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UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

THERMAGE, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 3845 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) 25881 Industrial Boulevard 68-0373593 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

Hayward, CA 94545

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Thermage, Inc.

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The information in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement is not complete and may be changed. Thermage, Inc. may not issue these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This proxy statement/prospectus/information statement is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, Dated October 21, 2008

PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS/INFORMATION STATEMENT

Thermage, Inc. and Reliant Technologies, Inc. have entered into a merger agreement under which Reliant will merge with a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thermage and the stockholders of Reliant will become stockholders of Thermage. The closing of this merger is subject to the approval of the stockholders of Thermage and certain other closing conditions. Certain Reliant stockholders holding the requisite number of shares to approve the transaction have already acted by written consent to approve this transaction.

In the merger, all shares of Reliant capital stock will be exchanged for aggregate merger consideration of 23,600,000 shares of Thermage common stock and approximately \$25.0 million in cash. The cash portion of the merger consideration payable to Reliant stockholders upon completion of the first merger is subject to a number of adjustments, including adjustments for (i) the amount, if any, by which Reliant s working capital at the closing is less than negative \$1.0 million, (ii) the amount, if any, by which Reliant s net indebtedness at closing is greater than \$7.0 million and (iii) the amounts payable in respect of Reliant stock options and Reliant restricted stock units. Following completion of the merger, Reliant will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thermage, Reliant stockholders will own approximately 49.5% of the outstanding common stock of the combined company and current Thermage stockholders will own approximately 50.5% of the outstanding common stock of the combined company based on shares outstanding as of July 31, 2008.

Upon completion of the merger, each outstanding share of Reliant s common stock will be converted into the right to receive a combination of cash and shares of Thermage common stock, as more fully described in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement.

Thermage common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol THRM. On October 20, 2008, the closing sales price of Thermage common stock was \$2.01 per share.

A special meeting of the stockholders of Thermage will be held at 25881 Industrial Boulevard, Hayward, California 94545, on [], 2008, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at which the stockholders of Thermage will be asked to consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the issuance of Thermage common stock in connection with the proposed merger.

On July 7, 2008, certain Reliant stockholders of record holding a majority of the outstanding shares of the capital stock and a majority of the outstanding shares of preferred stock executed a written consent adopting the merger agreement and approving of the transactions contemplated thereby. This proxy statement/prospectus/information statement serves as notice to all Reliant stockholders of these actions by written consent. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF THERMAGE, WE ARE NOT ASKING RELIANT STOCKHOLDERS FOR A PROXY AND RELIANT STOCKHOLDERS ARE NOT REQUESTED TO SEND US A PROXY.

This proxy statement/prospectus/information statement provides you with detailed information about the merger, a description of which begins on page 58. We strongly urge you to read and carefully consider this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement in its entirety, including the matters referred to under <u>Risk Factor</u>s beginning on page 18.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the Thermage common stock to be issued in the merger or determined if this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement is accurate or adequate. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement is [], 2008, and this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement and the accompanying proxy card are first being mailed to the stockholders of Thermage on or about [], 2008.

MERGER PROPOSAL YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Dear Thermage Stockholders:

As announced in July 2008, Thermage, Inc. and Reliant Technologies, Inc. entered into a definitive merger agreement under which Thermage will acquire Reliant in a stock and cash transaction.

Thermage s board of directors has unanimously approved the transaction, as further described herein, including the issuance of shares of Thermage common stock, and the merger agreement pursuant to which Reliant will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thermage.

The transaction cannot be completed unless Thermage stockholders approve the issuance of 23,600,000 shares of Thermage common stock in connection with the acquisition of Reliant by Thermage at a special meeting of stockholders or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Certain Thermage stockholders, holding approximately 38% of the outstanding shares of Thermage, have agreed to vote in favor of such issuance of shares of Thermage common stock. The stockholders of Reliant have already approved the transaction by written consent. More detailed information about Thermage and Reliant and the proposed transaction is contained in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement. We encourage you to carefully read this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement before voting, including the section entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 18.

Thermage s board of directors unanimously recommends that Thermage stockholders vote FOR the issuance of shares of Thermage common stock in connection with the merger.

The date, time and place of the special stockholders meeting is as follows:

[], 2008

10:00 a.m. local time

25881 Industrial Boulevard

Hayward, California 94545

Your vote is very important. Whether or not you plan to attend Thermage s special meeting of stockholders, please take the time to vote by completing and mailing to us the enclosed proxy card or voting instructions or by submitting your proxy or voting instructions by telephone or over the Internet. If your shares are held in street name, you must instruct your broker in order to vote. If you do not instruct your broker how to vote shares, your shares will have no effect on the outcome of the proposals being made at the special meeting.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Fanning

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Thermage, Inc.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THE SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS/INFORMATION STATEMENT, OR DETERMINED IF THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS/INFORMATION STATEMENT IS ACCURATE OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

This proxy statement/prospectus/information statement is dated [], 2008, and is first being mailed to stockholders of Thermage on or about [], 2008.

THERMAGE, INC.

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Hayward, California 94545

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held [], 2008

Dear Stockholders of Thermage:

You are cordially invited to attend a special meeting of stockholders of Thermage, Inc. at 25881 Industrial Boulevard, Hayward, California 94545 on [], 2008, at 10:00 a.m. local time. At the special meeting, you will be asked to consider, vote upon and approve the following proposals:

- 1. To approve the issuance of 23,600,000 shares of Thermage common stock pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization dated as of July 7, 2008 by and among Thermage, Relay Acquisition Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thermage, and Reliant Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and with respect to Articles VIII and X only, Steven Mendelow as Securityholder Representative and U.S. Bank National Association as Escrow Agent.
- 2. To transact any other business that properly comes before the special meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof pursuant to Thermage s bylaws.

These proposals are described more fully in the proxy statement/prospectus/information statement accompanying this notice. Please give your careful attention to all of the information in the proxy statement/prospectus/information statement.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on [], 2008, the record date for the special meeting, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof. Approval of the proposal relating to the issuance of shares of Thermage common stock will require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Thermage s common stock represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the special meeting.

Thermage s board of directors has unanimously approved the issuance of shares of Thermage common stock pursuant to the merger agreement and recommends that Thermage stockholders vote FOR the issuance of shares of Thermage common stock pursuant to the merger agreement.

Your vote is important. To ensure that your shares are represented at the special meeting, we encourage you to complete, date, sign and promptly return your proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or follow the instructions for telephone or Internet voting, whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting in person. You may revoke your proxy in the manner described in the proxy statement/prospectus/information statement at any time before it has been voted at the special meeting. Any stockholder attending the special meeting may vote in person even if the stockholder has returned a proxy.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Stephen J. Fanning

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

[], 2008

Hayward, California

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information on page 222 of this proxy statement/ prospectus/information statement for more information about the documents referred to in this proxy statement/ prospectus/information statement.

You should rely only on the information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement in deciding how to vote on the proposal set forth in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement. No one has been authorized to provide you with information that is different from that contained in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement. This proxy statement/prospectus/information statement is dated [], 2008. You should not assume that the information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement is accurate as of any date other than that date.

This proxy statement/prospectus/information statement does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities, or the solicitation of a proxy, in any jurisdiction to or from any person to whom it is unlawful to make any such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. Information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement regarding Reliant has been provided by Reliant; and information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement regarding Thermage, Relay Merger Corp. and Relay Acquisition Company, LLC has been provided by Thermage.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE TRANSACTION

AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THERMAGE STOCKHOLDERS

The following are some questions that stockholders of Thermage, Inc., or Thermage, and Reliant Technologies, Inc., or Reliant, may have regarding the proposed transaction and special meeting of Thermage stockholders, and brief answers to those questions. Thermage and Reliant urge you to read carefully the entirety of this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement because the information in this Q&A section may not provide all the information that may be important to you with respect to the proposed merger and the issuance of Thermage common stock in connection with the merger. Additional information is also contained in the annexes to this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement.

Q: What is the merger?

A: The merger will combine the businesses of Thermage and Reliant. Under the proposed integrated merger, Relay Merger Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thermage, will be merged with and into Reliant, with Reliant continuing as the surviving company. Following this first merger, Reliant will be merged with and into Relay Acquisition Company, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thermage. Relay Acquisition Company, LLC will continue as the surviving company in the second merger and will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thermage.

Q: What will Reliant stockholders receive in the merger?

- A: If we complete the first merger, all shares of Reliant capital stock will be exchanged for aggregate merger consideration of 23,600,000 shares of Thermage common stock and approximately \$25.0 million in cash. The cash portion of the merger consideration payable to Reliant stockholders upon completion of the first merger is subject to a number of adjustments, including adjustments for (i) the amount, if any, by which Reliant s working capital at the closing is less than negative \$1.0 million, (ii) the amount, if any, by which Reliant s net indebtedness at closing is greater than \$7.0 million and (iii) the amounts payable in respect of Reliant stock options and Reliant restricted stock units. The value of the stock portion of the merger consideration payable to Reliant stockholders upon completion of the first merger may vary due to possible changes in market value of the Thermage common stock to be received. As a result, the exact consideration that a Reliant stockholder will receive is not known as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement as it will depend on the magnitude of the adjustments, if any, described above. All Reliant stockholders will also have a portion of the merger consideration that they would otherwise be entitled to receive deposited in an escrow account that will be used to compensate Thermage if Thermage is entitled to indemnification under the merger agreement.
- Q: Will Thermage stockholders receive any shares as a result of the merger?
- A: No. Thermage stockholders will continue to hold the Thermage shares they currently own.
- Q: What vote is required by Thermage stockholders to approve the issuance of Thermage common stock?
- A: The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the Thermage shares represented, in person or by proxy, and entitled to vote at the Thermage special meeting at which a quorum is present is required to approve the issuance of Thermage common stock in connection with the merger. Thermage stockholders who collectively hold approximately 38% of the outstanding common stock of Thermage, as of July 7, 2008, have agreed to vote all of their shares in favor of approval of the issuance of Thermage common stock in connection with the merger.

- Q: What approval is required by Reliant stockholders to adopt the merger agreement and approve the transactions contemplated thereby?
- A: The Reliant stockholder approval required under Delaware law and Reliant's certificate of incorporation to adopt the merger agreement and approve the transactions contemplated thereby already has been obtained via

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written consent, as of July 7, 2008. Reliant has not obtained all of the Reliant stockholder approvals which would be required under a provision of California corporation law if applicable, and the receipt of such approval is not a condition to closing in the definitive merger agreement. If the merger were challenged on this basis and we were not successful on the challenge, it could delay or prevent the closing of the merger. If the merger were challenged following its closing, a court could award monetary damages to some or all of the former Reliant stockholders or even could seek to unwind the merger. For a description of these risks, see the section entitled Risk Factors Risks Related to the Transaction The merger may be challenged on the grounds that all of the Reliant stockholder approvals under Section 2115 of the California General Corporation Law were not obtained, which if successful could prevent or delay the merger, could require the payment of substantial damages or could cause a completed merger to be unwound starting on page 21.

Q: Does Thermage s board of directors recommend voting in favor of the issuance of Thermage common stock in connection with the proposed merger?

A: Yes. After careful consideration, Thermage s board of directors unanimously determined that the merger is advisable and is fair to, and in the best interests of, Thermage and its stockholders. Thermage s board of directors unanimously recommends that Thermage stockholders vote FOR the issuance of Thermage common stock in connection with the merger.

For a description of the factors considered by the Thermage board of directors in making its determination, see the section entitled The Merger Thermage s Reasons for Entering into the Merger on page 64.

Q: Did Reliant s board of directors recommend voting in favor of the merger?

A: Yes. After careful consideration, Reliant s board of directors unanimously determined that the merger is advisable and is fair to, and in the best interests of, Reliant and its stockholders. Reliant s board of directors unanimously recommended that Reliant stockholders adopt the merger agreement and approve the transactions contemplated thereby.

For a description of the factors considered by the Reliant board of directors in making its determination, see the section entitled The Merger Reliant s Reasons for Entering into the Merger on page 73.

Q: Will I be entitled to appraisal rights in connection with the merger?

A: The stockholders of Reliant may be entitled, under certain circumstances, to appraisal rights under Delaware law. For a detailed discussion of appraisal rights under Delaware law, please see
The Merger Appraisal Rights for Reliant beginning on page 86.

Q: When do you expect to complete the merger?

A: We are working to complete the merger as quickly as possible. We anticipate completing the merger during the fourth calendar quarter of 2008.

For a description of the conditions precedent to completion of the merger, see the section entitled The Merger Agreement Conditions to Completion of the First Merger beginning on page 105.

- Q: Will Reliant stockholders recognize gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as result of the merger?
- A: Thermage and Reliant each expect the merger to qualify as a reorganization for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If the merger qualifies as a reorganization, the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger to each Reliant stockholder will vary depending on whether that stockholder receives Thermage common stock and cash or exercises appraisal rights and receives only cash in exchange for that stockholder is Reliant stock.

Assuming that the merger qualifies as a reorganization, a Reliant stockholder that does not exercise appraisal rights generally will recognize gain (but will not be permitted to recognize loss) for U.S. federal income tax

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purposes equal to the lesser of (i) the amount of cash received by such stockholder and (ii) the excess of the amount of cash and the fair market value of Thermage common stock received by such stockholder over such stockholder s tax basis in the Reliant stock surrendered. A Reliant stockholder that exercises appraisal rights generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount of cash received by such stockholder and such stockholder s tax basis in the Reliant stock surrendered. As discussed below in The Merger Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger, Thermage and Reliant intend that for U.S. federal income tax purposes the stock of Spinco (as defined herein) received by Reliant stockholders in the Distribution (as defined herein) will be treated and reported as cash received from Thermage in the merger in an amount equal to the fair market value of such stock as of the date of the merger.

Tax consequences are complex. Reliant stockholders should consult with their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences to them of the merger as well as review the more detailed description of the tax consequences of the merger entitled
The Merger
Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger
on page 86.

- Q: What risks should I consider in deciding whether to vote in favor of the merger?
- A: You should carefully review the section of this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 18, which presents risks and uncertainties relating to the transaction and the businesses of each of Thermage and Reliant.
- Q: Will my rights as a Thermage stockholder be different from my rights as a Reliant stockholder?
- A: Yes. Upon completion of the merger, you will become a Thermage stockholder. There are important differences between the rights of stockholders of Thermage and stockholders of Reliant. Please carefully review the description of these differences in the section of this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement entitled Comparison of Stockholder Rights beginning on page 216.
- Q: What do I need to do now?
- A: We urge you to carefully read and consider the information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus/ information statement, including the annexes, and to consider how the merger and the issuance of shares in connection with the merger will affect you as a stockholder. You also may want to review the documents referenced under the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information on page 222. Thermage stockholders should then vote as soon as possible in accordance with the procedures provided in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement. We are not asking Reliant stockholders for a proxy and Reliant stockholders are not requested to send us a proxy.
- O: How do I vote?
- A: Thermage stockholders should complete and sign your proxy card and return it in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible, or follow the instructions on your proxy card to submit your proxy over the Internet, so that your shares may be represented at the special meeting. If you return your proxy card but do not include instructions on how to vote your proxy, Thermage will vote your shares **FOR** the proposals being made at the special meeting unless your shares are held in street name in a brokerage account. You may also attend the special meeting and vote in person instead of submitting a proxy.
- Q: What happens if I do not vote?

A: If you are a Thermage stockholder and you do not submit a proxy card or vote at the special meeting, your shares will not be counted as present for the purpose of determining a quorum and will have no effect on the outcome of the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of Thermage common stock in connection with the merger. If you submit a proxy card and affirmatively elect to abstain from voting, your proxy will be counted as present for the purpose of determining the presence of a quorum but will not be voted at the special meeting. As a result, your abstention will have the same effect as a vote *against* the issuance of Thermage common stock in connection with the merger.

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- Q: If my shares are held in street name by my broker, will my broker vote my shares for me?
- A: If you are a Thermage stockholder, your broker cannot vote your shares unless you provide instructions on how to vote in accordance with the information and procedures provided to you by your broker. If you do not instruct your broker how to vote shares, your shares will have no effect on the outcome of the proposals being made at the special meeting.

For a more complete description of voting shares held in street name, see the section entitled The Special Meeting of the Thermage Stockholders on page 54.

- Q: Can I change my vote after I have mailed my signed proxy?
- A: If you are a Thermage stockholder and you want to change your vote, send the corporate secretary of Thermage a later-dated, signed proxy card before the Thermage special meeting or attend the special meeting and vote in person. You may also revoke your proxy by sending written notice to the Thermage corporate secretary before the special meeting. If you have instructed your broker to vote your shares, you must follow your broker s directions in order to change those instructions.
- O: Should Reliant stockholders send in their stock certificates now?
- A: No. Reliant stockholders should not send in their stock certificates now. After the merger is completed, Thermage will arrange for the delivery to Reliant stockholders of written instructions for exchanging their Reliant stock certificates. Thermage stockholders should not submit their stock certificates because their shares will not be converted in the merger.
- Q: Whom should I call with questions about the merger, or if I need additional copies of this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement or the enclosed proxy?
- A: Thermage stockholders may contact the firm assisting us with the solicitation of proxies:

 Innisfree M&A Incorporated

501 Madison Avenue, 20th Floor

New York, NY 10022

Stockholders Call Toll-Free: 888-750-5834

Banks and Brokers Call Collect: 212-750-5833

or

Thermage, Inc.

25881 Industrial Boulevard

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Attn: Investor Relations

Reliant stockholders may contact:

Reliant Technologies, Inc.

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Mountain View, California 94043

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Attn: Marta Woods

You may also obtain additional information about Thermage from documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by following the instructions in the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information on page 222.

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SUMMARY OF THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS/INFORMATION STATEMENT

The following is a summary of the information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement. This summary may not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should carefully read this entire proxy statement/prospectus/information statement and the other documents to which we refer. In particular, you should read the annexes attached to this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement, including the merger agreement which is attached as Annex A and is incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement. You may obtain additional information without charge by following the instructions in the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page 222 of this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement.

The Companies

Thermage, Inc. (see page 121)

Relay Acquisition Company, LLC

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Thermage designs, develops, manufactures and markets medical devices for the non-invasive treatment of wrinkles. The Thermage® procedure can be performed on any part of the body where treatment of wrinkles is desired. The ThermaCool® system uses patented monopolar radiofrequency, or RF, energy to heat and shrink collagen and tighten dermis and subcutaneous tissue while simultaneously cooling and protecting the surface of the skin. The heating and shrinking of the collagen can cause a healing process to begin, which may further tighten the skin and reduce wrinkles over the next two to six months. The Thermage procedure is normally performed in a medical office setting as a single treatment that takes from 20 minutes to two hours, depending on the treatment area. The Thermage procedure provides patients seeking wrinkle reduction as a non-invasive alternative to surgical procedures that cost up to tens of thousands of dollars and can involve weeks of recovery. Thermage offers, and is continuing to develop, a variety of ThermaTips designed to optimize the Thermage procedure for new conditions and different parts of the body.

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Reliant is a medical device company that designs, develops and markets non-surgical therapies for the treatment of various skin conditions under the Fraxel brand. Reliant believes its Fraxel laser systems have created a new class of skin rejuvenation therapy and provide patients with consistent and effective treatments that can be delivered quickly without significant pain or downtime. Fraxel laser systems are used by physicians to treat a broad range of skin conditions that include wrinkles and fine lines, acne and surgical scars, pigmentation, sun damage, uneven tone and texture and melasma. Patients undergo treatments from Reliant s Fraxel laser systems in order to reverse the signs of aging, achieve healthier, younger looking skin and improve their overall appearance. Fraxel laser systems represent a new class of skin rejuvenation therapy based on fractional resurfacing technology, which Reliant introduced and commercialized in 2004. Reliant believes that fractional resurfacing offers significant advantages over other alternatives for skin rejuvenation. Reliant s fractional resurfacing technology can achieve advanced aesthetic results by creating thousands of microscopic treatment

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zones per square centimeter which affect only a fraction of the total skin in the area of treatment. Reliant s products utilize optimized laser wavelengths and its proprietary laser delivery system which enables the delivery of precise dosages of energy, quickly, consistently and safely.

The internet addresses provided in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement are textual references only. The Thermage and Reliant websites, including Reliant s product website located at www.fraxel.com, are not part of this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement.

Structure of the Integrated Merger (see page 91)

Under the terms of the proposed integrated merger, Relay Merger Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thermage formed for the purpose of the first merger, will be merged with and into Reliant and Reliant will continue as the surviving company in the first merger. Immediately following the first merger, Reliant will merge with and into Relay Acquisition Company, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thermage formed for the purpose of the second merger, and Relay Acquisition Company, LLC will continue as the surviving company in the second merger and will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thermage. As a result of the integrated merger, holders of Reliant capital stock will become holders of Thermage common stock. The terms and conditions of each of the mergers are contained in the merger agreement, which is attached as Annex A to this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement. Please carefully read the merger agreement as it is the legal document that governs the proposed transaction.

Merger Consideration (see page 92)

Upon completion of the first merger, Reliant stockholders will be entitled to receive aggregate merger consideration consisting of approximately \$25.0 million in cash and 23,600,000 shares of Thermage common stock, which will represent approximately 49.5% of the outstanding common stock of the combined company, based on shares of Thermage common stock outstanding as of July 31, 2008. The cash portion of the merger consideration payable to Reliant stockholders upon completion of the first merger is subject to a number of adjustments, including adjustments for (i) the amount, if any, by which Reliant s working capital at the closing is less than negative \$1.0 million, (ii) the amount, if any, by which Reliant s net indebtedness at closing is greater than \$7.0 million and (iii) the amounts payable in respect of Reliant stock options and Reliant restricted stock units. The value of the stock portion of the merger consideration payable to Reliant stockholders upon completion of the first merger may vary due to possible changes in market value of the Thermage common stock to be received. As a result, the exact consideration that a Reliant stockholder will receive is not known as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement as it will depend on the magnitude of the adjustments, if any, described above. All Reliant stockholders will also have a portion of the merger consideration that they would otherwise be entitled to receive deposited in an escrow account that will be used to compensate Thermage if Thermage is entitled to indemnification under the merger agreement.

At the effective time of the first merger, each issued and outstanding share of Reliant capital stock will be converted into the right to receive a combination of cash and shares of Thermage common stock in accordance with the terms of the merger agreement which approximates the terms of the amended and restated certificate of incorporation of Reliant in effect as of the date of the merger agreement. Holders of each series of Reliant preferred stock will receive payment of the greater of (A) their respective liquidation preference as set forth below and (B) the per share merger consideration payable in respect of a share of Reliant common stock in a combination of cash and shares of Thermage common stock on a pro rata basis with all other recipients of the merger consideration, other than holders of Reliant stock options and Reliant restricted stock units who will be paid solely in cash. Payment of the liquidation preference shall be made to holders of Reliant preferred stock prior to any payment or allocation of merger consideration to holders of Reliant common stock, provided, however, that in the event that holders of Reliant common stock are allocated less than \$0.50 per share, such

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holders shall be paid \$0.50 per share of Reliant common stock and the merger consideration allocated and paid to holders of Reliant preferred stock will be reduced pro rata in proportion to the merger consideration. In the event that the merger consideration allocated to each share of Reliant common stock after the aggregate liquidation preference has been paid is greater than the liquidation preference set forth below, the holder shall be entitled to receive the per share consideration payable in respect of Reliant common stock.

S		quidation reference
Series	r	reference
Series A	\$	4.50
Series B	\$	4.50
Series C	\$	10.53
Series D	\$	15.09
Series E	\$	15.00

Holders of Reliant preferred stock are entitled to receive approximately \$68,780,959 in satisfaction of the aggregate liquidation preference in respect of outstanding shares of Reliant preferred stock. The actual stock consideration and cash consideration to be paid per share of Reliant capital stock at closing will depend upon numerous variable factors, including the average trading price of Thermage common stock during the 30 days prior to the closing, the total cash consideration payable after adjustments for the closing working capital and the net indebtedness at closing and the cash consideration payable to holders of Reliant options and restricted stock units.

Assuming that the capitalization of Reliant at closing is as set forth in Comparison of Stockholder Rights Authorized Capital Stock and assuming that the closing working capital of approximately negative \$1.0 million, net indebtedness at closing of \$7.0 million, and that the average trading price of Thermage common stock during the 30-day period ending the third day immediately preceding the closing date is \$2.50, each share of Reliant preferred stock outstanding as of the closing (other than Series A preferred stock and Series B preferred stock) would receive a combination of cash and shares of Thermage common stock with a value equal to the respective liquidation preference as set forth above. Given these assumptions, holders of Reliant common stock outstanding as of the closing would be entitled to receive a combination of cash and shares of Thermage common stock with a value equal to approximately \$4.56 per share and because this amount is greater than \$4.50, holders of shares of Series A preferred stock and Series B preferred stock would receive the consideration payable per share of Reliant common stock in lieu of the liquidation preference. An amount of cash equal to 10% of the value of the merger consideration received per share would be withheld from the merger consideration paid at closing and placed in the escrow account. If funds remain in the escrow account after the expiration of the escrow period, the cash consideration received by each Reliant stockholder will increase.

Reliant stockholders will not know the dollar value of the Thermage common stock they will receive in the first merger until the first merger is completed. The dollar value of the Thermage common stock will depend upon its market price when the first merger is completed.

The number of shares of Thermage common stock to which a Reliant stockholder is entitled to receive will be aggregated and any fractional shares will be paid out as set forth below in The Merger Agreement Fractional Shares. The terms and conditions of the escrow fund are described in more detail in the section entitled The Merger Agreement Escrow Fund.

You should be aware that the above per share amounts are estimates only and are subject to change under certain circumstances as described above and set forth more fully in the merger agreement attached as Annex A to this registration statement. The actual consideration you receive in exchange for your Reliant capital stock may be more, less or the same as these estimates.

The maximum number of shares of Thermage common stock to be issued by Thermage in the first merger was fixed at the time the merger agreement was signed.

Treatment of Reliant Stock Options and Restricted Stock Units (see pages 95 and 96)

No outstanding Reliant stock options shall be assumed, continued or substituted for by Thermage. As of immediately prior to the effective time of the first merger, and contingent upon the effectiveness of the first merger, each then outstanding Reliant stock option will become immediately vested and exercisable in full. Options to purchase shares of Reliant common stock shall be treated in the manner provided in the merger agreement and summarized in the section entitled The Merger Agreement Treatment of Reliant Stock Options beginning on page 95 of this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement. No outstanding Reliant restricted stock units shall be assumed, continued or substituted for by Thermage. Reliant restricted stock units shall be treated in the manner provided in the merger agreement and summarized in the section entitled The Merger Agreement Treatment of Reliant Restricted Stock Units beginning on page 96 of this registration statement.

Treatment of Reliant Warrants (see page 96)

Except for Reliant warrants that cannot be cancelled pursuant to their terms by virtue of the first merger, Thermage shall not assume any Reliant warrants. Warrants to purchase shares of Reliant common stock shall be treated in the manner provided in the merger agreement and summarized in the section entitled The Merger Agreement Treatment of Reliant Warrants beginning on page 96 of this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement.

Fractional Shares (see page 94)

Thermage will not issue any fractional shares of common stock in connection with the first merger. Instead, each holder of Reliant capital stock who would otherwise be entitled to receive a fraction of a share of Thermage common stock will be entitled to receive cash, without interest, in an amount equal to such fraction multiplied by the closing price of Thermage common stock on the trading day immediately preceding the closing date.

Effective Time and Timing of Closing (see page 91)

We will complete the first merger when all of the conditions to completion of the first merger are satisfied or waived. The first merger will become effective when the certificate of merger we file with the State of Delaware is accepted for filing or at a later time if we specify a later time in the certificate. Immediately thereafter, we will complete the second merger.

While we cannot predict the exact timing, we currently expect to complete the integrated merger in the fourth calendar quarter of 2008.

Conditions to Completion of the First Merger (see page 105)

Each of Reliant s and Thermage s obligation to complete the first merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of a number of conditions, including:

that the registration statement, of which this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement is a part, be effective;

that the Reliant stockholders shall have adopted the merger agreement and approved the transactions contemplated thereby, including the appointment of Steven Mendelow as the stockholder

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representative and that the Thermage stockholders shall have approved the issuance of Thermage common stock to Reliant stockholders pursuant to the merger agreement;

that (i) the waiting period (and any extension thereof) applicable to the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement under any antitrust or competition legal requirements of any jurisdiction in which Thermage or Reliant have substantial business or operations or where Thermage and Reliant mutually agree to make a filing under applicable antitrust or competition legal requirements, shall have expired or been terminated; (ii) all clearances, consents, approvals, authorizations and orders applicable to the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement which are required under any antitrust or competition legal requirement of any jurisdiction in which Thermage or Reliant have substantial business or operations, or in which Thermage and Reliant mutually agree to make a filing under applicable antitrust or competition legal requirements, shall have been received, and (iii) all governmental authorities that have the authority to enforce any such antitrust or competition legal requirements shall have approved, cleared or decided neither to initiate proceedings or otherwise intervene in respect of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;

no governmental authority of competent jurisdiction shall have enacted, issued, promulgated, entered, enforced or deemed applicable to the first merger any legal requirement that is in effect and has the effect of making the first merger illegal in any jurisdiction in which Thermage or Reliant have substantial business or operations or which has the effect of prohibiting, preventing or otherwise restraining the consummation of the first merger in any jurisdiction in which Thermage or Reliant have substantial business or operations;

no governmental authority of competent jurisdiction shall have issued or granted any order (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent) that has the effect of making the first merger illegal in any jurisdiction in which Thermage or Reliant have substantial business or operations or which has the effect of prohibiting, preventing or otherwise restraining the consummation of the first merger;

the shares of Thermage common stock issuable in the first merger and the shares of Thermage common stock issuable in respect of all assumed warrants, shall have been authorized for listing on the NASDAQ Global Market upon official notice of issuance;

receipt of opinions by the parties of their respective tax counsel, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to them and as further described in The Merger Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger beginning on page 86 of this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement, that the merger will qualify as a reorganization pursuant to Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code);

completion of the Distribution of the shares of Spinco (as defined herein);

that each company s representations and warranties in the merger agreement are true and correct, to the extent set forth in the merger agreement, except when the failure of such representations or warranties to be true and correct has not resulted, and would not reasonably be expected to result in, individually or in the aggregate with other such failures, a material adverse effect, to the other party;

that each party has complied in all material respects with its covenants and agreements in the merger agreement, to the extent set forth in the merger agreement; and

that no material adverse effect exist with respect to either company.

Termination of the Merger Agreement (see page 108)

Reliant and Thermage may mutually agree at any time to terminate the merger agreement without completing the first merger.

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In addition, either of Reliant or Thermage may, without the consent of the other, terminate the merger agreement in any of the following circumstances:

if any governmental authority of competent jurisdiction shall have: (i) enacted, promulgated or issued or deemed applicable to the first merger any legal requirements that would make completion of the merger illegal in any jurisdiction in which Thermage or Reliant have substantial business operations, or (ii) issued or granted any final non-appealable order of a federal or state court in effect that has the effect of making the first merger illegal or would otherwise prohibit, prevent or restrain the first merger in any jurisdiction in which Thermage or Reliant have substantial business operations;

if the first merger is not completed by January 7, 2009; or

if the Thermage stockholders do not approve the issuance of Thermage common stock to Reliant stockholders at the Thermage stockholder meeting.

In addition, Thermage may, without the consent of Reliant, terminate the merger agreement if:

there has been a breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement of Reliant contained in the merger agreement such that the closing conditions regarding such representations, warranties and covenants would not be satisfied and such breach has not been cured within 30 calendar days after written notice to Reliant, unless the breach, by its nature, cannot be cured through the exercise of commercially reasonably efforts.

In addition, Reliant may, without the consent of Thermage, terminate the merger agreement if:

there has been a breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement of Thermage contained in the merger agreement such that the closing conditions regarding such representations, warranties and covenants would not be satisfied and such breach has not been cured within 30 calendar days after written notice thereof to Thermage, unless the breach, by its nature, cannot be cured through the exercise of commercially reasonably efforts; or

the Thermage board of directors or any committee thereof has changed its recommendation in favor of the issuance of Thermage common stock to Reliant stockholders in a manner adverse to Reliant, the Thermage board of directors approves or recommends that its stockholders recommend an alternative acquisition transaction with respect to Thermage or Thermage enters into a contract for an alternative acquisition transaction with respect to Thermage.

Payments by Thermage following Termination (see page 109)

Thermage would be required to pay Reliant a termination fee of \$3.5 million if the merger agreement is terminated under certain circumstances. Alternatively, if Thermage stockholder approval has not been obtained at the stockholder meeting called with respect to the issuance of stock pursuant to the first merger, Thermage will pay the transaction expenses of Reliant up to \$1.3 million.

Non-Solicitation by Thermage and Reliant (see page 99)

Thermage and Reliant have agreed that each party will not:

solicit, initiate, knowingly encourage or facilitate or induce any inquiries regarding any acquisition proposals by third parties;

furnish to any third party any nonpublic information, or take any other action to facilitate any inquiries or the making of any proposal that constitutes or would reasonably be expected to lead to a third party acquisition proposal;

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participate or engage in discussions with any third party with respect to any acquisition proposal;

approve, endorse or recommend any third party acquisition proposal;

enter into any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding or contract contemplating or otherwise relating to any third party acquisition proposal or such transaction; or

terminate, amend or waive any rights under any standstill or other similar contract with a third party.

Thermage and Reliant must promptly notify the other party by oral and written notice if it receives any other acquisition proposals or requests for nonpublic information or request for information it receives which would reasonably be expected to lead to an acquisition proposal or inquiries with respect to, or which it reasonably believes might lead to, an acquisition proposal. The party providing the notification must also provide the identity of the third party making the acquisition proposal and a copy of all written materials provided in connection with such proposal.

If Thermage receives an acquisition proposal from a third party that its board determines otherwise is or is reasonably likely to lead to a superior proposal, as defined in the merger agreement, it may furnish nonpublic information to the third party making the acquisition proposal and engage in negotiations with the third party regarding such proposal if its board of directors determines that failure to do so would be reasonably expected to be a breach of its fiduciary obligations under Delaware law and at least three business days prior to engaging in any discussions or negotiations or furnishing non-public information, Thermage gives Reliant written notice of the identity of the third party and the material terms and conditions of the acquisition proposal and contemporaneously with the furnishing of any non-public information to a third party, Thermage furnishes Reliant with such information.

Change in Thermage Board Recommendation (see page 102)

The Thermage board of directors may withhold, withdraw, amend or modify its recommendation to its stockholders to vote in favor of the issuance of common stock in connection with the first merger, if Thermage receives a superior proposal (as defined in the merger agreement), and after discussions with Reliant, the Thermage board of directors reasonably determines in good faith, after consultation with outside legal counsel and after considering in good faith any counter-offer or proposal made by Reliant, that the failure to effect such change in recommendation would be reasonably likely to result in a breach of its fiduciary duties under Delaware law.

Vote Required for Reliant and Reliant Support Agreements (see pages 83 and 109)

The Reliant stockholder approval required under Delaware law and Reliant s certificate of incorporation to adopt the merger agreement and approve the transactions contemplated thereby, including the first merger, has already been obtained via written consent shortly after the execution of the merger agreement.

In addition, Reliant s executive officers, directors and their affiliates holding more than 50% of Reliant s capital stock on an as-converted-to-common-stock-basis have entered into support agreements pursuant to which each such stockholder agreed to vote his, her or its shares of Reliant capital stock in favor of the adoption of the merger agreement and approval of the transactions contemplated thereby and against any action that would delay or prevent the first merger and against any alternative transaction. In connection with the support agreements, these stockholders granted an irrevocable proxy appointing members of the Thermage board of directors, and each of them individually, as their sole and exclusive attorneys and proxies to vote their shares in accordance with the terms of the support agreements.

Thermage Voting Agreements (see page 110)

As an inducement to Reliant entering into the merger agreement, Thermage s executive officers, directors and certain stockholders entered into a voting agreement with Reliant in which each has agreed, among other things, to vote his, her or its shares of Thermage capital stock in favor of the issuance of Thermage capital stock to Reliant stockholders pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement and against any action that would delay or prevent the first merger and against any alternative transaction. These persons have the right, as of July 7, 2008, to vote a total of approximately 38% shares of Thermage common stock. In connection with the voting agreements, these persons have granted an irrevocable proxy appointing members of the Reliant board of directors, and each of them individually, as their sole and exclusive attorneys and proxies to vote their shares in accordance with the terms of the voting agreements.

Lock-up Agreements (see page 111)

Concurrently with the execution and delivery of the merger agreement, the executive officers and directors (and their respective affiliates) of Thermage and the executive officers and directors (and their respective affiliates) of Reliant entered into lock-up agreements pursuant to which each of the signatories agreed not to sell or otherwise transfer any shares of Thermage common stock held at the closing of the first merger until the first business day after Thermage announces earnings for the first full quarter after the closing.

Note and Security Agreement (see page 111)

In connection with the execution of the merger agreement, Thermage extended an advance of \$5.0 million to Reliant pursuant to a secured bridge financing. The advance is evidenced by a secured promissory note issued by Reliant and secured by a subordinated lien on substantially all assets of Reliant excluding intellectual property pursuant to the terms of a security agreement between Reliant and Thermage. Amounts outstanding at the closing under this \$5.0 million advance will be considered as part of Reliant s net indebtedness for purposes of the purchase price adjustments pursuant to the merger agreement.

License Agreement (see page 111)

Prior to the closing of the first merger, Reliant will irrevocably and exclusively license, with limited exceptions, to a newly formed wholly owned subsidiary, which we refer to as Spinco, Reliant patents and non-exclusively license certain Reliant know-how for use outside of the field of aesthetics. The license will be royalty free and fully paid. All Reliant stockholders will be entitled to receive a pro rata dividend of Spinco stock prior to the closing of the first merger. As a result, Thermage will possess the right to Reliant patents only within the aesthetics field. Reliant has only immaterial sales, and has no products planned or currently under development which use the Reliant intellectual property outside of the aesthetics field.

Reliant Certificate Amendment (see page 112)

The Reliant board of directors and the requisite number of Reliant stockholders have approved an amendment to the certificate of incorporation of Reliant. This amendment provides that Reliant may make a distribution of shares of Spinco to holders of Reliant preferred stock and common stock. In addition, the Reliant board of directors and requisite number of Reliant stockholders have approved an amendment providing that upon the closing of the first merger pursuant to the merger agreement, holders of Reliant preferred stock and Reliant common stock will only be entitled to receive the amounts they are entitled to receive under the merger agreement. A copy of the amendments to Reliant s certificate of incorporation, which will be filed prior to the first merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, are included as Annex F to this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement.

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Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger (see page 86)

It is a closing condition of the transaction that each of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation, outside counsel to Thermage, and Cooley Godward Kronish LLP, outside counsel to Reliant, issue a tax opinion to their respective clients to the effect that the merger will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. If the merger so qualifies, the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the merger to each Reliant stockholder will vary depending on whether that stockholder receives Thermage common stock and cash or exercises appraisal rights and receives only cash in exchange for that stockholder s Reliant stock. For purposes of the discussion below, the Distribution (as defined herein) of shares of Spinco to the Reliant stockholders will be treated by Thermage and Reliant as the payment of additional cash in the merger in an amount equal to the fair market value of such Spinco stock as of the date of the closing of the first merger.

Assuming that the merger qualifies as a reorganization, a Reliant stockholder who does not exercise appraisal rights generally will recognize gain (but will not be permitted to recognize loss) for U.S. federal income tax purposes equal to the lesser of (i) the amount of cash received by such stockholder and (ii) the excess of the amount of cash and the fair market value of the Thermage common stock received by such stockholder over such stockholder s tax basis in the Reliant stock surrendered. A Reliant stockholder that exercises appraisal rights generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount of cash received by such stockholder and such stockholder s tax basis in the Reliant stock surrendered.

TAX MATTERS CAN BE COMPLICATED AND THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE MERGER TO YOU WILL DEPEND ON THE FACTS OF YOUR OWN SITUATION. YOU SHOULD READ THE SECTION ENTITLED THE MERGER MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE MERGER BEGINNING ON PAGE 86 OF THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS/INFORMATION STATEMENT. IN ADDITION, YOU ARE URGED TO CONSULT YOUR OWN TAX ADVISORS TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE MERGER TO YOU, INCLUDING THE APPLICABILITY AND EFFECT OF FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN INCOME AND OTHER TAX LAWS.

Opinion of Thermage s Financial Advisor (see page 66)

Stanford Group Company delivered its opinion to Thermage s board of directors that, as of July 6, 2008 and based on and subject to the factors and assumptions set forth therein, the merger consideration to be paid by Thermage was fair to Thermage from a financial point of view.

The full text of the written opinion of Stanford Group Company, dated July 6, 2008, which sets forth the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered, qualifications and limitations on and scope of the review undertaken by Stanford Group Company, is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement as Annex D. Stanford Group Company provided its opinion for the information and assistance of Thermage s board of directors in connection with its consideration of the merger. The written opinion of Stanford Group Company is not a recommendation as to how any holder of Thermage common stock should vote with respect to the issuance of shares of Thermage common stock in the merger. Thermage urges you to read the entire opinion carefully.

Opinion of Reliant s Financial Advisor (see page 75)

In connection with the merger, Piper Jaffray & Co. was engaged by Reliant to render its opinion to the Reliant board of directors as to the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the merger consideration to be paid by Thermage in the merger. On July 6, 2008, Piper Jaffray delivered an oral opinion, subsequently confirmed in writing, to the effect that, as of July 6, 2008, and based upon and subject to the various considerations and

assumptions set forth in the written opinion, the consideration to be paid by Thermage in connection with the proposed transaction was fair, from a financial point of view. Piper Jaffray s opinion addresses only the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the merger consideration to be paid by Thermage in the merger and does not in any manner address the underlying business decision of Reliant to engage in the proposed transaction or the relative merits of the merger as compared to any alternative business transaction or strategy. The full text of Piper Jaffray s written opinion, dated July 6, 2008, is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement as Annex E and incorporated in its entirety herein by reference, and the summary of the Piper Jaffray opinion set forth in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the opinion. Reliant stockholders are encouraged to read this opinion carefully in its entirety for a description of the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters considered and limitations on the review undertaken, but should note that Piper Jaffray s opinion is addressed solely to the Reliant board of directors and does not constitute a recommendation to any Reliant stockholder as to the proposed transaction or any other matter.

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THERMAGE SUMMARY FINANCIAL DATA

The summary statement of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007 and the summary balance sheet data as of December 31, 2006 and 2007 are derived from our audited financial statements that are included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement. The summary statement of operations data for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2008 and summary balance sheet data as of June 30, 2008 are derived from our unaudited interim financial statements included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement.

Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of future operating results. Our operating results for the six months ended June 30, 2008 should not be considered indicative of operating results for the full fiscal year or any other future period. The summary financial data set forth below should be read in conjunction with our financial statements, and the related notes thereto, and Thermage Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement.

	Years Ended December 31,					Six Mont	hs En e 30,			
		2005		2006		2007		2007	,	2008
Statement of Operations Data.			(in thousand	s, exce	pt share and	per sh	are data)		
Statement of Operations Data: Net revenue	\$	40,655	\$	54,320	\$	63,101	\$	32,654	\$	34,112
Cost of revenue	Ф	12,309	ф	15,259	Ф	15,976	Ф	8,970	Ф	8,453
Cost of revenue		12,309		13,239		13,970		0,970		0,433
Gross margin		28,346		39,061		47,125		23,684		25,659
Operating expenses		20,510		37,001		17,123		23,001		23,037
Sales and marketing		19,997		24,071		26,195		13,189		14,415
Research and development		8,908		9,639		9,099		4,698		4,904
General and administrative		7,414		9,973		11,300		5,467		7,598
Litigation settlement gain		(1,646)		,,,,,		11,000		2,.07		7,000
Zinganion somement gain		(1,0.0)								
Total operating expenses		34,673		43,683		46,594		23,354		26,917
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Income (loss) from operations		(6,327)		(4,622)		531		330		(1,258)
Interest and other income		340		768		2,520		1,184		1,146
Interest, warrants and other expense		(1,549)		(55)						
Income (loss) before income taxes and cumulative										
effect of change in accounting principle		(7,536)		(3,909)		3.051		1.514		(112)
Provision for income taxes		())		(- ,)		(271)		(147)		(86)
										()
Net income (loss) before cumulative effect of change in										
accounting principle		(7,536)		(3,909)		2,780		1,367		(198)
accounting principle		(7,550)		(3,707)		2,700		1,507		(170)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		(697)								
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		(097)								
Not in same (loss)	\$	(9.222)	¢	(3,909)	\$	2,780	\$	1,367	\$	(198)
Net income (loss)	Ф	(8,233)	\$	(3,909)	Ф	2,780	Ф	1,307	Ф	(198)
Net income (loss) per share basic and diluted:										
Before cumulative effect of change in accounting	\$	(2.06)								
principle Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	Ф	(0.19)								
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		(0.19)								
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Net income (loss) per share basic	\$	(2.25)	\$	(0.60)	\$	0.12	\$	0.06	\$	(0.01)
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Net income (loss) per share diluted	\$	(2.25)	\$	(0.60)	\$	0.11	\$	0.06	\$	(0.01)

Weighted average shares outstanding used in calculating net income (loss) per common share:

Basic	3,664,990	6,561,648	23,241,031	23,041,983	23,743,043
Diluted	3,664,990	6,561,648	24,884,458	24,761,794	23,743,043

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	As of December 31, 2006 2007			J	As of June 30, 2008
		(in t	housands)		
Balance Sheet Data:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 45,915	\$	13,650	\$	15,358
Marketable investments			38,707		36,882
Working capital	46,153		55,834		58,243
Total assets	59,875		68,727		69,630
Total stockholders equity	\$ 49,121	\$	58,118	\$	60,369

RELIANT SUMMARY FINANCIAL DATA

The summary statement of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007 and the summary balance sheet data as of December 31, 2006 and 2007 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements that are included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement. The summary consolidated statement of operations data for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2008 and summary consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2008 are derived from our unaudited interim financial statements included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement.

Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of future operating results. Our operating results for the six months ended June 30, 2008 should not be considered indicative of operating results for the full fiscal year or any other future period. The summary financial data set forth below should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, and the related notes thereto, and Reliant Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement.

		ended Decemb	Six Montl June 2007	30,	
	2005	2005 2006 2007 (in thousands)			2008
Consolidated Statements of Operation Data:			in thousands)		
Net revenues:					
Products	\$ 33,699	\$ 56,412	\$ 68,664	\$ 34,478	\$ 38,892
Services and other	101	1,078	1,812	803	2,074
Total net revenues	33,800	57,490	70,476	35,281	40,966
Cost of revenues:					
Products	16,988	26,527	31,692	15,650	14,698
Services and other		120	1,029	362	1,534
Total cost of net revenues	16,988	26,647	32,721	16,012	16,232
Gross profit	16,812	30,843	37,755	19,269	24,734
Operating expenses:					
Research and development	7,854	10,458	13,932	6,135	6,806
Sales and marketing	9,748	23,343	33,315	16,471	17,832
General and administrative	10,962	17,506	14,575	6,540	6,996
Total operating expenses	28,564	51,307	61,822	29,146	31,634
Loss from operations	(11,752)	(20,464)	(24,067)	(9,877)	(6,900)
Interest income	57	544	355	239	25
Interest expense	(762)	(1,533)	(902)	(421)	(473)
Gains (losses) on preferred stock warrant liability	(207)	528	6,676	(734)	651
Other income (expense), net	(46)	30	201	(92)	(3)
Loss before income taxes and cumulative effect of change in accounting	(12.710)	(20.805)	(17.727)	(10.005)	(6.700)
principle	(12,710)	(20,895)	(17,737)	(10,885)	(6,700)
Provision for income taxes	(10)	(10)	(25)	(10)	(3)
Net loss before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(12,720)	(20,905)	(17,762)	(10,895)	(6,703)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(5,493)				
Net loss	\$ (18,213)	\$ (20,905)	\$ (17,762)	\$ (10,895)	\$ (6,703)

	As of December 31,			As of June 30,	
	2006 2007 (in thousand		2008 s)		
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:					
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	\$ 9,474	\$ 5,714	\$	5,858	
Working capital (deficiency)	(4,039)	(23)		(1,741)	
Total assets	31,326	26,136		23,652	
Preferred stock warrant liability	7,967	1,505		865	
Current and long-term debt	6,204	6,503		8,989	
Redeemable convertible preferred stock	45,486	60,660		60,704	
Common stock and additional paid in capital	14,829	22,209		26,290	
Total stockholder s deficit	\$ (48,632)	\$ (59,013)	\$	(61,635)	

SUMMARY UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table presents summary unaudited pro forma combined financial data which reflects the proposed merger of Thermage and Reliant. The summary unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data are derived from and should be read in conjunction with the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements and related notes thereto included in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement. See Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements beginning on page 113.

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2008					
	Histo	rical	Pro Forma			
	Thermage	Reliant	Adjustments	Combined		
	(in	thousands, ex	cept per share da	ta)		
Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statement of Operations Data:						
Net revenue	\$ 34,112	\$ 40,966	\$	\$ 75,078		
Loss from operations	(1,258)	(6,900)	(1,861)	(10,019)		
Loss before income taxes	(112)	(6,700)	(3,075)	(9,887)		
Net loss	\$ (198)	\$ (6,703)	\$ (3,075)	\$ (9,976)		
Net loss per share:						
Basic and diluted	\$ (0.01)			\$ (0.21)		
Weighted average common shares outstanding:						
Basic and diluted	23,743			47,343		

	Year Ended December 31, 2007				
	Histo	orical	Pro Forma		
	Thermage	Reliant	Adjustments	Combined	
	(in	(in thousands, except per shar			
Net revenue	\$ 63,101	\$ 70,476	\$	\$ 133,577	
Income (loss) from operations	531	(24,067)	(3,721)	(27,257)	
Income (loss) before income taxes	3,051	(17,737)	(11,522)	(26,208)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,780	\$ (17,762)	\$ (11,522)	\$ (26,504)	
Net income (loss) per share basic	\$ 0.12			\$ (0.57)	
Net income (loss) per share diluted	\$ 0.11			\$ (0.57)	
Weighted average shares outstanding:					
Basic	23,241			46,841	
Diluted	24,884			46,841	

	As of June 30, 2008					
	Historical		Pro Forma			
	Thermage	F	Reliant (in th	Adjustments ousands)	C	ombined
Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Balance Sheet Data:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,358	\$	5,858	\$	\$	21,216
Marketable investments	36,882			(25,000)		11,882
Working capital	58,243		(1,741)	(27,712)		28,790

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Total assets	69,630	23,652	56,150	149,432
Long-term liabilities	892	3,579	(77)	4,394
Redeemable convertible preferred stock		60,704	(60,704)	
Total stockholders equity (deficit)	\$ 60,369	\$ (61,635)	\$ 113,445	\$ 112,179

COMPARATIVE AND HISTORICAL PER SHARE MARKET PRICE AND DIVIDEND INFORMATION

Thermage s common stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol THRM since our initial public offering on November 9, 2006. There is currently no public market for Reliant s common stock.

As of October 17, 2008, there were approximately 90 holders of record of our common stock, one of whom was CEDE & Co., a large clearing house that holds shares in its name for banks, brokers and institutions, in order to expedite the sale and transfer of stock. Since many stockholders shares are listed under their brokerage firm s name, we believe the actual number of stockholders is approximately 2,500. As of such date, 24,084,047 shares of Thermage common stock were outstanding.

The following table shows the high and low sales prices per share of Thermage common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Global Market on (1) July 3, 2008, the last full trading day preceding public announcement that Thermage and Reliant had entered into the merger agreement, and (2) October 20, 2008.

	The	ermage
	Comm	on Stock
	High	Low
July 3, 2008	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.61
October 20, 2008	2.47	1.92

The following table sets forth quarterly high and low sales prices of Thermage common stock for the indicated periods:

	The	Thermage		
	Comr	non Stock		
	High	Low		
Year Ending December 31, 2008				
Fourth Quarter (through October 20, 2008)	\$ 3.57	\$ 1.75		
Third Quarter	4.59	2.16		
Second Quarter	3.58	2.47		
First Quarter	6.32	3.10		
Year Ended December 31, 2007				
Fourth Quarter	7.98	5.43		
Third Quarter	9.08	6.94		
Second Quarter	9.10	6.80		
First Quarter	10.70	7.00		
Year Ended December 31, 2006				
Fourth Quarter (beginning November 10, 2006)	8.15	6.40		

The foregoing tables show only historical information. These tables may not provide meaningful information to Thermage stockholders in determining whether to approve the issuance of shares of Thermage common stock in connection with the merger. Thermage stockholders should review carefully the other information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement in considering whether to approve the issuance of shares of Thermage common stock in connection with the merger. Also see the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information on page 222 of this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement.

Dividend Policy for Thermage

Thermage has never paid or declared any cash dividends on its common stock and does not anticipate paying any cash dividends on its common stock in the foreseeable future. Thermage intends to retain all available funds and any future earnings, if any, to fund the development and expansion of its business. The Thermage board of directors will determine the timing and amount of any such future dividends.

Dividend Policy for Reliant

Reliant has never declared or paid any cash dividends on its capital stock. Reliant does not anticipate paying any cash dividends on its capital stock for the foreseeable future. In addition, Reliant s loan agreements with its current lenders contain covenants prohibiting the payment of cash dividends without the lenders consent.

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RISK FACTORS

If the transaction is completed, Thermage and Reliant will operate as a combined company in a market environment that is difficult to predict and that involves significant risks, many of which will be beyond the combined company s control. In addition to information regarding Thermage and Reliant contained elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus/information statement, you should carefully consider the risks described below before voting your shares. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we do not currently believe are important to an investor, if they materialize, also may adversely affect the transaction, Thermage, Reliant and the combined company.

Risks Related to the Transaction

Thermage and Reliant must overcome significant challenges in integrating their businesses, operations and product offerings in order for Thermage to realize the benefits of the acquisition of Reliant.

The merger will not achieve its anticipated benefits unless Thermage successfully combines its operations with those of Reliant and integrates the two companies business operations and products in a timely manner. Integrating Thermage and Reliant will be a complex, time-consuming and expensive process and may result in revenue disruption and operational difficulties if not completed in a timely and efficient manner. Prior to the merger, Thermage and Reliant operated independently, each with its own business, business culture, markets, clients, employees and systems. Following the merger, the combined company must operate as a combined organization utilizing common information communication systems, operating procedures, financial controls and human resource practices, including benefits, training and professional development programs. There may be substantial difficulties, costs and delays involved in integrating Thermage and Reliant. These difficulties, costs and delays may include:

the potential disruption of the combined company s ongoing business and diversion of management resources;
the possibility that the business cultures of Thermage and Reliant will not be compatible;
the difficulty of incorporating acquired products, technology and rights into the combined company s products and services;
unanticipated expenses related to integration of Thermage and Reliant operations;
the impairment of relationships with employees and customers as a result of any integration of new personnel;

potential unknown liabilities associated with the acquired business and technology of Reliant;

costs and delays in implementing common systems and procedures, including financial accounting systems and customer information systems; and

potential inability to retain, integrate and motivate key management, marketing, technical sales and customer support personnel. The combined company may not succeed in addressing these risks or any other problems encountered in connection with the merger. The success of the merger depends upon the combined company realizing the potential benefits and synergies sought by Thermage and Reliant, including improved market position through product bundling, enhanced consumable opportunities, cross-selling opportunities by an expanded sales force, and operational cost savings. If the benefits and synergies of the merger do not exceed the costs associated with the merger, including any dilution to Thermage stockholders resulting from the issuance of shares in connection with the merger, Thermage s business and financial results could be harmed.

Customer uncertainty related to the merger could harm the combined company.

Thermage s or Reliant s customers may, in response to the announcement of the merger, delay or defer purchasing decisions. Any delay or deferral in purchasing decisions by Thermage s or Reliant s customers could adversely affect the business of the combined company.

The merger may result in loss of Thermage and Reliant employees.

Despite Thermage s and Reliant s efforts to retain their key employees, the companies might lose some of their key employees following the merger. Competition for qualified technical, engineering, sales and management employees in the aesthetics industry is intense. Competitors and other companies may recruit employees prior to the merger and during the integration process following the closing of the merger, which has become a common practice in life sciences industry mergers. In addition, any real or perceived differences in the policies, compensation levels and culture between Reliant and Thermage may cause Reliant employees to leave. As a result, employees of Reliant or the combined company could leave with little or no prior notice, which could cause delays and disruptions in the efforts to integrate the two companies and result in expenses associated with finding replacement employees. Thermage and Reliant cannot assure you that the combined company will be able to attract, retain and integrate employees following the merger.

The market price of Thermage common stock may decline as a result of the merger.

The market price of Thermage common stock could decline as a result of the merger, based on the occurrence of a number of events, including:

the failure to successfully integrate Reliant into Thermage;

delays or failure in the integration of Reliant and Thermage products and technology;

the belief that Thermage has not realized the perceived benefits of the acquisition of Reliant in a timely manner or at all;

the potential negative effect of the merger on Thermage s operating results, including the impact of amortization of intangible assets, other than goodwill, created by the merger; and

the reduced speculation of a potential acquisition of Thermage.

Reliant stockholders will receive a fixed number of shares of Thermage common stock, regardless of the market price of Thermage common stock. Declines in the market price of Thermage common stock will reduce the value received by Reliant stockholders in the merger. Increases in the market price of Thermage common stock will increase the value paid by Thermage in consideration of the merger.

Under the terms of the merger agreement, a fixed number of shares of Thermage common stock will be issued in exchange for shares of Reliant capital stock, and there is no mechanism to adjust this number of shares based on changes in the market price for Thermage common stock. As a result, there will be no adjustment for changes in the market price of Thermage common stock. Furthermore, Reliant is not permitted to withdraw from the merger solely because of changes in the market price of Thermage common stock. As a result of the fixed number of shares, the specific dollar value of Thermage common stock received by Reliant stockholders upon completion of the merger will depend on the market value of Thermage common stock at the time of completion of the merger. A decline in the market price for Thermage common stock will result in a decline in the value received by Reliant stockholders. An increase in the market price for Thermage common stock will result in an increase in the value paid by Thermage in consideration of the merger.

The price of Thermage common stock has been volatile in the past and will likely continue to fluctuate in the future. See the section entitled Risk Factors Risks Related to Thermage. We expect that the price of our common stock will fluctuate substantially. Information regarding the market price of Thermage common stock, including its historical trading range and a trading price on a recent date is set forth under the section entitled

Comparative and Historical Per Share Market Price and Dividend Information, as well as information regarding fluctuations in the value to be received by Reliant stockholders as a result of the merger.

Failure to complete the merger could harm Thermage s and Reliant s business and could cause a decline in Thermage s stock price.

Failure to complete the merger could harm the businesses of Thermage and Reliant in a number of ways. The transaction costs, including accounting, legal and certain financial advisory fees, must still be paid, without any offsetting benefits from the merger. Customers and strategic partners may delay or defer decisions concerning either company until the merger is completed or abandoned. In the event Reliant elects to seek another merger or business combination, it may not be able to find another party willing to pay an equal or greater price than the price to be paid in the merger. During the time while the merger agreement is in effect, Reliant is prohibited from soliciting, initiating or encouraging or entering into certain transactions, such as a merger, sale of assets or other business combination with a party other than Thermage. This uncertainty could cause Reliant employees to leave Reliant. In addition, if the merger is not completed, the market price of Thermage common stock could decline, to the extent that the market price of Thermage common stock reflects a market belief that the merger will be completed and its potential benefits realized.

Thermage and Reliant expect to incur significant costs associated with the merger.

Thermage estimates that it will incur direct transaction costs of approximately \$3.1 million associated with the merger, which will be included as a part of the total purchase cost for accounting purposes. In addition, Reliant estimates that it will incur direct transaction costs of approximately \$1.8 million. Thermage and Reliant believe the combined entity may incur charges to operations, which are not currently reasonably estimable, in the quarter in which the merger is completed or the following quarters, to reflect costs associated with integrating the two companies. Thermage expects to incur severance costs, retention bonus and other integration costs in the quarter in which the merger is completed and also expects ongoing charges for amortization of intangibles, consisting primarily of purchased technology, trade name, customer relationships and a collaboration agreement acquired in the merger. There can be no assurance that the combined company will not incur additional material charges in subsequent quarters to reflect additional costs associated with the merger. Thermage will pay up to an aggregate of approximately \$25.0 million in cash to stockholders of Reliant and will incur additional cash expenditures in connection with the merger. These payments will significantly deplete Thermage s capital resources after payment of these amounts, Thermage will have less than \$20.0 million of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities. In the future Thermage may be required to seek debt or equity financing should the combined company require additional liquidity.

Prior to the closing of the merger, Thermage and Reliant are prohibited from initiating, or are severely restricted in their ability to consider, potentially more favorable transactions.

The merger agreement prohibits Thermage and Reliant from soliciting alternative acquisition proposals and prohibits Reliant from considering unsolicited acquisition proposals. The merger agreement also places significant restrictions on the ability of Thermage to consider or pursue unsolicited acquisition proposals by third parties that may become available prior to the closing of the merger. These contractual terms make it less likely that either Thermage or Reliant would be able to complete an alternative transaction to the merger, even if these other potential opportunities could be considered more favorable by their respective stockholders.

There may be sales of substantial amounts of Thermage common stock after the merger, which could cause Thermage s stock price to fall.

A substantially large number of shares of Thermage common stock may be sold into the public market within a short period of time following the closing of the merger, including a substantial number of shares that will be available for resale by certain former stockholders of Reliant and certain other stockholders of Thermage

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who are not parties to lock-up agreements that restrict the timing of the resale of these shares. As a result, our stock price could fall. Under the lock-up agreements, additional shares will be released and available for sale in the public market on the first business day after Thermage announces earnings for the first full quarter after the closing date of the merger. A sale of a large number of newly-released shares of Thermage common stock could therefore result in a sharp decline in Thermage s stock price. In addition, the sale of these shares could impair Thermage s ability to raise capital through the sale of additional stock. See the sections entitled The Merger Restrictions on Sales of Thermage Common Stock Received in the Transaction on page 85 and Agreements Related to the Integrated Merger Lockup Agreements on page 111.

Reliant officers and directors have conflicts of interest that may have influenced them to support or approve the merger.

Some of the directors and officers of Reliant have interests in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, your interests, including the following:

In connection with, and effective upon the closing of, the merger, Leonard DeBenedictis, the current Chief Technology Officer of Reliant, will be the Chief Technology Officer of Thermage, and certain other executive officers may enter into offer letters for employment with Thermage.

Following the closing of the merger, three individuals from the current Reliant board of directors, Eric B. Stang, Leonard DeBenedictis, Henry E. Gauthier, William T. Harrington, M.D., Maynard A. Howe, Ph.D., Steven Mendelow, Glen D. Nelson, M.D., Robert J. Quillinan and Robert Zollars, will be appointed to the Thermage board of directors.

Each of Reliant s executive officers, including Eric B. Stang, Leonard DeBenedictis, Andrew H. Galligan, Keith J. Sullivan and Jeffrey S. Jones, has provisions in his employment agreement providing for acceleration of equity awards and/or severance in connection with a change of control of Reliant.

For six years after the closing of the merger, Thermage has agreed to maintain in effect, for the benefit of each current and former officer or director of Reliant party to an indemnification agreement at the date of the merger agreement, the existing director s and officer s insurance policies or an insurance and indemnification policy that is not less favorable than the existing director s and officer s insurance policies.

Prior to the closing of the first merger, Reliant will irrevocably and exclusively license to a newly formed wholly owned subsidiary, referred to as Spinco, Reliant patents and non-exclusively license certain Reliant know-how for use outside of the field of aesthetics. The license will be royalty free and fully paid. All holders of Reliant s preferred stock and common stock will be entitled to receive a pro rata dividend of Spinco stock on an as-converted-to-common-stock basis prior to the closing of the first merger. Each executive officer and director of Reliant holds common stock, preferred stock and/or options to purchase common stock of Reliant.

For the above reasons, the directors and officers of Reliant could be more likely to favor the merger than if they did not hold these interests. Reliant stockholders should consider whether these interests may have influenced these directors and officers to support or recommend the merger.

The merger may be challenged on the grounds that all of the Reliant stockholder approvals under Section 2115 of the California General Corporation Law were not obtained, which if successful could prevent or delay the merger, could require the payment of substantial damages or could cause a completed merger to be unwound.

Although Reliant is incorporated in the state of Delaware, Section 2115 of the California General Corporation Law (CGCL) purports to require corporations incorporated in another jurisdiction with a specified nexus to California, including Reliant, to comply with a number of California s statutory corporate law provisions. Section 2115 of CGCL would require that the principal terms of the definitive merger agreement also be approved by

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holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the common stock of Reliant. Reliant has not received the vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of its common stock and the receipt of such vote is not a condition to closing in the definitive merger agreement. In *VantagePoint Partners 1996 v. Examen, Inc.*, a recent Delaware Supreme Court case in which neither Reliant nor Thermage was involved, the Court held that Delaware law exclusively governs the internal affairs of corporations incorporated in Delaware, including the voting rights of stockholders. The *VantagePoint* case involved litigation in California as well, attempting to enforce Section 2115 of the California General Corporation Law. The California court stayed its decision, pending the outcome of the Delaware case. After the Delaware Supreme Court ruling, the California case was dismissed. Although in one published decision, a California court previously enforced Section 2115 in a matter involving a foreign corporation, no California court has issued an opinion regarding the validity of Section 2115 subsequent to the *VantagePoint* decision. Based on the *VantagePoint* decision, Reliant does not intend to seek additional approval of holders of its common stock. If a Reliant stockholder were to challenge the merger in a California court based upon the requirements of Section 2115, the resulting litigation could delay or prevent the closing of the merger, and any litigation could be expensive and time-consuming and could divert management s attention from Thermage s and Reliant s core businesses. In the event that a California court rules in a manner inconsistent with the *VantagePoint* decision, Reliant may need to seek approval of its stockholders in a manner consistent with Section 2115, which would include the approval of holders of