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818 Town & Country Blvd. Suite 200 Houston, Texas 77024

Notice of 2014 Annual Meeting And Proxy Statement 818 Town & Country Blvd. Suite 200 Houston, Texas 77024 September 3, 2014

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Meeting") of Era Group Inc. (the "Company"), which will be held at the Company's principal executive offices located at 818 Town & Country Blvd., Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77024, on Monday, October 6, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. All holders of record of the Company's outstanding common stock at the close of business on August 11, 2014, will be entitled to vote at the Meeting.

At the Meeting, we will ask you to elect six directors to serve until the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2014.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please note that space limitations make it necessary to limit attendance at the meeting to stockholders, though each stockholder may be accompanied by one guest. Please bring photo identification, such as a driver's license or passport, and if you hold your shares in brokerage accounts, a copy of a brokerage statement reflecting stock ownership as of the record date. Please keep in mind that cameras, recording devices and other electronic devices are not permitted at the Meeting.

Whether or not you expect to attend the Meeting and regardless of the number of shares of the Company's common stock you own, you are encouraged to read the accompanying Proxy Statement and the Company's 2013 Annual Report carefully, and to complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card in the postage-paid, pre-addressed envelope provided for such purpose so that your shares will be represented at the Meeting. The prompt return of proxy cards will ensure the presence of a quorum.

We hope that you will be able to attend the Meeting and look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Christopher S. Bradshaw Acting Chief Executive Officer

818 Town & Country Blvd.
Suite 200
Houston, Texas 77024
Era Group Inc.
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
To be Held on October 6, 2014

September 3, 2014

To Our Stockholders:

The 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Meeting") of Era Group Inc. (the "Company") will be held on Monday, October 6, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. CDT, at the Company's principal executive offices located at 818 Town & Country Blvd., Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77024, for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect the six directors named in the accompanying Proxy Statement to serve until the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders;
- 2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014; and
- 3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Only holders of record of the Company's common stock at the close of business on August 11, 2014, will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting. See the "Solicitation of Proxies, Voting and Revocation" section of the accompanying Proxy Statement for the place where the list of stockholders may be examined.

Your vote is very important! Please complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card, whether or not you expect to attend the Meeting, so that your shares of the Company's common stock may be represented at the Meeting if you are unable to attend and vote in person. If you attend the Meeting, you may revoke your proxy and vote your shares in person.

For the Board of Directors,

Shefali Shah Corporate Secretary

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PROXY STATEMENT

Annual Meeting of Stockholders To be Held on October 6, 2014

SOLICITATION OF PROXIES, VOTING AND REVOCATION

General

This Proxy Statement and the enclosed proxy card are being furnished to holders of record of common stock, \$.01 par value per share ("Common Stock"), of Era Group Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company" or "Era"), in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") for use at the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Meeting") to be held on Monday, October 6, 2014, and at any adjournments or postponements thereof. This Proxy Statement and the enclosed proxy card are first being mailed to stockholders on or about September 3, 2014.

Voting

The Board has fixed the close of business on August 11, 2014, as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting. Each stockholder of record will be entitled to one vote for each share of Common Stock held as of the Record Date on all matters properly to come before the Meeting, and may vote in person or by proxy. Attendance at the Meeting, in person or by proxy, by the holders of record of a majority of all shares of Common Stock issued, outstanding, and entitled to vote constitutes a quorum for the Meeting. Abstentions and "broker non-votes" will be counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum for the Meeting. A "broker non-vote" occurs when a bank, broker or other holder of record ("broker") holding shares in "street name" for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because it does not have discretionary voting power for that particular item and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner.

As of the Record Date, there were 20,343,277 shares of Common Stock outstanding. The Company has no other voting securities issued or outstanding.

A list of the Company's stockholders as of the Record Date will be available for examination by any stockholder, for purposes germane to the Meeting, during ordinary business hours for the ten-day period prior to the date of the Meeting, at the Company's principal executive offices located at 818 Town & Country Blvd., Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77024.

Stockholders are requested to complete, date, sign and promptly return the accompanying proxy card, in the enclosed postage-paid, pre-addressed envelope provided for such purpose. Shares of Common Stock represented by properly executed proxy cards that are received by the Company and not subsequently revoked will be voted at the Meeting in accordance with the instructions contained therein. As a convenience, stockholders may vote by telephone or on the Internet per the instructions on the enclosed proxy card.

Directors are elected by a plurality of the shares of Common Stock present in person or represented by proxy at the Meeting and voting on the matter. Only votes for a director or votes withheld are counted in determining whether a plurality has been cast for each director in the election of directors. Abstentions and "broker non-votes," described below, are not counted for purposes of the election of directors and will not affect the outcome of such election. For matters other than the election of directors, stockholders may vote in favor of or against the proposal, or may abstain from voting. The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Common Stock present in person or by proxy and voting on the matter is required for approval of those matters. Because abstentions are treated as shares of Common Stock not voting, abstaining has no effect on the outcome. "Broker non-votes" are counted on routine

matters, such as ratification of independent registered public accounting firms, but not counted (or deemed to be present) on other, non-routine matters such as the election of directors.

On routine matters, brokers have the discretion to vote shares held in "street name" - a term that means the shares are held in the name of the broker on behalf of its customer, the beneficial owner. Generally, "broker non-votes" occur when shares held by a broker for a beneficial owner are not voted with respect to a non-routine matter because the broker has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner and the broker lacks discretionary authority to vote the shares because of the non-

routine nature of the matter. If your shares are held in "street name" by a broker and you wish to vote on the proposal to elect the directors, or to act upon any other non-routine business that may properly come before the Meeting, you should provide instructions to your broker. Under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE"), if you do not provide your broker with instructions, your broker generally will have the authority to vote on the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, as the independent registered public accounting firm, and other routine matters. Except for the proposal to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, all other matters at the Annual Meeting are expected to be non-routine.

If you sign and return your proxy card but do not specify how your shares of Common Stock are to be voted, they will be voted FOR election as a director of each of management's nominees named under Proposal No. 1 - "Election of Directors" in this Proxy Statement and listed under Item 1 of the enclosed proxy card; and FOR Proposal No. 2 - "Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" in this Proxy Statement and listed under Item 2 of the enclosed proxy card If other matters are properly presented at the Meeting for consideration, the persons named in the proxy will have the discretion to vote on those matters for the stockholder.

As a matter of policy, proxy cards, ballots and voting tabulations that identify individual stockholders are kept confidential by the Company. Such documents are made available only to the inspector of election and personnel associated with processing proxies and tabulating votes at the Meeting. The votes of individual stockholders will not be disclosed except as may be required by applicable law.

Revocation of Proxies

A stockholder who so desires may revoke his, her, or its proxy at any time before it is exercised at the Meeting by: (i) providing written notice to the Secretary of the Company; (ii) duly executing a proxy card bearing a date subsequent to that of a previously furnished proxy card; or (iii) attending the Meeting and voting in person. Attendance at the Meeting will not in itself constitute a revocation of a previously furnished proxy and stockholders who attend the Meeting in person need not revoke their proxy (if previously furnished) to vote in person. The Company encourages stockholders that plan to attend the Meeting to submit a valid proxy card and vote their shares prior to the Meeting. Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to be Held on October 6, 2014

This Proxy Statement, the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the Company's 2013 Annual Report are available on the Internet at www.eragroupincinvestors.com.

In addition, you may find information on how to obtain directions to attend the Meeting and vote in person by submitting a query via e-mail to Investor_Relations@eragroupinc.com.

Solicitation and Solicitation Expenses

The Company will bear the costs of solicitation of proxies for the Meeting. In addition to solicitation by mail, directors, officers and regular employees of the Company may solicit proxies from stockholders by telephone, electronic or facsimile transmission, personal interview or other means.

The Company has requested brokers, bankers and other nominees who hold voting stock of the Company to forward proxy solicitation materials to their customers and such nominees will be reimbursed for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

The Company has retained D.F. King & Co., Inc. to aid in the solicitation of proxies. The fees of D.F. King & Co., Inc. are \$8,500 plus reimbursement of its reasonable out-of-pocket costs. If you have questions about the Annual Meeting or need additional copies of this Proxy Statement or additional proxy cards, please contact the Company's proxy solicitation agent as follows:

D.F. King & Co., Inc. 48 Wall Street, 22nd Floor New York, NY 10005

Banks/Brokers: (212) 269-5550

Toll-free: (800) 735-3591

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

During January 2013, the Company was a wholly-owned subsidiary of SEACOR Holdings Inc. ("SEACOR") and its board of directors (the "Board") consisted solely of its own executive officers and executive officers of SEACOR. On January 31, 2013, the Company was spun-off from SEACOR (the "Spin-off"). In connection with the Spin-off, a number of SEACOR's independent directors resigned from SEACOR's board and were added to the Board. At that time, the Board adopted significant governance processes designed to support the Board's capacity for objective judgment, including executive sessions of the independent directors at Board meetings, independent evaluation of, and communication with, members of senior management, and rigorous self-evaluation of the Board, its committees, and its leadership. These and other critical governance processes are reflected in the Corporate Governance Guidelines, the various Committee Charters and other corporate governance related documents that are available on the Company's website. The Board has also provided mechanisms for stockholders to communicate in writing with the non-management and/or independent directors, and with the full Board on matters of significance. See " - Communications with the Board or Independent Directors."

Chief Executive Officer Transition

On August 28, 2014, the Company announced the resignation of Sten L. Gustafson as Chief Executive Officer and as a member of the Board effective August 29, 2014. Effective August 29, 2014, the Board appointed Christopher S. Bradshaw, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, to serve as acting Chief Executive Officer while the Board identifies a permanent Chief Executive Officer to replace Mr. Gustafson. Mr. Bradshaw will also retain his duties as Chief Financial Officer of the Company.

Board of Directors and Director Independence

The business and affairs of the Company are managed under the direction of the Board. The Company's amended and restated bylaws provide that the Board will consist of not less than five and not more than fifteen directors. During 2013, the Board held nine meetings. Each of the directors attended at least 75% of the combined total meetings of the full Board and the committees on which he or she served in 2013. Although the Company does not have a formal policy requiring Board members to attend the Annual Meeting, all of the Board members then serving attended the Company's 2013 Annual Meeting.

A majority of the Company's directors are independent, non-employee directors. The Board has made the affirmative determination that a majority of the Company's directors, namely Messrs. Steven Webster, Blaine Fogg and Christopher P. Papouras and Mmes. Ann Fairbanks and Yueping Sun, are independent as such term is defined by the applicable rules and regulations of the New York Stock Exchange. Additionally, each of these directors meets the categorical standards for independence established by the Board (the "Era Categorical Standards"). In making such determination, the Board considered the fact that Mr. Webster is also a director of Hercules Offshore, Inc. ("Hercules"), a customer of the Company, and that the total amount earned by the Company from business conducted with Hercules did not exceed \$0.1 million in the year ended December 31, 2013.

A copy of the Era Categorical Standards is available on the Company's website at www.eragroupinc.com by clicking "Corporate Governance." The Company's website and the information contained therein or connected thereto shall not be deemed to be incorporated into this Proxy Statement.

The schedule of Board meetings is made available to directors in advance along with the agenda for each meeting so that they may review and request changes. Directors also have unrestricted access to management at all times and regularly communicate informally with management on an assortment of topics.

The Board intends to implement a Board succession planning process that includes ongoing consultation with the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer, and the development of candidates to address future developments and emergency situations.

Board Leadership Structure

The Board believes that there is no single best organizational model that would be most effective in all circumstances and that it is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders for the Board to retain the authority to modify its leadership structure to best address the Company's circumstances from time to time. The Board believes that the most effective leadership structure for the Company at the present time is to separate the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Separating these positions allows the Chief Executive Officer to focus on the full-time job of

running the Company's business, while allowing the Chairman to lead the Board in its fundamental role of providing advice to and independent oversight of management. The Board believes this structure recognizes the time, effort, and energy that the Chief Executive Officer is required to devote to his position in the current business environment, as well as the commitment required to serve as the Company's Chairman, particularly as the Board's oversight responsibilities continue to grow and demand more time and attention.

In addition to the role that the Chairman has with regard to the Board, the chair of each of the three wholly independent key committees of the Board (Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee)

and each individual director is responsible for helping to ensure that meeting agendas are appropriate and that sufficient time and information are available to address issues the directors believe are significant and warrant their attention. Each director has the opportunity and ability to request agenda items, information and additional meetings of the Board or of the independent directors.

Executive Sessions

Directors meet at regularly scheduled executive sessions without any members of management present to discuss issues relating to management performance and any other issue that may involve a potential conflict of interest with management. Executive sessions are presided over by the Company's non-executive Chairman, Charles Fabrikant, who is responsible for:

chairing executive sessions of Board meetings, which include meetings to evaluate and review the performance of the Chief Executive Officer;

conferring with the Chief Executive Officer and serving as a liaison between the independent directors (who also have direct and complete access to the Chief Executive Officer) and Chief Executive Officer as appropriate, including providing them with consolidated feedback from executive sessions of the independent directors;

advising members of management and members of the Board, where necessary, with respect to its strategic review of operations and significant transactions;

acting on behalf of the Company to communicate corporate governance matters to the Company's stockholders; and together with the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, presiding over the Board's self-evaluation.

Committees of the Board of Directors

The Board has established the following committees, each of which operates under a written charter that has been posted on the Company's website at www.eragroupinc.com. The website and the information contained therein or connected thereto shall not be deemed to be incorporated into this Proxy Statement.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee met four times during 2013 and is currently comprised of Ann Fairbanks, Blaine Fogg and Christopher Papouras. Mr. Papouras is the Audit Committee Chairman. The Board has determined that Mr. Papouras is an "audit committee financial expert" for purposes of the rules of the SEC. In reaching this determination, the Board considered, among other things, the experience of Mr. Papouras as President of Canrig Drilling Technology, Ltd., in addition to other experience that is described below. In addition, the Board determined that each of the members of the Audit Committee is independent, as defined by the rules of the NYSE, Section 10A(m)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and in accordance with the Era Categorical Standards. The Audit Committee is expected to meet at least quarterly.

Committee Function. The Audit Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibility to oversee:

management's execution of the Company's financial reporting process, including the reporting of any material events, transactions, changes in accounting estimates or changes in important accounting principles and any significant issues as to adequacy of internal controls;

the selection, performance and qualifications of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm (including its independence);

the review of the financial reports and other financial information provided by the Company to any governmental or regulatory body, the public or other users thereof;

the Company's systems of internal accounting and financial controls and the annual independent audit of the Company's financial statements;

risk management and controls, which includes assisting management with identifying and monitoring risks, developing effective strategies to mitigate risk, and incorporating procedures into its strategic decision-making (and reporting developments related thereto to the Board); and

the processes for handling complaints relating to accounting, internal accounting controls and auditing matters. The Audit Committee's role is one of oversight. Management is responsible for preparing the Company's financial statements and the independent auditors are responsible for auditing those financial statements. Management, including the internal audit staff, or outside provider of such services, and the independent auditors have more time, knowledge and detailed information about the Company than do Audit Committee members. Consequently, in

carrying out its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee will not provide any expert or special assurance as to the Company's financial statements or any professional certification as to the independent auditors' work.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee met four times during 2013 and is currently comprised of Blaine Fogg, Yueping Sun and Steven Webster. Blaine Fogg is the Compensation Committee Chairman. The Board has determined that each member of the Compensation Committee is independent, as defined by the rules of the NYSE and in accordance with the Era Categorical Standards. In addition, the members of the Compensation Committee qualify as "non-employee directors" for purposes of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act and as "outside directors" for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Committee Function. The Compensation Committee, among other things:

reviews all of the Company's compensation practices;

establishes and approves compensation for the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, other executive officers, and certain officers or managers who receive an annual base salary of more than \$200,000;

evaluates officer and director compensation plans, policies and programs;

reviews and approves benefit plans;

produces a report on executive compensation (if required) to be included in the Company's proxy statements or other SEC filings; and

approves all grants of equity awards.

The Chairman sets the agenda for meetings of the Compensation Committee. The meetings are attended by the Chairman of the Board and the General Counsel, if requested. At each meeting, the Compensation Committee has the opportunity to meet in executive session. The Chairman of the Compensation Committee reports the Compensation Committee's actions regarding compensation of executive officers to the full Board. The Compensation Committee has the sole authority to retain, obtain the advice of and terminate any compensation consultants, independent legal counsel or other advisors to assist the Compensation Committee in its discharge of its duties and responsibilities, including the evaluation of director or executive officer compensation.

Interlocks and Insider Participation. None of the current members of the Compensation Committee is or was an officer or employee of the Company. During 2013, none of the Company's executive officers served as a director or member of the compensation committee of any other entity whose executive officers serves on the Board or the Compensation Committee.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Governance Committee did not hold any meetings during 2013 and acted by written consent. The Nominating and Governance Committee is currently comprised of Ann Fairbanks, Yueping Sun and Steven Webster. Steven Webster is the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Chairman. The Board has determined that each member of the Nominating and Governance Committee is independent, as defined by the rules of the NYSE and in accordance with the Era Categorical Standards.

Committee Function. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee assists the Board with: identifying, screening and reviewing individuals qualified to serve as directors and recommending to the Board candidates for election at the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders and to fill vacancies on the Board; recommending modifications, as appropriate, to the Company's policies and procedures for identifying and reviewing candidates for the Board, including policies and procedures relating to candidates for the Board submitted for consideration by stockholders;

reviewing the composition of the Board as a whole, including whether the Board reflects the appropriate balance of independence, sound judgment, business specialization, technical skills, diversity and other desired qualities;

reviewing periodically the size of the Board and recommending any appropriate changes;

overseeing the evaluation of the Board and management;

recommending changes in director compensation; and

various governance responsibilities.

Selection of Nominees for the Board of Directors. To fulfill its responsibility to recruit and recommend to the full Board nominees for election as directors, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews the composition of the full Board to determine the qualifications and areas of expertise needed to further enhance the composition of the Board and works with management in attracting candidates with those qualifications.

In identifying new director candidates, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks advice and names of candidates from Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee members, other members of the board of directors, members

of management and other public and private sources. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, in formulating its recommendation of candidates to the board of directors, considers each candidate's personal qualifications and how such personal qualifications effectively address the perceived then current needs of the board of directors. Appropriate personal qualifications and criteria for membership on the board of directors include the following:

experience investing in and/or guiding complex businesses as an executive leader or as an investment professional within an industry or area of importance to the Company;

proven judgment and competence, substantial accomplishments, and prior or current association with institutions noted for their excellence;

complementary professional skills and experience addressing the complex issues facing a multifaceted international organization;

an understanding of the Company's businesses and the environment in which it operates; and

diversity as to business experiences, educational and professional backgrounds and ethnicity.

After the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee completes its evaluation, it presents its recommendations to the board of directors for consideration and approval. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may also, but need not, retain a search firm in order to assist it in these efforts.

Having evaluated the Board candidates set forth below under Proposal 1 pursuant to these processes and criteria, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee recommended, and the Board determined to nominate, each of the incumbent directors named below for re-election.

Stockholder Recommendations. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider director candidates suggested by the Company's stockholders provided that the recommendations are made in accordance with the same procedures required under the Company's bylaws for nomination of directors by stockholders. Stockholder nominations that comply with these procedures and that meet certain criteria outlined will receive the same consideration that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's nominees receive. The Company will report any material change to this procedure in an appropriate filing with the SEC and will make any such changes available promptly on the SEC Filings section of the Company's website at www.eragroupinc.com. There have been no material changes to these procedures since the Company last provided this disclosure.

Communications with the Board or Independent Directors

Stockholders or interested parties who wish to communicate with the Board, the Chairman and/or independent directors may do so by writing in care of Era Group Inc.'s Corporate Secretary, indicating by title or name to whom correspondence should be directed. Correspondence should be sent to: Era Group Inc., Attn: Corporate Secretary, 818 Town & Country Blvd., Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77024 or by e-mail to corporatesecretary@eragroupinc.com. The independent directors have established procedures for handling communications from stockholders of the Company and directed the Corporate Secretary to act as their agent in processing any communications received. All communications that relate to matters that are within the scope of the responsibilities of the Board and its committees will be forwarded to the Chairman and independent directors. Communications that relate to matters that are within the responsibility of one of the Board committees will be forwarded to the chairperson of the appropriate committee. Communications that relate to ordinary business matters that are not within the scope of the Board's responsibilities will be sent to the appropriate executive. Solicitations, junk mail and obviously frivolous or inappropriate communications will not be forwarded, but will be made available to any director who wishes to review them. The Audit Committee has established procedures for (i) the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints, reports and concerns regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters and (ii) the confidential, anonymous submission of complaints, reports and concerns by employees regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters. These procedures are published on the Company's website, at www.eragroupinc.com, under the link chain "Corporate Governance - Governance Documents". Such complaints, reports or concerns may be communicated to the Company's General Counsel or the Chairman of the Audit Committee through a toll-free hotline at (855) 252-3976 or through an internet based reporting tool provided by NAVEX Global (www.eragroupinc.ethicspoint.com), each available on an anonymous and confidential basis. Complaints received are logged by the General Counsel, communicated to the Chairman of the Audit Committee and investigated, under the supervision of the Audit Committee, by the General Counsel. In accordance with Section 806 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act"),

these procedures prohibit the Company from retaliating against any person who, in good faith, submits an accounting or auditing complaint, report or concern or provides assistance in the investigation or resolution of such matters. Risk Oversight

The Company's results of operations, financial condition and cash flows can be adversely affected by risk. The management of risk is central to the success of the Company and requires the involvement of the Board, officers and employees, all of whom are entrusted to develop a balanced and prudent approach to risk.

The Company has developed and implemented operational controls designed to identify and mitigate risk associated with its financial decisions, operations, legal compliance, business development, changing business conditions and initiation of new business lines. The Chief Executive Officer, with the assistance of the Senior Vice Presidents, the General Counsel and other key executives, is responsible for, among other risk management measures:

implementing measures designed to ensure the highest standard of safety for personnel, the environment and property in performing the Company's operations;

obtaining appropriate insurance coverage; and

evaluating and identifying risk related to the Company's capital structure in light of a rigorous assessment of its business activities.

The Board has reviewed and evaluated, and expects to routinely review and evaluate, its risk profile to ensure that the measures implemented by the Company are adequate to execute and implement the Company's strategic objectives. Issues related to risk are regularly discussed by the Chief Executive Officer and the rest of the senior management team with members of the Board both through informal communications, such as email and in-person meetings, and during formal Board meetings. The Board receives quarterly reports from senior management that include a review of risk management issues. Senior management made a formal presentation to the Board regarding risk management issues during fiscal 2013 and intends to continue to do so at least once per year. In addition, the Board intends to meet with a broad group of the Company's managers at least once per year to permit directors to discuss company matters in a more informal environment than the typical meeting. Several Board members are familiar with the risks associated with the types of assets managed and owned by the Company and routinely engage in a dialogue with the Chief Executive Officer and appropriate members of senior management regarding such risks.

The Audit Committee, together with senior management, works to respond to recommendations from internal and external auditors and supervisory authorities regarding the Company's compliance with internal controls and procedures, and other factors that could interfere with the successful implementation of the Company's strategic plan. The Audit Committee is also expected to review the adequacy of the Company's risk management policies and procedures and meet privately with company employees and the General Counsel to consider recommendations regarding policies related to risk management. In addition, senior management works closely with the General Counsel to facilitate compliance with foreign and domestic laws and regulations. The General Counsel also reports to the Board on company programs and initiatives that educate employees on these laws, regulations and any updates thereto, and facilitates the Company's compliance therewith.

The Board believes that senior management's procedures, combined with Board and Audit Committee oversight, enable the Company to properly and comprehensively assess risk from both an enterprise-wide and divisional perspective, thereby managing and observing the most substantive risks at each level within the Company. Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

The Board has adopted a set of Corporate Governance Guidelines, a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and a Supplemental Code of Ethics. A copy of each of these documents, along with the charters of each of the committees described above, is available on the Company's website at www.eragroupinc.com, by clicking "Corporate Governance" and is also available to stockholders in print without charge upon written request to the Company's Investor Relations Department, 818 Town & Country Blvd. Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77024.

The Corporate Governance Guidelines address areas such as director responsibilities and qualifications, director compensation, management succession, board committees and annual self-evaluation. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is applicable to the Company's directors, officers, and employees and the Supplemental Code of Ethics is applicable to the Company's Chief Executive Officer and senior financial officers. The Company will disclose future amendments to, or waivers from, certain provisions of the Supplemental Code of Ethics on its website within two business days following the date of such amendment or waiver.

PROPOSAL NO. 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board has nominated the people listed below for election as directors, each to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until his or her successor is elected and qualified. If any of the nominees becomes unavailable for any reason, which is not anticipated, the Board in its discretion may designate a substitute nominee. If a stockholder has filled out the accompanying proxy card, that stockholder's vote will be cast for the substitute nominee.

Oivind Lorentzen, currently the Chief Executive Officer of SEACOR, is stepping off of the Board effective as of the Annual Meeting and is therefore not standing for re-election as a director. The Board has reduced the size of the board from eight to seven directors effective at the Annual Meeting.

In addition, on August 28, 2014, the Company announced the resignation of Sten L. Gustafson as Chief Executive Officer and as a member of the Board effective August 29, 2014. The Company intends to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Gustafson's resignation with the Board's selection for a replacement permanent Chief Executive Officer. As a result, the Company is only seeking the election of six directors at the Annual Meeting.

The following table sets forth information with respect to each nominee for election as a director:

Name	Age	Position
Charles Fabrikant	70	Chairman of the Board of Directors
Blaine Fogg	74	Director
Steven Webster	62	Director
Ann Fairbanks	73	Director
Christopher P. Papouras	47	Director
Yueping Sun	57	Director

Charles Fabrikant served as the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer from October 2011 to April 2012 and has served as Chairman of the Board since July 2011. Effective April 1, 2012, Mr. Fabrikant resigned from his position as President and Chief Executive Officer. He continues to serve as non-executive Chairman of the Board. Mr. Fabrikant is the Executive Chairman of SEACOR and has been a director of SEACOR and several of its subsidiaries since its inception in 1989. Mr. Fabrikant served as President and Chief Executive Officer of SEACOR from 1989 through September 2010. Mr. Fabrikant is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law and Harvard University. Mr. Fabrikant is a director of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc., a contract oil and gas driller. He is also President of Fabrikant International Corporation ("FIC"), a privately owned corporation engaged in marine investments. With over 30 years' experience in the maritime, transportation, investment and environmental industries, and his position as the founder of SEACOR and the Company's former President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Fabrikant's broad experience and deep understanding of the Company make him uniquely qualified to serve as non-executive Chairman of the Board.

Blaine V. ("Fin") Fogg has been a member of the Board since January 2013. Mr. Fogg served on SEACOR's board of directors from September 2010 to January 2013. Mr. Fogg is Of Counsel at the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, practicing corporate and securities law. He previously was a partner at the firm from 1972 until 2004. Mr. Fogg has been a director of Griffon Corporation, a diversified management and holding company, since May 2005, and has been President of The Legal Aid Society of New York since November 2009. Mr. Fogg's decades of experience as a corporate and securities lawyer concentrating on mergers, acquisitions and other corporate transactions add value to the Board with respect to transactional matters and corporate governance. Steven Webster has been a member of the Board since January 2013. Mr. Webster served on SEACOR's board of directors from September 2005 to January 2013. Mr. Webster has been a Co-Managing Partner of Avista Capital Partners LP, a private equity investment business that he co-founded that focuses on the energy, healthcare and other industries, since 2005. From 2000 through June 2005, Mr. Webster was Chairman of Global Energy Partners, an affiliate of Credit Suisse First Boston's Alternative Capital Division. From 1988 through 1997, Mr. Webster was Chairman and CEO of Falcon Drilling Company, Inc. (Falcon Drilling) an offshore drilling company he founded, and through 1999, served as President and CEO of R&B Falcon Corporation (R&B Falcon), the successor to Falcon Drilling formed through its merger with Reading & Bates Corporation. Mr. Webster served as a Vice Chairman of R&B Falcon until 2001 when it merged with Transocean, Inc. Mr. Webster formerly served on the board of directors

of Crown Resources Corporation, Brigham Exploration Company, Goodrich Petroleum Corporation, Grey Wolf, Inc., Encore Bancshares, Inc., Solitario Exploration & Royalty Corporation, Geokinetics Inc. and Pinnacle Gas

Resource. Mr. Webster currently serves as Chairman of Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc., a Houston based independent energy company engaged in the exploration, development and production of natural gas and oil, and Basic Energy Services Inc., a company that provides well site services to domestic oil and gas producers. He is also a Trust Manager of Camden Property Trust, a real estate investment trust specializing in multi-family housing, and a director of Hercules Offshore, Inc., an international provider of offshore contract drilling, and liftboat services, Hi-Crush Proppants LP, which is a general partner of Hi-Crush Partners LP, a company that produces and supplies proppants, and various private companies. Mr. Webster served as a director of Seabulk International, Inc. both before and following its merger with SEACOR in July 2005 until March 2006.

Mr. Webster's extensive experience with private equity and equity-related investments provides additional depth to the Board's analysis of investment and acquisition opportunities. His board positions and his experience as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of a public company provide additional experience to the Board in evaluating corporate opportunities.

Ann Fairbanks has been a member of the Board since March 2013. Mrs. Fairbanks is the founder and has been the Chairman of The Fairbanks Investment Fund, a U.S. private equity fund. From 1990 to 2000, Mrs. Fairbanks was a partner in investment subsidiaries of Keystone, Inc., the principal investment vehicle for Robert M. Bass, a Fort Worth, Texas-based investor. Prior to joining Keystone, Mrs. Fairbanks served in a number of U.S. government positions: from 1983 to 1987 as Chief Operating Officer of the primary bank regulator for the U.S. Thrift Industry, the Federal Home Loan Bank board, which also had oversight responsibility for the Federal Home Loan Bank System, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, (FSLIC), and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, (FHLMC). She subsequently served as a Presidential appointee on the initial board of the newly privatized Freddie Mac until 1994. From 1981 to 1983, Mrs. Fairbanks served as Deputy Assistant Director for Economic Policy on the White House Domestic Policy Staff of President Ronald Reagan. Mrs. Fairbanks currently serves as the Chairman of the boards of directors of each of Proteonic and Layalina Productions, and as a director on the boards of directors of each of Clarion Industries, Invectys SA and Routin SA. Previously, Mrs. Fairbanks served on the boards of directors of ING Bank, FSB, where she was lead director through sale of the bank to Capital One Bank in 2010; Tarkett SA, as a director and member of the Audit Committee from 2002 to 2007; and Modelabs SA, as a director from 2009 to 2011. She has also been a member of the board of directors and Executive Committee of the French-American Foundation in New York, since 2002; a member of the board of directors of the French-American Foundation in France since 2006; a member of the National Committee of the Aspen Music Festival since 2001; and a member of the International Women's Forum in Washington, D.C. since 1996.

Mrs. Fairbanks' extensive experience with investment activities and board positions provides additional depth to the Board's analysis and evaluation of investment and acquisition opportunities and other corporate opportunities and enhances the Board's leadership and corporate governance experience.

Christopher P. Papouras has been a member of the Board since March 2013. Mr. Papouras has been President of Canrig Drilling Technology, Ltd., a leading supplier of drilling equipment for the oil and gas drilling industry, since 1998. Prior to that, Mr. Papouras was President of Epoch Well Services, Inc., a provider of information technology services to the oil and gas industry, and Assistant to the Chairman of Nabors Industries, Inc., a land drilling contractor and subsidiary of Nabors Industries Ltd. Mr. Papouras currently serves as a director of Drillmap, Inc., a private company that offers software solutions for the oil and gas industry. Mr. Papouras is active in the Young Presidents' Organization, serves as an advisory board member of Knowledge is Power Program, Houston Public Schools and serves on the board of directors and Executive Committee of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Houston. Mr. Papouras brings extensive industry experience as well as corporate leadership and financial and operational management experience to the Board.

Yueping Sun has been a member of the Board since March 2013. Ms. Sun has been Of Counsel for the law firm of Yetter Coleman LLP since 2005, where her principal areas of practice include corporate and securities law. She also has served as Rice University Representative since 2004. Previously, Ms. Sun practiced law in New York City with White & Case LLP and Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP. Ms. Sun is a board member of the Asia Society Texas Center and the United Way of Greater Houston, a trustee of Texas Children's Hospital and honorary co-chair of Rice's Baker Institute Roundtable. She also serves as a member of the advisory board of Rice's Shepherd School of Music, the Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Asian Chamber of Commerce, Chinese Community Center, and the Mayor's

International Trade and Development Council for Asia/Australia. Ms. Sun has been recognized by several organizations for her contributions to the community, including the 2010 International Executive of the Year, Texas China Distinguished Leader in Education Award, the 2011 Asian American Leadership Award, Woman on the Move, one of the 50 Most Influential Women of 2010 and the 2012 ABC Channel 13 Woman of Distinction. Ms. Sun's experience as a corporate and securities lawyer concentrating on cross-border and other corporate transactions adds value to the Board with respect to transactional matters and corporate governance, and her broad experience provides for enhanced Board diversity.

Voting

Directors will be elected by a plurality of the shares of Common Stock represented in person or by proxy at the Meeting and voting on the matter. If you do not wish your shares to be voted for any particular nominee, please identify any nominee for whom you "withhold authority" to vote on the enclosed proxy card.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE DIRECTOR-NOMINEES NAMED ABOVE.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF DIRECTORS, MANAGEMENT AND CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table provides information with respect to the beneficial ownership of the Common Stock as of July 31, 2014 by:

each director of the Company;

each executive officer named in the summary compensation table;

all of the Company's current directors and executive officers as a group; and

each of the Company's stockholders who are known to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the Company's outstanding shares of Common Stock.

As of July 31, 2014, there were 20,343,277 shares of the Common Stock outstanding.

The amounts and percentages of Common Stock beneficially owned are reported on the basis of the regulations of the SEC governing the determination of beneficial ownership of securities. Under these rules, a person is deemed to be a beneficial owner of a security if that person has or shares voting power, which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of such security, or investment power, which includes the power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of such security. A person is also deemed to be a beneficial owner of any securities of which that person has a right to acquire beneficial ownership within 60 days. Under these rules, more than one person may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of the same securities.

Except as otherwise noted in the footnotes below, each person or entity identified in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the securities they hold.

investment power with respect to the securities they note.	Amount and Nature of	Percentage of		
Name	Beneficial Ownership		Class	
Directors and Named Executive Officers:	r			
Charles Fabrikant ⁽¹⁾	876,270	4.31	%	
Sten L. Gustafson ⁽²⁾	205,542	1.01	%	
Christopher S. Bradshaw ⁽³⁾	58,771	*		
Paul White ⁽⁴⁾	25,915	*		
Stuart Stavley ⁽⁵⁾	28,716	*		
Blaine Fogg ⁽⁶⁾	45,192	*		
Steven Webster ⁽⁷⁾	126,757	*		
Ann Fairbanks ⁽⁸⁾	10,857	*		
Christopher P. Papouras ⁽⁹⁾	8,982	*		
Yueping Sun ⁽¹⁰⁾	8,982	*		
Oivind Lorentzen ⁽¹¹⁾	164,232	*		
All directors and executive officers as a group(13 individuals) ⁽¹²⁾	1,600,060	7.87	%	
Principal Stockholders:				
Wellington Management Company, LLP ⁽¹³⁾				
280 Congress Street	2,381,701	11.71	%	
Boston, MA 02110				
BlackRock, Inc. ⁽¹⁴⁾				
40 East 52nd Street	1,798,026	8.84	%	
New York, NY 10022				
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP ⁽¹⁵⁾				
Palisades Wes, Building One	1,328,760	6.53	%	
6300 Bee Cave Road	1,320,700	0.55	70	
Austin, TX 78476				
Keeley Asset Management Corp. (16)				
111 West Jackson suite 800	1,168,837	5.75	%	
Chicago, IL 60604				
Royce & Associates ⁽¹⁷⁾				
745 Fifth Avenue	1,011,420	4.97	%	
New York, NY 10151				

- *Individually less than 1.00%.
 - Includes: (i) 411,344 shares of Common Stock owned directly; (ii) 338,529 shares owned by Fabrikant International Corporation, of which Mr. Fabrikant is President, (iii) 24,236 shares owned by VSS Holding Corporation, of which Mr. Fabrikant is President and sole stockholder, (iv) 1,434 shares owned by the Charles Fabrikant Trustee Article Seven Trust, of which Mr. Fabrikant is a trustee, (v) 1,540 shares owned by the Charles Fabrikant 1974 Trust, of which Mr. Fabrikant is a trustee, (vi) 1,540 shares owned by the Jane Strasser 1974 Trust,
- (1) of which Mr. Fabrikant is a trustee, (vii) 12,000 shares owned by the Sara J. Fabrikant 2012 GST Exempt Trust, of which Mr. Fabrikant is a trustee, (viii) 18,995 shares owned by Mr. Fabrikant's mother's estate, over which he is a trustee, (ix) 60,000 held by the Charles Fabrikant 2012 GST Exempt Trust, of which Mrs. Fabrikant is a trustee, (x) 800 shares owned by the Harlan Saroken 2009 Family Trust, of which Mrs. Fabrikant is a trustee, (xi) 800 shares owned by the Eric Fabrikant 2009 Family Trust, of which Mrs. Fabrikant is a trustee and (xii) 5,052 shares of restricted stock over which Mr. Fabrikant exercises sole voting power.

 Includes 600 shares of Common Stock owned by Mr. Gustafson's wife, 72,250 shares of restricted stock over
 - which Mr. Gustafson exercises sole voting power and options to purchase 120,000 shares of Common Stock. Mr. Gustafson served as Chief Executive Officer and as a member of the Board for the year ended December 31, 2013. On August 28, 2014, the Company announced the resignation of Mr. Gustafson as Chief Executive Officer and as a member of the Board effective August 29, 2014. The 72,250 shares of restricted stock referred to above and
- (2) options with respect to 95,000 of such 120,000 shares of Common Stock referred to above will vest immediately following the effectiveness of a release signed by Mr. Gustafson pursuant to his Separation and Consulting Agreement (described below under "Employment and Other Contracts and Potential Payments Upon Death, Disability, Qualified Retirement, Termination Without Cause or a Change of Control"). Options to purchase 25,000 shares of Common Stock of the 120,000 shares of Common Stock referred to above vested prior to the execution of the Separation and Consulting Agreement
 - Includes 41,500 shares of restricted stock over which Mr. Bradshaw exercises sole voting power, options to
- (3) purchase 10,000 shares of Common Stock that have vested and excludes options to purchase 30,000 shares of the Common Stock that have not yet vested and will not vest within 60 days of July 31, 2014.

 Includes 19,250 shares of restricted stock over which Mr. White exercises sole voting power, options to purchase
- (4)3,750 shares of Common Stock that have vested and excludes options to purchase 11,250 shares of Common Stock that have not yet vested and will not vest within 60 days of July 31, 2014.
 - Includes 19,250 shares of restricted stock over which Mr. Stavley exercises sole voting power, options to purchase
- (5)3,750 shares of Common Stock that have vested and excludes options to purchase 11,250 shares of Common Stock that have not yet vested and will not vest within 60 days of July 31, 2014.
- (6) Includes 5,052 shares of restricted stock over which Mr. Fogg exercises sole voting power, options to purchase 33,460 shares of Common Stock that have vested or will vest within 60 days of July 31, 2014.
- (7) Includes 5,052 shares of restricted stock over which Mr. Webster exercises sole voting power, options to purchase 93,688 shares of Common Stock that have vested or will vest within 60 days of July 31, 2014.
- (8) Includes 5,052 shares of restricted stock over which Mrs. Fairbanks exercises sole voting power.
- (9) Includes 5,052 shares of restricted stock over which Mr. Papouras exercises sole voting power.
- (10) Includes 5,052 shares of restricted stock over which Mrs. Sun exercises sole voting power.
- (11) Includes 32,500 shares of Common Stock that Mr. Lorentzen may be deemed to own through various trusts held for his children and 2,052 shares of restricted stock over which Mr. Lorentzen exercises sole voting power. Includes Mmes. Fairbanks and Sun, Shefali Shah, Jennifer Whalen and Messrs. Fabrikant, Gustafson, Bradshaw,
- (12) White, Stavley, Fogg, Webster, Papouras and Lorentzen. The address for each such individual is c/o Era Group Inc., 818 Town & Country Blvd., Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77024.
- (13) According to a Schedule 13G amendment filed on February 14, 2014, by Wellington Management Company, LLP ("Wellington"), Wellington has shared voting power with respect to 1,968,129 shares of our Common Stock and shared dispositive power with respect to 2,381,701 shares of our Common Stock. Wellington serves as an investment advisor and for purposes of the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act may be deemed to

beneficially own 2,381,701 shares of our Common Stock. Various persons have the right to receive, or the power to direct, the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such shares of our Common Stock. No one person's interest in such shares of our Common Stock is more than 5% of our total Common Stock outstanding.

According to a Schedule 13G filed on January 29, 2014, by BlackRock Inc. ("BlackRock"), BlackRock has sole dispositive power and sole voting power with respect to 1,706,488 shares of our Common Stock. BlackRock serves as a parent holding company, and, for purposes of the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, may be

- (14) deemed to beneficially own 1,798,026 shares of our Common Stock. Various persons have the right to receive, or the power to direct, the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such shares of our Common Stock. No one person's interest in such shares of our Common Stock is more than 5% of our total Common Stock outstanding.
 - According to a Schedule 13G filed on February 10, 2014, by Dimensional Fund Advisors LP ("Dimensional"), Dimensional has sole voting power with respect to 1,292,642 shares of our Common Stock and sole dispositive power with respect to 1,328,760 shares of our Common Stock. Dimensional furnishes investment advice to four investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and serves as investment manager to certain other commingled group trusts and separate accounts (collectively, the "Funds"). In certain cases, subsidiaries of Dimensional may act as advisor or sub-advisor to certain Funds. In its role as investment advisor,
- (15) sub-advisor and/or manager, neither Dimensional nor its subsidiaries possess voting and/or investment power over the shares of our Common Stock owned by the Funds and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of our Common Stock. However, all of our Common Stock reported herein is owned by the Funds and Dimensional disclaims beneficial ownership of all such securities. Various funds have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the securities held in their respective accounts. No one such Fund's interest in such shares of our Common Stock is more than 5% of our total Common Stock outstanding.
 - According to a Schedule 13G filed on February 7, 2014, by The Keeley Asset Management Corp. ("Keeley") and Keeley Small Cap Value Fund ("KSCVF"), Keeley and KSCVF share the same beneficial ownership the sole voting
- power with respect to 1,168,837 shares of our Common Stock, sole dispositive power with respect to 1,168,837 shares of our Common Stock. Various persons have the right to receive, or the power to direct, the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such shares of our Common Stock. No one person's interest in such shares of our Common Stock is more than 5% of the total Common Stock outstanding.

 According to a Schedule 13G filed on January 9, 2014, by Royce & Associates LLC ("Royce"), Royce has sole
- dispositive and sole voting power over 1,011,420 shares of Common Stock. Royce serves as an investment adviser, and for purposes of the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act may be deemed to beneficially own 1,011,420 shares of our Common Stock.

SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires that each director and executive officer of the Company and each person owning more than 10% of the Common Stock report his or her initial ownership of Common Stock and any subsequent changes in that ownership to the SEC. The Company is required to disclose in this Proxy Statement any failure to file or late filings of such reports with respect to the most recent fiscal year.

Based solely upon a review of copies of forms furnished to the Company or written representations from certain reporting persons that no other reports were required for such reporting persons, the Company believes that all Section 16(a) reports were filed on a timely basis with respect to the most recent fiscal year, except for one Form 5 for Mrs. Fairbanks reporting her inheritance of shares from her late husband.

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

Prior to the completion of the Spin-off, the Company did not pay its directors for their service on the Board. In February 2013, the Company adopted a director compensation package for members of the Board who are not employees of the Company. The Company's directors (other than the non-executive Chairman) are entitled to an annual cash retainer of \$60,000 and are also entitled to additional cash compensation of \$2,000 for each meeting of the Board or its committees attended in person or by video conference and \$1,000 for each such meeting attended telephonically. The Company's non-executive Chairman is entitled to an annual cash retainer of \$220,000. In addition, the chairpersons of each of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Governance Committee are entitled to additional annual cash retainers of \$20,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively. Directors also are eligible for equity awards under the Company's 2012 Share Incentive Plan. The Company expects that annual equity awards to non-employee directors will be in the form of restricted stock awards with a value of \$60,000 (2,930 shares of restricted stock for the grant made in March 2013 and 2,052 shares of restricted stock for the grant made in March 2014) and will vest on the first anniversary of the date of the grant. In addition, upon election to the Board, directors will generally receive an initial award of 4,000 shares of restricted stock that will also vest in equal installments over four years. In March 2013, upon his election to the board of directors, Oivind Lorentzen received an initial award of 1,000 shares of restricted stock vesting on the first anniversary of the date of grant in lieu of the full initial award described above. If a non-employee director's service as a director of the Company terminates upon death, disability or change in control of the Company, any unvested restricted stock awards will become fully vested. In addition, at the end of his service as a director at the Annual Meeting, any unvested restricted stock awards under Mr. Lorentzen's March 2014 grant will become fully vested. If a non-employee director's service as a director of the Company terminates for any other reason, the unvested restricted stock awards will be forfeited.

NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table shows the compensation of the Company's non-employee directors for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards ⁽¹⁾	Total
\$224,056	\$141,926	\$365,982
66,667	141,926	208,593
93,343	141,926	235,269
69,833	80,486	150,319
81,304	141,926	223,230
67,667	141,926	209,593
96,113	141,926	238,039
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⁽¹⁾On March 19, 2013, each of the non-employee directors was granted 2,930 shares of Common Stock vesting on the one year anniversary of the date of grant. In addition, on that date, each of the non-employee directors, excluding Oivind Lorentzen, was granted 4,000 shares of Common Stock upon being elected to the board of directors vesting ratably in annual, equal increments over four years. Mr. Lorentzen was granted 1,000 shares of Common Stock vesting on the one year anniversary of the date of grant. The dollar amount of stock awards set forth in this column is equal to the grant date fair value of such stock awards calculated in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 without regard to forfeitures. Discussion

of the policies and assumptions used in the calculation of grant date value are set forth in Notes 1 and 13 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 21, 2014.

- (2) Member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.
- (3) Member of the Audit Committee.
- (4) Member of the Compensation Committee.

The following table shows the outstanding shares of restricted stock held by each non-employee director as of December 31, 2013.

Non-employee Director Charles Fabrikant Outstanding Shares of Restricted Stock