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HUDSON GLOBAL, INC.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
To Be Held [], 2014**

To the Stockholders of Hudson Global, Inc.:

We are providing notice that the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders of Hudson Global, Inc. will be held on [], [], 2014, at 8:00 A.M., local time, at the offices of Foley & Lardner LLP, 90 Park Avenue, 39th Floor, New York, New York 10016.

This year's annual meeting will be a particularly important one, and YOUR vote is extremely important.

Whether or not you will be able to attend the annual meeting, it is very important that your shares be represented. We urge you to read the accompanying proxy statement carefully and to use the enclosed WHITE proxy card to vote for our Board's nominees, and in accordance with our Board's recommendations on the other proposals, as soon as possible. You may vote your shares by signing and dating the enclosed WHITE proxy card and returning it in the postage-paid envelope provided, whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting. For your convenience, you may also vote your shares via the Internet or by a toll-free telephone number by following the instructions on the enclosed WHITE proxy card.

The annual meeting will be held for the following purposes:

1. To elect two directors to hold office until the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified;
2. To approve, by advisory vote, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in the accompanying proxy statement;
3. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as independent registered public accounting firm to audit Hudson Global, Inc.'s financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014; and
4. To adopt and approve an amendment to our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to declassify our Board of Directors and provide for the annual election of directors.

We also will consider and act upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on [], 2014 will be entitled to vote at the annual meeting and any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

Please note that Lone Star Value Management, LLC and certain other affiliated persons and entities (collectively, the Lone Star Group) have nominated two alternative director nominees for election at the annual meeting. You may receive solicitation materials from the Lone Star Group seeking your proxy to vote for the Lone Star Group s nominees. **We urge you NOT to sign or return any proxy card that you may receive from the Lone Star Group. Our Board urges you to sign date and return the enclosed WHITE proxy card and vote FOR each of our Board s nominees for director.** If you have already voted using a proxy card sent to you by the Lone Star Group, you may subsequently revoke it by signing and dating the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card and returning it in the postage-paid envelope provided or by voting via the Internet or by telephone by following the instructions provided on the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card. Only your last-dated proxy will count, and any proxy may be revoked at any time prior to its exercise at the annual meeting as described in the accompanying proxy statement.

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Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact Georgeson Inc., our proxy solicitor assisting us in connection with the annual meeting. Stockholders, banks and brokers may call toll-free at: 800-261-1052.

By Order of the Board of Directors
HUDSON GLOBAL, INC.

Latham Williams
Corporate Secretary

New York, New York
[], 2014

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**PRELIMINARY PROXY MATERIALS SUBJECT TO
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**HUDSON GLOBAL, INC.
560 Lexington Avenue, 5th Floor
New York, New York 10022**

**PROXY STATEMENT
For
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
To Be Held [], 2014**

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

We are providing this proxy statement and the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card in connection with the solicitation by our Board of Directors of proxies for use at our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders, which will be held on [], [], 2014, at 8:00 A.M., local time, at the offices of Foley & Lardner LLP, 90 Park Avenue, 39th Floor, New York, New York 10016, and all adjournments or postponements of the meeting, for the purposes set forth in the attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

We are providing our 2013 annual report to stockholders with this proxy statement. We first mailed the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, this proxy statement and our 2013 annual report to our stockholders on or about [], 2014. **A copy of our 2013 annual report may also be obtained, without charge, by contacting Latham Williams, Corporate Secretary, Hudson Global, Inc., 560 Lexington Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10022.**

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to be Held on [], 2014. The Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, this proxy statement and our 2013 annual report are also available online at [www.\[\]](http://www.[]).

On January 21, 2014, we received a notice from Lone Star Value Management, LLC and certain other affiliated persons and entities, which we refer to collectively in this proxy statement as the Lone Star Group, stating their intention to propose two alternative director nominees for election at the annual meeting. The Lone Star Group nominees have NOT been endorsed by our Board of Directors. **We urge you NOT to sign or return any proxy card that you may receive from the Lone Star Group. Our Board urges you to sign, date and return the enclosed WHITE proxy card and vote FOR each of our Board's nominees for director.**

We are not responsible for the accuracy of any information provided by or relating to the Lone Star Group contained in any proxy solicitation materials filed or disseminated by, or on behalf of, the Lone Star Group or any other

statements that the Lone Star Group may otherwise make. The Lone Star Group chooses which of our stockholders will receive their proxy solicitation materials.

Who Can Vote

Only holders of record of our common stock at the close of business on [], 2014, the record date for the annual meeting, are entitled to vote at the annual meeting. On [], 2014, there were [] shares of our common stock outstanding and entitled to vote.

Determining the Number of Votes You Have

The enclosed **WHITE** proxy card indicates the number of shares of our common stock that you own. Each share is entitled to one vote.

Quorum

To carry on the business of the annual meeting, a minimum number of shares of our common stock, constituting a quorum, must be present. The quorum for the annual meeting is a majority of the votes represented by the outstanding shares of our common stock. This majority may be present in person or by proxy. Abstentions and broker non-votes (when a broker has delivered a proxy that it does not have authority to vote on the proposal in question) are counted as present in determining whether or not there is a quorum.

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How to Vote

By Mail Stockholders may vote their shares by signing and dating the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card and returning it in the postage-paid envelope provided with this proxy statement. Proxy cards submitted by mail must be received by the time of the annual meeting for your shares to be voted. Therefore, please mail your proxy card as soon as possible so that it is received prior to the date of the annual meeting.

Via the Internet Stockholders can simplify their voting by voting their shares via the Internet as instructed on the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card. Internet voting facilities for stockholders of record are available 24 hours a day. Voting via the Internet authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you had submitted a validly executed proxy card. Your vote via the Internet must be submitted by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on [], 2014 for your shares to be voted.

By Telephone Stockholders can vote their shares using a toll-free telephone number by following the instructions provided on the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card. Voting by telephone authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you had submitted a validly executed proxy card. Your vote by telephone must be submitted by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on [], 2014 for your shares to be voted.

At the Annual Meeting Only our stockholders and invited guests may attend the annual meeting. If you would like to attend the annual meeting, you must demonstrate that you were a stockholder on [], 2014 and you must bring photo identification with you to the annual meeting. If your shares are held through a broker, bank or nominee, then you must bring to the annual meeting a copy of your brokerage account statement, which you can obtain from your broker, bank or nominee that holds your shares. If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Computershare, Inc., then you need only bring photo identification with you to the annual meeting. If you vote by proxy and also attend the annual meeting, then you do not need to vote again at the annual meeting unless you wish to change your vote. Even if you plan to attend the annual meeting, we strongly urge you to vote in advance by proxy by signing and dating the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card and returning it in the postage-paid envelope provided or by voting via the Internet or by telephone by following the instructions provided on the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card. For directions to the annual meeting, please write Latham Williams, Corporate Secretary, Hudson Global, Inc., 560 Lexington Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10022 or call (212) 351-7300.

If you submit your proxy by executing and returning the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card by mail or via the Internet or by telephone, then the persons named as proxies will vote the shares represented by your proxy according to your instructions. For the election of directors, you can specify whether your shares should be voted for one, both or neither of the nominees for director listed. Our Board urges you to use the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card and vote FOR BOTH of the nominees for director listed. With respect to the other items being submitted for stockholder vote, you may vote for or against any proposal or you may abstain from voting on any proposal.

If you submit your proxy by executing and returning the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card by mail or via the Internet or by telephone, but do not provide specific voting instructions with respect to the proposals to be submitted to stockholders at the annual meeting, then the persons named as proxies will vote FOR the two nominees for election as directors referred to in this proxy statement, FOR the approval of the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement, FOR the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, and FOR adoption and approval of an amendment to our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to declassify our Board of Directors and provide for the annual election of directors. Our management knows of no matters other than those set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be brought before the annual meeting. However, if any other business or

matters properly shall come before the annual meeting, then the persons named as proxies on the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card will vote the shares represented by each proxy in accordance with their judgment on such other business or matters.

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Receipt of Multiple Proxy Cards

Many of our stockholders hold their shares in more than one account and may receive separate proxy cards or voting instructions forms for each of those accounts. To ensure that all of your shares are represented at the annual meeting, we recommend that you **vote every WHITE proxy card you receive.**

Additionally, please note that the Lone Star Group has nominated two alternative director nominees for election at the annual meeting. You may receive proxy solicitation materials from the Lone Star Group, including an opposition proxy statement and a proxy card. Our Board unanimously recommends that you **disregard and do not return any proxy card you receive from the Lone Star Group.**

Even if you have already voted using the Lone Star Group's proxy card, you have every right, and our Board strongly encourages you, to change your vote and revoke your prior proxy by signing and dating the enclosed WHITE proxy card and returning it in the postage-paid envelope provided or by voting via the Internet or by telephone by following the instructions provided on the enclosed WHITE proxy card. Only the latest dated proxy you submit will be counted. If you withhold your vote on either Lone Star Group nominee using the Lone Star Group's proxy card, your vote will not be counted as a vote for our Board's nominees and will result in the revocation of any previous vote you may have cast on our **WHITE** proxy card. Accordingly, if you wish to vote pursuant to the recommendation of our Board, you should **disregard any proxy card that you receive that is not a WHITE proxy card.**

Revocation of Proxies

You can change your vote or revoke your proxy at any time before it is exercised at the annual meeting by doing any of the following: (1) you can submit a valid proxy with a later date; (2) you can notify our Corporate Secretary that you have revoked your proxy by writing Latham Williams, Corporate Secretary, Hudson Global, Inc., 560 Lexington Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10022; or (3) you can vote in person by written ballot at the annual meeting.

If you have previously signed a proxy card sent to you by the Lone Star Group, you may change your vote and revoke your prior proxy by signing and dating the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card and returning it in the postage-paid envelope provided or by voting via the Internet or by telephone by following the instructions on the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card. Submitting a Lone Star Group proxy card—even if you withhold your vote on the Lone Star Group nominees—will revoke any votes you previously made via our **WHITE** proxy card. Accordingly, if you wish to vote pursuant to the recommendation of our Board, you should **disregard any proxy card that you receive that is not a WHITE proxy card and do not return any proxy card that you may receive from the Lone Star Group, even as a protest.**

If You Have Questions or Need Assistance Voting

If you have any questions or need assistance voting, please contact Georgeson Inc., our proxy solicitor assisting us in connection with the annual meeting. Stockholders, banks and brokers may call toll-free at: 800-261-1052.

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The following table sets forth certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of [], 2014 by: (i) each director and nominee for director; (ii) each of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table set forth below; and (iii) all of the directors, nominees and executive officers (including the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table) as a group. Each of the holders listed below has sole voting and investment power over the shares beneficially owned by such holder. None of the holders listed below have pledged any of their shares as security.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percent of Common Stock Beneficially Owned
Robert B. Dubner ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	104,403	*
John J. Haley ⁽¹⁾	131,403	*
Jennifer Laing ⁽¹⁾	73,525	*
Manuel Marquez ⁽²⁾	270,222	*
David G. Offensend ⁽¹⁾	213,034	*
Richard J. Stolz ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	126,403	*
Stephen A. Nolan ⁽³⁾	117,128	*
Frank P. Lanuto ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	78,308	*
Latham Williams ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	63,431	*
Neil J. Funk ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	65,665	*
Mary Jane Raymond ⁽⁵⁾	123,637	*
All directors, nominees and executive officers as a group (11 persons) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	1,417,149	[4.4]%

*

Denotes less than 1%.

(1) Includes the following share units under our Director Deferred Share Plan, which are payable only in shares of common stock upon a director ceasing service as a Board member: Robert B. Dubner, 51,403 shares; John J. Haley, 56,403 shares; Jennifer Laing, 56,403 shares; David G. Offensend, 56,403 shares; Richard J. Stolz, 51,403 shares; and all directors, nominees and executive officers as a group, 272,015 shares.

(2) Includes the following shares of common stock subject to stock options, which are exercisable within 60 days of [], 2014: Robert B. Dubner, 50,000 shares; Manuel Marquez, 200,000 shares; Richard J. Stolz, 50,000 shares; Latham Williams, 24,500 shares; Neil J. Funk, 20,000 shares; and all directors, nominees and executive officers as a group, 344,500 shares.

(3) Includes the following shares of restricted common stock, which are subject to forfeiture until they vest: Stephen A. Nolan, 100,000 shares; Frank P. Lanuto, 41,276 shares; Latham Williams, 3,060 shares; Neil J. Funk, 1,020 shares; and all directors, nominees and executive officers as a group, 242,793 shares.

(4) On February 13, 2014, Mr. Lanuto, our former Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer, provided notice of his decision to resign from his position with our company. Mr. Lanuto's employment with our company ended effective March 14, 2014.

On May 31, 2013, we entered into a separation agreement with Ms. Raymond pursuant to which her employment with our company ended effective May 31, 2013. The shares of our common stock beneficially owned by Ms. (5) Raymond listed in the table are as of May 31, 2013, the effective date of her separation from our company, after giving effect to the acceleration of vesting of 48,155 shares of restricted common stock pursuant to her separation agreement.

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The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership by other persons known to us to own more than 5% of our outstanding common stock as of [], 2014.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percent of Class	
Hotchkis and Wiley Capital Management, LLC ⁽¹⁾ 725 South Figueroa St. 39 th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017	4,838,584	14.5	%
Sagard Capital Partners, L.P. ⁽²⁾ 325 Greenwich Avenue Greenwich, CT 06830	4,650,189	14.0	%
Heartland Advisors, Inc. ⁽³⁾ 789 North Water St. Milwaukee, WI 53202	4,631,826	13.9	%
Schneider Capital Management Corporation ⁽⁴⁾ 460 East Swedesford Rd. Suite 2000 Wayne, PA 19087	1,807,361	5.4	%
Lone Star Value Management, LLC ⁽⁵⁾ 53 Forest Avenue 1 st Floor Old Greenwich, CT 06870	1,655,000	5.0	%

Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2014 by Hotchkis (1) and Wiley Capital Management, LLC, which indicated it exercises sole voting power over 3,455,129 shares and sole investment power over all of such shares.

Based on a Schedule 13D/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 11, 2013 by Sagard (2) Capital Partners, L.P., which indicated it exercises shared voting and shared investment power over all of such shares.

(3) Based on a Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 2, 2013 by Heartland Advisors, Inc., which indicated it exercises shared voting and shared investment power over all of such shares.

Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2014 by (4) Schneider Capital Management Corporation, which indicated it exercises sole voting power over 949,802 shares and sole investment power over all of such shares.

Based on a Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 21, 2014 by Lone Star (5) Value Management, LLC, which indicated it exercises sole voting power and sole investment power over all of such shares.

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ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws provide that our directors are divided into three classes, with staggered terms of three years each. At the 2014 annual meeting, our stockholders will elect two directors to hold office until the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Board Nominees for Election at the Annual Meeting

Our Board of Directors has nominated Robert B. Dubner and Jennifer Laing for election as directors at the annual meeting. All of the members of our Board of Directors approved the nomination of Mr. Dubner and Ms. Laing. Each of Mr. Dubner and Ms. Laing currently is a director of our company and was elected at our 2011 annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Dubner and Ms. Laing have each consented to be named in this proxy statement and have agreed to serve if elected. If for some reason Mr. Dubner or Ms. Laing is unable to serve, or for good cause will not serve if elected, the persons named as proxies may vote for a substitute nominee recommended by our Board and, unless you indicate otherwise on the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card, your shares will be voted in favor of our Board's remaining nominee. If any substitute nominee is designated by our Board, then we will file supplemental proxy materials that, as applicable, identify the substitute nominee, disclose that such nominee has consented to being named in the supplemental proxy materials and to serve if elected, and include certain biographical and other information about such nominee required by Securities and Exchange Commission rules.

We believe Mr. Dubner and Ms. Laing meet and exceed the qualifications established by our Board and our Nominating and Governance Committee for service on our Board of Directors, have professional experience in areas that are extremely relevant to our strategy and operations, and offer experience, leadership and continuity at a critical time for our company's future. We also believe Mr. Dubner and Ms. Laing have other attributes necessary to create an effective board, such as: high personal and professional ethics, integrity and values; vision and long-term strategic perspective; experience in our industries or similar industries; practical judgment and excellent decision making skills; the ability to devote significant time to serve on our Board and its committees and to work in a collaborative manner with other board members; and a commitment to representing the long-term interests of all our stockholders.

The following sets forth specific information about Mr. Dubner and Ms. Laing, as well as each continuing director, as of [], 2014.

Robert B. Dubner, 71, has served as a director at Hudson since 2006. Mr. Dubner has been a Senior Advisor to the management consulting practice of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) since 2008, involved in building an operations consulting practice, reporting to the Vice Chairman and Global Leader of the Advisory Services. He has been a Senior Advisor to Apollo Management LP, a private equity fund, and selected portfolio companies since 2005. From 2002 to 2004, Mr. Dubner was a management consulting partner and a member of International Business Machines Corporation's Business Consulting Services Global Middle Market leadership team, where he led the integration of PWC's consulting practice. Mr. Dubner was a Partner with PWC from 1998 to 2002, serving as the U.S. and global leader of its middle market consulting practice, and with Coopers & Lybrand International from 1989 to 1998. He served as an elected member of PWC's U.S. Board of Partners from 1998 to 2001, PWC's Global Oversight Board from 1998 to 2001 and Coopers & Lybrand's Board of Partners from 1995 to 1998. He was the co-founder, in 1972, of Information Automation, Inc., a production management and monitoring systems implementation company, and served as its President from 1982 to 1989. He is also a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Dubner also served as a director of Converse Technology, Inc. from 2009 to 2013, and of Perf Go-Green Holdings, Inc. from 2008 to 2010.

The particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that led our Board of Directors to conclude that Mr.

Dubner should serve as a director of our company include his strategic, management and operational consulting experience, and his financial and accounting background.

Jennifer Laing, 67, has served as a director at Hudson since 2003. Ms. Laing was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Saatchi and Saatchi North America from 1997 to 2001 after serving as Chairman of Saatchi and Saatchi London from 1995 to 1997. Ms. Laing formed her own firm, Laing Henry, which she sold to Saatchi, after holding senior positions at international advertising agencies including Aspect Hill Holiday and Leo Burnett. Ms. Laing was the Associate Dean, External Relations at the London Business School from

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2002 until 2007. Ms. Laing is also a director of InterContinental Hotels Group PLC (since 2005) and Premier Foods PLC (since 2012). Her knowledge of our company, network of relationships, international experience in branding, marketing and communications and experience as a senior executive officer, and as a director of other publicly-traded companies led our Board of Directors to conclude that Ms. Laing should serve as a director of our company.

Vote Required

Each director will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the annual meeting (assuming a quorum is present), meaning that the two nominees for director who receive the most votes of all votes cast for directors will be elected. Consequently, any shares not voted at the annual meeting, whether due to abstentions, broker non-votes or otherwise, will have no impact on the election of the directors. Shares of our common stock represented by executed, but unmarked, proxies, whether submitted by mailing a signed proxy card, via the Internet or by telephone, will be voted in favor of the election as directors of the persons named as nominees on that proxy; provided that, if you hold your shares of our common stock through a broker-dealer, bank nominee, custodian or other securities intermediary, the intermediary will not vote those shares for the election of any nominee for director unless you give the intermediary specific voting instructions on a timely basis directing the intermediary to vote for such nominee.

Our Board of Directors recommends that our stockholders vote FOR the election of Mr. Dubner and Ms. Laing. The recommendation of our Board is based on its carefully considered judgment that the skills, experience, backgrounds and attributes of Mr. Dubner and Ms. Laing make them the best candidates to serve on our Board.

We urge you to vote for Mr. Dubner and Ms. Laing by using only the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card and not to sign or return or vote any proxy card sent to you by the Lone Star Group. If you have already voted using a proxy card sent to you by the Lone Star Group, you can revoke it by signing and dating the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card and returning it in the postage-paid envelope provided or by voting via the Internet or by telephone by following the instructions provided on the enclosed **WHITE** proxy card. Only your last-dated proxy will count, and any proxy may be revoked at any time prior to its exercise at the annual meeting as described in this proxy statement.

It will NOT help elect Mr. Dubner and Ms. Laing if you sign and return a proxy card sent by the Lone Star Group, even if you withhold on their director nominees using the Lone Star Group proxy card. Doing so will cancel any previous vote you may have cast on our WHITE proxy card. The only way to support Mr. Dubner and Ms. Laing is to vote FOR the election of Mr. Dubner and Ms. Laing on our WHITE proxy card or via the Internet or by telephone by following the instructions provided on our WHITE proxy card, and to disregard, and not return, any proxy card that you receive that is not a WHITE proxy card, including any proxy card that you receive from the Lone Star Group.

Our Board of Directors recommends that Mr. Dubner and Ms. Laing be elected as directors and strongly encourages you to vote FOR their election on the enclosed WHITE proxy card or via the Internet or by telephone by following the instructions provided on our WHITE proxy card.

Directors Continuing in Office

Terms Expiring at the 2015 Annual Meeting

John J. Haley, 64, has served as a director since 2003. Mr. Haley is the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Towers Watson & Co., a global professional services company headquartered in New York City. Mr. Haley joined Watson Wyatt Worldwide in 1977 and was elected a director of the firm in 1992. In 2010, Watson Wyatt

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Worldwide merged with Towers Perrin forming Towers Watson & Co. Mr. Haley is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a Fellow of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries. Mr. Haley is a member of the board of directors for Maximus, Inc., a position he has held since June 2002, and the U.S. China Business Council. The particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that led our Board of Directors to conclude that Mr. Haley should serve as a director of our company include his experience as Chief Executive Officer of an international publicly-traded company of a similar size (in terms of number of employees) and geographic spread as our company, and his financial expertise.

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David G. Offensend, 60, has served as director since 2003. On April 28, 2014, Mr. Offensend will become the Chief Operating Officer of America Achieves. Mr. Offensend served as the Chief Operating Officer of the New York Public Library from 2004 until April 2014. Prior to that, Mr. Offensend was Senior Advisor of Evercore Partners, Inc., which he co-founded in 1995. Evercore operates in the private equity business and provides merger and acquisition and restructuring advice to companies. Prior to founding Evercore, Mr. Offensend spent five years with Oak Hill Partners, the investment organization of Robert M. Bass, the Texas investor. Prior to joining the Bass organization in 1990, Mr. Offensend spent 13 years at Lehman Brothers. Mr. Offensend also was the lead investor in Resources Connection, Inc., a competitor of our company that was successfully taken public in 2000, and served as a trustee of Princeton University until June 2013. The particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that led our Board of Directors to conclude that Mr. Offensend should serve as a director of our company include his financial and executive compensation expertise, investing experience, and background in mergers and acquisitions.

Terms Expiring at the 2016 Annual Meeting

Manuel Marquez, 55, has served as a director since March 2011 and as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of our company since May 2011. Mr. Marquez has over 20 years of experience in senior leadership positions. From 2007 to 2010, he was the chief executive officer of Amper S.A., a publicly traded defense, homeland security and telecommunications company in Spain. Prior to joining Amper, Mr. Marquez spent 15 years in the recruitment industry with Spencer Stuart, an international leader in executive search consulting services. He joined Spencer Stuart in 1991 and co-founded one of the firm's first specialized industry practices, High Technology. From 2000 to 2005, he was a member of the global executive team of Spencer Stuart responsible for the firm's operations in Europe, India and South Africa, expanding operations in this region to 14 countries with over 100 consultants. Mr. Marquez also was a member of the Advisory Board of ESADE Business School from 2007 to 2011. The particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that led our Board of Directors to conclude that Mr. Marquez should serve as a director of our company include his experience as a Chief Executive Officer of a publicly-traded company and his global senior leadership experience in the recruiting industry.

Richard J. Stolz, 68, has served as a director since 2006 and served as Chairman of the Board from February 2011 until May 2011. Prior to becoming a director, Mr. Stolz was a Partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP until 2004. He served as the New York Region Leader for the Consumer and Industrial Products Industry Group of PricewaterhouseCoopers from 1997 to 2001. From 1988 to 1992, Mr. Stolz worked in Tokyo, Japan, leading the International Division of the PricewaterhouseCoopers affiliate. Mr. Stolz joined PricewaterhouseCoopers in 1967 and became a Partner in accounting and auditing in 1981. The particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that led our Board of Directors to conclude that Mr. Stolz should serve as a director of our company include his accounting and auditing background and his international business experience. Mr. Stolz also is a certified public accountant.

In addition to the biographical information set forth above, Attachment A sets forth information relating to our Board's director nominees and our directors continuing in office, as well as certain of our officers and employees who are considered participants in our solicitation of proxies for the annual meeting under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules promulgated thereunder.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Relationship with Sagard as Board Observer

On May 16, 2013, we entered into a letter agreement with Sagard Capital Partners, L.P. (Sagard), our second largest stockholder with approximately 14% of our outstanding shares, that provided, among other things, for Dan Friedberg, a representative of Sagard (and the President of Sagard's general partner), to be a non-voting attendee at meetings of our Board of Directors and Board committees. Since that time, Mr. Friedberg has provided constructive input and commentary to our Board of Directors and management as part of our strategic planning process to further strengthen Hudson's position in the market and build its business over the long term.

Independent Directors

Of the six directors currently serving on our Board of Directors, the Board has determined that Ms. Laing and Messrs. Dubner, Haley, Offensend and Stolz are independent directors under the independence standards of the Nasdaq Global Select Market. Mr. Marquez is not permitted to be considered an independent director under the independence standards of the Nasdaq Global Select Market because he is our current Chief Executive Officer. Jon F. Chait, who served on our Board of Directors until his resignation effective February 25, 2013, was not permitted to be considered an independent director under the independence standards of the Nasdaq Global Select Market because he was employed by us as Chief Executive Officer within the past three years.

Board Committees

Our Board of Directors has standing Audit, Compensation, Nominating and Governance, Human Resources and Executive Committees. Under the listing standards of the Nasdaq Global Select Market, the members of the Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Governance Committees must be comprised solely of independent directors. Accordingly, Mr. Marquez is not eligible to serve on such Committees. All directors receive materials for all Board committee meetings even if they do not serve, or are not eligible to serve, on the committee.

The Board has adopted, and may amend from time to time, a written charter for each of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Nominating and Governance Committee, Human Resources Committee and Executive Committee. We maintain a Web site at www.hudson.com and make available on that Web site, free of charge, copies of each of the charters for the Audit, Compensation, Nominating and Governance, Human Resources and Executive Committees. We are not including the information contained on or available through this Web site as a part of, or incorporating such information by reference into, this proxy statement.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee presently consists of Richard J. Stolz (Chairman), Robert B. Dubner, John J. Haley and David G. Offensend, each of whom is an independent director under the independence standards of the Nasdaq Global Select Market and Securities and Exchange Commission rules. Our Board of Directors has determined that each of Messrs. Dubner, Haley, Offensend and Stolz qualify as an audit committee financial expert, as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Audit Committee held six meetings in 2013.

The Audit Committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to assist our Board of Directors in monitoring:

the integrity of our financial statements;
the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence;
the performance of our internal audit function and of the independent registered public accounting firm; and
our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

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Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee presently consists of Jennifer Laing (Chairman), John J. Haley and David G. Offensend, each of whom is an independent director under the independence standards of the Nasdaq Global Select Market and Securities and Exchange Commission rules and qualify as outside directors under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Compensation Committee held five meetings in 2013.

The Compensation Committee's primary responsibility is to assure that the non-employee members of our Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, other executive officers and key management are compensated effectively and in a manner consistent with our stated compensation strategy, internal equity considerations, competitive practices, the requirements of the appropriate regulatory bodies, and in the interests of our stockholders. The Compensation Committee has overall responsibility for approving and evaluating the compensation of executive officers (including the Chief Executive Officer), key management and outside directors, and administers our long-term incentive programs, including our equity compensation plan.

The Compensation Committee has retained the services of an independent, external compensation consultant, Pay Governance LLC. Pay Governance LLC has served as the independent compensation consultant to the Compensation Committee since 2010. The mandate of the consultant is to work for the Compensation Committee in its review of executive and director compensation practices, including the competitiveness of pay levels, executive compensation design issues, market trends and technical considerations. The consultant does not determine or recommend amounts or forms of compensation. The historical and ongoing nature and scope of services rendered by the independent compensation consultant on the Compensation Committee's behalf is described below:

- competitive market pay analyses, Board of Director pay studies, dilution analyses, and market trends;
- ongoing support with regard to the latest relevant regulatory, technical, and/or accounting considerations affecting executive compensation and benefit programs;

- guidance on overall compensation program structure and executive employment agreement terms; and
- preparation for and attendance at selected management, Board committee, or Board of Director meetings.

The Compensation Committee has the final authority to hire and terminate Pay Governance LLC or any other compensation adviser. The Compensation Committee also evaluates Pay Governance LLC periodically. In addition, the Compensation Committee has the responsibility to consider the independence of Pay Governance LLC or any other compensation adviser before engaging the adviser. During 2013, the Compensation Committee reviewed the independence of Pay Governance LLC and the individual representatives of Pay Governance LLC who served as the Compensation Committee's consultants pursuant to the requirements of Nasdaq and the Securities and Exchange Commission and the specific independence factors that the requirements cite and concluded, based on such review, that Pay Governance LLC's work for the Compensation Committee does not raise any conflict of interest. In 2013, Pay Governance LLC did not provide any services to the Compensation Committee other than the executive and director compensation-related consulting services as described previously. Management did not obtain any services from Pay Governance LLC in 2013.

Additional information regarding the Compensation Committee and our policies and procedures regarding executive compensation, including the role of executive officers in recommending executive compensation, is provided below under Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

Nominating and Governance Committee

The Nominating and Governance Committee presently consists of John J. Haley (Chairman), Robert B. Dubner, Jennifer Laing, David G. Offensend and Richard J. Stolz, each of whom is an independent director under the

independence standards of the Nasdaq Global Select Market. The Nominating and Governance Committee held four meetings in 2013.

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The Nominating and Governance Committee provides assistance to our Board of Directors by:

identifying individuals qualified to become directors and recommending to the Board candidates for all directorships to be filled by the Board or by our stockholders;

identifying directors qualified to serve on the committees established by the Board and recommending to the Board members for each committee to be filled by the Board;

identifying directors qualified to serve as lead director and recommending to the Board nominees for lead director;

developing and recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles, including matters of:

- Board organization, membership and function;
- Board committee structure and membership;
- succession planning for our Chief Executive Officer; and
- taking a leadership role in shaping our corporate governance.

In identifying and evaluating nominees for director, the Nominating and Governance Committee seeks to ensure that our Board of Directors possesses, in the aggregate, the strategic, managerial and financial skills and experience necessary to fulfill its duties and to achieve its objectives. The Nominating and Governance Committee also seeks to ensure that the Board is comprised of directors who have broad and diverse backgrounds, possessing knowledge in areas that are important to us. In addition, the Nominating and Governance Committee believes it is important that at least one director has the requisite experience and expertise to be designated as an audit committee financial expert. The Nominating and Governance Committee looks at each nominee on a case-by-case basis regardless of who recommended the nominee.

In looking at the qualifications of each candidate to determine if their election would further the goals described above, the Nominating and Governance Committee takes into account all factors it considers appropriate, which may include strength of character, mature judgment, career specialization, relevant technical skills or financial acumen, diversity of viewpoint and industry knowledge. The Nominating and Governance Committee also believes that candidates should be selected so that the Board of Directors is a diverse body, with diversity reflecting, among other things, age, gender, race and professional experience. At a minimum, each director nominee must have displayed the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values, and sound business judgment. In addition, the Nominating and Governance Committee believes a director should possess the following minimum qualifications to be recommended by the Nominating and Governance Committee to the Board:

A director must be highly accomplished in his or her respective field, with superior credentials and recognition and broad experience at the administrative and/or policy-making level in business, government, education, technology or public interest.

A director must have expertise and experience relevant to our business and be able to offer advice and guidance to the Chief Executive Officer based on that expertise and experience.

A director must be independent of any particular constituency, be able to represent all of our stockholders and be committed to enhancing long-term stockholder value.

A director must have sufficient time available to devote to activities of the Board and to enhance his or her knowledge of our business.

The Nominating and Governance Committee has the authority to retain a search firm to assist it in identifying director nominees, and the Nominating and Governance Committee provides the search firm with the criteria for the director nominees as described above.

The Nominating and Governance Committee will consider persons recommended by stockholders to become nominees for election as directors in accordance with the foregoing and other criteria set forth in our Nominating and Governance Committee Charter, which is available on our website as described above.

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Recommendations for consideration by the Nominating and Governance Committee should be sent to our Corporate Secretary in writing, together with appropriate biographical information concerning each proposed nominee. Our By-Laws also set forth certain requirements for stockholders wishing to nominate director candidates directly for consideration by the stockholders. With respect to an election of directors to be held at an annual meeting, a stockholder must, among other things, give notice of an intent to make such a nomination to our Corporate Secretary in advance of the meeting in compliance with the terms and within the time period specified in our By-Laws. Pursuant to our By-Laws, a stockholder must give a written notice of intent to our Corporate Secretary not less than 45 days and not more than 75 days prior to the first anniversary of the date on which we first mailed our proxy materials for the preceding year's annual meeting of stockholders. See Other Matters Stockholder Proposals for the specific deadlines for submitting stockholder proposals to our Corporate Secretary in connection with the 2015 annual meeting of stockholders.

Human Resources Committee

The Human Resources Committee presently consists of Robert B. Dubner (Chairman), Jennifer Laing and Richard J. Stolz. The Human Resources Committee held five meetings in 2013.

The Human Resources Committee provides assistance to our Board of Directors by:

assisting management and making recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding human resources and organizational matters, other than compensation and benefits matters, for employees of our company, other than our Chief Executive Officer;

participating in the selection process of key executives; and
reviewing and monitoring our company's succession plan for senior leadership.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee presently consists of Manuel Marquez (Chairman), Robert B. Dubner and David G. Offensend. The Executive Committee did not meet in 2013.

The Executive Committee assists the Board of Directors in discharging its responsibilities and may exercise all of the authority of the Board in the management of our business affairs, except for changes in our By-Laws, matters specifically designated to other Board committees and certain other significant corporate matters.

Board Leadership Structure

Our positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer are combined, and we have a lead independent director. The reasons why we have combined these positions and why we continue to believe that combining these positions is appropriate for our company include the resulting operational efficiencies given the size of our company and the particularly detailed knowledge of our company's operations that our Chief Executive Officer develops, which we believe is beneficial for serving as our Chairman.

Our independent directors meet regularly without management, including our Chief Executive Officer, and are active in the oversight of our company. Our Board of Directors and each Board committee have access to members of our management and the authority to retain independent legal, accounting or other advisors as they deem necessary or appropriate. Our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer does not serve on any Board committee, other than the Executive Committee.

The duties and responsibilities of our lead independent director include the following:

coordinate the activities of the independent directors and serve as a liaison between the independent directors and our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer;

chair meetings and executive sessions at which only the independent directors attend;

advise our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer as to the quality, quantity and timeliness of the flow of information from management that is necessary for the independent directors to effectively perform their duties;

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jointly with the Compensation Committee, conduct an annual evaluation of the performance of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and report to the Board of Directors the results of that evaluation;
in conjunction with the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, consider potential conflicts of interest of directors;
at the lead director's discretion, conduct exit interviews of senior management upon resignation; and
recommend to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer the retention of outside advisors and consultants who report directly to the Board of Directors.

The Nominating and Governance Committee recommends to our Board of Directors nominees for the position of lead independent director from among the independent directors. The independent directors on our Board of Directors then select a lead independent director from among the nominees to serve for a term of one year or until a successor is elected by the independent directors. There is no limit to the number of terms a director can serve as lead independent director. David G. Offensend currently serves as our lead independent director.

We believe that our board leadership structure provides an appropriate balance between strong and strategic leadership and independent oversight of our company, and that our board leadership structure continues to serve the best interests of our company and stockholders.

Risk Oversight

The Audit Committee of our Board of Directors oversees our risk management process. Our Risk Committee, which consists of certain members of our senior management, has day-to-day responsibility for our risk management process. The members of the Risk Committee are our Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President, Legal Affairs and Administration and Chief Knowledge Officer. Our Vice President, Internal Audit serves as the liaison between the Risk Committee and the Audit Committee. Our Vice President, Internal Audit provides periodic updates to the Audit Committee on behalf of the Risk Committee regarding, among other things, risk assessments and actions taken to mitigate risks. In addition, our Vice President, Internal Audit reports directly to the Chairman of the Audit Committee and provides periodic updates to the Audit Committee regarding risk management issues, particularly those regarding accounting and finance related risks. Also, our Senior Vice President, Legal Affairs and Administration provides periodic updates to our Board of Directors regarding claims against our company.

Corporate Governance Guidelines

Our Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines to further promote the effective functioning of our Board and Board committees and to set forth a common set of expectations as to how our Board and Board committees should perform their functions. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines are available, free of charge, on our Web site at www.hudson.com.

Meetings and Attendance

Our Board of Directors held ten meetings in 2013. Each of the directors currently serving on our Board of Directors attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board held in 2013 and meetings held by each committee of the Board on which such director served during the period that the director so served in 2013. Directors are expected to attend our annual meeting of stockholders each year. At the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders, all of the directors then serving were in attendance either in-person or by teleconference.

Communications with Board of Directors

You may communicate with our Board of Directors by writing to our Corporate Secretary at Hudson Global, Inc., c/o the Board of Directors (or, at your option, c/o a specific director), 560 Lexington Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10022. The Corporate Secretary will deliver this communication to the Board or the specified director, as the case may be.

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Policies and Procedures Regarding Related Person Transactions

Our Board of Directors has adopted written policies and procedures regarding related person transactions. For purposes of these policies and procedures:

a **related person** means any of our directors, executive officers or nominees for director or any of their immediate family members; and

a **related person transaction** generally is a transaction (including any indebtedness or a guarantee of indebtedness) in which we were or are to be a participant and the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and in which a related person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

Each of our executive officers, directors or nominees for director is required to disclose to the Audit Committee certain information relating to related person transactions for review, approval or ratification by the Audit Committee.

Disclosure to the Audit Committee should occur before, if possible, or as soon as practicable after the related person transaction is effected, but in any event as soon as practicable after the executive officer, director or nominee for director becomes aware of the related person transaction. The Audit Committee's decision whether or not to approve or ratify a related person transaction is to be made in light of the Audit Committee's determination that consummation of the transaction is not or was not contrary to our best interests. Any related person transaction must be disclosed to the full Board of Directors.

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The following table sets forth information regarding the compensation received during 2013 by each of our current directors and each person who served as a director during 2013, other than Mr. Marquez who did not receive any compensation for serving as a director and whose compensation as an executive officer is set forth below under Executive Compensation Summary Compensation Table.

Name	Fees			Total
	Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards ⁽¹⁾	Option Awards ⁽²⁾	
Jon F. Chait ⁽³⁾	\$ 7,250	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,250
Robert B. Dubner	\$ 70,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 0	\$ 135,000
John J. Haley	\$ 67,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 0	\$ 132,000
Jennifer Laing	\$ 73,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 0	\$ 138,000
David G. Offensend	\$ 84,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 0	\$ 149,000
Richard J. Stolz	\$ 75,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 0	\$ 140,000

The dollar amount shown reflects the aggregate grant date fair value calculated in accordance with FASB ASC

Topic 718 for all awards of restricted stock granted during the fiscal year under our Director Deferred Share Plan.

(1) Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in Note 4 to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

During 2013, no directors were granted options to purchase shares of our common stock. The aggregate number of

(2) outstanding stock options as of December 31, 2013 for each of our directors named above was: Mr. Chait, 0; Mr. Dubner, 50,000; Mr. Haley, 0; Ms. Laing, 0; Mr. Offensend, 0; and Mr. Stolz, 50,000.

(3) On February 24, 2013, Mr. Chait notified our company pursuant to a letter dated February 25, 2013 that he resigned as a director of our company effective immediately.

Retainer and Meeting Fees

Each non-employee director is entitled to receive an annual retainer of \$25,000 paid in cash and \$65,000 paid in share units as described below under Director Deferred Share Plan, a fee of \$2,000 for each Board and Board committee meeting attended in person and a fee of \$1,000 for each telephonic Board and Board committee meeting in which the director participates. The Chairmen of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee receive an additional annual retainer of \$10,000, and the Chairmen of the Nominating and Governance Committee and Human Resources Committee receive an additional annual retainer of \$5,000. The lead director also receives an additional annual retainer of \$20,000. Additionally, directors are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses associated with attending meetings of the Board and Board committees.

Director Deferred Share Plan

The share units paid as part of the annual retainer are awarded under our Director Deferred Share Plan. On the date of our annual meeting of stockholders, the retirement account of each non-employee director under the Director Deferred Share Plan is credited with the share units, which fully vest on the date of grant. All share units are equivalent to one share of our common stock and are payable only in common stock issued under our 2009 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan upon a director ceasing service as a Board member.

Stock Options

Until 2008, upon first being elected or appointed as a director, we granted each non-employee director an option to purchase 50,000 shares of our common stock. The exercise price for options was the fair market value of a share of our common stock on the date of grant. Options have a term of ten years and became exercisable as follows: 40% immediately on the date of grant, 60% after the first anniversary of the date of grant, 80% after the second anniversary and 100% after the third anniversary. If a director ceases service for any reason other than death, then that portion of the option that is exercisable on the date the director ceases service will remain exercisable for a period of two years after such date. If the director's service ceases by reason of the director's death, then the option will remain exercisable by the director's beneficiary for a period of two years after the date of the director's death.

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Stock Ownership Policy

The Board of Directors considers ownership of our common stock to be an important factor in aligning the interest of our directors with those of our stockholders. Our Board of Directors has established a Stock Ownership Policy for non-employee directors. The Stock Ownership Policy became effective January 1, 2012. Under the Stock Ownership Policy, non-employee directors are required to own shares of our common stock with a market value equal to at least three times the director's then-current annual cash retainer. A director must satisfy the ownership requirements within five years from the date of the director's appointment to the Board or five years from the effective date of the Stock Ownership Policy, whichever occurs later. Stock ownership can consist of shares owned directly by the director and deferred shares, but vested and unvested stock options and unvested restricted shares are not included. The value of our common stock held by directors is measured annually using the greater of the value of our common stock on the date when the shares were vested or purchased and the value of our common stock as of December 31 of the applicable year. Once the value of a director's shares reaches the required market value, the director is deemed to have met the stock ownership requirements and must retain only the number of shares that were required to meet the stock ownership requirements as of the date the director first met the requirements. As of December 31, 2013, the last measurement date for compliance with the Stock Ownership Policy, all directors met the stock ownership requirements imposed by the Stock Ownership Policy.

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COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Introduction

The purpose of this Compensation Discussion and Analysis is to provide material information about the compensation of our executive officers named below under Executive Compensation Summary Compensation Table, which we refer to as our named executive officers. In this section, we provide an analysis and explanation of our executive compensation program and the compensation derived by our named executive officers from this program.

Objectives of the Compensation Program

The central objectives of our compensation program are to attract and retain the talented and critical individuals needed to achieve long-term success for our company and to motivate them to achieve goals designed to enhance long-term stockholder value. The Compensation Committee, which oversees our executive compensation program, believes these goals can best be achieved with a compensation program designed on the principles of simplicity, transparency and objectivity.

Design of the Executive Compensation Program

The Compensation Committee takes a total rewards approach to executive compensation by combining elements of compensation to create a competitive proposition for prospective and existing executive officers. The Compensation Committee targets total compensation for executive officers at median market levels for comparable companies. The key policies that underpin our executive compensation program are as follows:

Total cash compensation, which is comprised of base salary plus annual incentive (cash bonus), is targeted at median market levels for comparable companies:

Base salaries are targeted at median market levels for comparable companies; and

Annual incentives are generally designed to provide awards above median market levels for comparable companies for above median market performance.

Long-term incentives provide equity awards, typically in the form of restricted shares and stock options, and are typically targeted at median market levels for comparable companies.

Employee benefits are offered to all eligible employees, including our executive officers, and are targeted at median market levels for comparable companies.

Consequently, our executive officers have the opportunity to earn above median compensation both from above median bonuses and from above median appreciation of equity grants resulting from above median performance of our company.

The Compensation Committee believes that providing total cash compensation (base salary plus annual incentive), equity compensation and employee benefit programs generally targeted at median market levels for comparable companies is essential for attracting new talent and retaining and motivating existing key talent. However, on occasion, the Compensation Committee may determine that a deviation from median market levels is necessary to attract and retain key talent. We believe that providing our named executive officers with the ability to earn above median market levels for cash bonuses based on above median performance encourages the retention of high performers who strive to consistently beat their established performance targets. Target bonus payouts are set as a percentage of base salary. Actual business performance, measured solely by financial results, not individual

performance, determines whether bonus payments are above or below the target level. The Compensation Committee also considers base salary in granting equity awards, because the Compensation Committee's desire is to provide meaningful equity awards for the named executive officers and certain key members of senior management.

At our 2013 annual meeting of stockholders, our stockholders were asked to approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in the proxy statement for the 2013 annual meeting. Of those stockholders who voted on this non-binding proposal, in excess of 79% voted to approve the compensation of our named executive officers. As of the date of our 2013 annual meeting of stockholders, our executive compensation program for 2013 had already been established by the

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Compensation Committee. However, following the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders, the Compensation Committee reviewed our executive compensation program and concluded that our overall executive compensation program for 2013 continued to be appropriate for our company and effective in rewarding executives commensurate with our financial performance. The Compensation Committee did not make any adjustments to the compensation of our executive officers, including our named executive officers, based on the results of the advisory vote at our 2013 annual meeting of stockholders.

Target Compensation Levels and Benchmarking

Overview

The Compensation Committee, with the assistance of the independent compensation consultants it retains, reviews the market positioning of total compensation for each of our executive officers. It has been the practice of the Compensation Committee to review the market positioning of total compensation for each of our executive officers on a biennial basis. In 2013, the Compensation Committee undertook such a study for each of our executive officers with Pay Governance, its independent compensation consultant.

Compensation and Benchmarking Studies

In 2013, at the direction of the Compensation Committee, Pay Governance compared the base salary, annual incentives and long-term incentives of our executive officers to executives in similar positions at relevant comparator companies. For all executive officer positions, Pay Governance used one group of comparator companies consisting of survey data from a database of approximately 110 consolidated professional and general business service firms. The data was adjusted for annual revenue size using a regression analysis. We did not rely on a specific sub-group of peer companies within that database, and, in working with Pay Governance, we played no role in selecting the individual companies for which the data was obtained. For the positions of chief executive officer and chief financial officer, Pay Governance also used a second group of comparator companies comprised of U.S.-based and U.K.-based publicly-traded staffing companies, which consisted of CDI Corp., Ciber, Inc., Hays, PLC., Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc., Kelly Services, Inc., Kforce, Inc., Korn Ferry International, Michael Page International, Resources Connections Inc., Robert Half International, Inc. and Robert Walters. For the position of chief executive officer, Pay Governance also provided the Compensation Committee with proxy statement data for a group of U.S.-based publicly traded companies with market capitalizations similar in size to our company, which consisted of Access National Corp., Cenveo, Inc., Courier Corp., CRA International, Inc., Dolan Co., Hill International, Inc., Moduslink Global Solutions, Inc., Pacer International, Inc., PMFG, Inc., Providence Service Corp., Salem Communications Corp., Stoneridge, Inc., Sypris Solutions, Inc., Targacept, Inc. and VSE Corp. In weighing the relevance of a particular comparator company, the Compensation Committee considered the size and business mix of each comparator in relationship to our company. The Compensation Committee did not make any adjustments to the compensation of our named executive officers for 2013 based on the marked data provided by Pay Governance in 2013.

Effective July 1, 2013, the Compensation Committee increased Mr. Lanuto's base salary from \$310,000 to \$340,000 and Mr. Lanuto's target bonus amount from \$186,000 to \$204,000 in recognition of Mr. Lanuto's continued contributions to our company and for the purpose of continuing his employment as Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer of our company. Also effective January 1, 2013, Mr. Marquez's base salary increased 4%, from \$600,000 to \$624,000, pursuant to his employment agreement. Given that Mr. Marquez's target annual bonus is 90% of his annual base salary, his target bonus amount for 2013 increased from \$540,000 to \$561,600, effective January 1, 2013.

In 2013, the Compensation Committee did not make any adjustments to the compensation of our named executive officers for 2014 because the Compensation Committee determined that their compensation was appropriate based on the market data provided by Pay Governance in 2013, internal fairness and our performance.

Role of Executive Officers in the Compensation Process

The development of annual incentive targets and the calculation of the actual annual incentives earned are performed by the Chief People Officer in conjunction with the Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer. These data (incentive targets and actual incentives earned) are then reviewed by the Chief Executive

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Officer before being presented to the Compensation Committee for discussion and approval. Long-term equity incentive grants are recommended to the Chief Executive Officer by various regional business heads and corporate department heads. The Chief Executive Officer then presents his grant recommendations to the Compensation Committee for its discussion and consideration. While the Chief Executive Officer takes an active role in making compensation recommendations for our executive officers, he makes no recommendations concerning any element of his own compensation. Compensation decisions for executive officers other than the Chief Executive Officer are made during regularly scheduled Compensation Committee meetings, which are generally attended by a representative of the Compensation Committee's independent compensation consultant. Discussions regarding Chief Executive Officer compensation take place in Compensation Committee executive session without the Chief Executive Officer or other executive officers present. The Compensation Committee makes all final decisions on compensation for our executive officers, including our named executive officers.

Elements of Compensation

Overview

The compensation for our named executive officers consists primarily of four elements: (1) a base salary, (2) an annual cash incentive program, (3) eligibility to participate in periodic grants of restricted shares of stock or stock options and (4) benefits. Each named executive officer has an employment agreement that covers basic terms of his or her employment and that contains both contractual separation payments under certain circumstances and provisions covering a possible change in the control of our company. In general, these agreements provide for a maximum of one year's base salary and target bonus protection for the executive under certain circumstances of separation.

The same compensation policies and decisions cover all of our named executive officers.

Base Salary

We do not have a policy of providing annual raises for executive officers; however, the base salary of our named executive officers as a group was reviewed in 2013 as part of the review of total compensation performed for the Compensation Committee by Pay Governance. This review consisted of the benchmarking described previously under Target Compensation Levels and Benchmarking Compensation and Benchmarking Studies. The Compensation Committee did not make any adjustments to the base salaries of our named executive officers for 2013 based on the marked data provided by Pay Governance in 2013.

As described previously under Target Compensation Levels and Benchmarking Compensation and Benchmarking Studies, effective July 1, 2013, the Compensation Committee increased Mr. Lanuto's base salary from \$310,000 to \$340,000 and, effective January 1, 2013, Mr. Marquez's base salary increased from \$600,000 to \$624,000.

In 2013, the Compensation Committee did not make any adjustments to the base salaries of our named executive officers for 2014 because the Compensation Committee determined that their base salaries were appropriate based on the market data provided by Pay Governance in 2013, internal fairness and our performance.

Annual Incentives

The annual incentive program consists of eligibility for a cash bonus based on our actual earnings before interest, income taxes, special charges, other non-operating expense and depreciation and amortization, or adjusted EBITDA,

on a constant currency basis, relative to target adjusted EBITDA set at the beginning of the year by the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee has the authority to determine all components of the calculation of adjusted EBITDA. The achievement of threshold adjusted EBITDA (dollars earned) is required for any bonus to be paid. The Compensation Committee believes that adjusted EBITDA is a clear, objective standard of measurement that encourages executives to strive toward increased profit generation year-over-year. The intent of the annual incentive program is to provide above market median bonus compensation in years where our performance meets or exceeds target levels, but to pay less or no incentive in years where our performance does not meet or exceed target levels.

The Compensation Committee sets performance targets annually at the beginning of the year based on the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer (with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer's own

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target, which is set solely by the Compensation Committee). Factors considered in setting the performance targets include profit we earned in the prior year, the current year's profit budget, desired growth and general economic conditions (for example, higher targets may be set in good economic periods). The Compensation Committee measures performance targets at the level of our company—consolidated corporate, regional or business unit performance—that it believes best aligns with driving accountability of our named executive officers for the delivery of our strategy and business objectives. Historically, the Compensation Committee has set these targets meaningfully above prior year results to stimulate ongoing profit growth from one year to the next. In setting the 2013 performance targets, the Compensation Committee considered our 2012 actual performance, our 2013 budget and its view of the global economic conditions. Target bonus amounts for individual named executive officers are set as a percentage of base salary and are reviewed during the independent compensation consultant's total compensation study to ensure that the target bonus is appropriate considering both internal equity and relevant market competitiveness.

In 2013, the Compensation Committee continued to apply its compensation policies as they relate to setting performance targets consistent with past practices. In February 2013, the Compensation Committee established the 2013 Incentive Compensation Program for the named executive officers, including specific performance targets as described in the subsequent paragraph. After considering the factors set forth previously under Elements of Compensation—Base Salary—the 2013 market study, internal fairness and our performance—the Compensation Committee did not make any changes to the target bonus amounts for the named executive officers for 2013.

However, as described previously under Target Compensation Levels and Benchmarking—Compensation and Benchmarking Studies—the Compensation Committee did increase Mr. Lanuto's target bonus amount for 2013 from \$186,000 to \$204,000, and Mr. Marquez's target bonus for 2013 increased from \$540,000 to \$561,600 pursuant to his employment agreement. The Compensation Committee does not plan to change the target bonus amounts for the named executive officers for 2014. The Compensation Committee has considered all of the factors set forth previously in setting performance targets for 2014, and the goals and terms of the program remain substantially the same as in 2013.

For all named executive officers, achievement of a single consolidated corporate adjusted EBITDA (determined on a constant currency basis) threshold of \$2.5 million and target of \$10.0 million measured in dollars of adjusted EBITDA was required to earn 25% and 100% payouts, respectively. No bonus was payable for adjusted EBITDA performance below threshold. For adjusted EBITDA performance between threshold and 75% of target, bonuses were payable on a pro rata basis between 25% and 60% based on dollars of adjusted EBITDA. For adjusted EBITDA performance from 75% of target up to and including target, bonuses were payable on a pro rata basis from 60% to 100% based on dollars of adjusted EBITDA. For adjusted EBITDA performance exceeding target up to 200% of target, the executive officers would be paid bonuses on a pro rata basis between 100% up to a cap of 180%.

For 2013, our adjusted EBITDA performance, on a constant currency basis, was a loss of \$11.8 million. As a result of our adjusted EBITDA performance relative to the 2013 bonus targets, each of Mr. Marquez, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Lanuto, Mr. Williams and Mr. Funk received no bonus for 2013 under the 2013 Incentive Compensation Program. However, pursuant to Mr. Marquez's employment agreement, he was also entitled to a \$125,000 cash retention bonus for 2013.

Pursuant to Ms. Raymond's separation agreement, she was not eligible to receive a cash bonus under the 2013 Incentive Compensation Plan.

The Compensation Committee has the discretion to make payments outside of the formula of the annual incentive program to reflect extenuating circumstances or actual individual contribution, and the Compensation Committee chose to exercise this discretion with respect to one named executive officer for 2013. In recognition of Mr. Lanuto's continued contributions to our company and for the purpose of continuing his employment as Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer of our company, the Compensation Committee approved a guaranteed cash bonus of \$102,000 for Mr. Lanuto for 2013, provided he did not resign from our company prior to March 15, 2014.

On February 13, 2014, Mr. Lanuto provided notice of his decision to resign from his position with our company, and Mr. Lanuto's employment with our company ended effective March 14, 2014. As a result, Mr. Lanuto did not receive any portion of the \$102,000 cash bonus.

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Long-Term Incentives

The Compensation Committee has the authority under the Hudson Global, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan to make equity grants to employees. Prior to our stockholders' approval in May 2009 of the 2009 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan, the Compensation Committee made equity grants under the Long Term Incentive Plan. The Long Term Incentive Plan terminated upon approval of the 2009 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan. However, all equity grants made under the Long Term Incentive Plan that were outstanding at the time of the approval of the 2009 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan will remain outstanding and will continue to be subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Long Term Incentive Plan.

Historically, the Compensation Committee has used a mix of stock options and restricted shares to motivate and retain key executive officers, including our named executive officers. The equity awards that we grant to our named executive officers vest over time and are typically also subject to certain financial and non-financial performance vesting conditions. To provide both a financial commitment to a new executive officer and an incentive to drive performance to increase our share price, the Compensation Committee has awarded grants of stock options and restricted shares to the named executive officers from time to time. The Compensation Committee makes its decisions about annual grants considering the factors of market competitiveness, internal equity and position responsibilities.

On February 26, 2013, the Compensation Committee, considering the factors of market competitiveness, internal equity and position responsibilities, approved grants of 62,500 shares of restricted stock to Ms. Raymond, 33,333 shares of restricted stock to Mr. Williams, 14,000 shares of restricted stock to Mr. Lanuto and 11,500 shares of restricted stock to Mr. Funk, pursuant to a form of restricted stock award agreement that provides for the awards of restricted stock to vest based on performance — our financial performance and our employee engagement survey results — and service with our company. The grant effective date for these grants of restricted stock was May 14, 2013 pursuant to our company policy on granting equity awards. The Compensation Committee approved the form of restricted stock award agreement with both performance and service vesting conditions to align further the interests of our executive officers with our stockholders. Mr. Marquez did not receive an equity award grant in 2013, but he did receive in 2011 an equity award grant of 100,000 restricted stock units and 400,000 stock options in connection with his commencement of employment with us. The performance vesting conditions with respect to the restricted stock are satisfied as follows:

- 50% of the shares of restricted stock (the **Take-out Ratio Restricted Stock**) vest upon the determination by the Compensation Committee that, for the year ended December 31, 2013, our company achieved a 51% target Take-out Ratio (defined as the percentage of the direct, front line costs incurred for the year ended December 31, 2013 divided by the gross margin for the year ended December 31, 2013), provided that 80% to 99.9% of the shares of Take-out Ratio Restricted Stock will vest if the Take-out Ratio is between 53% and 51.1% (such vesting percentage determined pro rata for Take-out Ratio achievement within such range), and a number of shares equal to 100.1% to 120% of the Take-out Ratio Restricted Stock will vest (in the case of a number of shares up to 100% of the Take-out Ratio Restricted Stock) or be granted (in the case of shares in excess of 100.0% of the Take-out Ratio Restricted Stock) if the Take-out Ratio is between 50.9% and 49% (such vesting percentage determined pro rata for Take-out Ratio achievement within such range);
- a. 25% of the shares of restricted stock (the **Employee Engagement Restricted Stock**) vest upon the determination by the Compensation Committee that our company achieved for the year ended December 31, 2013 a target Employee Engagement Score (defined as the employee engagement score for the year ended December 31, 2013, based on a survey conducted by a consulting firm applying the same methodology as was applied in the employee engagement survey conducted for the year ended December 31, 2012) of 58%; provided that 80% to 99.9% of the shares of Employee Engagement Restricted Stock will vest if the Employee Engagement Score is between 56% and 57.9%

(such vesting percentage determined pro rata for Employee Engagement Score achievement within such range), and a number of shares equal to 100.1% to 120% of the Employee Engagement Restricted Stock will vest (in the case of a number of shares up to 100% of the Employee Engagement Restricted Stock) or be granted (in the case of shares in excess of 100% of the

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Employee Engagement Restricted Stock) if the Employee Engagement Score is between 58.1% and 60% (such vesting percentage determined pro rata for Employee Engagement Score achievement within such range); and 25% of the shares of restricted stock (the Cash Efficiency Restricted Stock) vest upon the determination by the Compensation Committee that our company achieved for the year ended December 31, 2013 a target Cash Efficiency Score (defined as (i) cash flow from operations for the year ended December 31, 2013 divided by (ii) gross margin minus selling, general and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2013) of 0.75; provided that 80% to 99.9% of the shares of Cash Efficiency Restricted Stock will vest if the Cash Efficiency Score is between 0.60 and 0.74 (such vesting percentage determined pro rata for Cash Efficiency Score achievement within such range), and a number of shares equal to 100.1% to 120% of the Cash Efficiency Restricted Stock will vest (in the case of a number of shares up to 100% of the Cash Efficiency Restricted Stock) or be granted (in the case of shares in excess of 100% of the Cash Efficiency Restricted Stock) if the Cash Efficiency Score is between 0.76 and 0.90 (such vesting percentage determined pro rata for Cash Efficiency Score achievement within such range).

The executive will forfeit the number of shares of Take-out Ratio Restricted Stock, Employee Engagement Restricted Stock and Cash Efficiency Restricted Stock that do not vest pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) described previously. To the extent the performance vesting conditions set forth in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) have been satisfied, the service vesting conditions with respect to the restricted stock are satisfied as follows: (i) 33% of the shares of restricted stock vest on the later of the determination of the satisfaction of the performance vesting conditions or the first anniversary of the grant date, (ii) 33% of the shares of restricted stock vest on the second anniversary of the grant date and (iii) 34% of the shares of restricted stock vest on the third anniversary of the grant date; provided that, in each case, the executive remains employed by our company from the grant date through the date the performance vesting conditions are satisfied, in the case of clause (i), or the applicable anniversary date, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii).

Based on the Compensation Committee's determination of our 2013 Take-out Ratio of 54.3%, 2013 Employee Engagement Score of 54% and 2013 Cash Efficiency Score of .3, the performance vesting conditions were satisfied for none of the shares of Take-out Ratio Restricted Stock, Employee Engagement Score Restricted Stock and Cash Efficiency Restricted Stock awarded in 2013.

On August 7, 2013, in connection with his commencement of employment as Chief Financial Officer of our company, the Compensation Committee awarded Mr. Nolan 100,000 restricted shares of our common stock pursuant to a restricted stock award agreement. The shares of restricted stock vest 100% on the second anniversary of the grant date, provided that Mr. Nolan remains employed by our company on such date. Also on August 7, 2013, in recognition of Mr. Lanuto's continued contributions to our company and for the purpose of continuing his employment as Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer of our company, the Compensation Committee awarded Mr. Lanuto 40,000 restricted shares of our common stock pursuant to a restricted stock award agreement. The shares of restricted stock would have vested 100% on the second anniversary of the grant date, provided that Mr. Lanuto had remained employed by our company on such date. On February 13, 2014, Mr. Lanuto provided notice of his decision to resign from his position with our company, and Mr. Lanuto's employment with our company ended effective March 14, 2014. As a result, Mr. Lanuto forfeited the 40,000 restricted shares of our common stock.

The Compensation Committee generally considers grants to executive officers, including our named executive officers, upon a significant change in the status of an officer (hire, promotion, additional responsibility) or annually at its first meeting in the calendar year. This practice helps to ensure that the Compensation Committee makes no attempt to coordinate grants prior to the release of material non-public information, either positive or negative.

Grants of equity awards approved by the Compensation Committee generally become effective seven calendar days following the release of the annual or quarterly earnings period most immediately following the Compensation

Committee's approval. The grant price for all equity awards approved by the Compensation Committee is the closing price of a share of our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on the date of effectiveness of the grant. If shares of our common stock are not traded on this date, then the grant

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price of the stock option will be the closing price of a share of our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on the next day of market activity.

Stock Ownership Guidelines

The Board of Directors has established a new Stock Ownership Policy for senior management, including our named executive officers, and it is intended to further align the interests of management and stockholders. The Stock Ownership Policy became effective on January 1, 2012. Under the Stock Ownership Policy, executives, other than the Chief Executive Officer, are required to own shares of our common stock with a value equal to at least one times their respective base salaries. The Chief Executive Officer must own shares of our common stock with a value equal to at least two times his annual base salary. An executive must satisfy the ownership requirements within five years of the date of the executive's appointment to a position covered by the Stock Ownership Policy or five years from the effective date of the Stock Ownership Policy, whichever occurs later. Stock ownership can consist of shares owned directly by the executive, vested restricted shares, deferred shares, shares in the executive's 401(k) account and shares owned through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Vested and unvested stock options, unvested restricted stock units and unvested restricted shares will not apply to the ownership level. The value of our common stock held by executives is measured annually using the greater of the value of our common stock on the date when the shares were vested or purchased and the value of our common stock as of December 31 of the applicable year. Once the value of an executive's shares reaches the required market value, the executive will be deemed to have met the stock ownership requirements and must retain only the number of shares that were required meet the stock ownership requirements as of the date the executive first met the requirements. As of December 31, 2013, the last measurement date for compliance with the Stock Ownership Policy, Mr. Funk met the stock ownership requirements imposed by the Stock Ownership Policy. As of such date, the other named executive officers continuing in office had not met their respective stock ownership requirements, but were on track to do so within the five-year prescribed period. No named executive officer who had not met his or her stock ownership requirement sold shares or exercised options during 2013.

Benefits

We provide our employees with customary health care benefits and offer a defined contribution plan (401(k) plan) in lieu of a pension plan to eligible employees, including our named executive officers, who, if they meet the plan eligibility requirements, may elect to participate. Under our 401(k) plan, we have the discretion to make a matching contribution at the end of each plan year to each participant's account in an amount up to 50% of the participant's salary reduction contributions for the plan year, taking into account salary reduction contributions between 1% and 6% of the participant's eligible compensation. Other than these savings programs, we provide no retirement benefits to employees or supplemental retirement benefits to our executive officers.

Perquisites

We provide no perquisites to our named executive officers as a group, and in 2013, we did not provide perquisites in an aggregate amount greater than \$10,000 to any individual named executive officer, other than Mr. Marquez as described in Footnote 6 to the Summary Compensation Table.

The perquisites that we provided to Mr. Marquez, other than his temporary housing allowance in New York for 2013 described below, are pursuant to his CEO Employment Agreement and consisted of (i) an allowance for round trip airplane tickets for Mr. Marquez and his wife and their three children to travel round trip from New York to Madrid,

Spain twice during the year; (ii) tax equalization payments; and (iii) fees to an accounting firm in connection with the preparation of Mr. Marquez's tax documentation. In February 2013, the Compensation Committee approved a temporary housing allowance in New York for Mr. Marquez for 2013 and 2014. We believe these perquisites were necessary to retain Mr. Marquez to serve as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of our company.

Agreements with Named Executive Officers

We entered into a CEO Employment Agreement with Manuel Marquez in connection with him becoming our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. We believe it was necessary to enter into the CEO Employment Agreement to attract and retain Mr. Marquez to serve as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of our

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company and to motivate Mr. Marquez to achieve goals designed to enhance long-term stockholder value. Under the CEO Employment Agreement, Mr. Marquez is entitled to, among other things, (i) an annual base salary, subject to increase in each of 2013 and 2015; (ii) eligibility to receive an annual bonus as provided in our Senior Management Bonus Plan and a retention bonus for 2013 and 2014, in each case, contingent on Mr. Marquez's continued employment with us on such dates; (iii) an allowance for Mr. Marquez and his wife and their three children to travel round trip from New York to Madrid, Spain, twice each year during the term of Mr. Marquez's employment; (iv) tax equalization payments to the extent the income taxes Mr. Marquez is required to pay in the United States for Company compensation exceed the income taxes he would have paid in Spain; (v) four weeks of vacation per year; (vi) severance and health and dental benefits upon termination or non-renewal of employment; (vii) severance and health and dental benefits upon a termination of employment after a change in control of our company; and (viii) other benefits of employment comparable to other senior management. Mr. Marquez is not entitled to an excise tax gross-up payment after a change in control of our company. However, if any portion of the severance payments or any other payments under the CEO Employment Agreement or under any other agreement with Mr. Marquez would result in the imposition on him of an excise tax under the Internal Revenue Code, then the total amount of such payments will be delivered either in full (with Mr. Marquez paying the applicable excise tax) or in a reduced amount such that no portion of such payments would be subject to excise tax, whichever results in the receipt of the greatest benefit on an after-tax basis. In connection with entering into the CEO Employment Agreement, Mr. Marquez executed a Confidentiality, Non-solicitation and Work Product Assignment Agreement with us.

In addition to Mr. Marquez, all of our other named executive officers (other than Ms. Raymond) have an employment agreement with us. These agreements were put in place to allow us to attract and retain key talent to our business. They are designed to provide reasonable financial security (in general, not exceeding one year's salary and target bonus) to our executive officers in the event of certain kinds of separations from our company, while providing our company with appropriate releases from potential claims and commitments not to solicit our clients or employees during a set period.

Under the employment agreements, each named executive officer (other than Mr. Marquez) is entitled to (i) an annual base salary; (ii) eligibility to receive an annual bonus as provided in our Senior Management Bonus Plan; (iii) four weeks of vacation plus four personal days per year; (iv) severance and health and dental benefits upon termination or non-renewal of employment; (v) severance and health and dental benefits upon a termination of employment after a change in control of our company; and (vi) other benefits of employment comparable to other senior management of our company. In connection with entering into the employment agreements, each named executive officer executed a Confidentiality, Non-solicitation and Work Product Assignment Agreement with us.

On May 31, 2013, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Nolan in connection with the commencement of his employment as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of our company. Under the agreement, Mr. Nolan is entitled to, among other things, (i) an annual base salary; (ii) eligibility to receive an annual bonus as provided in our Senior Management Bonus Plan; (iii) eligibility to receive an annual grant of equity of our company under the Senior Management Bonus Plan with a value equal to 80% of Mr. Nolan's then-current base salary; (iv) four weeks of paid vacation per year; (v) severance and health and dental benefits upon a termination of employment after a change in control of our company; and (vi) other benefits of employment comparable to other senior management of our company. Also pursuant to the agreement, the Compensation Committee awarded Mr. Nolan on August 7, 2013 100,000 restricted shares of our common stock. The shares of restricted stock vest 100% on the second anniversary of the grant date, provided that Mr. Nolan remains employed by our company on such date. Mr. Nolan is not entitled to an excise tax gross-up payment after a change in control of our company. However, upon a termination of Mr. Nolan's employment after a change in control of our company, if any portion of Mr. Nolan's termination payment would constitute an excess parachute payment, then the termination payment made to Mr. Nolan shall either be made in full or made in the greatest amount such that no portion of the termination payment would be subject to the excise tax,

whichever results in the receipt by Mr. Nolan of the greatest benefit on an after-tax basis. In connection with entering into the agreement, Mr. Nolan executed a Confidentiality, Non-solicitation and Work Product Assignment Agreement with us.

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On July 15, 2013, we entered into an amended and restated employment agreement with Mr. Lanuto pursuant to which we agreed to continue to employ Mr. Lanuto as Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer of our company upon the terms set forth in Mr. Lanuto's then existing employment agreement with our company, except that Mr. Lanuto's annual base salary increased from \$310,000 to \$340,000, effective July 1, 2013. In addition to his annual base salary, Mr. Lanuto's amended and restated employment agreement entitled him to (i) eligibility to receive an annual bonus as provided in our Senior Management Bonus Plan; (ii) four weeks of vacation plus four personal days per year; (iii) severance and health and dental benefits upon termination or non-renewal of employment; (iv) severance and health and dental benefits upon a termination of employment after a change in control of our company; and (v) other benefits of employment comparable to other senior management of our company. On February 13, 2014, Mr. Lanuto provided notice of his decision to resign from his position with our company, and Mr. Lanuto's employment with our company ended effective March 14, 2014.

On May 31, 2013, we entered into a separation agreement with Ms. Raymond pursuant to which her employment with our company ended effective May 31, 2013. Under the agreement, Ms. Raymond agreed to serve as a consultant to our company to assist in transitioning her duties as Chief Financial Officer to her successor for a period of 90 days following May 31, 2013. Also under the agreement, Ms. Raymond is entitled to (i) a severance benefit of \$468,750 payable in equal semi-monthly installments for a period of 15 months after the termination of her employment; and (ii) the value of all of Ms. Raymond's earned, but unused, vacation days through May 31, 2013. As also provided in the agreement, all of the non-vested shares of restricted stock of our company that we previously granted to Ms. Raymond (other than the shares of restricted stock that we granted to Ms. Raymond on May 14, 2013), consisting of 48,155 shares of restricted stock scheduled to vest based on the achievement of certain performance and service conditions, became fully vested as of May 31, 2013. Also, as provided in the agreement, we will continue to pay our portion of Ms. Raymond's group medical and dental insurance premium during the 15-month severance period, provided that Ms. Raymond pays her portion of the group medical and dental insurance premium in the form of a deduction from her severance benefit. We will also pay up to an aggregate of \$20,000 for outplacement services to be provided to Ms. Raymond for up to twelve months following May 31, 2013. Pursuant to the agreement, Ms. Raymond (a) provided us and our subsidiaries a general liability release and agreed to not solicit certain of our or our subsidiaries' current or prospective clients or any individual employed by us or any of our subsidiaries on May 31, 2013, in each case, for a period of 15 months following the termination of her employment; and (b) agreed to keep confidential and proprietary business information of ours and our subsidiaries confidential and to return such information to us upon the termination of her employment.

Additional information regarding these employment agreements can be found in Disclosure Regarding Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table and Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control.

Impact of Tax Treatment on Compensation

Under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, the tax deduction available to corporate taxpayers, such as us, is limited with respect to the compensation of certain executive officers unless such compensation is based upon performance objectives meeting certain regulatory criteria or is otherwise excluded from the limitation. The Compensation Committee currently intends, except in limited circumstances, to qualify compensation paid to our executive officers for deductibility by us under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code provides, among other things, rules for when compensation may be deferred and when, if deferred, it may be paid. Our compensation plans and agreements are intended to be compliant with Section 409A.

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COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis included in this proxy statement with our management and, based on such review and discussion, has recommended to our Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

Hudson Global, Inc.
COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Jennifer Laing, Chairman
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The following table sets forth certain information concerning the compensation earned including during 2013 by (i) our Chief Executive Officer, (ii) our Chief Financial Officer, (iii) our three other most highly compensated executive officers who were serving as executive officers at the end of 2013 and (iv) Ms. Raymond, our former Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer who served in such position until May 31, 2013. Information is not included for Mr. Nolan for 2011 and 2012 because he did not join our company until 2013. The persons named in the table are sometimes referred to in this proxy statement as the named executive officers.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards ⁽⁴⁾	Option Awards ⁽⁵⁾	Non-Equity		Total
						Incentive Plan Compensation	All Other Compensation	
Manuel Marquez, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	2013	\$624,000	\$125,000 ⁽³⁾	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$121,390 ⁽⁶⁾	\$870,390
	2012	\$600,000	\$540,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$228,422	\$1,368,422
Stephen A. Nolan, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2011	\$377,308	\$539,577	\$518,000	\$1,401,480	\$40,070	\$333,519	\$3,209,954
Frank P. Lanuto, Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer ⁽¹⁾	2013	\$262,500	\$0	\$240,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$502,500
	2012							
	2011							
	2013	\$325,000	\$0	\$129,880	\$0			