Flex or its Board of Directors.

5.	To consider and put to a non-binding, advisory vote the following non-binding, advisory resolution:
	OLVED THAT, the shareholders of Flex recommend that a non-binding, advisory vote to approve the compensation of the any s named executive officers be put to shareholders for their consideration with one of the following three frequencies:
(a)	every one year;
(b)	every two years; or
(c)	every three years.
as am	esolution is being proposed to shareholders as required pursuant to Section 14A of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, ended. The shareholders—vote on this resolution is advisory and non-binding in nature, will have no legal effect and will not be seable against Flex or its Board of Directors.
6.	To pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:
RES	OLVED THAT, approval be and is hereby given for:
rules	the adoption of a new equity incentive plan to be known as the Flex Ltd. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan we refer to as the 2017 Plan, a summary of which is set out in the attached proxy statement and the of which, for the purpose of identification, have been subscribed to by the Chairman of the Meeting r which
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awards of our ordinary shares in our capital will be granted to selected eligible persons (details of which are set out in the attached proxy statement) which includes (but is not limited to) our employees and directors and those of our subsidiaries and affiliates, officers, members of our Board of Directors (including both employee and non-employee Directors), and consultants of the Company and our subsidiaries and affiliates; and
(b) our Directors to:
(i) establish and administer the 2017 Plan;
(ii) modify and/or alter the 2017 Plan from time to time, provided that such modification and/or alteration is effected in accordance with the provisions of the 2017 Plan, and to do all such acts and to enter into all such transactions, agreements and arrangements as may be necessary or expedient in order to give full effect to the 2017 Plan; and
(iii) offer and/or grant options, restricted share units, share appreciation rights, performance shares, performance share units and any other share-based awards under the 2017 Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the 2017 Plan and to allot and issue from time to time such number of ordinary shares in our capital as may be required to be allotted and issued pursuant to the (1) exercise of options and/or share appreciation rights; and (2) vesting of restricted share units, performance shares, performance share units and/or such other share-based awards under the 2017 Plan, all pursuant to the 2017 Plan.
7. To pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:
RESOLVED THAT:
(a) for the purposes of Sections 76C and 76E of the Singapore Companies Act, Cap. 50, the exercise by our Directors of all of our powers to:
(i) purchase or otherwise acquire issued ordinary shares in the capital of the Company not exceeding in aggregate the number of issued ordinary shares representing 20% of the total number of issued ordinary shares outstanding as of the date of the passing of this Resolution (excluding any ordinary shares which

are held as treasury shares as at that date) at such price or prices as may be determined by our Directors

(A)	market purchases on the NASDAQ Global S	Select Market or any	other stock exchange o	n which our ordinary	shares may for
the ti	me being be listed and quoted; and/or				

(B) off-market purchases (if effected other than on the NASDAQ Global Select Market or, as the case may be, any other stock exchange on which our ordinary shares may for the time being be listed and quoted) in accordance with any equal access scheme(s) as may be determined or formulated by our Directors as they consider fit, which scheme(s) shall satisfy all the conditions prescribed by the Singapore Companies Act, Cap. 50,

and otherwise in accordance with all other laws and regulations and rules of the NASDAQ Global Select Market or, as the case may be, any other stock exchange on which our ordinary shares may for the time being be listed and quoted as may be applicable, be and is hereby authorized and approved generally and unconditionally;

- (b) unless varied or revoked by our shareholders in a general meeting, the authority conferred on our Directors pursuant to the mandate contained in paragraph (a) above may be exercised by our Directors at any time and from time to time during the period commencing from the date of the passing of this resolution and expiring on the earlier of:
- (i) the date on which our next annual general meeting is held; or
- (ii) the date by which our next annual general meeting is required by law to be held;

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- (c) the maximum purchase price (excluding brokerage commission, applicable goods and services tax and other related expenses) which may be paid for an ordinary share purchased or acquired by us pursuant to the mandate contained in paragraph (a) above, shall not exceed:
- (i) in the case of a market purchase of an ordinary share, the highest independent bid or the last independent transaction price, whichever is higher, of our ordinary shares quoted or reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market or, as the case may be, any other stock exchange on which our ordinary shares may for the time being be listed and quoted, or shall not exceed any volume weighted average price, or other price determined under any pricing mechanism, permitted under SEC Rule 10b-18, at the time the purchase is effected; and
- (ii) in the case of an off-market purchase pursuant to an equal access scheme, 150% of the Prior Day Close Price, which means the closing price of our ordinary shares as quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market or, as the case may be, any other stock exchange on which our ordinary shares may for the time being be listed and quoted, on the day immediately preceding the date on which we announce our intention to make an offer for the purchase or acquisition of our ordinary shares from holders of our ordinary shares, stating therein the purchase price (which shall not be more than the maximum purchase price calculated on the foregoing basis) for each ordinary share and the relevant terms of the equal access scheme for effecting the off-market purchase; and
- (d) our Directors and/or any of them be and are hereby authorized to complete and do all such acts and things (including executing such documents as may be required) as they and/or he may consider expedient or necessary to give effect to the transactions contemplated and/or authorized by this resolution.
- 8. To pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

RESOLVED THAT, approval be and is hereby given for Flex to:

- (a) increase from \$85,000 to \$90,000 the annual cash compensation payable to each of Flex s non-employee directors for services rendered as a director;
- (b) increase from \$35,000 to \$40,000 the additional annual cash compensation payable to the Chairman of the Audit Committee;

(c)	increase from \$35,000 to \$40,00	00 the additional a	annual cash d	compensation	payable to the	Chairman
of the	Compensation Committee for se	rvices rendered a	as Chairman	of the Comper	nsation Comm	ittee; and

- (d) increase from \$7,000 to \$15,000 the additional annual cash compensation payable to the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for services rendered as Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.
- 9. To transact any other business which may properly be put before the annual general meeting.

Notes

Singapore Financial Statements. At the 2017 annual general meeting, our shareholders will have the opportunity to discuss and ask any questions that they may have regarding our Singapore audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017, together with the directors—statement and auditors—report thereon, in compliance with Singapore law. Shareholder approval of our audited financial statements is not being sought by this proxy statement and will not be sought at the 2017 annual general meeting.

Eligibility to Vote at Annual General Meeting; Receipt of Notice. The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on June 16, 2017 as the record date for determining those shareholders of the Company who will be entitled to receive copies of this notice and accompanying proxy statement. However, all shareholders of record on August 15, 2017, the date of the 2017 annual general meeting, will be entitled to vote at the 2017 annual general meeting.

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Quorum. Representation of at least 33-1/3% of all outstanding ordinary shares of the Company is required to constitute a quorum to transact business at a general meeting of our shareholders.

Proxies. A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the 2017 annual general meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his or her behalf. A proxy need not also be a shareholder. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we encourage you to vote promptly. You may vote your shares through one of the methods described in the enclosed proxy statement. A proxy card submitted by mail must be received by Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717 not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the 2017 annual general meeting. Please review the instructions on the proxy card and Notice of Availability of Proxy Materials regarding the submission of proxies via the Internet. You may revoke your proxy at any time prior to the time it is voted. Shareholders who are present at the meeting may revoke their proxies and vote in person or, if they prefer, may abstain from voting in person and allow their proxies to be voted.

Availability of Proxy Materials on the Internet. We are pleased to take advantage of Securities and Exchange Commission rules that allow issuers to furnish proxy materials to some or all of their shareholders on the Internet. Our Constitution was amended last year to align with the provisions under the Singapore Companies Act, Cap. 50, which allow and facilitate the posting of proxy materials on the internet at our designated website. We believe these rules will allow us to provide our shareholders with the information they need, while lowering the costs of delivery and reducing the environmental impact of our annual general meeting of shareholders. On or about July 5, 2017, we will mail to most of our shareholders (including all of our registered shareholders) a Notice of Availability of Proxy Materials on the Internet containing instructions on how to access this proxy statement and our annual report and to submit their proxies via the Internet.

Disclosure Regarding Share Purchase Mandate Funds. Only funds legally available for purchasing or acquiring our issued ordinary shares in accordance with our Constitution and the applicable laws of Singapore will be used for the purchase or acquisition by us of our own issued ordinary shares pursuant to the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate referred to in this notice. We intend to use our internal sources of funds and/or borrowed funds to finance the purchase or acquisition of our issued ordinary shares. The amount of financing required for us to purchase or acquire our issued ordinary shares, and the impact on our financial position, cannot be ascertained as of the date of this notice, as these will depend on, among other things, the number of ordinary shares purchased or acquired and the price at which such ordinary shares are purchased or acquired and whether the ordinary shares purchased or acquired are held in treasury or cancelled. Our net tangible assets and the consolidated net tangible assets of the Company and its subsidiaries will be reduced by the purchase price (including any expenses) of any ordinary shares purchased or acquired and cancelled or held as treasury shares. We do not anticipate that the purchase or acquisition of our ordinary shares in accordance with the Share Purchase Mandate would have a material impact on our financial condition and cash flows.

Personal Data Privacy. By submitting an instrument appointing a proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to attend, speak and vote at the 2017 annual general meeting and/or any adjournment thereof, a shareholder of the Company (i) consents to the collection, use and disclosure of the shareholder s personal data by us (or our agents or service providers) for the purpose of the processing, administration and analysis by us (or our agents or service providers) of proxies and representatives appointed for the 2017 annual general meeting (including any adjournment thereof) and the preparation and compilation of the attendance lists, minutes and other documents relating to the 2017 annual general meeting (including any adjournment thereof), and in order for us (or our agents or service providers) to comply with any applicable laws, listing rules, take-over rules, regulations and/or guidelines (collectively, the Purposes), (ii) warrants that where the shareholder discloses the personal data of the shareholder is proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to us (or our agents or service providers), the shareholder has obtained the prior consent of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the collection, use and disclosure by us (or our agents or service providers) of the personal data of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the Purposes, and (iii) agrees that the shareholder will indemnify us in respect of any penalties, liabilities, claims, demands, losses and damages as a result of the shareholder is breach of warranty.

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By order of the Board of Directors,	
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Company Secretary Singapore July 5, 2017

You should read the entire proxy statement carefully prior to returning your proxy card or otherwise submitting your proxy appointment through electronic communications in the manner set out in this proxy statement.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to Be Held on August 15, 2017. The accompanying proxy statement and our annual report to shareholders are available on our website at https://investors.flex.com/financials.

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ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF OUR SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

We have elected to provide access to our proxy materials to our shareholders by notifying them of the availability of our proxy materials on the Internet. On or about July 5, 2017, we will mail to most of our shareholders (including all of our registered shareholders) a Notice of Availability of Proxy Materials on the Internet (referred to as the Notice) containing instructions on how to access this proxy statement and our annual report and to submit their proxies via the Internet. If you hold your shares through a broker, bank or other nominee, rather than directly in your own name, your intermediary will either forward to you printed copies of the proxy materials or will provide you with instructions on how you can access the proxy materials electronically. For beneficial holders and registered shareholders who receive a Notice, instructions on how to request a printed copy of our proxy materials may be found in the Notice.

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Proxy Statement Summary

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PROXY STATEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this proxy statement. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider, and you should read the entire proxy statement carefully before voting. For more complete information regarding the Company s 2017 fiscal year performance, please review the Company s 2017 Annual Report.

2017 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m. Pacific time, August 15, 2017

Place: 6201 America Center Drive, San Jose, CA 95002, U.S.A.

Record Date: June 16, 2017

Voting: All shareholders as of the meeting date are entitled to vote. Each ordinary share is entitled to one vote for each director nominee and one vote for each of the other proposals to be voted on.

Voting Matters at the Annual General Meeting

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Proposal No. 4	Advisory vote on executive compensation	FOR	24

Proposal No. 5	Advisory vote on the frequency of the non-binding, advisory vote on executive compensation	ONE YEAR	27
Proposal No. 6	Adoption of the Flex Ltd. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan	FOR	28
Proposal No. 7	Authorization to repurchase ordinary shares	FOR	38
Proposal No. 8	Approval of changes in the cash compensation payable to our non-employee directors	FOR	42

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How to Cast Your Vote

Your vote is important. You may vote in person at the meeting or by appointing a proxy in accordance with your instructions and we encourage you to vote using any of the below methods:

Vote In Person:

You may choose to vote in person at the meeting. If you are a beneficial holder who holds your shares through a bank, broker or other nominee and you choose to vote in person at the meeting, you must request a legal proxy. To do so, please follow the instructions from your bank, broker or other nominee at www.proxyvote.com. You may also request a paper copy of the materials, which will contain the appropriate instructions.

Vote by Proxy:

Submit Your Proxy via the Internet

at www.proxyvote.com

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the Notice) available and follow the instructions. If you are a beneficial holder who owns your shares through a bank, broker or other nominee, the availability of Internet submission of proxies may depend on the voting process of the organization that holds your shares.

Submit Proxy by Mail

by returning the signed proxy card (or, if you do not have a proxy card, by requesting a paper copy of the materials).

Board Nominees (page 5)

The following table provides summary information about each Director nominee standing for re-election to the Board.

Name	Director Since	Independent (Yes/No)	Committee Memberships	Other Public Company Boards
Michael D. Capellas	2014	Yes	C, N	Cisco Systems, Inc. and MuleSoft, Inc.
Marc A. Onetto	2014	Yes	Α	•

A = Audit Committee

C = C	compensation	Committee
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N = Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

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Business Overview

Headquartered in Singapore, Flex is a globally-recognized, provider of *Sketch-to-Scaletm* services - innovative design, engineering, manufacturing, and supply chain services and solutions from conceptual sketch to full-scale production. We design, build, ship and service complete packaged consumer and industrial products, from athletic shoes to electronics, for companies of all sizes in various industries and end-markets, through our activities in the following segments:

Segment Communications & Enterprise Compute (CEC)

Product Categories

- Telecom business of radio access base stations, remote radio heads, and small cells for wireless infrastructure;
- Networking business, which includes optical communications, routing, broadcasting, and switching products for the data and video networks:
- Server and storage platforms for both enterprise and cloud-based deployments; next generation storage and security appliance products; and
- Rack level solutions, converged infrastructure and software-defined product solutions.

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Consumer Technologies Group (CTG)

- Consumer-related businesses in connected living, wearables, gaming, augmented and virtual reality, fashion and mobile devices;
- Various supply chain solutions for notebook personal computers (PC), tablets, and printers; and
- Expanding our business relationships to include supply chain optimization for non-electronics products such as footwear and clothing.

Industrial and Emerging Industries (IEI)

- Energy and metering, semiconductor tools and capital equipment, office solutions, household industrial and lifestyle, industrial automation and kiosks and lighting.
- High Reliability Solutions (HRS)
- Medical business, including consumer health, digital health, disposables, precision plastics, drug delivery, diagnostics, life sciences and imaging equipment;
- Automotive business, including vehicle electrification, connectivity, autonomous vehicles and clean technologies; and
- Defense and aerospace business, focused on commercial aviation, defense and military.

In fiscal year 2017, we continued our multi-year reorganization and rebalancing of our business portfolio in order to align with our customers—needs and requirements as part of an effort to optimize operating results with a focus on improving profit margins and generating sustainable free cash flow and strong returns on invested capital. We continued to shift our long-term portfolio towards a mix of businesses which possess longer product life cycles and higher margins, such as our IEI and HRS businesses. We also continued to move away from customer solutions that have more short-term volatility and lower margins. This business transformation positions us to meet specific customers—supply chain solutions needs across all of the markets we serve, yield margin improvement, and earn a return on our invested capital above the weighted-average cost of that capital. We are also improving our ability to take advantage of the long-term, future growth prospects for outsourcing of advanced manufacturing capabilities, design and engineering services, and after-market services. Another aspect of our business transformation strategy has been to make targeted investments in technologies and businesses that are complementary to our core business but that represent high growth opportunities with attractive profit margins. For example, in fiscal year 2017, we made targeted investments in our Flex Innovation Labs, Lab IX portfolio companies, our strategic partnership with Nike, and Elementum business that we believe will yield strong long-term results for Flex. The shift away from certain parts of our business limited our short-term top-line revenue growth and created negative year-over-year comparisons on some financial metrics such as revenue, though it places us in a better position to capitalize on long-term revenue growth and enhanced returns on investment and cash flow.

Performance Highlights For Fiscal Year 2017

We delivered strong fiscal year 2017 operating results and continued to execute our business transformation and deliver on our commitment to return value to shareholders. We generated total shareholder returns (TSR) of nearly 40%, which put us in the top 15% of all companies in the S&P 500. Our 3-year TSR was 82%, which was in the top decile of all firms in the S&P 500. We achieved these results in a global economic environment that continued to face a high degree of uncertainty due to

macro-economic factors such as ongoing growth challenges in Europe, concerns of a slowdown in Chinese growth, and political and interest rate uncertainty. Internally, we continued on our business transformation journey during fiscal year 2017 through which we are reorganizing and rebalancing our business portfolio. As a result of an improved cost structure and our strategic business transformation, we delivered solid operating results in fiscal year 2017 and executed on key strategic priorities, including growing our capabilities such as the Flex Innovation Labs, Lab IX, and *Sketch-to-Scale*tm, and our strategic partnerships with Nike and Elementum to expand our innovative offerings. Areas where we saw year-over-year declines mainly represent intentional strategic shifts as a result of our business transformation activities. Highlights(1) include:

- We reported net sales of \$23.9 billion, a decrease of 2% compared to the prior year.
- Grew adjusted operating profit to \$815.2 million, a 3% increase over fiscal year 2016.
- Delivered Adjusted Earnings Per Share (EPS) of \$1.17 per share, a 3% increase over the prior year.

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⁽¹⁾ Adjusted operating profit, adjusted earnings per share, adjusted gross profit, adjusted gross margin and free cash flow are non-GAAP financial measures, and we are including our 2017 results for these measures to show an aspect of our performance. Annex B to this proxy statement contains reconciliations of these measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

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- Adjusted gross profit totaled \$1.7 billion, an increase of 4% compared to the prior year.
- Adjusted gross margin increased to 7.0% of net sales in fiscal year 2017, compared with 6.6% of net sales in fiscal year 2016.
- Generated operating cash flows of \$1.1 billion during the year. The strong cash flow generated from our operations enabled us to return value to shareholders with the repurchase of \$349.5 million of our shares paid in fiscal year 2017.
- Increased free cash flow to \$660.4 million which was up 3% over the prior year and within our communicated range of \$600 to \$700 million annually.
- We had some less favorable year-over-year financial result comparisons due to our ongoing business transformation, though these actions are positioning the Company for enhanced future results.

In addition to the above results, our stock price increased by nearly 40% from \$12.06 at the end of fiscal year 2016 to \$16.80 at the end of fiscal year 2017. This translates into a 1-year TSR of nearly 40% and Flex s 3-year TSR is 82%, which has generated significant value for shareholders and represents results that are in the upper 15% of S&P 500 firms over the same time periods. We believe that this above market performance is the result of having articulated a value-creating strategy and delivering against that strategy.

Executive Compensation Highlights (page 48)

Pay and Performance Alignment For Fiscal Year 2017

As noted above, we delivered strong operating results and shareholder returns during fiscal year 2017. However, given Flex s aggressive operating result goal-setting, our final financial performance was somewhat below our targeted levels. Our compensation philosophy is to reward above-target performance when achieved, and pay zero or below target when favorable results are not delivered. In line with our fiscal year 2017 performance, Flex s NEOs earned short-term incentive awards that recognize our strong financial performance, as well as the fact that we did not fully achieve our targeted performance goals. Highlights include the following:

- Maintained the CEO s base salary with no increase, positioned approximately at the peer median.
- Provided modest base salary increases of less than 4.0% to other NEOs, though overall salary positioning continued to be approximately at our peer group median.
- The CEO and most other NEOs earned a below-target short-term incentive payout of 78.8% of target due to our aggressive internal performance goals.
- Paid out the long-term performance share unit cycle during fiscal year 2017 at 193% of target in May 2016 based upon TSR results that were above target and exceeded market levels over the performance cycle from fiscal year 2014 through fiscal year 2017. The Flex three year free cash flow (FCF) performance share unit cycle paid out at 94.6%, reflecting Flex s more aggressive operating targets.
- Funded the NEOs deferred compensation plans with a value that averaged 26.4% of our NEOs respective base salaries based on fiscal year 2017 results.
- Continued to use fiscal year 2017 long-term incentive grants that balance relative TSR performance share units (PSUs) with a long-term incentive plan (LTIP) that measures cumulative FCF over a multi-year period (from fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2019).
- Granted modest Elementum profits interests unit value awards to certain executives who continue to make significant contributions to our Elementum business.

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Part I Information About the Meeting

FLEX LTD.

PROXY STATEMENT

FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To Be Held on August 15, 2017 9:00 a.m. (Pacific time)

Annual general meeting to be held at our offices 6201 America Center Drive

San Jose, CA 95002, U.S.A.

PART I INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING

We are furnishing this proxy statement in connection with the solicitation by our Board of Directors of proxies to be voted at the 2017 annual general meeting of our shareholders, or at any adjournments thereof, for the purposes set forth in the notice of annual general meeting that accompanies this proxy statement. Unless the context requires otherwise, references in this proxy statement to Flex, the Company, we, us, our and similar terms mean Flex Ltd. and its subsidiaries.

Proxy Mailing. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (which we refer to as the Notice) or the proxy materials and the enclosed proxy card were first mailed on or about July 5, 2017 to shareholders of record as of June 16, 2017.

Costs of Solicitation. The entire cost of soliciting proxies will be borne by us. Following the original mailing of the proxies and other soliciting materials, our directors, officers and employees may also solicit proxies by mail, telephone, e-mail, fax or in person. These directors, officers and employees will not receive additional compensation for those activities, but they may be reimbursed for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

Following the original mailing of the proxies and other soliciting materials, we will request that brokers, custodians, nominees and other record holders of our ordinary shares forward copies of the proxy and other soliciting materials to persons for whom they hold ordinary shares and request authority for the exercise of proxies. In these cases, we will reimburse such holders for their reasonable expenses if they ask that we do so. We have retained D.F. King & Co., an independent proxy solicitation firm, to assist in soliciting proxies at an estimated fee of \$10,000, plus reimbursement of reasonable expenses.

Registered Office. The mailing address of our registered office is No. 2 Changi South Lane, Singapore 486123.

VOTING RIGHTS AND SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

The close of business on June 16, 2017 is the record date for shareholders entitled to notice of our 2017 annual general meeting. All of the ordinary shares issued and outstanding on August 15, 2017, the date of the annual general meeting, are entitled to be voted at the annual general meeting, and shareholders of record on August 15, 2017 and entitled to vote at such meeting will, on a poll, have one vote for each ordinary share so held on the matters to be voted upon. As of June 16, 2017, we had 531,607,660 ordinary shares issued and outstanding.

Proxies. Ordinary shares represented by proxies in the form accompanying this proxy statement that are properly executed and returned to us will be voted at the 2017 annual general meeting in accordance with our shareholders instructions.

If your ordinary shares are held through a broker, a bank, or other nominee, which is sometimes referred to as holding shares in street name, you have the right to instruct your broker, bank or other nominee on how to vote the shares in your account. Your broker, bank or other nominee will send you a voting instruction form for you to use to direct how your shares should be voted.

Quorum and Required Vote. Representation at the 2017 annual general meeting of at least 33-1/3% of all of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares is required to constitute a quorum to transact business at the annual general meeting.

- Consistent with the Company s historical practice, the chair of the 2017 annual general meeting will demand a poll in order to enable the ordinary shares represented in person or by proxy to be counted for voting purposes.
- The affirmative vote by a simple majority of the votes cast is required at the 2017 annual general meeting, to re-elect the directors nominated pursuant to Proposal No. 1, to re-appoint Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent auditors pursuant to Proposal No. 2, to approve the ordinary resolution to allot and issue ordinary shares contained in Proposal No. 3, to approve the non-binding, advisory resolution regarding executive compensation contained in Proposal No. 4, to approve the adoption of the Flex Ltd. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan contained in Proposal No. 6, to approve the ordinary resolution to renew the Share Purchase Mandate contained in Proposal No. 7 and to approve the changes in the cash compensation payable to our non-employee directors contained in Proposal No. 8. For Proposal No. 5, which is a non-binding, advisory vote on the frequency of the advisory vote on executive compensation, the choice that receives the highest number of non-binding affirmative votes will be deemed the choice of the shareholders.

Under the Companies Act (Chapter 50) of Singapore, which we refer to as the Singapore Companies Act or the Companies Act, and our Constitution, the shareholders may by passing an ordinary resolution requiring the simple majority of affirmative votes of shareholders present and voting at an annual general meeting, remove an incumbent director and appoint another person as director to replace the removed director provided that such shareholders have satisfied the procedural requirements and deadlines set forth in the Companies Act and our Constitution.

Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes. Abstentions and broker non-votes are considered present and entitled to vote at the 2017 annual general meeting for purposes of determining a quorum. A broker non-vote occurs when a broker, a bank or other nominee who holds shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the broker, bank or other nominee has not received directions from the beneficial owner and does not have discretionary power to vote on that particular proposal. If a broker, bank or other nominee indicates on the proxy card that it does not have discretionary authority to vote as to a particular matter, those shares, along with any abstentions, will not be counted in the tabulation of the votes cast on the proposal being presented to shareholders.

If you are a beneficial owner, your broker, bank or other nominee has authority to vote your shares for or against the re-appointment of our independent auditors, even if the broker does not receive voting instructions from you. Your broker, bank or other nominee, however, does not have the discretion to vote your shares on any other proposals included in this proxy statement without receiving voting instructions from you. It is very important that you instruct your broker, bank or other nominee how to vote on these proposals. If you do not complete the voting instructions, your shares will not be considered in the election of directors or any other proposal included in this proxy statement other than the re-appointment of our independent auditors.

If you are a registered shareholder, in the absence of contrary instructions, shares represented by proxies submitted by you will be voted at the 2017 annual general meeting: FOR each of the Board nominees in Proposal No. 1; FOR Proposal Nos. 2 through 4 and Nos. 6 through 8 and for ONE YEAR for Proposal No. 5 regarding the advisory vote on the frequency of the advisory vote on executive compensation. Our management does not know of any matters to be presented at the 2017 annual general meeting other than those set forth in this proxy statement and in the notice accompanying this proxy statement. If other matters should properly be put before the meeting, the proxy holders will vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

Any shareholder of record has the right to revoke his or her proxy at any time prior to voting at the 2017 annual general meeting by:

- submitting a subsequently dated proxy; or
- by attending the meeting and voting in person.

If you are a beneficial holder who holds your ordinary shares through a broker, a bank or other nominee and you wish to change or revoke your voting instructions, you will need to contact the broker, the bank or other nominee who holds your shares and follow their instructions. If you are a beneficial holder and not the shareholder of record, you may not vote your

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shares in person at the 2017 annual general meeting unless you obtain a legal proxy from the record holder giving you the right to vote the shares.

Singapore Financial Statements; Monetary Amounts. We have prepared, in accordance with Singapore law, Singapore statutory financial statements, which are posted to our website at https://investors.flex.com/financials. Except as otherwise stated herein, all monetary amounts in this proxy statement have been presented in U.S. dollars.

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Part II Proposals to be Considered at the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

Proposal No. 1: Re-Election of Directors

PART II PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

PROPOSAL NO. 1: RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Article 94 of our Constitution requires that at each annual general meeting one-third of the directors (or, if their number is not a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not more than one-third of the directors) are required to retire from office. The directors required to retire in each year are those who have been in office the longest since their last re-election or appointment. As between persons who became or were last re-elected directors on the same day, those required to retire are (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) determined by lot. Under Article 90 of our Constitution, any director holding office as a Chief Executive Officer shall not be subject to retirement by rotation, unless the Board of Directors determines otherwise, or be taken into account in determining the number of directors required to retire by rotation. As a result, Mr. McNamara, as our Chief Executive Officer and also being one of our directors, is not subject to retirement by rotation or taken into account in determining the number of directors required to retire by rotation. Under Article 100 of our Constitution, any director appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy or as an additional director shall not be taken into account in determining the number of directors required to retire by rotation. No directors were appointed as additional directors or appointed to fill a vacancy since our 2016 annual general meeting.

Retiring directors are eligible for re-election. Messrs. Michael D. Capellas and Marc A. Onetto are the members of our Board of Directors who will retire by rotation at our 2017 annual general meeting. Messrs. Capellas and Onetto are each eligible for re-election and have been nominated to stand for re-election at the 2017 annual general meeting. If either nominee fails to receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present and voting on the resolution to approve his re-election (that is, if the number of shares voted FOR the director nominee does not exceed the number of votes cast AGAINST that nominee), he will not be re-elected to the Board and the number of incumbent Directors comprising the Board of Directors will be reduced accordingly. Abstentions, if any, will have no effect.

The proxy holders intend to vote all proxies received by them in the accompanying form of proxy card for the nominees for directors listed below under Nominees to our Board of Directors. In the event that any nominee is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the 2017 annual general meeting, the proxies will be voted for any nominee who shall be designated by the present Board of Directors of the Company, in accordance with Article 99 of our Constitution, to fill the vacancy.

As of the date of this proxy statement, our Board of Directors is not aware of any nominee who is unable or will decline to serve as a director.

Qualifications of Directors and Nominees

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for assessing the composition and performance of the Board of Directors and Committees of the Board of Directors and for recruiting, evaluating and recommending candidates to be presented for appointment or election to serve as members of the Board of Directors. In evaluating our Board of Directors, our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has considered that our directors, including our nominees for election as directors, have experience as officers, directors and private equity investors of large, complex technology companies. In these positions, they have also gained experience in core management skills that are important to their service on our Board of Directors, such as international business, supply chain management, strategic and financial planning, compliance, risk management, intellectual property matters and leadership development. Our directors also have experience serving on the boards of directors and board committees of other public companies, which provides them with an understanding of current corporate governance practices and trends and executive compensation matters. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also believes that our directors have other key attributes that are important to an effective board, including the highest professional and personal ethics and values, a broad diversity of business experience and expertise, an understanding of our business and industry, a high level of education, broad-based business acumen, and the ability to think strategically.

In addition to the qualifications described above, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also considered the specific experience described in the biographical details that follow in determining whether each individual nominee or director should serve on our Board of Directors.

The following are biographical details for the nominees to our Board of Directors:

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Nominees to our Board of Directors

Michael D. Capellas, Chairman of the Board

Principal, Capellas

Strategic Partners

Director Since: 2014

Age: 62

Board Committees:

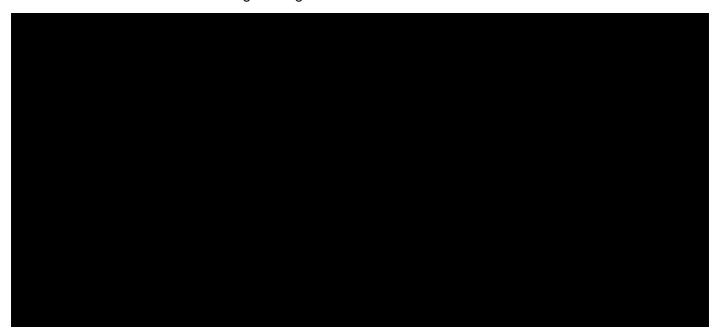
Compensation Committee

Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee (Chair)

Summary: Mr. Capellas has served as our non-executive Chairman of the Board since June 2017 and as a member of our Board of Directors since March 2014. He has served as Principal at Capellas Strategic Partners since June 2013. He served as the Chairman of the Board of VCE Company, LLC (VCE) from January 2011 until November 2012 and as VCE s Chief Executive Officer from May 2010 to September 2011. VCE is a joint venture between EMC Corporation and Cisco with investments from VMware, Inc. and Intel Corporation. Mr. Capellas was the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of First Data Corporation from September 2007 to March 2010. From October 2006 to July 2007, Mr. Capellas served as a Senior Advisor at Silver Lake Partners. From November 2002 to January 2006, he served as Chief Executive Officer of MCI, Inc. (MCI), previously WorldCom, Inc. From March 2004 to January 2006, he also served as that company s President. From November 2002 to March 2004, he was also Chairman of the Board of WorldCom, and he continued to serve as a member of the board of directors of MCI until January 2006. Mr. Capellas left MCI as planned in early January 2006 upon its acquisition by Verizon Communications Inc. Previously, Mr. Capellas was President of Hewlett-Packard Company from May 2002 to November 2002. Before the merger of Hewlett-Packard and Compag Computer Corporation in May 2002, Mr. Capellas held various positions including President and Chief Executive Officer of Compag, a position he had held since July 1999, and Chairman of the Board of Compag, a position he had held since September 2000. Mr. Capellas held earlier positions as Chief Information Officer and Chief Operating Officer of Compag. Mr. Capellas currently serves on the boards of directors of Cisco Systems, Inc. and MuleSoft, Inc., where he is the lead independent director.

Qualifications: Mr. Capellas brings experience in executive roles and a background of leading global organizations in the technology industry. Through this experience, he has developed expertise in several valued areas including strategic product development, business development, and finance.

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Directors Not Standing for Re-election

The following are the biographical details for our directors not standing for re-election. On June 29, 2017, Mr. Raymond Bingham resigned from his position as director (including his positions as Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee).

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Michael M. McNamara

Summary: Mr. McNamara has served as a member of our Board of Directors since October 2005, and as our Chief Executive Officer since

January 1, 2006. Prior to his appointment as Chief Executive Officer, Mr. McNamara served as our Chief Operating Officer from January 2002

until January 2006, as President, Americas Operations from April 1997 through December 2001, and as Vice President, North American

Operations from April 1994 to April 1997. Mr. McNamara currently serves on the board of directors of Workday, Inc. and is on the Advisory Board of

Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management and on the Presidential CEO Advisory Board of Massachusetts Institute of

Technology (MIT). Mr. McNamara previously served on the board of

Delphi Automotive LLP.

CEO, Flex Ltd.

Director Since: 2005

Age: 60

Board Committees:

None

Qualifications: Mr. McNamara s long service with the Company, extensive leadership and management experience in international operations and his service on other public company boards provide invaluable perspective to the Board. In addition, as the only management representative on our Board, Mr. McNamara provides management perspective in Board discussions about the business and strategic

direction of the Company.

Daniel H. Schulman

President and CEO, PayPal Holdings, Inc.

Director Since: 2009

Age: 59

Summary: Mr. Schulman has served as a member of our Board of Directors since June 2009. Since September 2014, Mr. Schulman has served as the President and CEO of PayPal Holdings, Inc. Previously, Mr. Schulman served as group president of the Enterprise Growth Group at American Express. Prior to that, Mr. Schulman served as the President of Sprint s Prepaid Group from November 2009 and, from 2001, was Chief Executive Officer and Director for Virgin Mobile USA, a wireless service provider. Mr. Schulman also served as the President, and then Chief Executive Officer, of Priceline.com from June 1999 to May 2001. Prior to joining Priceline, Mr. Schulman served more than 18 years at AT&T. Mr. Schulman currently serves as a director of PayPal Holdings, Inc. and as Chairman of the board of directors of Symantec Corporation and a member of its compensation and nominating and governance committees.

Mr. Schulman currently is a board member of Autism Speaks.

Board Committees:

Compensation Committee (Chair)

Qualifications: Mr. Schulman has extensive senior management experience as a chief executive officer and governance expertise as a director, and he possesses the knowledge and expertise necessary to contribute an important viewpoint on a wide variety of governance and operational issues. Mr. Schulman s experience in the wireless and telecommunications sectors is particularly valuable to us as we continually

Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee

enhance the competitive positioning of our segment offerings, such as those in infrastructure and

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Willy C. Shih, Ph.D.

Professor of Management Practice, Harvard Business School

Director Since: 2008

Age: 66

Board Committees:

Compensation Committee

Lay Koon Tan

Former President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of STATS ChipPAC Ltd.

Director Since: 2012

Age: 58

Board Committees:

Audit Committee

Summary: Dr. Shih has served as a member of our Board of Directors since January 2008. Dr. Shih is currently a Professor of Management Practice at the Harvard Business School, a position he has held since January 2007. Dr. Shih s broad industry career experience includes significant accomplishments for globally recognized organizations such as Kodak, IBM, Silicon Graphics and Thomson. From August 2005 to September 2006, Dr. Shih served as Executive Vice President of Thomson, a provider of digital video technologies. He was an intellectual property consultant from February to August 2005, and from 1997 to 2005 served as Senior Vice President of Eastman Kodak Company. Dr. Shih holds a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley and S.B. degrees in Chemistry and Life Sciences from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Shih previously served on the board of directors of Atheros Communications, Inc.

Qualifications: Dr. Shih s broad experience in the technology industry and with international corporations, as well as his current role at a premier educational institution, provide the Board with key perspectives relating to the Company s operations and ongoing initiatives. In addition, Dr. Shih s experience in teaching and consulting provide him with significant insight into strategic alternatives that are available to technology companies.

Summary: Mr. Tan has served as a member of our Board of Directors since March 2012. He previously served as the President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of STATS ChipPAC Ltd. from August 2004 to November 2015 and of its predecessor, ST Assembly Test Services Ltd., since June 2002. Mr. Tan joined ST Assembly Test Services Ltd. in May 2000 as its Chief Financial Officer, and in August 2004, he led the formation of STATS ChipPAC Ltd. with the acquisition of ChipPAC, Inc., becoming the combined company s founding President and Chief Executive Officer. Prior to joining ST Assembly Test Services Ltd., Mr. Tan was an investment banker with Salomon Smith Barney, the global investment banking unit of Citigroup Inc. Before that, he held various senior positions in government and financial institutions in Singapore. Mr. Tan graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering (First Class Honors) from the University of Adelaide, Australia as a Colombo Plan Scholar. He also has a Master of Business Administration (Distinction) from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania where he was elected a Palmer scholar.

Qualifications: Mr. Tan s extensive background in financial and investment matters provides a critical perspective to the Board in these areas, and his executive leadership experience, serving as a chief executive officer and chief financial officer of large international technology-related corporations, enables him to provide the Board with invaluable operational insight.

William D. Watkins

Former Chief Executive Officer of Imergy Power Systems, Inc.

Director Since: 2009

Age: 64

Board Committees:

Audit Committee

Summary: Mr. Watkins has served as a member of our Board of Directors since April 2009. Mr. Watkins was Chief Executive Officer of Imergy Power Systems, Inc., a leading innovator in cost-effective energy storage products from September 2013, and appointed Chairman of the Board in January 2015, until August 2016. He previously served as Chairman of the Board of Bridgelux, Inc. from February 2013 to December 2013 and as its Chief Executive Officer from January 2010 to February 2013. He previously served as Seagate Technology s Chief Executive Officer from 2004 through January 2009, and as Seagate s President and Chief Operating Officer from 2000 until 2004. During that time, he was responsible for Seagate s hard disc drive operations, including recording heads, media and other components, and related R&D and product development organizations. Mr. Watkins joined Seagate in 1996 with the company s merger with Conner Peripherals. Mr. Watkins currently serves on the board of directors of Maxim Integrated Products, Inc.

Qualifications: Mr. Watkins s operational expertise and broad experience in the technology industry and with international corporations, particularly with product development companies, provides critical insight and perspective relating to the

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Lawrence A. Zimmerman
Former Vice Chairman and
CFO, Xerox Corporation

Director Since: 2012

Age: 74

Board Committees:

Audit Committee (Chair)

Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee

Summary: Mr. Zimmerman has served as a member of our Board of Directors since October 2012. Mr. Zimmerman has extensive experience in corporate finance and accounting, having previously served at Xerox Corporation as Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer from 2009 to 2011 and as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from 2002 to 2009. Prior to that, he spent 32 years with IBM, holding various senior finance positions, including Corporate Controller. Mr. Zimmerman currently serves on the board of directors of Delphi Automotive PLC, and previously served on the boards of Brunswick Corporation from 2006 to 2015 and Computer Sciences Corporation from 2012 to 2014.

Qualifications: Mr. Zimmerman s distinguished career and his extensive experience in corporate finance and accounting, serving as a chief financial officer and corporate controller of large international corporations, provides the Board with the critical perspective of someone familiar with all facets of corporate finance and accounting.

The Board recommends a vote FOR

the re-election of each of Messrs. Capellas and Onetto

to our Board of Directors.

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Part II Proposals to be Considered at the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

Corporate Governance

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all of our directors, officers and employees (including our principal executive officer, our principal financial officer and our principal accounting officer). The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on the Corporate Governance page of the Investor Relations section of our website at www.flex.com. In accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (or SEC), we intend to disclose on the Corporate Governance page of our website any amendment (other than technical, administrative or other non-substantive amendments) to, or any material waiver from, a provision of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, controller or persons performing similar functions.

Shareholder Communications with our Board of Directors

Our shareholders may communicate with our Board of Directors by sending an e-mail to Board@flextronics.com. All e-mails received will be sent to the Chairman of the Board and our Chief Financial Officer and/or Senior Vice President, Finance. The e-mail correspondence is regularly reviewed and summaries are provided to the full Board.

Board of Directors

Our Constitution gives our Board of Directors general powers to manage our business. The Board oversees and provides policy guidance on our strategic and business planning processes, oversees the conduct of our business by senior management and is principally responsible for the succession planning for our key executives, including our Chief Executive Officer.

Our Board of Directors held a total of eight meetings during fiscal year 2017. During the period for which each current director was a director or a committee member, each director attended at least 75% of the aggregate of the total number of meetings of our Board in fiscal year 2017 together with the total number of meetings held by all committees of our Board on which he served. During fiscal year 2017, our non-employee directors met at regularly scheduled executive sessions without management participation.

Our Board has adopted a policy that encourages each director to attend the annual general meeting, but attendance is not required. All of our directors attended the Company s 2016 annual general meeting.

Director Independence

To assist our Board of Directors in determining the independence of our directors, the Board has adopted Director Independence Guidelines that incorporate the definition of independence adopted by The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC, which we refer to as Nasdaq in this proxy statement. Our Board has determined that each of the Company's directors who served in fiscal year 2017, other than Mr. McNamara, is an independent director as defined by the applicable rules of Nasdaq and our Director Independence Guidelines (including Mr. Bingham, who resigned in June 2017). Under the Nasdaq definition and our Director Independence Guidelines, a director is independent only if the Board determines that the director does not have any relationship that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. In addition, under the Nasdaq definition and our Director Independence Guidelines, a director will not be independent if the director has certain disqualifying relationships. In evaluating independence, the Board broadly considers all relevant facts and circumstances. Our Director Independence Guidelines are included in our Guidelines with Regard to Certain Governance Matters, a copy of which is available on the Corporate Governance page of our website at www.flex.com.

Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight

Our Board of Directors currently consists of eight directors, each of whom, other than Mr. McNamara, is independent under the Company s Director Independence Guidelines and the applicable rules of Nasdaq. Mr. McNamara has served as our Chief Executive Officer, or CEO, since January 1, 2006, and as a member of our Board of Directors since October 2005. The Board has separated the roles of Chairman and CEO since 2003. Mr. Bingham served as Chairman of the Board from 2008 until his resignation on June 29, 2017. The Board appointed Mr. Capellas, an independent director, as Chairman of the Board, effective upon Mr. Bingham s resignation on June 29, 2017.

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Our Board of Directors believes that the most effective Board leadership structure for the Company at the present time is for the roles of CEO and Chairman of the Board to be separated, and for the Chairman of the Board to be an independent director. Under this structure, our CEO is generally responsible for setting the strategic direction for the Company and for providing the day-to-day leadership over the Company is operations, while the Chairman of the Board provides guidance to the CEO, sets the agenda for meetings of the Board and presides over Board meetings. Our Board of Directors believes that having an independent Chairman set the agenda and establish the priorities and procedures for the work of the Board provides a greater role for the independent directors in the oversight of the Company, and also provides the continuity of leadership necessary for the Board to fulfill its responsibilities. This leadership structure is supplemented by the fact that all of our directors, other than Mr. McNamara, are independent and all of the committees of the Board are composed solely of, and chaired by, independent directors. In addition, our non-employee directors meet at regularly scheduled executive sessions without management participation. The Board retains the authority to modify this leadership structure as and when appropriate to best address the Company is unique circumstances at any given time and to serve the best interests of our shareholders.

Our Board of Directors role in risk oversight involves both the full Board of Directors and its committees. The Audit Committee is charged with the primary role in carrying out risk oversight responsibilities on behalf of the Board. Pursuant to its charter, the Audit Committee reviews the Company s policies and practices with respect to risk assessment and risk management, including discussing with management the Company s major risk exposures and the steps that have been taken to monitor and mitigate such exposures. The Company s enterprise risk management process is designed to identify risks that could affect the Company s achievement of business goals and strategies, to assess the likelihood and potential impact of significant risks to the Company s business, and to prioritize risk control and mitigation. Our Chief Financial Officer, our General Counsel and our Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer periodically report on the Company s risk management policies and practices to relevant Board committees and to the full Board. The Audit Committee reviews the Company s major financial risk exposures as well as major operational, compliance, reputational and strategic risks, including steps to monitor, manage and mitigate those risks. In addition, each of the other Board committees is responsible for oversight of risk management practices for categories of risks relevant to their functions. For example, the Compensation Committee has oversight responsibility for the Company s overall compensation structure, including review of its compensation practices, with a view to assessing associated risk. See Compensation Risk Assessment. The Board as a group is regularly updated on specific risks in the course of its review of corporate strategy, business plans and reports to the Board by its respective committees. The Board believes that its leadership structure supports its risk oversight function by providing a greater role for the independent directors in the oversight of the Company.

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Board Committees

The standing committees of our Board of Directors are the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The table below provides current membership for each of these committees.

Name Michael D. Capellas	Independent	Financial Expert	Audit Committee	Compensation Committee	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee
Marc A. Onetto					
Daniel H. Schulman					
Willy C. Shih, Ph.D.					
Lay Koon Tan					
William D. Watkins					
Lawrence A. Zimmerman					
= Committee Mem	ıber				
= Committee Chai	r				

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is currently composed of Messrs. Marc A. Onetto, Lay Koon Tan, William D. Watkins and Lawrence A. Zimmerman, each of whom the Board has determined to be independent and to meet the financial experience requirements under both the rules of the SEC and the listing standards of Nasdaq. The Board has also determined that each of Messrs. Tan, Watkins and Zimmerman is an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of the rules of the SEC and is financially sophisticated within the meaning of the rules of Nasdaq. The Audit Committee held eight meetings during fiscal year 2017 and regularly meets in executive sessions without management present. The committee s principal functions are to:

• monitor and evaluate periodic reviews of the adequacy of the accounting and financial reporting processes and systems of internal control that are conducted by our financial and senior management, and our independent auditors;

•	be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of our
indeper	ndent auditors (including resolution of any disagreements between our management and the
auditors	s regarding financial reporting); and

•	facilitate communication among our independent auditors, our financial and senior management
and our	Board.

Our Board has adopted an Audit Committee Charter that is available on the Corporate Governance page of the Investor Relations section of our website at www.flex.com.

Compensation Committee

Responsibilities and Meetings

The Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing and approving the goals and objectives relating to, and recommending to our Board the compensation of, our Chief Executive Officer and all other executive officers. The committee also oversees management s decisions concerning the performance and compensation of other officers, administers the Company s equity compensation plans and regularly evaluates the effectiveness of our

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overall executive compensation program. The Compensation Committee is currently composed of Messrs. Capellas and Schulman and Dr. Shih, each of whom our Board has determined to be an independent director under the applicable listing standards of Nasdaq. The committee held five meetings during fiscal year 2017 and regularly meets in executive sessions without management present. The specific powers and responsibilities of the Compensation Committee are set forth in more detail in the Compensation Committee Charter, which is available on the Corporate Governance page of the Investor Relations section of our website at www.flex.com.

Delegation of Authority

When appropriate, our Compensation Committee may form, and delegate authority to, subcommittees. In addition, in accordance with the Company s equity compensation plans, the Compensation Committee s charter allows the committee to delegate to our Chief Executive Officer its authority to grant share options to employees of the Company who are not directors or executive officers.

Compensation Processes and Procedures

The Compensation Committee evaluates our compensation programs and makes recommendations to our Board regarding compensation to be paid or awarded to our executive officers. As part of its process, the Compensation Committee meets with our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and members of our human resources department to obtain recommendations with respect to the structure of our compensation programs, as well as an assessment of the performance of individual executives and recommendations on compensation for individual executives. In addition, the Compensation Committee has the authority to retain and terminate any third-party compensation consultant and to obtain advice and assistance from internal and external legal, accounting and other advisors. In connection with our 2017 fiscal year compensation review, the Compensation Committee engaged Mercer Human Resources Consulting, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. (referred to in this proxy statement as Mercer) as its independent adviser for certain executive compensation matters. Mercer was retained by the Compensation Committee to provide an independent review of the Company s executive compensation programs, including an analysis of both the competitive market and the design of the programs. More specifically, Mercer furnished the Compensation Committee with reports on peer company practices relating to the following matters: short and long-term compensation program design; annual share utilization and shareowner dilution levels resulting from equity plans; and executive share ownership and retention values. As part of its reports to the Compensation Committee, Mercer evaluated our peer companies, and provided competitive compensation data and analysis relating to the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and our other executives and senior officers. Mercer also assisted the Compensation Committee with its risk assessment of our compensation programs.

The Compensation Committee relied on input from Mercer in evaluating management s recommendations and arriving at the Compensation Committee s recommendations to the Board with respect to the elements of compensation discussed below under *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* for fiscal year 2017 compensation. The Compensation Committee expects that it will continue to retain a compensation consultant on future executive compensation matters.

Relationship with Compensation Consultant

During our 2017 fiscal year, Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. (the parent company of Mercer) and its affiliates, which we refer to collectively as Marsh, were retained by the Company to provide services unrelated to executive and director compensation matters. These services included various benefits and retirement consulting engagements and data purchases. The decision to engage Marsh for these other services was made by management. Although aware of such other services, our Compensation Committee did not review or approve such other services provided by Marsh, which services were approved by management in the ordinary course of business. The aggregate fees paid for those other services in fiscal year 2017 were approximately \$304,000. Mercer s fees in connection with providing consulting services with respect to the compensation of our executive officers and non-employee directors in fiscal year 2017 were approximately \$297,000.

Our Compensation Committee has determined that the provision by Marsh of services unrelated to executive and director compensation matters in fiscal year 2017 was compatible with maintaining the objectivity of Mercer in its role as compensation consultant to the committee and that the consulting advice it received from Mercer was not influenced by Marsh s other relationships with the Company. The Compensation Committee is sensitive to the concern that the services provided by Marsh, and the related fees, could impair the objectivity and independence of Mercer, and the committee believes that it is important that objectivity be maintained. However, the committee also recognizes that the services

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provided by Marsh are valuable to the Company and that it could be inefficient and not in the Company s interest to use a separate firm to provide those services at this time. In addition, the Compensation Committee has confirmed that Mercer and Marsh maintain appropriate safeguards to assure that the consulting services provided by Mercer are not influenced by the Company s business relationship with Marsh. Specifically, Mercer provided to the Compensation Committee an annual update on Mercer s and Marsh s financial relationship with the Company and assurances that members of Mercer who perform consulting services for the Compensation Committee have a reporting relationship and compensation determined separately from Marsh s other lines of business and from its other work for the Company.

Mercer also represented to the Compensation Committee that there are no personal or business relationships between the Mercer account manager and any member of the committee or a named executive officer beyond the Flex relationship. Further, the Mercer account manager does not directly own any Flex shares (although some of his investments controlled solely by independent, third-party managers may own Flex shares by way of indexed funds). Based on the above and other factors, including the factors set forth under Rule 10C-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (referred to in this proxy as the Exchange Act), the committee assessed the independence of Mercer and concluded that no conflict of interest exists that would prevent Mercer from independently representing the committee.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

During our 2017 fiscal year, Messrs. Capellas and Schulman and Dr. Shih served as members of the Compensation Committee. None of our executive officers served on the Compensation Committee during our 2017 fiscal year. None of our directors has interlocking or other relationships with other boards, compensation committees or our executive officers that require disclosure under Item 407(e)(4) of SEC Regulation S-K.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is currently composed of Messrs. Schulman and Zimmerman, each of whom our Board has determined to be an independent director under the applicable listing standards of Nasdaq. In addition, Mr. Bingham served as Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee until his resignation from the Board in June 2017. Mr. Capellas became Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee following Mr. Bingham s resignation. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee held five meetings during fiscal year 2017 and regularly meets in executive sessions without management present. The committee recruits, evaluates and recommends candidates for appointment or election as members of our Board. The committee is also responsible for shaping and overseeing the application of the Company s corporate governance policies and procedures, including recommending corporate governance guidelines to the Board. In addition, the committee oversees the Board s annual self-evaluation process and any Board communications with shareholders. In addition, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews and makes recommendations to our Board for the compensation of our non-employee directors. Our Board has adopted a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter that is available on the Corporate Governance page of the Investor Relations section of our website at www.flex.com.

The goal of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is to ensure that our Board possesses a variety of perspectives and skills derived from high-quality business and professional experience. Although the Board does not have a formal policy on diversity, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks to achieve a balance and diversity of knowledge, experience and capability on our Board, while maintaining a sense of collegiality and cooperation that is conducive to a productive working relationship within the Board and between the Board and management. In addition, the committee seeks nominees with the highest professional and personal ethics and values, an understanding of our business and industry, a high level of education, broad-based business acumen, and the ability to think strategically. Although the committee uses these and other criteria to evaluate potential nominees, we have no stated minimum criteria for nominees.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee generally recruits, evaluates and recommends nominees for our Board based upon recommendations by our directors and management or third-party search firms (which the Company retains from time to time to help identify potential candidates). The committee will also consider recommendations submitted by our shareholders. The committee does not have different standards for evaluating nominees depending on whether they are proposed by our directors and management or by our shareholders. Shareholders can recommend qualified candidates for our Board to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee by submitting recommendations to our corporate secretary at Flex Ltd., 2 Changi South Lane, Singapore 486123. Submissions that are received and meet the criteria outlined above will be forwarded to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for review and consideration. Shareholder recommendations for our 2018 annual general meeting should be made not

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later than March 7, 2018 to ensure adequate time for meaningful consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. To date, we have not received any such recommendations from our shareholders.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also reviews and makes recommendations to our Board for the compensation of our non-employee directors. To assist the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in its periodic review of director compensation, our management provides director compensation data compiled from the annual reports and proxy statements of companies in our peer comparison group. In addition, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee retained Mercer to assist the committee in its review of our non-employee director compensation program. This review was conducted to establish whether the compensation paid to our non-employee directors was competitive when compared to the practices of our peer group of companies. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviewed, among other things, the existing cash compensation of our non-employee directors, and the grant date fair value of restricted share unit awards. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, with the assistance of Mercer, has also taken into consideration compensation trends for outside directors and the implementation of our share ownership guidelines for non-employee directors. The current compensation payable to our non-employee directors and our Chairman of the Board is discussed in the section below captioned Non-Management Directors Compensation for Fiscal Year 2017. The Company is seeking shareholder approval for certain changes to the cash compensation of our non-employee directors. For additional information, see the section entitled Proposal No. 8: Ordinary Resolution to Approve Changes to the Cash Compensation Payable to our Non-Employee Directors beginning on page 42 of this proxy statement.

Director Share Ownership Guidelines

At the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, our Board of Directors adopted share ownership guidelines for our non-employee directors in July 2009 in connection with its review of our non-employee directors compensation. The ownership guidelines encourage our non-employee directors to hold a minimum number of our ordinary shares equivalent to \$340,000 in value. The guidelines encourage our non-employee directors to reach this goal within five years of the date that the Board approved the guidelines or the date of their election to our Board of Directors, whichever is later, and to hold at least such minimum value in shares for as long as he or she serves on our Board. All of our non-employee directors have already met the minimum requirements of the share ownership guidelines or are on target to be in compliance with the requirements of the guidelines by the date of the annual general meeting. Additionally, in fiscal year 2018, the Board of Directors adopted revised ownership guidelines encouraging non-employee directors to hold a minimum number of our ordinary shares equivalent to four times their annual retaines.

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Part II Proposals to be Considered at the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

Non-Management Directors Compensation for Fiscal Year 2017

NON-MANAGEMENT DIRECTORS COMPENSATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

The key objective of our non-employee directors compensation program is to attract and retain highly qualified directors with the necessary skills, experience and character to oversee our management. By using a combination of cash and equity-based compensation, the compensation program is designed to recognize the time commitment, expertise and potential liability relating to active Board service, while aligning the interests of our Board of Directors with the long-term interests of our shareholders. In accordance with the policy of our Board of Directors, we do not pay management directors for Board service in addition to their regular employee compensation. For a discussion of the compensation paid to our only management director, Mr. McNamara, for services provided as our CEO, see the sections of this proxy statement entitled *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* and *Executive Compensation*.

In addition to the compensation provided to our non-employee directors, which is detailed below, each non-employee director is reimbursed for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attending in-person meetings of the Board of Directors and Board committees, as well as for any fees incurred in attending continuing education courses for directors.

Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Cash Compensation

Under the Singapore Companies Act, we may only provide cash compensation to our non-employee directors for services rendered in their capacity as directors with the prior approval of our shareholders at a general meeting. Our shareholders approved the current cash compensation arrangements for our non-employee directors at our 2009, 2011, and 2014 annual general meetings. The current arrangements include the following compensation:

- annual cash compensation of \$85,000, payable quarterly in arrears to each non-employee director for services rendered as a director;
- additional annual cash compensation of \$100,000, payable quarterly in arrears to the Chairman of the Board of Directors for services rendered as Chairman of the Board (in addition to the regular cash compensation payable to a member of the Board for services rendered as a director and for service on any Board committee, including service as Chairman of any Board committee);

- additional annual cash compensation of \$35,000, payable quarterly in arrears to the Chairman of the Audit Committee for services rendered as Chairman of the Audit Committee;
- additional annual cash compensation of \$15,000, payable quarterly in arrears to each member who serves on the Audit Committee (including the Chairman of the Audit Committee) for participation on the committee:
- additional annual cash compensation of \$35,000, payable quarterly in arrears to the Chairman of the Compensation Committee for services rendered as Chairman of the Compensation Committee;
- additional annual cash compensation of \$15,000, payable quarterly in arrears to each member who serves on the Compensation Committee (including the Chairman of the Compensation Committee) for participation on the committee;
- additional annual cash compensation of \$7,000, payable quarterly in arrears to the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for services rendered as Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee;
- additional annual cash compensation of \$8,000, payable quarterly in arrears to each member who serves on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (including the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee) for participation on the committee; and
- additional annual cash compensation of \$5,000 payable quarterly in arrears to each of our non-employee directors for participation on each standing committee other than the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (of which there are currently none).

Non-employee directors do not receive any non-equity incentive compensation, or participate in any pension plan or deferred compensation plan.

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At our 2013 annual general meeting of shareholders, our shareholders approved a change in the structure of our non-employee director compensation program that allows our non-employee directors to receive their compensation in the form of Company shares, cash, or a combination thereof at the election of each director. Each non-employee director can elect to receive his or her annual retainer and committee compensation, or any portion thereof, in the form of fully-vested, unrestricted shares of the Company. A director making such election will receive shares having an aggregate value equal to the portion of compensation elected to be received in shares, valued at the closing price of our shares on the date the compensation would otherwise be paid in cash.

Changes to Fiscal Year 2018 Compensation

We are currently seeking approval from our shareholders to: (i) increase from \$85,000 to \$90,000 the annual cash compensation payable to each of the company s non-employee directors for services rendered as a director; (ii) increase from \$35,000 to \$40,000 the additional annual cash compensation payable to the Chairman of the Audit Committee for services rendered as Chairman of the Compensation Committee; (iii) increase from \$35,000 to \$40,000 the additional annual cash compensation payable to the Chairman of the Compensation Committee; and (iv) increase from \$7,000 to \$15,000 the additional annual cash compensation payable to the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for services rendered as Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

In addition, our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee recommended and our Board approved the following changes to the compensation of our non-employee directors, which changes do not require the approval of our shareholders under Singapore law and for which we are not seeking shareholder approval: (i) a decrease from \$100,000 to \$50,000 the additional annual cash compensation payable to the Chairman of the Board for services rendered as Chairman of the Board and a decrease from \$100,000 to \$50,000 in the fair market value of the yearly restricted share unit award granted to the Chairman of the Board; and (ii) an increase from \$175,000 to \$185,000 in the fair market value of the yearly restricted share unit award granted to our non-employee directors. While the shareholders had previously approved annual additional cash compensation of \$100,000 to the Chairman of the Board, the lower amount of \$50,000 in additional cash compensation will be paid to the Chairman of the Board going forward on an annual basis.

For additional information, see the section entitled *Proposal No. 8: Ordinary Resolution to Approve Changes to the Cash Compensation Payable to our Non-Employee Directors* beginning on page 42 of this proxy statement.

Fiscal Year 2017 Equity Compensation

Yearly Restricted Share Unit Awards

Under the terms of the discretionary restricted share unit grant provisions of our 2010 Equity Incentive Plan, which we refer to as the 2010 Plan, each non-employee director is eligible to receive grants of restricted share unit awards at the discretion of our Board of Directors. In accordance with the compensation program recommended by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and approved by the Board, each non-employee director receives, following each annual general meeting of the Company, a yearly restricted share unit award consisting of such number of shares having an aggregate fair market value of \$175,000 on the date of grant. These yearly restricted share unit awards vest in full on the date immediately prior to the date of the next year s annual general meeting. During fiscal year 2017, each non-employee director received a restricted share unit award covering 13,597 ordinary shares under this program.

Initial Awards

Upon initially becoming a director of the company, each non-employee director receives a pro-rated share of the yearly restricted share unit award granted to our directors, which is discussed above. The pro-rated award vests on the date immediately prior to the date of our next annual general meeting and is based on the amount of time that the director serves on the Board until such date. No director received a restricted share unit award under this program in fiscal year 2017.

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Discretionary Grants

Under the terms of the discretionary option grant provisions of the 2010 Plan, non-employee directors are eligible to receive share options granted at the discretion of the Compensation Committee. No director received share options pursuant to the discretionary grant program during fiscal year 2017.

Compensation for the Non-Employee Chairman of the Board

Our non-executive Chairman was entitled to receive, following each annual general meeting of the Company, (i) the \$100,000 in additional annual cash compensation described above, payable quarterly in arrears, and (ii) an additional yearly restricted share unit award that consists of such number of shares having an aggregate fair market value of \$100,000 on the date of grant, which vests on the date immediately prior to the date of the next year s annual general meeting. Following the 2016 annual general meeting, our non-executive Chairman of the Board received a restricted share unit award covering 7,770 ordinary shares under the equity portion of this program. Our Chairman of the Board is also eligible to receive all other compensation payable to our non-employee directors for his service as a member of the Board.

In addition, our Chairman of the Board is entitled to receive the regular cash compensation payable to a member of the Board for service on any Board committees, including service as chairman of any Board committees. Our non-executive Chairman of the Board currently serves as the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

As described above, while the shareholders had previously approved annual additional cash compensation of \$100,000 to the Chairman of the Board, the Company will be decreasing the additional annual cash compensation payable to our Chairman of the Board from \$100,000 to \$50,000 (and this decrease does not require shareholder approval). For additional information about this proposal, see the section entitled *Proposal No. 8: Ordinary Resolution to Approve Changes to the Cash Compensation Payable to our Non-Employee Directors* beginning on page 42 of this proxy statement.

In connection with his appointment as Chairman of the Board and as Chairman and member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in June 2017, Mr. Capellas has elected, in lieu of cash compensation, to receive fully vested ordinary shares of the Company under the director share election program for those positions. Mr. Capellas previously elected to receive fully vested ordinary shares of the Company in lieu of his cash compensation for serving as a director and a member of the Compensation Committee.

While Company aircraft are generally used for Company business only, our Chairman of the Board may be permitted to use Company aircraft for personal travel, provided that Company aircraft are not needed for business purposes at such time. In such cases, the Chairman is required to reimburse the Company for the incremental costs related to his use of the aircraft. We calculate the incremental cost to the Company for use of the Company aircraft by using an hourly rate for each flight hour, which rate is based on the variable operational costs of each flight.

Director Summary Compensation in Fiscal Year 2017

The following table sets forth the fiscal year 2017 compensation for our non-employee directors.

Fees Earned or						
Name	Paid i	n Cash (\$)(1)	Share Awards (\$)(2)	Total (\$)		
H. Raymond Bingham(3)	\$	200,000 \$	274,993	\$ 474,993		
Michael D. Capellas(4)		\$	274,944	\$ 274,944		
Marc A. Onetto	\$	100,000 \$	174,993	\$ 274,993		
Daniel H. Schulman	\$	143,000 \$	174,993	\$ 317,993		
Willy C. Shih, Ph.D.	\$	100,000 \$	174,993	\$ 274,993		
Lay Koon Tan(4)		\$				

The Company s products are often used by customers to compile and analyze highly sensitive or confidential information and data, including information or data used in intelligence gathering or law enforcement activities. The Company may come into contact with such information or data when it performs support or maintenance functions for its customers. While the Company has internal policies, procedures and training for employees in connection with performing these functions, even the perception that such potential contact may pose a security risk or that any of the Company s employees has improperly handled sensitive or confidential information and data of a customer could harm its reputation and could inhibit market acceptance of its products.

The Company s subsidiary, Verint Technology Inc. (Verint Technology), which markets, sells and supports its communications interception solutions to various U.S. government agencies, is required by

the National Industrial Security Program to maintain facility security clearances and to be insulated from foreign ownership, control or influence. To comply with the National Industrial Security Program requirements, in January 1999 the Company, Verint Technology, Comverse Technology and the Department of Defense entered into a proxy agreement with respect to the ownership and operations of Verint Technology, which agreement was superceded in May 2001 to comply with the Department of Defense s most recent requirements. Under the proxy agreement, the Company, among other things, appointed three individuals who are U.S. citizens holding the requisite security clearances as holders of proxies to vote the Verint Technology stock. The proxy holders have the power to exercise all prerogatives of ownership of Verint Technology. These three individuals are responsible for the oversight of Verint Technology s security arrangements.

The proxy agreement may be terminated and Verint Technology s facility security clearance may be revoked in the event of a breach of the proxy agreement, or if it is determined by the Department of Defense that termination is in the national interest. If Verint Technology s facility security clearance is revoked, the Company may lose all or a substantial portion of its sales to U.S. government agencies and its business, financial condition and results of operations would be harmed. In addition, concerns about the security of the Company or its products can materially and adversely affect Verint Technology s sales to U.S. government agencies.

As the communications industry continues to evolve, governments may increasingly regulate products that monitor and record voice, video and data transmissions over public communications networks, such as the solutions that the Company offers. For example, products which the Company sells in the United States to law enforcement agencies and which interface with a variety of wireline, wireless and Internet protocol networks, must comply with the technical standards established by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act and products that it sells in Europe must comply with

the technical standards established by the European Telecommunications Standard Institute. The adoption of new laws or regulations governing the use of the Company s products or changes made to existing laws or regulations could cause a decline in the use of its products and could result in increased expenses for the Company, particularly if it is required to modify or redesign its products to accommodate these new or changing laws or regulations.

The Company is required to obtain export licenses from the U.S., Israeli and German governments to export some of the products that it develops or manufactures in these countries. The Company cannot be assured that it will be successful in obtaining or maintaining the licenses and other authorizations required to export its products from applicable governmental authorities. The Company s failure to receive or maintain any required export license or authorization would hinder its ability to sell its products and could materially and adversely affect its business, financial condition and results of operations.

As part of the Company s growth strategy, it intends to pursue new strategic alliances. The Company considers and engages in strategic transactions from time to time and may be evaluating alliances or joint ventures at any time. The Company competes with other analytic solution

providers for these opportunities. The Company cannot be assured that it will be able to effect these transactions on commercially reasonable terms or at all. If the Company enters into these transactions, it also cannot be sure that it will realize the benefits it anticipates.

The Company s products involve sophisticated hardware and software technology that performs critical functions to highly demanding standards. The Company cannot be assured that current or future products will not develop operational problems, which could have a material adverse effect on it. The Company offers complex products that may contain undetected defects or errors, particularly when first introduced or as new versions are released. The Company may not discover such defects or errors or other operational problems until after a product has been released and used by the customer. Significant costs may be incurred to correct undetected defects, errors or problems could result in future lost sales. In addition, defects or errors in the Company s products may result in product liability claims or questions regarding the integrity of the products, which could cause adverse publicity and impair their market acceptance.

The Company incorporates software that it licenses from third parties in the vast majority of its products. If the Company loses or is unable to maintain any software licenses, it could incur additional costs or experience unexpected delays until equivalent software can be developed or licensed and integrated into its products.

While the Company occasionally files patent applications, it cannot be assured that patents will be issued on the basis of such applications or that, if such patents are issued, they will be sufficiently broad to protect its technology. In addition, the Company cannot be assured that any patents issued to it will not be challenged, invalidated or circumvented.

In order to safeguard its unpatented proprietary know-how, trade secrets and technology, the Company relies primarily upon trade secret protection and non-disclosure provisions in agreements with employees and others having access to confidential information. The Company cannot be assured that these measures will adequately protect it from improper disclosure or misappropriation of its proprietary information.

While the Company implements sophisticated security measures, third parties may attempt to breach its security or inappropriately use its products through

computer viruses, electronic break-ins and other disruptions. If successful, confidential information, including passwords, financial information, or other personal information may be improperly obtained and the Company may be subject to lawsuits and other liability. Even if the Company is not held liable, such security breaches could harm its reputation, and even the perception of security risks, whether or not valid, could inhibit market acceptance of its products with both government and commercial purchasers.

The information technology industry is characterized by frequent allegations of intellectual property infringement. In the past, third parties have asserted that certain of the Company s products infringe their intellectual property and similar claims may be made in the future. Any allegation of infringement against the Company could be time consuming and expensive to defend or resolve, result in substantial diversion of management resources, cause product shipment delays, or force it to enter into royalty or license agreements rather than dispute the merits of such allegation. If patent holders or other holders of intellectual property initiate legal proceedings against the Company, it may be forced into protracted and costly litigation. The Company may not be successful in defending such litigation and it may not be able to procure any required royalty or license agreements on terms

acceptable to it, or at all. The Company generally indemnifies its customers with respect to infringement by its products of the proprietary rights of third parties. Third parties may assert infringement claims against the Company s customers. These claims may require the Company to initiate or defend protracted and costly litigation, regardless of the merits of these claims. If any of these claims succeed, the Company may be forced to pay damages or may be required to obtain licenses for the products its customers use. If the Company cannot obtain all necessary licenses on commercially reasonable terms, its customers may be forced to stop using, or, in the case of value added resellers, selling, its products.

Although the Company generally uses standard parts and components in its products, it does use some non-standard parts and equipment. The Company relies on non-affiliated suppliers for the supply of certain standard and non-standard components and on manufacturers of assemblies that are incorporated in all of its products. The Company does not have long term supply or manufacturing agreements with all of these suppliers and manufacturers. If these suppliers or manufacturers (a) experience financial, operational, manufacturing capacity or quality assurance difficulties, or cease production and sale of such products at the end of their life cycle; or (b)

if there is any other disruption in its relationships with these suppliers or manufacturers, the Company will be required to locate alternative sources of supply. The Company s inability to obtain sufficient quantities of these components, if and as required in the future, entails the following risks: (i) delays in delivery or shortages in components could interrupt and delay manufacturing and result in cancellations of orders for its products; (ii) alternative suppliers could increase component prices significantly and with immediate effect; (iii) it may not be able to develop alternative sources for product components; (iv) it may be required to modify its products, which may cause delays in product shipments, increased manufacturing costs and increased product prices; and (v) it may be required to hold more inventory than it otherwise might in order to avoid problems from shortages or discontinuance, which may result in write-offs if the Company is unable to use all such products in the future.

The Company has in the past and may in the future pursue acquisitions of businesses, products and technologies, or the establishment of joint venture arrangements. The negotiation of potential acquisitions or joint ventures as well as the integration of an acquired or jointly developed business, technology or product could result in a substantial diversion of management resources. Future acquisitions could result in potentially dilutive issuances of equity securities, the incurrence of debt and contingent liabilities, amortization of certain identifiable intangible assets, research and development write-offs and other acquisition-related expenses. These investments may be made in immature businesses with unproven track records and technologies. Such investments have a high degree of risk, with the possibility that the Company may lose the total amount of its investments, or more than its total investment if such businesses have liabilities not identified by the Company. The Company may not be able to identify suitable investment candidates, and, even if it does, it may not be able to make those investments on acceptable terms, or at all. In addition, the Company also may fail to successfully integrate acquired businesses with its operations or successfully realize the intended benefits of any acquisition, either of which could affect the

Company s continued growth and profitability. Due to rapidly changing market conditions, the Company may find the value of its acquired technologies and related intangible assets, such as goodwill, as recorded in its financial statements, to be impaired, resulting in charges to operations. The Company may also fail to retain the acquired or merged company s key employees and customers.

The Company accounts for employee stock options in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 and related Interpretations, which provide that any compensation expense relative to employee stock options be measured based on the intrinsic value of the stock options. As a result, when options are priced at or above the fair market value of the underlying stock on the date of grant, as is the Company s practice, the Company incurs no compensation expense. However, the Financial Accounting Standards Board has proposed in its exposure draft entitled Share-Based Payment, an amendment of FASB Statements No. 123 and 95 new accounting requirements that, if adopted, would cause the Company to record compensation expense for all employee stock option grants. Any such expense, although it would not affect the Company s cash flows, could have a material impact on the Company s results of operations.

The Company s recent growth has strained its managerial and operational resources. The Company s continued growth may further strain its resources, which could hurt its business and results of operations. There can be no assurance that the Company s managers will be able to manage growth effectively. To manage future growth, the Company s management must continue to improve the Company s operational and financial systems, procedures and controls and expand, train, retain and manage its employee base. If the Company s systems, procedures and controls are inadequate to support its operations, the Company s expansion could slow or come to a halt, and it could lose its opportunity to gain significant market share. Any inability to manage growth effectively could materially harm the Company s business, results of operations and financial condition.

The Company depends on the continued services of its executive officers and other key personnel. In addition, the Company may need to attract and retain a substantial number of new employees, particularly sales and marketing personnel and technical personnel, who understand and have experience with its products and services. If the Company is unable to attract and retain qualified employees, its ability to grow could be impaired. Competition for personnel for certain positions in the Company s industry is intense, and the Company has in the past and may in the future experience difficulty in recruiting qualified personnel due to the market demand for their services. The Company has also experienced difficulty in locating qualified candidates within desired geographic locations and on occasion it has had to relocate personnel to fill positions in locations where it could not attract qualified experienced personnel.

To date, most of the Company s sales have been denominated in U.S. dollars, while a significant portion of its expenses, primarily labor expenses in Israel, Germany, the United Kingdom and Canada, are incurred in the local currencies of these countries. As a result, the Company is exposed to the risk that fluctuations in the value of these currencies relative to the

U.S. dollar could increase the dollar cost of its operations in Israel, Germany, the United Kingdom, or Canada, and would therefore have a material adverse effect on its results of operations.

In addition, since a portion of the Company s sales are made in foreign currencies, primarily the British pound and the Euro, fluctuation in the value of these currencies relative to the U.S. dollar could decrease its revenues and materially and adversely affect its results of operations. In addition, the Company s costs of operations have at times been negatively affected by changes in the cost of its operations in Israel, Germany and Canada, resulting from changes in the value of the relevant local currency relative to the U.S. dollar.

Since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, a number of armed conflicts have taken place between Israel and its Arab neighbors, and the continued state of hostility, varying in degree and intensity, has led to security and economic problems for Israel. While Israel has signed peace accords with both Egypt and Jordan, since October 2000, there has been a significant increase in violence, primarily in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and most recently Israel has experienced terrorist incidents within its borders. During this period, negotiations between Israel and representatives of the Palestinian Authority have been sporadic and have failed to result in

peace. The recent death of former President of the Palestinian Authority, Yassar Arafat, and the resultant political uncertainty raises concerns regarding the ability of the Palestinian Authority to maintain order in the Palestinian areas. Civil unrest in these areas could significantly increase violence between Palestinians and Israelis. The Company could be materially and adversely affected by hostilities involving Israel, the interruption or curtailment of trade between Israel and its trading partners, or a significant downturn in the economic or financial condition of Israel. In addition, the sale of products manufactured in Israel may be materially and adversely affected in certain countries by restrictive laws, policies or practices directed toward Israel or companies having operations in Israel. The continuation or exacerbation of violence in Israel or the outbreak of violent conflicts involving Israel may impede the Company s ability to sell its products and may otherwise materially and adversely affect it. In addition, many of the Company s Israeli employees are required to perform annual compulsory military reserve duty in Israel and are subject to being called to active duty at any time under emergency circumstances. The absence of these employees may have a material adverse effect on the Company s operations.

The Company receives conditional grants from the Government of Israel through the Office of the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, or the OCS, for the financing of a portion of its research and development expenditures in Israel. The terms of these conditional grants limit the Company s ability to manufacture products, and prohibit it from transferring technologies, outside of Israel if such products or technologies were developed using these grants. Even if the Company receives approval to manufacture products developed using these conditional grants outside of Israel, it may be required to pay a significantly increased amount of royalties on an accelerated basis to the Government of Israel, depending on the manufacturing volume that is performed outside of Israel. This restriction may impair the Company s ability to outsource manufacturing or engage in similar arrangements for those products or technologies. In addition, if the Company fails to comply with any of the conditions imposed by the OCS, it may be required to refund any grants previously received together with interest and penalties, and it may be subject to criminal charges. Further, from time to time the Government of Israel may audit the sales of products incorporating technology partially funded through OCS programs which, while not increasing the

aggregate amount of royalties that may be due from the Company, may cause the Company to have to pay royalties on additional products, effectively accelerating the pace at which it pays royalties to the Government of Israel in repayment of the benefits received under such programs. In recent years, the Government of Israel has accelerated the rate of repayment of OCS grants and may further accelerate them in the future. The Company currently pays royalties of between 3% and 5% (or 6% under certain circumstances) of associated product revenues (including service and other related revenues) to the Government of Israel in consideration of benefits received under this program. Such royalty payments by the Company are currently required to be made until the government has been reimbursed the amounts received by it, linked to the U.S. dollar, plus, for amounts received under projects approved by the OCS after January 1, 1999, interest on such amounts at a rate equal to the 12-month LIBOR rate in effect on January 1 of the year in which approval is obtained. As of October 31, 2004, the Company has received approximately \$55.1 million in cumulative grants and has recorded approximately \$25.3 million in cumulative royalties to the OCS. Further, the Government of Israel has reduced the benefits available under these programs in recent years and these programs may be discontinued or curtailed in the future. In

addition, the Company expects that OCS grants as a percentage of its consolidated research and development expenses will decrease in future periods due to an expected increase in the portion of research and development activities that will not be reimbursed by the OCS and an expected increase in research and development activities outside of Israel. The continued reduction in these benefits or the termination of the Company s eligibility to receive these benefits may materially and adversely affect the Company s business, financial condition and results of operations.

The Company s investment programs in manufacturing equipment and leasehold improvements at its facility in Israel has been granted approved enterprise status and it is therefore eligible for tax benefits under the Israeli Law for Encouragement of Capital Investments. The Government of Israel may reduce or eliminate the tax benefits available to approved enterprise programs such as the programs provided to the Company. The Company cannot be assured that these tax benefits will be continued in the future at their current levels or at all. If these tax benefits are reduced or eliminated, the amount of taxes that the Company pays in Israel will increase. In addition, if the Company fails to comply with any of the conditions and requirements of the investment programs, the tax benefits it has

received may be rescinded and it may be required to refund the amounts it received as a result of the tax benefits, together with interest and penalties.

Comverse Technology beneficially owns a majority of the Company s outstanding shares of common stock. Consequently, Comverse Technology effectively controls the outcome of all matters submitted for stockholder action, including the composition of the Company s board of directors and the approval of significant corporate transactions. Through its representation on the Company s board of directors, Comverse Technology has a controlling influence on the Company s management, direction and policies, including the ability to appoint and remove its officers. As a result, Comverse Technology may cause the Company to take actions which may not be aligned with the Company s interests or those of its other stockholders. For example, Comverse Technology may prevent or delay any transaction involving a change in control or in which stockholders might receive a premium over the prevailing market price for their shares. In particular, as a result of Comverse Technology s majority ownership, the Company has relied on the controlled company exemption from certain requirements under Rule 4350(c)(5) of the listing standards of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., and does not have an independent Audit Committee, Compensation Committee or Nominating Committee,

as non-controlled companies are required to have.

The Company receives insurance, legal and certain administrative services from Comverse Technology under a corporate services agreement. The Company s enterprise resource planning software is maintained and supported by Comverse Ltd., a subsidiary of Comverse Technology, under an enterprise resource planning software sharing agreement. The Company also obtains personnel and facility services from Comverse, Inc. under a satellite services agreement. If these agreements are terminated, the Company may be required to obtain similar services from other entities or, alternatively, it may be required to hire qualified personnel and incur other expenses to obtain these services. The Company may not be able to hire such personnel or to obtain comparable services at prices and on terms as favorable as it currently has under these agreements.

The Company has entered into a business opportunities agreement with Comverse Technology that addresses potential conflicts of interest between Comverse Technology and the Company. This agreement allocates between Comverse Technology and the Company opportunities to pursue transactions or matters that, absent such allocation, could constitute corporate

opportunities of both companies. As a result, the Company may lose valuable business opportunities. In general, the Company is precluded from pursuing opportunities offered to officers or employees of Comverse Technology who may also be its directors, officers or employees unless Comverse Technology fails to pursue these opportunities.

Seven of the Company s thirteen directors are officers and/or directors or employees of Comverse Technology, or otherwise affiliated with Comverse Technology. These directors have fiduciary duties to both companies and may have conflicts of interest on matters affecting both the Company and Comverse Technology and in some circumstances may have interests adverse to the Company. The Company s Chairman, Kobi Alexander, is the chairman of Comverse Technology. This position with Comverse Technology imposes significant demands on Mr. Alexander s time and presents potential conflicts of interest.

Prior to the Company s initial public offering in May 2002, it was included in the Comverse Technology consolidated group for federal income tax purposes and did not file its own federal income tax return. Following the Company s initial public offering, it ceased to be included in the Comverse Technology consolidated group for federal income tax purposes. To the

extent Comverse Technology or other members of the group fail to make any federal income tax payments required of them by law in respect of years for which Comverse Technology filed a consolidated federal income tax return which included the Company, the Company would be liable for the shortfall. Similar principles apply for state income tax purposes in many states. In addition, by virtue of its controlling ownership and its tax sharing agreement with the Company, Comverse Technology effectively controls all of the Company s tax decisions for periods ending prior to the completion of its initial public offering. For periods during which the Company was included in the Comverse Technology consolidated group for federal income tax purposes, Comverse Technology has sole authority to respond to and conduct all federal income tax proceedings and audits relating to the Company, to file all federal income tax returns on its behalf and to determine the amount of its liability to, or entitlement to payment from, Comverse Technology under its tax sharing agreement. Despite this agreement, federal law provides that each member of a consolidated group is liable for the group s entire tax obligation and the Company could, under certain circumstances, be liable for taxes of other members of the Comverse Technology consolidated group.

The trading price of the Company s shares of common stock has been affected by the factors disclosed in this section as well as prevailing economic and financial trends and conditions in the public securities markets. Share prices of companies in technology-related industries, such as the Company s, tend to exhibit a high degree of volatility. The announcement of financial results that fall short of the results anticipated by the public markets could have an immediate and significant negative effect on the trading price of the Company s shares in any given period. Such shortfalls may result from events that are beyond the Company s immediate control, can be unpredictable and, since a significant proportion of its sales during each fiscal quarter tend to occur in the latter stages of the quarter, may not be discernible until the end of a financial reporting period. These factors may contribute to the volatility of the trading value of the Company s shares regardless of its long-term prospects. The trading price of the Company s shares may also be affected by developments, including reported financial results and fluctuations in trading prices of the shares of other publicly-held companies in its industry generally, and its business segment in particular, which may not have any direct relationship with its business or prospects.

In the past, securities class action litigation has often been brought against a company following periods of volatility in the market price of its securities. The Company could be the target of similar litigation in the future. Securities litigation could result in the expenditure of substantial costs, divert management s attention and resources, harm the Company s reputation in the industry and the securities markets and reduce its profitability.

Terrorist attacks and other acts of war, and any response to them, may lead to armed hostilities and such developments would likely cause instability in financial markets. Armed hostilities and terrorism may directly impact the Company s facilities, personnel and operations which are located in the United States, Canada, Israel, Europe, the Far East, Australia and South America, as well as those of its clients. Furthermore, severe terrorist attacks or acts of war may result in temporary halts of commercial activity in the affected regions, and may result in reduced demand for its products. These developments could have a material adverse effect on the Company s business and the trading price of its common stock.

The Company s board of directors ability to designate and issue up to 2,500,000 shares of preferred stock and to issue additional shares of common stock could adversely affect the voting power of the

holders of common stock, and could have the effect of making it more difficult for a person to acquire, or could discourage a person from seeking to acquire, control of the Company. If this occurs, investors could lose the opportunity to receive a premium on the sale of their shares in a change of control transaction.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

Refer to Item 7A in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for a discussion about the Company s exposure to market risks.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures.

- 1. The Company s management evaluated, with the particifinancial officers, the effectiveness of the Company s discland 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, a Based on their evaluation, the Company s principal execut Company s disclosure controls and procedures were effect
- 2. There has been no change in the Company s internal cor 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affected.

PART II

Other Information

ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

On September 2, 2004, the Company acquired all of the issued and outstanding shares of RP Security. The purchase price consisted of approximately \$9,028,000 million in cash, 90,144 shares of the Company s common stock issued by the Company to certain former shareholders of RP Security, and an earn-out over three years (see Note 9 for additional details). The shares of common stock of the Company issued by the Company in connection with this acquisition did not involve any public offering and were issued pursuant to the exemption from registration in Section 4(2) of the Securities Act.

ITEM 6. Exhibits.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

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