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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held May 2, 2018

To the Stockholders of SPAR Group, Inc.

The 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "2018 Annual Meeting") of **SPAR Group, Inc.** ("SGRP" or the "Corporation", and together with its subsidiaries, the "SPAR Group" or the "Company"), will be held at 10:00 am, Eastern Time, on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at the Tampa Airport Marriott, 4200 George J. Bean Parkway, Tampa, FL 33607, for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect five Directors of SGRP to serve during the ensuing year and until their successors are elected and qualified;
- 2. To ratify, on an advisory basis, the appointment of BDO USA, LLP, as the principal independent registered accounting firm for the Corporation and its subsidiaries for the year ending December 31, 2018;
- 3. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Named Executive Officers, as disclosed in this Proxy Statement (*i.e.*, "say on pay");
- 4. To select, on an advisory basis, whether the Corporation should request an advisory vote from its stockholders respecting compensation of the Named Executive Officers every one, two or three years (*i.e.*, "say on frequency");
- 5. To ratify and approve the adoption of the 2018 Stock Compensation Plan.; and
- 6. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice. Only the stockholders of record at the close of business on March 23, 2018 will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the 2018 Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

A copy of SGRP's 2017 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on April 2, 2018 (the "2017 Annual Report"), together with a letter to its stockholders from SGRP's Chief Executive Officer and President, is being mailed with this Notice but is not, and should not be considered to be, part of the attached Proxy Statement or other proxy soliciting material. However, that copy of the 2017 Annual Report does not contain the exhibits filed with it.

By Order of the Board of Directors /s/James R. Segreto
James R. Segreto

Secretary, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer April 18, 2018

White Plains, New York

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE STOCKHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2018: THE PROXY STATEMENT AND 2017 ANNUAL REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT www.sparinc.com/Investor Relations/SEC Filings.

YOU ARE URGED TO VOTE UPON THE MATTERS PRESENTED AND TO SIGN, DATE AND PROMPTLY RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED, OR CAST YOUR PROXY VOTES BY TELEPHONE OR INTERNET, AS PROVIDED IN THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING. PROXIES ARE REVOCABLE AT ANY TIME AND THE EXECUTION OF YOUR PROXY WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE IN PERSON IF YOU ARE PRESENT AT THE MEETING. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES OF PROXY MATERIALS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MR. JAMES R. SEGRETO, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AT THE OFFICES OF THE CORPORATION: SPAR GROUP, INC., 333 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, SOUTH BUILDING, SUITE 204, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10604.

SPAR	GROUP,	INC.

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PROXY STATEMENT

2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

To Be Held May 2, 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of **SPAR Group, Inc.**, a Delaware corporation ("SGRP" or the "Corporation", and together with its subsidiaries, the "SPAR Group" or the "Company"), for use at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "2018 Annual Meeting") to be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 12:00 p.m., Eastern Time, at Tampa Airport Marriott, 4200 George J. Bean Parkway, Tampa, FL 33607, and any adjournment or postponement thereof. This Proxy Statement and the form of proxy to be utilized at the 2018 Annual Meeting were mailed or delivered to the stockholders of SGRP on or about April 18, 2018, together with a conformed copy (excluding exhibits) of SGRP's 2017 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 (the "2017 Annual Report"), as filed on April 2, 2018, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

The 2018 Annual Meeting has been called to (1) elect five Directors of SGRP to serve during the ensuing year and until their successors are elected and qualified, (2) ratify, on an advisory basis, the appointment by SGRP's Audit Committee of BDO USA, LLP ("BDO") as the principal independent registered accounting firm of SGRP and its direct and indirect subsidiaries for the year ending December 31, 2018, (3) approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Named Executive Officers (as defined below), (4) advise the Corporation on the frequency with which it should request an advisory vote from its stockholders respecting executive compensation the Named

Executive Officers, (5) ratify and approve the adoption of the 2018 Stock Compensation Plan, and (6) transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

RECORD DATE AND VOTING

The Board has fixed the close of business on March 23, 2018, as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of stockholders entitled to vote at the 2018 Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof. As of the Record Date, there were 20,647,704 shares outstanding of SGRP's common stock, \$0.01 par value (the "Common Stock"), and there were no shares outstanding of SGRP's series "A" preferred stock, \$0.01 par value (the "Preferred Stock").

QUORUM AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Each stockholder of record is entitled to one vote for each share of Common Stock on any matter coming before this meeting. The holders of record of at least one-third of the outstanding shares of Common Stock entitled to vote at the 2018 Annual Meeting will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the 2018 Annual Meeting. Shares of Common Stock entitled to vote and represented by properly executed, returned and unrevoked proxies, including shares with respect to which votes are withheld or abstentions are cast or shares that are "broker non-votes" (as discussed below), will be considered present at the Annual Meeting for purposes of determining a quorum.

Brokers holding shares of Common Stock for beneficial owners in "street name" must vote those shares according to any specific instructions they receive from the beneficial owner of the shares. However, brokers have discretionary authority to vote on "routine" proposals, like the vote to ratify the selection of the principal independent registered accounting firm, which means that a broker may vote on behalf of a beneficial owner in the broker's discretion if the beneficial owner does not provide specific instructions to the broker. In the case of "non-routine" proposals, like the election of directors, the advisory vote on the compensation the Named Executive Officers, and the advisory vote on the frequency with which the Corporation should request an advisory vote on the compensation the Named Executive Officers and the ratification and approval of the 2018 Stock Compensation Plan, a broker may not vote on such proposals unless it receives specific instructions from the beneficial owner. A "broker non-vote" occurs when a broker does not vote on a particular proposal because the broker does not have discretionary voting authority for that particular proposal and has not received specific instructions from the beneficial owner or otherwise does not vote. Under applicable rules, if you hold your shares through a broker and do not instruct your broker how to vote with respect to Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, your broker may not vote with respect to such proposal.

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A plurality of votes cast (which means the most votes, even if less than a majority) at the 2018 Annual Meeting in person or by proxy is required for the election of each nominee to serve as a director. Stockholders are not entitled to cumulate votes. In a field of more than five nominees, the five nominees receiving the most votes would be elected as directors. Votes withheld, abstentions and broker non-votes are not counted as votes "FOR" or "AGAINST" a director nominee and will have no effect on the outcome of the election.

The affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast at the 2018 Annual Meeting in person or by proxy is required to ratify, on an advisory basis, the selection of BDO as SGRP's principal independent registered accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2018. Abstentions are not considered votes cast with respect to this matter, and consequently, will have no effect on the vote on this matter. We do not expect any broker non-votes on this proposal because brokers have discretion under applicable rules to vote uninstructed shares on this proposal. In any event, broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.

The affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast at the 2018 Annual Meeting in person or by proxy is required to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Corporation's Named Executive Officers. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not considered votes cast with respect to this matter, and consequently, will have no effect on the vote on this matter,

With respect to the vote on the frequency that the Corporation holds the advisory vote on the compensation of the Named Executive Officers, the alternative receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed approved on an advisory basis. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not considered votes cast with respect to this matter, and consequently, will have no effect on the vote on this matter.

The affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast at the 2108 Annual Meeting in person or by proxy is required to ratify and approve the adoption of the 2018 Stock Compensation Plan. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not considered votes cast with respect to this proposal, and consequently, will have no effect on the vote on this matter.

All proxies that are properly completed, signed and returned (or registered, completed, authenticated and submitted if by telephone or internet) prior to the 2018 Annual Meeting will be voted in accordance with the directions made thereon or, in the absence of directions: (a) for the election of all nominees named herein to serve as directors, (b) in favor of the proposal to ratify, on an advisory basis, the appointment of BDO as the Company's principal independent accountants, (c) in favor of the proposal to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Named Executive Officers as disclosed in "Executive Compensation, Equity Awards and Options", below, and (d) in favor of "One Year" respecting the proposal to select, on an advisory basis, whether the Corporation should obtain an advisory vote from its stockholders respecting executive compensation every one, two or three years and (e) in favor of the ratification and approval of the 2018 Stock Compensation Plan. Management does not intend to bring before the 2018 Annual Meeting any matters other than those specifically described above and knows of no other matters to come before the 2018 Annual Meeting. If any other matters or motions come before the 2018 Annual Meeting, it is the

intention of the persons named in the accompanying form of Proxy to vote Proxies in accordance with their judgment on those matters or motions to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law, including any matter dealing with the conduct of the 2018 Annual Meeting. Proxies may be revoked at any time prior to their exercise (1) by written notification to the Secretary of SGRP at SGRP's principal executive offices located at 333 Westchester Avenue, South Building, Suite 204, White Plains, New York 10604, (2) by delivering a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or (3) by the stockholder attending the 2018 Annual Meeting and voting his or her shares in person.

PROPOSAL 1 — ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Five Directors are to be elected at the 2018 Annual Meeting to serve on SGRP's Board of Directors (the "Board") until the next annual meeting of Stockholders and until their respective successors have been elected and qualified.

The nominees for election are Mr. William H. Bartels, Christiaan M. Olivier, Mr. Jack W. Partridge, Mr. Arthur B. Drogue and Mr. R. Eric McCarthey, all of whom are currently Directors of SGRP. The age, principal occupation and certain other information respecting each nominee are stated under the caption *The Board of Directors of the Corporation*, below. The nominees were approved and recommended by the Governance Committee (see below) and nominated by the Board at a meeting on April 10, 2018.

Mr. Robert G. Brown has announced his intent to retire as a member of the Board and its Chairman and as an Officer of SGRP as at the end of the May Board meetings (currently scheduled to end on May 3, 2018) and will not stand as a nominee for reelection at the 2018 Annual Meeting, but Mr. Brown has not officially retired to date. Mr. Lorrence T. Kellar has announced his intent to retire as an independent director from the Board and as a member of its Audit, Compensation, Governance and Special Committees at the end of the May Board and Committee meetings (currently scheduled to end on May 3, 2018) and will not stand as a nominee for reelection at the 2018 Annual Meeting, but Mr. Kellar has not officially retired to date. No nominees are proposed for Mr. Brown's or Mr. Kellar's positions on the Board, their memberships on the Board will continue until they officially retire (and Mr. Kellar's memberships in the Board's Committees will continue until he officially retires), and thus there are only five nominees for election as directors at the 2018 Annual Meeting. The size of the Board and its Audit, Compensation, Governance and Special Committees will be automatically reduced to five and three, respectively, effective upon their actual retirement. The Board has tentatively agreed with Mr. Brown to appoint (at the May meetings) Mr. Peter Brown to serve in Mr. Brown's place as a non-independent director effective upon Mr. Brown's actual retirement (for information respecting Mr. Peter Brown, please see Transactions with Related Persons, Promoters and Certain Control Persons - - Domestic Related Party Services, below). The Board and its Governance Committee have been seeking a replacement independent director, have located potential candidates, have begun diligence respecting and discussions with them, and are seeking to identify an acceptable candidate who is willing to serve as an independent director on the Board and its Committees. Upon the Governance Committee's recommendation to the Board of an acceptable candidate to replace Mr. Kellar, the Board intends to increase the fixed size of the Board back to seven directors, to increase the fixed size of its Committees back to four directors, appoint those candidates to the Board, and appoint that independent director candidate to the Board's Committees.

In the absence of instructions to the contrary, proxies covering shares of Common Stock will be voted in favor of the election of each of those nominees.

Each nominee has consented to being named in this Proxy Statement as a nominee for Director and has agreed to serve as a Director of SGRP if elected. However, Mr. Brown has indicated a desire to retire from the Board and as an Officer of SGRP later this year. In the event that any nominee for election as Director should become unavailable to serve, it is intended that votes will be cast, pursuant to the enclosed proxy, for such substitute nominee as may be nominated by SGRP. Management has no present knowledge that any of the persons named will be unable to serve.

No arrangement or understanding exists between any nominee and any other person or persons pursuant to which any nominee was or is to be selected as a Director or nominee. None of the nominees has any family relationship to any other nominee or to any executive officer of the Corporation. However, Mr. Olivier and Mr. Bartels are Executives and Officers, Mr. Brown is an Officer, and Messrs. Brown and Bartels are significant stockholders of SGRP.

The number of Directors on the Board has been fixed at seven directors but will be reduced automatically to a fixed size of five directors effective upon Mr. Brown and Mr. Kellar's actual retirement (See *Board Size*, below).

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE EACH UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS YOU VOTE "FOR" EACH OF THE NOMINEES IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

PROPOSAL 2 — RATIFICATION, ON AN ADVISORY BASIS, OF THE APPOINTMENT OF BDO USA, LLP AS THE PRINCIPAL INDEPENDENT REGISTERED ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE CORPORATION AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

The Audit Committee of the Board has appointed BDO USA, LLP ("BDO"), an independent registered accounting firm, as the Company's principal independent accountants to audit the consolidated financial statements of the Company for its year ending December 31, 2018, subject to the Audit Committee's review of the final terms of BDO's engagement and plans for their audit. BDO audits certain foreign subsidiaries of SGRP through BDO's affiliates in those countries. A resolution will be submitted to stockholders at the 2018 Annual Meeting for the ratification of such appointment on an advisory (*i.e.*, non-binding) basis. Stockholder ratification of the appointment of BDO or anyone else for non-audit services is not required and will not be sought.

BDO has served as the Company's principal independent accountants since October 2013.

Audit Fees

The aggregate fees billed to us for professional accounting services by BDO USA, LLP, including the audit of our annual financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, are set forth in the table below (amounts in thousands):

	2017	2016
Audit fees	\$482	\$455
Audit-related fees	24	29
Tax fees	149	117
Total	\$655	\$601

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For purposes of the preceding table professional fees are classified as follows:

<u>Audit fees</u> — These are fees for professional services performed for the audit of our annual financial statements and the required review of quarterly financial statements and other procedures performed by the independent auditors in order for them to be able to form an opinion on our consolidated financial statements. These fees also cover services that are normally provided by independent auditors in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

<u>Audit-related fees</u> — These are fees for assurance and related services that traditionally are performed by independent auditors that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the financial statements. All audit related fees in the above table represent due diligence costs related to acquisitions and 401(k) audit related fees.

<u>Tax fees</u> — These are fees for all professional services performed by professional staff in our independent auditor's tax division, except those services related to the audit of our financial statements. These include fees for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice, including federal, state and local issues. Services may also include assistance with tax audits and appeals before the IRS and similar state and local agencies, as well as federal, state and local tax issues related to due diligence.

Since the Audit Committee's formation in 2003, as required by applicable law and Nasdaq rules, each audit-related or tax or other non-audit service performed by the Company's principal independent accountants either (i) was approved in advance on a case-by-case basis by SGRP's Audit Committee, or (ii) fit within a pre-approved "basket" of audit-related or tax and other non-audit services of limited amount, scope and duration established in advance by SGRP's Audit Committee. In connection with the standards for independence of the Company's principal independent registered accounting firm promulgated by the SEC, the Audit Committee considers (among other things) whether the provision of such services would be compatible with maintaining the independence of the Company's principal registered independent accounting firm.

Anticipated Attendance by BDO USA, LLP at the 2018 Annual Meeting

BDO has indicated to the Corporation that it intends to have representatives available during the 2018 Annual Meeting who will respond to appropriate questions. These representatives will have the opportunity to make a statement during the meeting if they so desire.

Required Vote

A resolution will be submitted to stockholders at the 2018 Annual Meeting for the ratification, on an advisory basis, of the Audit Committee's appointment of BDO as the Company's principal independent accountants to audit the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2018. The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the 2018 Annual Meeting in person or by proxy will be required to adopt this resolution. Proxies solicited by the Board will be voted in favor of ratification unless stockholders specify otherwise. Abstentions will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on this proposal. We do not expect any broker non-votes on this proposal because brokers have discretion under applicable rules to vote uninstructed shares on this proposal. In any event, broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.

If the advisory resolution ratifying BDO as the Company's principal independent accountants is adopted by the stockholders, the Audit Committee and Board nevertheless retain the discretion to select different principal independent registered accountants should they subsequently conclude that doing so is in the Company's best interests. Any such future selection need not be submitted to a vote of stockholders.

If the stockholders do not ratify the appointment, on an advisory basis, of BDO, or if BDO should decline to act or otherwise become incapable of acting, or if BDO's engagement with SGRP is discontinued, SGRP's Audit Committee will appoint another independent registered accounting firm to act as the Company's principal independent accountants for the year ending December 31, 2018 (which may nevertheless be BDO should the Audit Committee subsequently concluded that BDO's appointment in the Company's best interests).

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE EACH BELIEVE THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF BDO USA, LLP AS THE COMPANY'S PRINCIPAL INDEPENDENT REGISTERED ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COMPANY AND ITS STOCKHOLDERS, AND EACH UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMEND YOU VOTE "FOR" APPROVAL THEREOF. PROXIES WILL BE VOTED FOR THIS PROPOSAL UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY INDICATED.

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PROPOSAL 3 -- ADVISORY VOTE ON THE COMPENSATION OF THE NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act") added Section 14A to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), which requires that the Corporation provide its stockholders with the opportunity to vote to approve, on a nonbinding advisory basis, the compensation of the Corporation's Named Executive Officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement in accordance with the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC. For clarity, the Named Executive Officers are only Christiaan M. Olivier, the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer, James R. Segreto, the Corporation's Chief Financial Officer, Kori G. Belzer, the Corporation's Chief Operating Officer, Gerard Marrone, the Corporation's Chief Revenue Officer and Steven J. Adolph, the Corporation's President International and the term does not include any of the other persons listed below in *Executive and Officer Compensation*.

Compensation Policy

The Corporation believes that its compensation packages should (i) attract and retain quality directors, executives and employees, (ii) provide total compensation competitive with similar companies, (iii) reward and reinforce the attainment of the Corporation's performance objectives, and (iv) align the interests of its directors, executives and employees with those of its stockholders (the "Corporation's Compensation Objectives"). The Compensation Committee oversees the existing and proposed compensation plans, policies and practices of the Corporation, reviews and recommends to the Board any necessary or desirable changes or additions to any such plan, policy or practice, and reviews and approves all director and executive officer compensation, to endeavor to meet the Corporation's Compensation Objectives.

The Corporation believes that the interests of its executives should be closely aligned with those of its stockholders. The Corporation's executive compensation program has three primary elements, which are fixed base salaries, annual performance-based bonuses and long-term equity incentive awards. In balancing these elements, the Corporation endeavors to strike an appropriate balance among the Corporation's annual performance, its long-term growth objectives, its ability to attract and retain qualified executive officers and the expense of such compensation. The Corporation believes it should compensate each executive for their individual work and achievements, which it endeavors to do through the salaries and individual discretionary bonuses described below. In addition, the Corporation rewards each executive for their contributions to the Corporation's achievement of short-term business objectives and operational and performance goals, through the annual cash and stock-based incentive bonuses described below. Grants of restricted stock, stock options and other stock-based awards under the Corporation's 2018 Stock Compensation Plan (described below) are incentives for each executive to make long-term contributions to the value of the Corporation. The Corporation considers all elements of compensation when determining the total salaries and incentives for its executives, but once determined for a particular year such elements are generally independent of each other (e.g. salary will not be affected by the size of bonuses or value of stock-based awards).

Determining Compensation

Each year the Compensation Committee receives compensation recommendations for base salary, bonuses and possible stock-based awards for its non-CEO executives from the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer, and carefully reviews and (to the extent they deem appropriate) adjusts them before approving them. These recommendations are developed by management through employee evaluations, development of business goals and input from its executives. The Corporation also provides a stock purchase plan, 401(k) plan, healthcare plan and certain other benefits to all of the Company's employees (including its executives). In addition, certain executives are party to severance agreements discussed below. The Corporation believes that it pays competitive compensation packages that allow it to attract and retain quality executives.

In setting base salaries, the Corporation considers individual performance (including the satisfaction of duties and accomplishment of previously established short-term and long-term objectives) and various subjective criteria (including initiative, dedication, growth, leadership and contributions to overall department and corporate performance). Non-executive officer salaries and salary increases are recommended by the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and reviewed and approved by the Compensation Committee.

The Corporation's executive officers are eligible for annual cash and stock-based award bonuses based upon their individual performance, the Corporation's achievements of certain specific operating results or increases in stockholder value and they also may receive a discretionary amount based on the overall contribution of the officer to the Corporation during the year. During or before the beginning of each year the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and the Compensation Committee establish bonus criteria for each of those officers based principally on the Corporation's achievement of specific performance goals during the year. The type of goal, thresholds and awards may vary among the executives based on their specific area of expertise and responsibilities. However, each goal is specifically designed to generate additional profit, increase revenue or otherwise increase stockholder value. Ranges are generally specified for the goals with corresponding cash and stock-based award bonuses specified for achievement. If a specified level for a goal is achieved, as determined by the Corporation and reviewed by the Compensation Committee, the applicable executives are entitled to the corresponding cash and stock-based award bonuses. All executive officer bonus plans are recommended by the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and reviewed and approved by the Compensation Committee.

Please see "EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION, DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION" and "EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION, EQUITY AWARDS OPTIONS" below for the compensation and benefits received by the Corporation's Named Executive Officers during 2018.

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Advisory Vote

The vote on Proposal 3 is advisory, which means that the vote on the compensation of the Named Executive Officers is not binding on the Corporation, the Board or its Compensation Committee. The vote on this proposal is not intended to address any specific element of compensation, but rather relates to the overall compensation of the Corporation's Named Executive Officers, as described in this Proxy Statement in accordance with the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC. To the extent there is a significant vote against the Corporation's Named Executive Officers' compensation as disclosed in this Proxy Statement, the Compensation Committee will evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address the Corporation's stockholders concerns.

Accordingly, the Corporation asks its stockholders to vote on the following resolution at the Annual Meeting:

"RESOLVED, that the Corporation's stockholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Named Executive Officers, as disclosed in this Proxy Statement pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC, including the Summary Compensation Table and the other related tables and disclosure."

THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE EACH UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS YOU VOTE "FOR" THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMPENSATION OF THE COMPANY'S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, AS DISCLOSED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT.

PROPOSAL 4 - ADVISORY VOTE ON WHETHER THE CORPORATION
SHOULD REQUEST AN ADVISORY VOTE FROM ITS STOCKHOLDERS RESPECTING
COMPENSATION OF THE NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS EVERY ONE, TWO OR THREE YEARS

As a result of the Dodd-Frank Act, Section 14A of the Exchange Act requires that the Corporation provide its stockholders with the opportunity to vote, on a nonbinding advisory basis, for their preference as to how frequently they vote in the future on the compensation of the Corporation's Named Executive Officers as disclosed in accordance with the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC. Although it is not required to do so, the Corporation currently intends to hold this "frequency vote" every year.

The Corporation's stockholders may indicate whether they would prefer to conduct future advisory votes on the compensation of the Named Executive Officers once every one, two, or three years. Stockholders also may abstain from casting a vote on this proposal.

The Board has determined that an annual advisory vote on the compensation of the Named Executive Officers will permit the Corporation's stockholders to provide direct input each year on the Corporation's executive compensation philosophy, policies and practices as disclosed in this Proxy Statement, which is consistent with the Corporation's efforts to engage in an ongoing dialogue with the its stockholders on the compensation of the Named Executive Officers and corporate governance matters.

This vote is advisory, which means that this frequency vote on the compensation of the Named Executive Officers is not binding on the Corporation, the Board or its Compensation Committee. The Corporation recognizes that the stockholders may have different views as to the best approach for the Corporation, and therefore the Corporation looks forward to hearing from the stockholders as to their preference on the frequency that the Corporation should hold an advisory vote on the compensation of the Named Executive Officers.

The Board and its Compensation Committee will consider the outcome of the frequency vote. However, when considering the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation of the Named Executive Officers, the Board and its Compensation Committee may decide that it is in the best interests of the Corporation's stockholders and the Corporation to hold an advisory vote on the compensation of the Named Executive Officers more or less frequently than the frequency receiving the most votes cast by the Corporation's stockholders.

Stockholders may cast a vote on the preferred voting frequency by selecting the option of one year, two years or three years (or abstain) when voting in response to the resolution set forth below.

The proxy card provides stockholders with the opportunity to choose among four options (to hold the compensation vote every one, two or three years, or to abstain from voting) and, therefore, stockholders will not be voting to approve or disapprove the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE EACH RECOMMENDS

THAT YOU VOTE "ONE YEAR" AS THE PREFERRED FREQUENCY FOR THE OPTION OF HOLDING THE

ADVISORY VOTE ON THE COMPENSATION OF THE NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

PROPOSAL 5 – RATIFICATION AND

APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE 2018 STOCK COMPENSATION PLAN

At the 2018 Annual Meeting, the Corporation's stockholders will be asked to ratify and approve the adoption of the Corporation's 2018 Stock Compensation Plan (the "2018 Plan"). The Corporation's Board of Directors (the "Board") on April 10, 2018, authorized and approved the 2018 Plan to be submitted to the Corporation's stockholders for ratification and approval. If ratified and approved by the Corporation's stockholders, the 2018 Plan will become effective as of May 29, 2018 (the "2018 Plan Effective Date"), and will replace, for all options issued thereafter, the Corporation's 2008 Stock Option Plan, as amended (the "2008 Plan"), which previously replaced the Corporation's 2000 Stock Option Plan, as amended (the "1995 Plan"). The Corporation's 2008 Stock Compensation Plan, as amended, will terminate on May 28, 2018, and thereafter no further Awards may be made under it. The approval of the 2018 Plan by the Corporation's stockholders will require the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast at the 2018 Annual Meeting. The 2018 Plan is briefly summarized below, but these descriptions are subject to and qualified in their entirety by the full text of the 2018 Plan, which is attached as Annex A to this Proxy Statement. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the 2018 Plan.

As of the Record Date, there were options outstanding under the 2008 Plan to purchase 3,263,177 shares of Common Stock. Awards respecting 340,000 shares of SGRP's Common Stock remained available for grant under the 2008 Plan. After the approval of the 2018 Plan, no further grants will be made under the 2008 Plan (and none have been made under the 2000 Plan since stockholder approval of the 2008 Plan).

SUMMARY OF THE 2018 STOCK COMPENSATION PLAN

The 2018 Plan and information regarding options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock and restricted stock units granted thereunder are summarized below, but these descriptions are subject to and are qualified in their entirety by the full text of the 2018 Plan, which is attached as Annex A to this Proxy Statement. The 2018 Plan is substantially similar to the 2008 Plan except for its one year initial term and resetting the maximum award shares available to 600,000 under the 2018 Plan. The 2008 Plan terminates upon the adoption of the 2018 Plan (but not later than May 28, 2018), and thereafter no further Awards may be made under the 2008 Plan. Awards granted prior to the end the term of the 2008 Plan shall continue to be governed by the 2008 Plan (which 2008 Plan shall continue in full force and effect for that purpose).

No Awards will be granted under the 2018 Plan until it is approved by the Corporation's stockholders.

The 2018 Plan (upon approval) will have an initial term that ends on May 31, 2019, and no Award may be granted thereafter under this Plan, unless an extension or elimination of such initial term Plan is approved by stockholders of the Corporation if and as required pursuant to the 2018 Plan and Applicable Law. In any event, no Award may be granted under the 2018 Plan on or after the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Effective Date of the 2018 Plan unless an extension of the term of the 2018 Plan is approved by stockholders of the Corporation if and as required pursuant to the 2018 Plan and Applicable Law. Awards granted prior to the end the term of the 2018 Plan shall continue to be governed by the 2018 Plan (which 2018 Plan shall continue in full force and effect for that purpose).

The Board and Compensation Committee have recommended ratification and adoption of the 2018 Plan to continue that important tool in equity-based compensation. See *EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION*, *DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION* - *Stock Based Compensation Plans*, below.

The 2018 Plan (upon approval) will reset and limit the maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued pursuant to Awards made under the plan to 600,000 shares (the "2018 Plan Maximum"), subject to adjustment as provided in the 2008 Plan (see below). For clarity, although 340,000 shares remained available for Awards under the 2008 Plan as of April 10, 2018, and none of those 340,000 shares are included in or will increase the 2018 Plan Maximum (i.e., no carryover from the 2008 Plan). None of those 340,000 shares will be issued under the 2008 Plan upon and following the stockholder approval of the 2018 Plan (when the ability to issue new awards and the availability of those 340,000 shares for new awards under 2008 Plan will end). Any reduction in such 340,000 share availability through any new issuances of Awards (as defined therein) under the 2008 Plan after April 10, 2018, will reduce such 600,000 share initial availability under this Plan by the same number of shares (if any).

Under the 2018 Plan, employees, officers and directors of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") or their consultants providing services to the Company (collectively, the "Participants") may be granted certain Equity Compensation Awards ("Awards"). The Participants providing such consulting services include the employees of and consultants to certain non-subsidiary affiliates of SGRP providing services to the Company (see Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, below) and other affiliates of the Corporation ("SPAR Affiliates"). As of the Record Date, there were approximately 91 officers and employees of the Company and 4 outside directors of the Corporation and there were 73 employees of and consultants to the SPAR Affiliates providing such consulting services.

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The 2018 Plan will permit the granting of Awards consisting of options to purchase shares of Common Stock ("Options"), stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), restricted stock ("Restricted Stock"), and restricted stock units ("RSUs"). The 2018 Plan permits the granting of both Options that qualify under Section 422 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended (the "Code") for treatment as incentive stock options ("Incentive Stock Options" or "ISOs") and Options that do not qualify under the Code as Incentive Stock Options ("Nonqualified Stock Options" or "NQSOs"). ISOs may only be granted to employees of the Corporation or its subsidiaries.

The shares of Common Stock that may be issued pursuant to the Options, SARs, Restricted Stock and RSUs under the 2018 Plan are all subject to the 2018 Plan Maximum.

Purpose of the 2018 Plan

The purpose of the 2018 Plan (upon approval) is to promote the interests of the Corporation and its stockholders by providing stock-based incentives to certain employees, directors, officers and consultants. Under the 2018 Plan, the mutuality of interest between those participants and the Corporation is strengthened because they have a proprietary interest in pursuing the Corporation's long-term growth and financial success. In addition, by allowing participation in the Corporation's success, the Corporation is better able to attract, retain and reward quality employees, directors, officers and consultants. In selecting the participants to whom Awards may be granted, consideration is given to factors such as employment position, duties and responsibilities, ability, productivity, length of service, morale, interest in the Corporation and recommendations of supervisors.

Shares Available and Reserved

The 2018 Plan limits the number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued pursuant to Awards made under the 2018 Plan to the 2018 Plan Maximum. The 2018 Plan further limits the number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued pursuant to new Awards made on a particular grant date under the 2018 Plan (the "2018 Plan Availability") to the remainder of (a) the 2018 Plan Maximum minus (b) the sum at such time of the number of shares of Common Stock covered by all outstanding Awards issued under the 2018 Plan. In the event new Awards or prior awards become expired, cancelled, voided or the like, the number of shares of Common Stock covered by them are added back to the 2018 Plan Availability. The 2018 Plan Maximum and 2018 Plan Availability are subject to certain adjustments that may be made by the Compensation Committee (see "Administration", below) upon the occurrence of certain changes in the Corporation's capitalization or structure.

The maximum number of shares of Common Stock for which Options, SARs, Restricted Stock or RSUs that may be issued to a single Participant during any calendar year is 1,000,000 shares.

Awards

Future Participants in the 2018 Plan (upon approval) and the amounts of their future allotments will be determined by the Compensation Committee in its discretion subject to any restrictions in the 2018 Plan or the applicable individual written agreement containing the Award terms (the "Contract"). Because no such determinations have yet been made, it is not possible to state the terms of any individual Awards that may be issued under the 2018 Plan or the names or positions of or respective amounts of the allotment to any individual who may participate.

The vesting, duration and other terms of future awards also will be determined by the Compensation Committee in its discretion subject to any restrictions in the 2018 Plan and the Code. The terms may be different for the same or similar Awards or Participants. No SARs or RSUs were issued under the 2008 Plan. Restricted Stock Awards granted under the 2008 Plan generally vested over four years (i.e., one fourth per year of service after the grant date). Option Awards granted under the 2008 Plan were generally Non-Qualified Options, generally vested over four years (i.e., one fourth per year of service after the grant date), had ten year terms, and had exercise prices set at fair market value on the grant date.

Grant Dates and Contracts

The grant date for an Award is generally the date the Award is approved by the Compensation Committee. However, the Compensation Committee may in its discretion specify a later grant date in its approval, which it may do in order to (among other things) coordinate the grant date with a new employee's start date or permit public dissemination of a pending earnings press release. Each Award granted under the 2018 Plan will be evidenced by a Contract in a form approved by the Compensation Committee and executed by the Corporation and the Participant receiving the Award. Each Contract will contain the terms, provisions and conditions pertaining to the applicable Award, including (as applicable) exercise price.

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Consideration

Participants receive Awards in return for the past and future rendering of services and are not required to pay the Corporation for such Awards (except for applicable tax withholding when due and any exercise price in the case of Options) or purchase price (if any) established by the Compensation Committee in the applicable Contract.

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The 2018 Plan (continuing the provisions of the 2008 Plan adopted in 2009) gives SGRP's Compensation Committee the full authority and complete flexibility from time to time to designate and modify (in its discretion) one or more of the outstanding Awards (including their exercise and base prices and other components and terms) to (among other things) restore their intended values and incentives to their holders. However, the exercise price, Base Value or similar component (if equal to SGRP's full stock price at issuance) of any Award cannot be lowered to an amount that is less than the Fair Market Value (as defined in the 2008 Plan) on the date of the applicable modification, and no modification can adversely affect an awardee's rights or obligations under an Award without the awardee's consent.

THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE EACH RECOMMENDS THAT

YOU VOTE "FOR" the RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF

THE 2018 STOCK COMPENSATION PLAN.

NO STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

No stockholder proposals or director nominations were duly received by the Corporation by December 10, 2017, as required by the Restated By-Laws (as defined below) and the Corporation's 2017 Proxy Statement (See *Stockholder Communications - Submission of Stockholder Proposals and Director Nominations*, below, regarding the 2018 submission deadline). Accordingly, the Corporation will not consider any proposals or nominations from any stockholder at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION

The Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "Board") is responsible for overseeing the management, policies and direction of the Corporation and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company"), both directly and through its committees (See "*Corporate Governance*" below). The current members of the Board are set forth below and each director other than Mr. Brown and Mr. Kellar is a nominee for election at the 2018 Annual Meeting:

Name Age Position with SPAR Group, Inc.

Christiaan M. Olivier 53 Chief Executive Officer, President and Director

Robert G. Brown 75 Chairman (Non-Executive) and Director

William H. Bartels 74 Vice Chairman and Director

Jack W. Partridge (1) 72 Director and Chairman of the Compensation Committee

Lorrence T. Kellar (1) 80 Director

Arthur B. Drogue (1) 72 Lead Director, Director, and the Chairman of the Governance Committee and of the Special Subcon

R. Eric McCarthey (1)62 Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee

(1) Member of the Governance, Compensation, Audit Committees and Special Subcommittee of the Audit Committee

Christiaan M. Olivier serves as the Chief Executive Officer, President and a Director of SGRP and has held such positions since his appointment as Chief Executive Officer of SGRP on September 5, 2017. With over 25 years as a retail executive he has successfully led global organizations bringing positive transformation in the areas of strategy, business development, sales, marketing, client service and operations. His ability to unite groups and executives have continually grown revenue and client base within each company he has served. Prior to joining SGRP, Mr. Olivier served as President of Retail Activation with the Omnicom Group, during his tenure there he considerably increased new business. Before that, he was President at Advantage Sales and Marketing. Mr. Olivier was also Chief Executive Officer at the Smollan Group, a sales and marketing service firm located in South Africa. The Board concluded that Mr. Olivier should be a director of the Corporation because he serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and because of his extensive experience in senior management in retail marketing and services.

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Robert G. Brown has served as the Chairman of SGRP since July 8, 1999, the effective date of the merger of SPAR Marketing Force, Inc., and related companies (the "SPAR Marketing Companies"), a business he co-founded, with PIA Merchandising Services, Inc. (the "Merger") creating SPAR Group Inc. Prior to the Merger and since 1967, Mr. Brown had served as the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the SPAR Companies. In addition to being a co-founder of the SPAR Companies, Mr. Brown was named the "guru of price promotion" by Fortune Magazine and the "master of trade promotion analysis" by Advertising Age. Best known as the "father of baseline technology", the systems he has developed have been used by 70% of the top 100 consumer packaged goods companies in the world. He is an international speaker having spoken on the subject of Trade Promotions for such organizations as the GMA, the Association of National Advertisers, the American Marketing Association, the Council of Sales Promotion Agencies, ESOMAR, POPAI, the Australian Association of National Advertisers and the Advertising Research Foundation in many locations in the United States, Canada, Europe, South America and Asia. His writings and quotes have been featured in numerous trade publications such as Fortune Magazine, the Wall Street Journal, Advertising Age, Progressive Grocer, Marketing News, Food and Beverage Marketing, Ad Week, World Business Review and the Journal News and his articles have been featured in the Journal of Marketing Research and the Journal of Advertising Research. More recently Mr. Brown has built a mathematical model to calculate the exact odds of any decision in Blackjack given any combination of cards in a shoe along with any players hand and dealer up card which represent over 1 trillion possible combinations. Mr. Brown has announced his intent to retire as director from SGRP's Board at the end of the May Board meeting (currently scheduled to end on May 3, 2018), and will not stand for re-election at the 2018 Annual Meeting, but Mr. Brown has not officially retired to date.

William H. Bartels serves as Vice Chairman and a Director of SGRP and holding those positions since July 8, 1999 (the effective date of the Merger). Prior to the Merger, he served as Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Senior Vice President of the SPAR Marketing Companies (a business he co-founded) since 1967. There he was responsible for sales and marketing of the SPARLINE technology and its related consulting business for evaluating trade promotion spending and strategies for the top tier of CPG companies, domestic and international. He gained industry wide recognition for SPARLINE as reported through numerous industry publications, while negotiating partnerships with research companies in the U.K and Australia for using the system. He has spoken at conferences in the U.S., Europe, and South America such as: Advertising Research Foundation, Promotion Marketing Association of America, European Society of Marketing Research, Advertising Age and American Management Association. When SPAR began its marketing service business, Mr. Bartels again assumed a business development role and was individually responsible for signing a significant portion of SPAR's customer revenue. Currently he leads domestic M&A activity, expanding SPAR's presence and building relationships throughout the industry. Recently, he located and assisted in the acquisition of Resource Plus and their affiliated marketing service and related technology and fixture manufacturing companies. The Board concluded that Mr. Bartels should be a director of the Corporation because of his proven track record in developing new business, experience in retail marketing services, proven track record in developing new business, and his in-depth knowledge of the Corporation.

Jack W. Partridge serves as a Director of SGRP and has done so since January 29, 2001. He has served as the Chairman of the Compensation Committee of SGRP since May 9, 2003, and also is a member of the Audit Committee and Governance Committee and the newly formed Special Subcommittee of the Audit Committee. Mr. Partridge, now retired, served as President of Partridge & Associates, Inc. from 2000 to 2012. He previously served as Vice Chairman of the Board of The Grand Union Company from 1998 to 2000. Mr. Partridge's service with Grand Union followed a distinguished 23-year career with The Kroger Company, where he served as Group Vice President, Corporate Affairs, and as a member of the Senior Executive Committee, as well as various other executive positions. He has provided

leadership for a broad range of civic, cultural and industry organizations. He currently serves as a member of the board of GlobalWorx, Inc. The Board concluded that Mr. Partridge should be a director of the Corporation because he is an accomplished business executive with extensive experience in senior management in retail marketing and services.

Lorrence T. Kellar serves as a Director and has done so since April 2, 2003. Mr. Kellar also is a member of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Governance Committee and the newly formed Special Subcommittee of the Audit Committee. Mr. Kellar had a 31-year career with The Kroger Co., where he served in various financial capacities, including Group Vice President for real estate and finance, and earlier, as Corporate Treasurer. He was responsible for all of Kroger's real estate activities, as well as facility engineering, which coordinated all store openings and remodels. Mr. Kellar subsequently served as Vice President, real estate, for Kmart and then as Vice President of Continental Properties Company, Inc., a retail real estate developer, until November 2009. Mr. Kellar is a trustee of the Acadia Realty Trust. He also is a major patron of the arts and has served as Chairman of the Board of the Cincinnati Ballet. The Board concluded that Mr. Kellar should be a director of the Corporation because of his extensive experience in senior management and financial matters in retail marketing and services. Mr. Kellar has announced his intent to retire as an independent director from SGRP's Board and its Audit, Compensation, Governance and Special Committees at the end of the upcoming Board and Committee meetings (currently scheduled to end on May 3, 2018), and will not stand for re-election at the 2018 Annual Meeting, but Mr. Kellar has not officially retired to date.

Arthur B. Drogue serves as a Director of SGRP and has done so since January 2013. He has served as the Lead Director of the Board since May of 2016, as the Chairman of the Governance Committee of SGRP since May 2015, and as Chairman of the newly formed Special Subcommittee of the Audit Committee since April 2017. Mr. Drogue also is a member of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee. Mr. Drogue was Senior Vice President of Sales and Customer Development for the America's at Unilever during 2009 and 2010. Prior to that, he led Unilever's U.S. Sales and Customer Development organization through eight years of outstanding growth and earnings success while merging six separate companies into one of the U.S's preeminent consumer packaged goods companies with over \$12 billion in annual sales. His previous professional experience includes senior management positions at Best Foods, Nabisco, Northeastern Organization (a/k/a NEO), and General Mills. Mr. Drogue also has held positions on several corporate and industry boards and has received numerous awards for his achievements. He has served on the board of GS1 U.S, has served as Chairman of the Board of Apollo Foods, has served as an Operating Partner at Raptor consumer Fund, and in addition to his board service at SGRP, he currently serves on the board of J.M. Global Holdings, serves as Chairman of the Board of Demers Foods, serves on the board of Ruiz Foods chairing the Governance committee and serves on the Audit committee. Mr. Drogue is also a founding partner of The Resource Team, a consulting practice focusing on the consumer package goods industry. He has earned the Board Fellow distinction in the National Association of Corporate Directors (a/k/a NACD) having completed the Board Professional and Board Masters courses. The Board concluded that Mr. Drogue should be a director of the Corporation because of his extensive experience as a director and senior manager of companies in the retail industry.

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R. Eric McCarthey joined the Board of SGRP as of November 2015, has served as the Chairman of the Audit Committee since May 2016, and is a member of the Compensation and Governance Committees and the newly formed Special Subcommittee of the Audit Committee. Mr. McCarthey is currently CEO of Shelty-Viking Capital Group, LLC, a private equity holding company with principal ownership in various firms. He is the Chairman of the Atlanta chapter of National Association of Corporate Directors. Mr. McCarthey had a 30-year career with The Coca-Cola Company and was most recently Senior Vice President, Global Commercial/Customer Strategic Planning & Execution. He had served in several global leadership roles throughout his career with The Coca-Cola Company. Mr. McCarthey also serves on the boards of two privately held companies, Interra International, where he is Chairman of the Strategy Committee and Saulsbury Industries, where he is Chairman of the Governance Committee. He had previously served on the boards of Standard Register as Chairman of the Strategy Committee until the company was sold in 2016 and Global Imaging as Chairman of the Audit Committee until the company was sold in 2007. The Board concluded that Mr. McCarthey should be a director of the Corporation because of his extensive experience in senior management and financial matters in retail marketing and services.

EXECUTIVES AND OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

Set forth in the table below are the names, ages and offices held by all Executives and Officers of the Corporation as of December 31, 2017, and (except as otherwise noted) as of the date of this Proxy Statement. For biographical information regarding Christiaan M. Olivier, Robert G. Brown and William H. Bartels, see *The Board of Directors of the Corporation*, above.

Name Age Position with SPAR Group, Inc. (1)(2)

Christiaan M. Olivier 53 Chief Executive Officer, President and a Director Robert G. Brown 75 Chairman (Non-Executive) and a Director (3)

William H. Bartels 74 Vice Chairman and a Director

James R. Segreto 69 Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

Kori G. Belzer
Gerard Marrone
Steven J. Adolph
52 Chief Operating Officer
55 Chief Revenue Officer
53 President International

Under the Corporation's Restated By-Laws and the resolutions of the Board, each of the following individuals have

- (1) been designated as both an "Executive" and an "Officer" of the Corporation except as otherwise noted below. An Executive is generally an executive officer of the Corporation and part of its senior management.
 - Each named individual is an "at will" employee of the Company, except that Mr. Brown is not an employee. Their
- (2) nominal terms as Executives and Officers are for one year, lasting from one annual stockholders meeting to the next.
- (3) "Officer" but not as an "Executive" of the Corporation.

James R. Segreto serves as Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer of SGRP and has done so since December 14, 2007. Prior to his current position, Mr. Segreto served as Vice President and Controller of SGRP since July 8, 1999, the effective date of the Merger. Mr. Segreto served as Chief Financial Officer for Supermarket Communications Systems, Inc. from 1992 to 1997 and LM Capital, LLP from 1990 to 1992. Prior to 1992, he served as Controller of Dorman Roth Foods, Inc.

Kori G. Belzer serves as the Chief Operating Officer of SGRP and has done so since January 1, 2004. From 2000 through 2003, Ms. Belzer served as the Chief Operating Officer of SPAR Administrative Services, Inc. (then known as SPAR Management Services, Inc.) ("SAS"), and SPAR Business Services, Inc. (then known as SPAR Marketing Services, Inc.), each an affiliate of SGRP (See - *Transactions with Related Persons, Promoters and Certain Control Persons*, below). From 1997 to 2000, Ms. Belzer served as Vice President Operations of SAS and as Regional Director of SAS from 1995 to 1997. Prior to 1995, she served as Client Services Manager for SPAR/Servco, Inc.

Gerard (Gerry) Marrone joined SPAR Group, Inc. as SVP Sales & Marketing in January 2017 and was promoted to Chief Revenue Officer in December of the same year. As Chief Revenue Officer he oversees all revenue generation and marketing activities for the company. He is responsible for strategic growth initiatives and expansion of the domestic business. His role includes seeking and leading strategic alliances and joint ventures and he is responsible for developing capabilities and best practices within the sales and marketing function that will be shared and implemented across the organization and the international network.

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Steven J. Adolph serves as the President International of SGRP and has done so since June 21, 2016. Prior to his current position, Mr. Adolph served in several executive roles including: President of Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet, CEO Asia/Pacific for Invacare, Vice President International for SentrySafe and Vice-President Asia/Pacific for Equal/NutraSweet. Mr. Adolph graduated Magna Cum Laude from Duke University and has an MBA with distinction from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Business.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of SGRP's Common Stock as of March 23, 2018, by: (i) each person (or group of affiliated persons) who is known by SGRP to own beneficially more than 5% of SGRP's Common Stock; (ii) each of SGRP's directors; (iii) each of the Named Executives and Officers in the Summary Compensation Table (other than R. Scott Popaditch and Jill M. Blanchard, who resigned from the Company on May 15, 2017 and August 23, 2016, respectively); and (iv) SGRP's directors and Executives as a group. Except as indicated in the footnotes to this table, the persons named in the table, based on information provided by such persons, have sole voting and sole investment power with respect to all shares of common and preferred stock shown as beneficially owned by them, subject to community property laws where applicable.

		Number of Shares	See	Percentage
Title of Class	Name and Address of Beneficial Owner			
		Beneficially Owned	Note #	(10)
Common Shares	Robert G. Brown (1)	6,924,409	(2)	33.7%
Common Shares	William H. Bartels (1)	5,289,693	-	25.7%
Common Shares	Christiaan M. Olivier (1)	-	-	*
Common Shares	Jack W. Partridge (1)	177,552	(3)	*
Common Shares	Lorrence T. Kellar (1)	177,804	(4)	*
Common Shares	Arthur B. Drogue (1)	29,000	(5)	*
Common Shares	R. Eric McCarthey (1)	12,000	(6)	*
Common Shares	James R. Segreto (1)	360,685	(7)	1.7%
Common Shares	Kori G. Belzer (1)	416,852	(8)	2.0%
Common Shares	Gerard Marrone (1)	25,000	(9)	*
Common Shares	Steven J. Adolph (1)	25,000	(10)	*
	Whittier Holdings, Inc.			
Common Shares	100 Liberty Street, Suite 890	1,215,455	(11)	5.9%
	Reno, NV 89501			
Common Shares	All Executives and Directors	13,437,994	-	65.2%

^{*} Less than 1%

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⁽¹⁾ The address of such owners is c/o SPAR Group, Inc. 333 Westchester Avenue, South Building, Suite 204, White Plains, New York 10604.

- Mr. Brown's beneficial ownership includes 121,275 shares held by Jean Brown in her 401(k) and Roth IRA accounts.
- (3) Mr. Partridge's beneficial ownership includes 156,308 shares issuable upon exercise of options and 1,000 shares restricted stock vesting by May 23, 2018.
- (4) Mr. Kellar's beneficial ownership includes 167,656 shares issuable upon exercise of options and 1,000 shares restricted stock vesting by May 23, 2018.

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- (5) Mr. Drogue's beneficial ownership includes 25,000 shares issuable upon exercise of options and 1,000 shares restricted stock vesting by May 23, 2018.
- (6) Mr. McCarthey's beneficial ownership includes 10,000 shares issuable upon exercise of options.
- (7) Mr. Segreto's beneficial ownership includes 251,750 shares issuable upon exercise of options.
- (8) Ms. Belzer's beneficial ownership includes 409,640 shares issuable upon exercise of options.
- (9) Mr. Adolph's beneficial ownership includes 25,000 shares issuable upon exercise of options.
- (10)Mr. Marrone's beneficial ownership includes 25,000 shares issuable upon exercise of options.
- (11) Share ownership was confirmed by its Schedule 13G filed on February 7, 2018.

 Percentage ownership is based on the total number of shares of Common Stock outstanding (20,576,319 shares)
- and the number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned (including Common Stock currently obtainable under vested options, indirectly owned through retirement plans and beneficially owned by certain family members) by such person or group, in each case as of March 23, 2018.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act ("Section 16(a)") requires SGRP's directors and certain of its officers and persons who own more than 10% of SGRP's Common Stock (collectively, "Insiders") to file reports of ownership and changes in their ownership of SGRP's Common Stock with the Commission. Insiders are required by Commission regulations to furnish SGRP with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

Based solely on its review of the copies of such forms received by it for the year ended December 31, 2017, or written representations from certain reporting persons for such year, SGRP believes that its Insiders complied with all applicable Section 16(a) filing requirements for such year, with the exception that Mr. Brown untimely filed one report on Form 4 respecting one transaction and Mr. Olivier untimely filed one report on Form 3 respecting one transaction. All such Section 16(a) filing requirements have since been completed by each of the aforementioned individuals.

Transactions with Related Persons, Promoters and Certain Control Persons

SGRP's policy respecting approval of transactions with related persons, promoters and control persons is contained in the SPAR Group Code of Ethical Conduct for its Directors, Executives, Officers, Employees, Consultants and other Representatives Amended and Restated (as of) March 15, 2018 (the "Ethics Code"). The Ethics Code is intended to promote and reward honest, ethical, respectful and professional conduct by each director, executive, officer, employee, consultant and other representative of any of SGRP and its subsidiaries (together with SGRP, the "Company") and each other Covered Person (as defined in the Ethics Code) in his or her position with the Company anywhere in the world, including (among other things) serving each customer, dealing with each vendor and treating each other with integrity and respect, and behaving honestly, ethically and professionally with each customer, each vendor, each other and the Company. Article II of the Ethics Code specifically prohibits various forms of self-dealing (including dealing with relatives) and collusion and Article V of the Ethics Code generally prohibits each "Covered

Person" (including SGRP's officers and directors) from using or disclosing the Confidential Information of the Company or any of its customers or vendors, seeking or accepting anything of value from any competitor, customer, vendor, or other person relating to doing business with the Company, or engaging in any business activity that conflicts with his or her duties to the Company, and directs each "Covered Person" to avoid any activity or interest that is inconsistent with the best interests of the SPAR Group, in each case except for any "Approved Activity" (as such terms are defined in the Ethics Code). Examples of violations include (among other things) having any ownership interest in, acting as a director or officer of or otherwise personally benefiting from business with any competitor, customer or vendor of the Company other than pursuant to any Approved Activity. Approved Activities include (among other things) any contract with an affiliated person (each an "Approved Affiliate Contract") or anything else disclosed to and approved by SGRP's Board of Directors (the "Board"), its Governance Committee or its Audit Committee, as the case may be, as well as the ownership, board, executive and other positions held in and services and other contributions to affiliates of SGRP and its subsidiaries by certain directors, officers or employees of SGRP, any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective family members. The Company's senior management is generally responsible for monitoring compliance with the Ethics Code and establishing and maintaining compliance systems, including those related to the oversight and approval of conflicting relationships and transactions, subject to the review and oversight of SGRP's Governance Committee as provided in clause IV.11 of the Governance Committee's Charter, and SGRP's Audit Committee as provided in clause I.2(1) of the Audit Committee's Charter. The Governance Committee and Audit Committee each consist solely of independent outside directors (see CORPORATE GOVERNANCE - Audit Committee and - Governance Committee, below). Also see Domestic Related Party Services, International Related Party Services, Related Party Transaction Summary, Related Party Transaction Summary and Other Related Party Transactions and Arrangements, below.

SGRP's Audit Committee has the specific duty and responsibility to review and approve the overall fairness and terms of all material related-party transactions. The Audit Committee receives affiliate contracts and amendments thereto for its review and approval (to the extent approval is given), and these contracts are periodically (often annually) again reviewed, in accordance with the Audit Committee Charter, the Ethics Code, the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"), and other applicable law to ensure that the overall economic and other terms will be (or continue to be) no less favorable to the Company than would be the case in an arms-length contract with an unrelated provider of similar services (i.e., its overall fairness to the Company, including pricing, payments to related parties, and the ability to provide services at comparable performance levels). The Audit Committee periodically reviews all related party relationships and transactions described below.

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In addition, in order to (among other things) assist the Board and the Audit Committee in connection with an overall review of the Company's related party transactions and certain worker classification-related litigation matters, in April 2017 the Board formed a special subcommittee of the Audit Committee (the "Special Subcommittee") to (among other things) review the structure, documentation, fairness, conflicts, fidelity, appropriateness, and practices respecting each of the relationships and transactions discussed in this section.

The Special Subcommittee engaged Morrison Valuation & Forensic Services, LLC ("Morrison"), to perform a third-party financial evaluation of certain domestic related party relationships and transactions (principally with SAS and SBS of the Company, which included the review of certain financial records of the Company (but not those of its affiliates)) and discussions with management of the Company. Their task included (among other things) the identification and mapping of and apparent purposes for and benefits from cash flows between the Company and its affiliates. Morrison identified a number of transactions between the parties, while not material, were inefficient, time consuming and of limited business value to the parties. They included expense reimbursement for indirect charges for supply purchases, corporate vendor service cost and use of corporate credit cards in the payment of vendor services. These inefficiencies have been and will continue to be addressed by the Company. The Special Subcommittee also engaged Holland & Knight to provide legal advice on related party issues, and Paul Hastings to provide legal advice on independent contractor classification issues, including the SBS Clothier Case (see Note 7 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements, Commitments and Contingencies - Legal Matters - SBS Clothier Litigation, in the 2017 Annual Report), and their advice is ongoing. See also Item 1A - Risk Factors - Dependence Upon and Cost of Services Provided by Affiliates and Use of Independent Contractors, Potential Conflicts in Services Provided by Affiliates, and Risks Related to the Company's Significant Stockholders: Potential Voting Control and Conflicts, and Item 3 - Legal Proceedings, in the 2017 Annual Report.

The Company is currently unable to predict the remaining duration and final results of this review by the Special Subcommittee.

Domestic Related Party Services:

SPAR Business Services, Inc. ("SBS"), SPAR Administrative Services, Inc. ("SAS"), and SPAR InfoTech, Inc. ("SIT"), are affiliates of SGRP but are not under the control or part of the consolidated Company. Mr. Robert G. Brown, a Director, Chairman and a major stockholder of SGRP, and Mr. William H. Bartels, a Director, Vice Chairman and a major stockholder of SGRP, are the sole stockholders of SBS. Mr. Brown is the sole stockholder of SIT. Mr. Brown is a director and officer of SBS and SIT. Mr. Bartels is a director and officer of SAS. The stockholders of SAS were Mr. Bartels and parties related to Mr. Brown and his family, each of whom is considered an affiliate of the Company for related party purposes because of their family relationships with Mr. Brown.

The Company executes the services it provides to its domestic clients primarily through field merchandising, auditing, assembly and other field personnel (each a "Field Specialist"), substantially all of whom have been independent

contractors provided by SBS, and administers those services through local, regional, district and other personnel (each a "Field Administrator"), substantially all of whom have been provided by SAS. The Company paid \$25.9 million and \$22.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, to SBS for its provision as needed of approximately 10,700 of SBS's available Field Specialists in the U.S.A. (which amounted to approximately 77% and 79% of the Company's total domestic Field Specialist expense for the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively). The Company paid \$4.2 million and \$4.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, to SAS for its provision of its 57 full-time regional and district administrators (which amounted to approximately 91% and 92% of the Company's total domestic field administrative service cost for the twelve months ended December 31, 2017 and 2016). In addition to these field service and administration expenses, SAS also incurs other administrative expenses related to benefit and employment tax expenses of SAS and payroll processing, legal and other administrative expenses and SBS incurs expenses for processing vendor payments, legal defense and other administrative expenses (but those expenses are only reimbursed by SGRP to the extent approved by the Company as described below). The total cost recorded by the Company for the expenses of SBS and SAS in providing their services to the Company, including the "Cost Plus Fee" arrangement (as defined and discussed below) and other expenses paid directly by the Company on behalf of and invoiced to SBS and SAS, was \$30.1 million and \$27.0 million, for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The terms of the Amended and Restated Field Service Agreement with SBS dated as of January 1, 2004, as amended in 2011, and the Amended and Restated Field Management Agreement with SAS dated as of January 1, 2004 (each a "Prior Agreement"), defined reimbursable expenses and established a "Cost Plus Fee" arrangement where the Company paid SBS and SAS for their costs of providing those services plus a fixed percentage of such reimbursable expenses (the "Cost Plus Fee"). The parties have had negotiations respecting replacement agreements since the Prior Agreements expired on November 30, 2014. As further described below, a new Field Administration Agreement was entered into with SAS in 2016.

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The Company and SBS have agreed to an arrangement for a revised Cost Plus Fee equal to 2.96% of the Field Specialists costs and certain other approved reimbursable expenses incurred by SBS in performing services for the Company, subject to certain offsetting credits. This arrangement went into effect on and has applied since December 1, 2014. The Company has offered a new agreement to SBS confirming that reimbursable expenses are subject review and approval by the Company, but SBS has rejected that proposal.

The Company believes its net costs for Field Specialists in 2017 could have been approximately \$1.0 million less if it had been feasible for the Company to directly engage those Field Specialists on terms substantially similar to SBS.

No SBS compensation to any officer, director or other related party has been reimbursed or approved to date by the Company, and no such compensation reimbursements were made or approved under SBS's Prior Agreement. This is not a restriction on SBS since SBS is not controlled by the Company and may pay any compensation to any person that SBS desires out of its own funds. However, SBS has invoiced the Company monthly for certain such compensation payments from July of 2015 through December 2016, and again from July 2017 to December 31, 2017, but the Company has rejected those invoices as non-reimbursable expenses. Since SBS is a "Subchapter S" corporation, all income from SBS is allocated to its stockholders (see above).

The Company has determined that the rates charged by SBS for the services of its field merchandising, auditing, assembly and other field personnel (each a "Field Specialist") are favorable to the Company when compared to other possible non-affiliate providers. SBS has advised the Company that those favorable rates are dependent (at least in part) on SBS's ability to continue to use independent contractors as its Field Specialists, that such Field Specialists generally provide greater flexibility and performance quality at lower total costs as a result of their business independence and initiative, and that it has an agreement with each Field Specialist clearly confirming his, her, or its status as an independent contractor.

The appropriateness of SBS's treatment of its Field Specialists as independent contractors has been periodically subject to legal challenge (both currently and historically) by various states and others, SBS's expenses of defending those challenges and other proceedings have historically been reimbursed by the Company under SBS's Prior Agreement, and SBS's expenses of defending those challenges and other proceedings were reimbursed by the Company in 2017 and 2016 (in the amounts of \$193,000 and \$736,000, respectively), after determination (on a case by case basis) that those defense expenses were costs of providing services to the Company. The Company has advised SBS that, since there is no currently effective comprehensive written services agreement with SBS, the Company will continue to review and decide each request by SBS for reimbursement of its legal defense expenses (including appeals) on a case-by-case basis in its discretion, including the relative costs and benefits to the Company. The Company has not agreed, and does not currently intend, to reimburse SBS for any judgment or similar amount (including any damages, settlement, or related tax, penalty, or interest) in any legal challenge or other proceeding against or involving SBS, and the Company does not believe it has ever done so (other than in insignificant nuisance amounts). However, there can be no assurance that SBS will be able to satisfy any such judgment or similar amount resulting from any adverse legal determination, that SBS or someone else will not claim, or that SBS will be able to successfully defend any claim, that the Company is liable (under applicable law, through reimbursement or

indemnification, or otherwise) for any such judgment or similar amount imposed against SBS. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that SBS will succeed in defending any such legal challenge, the legal expenses of prolonged litigation and appeals could continue to be (and have from time to time been) significant, and prolonged litigation and appeals and any adverse determination in any such challenge could have a material adverse effect on SBS's ability to provide services needed by the Company and the Company's costs of doing business.

Current material and potentially material proceedings against SBS and, in one instance, the Company are described in Note 7 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements - *Commitments and Contingencies* - *Legal Matters*, in the 2017 Annual Report. These descriptions are based on an independent review by the Company and do not reflect the views of SBS, its management or its counsel.

Any prolonged continuation of or material increase in the legal defense costs of SBS (and thus the reimbursable expenses SBS may charge to and that may be paid by the Company to the extent reimbursement is approved by the Company in its discretion), the failure of SBS to satisfy any such judgment or similar amount resulting from any adverse legal determination against SBS, any claim by SBS, SAS, any other related party or any third party that the Company is somehow liable for any such judgment or similar amount imposed against SBS or SAS or any other related party, any judicial determination that the Company is somehow liable for any such judgment or similar amount imposed against SBS or SAS or any other related party (in whole or in part), any decrease in SBS's or SAS's performance (quality or otherwise), any inability by SBS or SAS to execute the services for the Company, or any increase in the Company's use of employees (rather than independent contractors) as its domestic Field Specialists, in each case in whole or in part, could have a material adverse effect on the Company or its performance or condition (including its assets, business, clients, capital, cash flow, credit, expenses, financial condition, income, liabilities, liquidity, locations, marketing, operations, prospects, sales, strategies, taxation or other achievement, results or condition), whether actual or as planned, intended, anticipated, estimated or otherwise expected.

On June 14, 2016, SAS and SPAR Marketing Force, Inc. ("SMF") entered into a new Field Administration Agreement (the "SAS Agreement"). In order to provide continuity with SAS's Prior Agreement, the SAS Agreement is effective and governs the relationship of the parties as of December 1, 2014, and amends, restates and completely replaces SAS's Prior Agreement. The SAS Agreement more clearly defines reimbursable and excluded expenses and the budget and approval procedures and continues the indemnifications and releases provided by SAS's Prior Agreement (which indemnifications and releases were and are comparable to those applicable to SGRP's directors and executive officers under its Restated By-Laws and applicable law). Specifically, the SAS Agreement reduced the Cost Plus Fee from 4% to 2% effective as of June 1, 2016.

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SGRP's Audit Committee has approved the SAS Agreement pursuant to its specific duty and responsibility to review and approve the overall fairness of all material related-party transactions, as more fully provided above in this note.

No SAS compensation to any officer, director or other related party (other than to Mr. Peter W. Brown, a related party as noted below, pursuant to previously approved budgets) has been reimbursed or approved to date by the Company, and no such compensation reimbursements were made or approved under SAS's Prior Agreement. This is not a restriction on SAS since SAS is not controlled by the Company and may pay any compensation to any person that SAS desires out of its own funds. Since SAS is a "Subchapter S" corporation, all income from SAS is allocated to its stockholders (see above). Peter W. Brown ("Peter Brown") is an employee of SAS, is the nephew of SGRP's Chairman, Mr. Robert G. Brown, and is a director of SPAR BSMT and owns EILLC (see *International Related Party Services*, below). Peter Brown was an official observer at the meetings of SGRP's Board from 2014 through December 2016. Accordingly, Peter Brown is a related party in respect of the Company.

National Merchandising Services, LLC ("NMS"), is a consolidated domestic subsidiary of the Company and is owned jointly by SGRP through its indirect ownership of 51% of the NMS membership interests and by National Merchandising of America, Inc. ("NMA"), through its ownership of the other 49% of the NMS membership interests. Mr. Edward Burdekin is the Chief Executive Officer and President and a director of NMS and also is an executive officer and director of NMA. Ms. Andrea Burdekin, Mr. Burdekin's wife, is the sole stockholder and a director of NMA and a director of NMS. NMA is an affiliate of the Company but is not under the control of or consolidated with the Company.

International Related Party Services:

SGRP Meridian (Pty), Ltd. ("Meridian") is a consolidated international subsidiary of the Company and is owned 51% by SGRP and 49% by the following individuals: Mr. Brian Mason, Mr. Garry Bristow, and Mr. Adrian Wingfield. Mr. Mason is President and a director and Mr. Bristow is an officer and director of Meridian. Mr. Mason is also an officer and director and 50% shareholder of Merhold Property Trust ("MPT"). Mr. Mason and Mr. Bristow are both officers and directors and both own 50% of Merhold Cape Property Trust ("MCPT"). Mr. Mason, Mr. Bristow and Mr. Wingfield are all officers and own 46.7%, 20% and 33.3%, respectively of Merhold Holding Trust ("MHT") which provides similar services like MPT. MPT owns the building where Meridian is headquartered and also owns 2 vehicles both of which are subleased to Meridian. MCPT provides a fleet of 126 vehicles to Meridian under a 4 year lease program. These leases are provided to Meridian at local market rates included in the summary table below.

SPAR Todopromo is a consolidated international subsidiary of the Company and is owned 51% by SGRP and 49% by the following individuals: Mr. Juan F. Medina Domenzain, Juan Medina Staines, Julia Cesar Hernandez Vanegas, and Jorge Medina Staines. Mr. Juan F. Medina Domenzain is an officer and director of SPAR Todopromo and is also majority shareholder (90%) of CONAPAD ("CON") which supplied administrative and operational consulting support to SPAR Todopromo in 2016.

In August 2016, Mr. Juan F. Medina Domenzain ("JFMD"), partner in SPAR Todopromo, purchased the warehouse that was being leased by SPAR Todopromo. A lease expired on December 31, 2017, and was renewed until December 31, 2020 at the same terms and cost.

On September 8, 2016, the Company (through its Cayman Islands subsidiary) acquired 100% ownership of SGRP Brasil Participações Ltda. ("SGRP Holdings"), a Brazilian limitada (which is a form of limited liability company), from its affiliate, SIT, at cost (including approved expenses). See Related Party Transactions and Arrangements in the Brazil Acquisition in this Note, below. SGRP Holdings then completed the formation and acquired a majority of the stock of SPAR Brasil Serviços de Merchandising e Tecnologia S.A., a Brazilian corporation ("SPAR BSMT"). SGRP Holdings and SPAR BSMT are consolidated subsidiaries of the Company. SPAR BSMT is owned 51% by the Company, 39% by JK Consultoria Empresarial Ltda.-ME, a Brazilian limitada ("JKC"), and 10% by Earth Investments, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ("EILLC").

JKC is owned by Mr. Jonathan Dagues Martins, a Brazilian citizen and resident ("JDM") and his sister, Ms. Karla Dagues Martins, a Brazilian citizen and resident. JDM is the Chief Executive Officer and President of each SPAR Brazil company pursuant to a Management Agreement between JDM and SPAR BSMT dated September 13, 2016. JDM also is a director of SPAR BSMT. Accordingly, JKC and JDM are each a related party in respect of the Company. EILLC is owned by Mr. Peter W. Brown, a citizen and resident of the USA ("PWB"). Accordingly, PWB and EILLC are each a related party in respect of the Company.

SPAR BSMT has contracted with Ms. Karla Dagues Martins, a Brazilian citizen and resident and JDM's sister to handle the labor litigation cases for SPAR BSMT and its subsidiaries. These legal services are being provided to them at local market rates by Ms. Martins' company, Karla Martins Sociedade de Advogados ("KMSA").

The Company believes it is the largest and most important customer of SBS, SAS, MPT, MCPT, MHT, CON, JFMD and KMSA (and from time to time may be their only customer), and accordingly the Company generally has been able to negotiate better terms, receives more personal and responsive service and is more likely to receive credits and other financial accommodations from SBS, SAS, MPT, MCPT, MHT, CON, JFMD and KMSA than the Company could reasonably expect to receive from an unrelated service provider who has significant other customers and business. SBS, SAS and other material affiliate contracts and arrangements are annually reviewed and considered for approval by SGRP's Audit Committee, subject to the ongoing negotiations with SBS as described above.

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Related Party Transaction Summary:

The following costs of affiliates were charged to the Company (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Services provided by affiliates:		
Field Specialist expenses* (SBS)	\$25,866	\$22,749
Field administration expenses* (SAS)	\$4,215	\$4,276
Office and vehicle rental expenses (MPT)	\$62	\$50
Vehicle rental expenses (MCPT)	\$1,146	\$879
Office and vehicle rental expenses (MHT)	\$170	\$121
Field administration expenses* (NDS Reklam)	\$2	\$2
Consulting and administrative services (CON)	\$244	\$309
Warehouse Rental (JFMD)	\$47	\$10
Legal Services (KMSA)	\$10	\$7

Total services provided by affiliates

\$31,762 \$28,403

December 31,	
2017	2016
\$250	\$231
1,001	1,001
139	139
719	761
-	348
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^{*} Includes substantially all overhead (in the case of SAS and SBS), or related overhead, plus any applicable markup.