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L-3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC.

To Our Stockholders:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I cordially invite you to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc., to be held at 2:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at the Ritz-Carlton New York, Battery Park, located at Two West Street, New York, New York. The notice and proxy statement for the Annual Meeting are attached to this letter and describe the business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting.

In accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we sent a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials on or about March 15, 2010 to our stockholders of record as of the close of business on March 1, 2010. We also provided access to our proxy materials over the Internet beginning on that date. If you received a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials by mail and did not receive, but would like to receive, a printed copy of our proxy materials, you should follow the instructions for requesting such materials included in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or on page 4 of this proxy statement.

To have your vote recorded, you should vote over the Internet or by telephone. In addition, if you have requested or received a paper copy of the proxy materials, you can vote by signing, dating and returning the proxy card sent to you in the envelope accompanying the proxy materials sent to you. We encourage you to vote by any of these methods even if you currently plan to attend the Annual Meeting. By doing so, you will ensure that your shares are represented and voted at the Annual Meeting. If you decide to attend, you can still vote your shares in person if you wish. Please let us know whether you plan to attend the Annual Meeting by indicating your plans when prompted over the Internet voting system or the telephone or (if you have received a paper copy of the proxy materials) by marking the appropriate box on the proxy card sent to you.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you for your cooperation and look forward to seeing you on April 27th.

Very truly yours,

Michael T. Strianese
Chairman, President and
Chief Executive Officer

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L-3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC.

**NOTICE OF 2010 ANNUAL MEETING OF
STOCKHOLDERS AND PROXY STATEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. (L-3 or the Company) will be held at the Ritz-Carlton New York, Battery Park, located at Two West Street, New York, New York on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 2:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, for the following purposes:

1. Election of the three Class II Directors listed herein whose terms expire in 2013; and the one Class III director listed herein whose term expires in 2012;
2. Approval of the L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2008 Long Term Performance Plan;
3. Ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm for 2010; and
4. Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Steven M. Post
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

March 15, 2010

IMPORTANT

Whether or not you currently plan to attend the Annual Meeting in person, please vote over the Internet or telephone, or (if you received a paper copy of the proxy materials) complete, date, sign and promptly mail the paper proxy card sent to you. You may revoke your proxy if you attend the Annual Meeting and wish to vote your shares in person.

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**L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.
600 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10016**

PROXY STATEMENT

This proxy statement is being made available to the holders of the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. (the Common Stock) in connection with the solicitation of proxies for use at the Annual Meeting to be held at the Ritz-Carlton New York, Battery Park, located at Two West Street, New York, New York at 2:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

RECORD DATE

Our Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 1, 2010 as the Record Date for the Annual Meeting. Only stockholders of record at the Record Date are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or at any adjournments or postponements thereof, in person or by proxy. At the Record Date, there were 115,702,359 shares of our Common Stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Each holder of Common Stock is entitled to one vote for each share of our Common Stock held by such holder. The holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting.

On March 15, 2010, we either mailed you a notice (the Notice) notifying you how to vote online and how to electronically access a copy of this proxy statement, our Summary Annual Report and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (together referred to as the Proxy Materials) or mailed you a complete set of the Proxy Materials. If you have not received, but would like to receive, printed copies of these documents, including a proxy card in paper format, you should follow the instructions for requesting such materials contained in the Notice.

PROXIES

The proxies are solicited by our Board of Directors on our behalf for use at the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements of the Annual Meeting, and the expenses of solicitation of proxies will be borne by us. The solicitation will be made primarily via the Internet and by mail, but our officers and regular employees may also solicit proxies by telephone, telegraph, facsimile, or in person. We also have retained Georgeson Inc. to assist in soliciting proxies. We expect to pay Georgeson Inc. approximately \$10,000 plus expenses in connection with its solicitation of proxies.

Each stockholder may appoint a person (who need not be a stockholder), other than the persons named in the proxy, to represent him or her at the Annual Meeting by completing another proper proxy. In either case, such completed proxy should be returned in the envelope provided to you for that purpose (if you have requested or received a paper copy of the Proxy Materials) or should be delivered to L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. c/o Computershare Investor Services, P.O. Box 43102, Providence, Rhode Island 02940-5068, not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on Monday, April 26, 2010 or by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Friday, April 23, 2010 if you own shares through L-3's 401(k) plan.

Any proxy delivered pursuant to this solicitation is revocable at the option of the person(s) executing the proxy upon our receipt, prior to the time the proxy is voted, of a duly executed instrument revoking it, or of a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or in the case of death or incapacity of the person(s) executing the proxy, of written notice of such

death or incapacity, or by such person(s) voting in person at the Annual Meeting. Unless revoked, all proxies representing shares entitled to vote that are delivered pursuant to this solicitation will be voted at the Annual Meeting and, where a choice has been specified on the proxy card, will be voted in accordance with such

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specification. **Where a choice has not been specified on the proxy card, the proxy will be voted in accordance with the recommendations of our Board of Directors.**

Assuming a quorum is present, a majority of the shares of Common Stock entitled to vote and present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting is required for the election of directors, the approval of the L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2008 Long Term Performance Plan (the Amended and Restated Plan) and the ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm, except that, with respect to the approval of the Amended and Restated Plan, the total number of votes cast on the proposal must also represent a majority of all shares of Common Stock entitled to vote on the proposal. For each of the above proposals, abstentions and instances where brokers are prohibited from exercising discretionary authority for beneficial owners who have not returned a proxy (so-called broker non-votes) will be counted for purposes of determining a quorum. However, in determining whether a director nominee has been elected by the stockholders and whether the Amended and Restated Plan has been approved, abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted as votes against these two proposals. In addition, for the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm, abstentions will be counted as votes against the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm.

VOTING IN PERSON

If you are a stockholder of record and prefer to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting, you must bring proof of identification along with your Notice or the admission ticket attached to your proxy card if you received a paper copy. You may vote shares held in street name at the Annual Meeting only if you obtain a signed proxy from the record holder (broker or other nominee) giving you the right to vote the shares.

Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we encourage you to vote in advance by Internet, telephone or (if you received a paper copy of the Proxy Materials) by mail so that your vote will be counted even if you later decide not to attend the Annual Meeting. Voting your proxy by the Internet, telephone or mail will not limit your right to vote at the Annual Meeting if you later decide to attend in person. If you own your shares of our Common Stock through a bank, brokerage firm or other record holder and wish to vote in person at the Annual Meeting, you must request a legal proxy from your bank or broker or obtain a proxy from the record holder.

VOTING BY INTERNET, TELEPHONE OR MAIL

The following sets forth how a stockholder can vote over the Internet, by telephone or by mail:

Voting By Internet

If you hold your shares of our Common Stock through a bank or brokerage firm (i.e., you are not a registered holder), you can vote at: www.proxyvote.com, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You will need the 12-digit Control Number included on your Notice or your paper voting instruction form (if you received a paper copy of the Proxy Materials).

If you own your shares of our Common Stock directly in your name in our stock records maintained by our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., or through L-3's 401(k) plan, you can vote at: www.investorvote.com/LLL, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You will need the 15-digit Control Number included on your paper proxy card.

Voting By Telephone

If you hold your shares of our Common Stock through a bank or brokerage firm, you can vote using a touch-tone telephone by calling the toll-free number included on your paper voting instruction form (if you received a paper copy

of the Proxy Materials), 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You will need the 12-digit Control Number included on your paper voting instruction form.

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If you own your shares of our Common Stock directly in your name in our stock records maintained by our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., or through L-3's 401(k) plan, you can vote using a touch-tone telephone by calling the toll-free number included on your paper proxy card, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You will need the 15-digit Control Number included on your paper proxy card.

The Internet and telephone voting procedures, which comply with Delaware law, are designed to authenticate stockholders' identities, to allow stockholders to vote their shares and to confirm that their instructions have been properly recorded.

Voting By Mail

If you have received a paper copy of the Proxy Materials by mail, you may complete, sign, date and return by mail the paper proxy card or voting instruction form sent to you in the envelope provided to you with your Proxy Materials or voting instruction form.

Deadline for Submitting Votes By Internet, Telephone or Mail

If you hold your shares of our Common Stock through a bank or brokerage account, proxies submitted over the Internet or by telephone as described above must be received by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on Monday, April 26, 2010.

If you own your shares of our Common Stock directly in your name in our stock records maintained by our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., proxies submitted over the Internet or by telephone as described above must be received by 2:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

If you own your shares of our Common Stock through L-3's 401(k) plan, proxies submitted over the Internet or by telephone as described above must be received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on Friday, April 23, 2010.

Proxies submitted by mail should be returned in the envelope provided to you with your paper proxy card or voting instruction form, not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on Monday, April 26, 2010 or by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on Friday, April 23, 2010 if you own your shares through L-3's 401(k) plan.

Revocation of Proxies Submitted by Internet, Telephone or Mail

To revoke a proxy previously submitted over the Internet, by telephone or by mail, you may simply vote again at a later date, using the same procedures, in which case your later submitted vote will be recorded and your earlier vote revoked. You may also attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to be held on April 27, 2010.

The following Proxy Materials are available for you to view online at <http://www.L-3com.com>: (i) this proxy statement (including all attachments); (ii) our Summary Annual Report and Annual Report on Form 10-K, in each case for the year ended December 31, 2009 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials); and (iii) any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders. In addition, if you have not received a copy of our Proxy Materials and would like one, you may download an electronic copy of our Proxy Materials or request a paper copy at <http://www.L-3com.com>. You will also have the opportunity to request paper or email copies of our Proxy Materials for all future Annual

Meetings.

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PROPOSAL 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Effective July 14, 2009, the Board of Directors elected Lewis Kramer as a new director. Pursuant to our Amended and Restated Bylaws, the term of a new director elected by the Board of Directors in accordance with a vacancy will expire at the next annual meeting of stockholders, unless re-elected at that time.

Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides for a classified Board of Directors divided into three classes: Claude R. Canizares, Thomas A. Corcoran and Alan H. Washkowitz constitute a class with a term that expires at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2010 (the Class II Directors); John M. Shalikashvili, Michael T. Strianese and John P. White constitute a class with a term that expires at the Annual Meeting in 2011 (the Class I Directors); and Robert B. Millard and Arthur L. Simon constitute a class with a term that expires at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2012 (the Class III Directors). Lewis Kramer also serves as a Class III director but, as discussed above, his term expires at the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The full Board of Directors has considered and nominated (i) the following slate of Class II nominees for a three-year term expiring in 2013: Claude R. Canizares, Thomas A. Corcoran and Alan H. Washkowitz and (ii) Lewis Kramer as a Class III nominee for a two-year term expiring in 2012. Action will be taken at the Annual Meeting for the election of these four nominees.

It is intended that the proxies delivered pursuant to this solicitation will be voted in favor of the election of Claude R. Canizares, Thomas A. Corcoran, Alan H. Washkowitz and Lewis Kramer except in cases of proxies bearing contrary instructions. In the event that these nominees should become unavailable for election due to any presently unforeseen reason, the persons named in the proxy will have the right to use their discretion to vote for a substitute.

NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN 2010

The following information describes the offices held, other business directorships and the class and term of each nominee. Beneficial ownership of equity securities of the nominees is shown under the caption Security Ownership of Management on page 33.

Class II Directors Whose Term Expires in 2013

Name	Age	Principal Occupation And Other Information
Claude R. Canizares	64	Director since May 2003. Member of the Audit Committee. Since 1971, Professor Canizares has been at MIT. He currently serves as the Vice President for Research and Associate Provost and is the Bruno Rossi Professor of Physics. In addition, he is a principal investigator on NASA's Chandra X-ray observatory and Associate Director of its science center. Professor Canizares is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the International Academy of Astronautics, and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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Name	Age	Principal Occupation And Other Information
Thomas A. Corcoran	65	Director since July 1997. Chairman of the Audit Committee since April 27, 2004 and a member of the Executive Committee. Mr. Corcoran is also Chief Executive Officer of Corcoran Enterprises, LLC, a private management consulting firm, and in this capacity he works closely with The Carlyle Group, a Washington D.C.-based private equity firm. Mr. Corcoran has been a senior advisor to The Carlyle Group since 2004. From March 2001 to April 2004, Mr. Corcoran was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Gemini Air Cargo, a Carlyle company. Since February 2006, he has been Chairman of Proxy Aviation, Inc., a private company in Germantown, MD. Mr. Corcoran was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Allegheny Teledyne Incorporated from October 1999 to December 2000. From April 1993 to September 1999 he was the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Electronic Systems Sector and Space & Strategic Missiles Sector of Lockheed Martin Corporation. Prior to that he worked for General Electric for 26 years and from 1983 to 1993 he held various management positions with GE Aerospace and was a company officer from 1990 to 1993. Mr. Corcoran is a member of the Board of Trustees of Stevens Institute of Technology and the Boards of Directors of the American Ireland Fund, GenCorp, Inc., Proxy Aviation Systems Inc, REMEC, Inc., LaBarge, Inc., Aer Lingus Ltd., Serco Ltd. and ARINC, a Carlyle company.
Alan H. Washkowitz	69	Director since April 1997. Chairman of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee and member of the Compensation Committee. Mr. Washkowitz is a former Managing Director of Lehman Brothers, and was responsible for the oversight of Lehman Brothers Inc. Merchant Banking Portfolio Partnership L.P. Mr. Washkowitz joined Lehman Brothers Inc. in 1978 when Kuhn Loeb & Co. was acquired by Lehman Brothers. Mr. Washkowitz is a director of Peabody Energy Corporation. Mr. Washkowitz retired from Lehman Brothers Inc. in July 2005 and is currently a private investor.

Class III Director Whose Term Expires in 2012

Name	Age	Principal Occupation And Other Information
Lewis Kramer	62	Director since July 2009. Member of the Audit and Compensation Committees. An Ernst & Young partner since 1981, Mr. Kramer most recently served as the Global Client Service Partner for worldwide external audit and all other services for major clients. He previously served as Ernst & Young's National Director of Audit Services and served on the firm's United States Executive Board. Mr. Kramer completed a nearly 40-year career at Ernst & Young before retiring in June 2009.

The nominees for election to the Board of Directors are hereby proposed for approval by the stockholders. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present or represented and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be necessary to approve each nominee.

The Board of Directors Recommends a Vote FOR Each of the Proposed Nominees Listed Above for Election to the Board of Directors.

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The following information describes the offices held, other business directorships and the class and term of each director whose term continues beyond the 2010 Annual Meeting and who is not subject to election this year. Beneficial ownership of equity securities for these directors is shown under the caption Security Ownership of Management on page 33.

Class I Directors Whose Term Expires in 2011

Name	Age	Principal Occupation And Other Information
John M. Shalikashvili	73	Director since August 1998. Member of the Compensation and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committees. General Shalikashvili (U.S. Army Ret.) was the senior officer of the United States military and principal military advisor to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council when he served as the thirteenth Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, for two terms from 1993 to 1997. Prior to his tenure as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he served as the Commander in Chief of all United States forces in Europe and as NATO's tenth Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR). He has also served in a variety of command and staff positions in the continental United States, Alaska, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Korea, Iraq, Turkey and Vietnam.
Michael T. Strianese	54	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. Member of the Executive Committee. Mr. Strianese became Chairman on October 7, 2008 and has served as President and Chief Executive Officer and a Director since October of 2006. Until February 2007 Mr. Strianese was also our Corporate Ethics Officer. He was our interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer from June 2006. Mr. Strianese became Chief Financial Officer in March 2005. From March 2001 to March 2005 he was our Senior Vice President Finance. He joined us in April 1997 as Vice President Finance and Controller and was our Controller until July 2000. From April 1996, when Loral was acquired by Lockheed Martin, to April 1997, Mr. Strianese was Vice President and Controller of Lockheed Martin's C3I and Systems Integration Sector. In addition, he served as acting Chief Financial Officer of Lockheed Martin's Electronics Sector. Prior to Lockheed's acquisition of Loral, Mr. Strianese spent six years with Loral where he held a number of positions with increasing responsibility in areas of mergers and acquisitions and financial management. Mr. Strianese is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Aerospace Industries Association's Board of Governors where he serves on its Executive Committee.

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Name	Age	Principal Occupation And Other Information
John P. White	73	Director since October 2004. Member of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee. Dr. White is the Robert and Renée Belfer Lecturer at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and the Managing Partner of Global Technology Partners, LLC. Dr. White has a long history of government service, serving as U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense from 1995-1997; as Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget from 1978 to 1981, and as Assistant Secretary of Defense, Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics from 1977 to 1978. Dr. White also served as a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps from 1959 to 1961. Prior to his most recent government position, Dr. White was the Director of the Center for Business and Government at Harvard University and the Chairman of the Commission on Roles and Missions of the Armed Forces. Dr. White has extensive private sector experience, including service as Chairman and CEO of the Interactive Systems Corporation, a position he held from 1981 to 1988. Following Interactive Systems Corporation's sale to the Eastman Kodak Company in 1988, he was General Manager of the Integration and Systems Product Division and a Vice President of Kodak until 1992. Dr. White also spent nine years at the RAND Corporation, where he served as the Senior Vice President of National Security Research Programs and as a member of the Board of Trustees. He continues to serve as a Senior Fellow to the RAND Corporation. Dr. White is a current member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He also serves as a Director of the Concord Coalition, as well as a Trustee Emeritus of the Institute for Defense Analysis. He is a member of the Policy and Global Affairs Oversight Committee of the National Research Council and a member of the board of trustees of the National Defense University and a member of the board of directors of the Center for a New American Security. Dr. White was the leader of the Obama transition team for the Department of Defense.

Class III Directors Whose Term Expires in 2012

Name	Age	Principal Occupation And Other Information
Robert B. Millard	59	Director since April 1997. Lead Independent Director of the Board of Directors, member of the Compensation Committee and Chairman of the Executive Committee. Mr. Millard is currently the Managing Partner of Realm Partners LLC. He held various positions, including Managing Director of Lehman Brothers Inc. and its predecessors between 1976 and 2008. Mr. Millard is a director of GulfMark Offshore, Inc., Weatherford International, Inc., Associated Universities, Inc., Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), New School University, Parsons School of Design, Population Council and the Remarque Institute. He is also a current member of the Council on Foreign Relations.
Arthur L. Simon	78	Director since April 2001. Member of the Audit and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committees. Mr. Simon is an independent consultant. Before his retirement, Mr. Simon was a partner at Coopers & Lybrand LLP (C&L) from

1968 to 1994, where he served as an audit partner for a number of organizations, including several defense contractors and co-founded the C&L Defense Contracting Industry Group. He is a director of Loral Space & Communications Corp. and he serves as Chair of their Audit Committee.

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**PROPOSAL 2. APPROVAL OF THE L-3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC.
AMENDED AND RESTATED 2008 LONG TERM PERFORMANCE PLAN**

The L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. 2008 Long Term Performance Plan (the 2008 Plan) was originally adopted effective April 29, 2008. On February 2, 2010, the Board of Directors authorized and approved an amendment to the 2008 Plan (as amended, the Amended and Restated Plan). The principal purpose of the amendment is (i) to increase the number of shares authorized for issuance under the 2008 Plan, (ii) to modify the way that shares issued under full value awards granted under the 2008 Plan are counted for purposes of calculating the number of authorized shares that have been issued, as further described below, and (iii) to satisfy the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time (the Code) with respect to certain performance-based awards that may be granted under the 2008 Plan. The Company is not seeking to make any other material changes to the terms of the 2008 Plan at this time.

The purpose of the Amended and Restated Plan is to benefit the Company's stockholders by encouraging high levels of performance by individuals who contribute to the success of the Company and its subsidiaries and to enable the Company and its subsidiaries to attract, motivate, retain and reward talented and experienced individuals. This purpose is to be accomplished by providing eligible individuals with an opportunity to obtain or increase a proprietary interest in the Company and/or by providing eligible individuals with additional incentives to join or remain with the Company and its subsidiaries. A copy of the Amended and Restated Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

As of March 1, 2010, a total of 5,000,000 shares were authorized for issuance under the 2008 Plan, of which 1,029,333 shares remain available for issuance for future awards. If stockholders approve the Amended and Restated Plan, the total number of shares authorized for issuance would be increased by 7,220,667 shares. As a result, a total of 12,220,667 shares would be authorized for issuance, of which 8,250,000 shares would remain available for issuance for future awards.

The 2008 Plan has a separate provision that limits the number of shares that can be issued under full value awards (i.e., all awards other than stock options or stock appreciation rights). Under the 2008 Plan, a total of 2,500,000 shares were authorized for issuance under full value awards, of which 497,918 remained available for issuance as of March 1, 2010. If stockholders approve the Amended and Restated Plan, this provision would be changed so that instead of a fixed limit on the number of shares available for full value awards, each share issued under a full value award would be counted as 2.6 shares for purposes of calculating the number of shares that remain available for future awards under the plan. Accordingly, if stockholders approve the Amended and Restated Plan, of the 8,250,000 shares that would be available for issuance for future awards, a maximum of 3,173,076 shares would be available for issuance under full value awards.

If the Amended and Restated Plan is approved by the stockholders, it will become effective as of April 27, 2010, the date of the Annual Meeting. Unless terminated earlier by the Company's Board of Directors, the Amended and Restated Plan will terminate on April 29, 2018.

The Amended and Restated Plan is hereby proposed for approval by the stockholders. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present or represented and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be necessary to approve the Amended and Restated Plan, provided that the total number of votes cast on the proposal must also represent a majority of all shares of Common Stock entitled to vote on the proposal.

Description of the Amended and Restated Plan

Eligibility

Awards under the Amended and Restated Plan may be granted to any employee, including any officer, of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or to any other individual who provides services to or on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, subject to the discretion of the Committee (as

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defined below) to determine the particular employees and other individuals who, from time to time, will be selected to receive awards. As of December 31, 2009, we employed approximately 67,000 employees.

Types of Awards

Awards under the Amended and Restated Plan may be in the form of non-qualified stock options, incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights (SARs), restricted stock and other share-based awards, such as performance-based awards. Awards may be granted singly or in combination with other awards, consistent with the terms of the Amended and Restated Plan. Each award will be evidenced by an award agreement entered into between the Company and the recipient setting forth the specific terms and conditions applicable to that award. Awards under the Amended and Restated Plan generally will be nontransferable by a holder (other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution) and rights thereunder generally will be exercisable during the holder's lifetime only by the holder, except that awards, other than awards of incentive stock options, may be transferred to and exercised by a family member or family members of a participant or transferred to an irrevocable trust established for the benefit a participant's family members during the participant's lifetime. The maximum term of unvested or unexercised awards under the Amended and Restated Plan is ten years from the initial grant date.

Stock options authorized under the Amended and Restated Plan are rights to purchase a specified number of shares of the Common Stock at an exercise price of not less than the fair market value of the Common Stock on the grant date during the period set forth in the individual participant's award agreement. The fair market value of the underlying shares of Common Stock as of March 1, 2010 was \$91.92 per share. Dividends and dividend equivalents may not be paid on unissued shares underlying option awards. Stock options that are granted as incentive stock options will be granted with such additional terms as are necessary to satisfy the applicable requirements of Section 422 of the Code. The fair market value of the Common Stock for which incentive stock options are exercisable for the first time by an optionee during any calendar year cannot exceed \$100,000 (measured as of the grant date) under current tax laws. Other awards are not limited in this manner.

SARs may be granted on a freestanding basis, in relation to a stock option or in tandem with a stock option, such that the exercise of either the option or the SAR cancels the recipient's rights under the tandem award with respect to the number of shares so exercised. SARs entitle the recipient to receive, upon exercise of the SAR, an amount (payable in cash and/or Common Stock or other property) equal to the amount of the excess, if any, of the fair market value of a share of the Common Stock on the date the SAR is exercised (or some lesser ceiling amount) over the base price of the SAR (or the exercise price of an option, if the SAR is granted in tandem with an option), which cannot be less than the fair market value of a share of the Common Stock on the date the SAR was awarded (or the exercise price of a related stock option). Dividends and dividend equivalents may not be paid on unissued shares underlying SARs.

Restricted stock is Common Stock issued to the recipient, typically for minimal lawful consideration and subject to certain risks of forfeiture and restrictions and limitations on transfer, the vesting of which may depend on individual or corporate performance, continued service or other criteria.

Other incentive awards might include minimum ownership stock, phantom stock or units, performance stock or units, bonus stock or units, dividend equivalent units, similar securities or rights and other awards payable in or with a value derived from or a price related to the fair market value of the Common Stock, payable in Common Stock and/or cash, all on such terms as the Committee may approve. Such awards may be granted, become vested or be payable based upon the continued employment of a participant, or upon the attainment of specified corporate or individual performance goals (as in the case of performance stock or units).

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Under Section 162(m) of the Code (Section 162(m)), the Company may not deduct certain compensation over \$1,000,000 in any year to the Chief Executive Officer or any of the three other most highly compensated executive officers of the Company, other than the Chief Financial Officer, unless, among other things, this compensation qualifies as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m), and the material terms of the plan for such compensation are approved by stockholders. With reference to awards intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m), the material terms of the Amended and Restated Plan include the eligible class of participants, the performance goal or goals and the maximum annual amount payable thereunder to any individual participant.

The eligible class of persons for performance-based awards under the Amended and Restated Plan is all employees of the Company and its subsidiaries. Awards that are intended to qualify as performance-based awards under the Amended and Restated Plan (other than stock options and SARs) may be granted only in accordance with the performance-based requirements of Section 162(m), as set forth below.

The performance goals for performance-based awards under the Amended and Restated Plan are any one or a combination of earnings per share, return on equity, return on invested capital, total stockholder return and cash flow or any other performance goal or goals that the Committee, in its discretion, establishes in accordance with the requirements of Section 162(m). Specific performance periods (which may overlap with performance periods under outstanding performance-based awards), weightings of more than one performance goal and target levels of performance upon which actual payments will be based, as well as the award levels payable upon achievement of specified levels of performance, will be determined by the Committee not later than the applicable deadline under Section 162(m) and in any event at a time when achievement of such targets is substantially uncertain. These variables may change from award to award. To the extent set forth in an individual participant's award agreement, appropriate adjustments to the performance goals and targets in respect of performance-based awards may be made by the Committee based upon objective criteria in the case of (i) a change in corporate capitalization, a corporate transaction or a complete or partial corporate liquidation, (ii) any extraordinary gain or loss under generally accepted accounting principles or (iii) any material change in accounting policies or practices affecting the Company and/or the performance goals or targets.

The Committee must certify the achievement of the applicable performance goals and the actual amount payable to each participant under the performance-based awards prior to payment. The Committee may retain discretion to reduce, but not increase, the amount payable under a performance-based award to any participant, notwithstanding the achievement of targeted performance goals. Awards may be accelerated in the event of the employee's death or permanent disability, or in the event of a Change in Control of the Company as described below.

The Committee also has the authority to grant awards under the Amended and Restated Plan in substitution for or as the result of the assumption of stock incentive awards held by employees of other entities who become employees of the Company or a subsidiary as a result of a merger or acquisition of the entity.

Awards may be granted in connection with the surrender or cancellation of previously granted awards, or may be amended, under such terms and conditions, including numbers of shares and exercise price, exercisability or termination, that are the same as or different from the existing awards, all as the Committee may approve, except that no such grant or amendment may effect a repricing of the original award.

Administration; Change in Control

The Amended and Restated Plan provides that it shall be administered by the Compensation Committee (or subcommittee thereof) or another committee of the Board of Directors (the Committee), constituted so as to permit awards under the Amended and Restated Plan to comply

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with the non-employee director provisions of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act and the outside director requirements of Section 162(m). The Committee has the authority within the terms and limitations of the Amended and Restated Plan to designate recipients of awards, determine or modify (so long as it does not effect a repricing of the original award) the form, amount, terms, conditions, restrictions, and limitations of awards, including vesting provisions (subject to applicable limitations described below with respect to restricted stock), terms of exercise of an award, expiration dates and the treatment of an award in the event of the retirement, disability, death or other termination of a participant's employment with the Corporation, and to construe and interpret the Amended and Restated Plan. Such authority includes (subject to the limitations of the Amended and Restated Plan) the discretion to accelerate vesting, extend the term or waive termination provisions or other restrictive conditions of outstanding awards.

The Committee is authorized to include specific provisions in award agreements relating to the treatment of awards in the event of a Change in Control of the Company and is authorized to take certain other actions in such an event. Change in Control under the Amended and Restated Plan is defined generally to include: (i) a change in ownership involving a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Company, (ii) a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or L-3 Communications Corporation or any successor thereto, (iii) certain changes, during any period of 24 months or less, of 50 percent or more of the members of its Board of Directors, or (iv) in the Committee's sole discretion on a case-by-case basis with respect to outstanding awards to affected employees, the sale of a subsidiary, division or business unit.

The Committee may delegate to the officers or employees of the Company the authority to execute and deliver such instruments and documents and to take actions necessary, advisable or convenient for the effective administration of the Amended and Restated Plan. It is intended generally that the awards under the Amended and Restated Plan and the Amended and Restated Plan itself comply with and be interpreted in a manner that, in the case of participants who are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act and for whom (or whose awards) the benefits of Rule 16b-3 are intended, satisfies the applicable requirements of Rule 16b-3 so that such persons will be entitled to the benefits of Rule 16b-3 or other exemptive rules under that Section. Similarly and as described further below, it is intended generally that the awards under the Amended and Restated Plan will not be granted, deferred, accelerated, extended, modified or paid in a manner that would result in the participant incurring any tax liability under Section 409A of the Code. The Amended and Restated Plan provides that neither the Company nor any member of the Board of Directors or of the Committee shall have any liability to any person for any action taken or not taken in good faith under the Amended and Restated Plan.

Amendment and Termination

The Board of Directors has the authority to amend, suspend or discontinue the Amended and Restated Plan at any time, subject to any stockholder approval that may be required under applicable law and provided that no such action will affect any outstanding award in any manner adverse to the participant without the consent of the participant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any amendment that would (i) materially increase the benefits accruing to any participant, (ii) materially increase the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock or other equity interests that may be issued under the Amended and Restated Plan, or (iii) materially modify the requirements as to eligibility for participation in this Amended and Restated Plan, shall be subject to stockholder approval. In addition, stockholder approval may be required to satisfy tax rules applicable to performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) or to subsequent grants of incentive stock options, or to satisfy other applicable legal requirements. Because the Committee retains the discretion to set and change the specific targets for each performance period under a performance-based award intended to be exempt from Section 162(m), stockholder ratification of the performance goals will be required, in any event, at five-year intervals in the future to exempt awards granted under the Amended and Restated Plan from the limitations on deductibility thereunder.

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Authorized Shares; Other Provisions; Non-Exclusivity

The maximum number of shares of the Common Stock that may be issued in respect of awards under the Amended and Restated Plan may not exceed 12,220,667 shares. For purposes of this share limit, each share of Common Stock issued pursuant to full value awards (i.e., all awards other than stock options or SARs) granted on or after March 1, 2010 will be counted as 2.6 shares. In addition, (i) the maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued pursuant to incentive stock option awards (i.e., stock options granted in accordance with Section 422 of the Code) is 3,000,000, and (ii) the maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be issuable (or payable in cash by reference to such shares) pursuant to all awards granted during a calendar year to any individual participant is 500,000. With respect to performance-based awards, (i) the maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be issuable (or payable in cash by reference to such shares) to any participant over the life of the Amended and Restated Plan may not exceed 5% of the Company's total outstanding shares of Common Stock and (ii) the maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be issuable (or payable in cash by reference to such shares) pursuant to all awards (including stock options and SARs) granted during a calendar year to any individual participant is 500,000.

The number and kind of shares available for grant and the shares subject to outstanding awards (as well as individual share limits on awards and exercise prices of awards) shall be adjusted to reflect the effect of a stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization, merger, consolidation, reorganization, combination or exchange of shares, extraordinary dividend or other distribution or other similar transaction. Any unexercised or undistributed portion of any expired, cancelled, terminated or forfeited award, or any alternative form of consideration under an award that is not paid in connection with the settlement of any portion of an award, will again be available for award under the Amended and Restated Plan, whether or not the participant has received benefits of ownership (such as dividends or dividend equivalents or voting rights) during the period in which the participant's ownership was restricted or otherwise not vested. However, the following shares of Common Stock shall not become available for reissuance under the Amended and Restated Plan: (i) shares tendered by participants as full or partial payment to the Company upon exercise of stock options or other awards granted under the Amended and Restated Plan; (ii) shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance upon the grant of SARs, to the extent the number of reserved shares exceeds the number of shares actually issued upon exercise of the SARs; and (iii) shares withheld by, or otherwise remitted to, the Company to satisfy a participant's tax withholding obligations upon the lapse of restrictions on restricted stock or the exercise of stock options or SARs or upon any other payment or issuance of shares under any other award granted under the Amended and Restated Plan. With respect to the individual share limits on performance-based awards, awards that are cancelled will be counted against the applicable limits to the extent required by Section 162(m).

UPON APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED PLAN BY THE STOCKHOLDERS, THE COMPANY INTENDS TO REGISTER UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 THE ADDITIONAL 7,220,667 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER THE AMENDED AND RESTATED PLAN.

Full payment for shares purchased on exercise of any option or received under any other award, along with payment of any required tax withholding, must be made at the time of such exercise in cash or, if permitted by the Committee, in shares of Common Stock delivered by the participant or withheld from an award, or any combination thereof, or pursuant to such cashless exercise procedures as may be permitted by the Committee.

Except as specifically provided under an individual participant's award agreement approved by the Committee, the minimum vesting period for awards of restricted stock is three years from the grant date (or one year in the case of restricted stock awards that are performance-based awards) and may not be accelerated to an earlier date except in the event of the participant's death, permanent disability or in the event of a Change in Control. The Amended and Restated Plan does not impose any minimum vesting periods on other types of awards, and the Committee may establish the vesting

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requirements (if any) for such awards in its sole discretion. However, shares of Common Stock acquired after exercise of an option may not, in the ordinary course, be sold before the expiration of six months from the grant date.

The Amended and Restated Plan is not exclusive and does not limit the authority of the Company, the Board of Directors or the Committee to grant awards or authorize any other compensation, with or without reference to the Common Stock, under any other plan or authority.

Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following is a general description of federal income tax consequences to participants and the Company relating to nonqualified and incentive stock options and certain other awards that may be granted under the Amended and Restated Plan. This discussion does not purport to cover all tax consequences relating to stock options and other awards.

An optionee will not recognize income upon the grant of a nonqualified stock option to purchase shares of Common Stock. Upon exercise of the option, the optionee will recognize ordinary compensation income equal to the excess of the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date the option is exercised over the option price for such Common Stock. The tax basis of the Common Stock acquired by exercising an option in the hands of the optionee will equal the option price for the Common Stock plus the amount of ordinary compensation income the optionee recognizes upon exercise of the option, and the holding period for the Common Stock will commence on the day the option is exercised. An optionee who sells Common Stock acquired by exercising an option will recognize capital gain or loss measured by the difference between the tax basis of the Common Stock and the amount realized on the sale. Such gain or loss will be long-term if the Common Stock is held for more than 12 months after exercise, and short-term if held for 12 months or less after exercise. The Company or a subsidiary will be entitled to a deduction equal to the amount of ordinary compensation income recognized by the optionee. The deduction will be allowed at the same time the optionee recognizes the income.

An optionee will not recognize income upon the grant of an incentive stock option to purchase shares of Common Stock, and will not recognize income upon exercise of the option, provided such optionee was an employee of the Company or a subsidiary at all times from the grant date until three months prior to exercise (or one year prior to exercise in the event of disability). Generally, the amount by which the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of exercise exceeds the option price will be includable in alternative minimum taxable income for purposes of determining alternative minimum tax and such amount will be added to the tax basis of such Common Stock for purposes of determining alternative minimum taxable income in the year the Common Stock is sold. Where an optionee who has exercised an incentive stock option sells the shares acquired upon exercise more than two years after the grant date and more than one year after exercise, long-term capital gain or loss will be recognized equal to the difference between the sales price and the option price. An optionee who sells such shares within two years after the grant date or within one year after exercise will recognize ordinary compensation income in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the difference between the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise and the amount paid for the shares, or (ii) the excess of the amount realized on the sale over the adjusted basis in the shares. Any remaining gain or loss will be treated as a capital gain or loss. The Company or a subsidiary will be entitled to a deduction equal to the amount of ordinary compensation income recognized by the optionee in this case. The deduction will be allowable at the same time the optionee recognizes the income.

The current federal income tax consequences of other awards authorized under the Amended and Restated Plan generally follow certain basic patterns: SARs are taxed to the individuals and deductible by the Company in substantially the same manner as nonqualified stock options; and nontransferable restricted stock subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture results in income recognition equal to the excess of the fair market value of the Common Stock over the purchase price (if any) at the time the

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restrictions lapse (unless the recipient elects to accelerate recognition as of the grant date); in each of the foregoing cases, the Company will generally have (at the time the participant recognizes income) a corresponding deduction.

If, as a result of a Change in Control event, a participant's stock options or SARs or other rights become immediately exercisable, or restrictions immediately lapse on an award, or cash, shares or other benefits covered by another type of award are immediately vested or issued, the additional economic value, if any, attributable to the acceleration or issuance may be deemed a parachute payment under Section 280G of the Code. In such case, the participant may be subject to a 20% non-deductible excise tax as to all or a portion of such economic value, in addition to any income tax payable. The Company will not be entitled to a deduction for that portion of any parachute payment that is subject to the excise tax.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing discussions with respect to the deductibility of compensation under the Amended and Restated Plan, Section 162(m) would render non-deductible to the Company certain compensation in excess of \$1,000,000 in any year to the Named Executive Officers (other than the Chief Financial Officer), unless such excess compensation is performance-based (as defined in Section 162(m)) or is otherwise exempt from Section 162(m). The applicable conditions of an exemption for a performance-based compensation plan include, among others, a requirement that the stockholders approve the material terms of the plan. Stock options, SARs and certain (but not all) other types of awards may be granted to qualify for the exemption for performance-based compensation under Section 162(m).

The American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 introduced a new section of the Code (Section 409A) covering certain nonqualified deferred compensation arrangements. Section 409A generally establishes new rules that must be followed with respect to covered deferred compensation arrangements in order to avoid the imposition of an additional 20% tax (plus interest) on the service provider who is entitled to receive the deferred compensation. Certain awards that may be granted under the Amended and Restated Plan may constitute deferred compensation within the meaning of and subject to Section 409A. The Amended and Restated Plan is intended to be interpreted and operated in accordance with Section 409A, including any regulations or guidance issued by the Treasury Department, and contains a number of provisions intended to avoid the imposition of additional tax on the Amended and Restated Plan participants under Section 409A. The Board of Directors may amend the Amended and Restated Plan, and the Committee may amend outstanding awards thereunder, while preserving the intended benefits of awards granted under the Amended and Restated Plan to avoid the imposition of an additional tax under Section 409A. In addition, no award under the Amended and Restated Plan can be granted, deferred, accelerated, extended, paid out or modified under the Amended and Restated Plan in a manner that would result in the imposition of an additional tax under Section 409A on a participant. If a payment with respect to an award would result in tax liability to the participant under 409A, the Company will not make the payment when otherwise required and instead will make the payment on the first day that payment would not result in the tax liability.

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Name and Position	Stock Option Grants # of Shares Covered	Restricted Stock Unit Grants # of Shares Covered	Performance Unit Grants # of Shares Covered	Total of All Columns in Table # of Shares Covered
Michael T. Strianese (Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer)	613,625	92,123	92,123 ⁽¹⁾ 92,123 ⁽²⁾	889,994
Ralph G. D. Ambrosio (Vice President and Chief Financial Officer)	95,503	14,358	14,358 ⁽¹⁾ 14,358 ⁽²⁾	138,577
Curtis Brunson (Executive Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Development)	96,049	14,433	14,433 ⁽¹⁾ 14,433 ⁽²⁾	139,348
James W. Dunn (Senior Vice President and President of Sensors & Simulation Group)	83,080	12,474	12,474 ⁽¹⁾ 12,474 ⁽²⁾	120,502
Carl E. Vuono (Senior Vice President and President of L-3 Services Group)	50,604	7,501	7,501 ⁽¹⁾ 7,501 ⁽²⁾	73,107
Executive Officers as a Group	1,202,685	190,033	182,197 ⁽¹⁾ 182,197 ⁽²⁾	1,757,112
All Non-Executive Employees as a Group	835,104	1,672,367	23,214 ⁽¹⁾ 23,214 ⁽²⁾	2,553,899
All Employees	2,037,789	1,862,400	205,411 ⁽¹⁾	4,311,011

205,411⁽²⁾

- (1) Reflects the number of shares of our Common Stock issuable assuming achievement of the Maximum level of performance in respect of performance units whose targets are based on growth in diluted earnings per share.
- (2) Reflects the number of shares of our Common Stock payable in cash (which cash amount will be based on the closing price of our Common Stock at the end of the applicable performance periods) assuming achievement of the Maximum level of performance in respect of performance units whose targets are based on total stockholder return.

The Amended and Restated Plan is hereby proposed for approval by the stockholders. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present or represented and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be necessary to approve the Amended and Restated Plan, provided that the total number of votes cast on the proposal must also represent a majority of all shares of Common Stock entitled to vote on the proposal.

The Board of Directors Recommends a Vote FOR Approval of the L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2008 Long Term Performance Plan.

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The table below sets forth information about shares of our Common Stock that may be issued under our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2009. For a description of our equity compensation plans, see Note 18 to the audited consolidated financial statements included in L-3's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Plan category	Equity Compensation Plan Information		
	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants (In millions)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (In millions)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	6.9 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 74.08 ⁽²⁾	9.9 ⁽³⁾
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders ⁽⁴⁾	0.2	64.62	
Total	7.1⁽⁵⁾	\$ 73.68	9.9⁽⁶⁾

(1) Represents awards, including stock options, restricted stock units and performance units, issuable under the 1999 Long Term Performance Plan (the 1999 Plan) and the 2008 Plan. The number of shares of Common Stock to be issued in respect of performance units has been calculated based on the assumption that the maximum levels of performance applicable to the performance units will be achieved.

(2) The calculation of the weighted average exercise price excludes the effect of the restricted stock unit awards and performance unit awards, which have been granted to employees at no cost.

(3) Includes 7.4 million, 2.2 million and 0.3 million shares available for future issuance under the L-3 Communications Corporation 2009 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the 2009 ESPP), the 2008 Plan and the L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. 2008 Directors Stock Incentive Plan (the 2008 Directors Plan), respectively.

(4) Represents awards under the 1997 Option Plan for Key Employees of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the 1997 Plan) and the Amended and Restated 1998 Directors Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. (the 1998 Plan).

- (5) As of March 1, 2010, a total of 7.7 million shares of our Common Stock were issuable in respect of outstanding awards under the 1997 Plan, the 1998 Plan, the 1999 Plan, the 2008 Plan and the 2008 Directors Plan. Of these shares, 5.3 million were issuable in respect of stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$76.97 and a weighted average remaining contractual term of 6.7 years. The remaining 2.4 million shares were issuable in respect of restricted stock units and performance units based on the assumption that the maximum levels of performance applicable to the performance units will be achieved.
- (6) As of March 1, 2010, a total of 8.3 million shares of our Common Stock were available for future issuance under our equity compensation plans, including 7.0 million, 1.0 million, and 0.3 million shares available for issuance under the 2009 ESPP, the 2008 Plan and the 2008 Directors Plan, respectively.

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**PROPOSAL 3. SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT
REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has selected PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to act as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010, and a proposal to ratify this selection will be submitted to the stockholders at the Annual Meeting. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has acted as our independent registered public accounting firm since our formation in 1997, and the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors believe it is desirable and in our best interests to continue to retain that firm. Representatives of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will be present at the Annual Meeting. Such representatives will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Although ratification is not required by our Amended and Restated By-Laws or otherwise, the Board of Directors is submitting the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to our stockholders for ratification because we value our stockholders' views on the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. If the foregoing proposal is not approved by the holders of a majority of the shares represented at the Annual Meeting, it will be considered as notice to the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee to consider the selection of a different firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee in its discretion may select a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders.

The Board of Directors Recommends a Vote FOR Ratification of the Appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CERTAIN GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Our Board of Directors directs the management of our business and affairs, as provided by Delaware law, and conducts its business through meetings of the Board of Directors and four standing committees: the Executive, Audit, Nominating/Corporate Governance and Compensation Committees. In addition, from time to time, special committees may be established under the direction of the Board of Directors when necessary to address specific issues.

Leadership Structure

The Board of Directors determined that combining the CEO and Chairman positions is the appropriate leadership structure for L-3 at this time. The Board of Directors believes that one-size does not fit all, and the decision of whether to combine or separate the positions of CEO and Chairman will vary company to company and depend upon a company's particular circumstances at a given point in time. Accordingly, the Board of Directors carefully considers from time to time whether the CEO and Chairman positions should be combined based on what the Board believes is best for the Company and its stockholders.

Board structures vary greatly among U.S. public corporations, with over 60% of S&P 500 companies combining the positions of CEO and Chairman, according to a recent survey. The Board of Directors does not believe that the evidence demonstrates that any one leadership structure is more effective at creating long-term stockholder value. The Board of Directors believes that an effective leadership structure could be achieved either by combining or separating the CEO and Chairman positions, if the structure encourages the free and open dialogue of competing views and provides for strong checks and balances. Specifically, an effective governance structure must balance the powers of the Chief Executive Officer and the independent directors and ensure that the independent directors are fully informed, able to discuss and debate the issues that they deem important, and able to provide effective oversight of management.

The Board of Directors believes that if the positions of CEO and Chairman are combined, then appointing a lead independent director is necessary for effective governance. Accordingly, the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that, in the event the CEO and Chairman positions are combined, the independent members of the Board of Directors will elect a Lead Independent Director. In addition to presiding at executive sessions of the independent directors, the responsibilities of the Lead Independent Director, which are clearly set forth in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines, also include:

assisting in scheduling Board meetings;

providing the Board of Directors with input as to the preparation of Board meeting agendas;

specifically requesting the inclusion of certain materials for Board meetings;

recommending, as appropriate, that the Board of Directors retain consultants who will report directly to the Board of Directors; and

acting as a liaison between the independent directors and the Chairman on sensitive issues.

The Board of Directors believes that the responsibilities delegated to the Lead Independent Director are substantially similar to many of the functions typically fulfilled by a board chairman. The Board of Directors believes that its Lead Independent Director position balances the need for effective and independent oversight of management with the need

for strong, unified leadership. The Board of Directors believes that one of the key elements of effective, independent oversight is that the independent directors meet in executive session on a regular basis without the presence of management. Accordingly, in 2009, following each of the four in-person Board meetings, the independent directors met in executive session with the Lead Independent Director presiding at such meetings.

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L-3's approach regarding its leadership structure has varied depending on what was best for L-3 at a particular point in time. Frank C. Lanza, one of L-3's founders, served as Chairman and CEO from the time of L-3's formation in 1997 until his death in 2006. Following his death, the Board of Directors promoted Michael T. Strianese, then L-3's Chief Financial Officer, to the CEO position but also chose to appoint Robert B. Millard, one of its independent directors, as Chairman. In 2008, the Board of Directors decided to again combine the Chairman and CEO positions, and appointed Mr. Millard as the Lead Independent Director. The Board of Directors believes that its current structure is in the best interest of L-3 at this time as it allows for a balance of power between the CEO and the independent directors and provides an environment in which its independent directors are fully informed, have significant input into the content of Board meeting agendas and are able to provide objective and thoughtful oversight of management. The Board of Directors also believes that combining the roles of Chairman and CEO gives L-3 the best chance to continue on its path of outstanding performance over the long term. With slower growth in the U.S. Department of Defense budget, it has become more important than ever for L-3 to seek out business opportunities in the international community. In L-3's industry, access to decision-makers in foreign countries is made easier when the roles of Chairman and CEO are combined as their customs often times dictate having comparable titles when conducting negotiations. Moreover, since most of L-3's industry peers have combined the roles of chairman and CEO, L-3 believes that separating such roles would put us at a significant competitive disadvantage.

Independence

The Board of Directors has affirmatively determined that all of the directors, other than Mr. Strianese, including those who serve on the Audit, Nominating/Corporate Governance and Compensation Committees of the Board of Directors, have no material relationship with us, either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with us. Therefore, all of our directors, other than Mr. Strianese, are independent under all applicable standards. In connection with its determination that Mr. Millard and Professor Canizares are independent directors, the Board of Directors considered the fact that we conducted business with MIT where Mr. Millard is a trustee and Professor Canizares is employed as a full time professor. In addition, the Board of Directors considered the fact that we conducted business with NASA where Professor Canizares is a principal investigator of NASA's Chandra X-ray observatory and is Associate Director of its science center. During 2009, we retained MIT to provide research and development on our behalf, and MIT and NASA purchased equipment from us. Payments made to, or received from, MIT or NASA were less than 1% of MIT's, NASA's or L-3's annual consolidated gross revenues during each of their last completed fiscal years. Mr. Millard and Professor Canizares did not have any interest in these transactions and Professor Canizares recused himself from all decisions regarding L-3 with respect to these transactions.

Messrs Corcoran, Shalikhshvili and White serve as directors, trustees or in similar capacities (but not as an executive officers or employees) for one or more non-profit organizations to which we have made charitable contributions. Contributions to these organizations were less than the greater of \$1,000,000 or 1% of each of those organizations annual consolidated gross revenues during their last completed fiscal years and were below the thresholds set forth under our categorical standards of director independence.

In addition, the Board of Directors has determined that Professor Canizares and Messrs. Corcoran, Kramer and Simon, members of the Audit Committee, are independent for purposes of Rule 10A-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act).

The Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines that meet or exceed the independence standards of the NYSE. Also, as part of our Corporate Governance Guidelines, the Board of Directors has adopted categorical standards to assist it in evaluating the independence of each of its directors. The categorical standards, which are included in our Corporate Governance Guidelines, are intended to assist the Board of Directors in determining whether or not certain relationships between our directors and us, either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an

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organization that has a relationship with us, are material relationships for purposes of the NYSE independence standards. The categorical standards establish thresholds at which such relationships are deemed not to be material. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines, which include our categorical standards of independence, can be obtained through our website at: <http://www.L-3com.com>.

Directors are expected to attend board meetings and meetings of the committees on which they serve and to spend the time needed, and meet as frequently as necessary, in order to properly discharge their responsibilities. In addition, to the extent reasonably practicable, directors are expected to attend stockholder meetings. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, the Board of Directors held ten meetings. Each director attended at least 75% of the combined number of meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of committees on which he served during the period in 2009 in which he served as a director. All of our current directors attended our annual stockholders meeting in April 2009, except for Mr. Kramer as he was not elected to the Board of Directors until after the 2009 annual stockholders meeting. In accordance with applicable NYSE listing requirements, our independent directors hold regular executive sessions at which management, including the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, is not present. Mr. Millard, our Lead Independent Director of the Board of Directors, presides at the regularly held executive sessions of the independent directors.

Board Composition

The Board of Directors seeks to ensure that the Board is composed of members whose particular experience, qualifications, attributes and skills, when taken together, will allow the Board to satisfy its oversight responsibilities effectively. In that regard, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for recommending candidates for all directorships to be filled by the Board or by the stockholders at an annual or special meeting. In identifying candidates for membership on the Board of Directors, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee takes into account (1) minimum individual qualifications, such as strength of character, mature judgment, industry knowledge or experience and an ability to work collegially with the other members of the Board of Directors and (2) all other factors it considers appropriate. In addition, although the Board does not have a policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees, among the many factors that the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee carefully considers, are the benefits to the Company of diversity, including gender and racial diversity, in board composition.

After conducting an initial evaluation of a candidate, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee will interview that candidate if it believes the candidate might be suitable to be a director and may also ask the candidate to meet with other directors and management. If the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee believes a candidate would be a valuable addition to the Board of Directors, it will recommend to the full Board of Directors that candidate's election.

During 2009, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee hired an outside recruiting firm to assist it in conducting a search to identify qualified candidates to fill a vacancy on the Board. As part of its search, the Committee considered a number of candidates, including Mr. Kramer, who was recommended by Mr. Strianese. Mr. Strianese advised Mr. Washkowitz, the Chairman of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, that he believed that Mr. Kramer would be a valuable addition to L-3's Board and that he should be one of the candidates considered to fill the vacancy. Messrs. Simon, Washkowitz and White, members of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, each met separately with Mr. Kramer. Following their meetings, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee met to discuss the possible appointment of a candidate to fill the board vacancy. At that meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the full Board nominate Mr. Kramer to L-3's Board of Directors. At the July 14, 2009 Board meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously elected Mr. Kramer as a member of the Board.

When considering whether the Board's directors and nominees have the experience, qualifications, attributes and skills, taken as a whole, to enable the Board to satisfy its oversight responsibilities effectively in light of L-3's business and structure, the Board focused primarily on the information

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discussed in each of the Board members or nominees biographical information set forth on pages 5-8. In particular, with regards to Messrs. Kramer and Simon, the Board considered their significant experience, expertise and background with regard to accounting and internal control matters as well as the breadth of their business knowledge gained while serving as independent auditors for numerous organizations across many industries. With regards to Professor Canizares, the Board of Directors considered his distinguished career as a tenured professor at MIT with extensive knowledge of the aerospace industry. With regards to Professor White, the Board of Directors considered his distinguished career of government service, his distinguished career as a tenured professor of government at Harvard and his extensive knowledge of the defense industry. With regards to General Shalikashvili, the Board of Directors considered his distinguished career as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense and as NATO's tenth SACEUR. With regards to Messrs. Millard and Washkowitz, the Board of Directors considered their extensive financial backgrounds. With regards to Mr. Corcoran, the Board of Directors considered his business operations background and expertise in the aerospace and defense industries. With regards to Mr. Strianese, the Board of Directors considered his position as Chief Executive Officer and his expertise and experience in the aerospace and defense industries. In addition, in connection with the nominations of Professor Canizares and Messrs. Corcoran and Washkowitz for election as directors at the 2010 Annual Meeting, the Board considered their valuable contributions to L-3's success during their many years of Board service.

Audit Committee

The current members of the Audit Committee are: Claude R. Canizares, Thomas A. Corcoran (chair), Lewis Kramer and Arthur L. Simon. The Audit Committee met 13 times in 2009. The Audit Committee is generally responsible for, among other things:

selecting, appointing, compensating, retaining and terminating our independent registered public accounting firm;

overseeing the auditing work of any independent registered public accounting firm employed by us, including the resolution of any disagreements, if any, between management and the independent registered public accounting firm regarding financial reporting, for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services;

pre-approving audit, other audit, audit-related and permitted non-audit services to be performed by the independent registered public accounting firm and related fees;

meeting with our independent registered public accounting firm to review the proposed scope of the annual audit of our financial statements and to discuss such other matters that it deems appropriate;

reviewing the findings of the independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the annual audit;

meeting to review and discuss with management and the independent registered public accounting firm our periodic financial reports prior to our filing them with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and reporting annually to the Board of Directors with respect to such matters;

reviewing with our financial and accounting management, the independent registered public accounting firm and internal auditor the adequacy and effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, financial reporting process and disclosure controls and procedures; and

reviewing the internal audit function.

L-3's Audit Committee Charter states that the Audit Committee shall consist of at least three members, all of whom are determined by the Board to meet the independence, financial literacy and expertise requirements of the SEC and NYSE. These requirements dictate that all Audit Committee

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members must be financially literate and at least one member of the Audit Committee shall be an audit committee financial expert in compliance with the criteria established by the SEC and NYSE. The Board of Directors has determined that all of the members of the Audit Committee are financially literate and meet the independence requirements mandated by the NYSE listing standards, Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act and our independence standards. In addition, the Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Simon and Mr. Kramer are both audit committee financial experts, as defined by Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K.

Compensation Committee

The members of the Compensation Committee are: Robert B. Millard (chair), Lewis Kramer, John M. Shalikashvili, Alan H. Washkowitz and John P. White. The Compensation Committee, which had six meetings in 2009, is responsible for administering the L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. 2008 Long Term Performance Plan and the L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. 2008 Directors Stock Incentive Plan.

In addition, this committee is also responsible for, among other functions:

- reviewing and approving corporate goals and objectives relevant to the Chief Executive Officer compensation;

- evaluating the performance of the Chief Executive Officer in light of these corporate goals and objectives and, either as a committee or together with other independent directors (as directed by the Board of Directors), determining and approving the annual salary, bonus, equity and equity-based incentives and other benefits, direct and indirect, of the Chief Executive Officer based on such evaluation;

- reviewing and approving the annual salary, bonus, equity and equity-based incentives and other benefits, direct and indirect, of the other executive officers;

- reviewing and making recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to director compensation;

- reviewing and making recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to equity-based plans that are subject to the approval of L-3's stockholders, and overseeing the activities of the individuals responsible for administering those plans;

- reviewing and approving all incentive compensation plans and equity compensation plans of L-3 that are not otherwise subject to the approval of L-3's stockholders; and

- reviewing, discussing and approving the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section contained in this proxy statement.

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Compensation Committee can delegate any or all of its responsibilities to a subcommittee of the committee. For a discussion concerning the processes and procedures for determining executive and director compensation and the role of executive officers and compensation consultants in determining or recommending the amount or form of compensation, see Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 34 and Compensation of Directors beginning on page 67.

The Board of Directors has determined that all of the members of the Compensation Committee meet our standards for independence and the independence requirements mandated by the NYSE listing standards. In addition, all members of the Compensation Committee qualify as non-employee directors for purposes of Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act and outside directors under Section 162(m). For more of a discussion concerning Section 162(m), see

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Use of Consultants

As set forth in its charter, the Compensation Committee has the authority to select, retain and/or replace, as needed, outside consultants to provide advice to the Compensation Committee in connection with its fulfillment of its responsibilities. Since 2004, the Compensation Committee has retained Mercer (US) Inc. (Mercer), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. (MMC), to provide information, analyses, and advice regarding executive and director compensation. In addition, Mercer advises the Compensation Committee with respect to the evaluation of compensation for the named executive officers. In 2009, the Compensation Committee requested that Mercer advise it directly on a variety of compensation-related matters, including:

Validating the peer group to be used for competitive benchmarking;

Preparing analyses and recommendations of senior executive compensation levels as compared to the peer group and published compensation surveys;

Assessing the pay recommendations that the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer developed for senior executives, including the named executive officers;

Developing pay recommendations for the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Assessing the alignment of senior executive pay and company performance;

Evaluating L-3's remuneration program relative to its peer group and broad market practices, including retirement benefits and perquisites;

Preparing analyses of annual equity plan share usage and share dilution as compared to the peer group;

Assessing performance unit measures and targets for performance units issued in 2009; and

Updating the Compensation Committee on executive compensation trends and legislative developments impacting executive compensation.

In the course of conducting its activities, Mercer attended all meetings of the Compensation Committee and presented its findings and recommendations to the Compensation Committee for discussion. Mercer also attended select Board of Directors meetings at which the Compensation Committee reviewed the executive compensation program with the Board, and met with the Chair of the Compensation Committee to review meeting agenda items and the scope of Mercer's work. During the course of the year, Mercer met with management to obtain and validate data, and review materials. In 2009, the Company paid Mercer approximately \$250,000 for all services rendered to the Compensation Committee.

L-3 and its affiliates also separately retain Mercer and other affiliates of MMC to provide services that are unrelated to the Compensation Committee services (the Unrelated Company Services). In 2009, the Company paid Mercer and its affiliates an aggregate of approximately \$815,000 for these Unrelated Company Services. The Unrelated Company Services included: data recovery, collection and investigation services; brokerage services in respect of insurance policies and surety bonds; actuarial valuation services for workers compensation and pension plan liabilities; trial graphics presentation services; and non-executive compensation consulting services. Separately in 2009, Seabury & Smith, Inc., an affiliate of MMC, acted as an insurance and services broker with respect to a number of insurance products, such as group universal life, home and auto insurance and legal services plans, that were offered to L-3's U.S.-based employees and could be purchased through employee-directed payroll deductions.

The decisions to engage Mercer and its affiliates for Unrelated Company Services in 2009 were made by employees of the Company or its affiliates and were subsequently ratified by the Compensation Committee. Mercer has advised the Compensation Committee that none of its principals or employees who provided advice to the Compensation Committee had any direct or indirect involvement in

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providing these Unrelated Company Services, or in the Company's selection of, or negotiation of arrangements with, Mercer or its affiliates to provide such services. In addition, none of Mercer's principals or employees who provided advice to the Compensation Committee received any direct or indirect compensation as a result of Unrelated Company Services, other than to the extent that employees of Mercer benefit from the overall success of MMC and its affiliates generally. The Compensation Committee does not believe that Mercer's ability to provide it with objective advice was impaired by the Unrelated Company Services provided to the Company and the Company's affiliates.

L-3 retains its own outside compensation consultant, Towers Watson & Co., to provide the Company with non-executive compensation consulting services and advise management from time to time with regard to senior executive compensation programs.

Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee currently consists of Messrs. Shalikashvili, Simon, Washkowitz (Chairman) and White. This committee, which met six times during 2009, monitors corporate governance policies and procedures and serves as the Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors.

The primary functions performed by this committee include, among other responsibilities:

- developing, recommending and monitoring corporate governance policies and procedures for L-3 and the Board of Directors;

- recommending to the Board of Directors criteria for the selection of new directors;

- identifying and recommending to the Board of Directors individuals to be nominated as directors;

- evaluating candidates recommended by stockholders in a timely manner;

- conducting all necessary and appropriate inquiries into the backgrounds and qualifications of possible candidates;

- overseeing the evaluation of the Board of Directors and management; and

- overseeing and approving the management continuity planning process.

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee will consider candidates for nomination as a director recommended by stockholders, directors, officers, third party search firms and other sources. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee will review all candidates for director in the same manner, regardless of the source of the recommendation. Individuals recommended by stockholders for nomination as a director will be considered in accordance with the procedures described under Stockholder Proposals and Nominations on page 27 of this proxy statement.

The Board of Directors has determined that all of the members of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee meet the independence requirements mandated by the applicable NYSE listing standards applicable to serving on the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee and our standards of independence.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee currently consists of Messrs. Corcoran, Millard (Chairman), and Strianese. The Executive Committee did not meet during 2009. The Executive Committee may exercise most board powers during periods between board meetings.

Oversight of Risk Management

L-3 is exposed to risks including, but not limited to, strategic, operational, liquidity, reputational and risks relating to reporting, regulatory and legal compliance. L-3 s management designed the

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Company's enterprise risk management process to identify, monitor and evaluate these risks, and develop an approach to address each identified risk. L-3's enterprise risk management process is a company-wide initiative and involves each of our operating segments and business units. The Company takes a multi-disciplinary approach to risk.

L-3's Chief Financial Officer, at the direction of the Chief Executive Officer, is responsible for overseeing the Company's enterprise risk management process and periodically reports enterprise risk information to each of the Chief Executive Officer, the Audit Committee and the Board. In fulfilling his risk management responsibilities, the Chief Financial Officer works closely with members of the senior management team, including the Company's General Counsel, the Executive Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Development, the Controller and Principal Accounting Officer, the Vice President Planning, the Vice President of Internal Audit and Corporate Ethics Officer, and each of the business unit group presidents and group chief financial officers.

On behalf of the Board, the Audit Committee plays a key role in the oversight of the Company's enterprise risk management function. In this regard, the Company's Chief Financial Officer meets with the Audit Committee at least five times per year to specifically discuss the enterprise risks facing the Company, highlighting any new risks that may have arisen since they last met. Additionally, at each Board meeting, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer report information about major risks facing the company. Finally, the Chief Financial Officer reports directly to the Board at least once per year to apprise it directly of the Company's enterprise risk management process.

Committee Charters and Corporate Governance Guidelines

The Board of Directors has adopted a charter for each of the Audit, Nominating/Corporate Governance and Compensation Committees and corporate governance guidelines that address the make-up and functioning of the Board of Directors. You can find links to these materials on our website at: <http://www.L-3com.com> under the Investor Relations tab by selecting Corporate Governance.

Code of Ethics and Business Conduct

The Board of Directors has adopted a code of ethics and business conduct that applies to all of our directors, officers and employees. You can find a link to such code on our website at: <http://www.L-3com.com>. In accordance with, and to the extent required by, the rules and regulations of the SEC, we intend to post on our Web site waivers or implicit waivers (as such terms are defined in Item 5.05 of Form 8-K of the Exchange Act) and amendments of the code of ethics and business conduct that apply to any of our directors and executive officers, including our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and Controller and Principal Accounting Officer or other persons performing similar functions.

Stockholder Communications with Directors

Anyone who would like to communicate with, or otherwise make his or her concerns known directly to, the chair of any of the Executive, Audit, Nominating/Corporate Governance and Compensation Committees, to the non-management directors as a group or to the Lead Independent Director of the Board of Directors, may do so either by email that can be accessed through our website at <http://www.L-3com.com> or by addressing such communications or concerns to the Corporate Secretary of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc., 600 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10016, who will forward such communications to the appropriate party. The addressed communications may be done confidentially or anonymously. The Corporate Secretary or Assistant Corporate Secretary will forward all correspondence to the Board of Directors or the particularly designated party, except for spam, junk mail, mass mailings, product complaints or inquiries, job inquiries, surveys, business solicitations or advertisements or patently offensive or otherwise inappropriate material.

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STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS AND NOMINATIONS

Under the SEC's rules and regulations, any stockholder desiring to submit a proposal to be included in our 2011 proxy statement must submit such proposal to us at our principal executive offices located at: 600 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10016, to the attention of the Corporate Secretary, no later than the close of business on November 15, 2010. Under Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act, a stockholder submitting a proposal to be included in the Company's proxy statement is required to be a record or beneficial owner of at least 1% or \$2,000 in market value of the Common Stock and to have held such Common Stock continuously for at least one year prior to the date of submission of the proposal, and he or she must continue to own such securities through the date on which the meeting is held.

On April 28, 2009, the Board approved an amendment and restatement of our Bylaws (the "Amended and Restated Bylaws") to provide for advance notice provisions. The amendments require the timely notice of certain information to be provided by any stockholder who proposes director nominations or any other business for consideration at a stockholders' meeting. Failure to deliver a proposal in accordance with the procedures discussed below and in our Amended and Restated Bylaws may result in the proposal not being deemed timely received. To be timely, notice of a director nomination or any other business for consideration at a stockholders' meeting must be received by our Corporate Secretary at our principal executive offices no less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting. Therefore, to be presented at the Company's 2011 Annual Meeting, such a proposal must be received by the Corporate Secretary on or after December 28, 2010 but no later than January 27, 2011. In the event that the date of the 2011 Annual Meeting is advanced by more than 20 days, or delayed by more than 70 days, from the anniversary date of the 2010 Annual Meeting, notice must be received not earlier than 120 days prior to such Annual Meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to such Annual Meeting or the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of the 2011 Annual Meeting is first made. All proposals must be sent to our principal executive offices by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the attention of the Corporate Secretary, L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc., 600 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10016.

Stockholders may, subject to and in accordance with L-3's Amended and Restated Bylaws, recommend director candidates for consideration by the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee. The Amended and Restated Bylaws contain certain informational and other requirements that must be followed in connection with submitting director nominations and any other business for consideration at a stockholders' meeting. The Amended and Restated Bylaws are posted on our website at <http://www.L-3com.com>

The notice must be delivered to the Corporate Secretary, who will forward the notice to the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee for consideration.

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Set forth below is certain information regarding each of our current executives, other than Mr. Strianese who is presented under Class I Directors Whose Term Expires in 2011, and certain of our other officers.

Name	Age	Principal Occupation and Other Information
Curtis Brunson	62	Executive Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Development. Mr. Brunson became an Executive Vice President in February 2009 and is responsible for leading the execution of L-3's business strategy, including customer relationships, technical development and business development. Prior to that, he was a Senior Vice President. Mr. Brunson began his career in 1972 with Sperry Systems Management Division, prior to its merger into Unisys Government Services. At Unisys for over 20 years, he held several management positions of increasing responsibility. When Loral acquired Unisys Communication Systems in Salt Lake City, he was General Manager. That division became part of L-3 during its formation in 1997, with Mr. Brunson becoming President at that time. Mr. Brunson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the New York Institute of Technology and a Masters of Science degree in Computer Science from Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn, New York.
David T. Butler III	53	Senior Vice President of Business Operations. Mr. Butler became a Senior Vice President in February 2007. He had been the Vice President of Mergers, Acquisitions and Corporate Strategy since December 2000. He joined us in 1997 as our Corporate Director of Planning and Strategic Development. Prior to joining us, Mr. Butler held a number of financial positions with Loral and Lockheed Martin. Mr. Butler is a graduate of Villanova University.
Richard A. Cody	59	Vice President of Washington Operations. General Cody (U.S. Army Ret.) joined L-3 in October 2008 and serves as a corporate vice president. Prior to joining L-3, General Cody served as the 31st Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, a position he held from 2004 until his retirement from the U.S. Army in August 2008. With more than 36 years of service, General Cody has served in command and staff positions throughout the Army in the U.S. and overseas. He has also received major military awards and decorations, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, General Cody is also a Master Aviator with more than 5,000 hours of flight time.

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Name	Age	Principal Occupation and Other Information
Ralph G. D. Ambrosio	42	<p>Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. D. Ambrosio became Chief Financial Officer in January 2007. From March 2005 to January 2007, he was our Vice President Finance and Principal Accounting Officer and he continued to be our Principal Accounting Officer until April 2008. He became our Controller in August 2000 and a Vice President in July 2001 and was our Vice President and Controller to March 2005. He joined us in August 1997 and was our Assistant Controller until July 2000. Prior to joining us, he was a senior manager at C&L, where he held a number of positions since 1989. Mr. D. Ambrosio holds a Bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, in Business Administration from Iona College and a Master's degree, with honors, in Business Administration from the Stern School of Business at New York University.</p>
Steven M. Post	57	<p>Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. Mr. Post became Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary on May 27, 2008. Prior to that, Mr. Post held several positions at L-3 including, most recently, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the Integrated Systems group and prior to that, group counsel and associate counsel positions. Prior to joining L-3, Mr. Post was an instructor in the Contract Law department at the Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Va. He began his legal and military career at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate in Ft. Dix, N.J., as the contract and fiscal law advisor and as senior trial counsel. Following that assignment, Mr. Post served as a trial attorney in the litigation division for the Judge Advocate General at the Pentagon. Mr. Post earned his law degree with honors from Indiana University, and his undergraduate degree from the University of Dayton.</p>
James W. Dunn	66	<p>Senior Vice President and President of Sensors & Simulation Group. Mr. Dunn became a Senior Vice President in January 2004. He joined us in June 2000 as President of our Link Simulation and Training division. Prior to joining us, from April 1996, when Loral Corporation was acquired by Lockheed Martin, to May 2000, Mr. Dunn served as president of several Lockheed Martin business units, including the Tactical Defense Systems Group, the Defense Systems Group, Fairchild Systems and the NESS Eagan, Akron and Archibald divisions. Prior to that, Mr. Dunn was with the Loral Corporation, which he joined in 1978, and held a series of management positions there during his 18-year tenure, including President of Loral Fairchild Systems, Senior Vice President of Engineering and Senior Vice President of Program Management. Mr. Dunn has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering and a Master's degree in Business Administration.</p>

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Name	Age	Principal Occupation and Other Information
Steven Kantor	65	Senior Vice President and President of Marine & Power Systems Group. Mr. Kantor became Senior Vice President and President of L-3 Marine & Power Systems in March 2008. Prior to that he was Vice President and President of the Power and Controls Group. Mr. Kantor has over 35 years of experience in the defense electronics industry, serving the U.S. Department of Defense, prime contractors and OEMs and foreign allies. Previously, Mr. Kantor served as president of BAE Systems Reconnaissance and Surveillance Systems, a position he held since 1998. Prior to that, Mr. Kantor held various executive positions at Lockheed Martin, Loral and United Technologies. Mr. Kantor holds a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the New York Institute of Technology.
John McNellis	57	Senior Vice President and President of Integrated Systems Group. Mr. McNellis became Senior Vice President and President of L-3 Integrated Systems Group in November 2008. Prior to that he was President of our Link Simulation and Training Division since September 2003. He possesses over 30 years of executive and project management experience in a broad spectrum of domestic and international defense programs. Prior to L-3, he served as President of Lockheed Martin's Tactical Systems unit and held executive positions at Loral and IBM. Mr. McNellis has an extensive background in aircraft special mission systems, modification and maintenance; Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance systems; training systems; and satellite command and control. Mr. McNellis holds a Master of Science degree in physics from the University of California, Los Angeles as well as a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Santa Clara.
Charles J. Schafer	62	Senior Vice President and President of Products Group. Mr. Schafer became a Senior Vice President in April 2002. Mr. Schafer was appointed President of the Products Group in September 1999. He joined us in August 1998 as Vice President Business Operations. Prior to August 1998, he was President of Lockheed Martin's Tactical Defense Systems Division, a position he also held at Loral since September 1994. Prior to the April 1996 acquisition of Loral, Mr. Schafer held various executive positions with Loral, which he joined in 1984.
Carl E. Vuono	75	Senior Vice President and President of L-3 Services Group. General Vuono (U.S. Army-Ret.) became a Senior Vice President in August 2006. He joined L-3 when we acquired MPRI in June of 2000. General Vuono came to MPRI and L-3 after a distinguished military career during which he served at all levels of command. His service to the nation culminated in his appointment as the 31st Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army

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Name	Age	Principal Occupation and Other Information
Dan Azmon	46	Controller and Principal Accounting Officer. Mr. Azmon became Principal Accounting Officer in April 2008. He has been our Controller since January 2005. Mr. Azmon joined L-3 in October 2000 and was our Assistant Controller until December 2004. Prior to joining L-3, Mr. Azmon held a number of financial management and financial reporting positions at ASARCO Incorporated and Salomon Brothers, Inc., and was a manager in the audit practice at C&L. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from St. John's University in accounting and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance from Hofstra University. Mr. Azmon is also a certified public accountant.

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We know of no person who beneficially owned more than five percent of the Common Stock, except as set forth below.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
ClearBridge Advisors, LLC 620 8th Avenue New York, New York 10018 ⁽¹⁾	6,649,023 ⁽¹⁾	5.72% ⁽¹⁾

(1) Information shown is based on information reported by the filer on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 11, 2010, in which ClearBridge Advisors, LLC reported that it had sole dispositive power over 6,649,023 shares of Common Stock and sole voting power over 5,330,948 shares of Common Stock.

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As of March 1, 2010, the Record Date, there were 115,702,359 shares of our Common Stock outstanding. The following table shows the amount of Common Stock beneficially owned (unless otherwise indicated) by our named executive officers, our directors, and by all of our current executive officers and directors as a group.

Except as otherwise indicated, all information listed below is as of March 1, 2010.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Common Stock Beneficially Owned Directly or Indirectly ⁽¹⁾	Common Stock Acquirable Within 60 Days ⁽²⁾	Total Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding ⁽³⁾
Directors and Named Executive Officers:				
Michael T. Strianese	10,957	410,770	421,727	*
Ralph G. D. Ambrosio	3,492	31,421	34,913	*
Curtis Brunson	26,201	93,812	120,013	*
James W. Dunn	1,109	68,792	69,901	*
Carl E. Vuono	3,360	39,068	42,428	*
Claude R. Canizares	1,228	13,932	15,160	*
Thomas A. Corcoran	1,558	26,432	27,990	*
Lewis Kramer	600	1,028	1,628	*
Robert B. Millard ⁽⁴⁾	199,604	26,432	226,036	*
John M. Shalikashvili	839	15,432	16,271	*
Arthur L. Simon	6,161	25,432	31,593	*
Alan H. Washkowitz ⁽⁵⁾	131,447	26,432	157,879	*
John P. White	1,356	11,432	12,788	*
Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (20 persons)	404,035	935,061	1,339,096	1.2%

(1) The number of shares shown includes shares that are individually or jointly owned and over which the individual has either sole or shared investment or voting authority. The shares of our Common Stock directly owned include the number of shares allocated to the accounts of executive officers under our savings plan as follows:

Mr. Strianese, 2,046 shares; Mr. D. Ambrosio, 1,589 shares; Mr. Brunson, 2,790 shares; Mr. Dunn, 536 shares; Mr. Vuono, 1,122 shares; and 14,286 shares held by the executive officers as a group.

(2) Shares that are deemed to be beneficially owned by the individual by virtue of the individual's right to acquire the shares upon the exercise of outstanding stock options within 60 days from March 1, 2010.

(3) In computing the percentage ownership of any person, the amount of shares outstanding is deemed to include the amount of shares beneficially owned by such person (and only such person) by reason of the acquisition rights

described above. As a result, the percentage of outstanding shares of any person as shown in this table does not necessarily reflect the person's actual ownership or voting power with respect to the number of shares of Common Stock actually outstanding at March 1, 2010.

- (4) Includes 96,770 shares owned by a charitable foundation of which Mr. Millard and his wife are the sole trustees, and as to which Mr. Millard disclaims beneficial ownership.
 - (5) Includes 67,824 shares in trust, for the benefit of Mr. Washkowitz's children, for which Mr. Washkowitz and his wife are co-trustees and as to which Mr. Washkowitz disclaims beneficial ownership.
- * Share ownership does not exceed one percent, including stock options exercisable within 60 days of March 1, 2010.

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COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Introduction

This discussion addresses compensation with respect to fiscal year 2009 primarily as it relates to our named executive officers. Our named executive officers for 2009 are:

Michael T. Strianese, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Ralph G. D. Ambrosio, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Curtis Brunson, Executive Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Development

James W. Dunn, Senior Vice President and President of Sensors & Simulation Group

Carl E. Vuono, Senior Vice President and President of L-3 Services Group

Oversight of L-3's Executive Compensation Practices

L-3's executive compensation program is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, referred to in this section as the Committee. The Committee is responsible for, among other functions, reviewing and approving compensation for the named executive officers. See pages 23-25 for further details regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Committee.

Pursuant to its charter, the Committee has the sole authority to select and/or retain outside counsel, compensation and benefits consultants, or any other advisors to provide it with advice and assistance in connection with fulfilling its responsibilities. As described more fully below, in determining executive compensation, the Committee reviews all components of the named executive officers' compensation and takes into account a number of variables, including the extensive compensation and other data distributed to the Committee and the advice of Mercer, an outside consulting firm that was retained by, and reports directly to, the Committee. Mercer assists the Committee in connection with the Committee's evaluation of L-3's executive compensation program. Mercer also currently advises the Committee on a variety of issues, including compensation strategy, market benchmarking, executive pay trends and developments and the review of L-3's incentive compensation plans and potential design modifications. See The Board of Directors and Certain Governance Matters - Compensation Committee beginning on page 23.

Objectives of Executive Compensation Program

L-3 is one of the largest aerospace and defense contractors in the United States. Our executive compensation program is designed to drive L-3's mission to maximize stockholder value. The specific objectives of our executive compensation program include the following:

Alignment to align the interests of executives and stockholders through equity-based compensation awards;

Retention to attract, retain and motivate highly qualified, high performing executives to lead our continued growth and success. Many of our executives are often presented with other professional opportunities, and we offer a variety of compensation components to retain our executives' services. L-3 provides fair and competitive pay relative to comparably-sized organizations in its industry; and

Performance to provide rewards commensurate with performance by emphasizing variable compensation that is dependent upon the executive's achievements and L-3's performance.

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To achieve these specific objectives, the executive compensation program is guided by the following core principles:

rewards under annual and long-term incentive plans are based upon L-3's short-term, intermediate-term and long-term financial results and increasing stockholder value through stock price appreciation and the payment of dividends;

named executive officer pay is set at competitive levels to attract, retain and motivate highly talented individuals who are necessary for L-3 to achieve its goals, objectives and overall financial success;

compensation of each executive is based on such individual's role, responsibilities, performance and experience; and

our executive compensation program places a strong emphasis on performance-based variable pay to ensure a high pay-for-performance culture.

Risk Management and Compensation

The Committee believes that the design of the Company's compensation program should emphasize performance-based variable pay while discouraging inappropriate or excessive risk-taking. Accordingly, the Committee designed the Company's executive compensation program to balance variable pay incentives based on short-term, intermediate-term and long-term performance and include multiple performance metrics, such as relative total stockholder returns and growth in diluted earnings per share. Short-term performance is addressed through our annual incentive program, while intermediate-term and long-term performance is addressed through our long-term incentive program. The Committee's assessment of short-term performance under our annual incentive program is based upon a wide variety of performance measures and is fully discretionary in order to ensure a balanced and flexible approach to compensating our executives for achieving our short-term objectives. Our long-term incentive program provides for awards whose ultimate value is directly dependent on our intermediate and long-term performance and that contain overlapping performance periods designed to promote sustainable, long-term performance. Intermediate performance is rewarded through the use of performance units that include multi-year earnings per share growth and total stockholder return targets, while long-term performance is promoted through the use of stock options that vest ratably over a three-year period and whose maximum value is contingent on stock price appreciation over an up to ten-year exercise period.

The Committee has also adopted stock ownership guidelines for our senior executives, including our named executive officers, that are intended to align their long-term interests with those of our stockholders and to encourage a long-term focus in managing the Company. Under our stock ownership guidelines, executives are required to maintain an ownership interest in L-3's common stock of 1 to 5 times their base salary, depending on their level of responsibilities. See [Stock Ownership Guidelines](#) .

Table of Contents**Program Overview**

We use a variety of components in our executive pay program. The following chart provides an overview of our compensation and benefits programs and why each of these particular elements is included.

Element	Purpose	Characteristics
<i>Base Salaries</i>	Compensate executives for their level of responsibility and sustained individual performance. Also helps attract and retain strong talent.	Fixed component; eligibility for annual merit increases based on sustained individual performance.
<i>Annual Incentives</i>	Promote the achievement of L-3's annual corporate and business unit financial goals, as well as individual goals.	Performance-based cash opportunity; amount earned will vary based on L-3, business unit and individual results.
<i>Long-Term Incentives</i>	Promote the achievement of (1) stock price appreciation, (2) intermediate-term results and (3) retention of key executives.	Equity and cash awards, including performance-based awards; amounts earned/realized will vary from the award date value based on actual financial and/or stock price performance.
<i>Retirement Plans</i>	Provide an appropriate level of replacement income upon retirement. Also provide an incentive for a long-term career with L-3, which is a key objective.	Fixed component; however, retirement benefit accruals tied to pay will vary based on performance.

Factors Considered When Setting Executive Compensation

When making pay determinations for the named executive officers, the Committee considers a variety of factors including, among others:

L-3's actual performance as compared to its business plan and as compared to its prior year performance;

L-3's performance as compared to its industry peers;

Individual performance and expected contribution to L-3's future success, taking into account, among other matters, relative levels of responsibility within the executive team;

Changes in economic conditions and the external marketplace; and

In the case of the named executive officers other than Mr. Strianese, the recommendations of Mr. Strianese.

Ultimately, the Committee uses its discretion and business judgment when determining precisely how much to pay our named executive officers, taking into account the extensive information it has been provided with and the advice of Mercer. The Committee evaluates each named executive officer's performance during the year based on L-3's

performance, leadership qualities, business responsibilities and long-term potential to enhance stockholder value. The Committee reviews each component of each named executive officer's compensation and takes into account the views of Mr. Strianese and Mercer when determining what salary, bonus, long-term incentives and other benefits to give each executive to meet L-3's objectives. In evaluating performance, the Committee considers company-wide and individual performance objectives on a collective basis. The Committee does not use any formula

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or pre-determined weighting and no one performance objective was individually material to the Committee's compensation determinations.

In developing the pay recommendations and resulting levels of compensation for each named executive officer, Mercer presents peer group pay practices, compensation survey data and general industry pay practices to the Committee and Mr. Strianese. Mr. Strianese develops pay recommendations for the other named executive officers that are discussed and approved by the Committee, with such changes as the Committee determines are appropriate. Mr. Strianese also provides the Committee with a written self-assessment, but does not otherwise participate in the setting of his own compensation. The named executive officers other than Mr. Strianese do not participate in the setting of compensation for themselves or for any other named executive officer.

In setting total compensation, the Committee generally applies a consistent approach for all of L-3's named executive officers. Exceptions to our policies are made, as appropriate, to address critical business and personal needs.

Factors Considered

In setting compensation for the named executive officers, the Committee considers the following:

Cash versus non-cash compensation. The Committee considers the balance between cash and non-cash compensation, considering general industry pay practices and pay practices among L-3's peer companies. Base salary, annual incentives and a portion of the performance units are cash-based. Stock options, restricted stock units and a portion of the performance units are equity-based.

Prior year's compensation. The Committee considers the prior year's bonuses and long-term incentive awards when approving bonus payouts or equity-based awards.

Performance and competitive practices. On an annual basis, and in connection with setting executive compensation packages for the named executive officers, the Committee reviews L-3's performance relative to a number of financial metrics, including: sales growth; operating income growth; earnings per share growth; free cash flow growth; net income to free cash flow conversion; free cash flow-to-equity market capitalization; and one- and three-year total stockholder return. In addition, the Committee considers peer group pay practices and current market trends. As discussed above, no specific weighting is assigned to any particular factor when setting compensation levels, nor are particular targets set for any particular factor. Total compensation from year to year can vary significantly based on L-3's performance, the business unit's performance (as applicable) and the individual executive's performance.

Application of discretion. The Committee evaluates numerous factors, including executive and L-3 performance, and uses its discretion and informed judgment when determining appropriate compensation levels.

When considering L-3's compensation practices and levels, the Committee reviews the compensation practices and levels of a group of leading aerospace and defense companies (peer group) that meet one or more of the following criteria:

Global operations;

Diversified business; and/or

Similar in revenue, business mix and major customers to L-3.

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Mercer develops the peer group information for the Committee. In 2009, the Committee based in part upon the recommendation of Mercer, determined to use the same peer group as it did in 2008. The 2009 peer group consists of the following fourteen companies:

Danaher Corporation	Northrop Grumman Corporation
Eaton Corporation	Parker Hannifin Corporation
General Dynamics Corporation	Raytheon Company
Goodrich Corporation	Rockwell Collins, Inc.
Honeywell International, Inc.	SAIC, Inc.
ITT Corporation	Textron Inc.
Lockheed Martin Corporation	United Technologies Corporation

The Committee also reviews competitive compensation levels prepared by Mercer using the most appropriate compensation surveys available, including surveys from Mercer, Hewitt Associates, Inc., Towers Perrin and Watson Wyatt Worldwide, Inc. Compensation survey data provides information on pay levels for a broader group of companies than the peer group, across many industries. Companies included in the review of competitive compensation levels are selected based on revenue, as executive compensation levels typically are positively correlated with company size.

Mercer provides the Committee with summary percentile statistics (i.e., 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles) for the following components of compensation: base salary; annual incentive as a percentage of salary; total cash compensation (base salary plus annual incentives); long-term incentive awards expressed as a dollar value and as a percentage of salary; and total direct compensation (total cash compensation plus long-term incentive awards). The Committee focuses on both peer group and compensation survey data for the named executive officers that are group presidents (Messrs. Dunn and Vuono). Regarding competitive compensation levels for the corporate executives (Messrs. Strianese, D Ambrosio and Brunson), the Committee has determined that focusing solely on the compensation of the named executive officers for the 14 companies in the peer group more closely represents the labor market for these positions than a blend that includes compensation survey data.

Total Direct Compensation

As discussed above, L-3's executive compensation package emphasizes a performance-based annual bonus and long-term incentive awards. As a result, a significant majority of the named executive officers' compensation is dependent upon the performance of L-3, the named executive officer, and his business group, as applicable. The following table sets forth the actual allocation for 2009 among base salary, annual bonus and long-term incentive awards for L-3's named executive officers (which allocation was generally consistent with the allocation in 2008):

Element	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer	Average of 4 other named executive officers
Base salary ⁽¹⁾	10%	21%
Performance-based compensation: Annual bonus	23%	31%

Long-term incentives ⁽²⁾	67%	48%
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- (1) Base salary reflects annualized rate as of April 1, 2009, when all the named executive officers received a base salary increase.
- (2) Long-term incentives reflect the specific dollar values approved by the Committee for long-term incentive awards. For a further discussion, see Compensation Discussion and Analysis - Long-Term Incentives beginning on page 41.

The Committee feels that the allocation of pay elements shown above achieves an appropriate balance among short-term, intermediate-term and long-term compensation, as well as between fixed and variable compensation. The Committee believes that the greater weighting placed on performance-based compensation, especially long-term incentives, encourages an appropriate degree of risk-taking and aligns the named executive officers' financial interests with those of our stockholders.

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As part of determining 2009 compensation levels for the named executive officers, the Committee assessed L-3's financial performance against its business plan, and against its performance in 2008. The Committee also reviewed management's presentation of L-3's performance as compared to the performance of all the companies in the peer group and as compared to the performance of four companies within the peer group that L-3 believes to represent the integrated defense companies it is most commonly compared to by analysts and investors for performance purposes (the core defense group). The companies comprising the core defense group are General Dynamics Corporation, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Northrop Grumman Corporation and Raytheon Company.

Performance vs. 2009 Plan and vs. 2008 Actual Results: L-3's actual results modestly exceeded its 2009 business plan and grew as compared to L-3's actual 2008 results for each of sales, operating income, diluted earnings per share and free cash flow, with earnings per share growing 11% year over year and exceeding plan by 5%. L-3's orders and backlog declined year over year and were below plan primarily due to the impact of the global recession on L-3's commercial business and a slowdown in U.S. Department of Defense procurements and fundings.

Performance vs. Peers: L-3's performance as compared to both the peer group and the core defense group approximated, on average, the 75th percentile based on the following eight metrics: sales growth, operating income growth, earnings per share growth, free cash flow growth, net income to free cash flow conversion, free cash flow-to-equity market capitalization and one- and three-year total stockholder return.

Consistent with the methodology previously utilized by management in presenting its assessment of L-3's financial performance in 2008, the performance results described above were calculated on a basis that excludes gains related to the sale of a product line and the sale of a majority owned subsidiary, a gain related to the reversal of an adverse jury verdict and a non-cash impairment charge as described in Notes 1, 3 and 5 to Item 6 (*Selected Financial Data*) on pages 30-31 of L-3's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K. These items were excluded because management and the Committee believe that they are not representative of our core operating performance.

Total direct compensation for 2009 (salary, bonus and long-term incentives) for Mr. Strianese was approximately at the 50th percentile for his position relative to competitive market data for the peer group, while total direct compensation for the other named executive officers, on average, was approximately at the 50th percentile for their positions relative to competitive market data for the peer group. The Committee believes that these positionings are appropriate based on its assessment of absolute and relative company performance as discussed above, group performance (as applicable) and individual performance for the named executive officers.

Base Salary

Base salary provides an executive with a steady income stream and is based upon his or her level of responsibility, experience, individual performance and contribution to our overall success. Competitive base salaries, in conjunction with other pay components, enable L-3 to attract and retain highly talented executives. The Committee typically sets base salaries for the named executive officers at approximately the 50th percentile of base salary levels. However, base salaries will vary in practice based upon an individual's level of responsibility, prior experience and performance over time. In 2009, base salary for Mr. Strianese was approximately at the 50th percentile for his position relative to competitive market data, while base salaries for the other named executive officers, on average, were also approximately at the 50th percentile for their positions relative to competitive market data.

The Committee reviews salaries annually and, when appropriate, makes adjustments after considering peer group practices for similar positions and individual factors, such as competencies, skills, experience and performance. The Committee generally approves salary increases for senior executives during the first quarter of each year. These salary increases generally become effective in April of each year. We also give senior executives salary increases when new

executive roles are assumed.

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The Committee approved the following base salary adjustments for the named executive officers, based on a number of factors, including the recommendation of Mr. Strianese with respect to the compensation of the other named executive officers and relevant market data.

Named Executive Officer	Salary on December 31, 2008	New Salary for 2009⁽¹⁾	% Increase	Reason for Increase
Michael T. Strianese	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,250,000	4%	Merit ⁽²⁾
Ralph G. D. Ambrosio	\$ 525,000	\$ 545,000	4%	Merit ⁽²⁾
Curtis Brunson	\$ 520,000	\$ 550,000	6%	Promotion ⁽³⁾
James W. Dunn	\$ 500,000	\$ 520,000	4%	Merit ⁽²⁾
Carl E. Vuono	\$ 525,000	\$ 545,000	4%	Merit ⁽²⁾

(1) All base salary increases were effective April 1, 2009.

(2) Merit salary increases represent increases that are in the ordinary course, i.e., are designed to generally maintain competitive positioning as compared to market levels.

(3) Mr. Brunson was promoted from Senior Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Development to Executive Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Development effective February 2009.

Annual Incentive Plan

The Annual Incentive Plan provides all senior executives, including the named executive officers, with the opportunity to earn annual cash bonuses based on the performance of L-3, their business unit (as applicable) and the executive. Bonuses are paid in the year following the year of performance. Bonuses earned for 2009 were paid in February 2010.

In connection with determining the amounts for 2009 bonuses for each named executive officer, the Committee considered:

1. L-3's actual 2009 financial performance as compared to its business plan and its prior year performance;
2. L-3's sales growth, operating income growth, earnings per share growth, free cash flow growth, net income to free cash flow conversion, free cash flow-to-equity market capitalization and one- and three-year total stockholder return as compared to the core defense group and the peer group;
3. for the named executive officers other than Mr. Strianese, the performance of the executive as assessed by Mr. Strianese;
4. for Mr. Strianese, his performance as determined by the Compensation Committee, in consultation with the independent members of the Board of Directors, based, in part, on his written self-assessment;
5. the prior year's compensation for the executive;
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in the case of the named executive officers other than Mr. Strianese, the bonus recommendations of Mr. Strianese;

7. competitive market pay levels for the executive's position; and
8. resultant total cash compensation (base salary plus annual bonus) and total direct compensation (total cash compensation plus long-term incentive award) levels.

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For the assessment described in item (2.) above, Mr. Strianese provided the Committee with a written assessment for each of the other named executive officers that addressed the executive's performance, including with respect to the following categories:

Ralph G. D. Ambrosio, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	Curtis Brunson, Executive Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Development	James W. Dunn, Senior Vice President and President of Sensors & Simulation Group	Carl E. Vuono, Senior Vice President and President of L-3 Services Group
Business and financial planning, forecasts and estimates	Coordination of company-wide business development efforts	Group sales growth	Group sales growth
Management of L-3's capital structure, liquidity and financing arrangements	Maintenance of major strategic customer relationships	Group operating income growth	Group operating income growth
Cost improvement initiatives	Guidance of strategic growth pursuits	Group free cash flow growth	Group free cash flow growth
Periodic financial reporting and Sarbanes-Oxley compliance	Development of emerging commercial technologies	Group operating margin	Group operating margin
Enterprise Risk Management initiatives	Alignment of research and development efforts with corporate strategy	Wins on important programs	Integration of acquisitions
Investor relations	Resolution of customer concerns on important programs	Maintaining important customers	Wins on important programs
Mergers, acquisitions and divestiture activities	Leadership in engineering and technology initiatives	Collaboration across group divisions	Maintaining important customers
			Consolidation of divisions

Following the close of the 2009 fiscal year, the Committee, in consultation with the independent members of the Board of Directors, evaluated the performance of Mr. Strianese, taking into account, among other considerations, a written self-assessment of his accomplishments in 2009, including with respect to leadership, financial performance, program and operations management, research and development, growth-based initiatives, acquisitions and divestitures and new business development.

Based on these factors, the Committee approved the following 2009 cash bonuses for the named executive officers:

Named Executive Officer	2009 Bonus Amount
Michael T. Strianese	\$ 3,000,000
Ralph G. D. Ambrosio	725,000
Curtis Brunson	700,000
James W. Dunn	900,000
Carl E. Vuono	750,000

In 2009, total cash compensation (salary plus 2009 cash bonus) for Mr. Strianese was approximately at the 50th percentile for his position relative to competitive market data, while total cash compensation for the other named executive officers, on average, was approximately at the 75th percentile for their positions relative to competitive market data. The Committee believes that these positionings are appropriate based on its assessment of corporate, group (as applicable) and individual performance for the named executive officers for 2009. In the case of Mr. Strianese, the Committee believes that, as Chief Executive Officer, it is appropriate for a greater proportion of his total compensation to be in the form of equity-based awards (as opposed to cash) as compared to the other named executive officers in order to further align his interests with those of stockholders generally.

Long-Term Incentives

Long-term incentives are intended to align the interests of the named executive officers and stockholders by linking a meaningful portion of executive pay to long-term stockholder value creation and financial success over a multi-year period. Long-term incentives are also provided to facilitate

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ownership of our Common Stock by the named executive officers and other senior executives. The Committee considers individual and L-3 performance when determining long-term incentive awards.

In 2009, the Committee awarded long-term incentives to the named executive officers in the form of stock options, performance units and restricted stock units. Stock options are granted to reward executives for long-term stock price appreciation, performance units are granted to reward executives for intermediate-term results, and restricted stock units are granted to enhance retention.

When granting long-term incentive awards, the Committee approves the total dollar value for all award types, which is then allocated among stock options, performance units and restricted stock units based on a target mix described below. For purposes of converting dollar values to specific numbers of stock option, performance unit and restricted stock unit awards, stock options are valued based on the Black-Scholes valuation model used by L-3 to calculate the grant date fair value of stock option awards for financial reporting purposes, and performance units and restricted stock units are valued at the closing price of our Common Stock on the grant date.

In connection with determining the 2009 long-term incentive awards for each named executive officer, the Committee considered the following factors:

Long-term incentive award levels suggested by Mercer as appropriate to align the executive's compensation with L-3's objectives for its senior executive compensation program. Mercer's suggestions were discussed with Mr. Strianese (for the named executive officers other than himself) and the Committee;

In the case of the named executive officers other than Mr. Strianese, the long-term incentive award recommendations of Mr. Strianese;

The scope of responsibility of the executive relative to other participants in the long-term incentive program;

The prior year's long-term incentive award and total direct compensation for the executive;

The long-term incentive award expressed as a percentage of the executive's base salary; and

Competitive market pay levels for the executive's position.

Based on these factors, the Committee approved the following 2009 long-term incentive awards for the named executive officers:

Named Executive Officer	Award Date Value of Long-Term Incentive Awards⁽¹⁾
Michael T. Strianese	\$ 8,750,000
Ralph G. D. Ambrosio	\$ 1,300,000
Curtis Brunson	\$ 1,400,000
James W. Dunn	\$ 1,200,000
Carl E. Vuono	\$ 1,000,000

(1)

As described below, these awards contain vesting terms based on the passage of time, and in the case of performance units, are also contingent upon the achievement of pre-determined performance targets. As such, these awards are earned over future periods. The award date values set forth in this table may differ materially from the actual values ultimately received by the named executive officers in respect of these awards.

For benchmarking purposes, the Committee, based in part on the recommendation of Mercer, considers long-term incentive awards in the context of the resulting total direct compensation levels. As discussed on page 39, in 2009, total direct compensation (salary, bonus and long-term incentives) for Mr. Strianese was approximately at the 50th percentile for his position relative to competitive market data, while total direct compensation for the other named executive officers, on average, was approximately at the 50th percentile for their positions relative to competitive market data.

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The Committee, based, in part, upon a market assessment conducted by Mercer, established the following target mix, to balance, in its judgment, the goals of stock price appreciation, intermediate-term results and executive retention:

The 2009 target mix did not change from 2008, as the Committee believes it remains effective to achieve these goals and is consistent with market practice.

For additional information concerning the specific numbers of stock options, performance units and restricted stock units awarded to the named executive officers as a result of the valuation methodologies and target mix described above, see the 2009 Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table on page 52.

Stock Options. Stock options are a regular component of our long-term incentive program. The Committee believes that stock options align the long-term interests of L-3's executives with those of L-3's stockholders because stock options provide value to executives only if the price of our Common Stock increases after the stock options are granted. Stock option grants generally have the following characteristics:

nonqualified stock options that have an exercise price equal to the closing price of our Common Stock on the grant date;

vest in equal annual increments over a three-year period; and

expire ten years after the grant date.

Performance Units. Performance units are a regular component of our long-term incentive program. The Committee believes that performance units promote the achievement of strong intermediate-term results. Each participant receives a target amount of performance units, with each unit having a value equivalent to one share of our Common Stock. The number of units ultimately earned can range from zero to 200% of the target amount of units based upon the level of performance achieved over the associated performance period in relation to pre-determined performance goals established by the Compensation Committee. Units issued under the program are payable either in cash (based on the closing price of our Common Stock at the end of the performance period) or are converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of our Common Stock as determined at the time of grant by the Committee. Performance measures used under this program are intended to reinforce stockholder value creation. The measures the Committee selected for the 2009 performance units were relative total stockholder return (TSR) and growth in diluted earnings per share (EPS) during the 2.5-year period beginning June 27, 2009 (the first day of our fiscal third quarter in 2009) and ending December 31, 2011. These measures (and their associated weightings described below) have remained unchanged since the introduction of performance units as a regular component of the long-term incentive program in 2007. The Committee chose these measures because they are aligned with stockholder value creation both directly (TSR) and indirectly (growth in diluted EPS). Associated weightings and goals are as follows:

Relative TSR weighted 50%: This measure compares our percentile ranking in TSR to the TSR of each of the other companies in the S&P 1500 Aerospace & Defense Index (A&D

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Index), in accordance with the table below. The performance levels and associated unit multipliers have remained unchanged since the introduction of performance units as a regular component of the long-term incentive program in 2007. The Committee selected the A&D Index because it provides a larger group of companies than the peer group against which to compare L-3's TSR performance. In addition, the component companies within the A&D Index are publicly disclosed, which provides an objective method to select peer companies for the relative comparison of L-3 performance. TSR is defined as price change during the performance period in our Common Stock plus dividends, divided by our Common Stock price at the beginning of the performance period.

Performance Levels	Relative TSR	Unit Multiplier
Maximum	> 74th percentile	200%
	63rd percentile	150%
Target	50th percentile	100%
Threshold	40th percentile	50%
Below Threshold	< 40th percentile	0%

Growth in Diluted EPS weighted 50%: This measure compares our compound annual growth rate in diluted EPS (adjusted to exclude certain categories of unusual or non-recurring gains and losses) to required performance objectives set forth in the table below. In establishing target performance levels, the Committee considers L-3's business plan and information provided to stockholders and analysts. The diluted EPS growth rates required for particular unit multipliers were reduced from 2008 levels by two percentage points at each point along the scale to reflect the lower growth rates of U.S. Department of Defense budgets expected for fiscal year 2009 and beyond as compared to those for prior years. The Threshold performance requirement was, accordingly, reduced from 8% to 6%, which approximates the mid-point of the Company's published financial guidance for 2009 at the time the revised performance targets were adopted by the Committee. The categories of adjustments for non-recurring items under the 2009 performance units are unchanged from those used since the introduction of performance units as a regular component of the long-term incentive program in 2007.

Performance Levels	Diluted EPS Compound Annual Growth Rate	Cumulative Diluted EPS Required⁽¹⁾	Unit Multiplier
Maximum	³ 13%	³ \$ 22.47	200%
	10%	\$ 21.14	150%
Target	8%	\$ 20.29	100%
	7%	\$ 19.87	75%
Threshold	6%	\$ 19.46	50%
Below Threshold	< 6%	<\$ 19.46	0%

(1) Amounts in this column reflect 2008 adjusted diluted EPS of \$6.84, which is 2008 actual diluted EPS of \$7.72, adjusted to (a) exclude impairment losses incurred on intangible assets, gains and losses in connection with asset dispositions, and the gain in connection with L-3's successful appeal of the OSI

litigation and (b) reflect the adoption of new accounting standards required under GAAP effective January 1, 2009.

For the 2009 award, the Committee established a performance period of 2.5 years. The amount earned at the end of the 2.5-year performance period may be more or less than the target based upon our actual performance over the period.

Performance units earned based on TSR results are payable in cash, and performance units earned based on EPS results are payable in our Common Stock. The Committee believes that providing a significant portion of the incentives in our Common Stock results in increased share ownership among our executives, further aligning the long-term interests of the named executive officers with those of L-3's stockholders.

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Performance falling between any of the identified performance levels for TSR or growth in diluted EPS in the charts above will result in an interpolated vesting (e.g., a 9% EPS Growth Rate will yield a unit multiplier of 125%).

Restricted Stock Units. Restricted stock units are a regular component of our long-term incentive program. The Committee believes that restricted stock units enhance retention of L-3's senior executives. The Committee may also make these awards to recognize increased responsibilities or special contributions, to attract new executives, to retain executives or to recognize certain other special circumstances. Restricted stock unit grants generally have the following characteristics:

restricted stock units that automatically convert into shares of our Common Stock on the vesting date;

vest three years from the grant date; and

receive cash dividend equivalents. Dividend equivalents are payable during the vesting period (for restricted stock units awarded in 2008 or prior years) or in a lump sum at the end of the vesting period (for restricted stock units awarded in 2009).

Long-Term Incentive Grant Practices. The Committee approves all long-term incentive awards to the named executive officers at in-person or telephonic meetings on annual basis. As was the case in prior years, long-term incentive awards in 2009 were granted to the named executive officers at the first Committee meeting held following the release of our second quarter earnings results. It is the Committee's general policy to grant long-term incentive awards to the named executive officers either (1) during window periods we establish following quarterly announcements of historical earnings results or (2) at Committee meetings held in connection with or following new hires or promotions. The exercise price of any stock option granted by the Committee is the NYSE closing price for our Common Stock on the date on which the Committee approves the awards. We do not have a program, plan or practice to grant equity-based awards to any employees in coordination with the release of material nonpublic information.

Other Pay Elements

The named executive officers are eligible to participate in the same benefits and severance that we offer to our other senior executives. These include:

retirement benefits;

deferred compensation;

change in control arrangements; and

perquisites.

Retirement Benefits

L-3 provides retirement benefits as part of a competitive pay package to attract and retain its employees. All of L-3's named executive officers other than Mr. Vuono participate in the L-3 Communications Corporation Pension Plan (the Corporate Pension Plan) which is a tax-qualified defined benefit plan, and a nonqualified Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the Restoration Plan). The Restoration Plan provides benefits that make up for benefits that are not accrued under L-3's tax-qualified defined benefit plans due to certain limits imposed by the Code. The Corporate Pension Plan and Restoration Plan are designed such that the combined annual amount a named executive officer

would receive with 30 years of employment by L-3 equals approximately 45% to 55% of his or her final average pay (base salary and bonus).

Messrs. Brunson and Dunn participate in the Corporate Pension Plan and Restoration Plan, and prior to being transferred to L-3's corporate payroll on February 26, 2007 and December 27, 2003, respectively, accrued benefits under the L-3 Communication Systems West Retirement Plan and the

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L-3 Link Simulation and Training Retirement Plan, respectively. Both of these plans are tax-qualified defined benefit plans. Mr. Vuono does not participate in any tax-qualified or supplemental pension plan.

No employee contributions are required to participate in any of the tax-qualified plans described above or the Restoration Plan. For a more detailed discussion of these plans, see the 2009 Pension Benefits Table and the discussion that follows the table beginning on page 57 of this proxy statement.

All of L-3's named executive officers other than Mr. Vuono also participate in a component of our 401(k) plan under which L-3 matches 80% of an employee's contributions up to 5% of his or her base salary, subject to any limitations imposed by the Code. Mr. Vuono participates in a component of our 401(k) plan under which his business group makes a discretionary match and a discretionary annual contribution that can vary from year to year. For 2009, the discretionary match was 100% of Mr. Vuono's contributions up to 3% of eligible compensation, and no additional discretionary contribution was made. Our 401(k) plan also allows for catch-up contributions by eligible participants beginning in the year they attain the age of 50, which are matched at the same percentage as other employee contributions.

From time to time, the Committee reviews the relevant benefits provided to Mr. Strianese and the other named executive officers in relation to the peer group as part of a total remuneration analysis. In 2009, the annualized dollar value of retirement benefits for Mr. Strianese was approximately at the 50th percentile for his position relative to competitive market data, while the annualized dollar value for the other named executive officers, on average, was below the 25th percentile relative to competitive market data.

Deferred Compensation

To provide employees with additional savings opportunities, which helps attract and retain employees, L-3 established the L-3 Communications Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan I and L-3 Communications Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan II (collectively, the L-3 Deferred Compensation Plans). These plans allow for voluntary deferrals by executives, including the named executive officers, of up to 50% of salary and 100% of annual cash incentive awards into an unfunded, nonqualified account. We do not make any contribution to any named executive officer's account. Deferred amounts receive interest at the prime rate. The Committee, based in part upon a market assessment conducted by Mercer, believes that the benefits provided under the L-3 Deferred Compensation Plans are generally in line with market practices.

Employment and Severance Arrangements

L-3 currently does not have any employment agreements with its named executive officers. L-3 also does not have any formal arrangements that provide for severance to the named executive officers other than in connection with a change in control. For further discussion, see *Change in Control Arrangements* below and *Potential Payments Upon Change in Control or Termination of Employment* beginning on page 62.

Change in Control Arrangements

To preserve morale and productivity and encourage retention in the face of the disruptive impact of an actual or rumored change in control, we provide a bridge to future employment in the event a named executive officer's job is eliminated as a consequence of a change in control. L-3's Change in Control Severance Plan is intended to align executive and stockholder interests by enabling each executive to consider corporate transactions that are in the best interests of the stockholders and other constituents without undue concern over whether the transactions may jeopardize the executive's own employment. The plan provides a lump sum payment and benefits continuation as a result of a termination of employment by L-3 without cause or by the employee for good reason during the two years

following a change in control, plus protection for pre-change in control terminations that occur at

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the request of an acquirer or otherwise in anticipation of a change in control. The lump sum payment (severance amount) for each named executive officer is a multiple of base salary and average annual bonus for the three years prior to the year of termination, plus unpaid bonus for the current year earned through the termination date. The multiple for Messrs. Strianese, D Ambrosio and Brunson is 3.0, and the multiple for Messrs. Dunn and Vuono is 2.5. Upon a change in control, all unvested equity awards vest immediately. Based in part upon information provided by Mercer, the Committee believes that the benefits and terms under the change in control arrangements are appropriate.

For all named executive officers, if the change in control severance payment, when aggregated with all other change in control payments, would subject the named executive officer to an excise tax under Section 280G of the Code, then the severance payment will be reduced to the highest amount for which no excise tax would be due. This severance payment reduction will occur only if the reduced amount is greater than the unreduced amount net of the excise tax.

For a discussion of amounts that would be realized by L-3 s named executive officers upon a change in control, see Potential Payments Upon Change in Control or Termination of Employment beginning on page 62.

Perquisites

To facilitate the attraction and retention of highly qualified executives, we provide the named executive officers with certain other benefits that we believe are consistent with current market practices. In 2009, the named executive officers were eligible for an executive physical, supplemental life insurance and participation in an executive medical plan.

In addition, for security purposes, Mr. Strianese is provided with a company car and security driver and has access to L-3 s fractionally-owned aircraft for occasional personal use. The incremental cost incurred by L-3 for the use of the company car and security driver by Mr. Strianese is disclosed in the footnotes to the Summary Compensation Table on page 51. Mr. Strianese reimbursed L-3 for the total incremental cost incurred by L-3 in connection with his personal use of the aircraft in 2009, as required by L-3 s policy.

From time to time, the Committee also reviews the relevant benefits provided to Mr. Strianese and the other named executive officers in relation to the compensation peer group as part of a total remuneration analysis. In 2009, the annualized dollar value of perquisites for Mr. Strianese was below the 25th percentile for his position relative to competitive market data, while the annualized dollar value for the other named executive officers, on average, was at the 25th percentile relative to competitive market data.

Stock Ownership Guidelines

The Committee believes that executives should accumulate a meaningful level of ownership in L-3 shares over time and that such ownership will further reinforce stockholder value creation. The current stock ownership guidelines for the named executive officers are as follows:

Mr. Strianese:	5X base salary
Messrs. D Ambrosio, Brunson, Dunn and Vuono:	3X base salary

In addition to the guidelines above, all Group Presidents and the General Counsel are subject to the guideline of 3X base salary, and other executives have guidelines of between 1X and 2X base salary. The Committee reviews progress towards guideline achievement annually. The guidelines are currently in effect, but executives have until the later of June 28, 2012 or five years from the date they become subject to the guidelines to achieve the minimum level of ownership. An executive whose ownership is below the applicable guideline after that time will receive annual cash

bonuses entirely in the form of our Common Stock that cannot be sold until the guideline requirement is met.

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Stock ownership is defined to include 100% of shares of Common Stock held outright, shares and share equivalents held in benefit plans and unvested restricted stock units; and 50% of the value of vested, in-the-money stock options.

Other Factors Affecting Compensation

We make reasonable efforts to maximize the tax deductibility of compensation paid to the named executive officers and to achieve favorable accounting treatment, provided that it does not conflict with intended plan design or program objectives.

Limitations on Deductibility of Compensation. Section 162(m) generally limits the tax deductibility of compensation paid by a public company to its chief executive officer and certain other highly compensated executive officers (covered employees) to \$1 million in the year the compensation becomes taxable to the executive, subject to an exception for performance-based compensation that meets certain requirements. The Committee considers the impact of this rule when developing and implementing its executive compensation programs. The Committee believes, however, that it is important to preserve flexibility in administering compensation programs in a manner designed to promote varying corporate goals. Accordingly, the Committee has not adopted a policy that all compensation must qualify as deductible under Section 162(m).

Based on the factors discussed under Base Salary, the Committee determined to pay Mr. Strianese a base salary in excess of \$1 million in order to remain competitive. The Committee determined that the additional base salary is appropriate even though the excess over \$1 million is not deductible. In addition, awards under the annual incentive plan do not qualify as deductible under Section 162(m). The Committee has structured the annual incentive plan to retain and motivate L-3 s executives and to encourage strong performance on an annual basis. The Committee has determined that maintaining flexibility with respect to its short-term compensation program outweighs the ability to achieve maximum tax efficiency.

With respect to long-term incentives, the Committee has structured L-3 s stock option and performance unit awards to qualify as deductible under Section 162(m). Restricted stock unit awards do not qualify as deductible. Nevertheless, the Committee has determined to include restricted stock unit awards as part of our long-term incentive program in order to enhance retention of L-3 s senior executives.

Accounting and Tax Considerations. L-3 considers the accounting implications of all aspects of its senior executive compensation program. For example, awards to the named executive officers of stock options, restricted stock units and performance units payable in shares of our Common Stock qualify for fixed (as opposed to variable) accounting treatment under the accounting standards for share-based compensation. Performance units payable in cash qualify for variable (as opposed to fixed) accounting treatment. However, accounting treatment is just one of many factors considered by the Committee when designing compensation plans and making pay determinations.

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COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management. Based on its review and discussion with management, the Compensation Committee recommended to L-3's Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in L-3's proxy statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

During 2009, Peter A. Cohen (until June 2009), Robert B. Millard, John M. Shalikashvili, Alan H. Washkowitz and John P. White (since June 2009) served as members of the Compensation Committee. Lewis Kramer was elected to the Compensation Committee effective February 2, 2010.

Robert B. Millard (Chairman)

Lewis Kramer

John M. Shalikashvili

Alan H. Washkowitz

John P. White

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The following table provides summary information concerning compensation paid or accrued by us to or on behalf of our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, our Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and each of our three other most highly compensated executive officers, collectively referred to herein as the named executive officers.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Option Awards ⁽³⁾ (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation		Total (\$)
						Earnings ⁽⁴⁾ (\$)	All Other Compensation ⁽⁵⁾ (\$)	
T. Strianese Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and	2009	1,284,231	3,000,000	5,733,932	3,499,995	1,509,139	151,432	15,178,7
	2008	1,145,385	2,750,000	5,123,485	3,299,999	1,120,799	96,021	13,535,6
	2007	1,000,000	2,500,000	3,450,040	2,102,992	499,782	97,579	9,650,3
D. Ambrosio Vice President and Chief Financial Officer)	2009	560,423	725,000	851,866	519,995	145,184	35,433	2,837,9
	2008	511,346	650,000	745,289	480,000	108,000	36,304	2,530,9
	2007	463,923	600,000	501,786	305,887	28,544	32,457	1,932,5
J. Munson Vice President of Operations and Strategy and Development ⁽⁶⁾	2009	562,846	700,000	917,468	559,994	211,316	82,087	3,033,7
	2008	514,538	650,000	745,289	480,000	243,439	77,599	2,710,8
	2007							
D. Dunn Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Sensors & Services Group ⁽⁶⁾	2009	534,462	900,000	786,424	479,995	327,787	55,674	3,084,3
	2008	493,173	800,000	683,065	439,995	263,691	122,202	2,802,1
	2007							
A. Luono Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of L-3 Services	2009	560,038	750,000	655,380	399,996		50,414	2,415,8
	2008	518,269	1,000,000	683,065	439,995	85,616	44,889	2,771,8
	2007	494,271	925,000	564,448	344,126	338,458	42,354	2,708,6

(1) Actual 2009 salary amounts were higher than base salary due to one extra pay period in 2009.

(2) Represents the grant date fair value calculated in accordance with the accounting standards for share-based compensation (excluding the effect of estimated forfeitures) with respect to restricted stock units and performance units (whether payable in shares or cash) granted in 2009, 2008 and 2007. See Note 18 to the audited consolidated financial statements included in L-3's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K for a discussion of

the assumptions used in calculating the grant date fair value of performance units whose performance targets are based on total stockholder return. For a discussion of the general terms of restricted stock units and performance units, see Compensation Discussion and Analysis on pages 43-45 and Potential Payments Upon Change in Control or Termination of Employment Effect of Change in Control or Termination of Employment Upon Equity Awards on page 63.

With respect to the performance units, the grant date fair value included in the Summary Compensation Table above is based upon the probable outcome of the performance vesting conditions. Assuming that the highest level of performance will be achieved, the grant date fair value of these performance units would have been:

Name	2009 (\$)	2008 (\$)	2007 (\$)
Michael T. Strianese	6,217,852	5,297,021	3,599,998
Ralph G. D. Ambrosio	923,760	770,532	523,597
Curtis Brunson	994,898	770,532	
James W. Dunn	852,794	706,201	
Carl E. Vuono	710,692	706,201	588,974

- (3) Represents the grant date fair value calculated in accordance with the accounting standards for share-based compensation (excluding the effect of estimated forfeitures) for stock option awards granted in 2009, 2008 and 2007. See Note 18 to the audited consolidated financial statements included in L-3's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K for a discussion of the assumptions used in calculating equity compensation expense in connection with these stock option awards. For a discussion of the general terms of our stock options, see Compensation Discussion and Analysis on page 43 and Potential Payments Upon Change in Control or Termination of Employment Effect of Change in Control or Termination of Employment Upon Equity Awards on page 63.
- (4) Amounts in this column reflect the increase in the actuarial value of defined benefit plans during 2009, 2008 and 2007, as applicable. For Mr. Vuono, amounts represent above-market earnings on nonqualified deferred compensation for 2008 and 2007. Mr. Vuono does not participate in any company defined benefit plan. Actuarial value computations are based on assumptions discussed in Note 20 to the audited consolidated financial statements included in L-3's 2009 Annual Report filed on Form 10-K.

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(5) The following table describes each component of the All Other Compensation column in the Summary Compensation Table above for 2009.

Name	Employer Contributions to Employee Savings Plan (\$)	Life Insurance^(a) (\$)	Medical Insurance Benefits^(b) (\$)	Restricted Stock Dividend Payment (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Michael T. Strianese ^(c)	14,200	24,656	3,872	59,164	49,540 ^(d)	151,432
Ralph G. D. Ambrosio	7,215	10,856	7,706	9,656		35,433
Curtis Brunson	14,200	27,054	5,649	8,184	27,000 ^(e)	82,087
James W. Dunn	14,200	25,733	5,649	8,169	1,923 ^(e)	55,674
Carl E. Vuono	12,850	22,305	6,669	8,590		50,414

(a) Represents payments for executive and group term life insurance.

(b) Represents payments of premiums for a company-provided executive medical reimbursement plan.

(c) Mr. Strianese has access to L-3's fractionally-owned aircraft for occasional personal use. Mr. Strianese is required to and has reimbursed L-3 for all incremental costs incurred by L-3 in connection with his personal use of the aircraft.

(d) Represents the incremental cost associated with the use of a company car. These incremental costs include the monthly lease payments, maintenance, gas, tolls, parking and all other costs associated with the car.

(e) Represents payment for accumulated vacation time.

(6) Messrs. Brunson and Dunn were not considered named executive officers prior to the 2008 fiscal year.

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The following table provides information on stock options, restricted stock units and performance units granted in 2009 to each of our named executive officers under the 2008 Plan. Plan-based awards are generally granted to the named executive officers on an annual basis. As was the case in prior years, the 2009 awards were granted at the first Compensation Committee meeting held following the release of L-3's second quarter earnings results.

	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards ⁽¹⁾			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units ⁽²⁾	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options ⁽³⁾	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards ⁽⁴⁾	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards ⁽⁴⁾
		Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)	(#)	(#)	(\$/Sh)	(\$)
Michael T. Strianese	7/28/09					237,127	73.61	3,499,995
	7/28/09				35,661			2,625,006
	7/28/09 ⁽⁵⁾	8,915	17,831	35,661				1,312,503
	7/28/09 ⁽⁶⁾	8,915	17,830	35,661				1,796,423
Ralph G. D Ambrosio	7/28/09					35,230	73.61	519,995
	7/28/09				5,298			389,986
	7/28/09 ⁽⁵⁾	1,325	2,649	5,298				194,993
	7/28/09 ⁽⁶⁾	1,324	2,649	5,298				266,887
Curtis Brunson	7/28/09					37,940	73.61	559,994
	7/28/09				5,706			420,019
	7/28/09 ⁽⁵⁾	1,427	2,853	5,706				210,009
	7/28/09 ⁽⁶⁾	1,426	2,853	5,706				287,440
James W. Dunn	7/28/09					32,520	73.61	479,995
	7/28/09				4,891			360,027
	7/28/09 ⁽⁵⁾	1,223	2,446	4,891				180,013
	7/28/09 ⁽⁶⁾	1,223	2,445	4,891				246,384
Carl E. Vuono	7/28/09					27,100	73.61	399,996
	7/28/09				4,076			300,034
	7/28/09 ⁽⁵⁾	1,019	2,038	4,076				150,017
	7/28/09 ⁽⁶⁾	1,019	2,038	4,076				205,329

(1) Represents performance units granted to the named executive officers. The final value of each unit will vary based upon (i) the level of performance achieved over the associated performance period in relation to a pre-determined performance goal established by the Compensation Committee and (ii) the price of our Common

Stock at the end of the performance period. The measures selected for the 2009 performance units were total stockholder return and growth in diluted earnings per share for the 2.5-year performance period beginning June 27, 2009 and ending December 31, 2011. The amounts disclosed represent the number of shares of our Common Stock issuable (or payable in cash based on the number of shares multiplied by the closing price of our Common Stock on the last day of the performance period) assuming achievement of the specific Threshold, Target or Maximum levels of performance established by the Compensation Committee for these measures over the performance period. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Long-Term Incentives Performance Units on pages 43-45 for a further discussion of the performance units. See Potential Payments Upon Change in Control or Termination of Employment Effect of Change in Control or Termination of Employment Upon Equity Awards on page 63 for a discussion concerning the effect of a change in control or termination of employment on outstanding performance units.

- (2) Represents restricted stock units granted to the named executive officers. There were no performance or other market condition requirements included in the terms of the restricted stock unit awards to the named executive officers. For a discussion of our restricted stock units, see Compensation Discussion and Analysis Long-Term Incentives Restricted Stock Units on page 45. For a discussion concerning the effect of a change in control or termination of employment on outstanding restricted stock units, see Potential Payments Upon Change in Control or Termination of Employment Effect of Change in Control or Termination of Employment Upon Equity Awards on page 63.
- (3) Represents stock option awards granted to the named executive officers. These awards have an exercise price equal to the closing price of our Common Stock and provide value to the recipient only if the price of our Common Stock increases after the grant date. There were no other performance or other market condition requirements included in the terms of the option awards to the named executive officers. For a discussion of our stock option awards, see Compensation Discussion and Analysis Long-Term Incentives Stock Options on page 43. For a discussion concerning the effect of a change in control or termination of employment on outstanding stock option awards, see Potential Payments Upon Change in Control or Termination of Employment Effect of Change in Control or Termination of Employment Upon Equity Awards on page 63.
- (4) Represents, in the case of performance unit awards, the grant date fair value of a performance unit award calculated in accordance with the accounting standards for share-based compensation multiplied by the Target number of shares of our Common Stock issuable (or payable in cash as discussed in Note 1 above) pursuant to the grant or, in the case of an option or restricted stock unit award, the grant date fair value of the option or restricted stock unit award. For a discussion of the general terms of our stock options, restricted stock units and performance units, see Compensation Discussion and Analysis on pages 43-45 and Potential Payments Upon Change in Control or Termination of Employment Effect of Change in Control or Termination of Employment Upon Equity Awards on page 63.
- (5) Represents performance unit awards with performance targets based on growth in diluted earnings per share, which are payable in our Common Stock at the end of the performance period.
- (6) Represents performance unit awards with performance targets based on total stockholder return, which are payable in cash based on the closing price of our Common Stock on the last day of the performance period.

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The following table provides information with respect to holdings of exercisable and unexercisable stock options and unvested, and as applicable, unearned restricted stock units and performance units held by the Company's named executive officers at December 31, 2009.

	Option Awards				Stock Awards				
	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable ⁽¹⁾	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested ⁽²⁾ (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested ⁽³⁾ (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Michael T. Ambrosio	11/15/2001	31,000		39.70	11/15/2011				
	3/4/2003	25,000		35.60	3/4/2013				
	3/4/2003	50,000		35.95	3/4/2013				
	11/10/2004	40,000		68.16	11/10/2014				
	7/12/2005	20,000		74.94	7/12/2015				
	8/2/2006	100,000		72.20	8/2/2016				
	11/6/2006	100,000		80.39	11/6/2016				
	8/1/2007	61,009	30,505	99.58	8/1/2017				
	8/1/2007					16,570	1,440,762		
	7/29/2008	58,761	117,521	96.34	7/29/2018				
	7/29/2008					25,690	2,233,746		
	7/29/2008 ⁽⁴⁾							25,690	2,233,746
	7/29/2008 ⁽⁵⁾							25,690	2,233,746
	7/28/2009		237,127	73.61	7/28/2019				
	7/28/2009					35,661	3,100,724		
	7/28/2009 ⁽⁴⁾							35,661	3,100,724
	7/28/2009 ⁽⁵⁾							35,661	3,100,724
Michael G. Ambrosio	3/15/2005	12,000		75.23	3/15/2015				

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	8/2/2006	12,000		72.20	8/2/2016				
	8/1/2007	8,874	4,437	99.58	8/1/2017				
	8/1/2007					2,410	209,550		
	7/29/2008	8,547	17,094	96.34	7/29/2018				
	7/29/2008					3,737	324,932		
	7/29/2008 ⁽⁴⁾							3,737	324,932
	7/29/2008 ⁽⁵⁾							3,737	324,932
	7/28/2009		35,230	73.61	7/28/2019				
	7/28/2009					5,298	460,661		
	7/28/2009 ⁽⁴⁾							5,298	460,661
	7/28/2009 ⁽⁵⁾							5,298	460,661
is Brunson	1/8/2001	15,000		32.50	1/8/2011				
	8/20/2002	2,500		54.91	8/20/2012				
	8/20/2002	5,000		49.00	8/20/2012				
	7/21/2003	6,667		45.11	7/21/2013				
	7/21/2003	13,333		49.10	7/21/2013				
	3/15/2005	15,000		75.23	3/15/2015				
	8/2/2006	20,000		72.20	8/2/2016				
	8/1/2007	7,765	3,882	99.58	8/1/2017				
	8/1/2007					2,109	183,378		
	7/29/2008	8,547	17,094	96.34	7/29/2018				
	7/29/2008					3,737	324,932		
	7/29/2008 ⁽⁴⁾							3,737	324,932
	7/29/2008 ⁽⁵⁾							3,737	324,932
	7/28/2009		37,940	73.61	7/28/2019				
	7/28/2009					5,706	496,137		
	7/28/2009 ⁽⁴⁾							5,706	496,137
	7/28/2009 ⁽⁵⁾							5,706	496,137

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Name	Grant Date	Option Awards				Stock Awards			
		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested ⁽²⁾ (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested ⁽³⁾ (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout of Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested ⁽³⁾ (\$)
								Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
		Unexercised Options	Unexercised Options	Option	Option	Not Vested ⁽²⁾ (#)	Have Not Vested ⁽³⁾ (\$)	Not Vested (#)	Not Vested ⁽³⁾ (\$)
James W. Dunn	11/14/2003	3,333		45.80	11/14/2013				
	7/12/2005	28,750		74.94	7/12/2015				
	8/2/2006	20,000		72.20	8/2/2016				
	8/1/2007	8,874	4,437	99.58	8/1/2017				
	8/1/2007					2,410	209,550		
	7/29/2008	7,835	15,669	96.34	7/29/2018				
	7/29/2008					3,425	297,804		
	7/29/2008 ⁽⁴⁾							3,425	297,804
	7/29/2008 ⁽⁵⁾							3,425	297,804
	7/28/2009		32,520	73.61	7/28/2019				
	7/28/2009					4,891	425,272		
	7/28/2009 ⁽⁴⁾							4,891	425,272
	7/28/2009 ⁽⁵⁾							4,891	425,272
Carl E. Vuono	7/31/2000	5,000		29.00	7/31/2010				
	7/12/2001	12,000		34.00	7/12/2011				
	3/25/2002	8,000		53.75	3/25/2012				
	3/25/2002	4,000		62.91	3/25/2012				
	11/14/2003	20,000		45.80	11/14/2013				
	7/12/2005	21,250		74.94	7/12/2015				
	8/2/2006	15,000		72.20	8/2/2016				
	8/1/2007	9,983	4,992	99.58	8/1/2017				
	8/1/2007					2,711	235,721		
	7/29/2008	7,835	15,669	96.34	7/29/2018				

7/29/2008				3,425	297,804		
7/29/2008 ⁽⁴⁾						3,425	297,804
7/29/2008 ⁽⁵⁾						3,425	297,804
7/28/2009	27,100	73.61	7/28/2019				
7/28/2009				4,076	354,408		
7/28/2009 ⁽⁴⁾						4,076	354,408
7/28/2009 ⁽⁵⁾						4,076	354,408

- (1) Stock options vest in equal, annual increments over a three-year period starting with the grant date. For a discussion concerning the effect of a change in control or termination of employment on outstanding stock option awards, see Potential Payments Upon Change in Control or Termination of Employment – Effect of Change in Control or Termination of Employment Upon Equity Awards on page 63.
- (2) Represents restricted stock units, which vest three years after the grant date. Each restricted stock unit automatically converts into one share of our Common Stock on the vesting date. For a discussion concerning the effect of a change in control or termination of employment on outstanding restricted stock unit awards, see Potential Payments Upon Change in Control or Termination of Employment – Effect of Change in Control or Termination of Employment Upon Equity Awards on page 63.
- (3) The market value is based on the closing price of our Common Stock on December 31, 2009 of 86.95, multiplied by the number of shares or units.
- (4) Reflects the number of shares of our Common Stock issuable assuming achievement of the Maximum level of performance in respect of performance units whose performance targets are based on growth in diluted earnings per share. The Maximum level of performance is reported for these units based on the Company’s performance from the beginning of the applicable performance period (June 28, 2008 for units granted in 2008 and June 27, 2009 for units granted in 2009) through December 31, 2009, measured against the applicable performance targets in accordance with applicable securities regulations. For a further discussion of our performance units, see Compensation Discussion and Analysis – Long-Term Incentives – Performance Units on pages 43-45. For a discussion concerning the effect of a change in control or termination of employment on performance unit awards, see Potential Payments Upon Change in Control or Termination of Employment – Effect of Change in Control or Termination of Employment Upon Equity Awards on page 63.
- (5) Reflects the number of shares of our Common Stock payable in cash (based on the closing price of our Common Stock at the end of the performance period) assuming achievement of the Maximum level of performance for performance units granted July 29, 2008 and July 28, 2009 in respect of performance units whose performance targets are based on relative total stockholder return. The level of performance is reported for these units based on the Company’s performance from the beginning of the applicable performance period (June 28, 2008 for units granted in 2008 and June 27, 2009 for units granted

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in 2009) through December 31, 2009, measured against the applicable performance targets in accordance with applicable securities regulations. For a further discussion of our performance units, see Compensation Discussion and Analysis – Long-Term Incentives – Performance Units on pages 43-45. For a discussion concerning the effect of a change in control or termination of employment on performance unit awards, see Potential Payments Upon Change in Control or Termination of Employment – Effect of Change in Control or Termination of Employment Upon Equity Awards on page 63.

Table of Contents**2009 OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED**

The following table provides information regarding the amounts received by our named executive officers as a result of the vesting of restricted stock units and performance units during the year ended December 31, 2009. Payments of shares and cash consideration underlying the performance units were made in February 2010. No stock options were exercised by any of our named executive officers during 2009.

Name	Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)⁽¹⁾
Michael T. Strianese	16,570 ⁽²⁾	1,440,762
	14,918 ⁽³⁾	1,297,117
Ralph G. D. Ambrosio	3,910 ⁽⁴⁾	322,800
	2,170 ⁽³⁾	188,657
Curtis Brunson	2,109 ⁽²⁾	183,378
	1,899 ⁽³⁾	165,095
James W. Dunn	2,410 ⁽²⁾	209,550
	2,170 ⁽³⁾	188,657
Carl E. Vuono	2,711 ⁽²⁾	235,721
	2,441 ⁽³⁾	212,220

(1) Value realized on vesting is based on the fair market value of the shares at the time of vesting.

(2) Represents shares issued as a result of the vesting of performance units on December 31, 2009. The amount of shares issued was based on the Company's earnings per share performance during the period from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.

(3) Represents shares paid in cash as a result of the vesting of performance units on December 31, 2009. The amount of shares paid in cash was based on the Company's total stockholder return during the period from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009. The cash payment was based on the closing price of our Common Stock on the vesting date, which was \$86.95 per share.

(4) Represents (a) 1,500 shares issued upon the vesting of restricted stock units on August 2, 2009 and (b) 2,410 shares issued as a result of the vesting of performance units on December 31, 2009. The amount of shares issued in respect of performance units was based on the Company's earnings per share performance during the period from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.

Table of Contents**2009 PENSION BENEFITS**

The following table provides information regarding the pension benefits for our named executive officers under L-3's tax-qualified and supplemental plans. The named executive officers, excluding Mr. Vuono, participate in multiple tax-qualified or supplemental pension plans. The purpose of each plan is to provide the named executive officers retirement benefits as part of their overall compensation package. Mr. Vuono does not participate in any tax-qualified or supplemental pension plans. The material terms of the plans are described following the table.

Name	Plan Name	Number of	Present Value of	Payments
		Years	Accumulated	During
		Credited Service	Benefit ⁽¹⁾	Last Fiscal
		(#)	(\$)	Year
				(\$)
Michael T. Strianese	L-3 Communications Corporation Pension Plan	19.17 ⁽²⁾	365,325	
	L-3 Communications Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan	19.17 ⁽²⁾	3,972,360	
Ralph G. D. Ambrosio	L-3 Communications Corporation Pension Plan	12.42	115,473	
	L-3 Communications Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan	12.42	343,492	
Curtis Brunson ⁽³⁾	L-3 Communications Corporation Pension Plan	2.92	99,461	
	L-3 Communications Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan	34.50 ⁽⁴⁾		