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**Dril-Quip, Inc.**

**13550 Hempstead Highway**

**Houston, Texas 77040**

April 15, 2009

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting of stockholders to be held at the Omni Houston Hotel Westside, 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas, on May 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. For those of you who cannot be present at this annual meeting, we urge that you participate by indicating your choices on the enclosed proxy card and completing and returning it at your earliest convenience.

This booklet includes the notice of the meeting and the proxy statement, which contains information about the Board of Directors and its committees and personal information about the nominees for the Board. Other matters on which action is expected to be taken during the meeting are also described.

It is important that your shares are represented at the meeting, whether or not you are able to attend personally. Accordingly, please sign, date and mail promptly the enclosed proxy in the envelope provided.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support.

Larry E. Reimert  
*Co-Chairman of the Board*  
  
*and Co-Chief Executive Officer*

Gary D. Smith  
*Co-Chairman of the Board*  
  
*and Co-Chief Executive Officer*

J. Mike Walker  
*Co-Chairman of the Board*  
  
*and Co-Chief Executive Officer*

**DRIL-QUIP, INC.**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**To Be Held May 14, 2009**

To the Stockholders of

Dril-Quip, Inc.:

The annual meeting of stockholders of Dril-Quip, Inc. will be held at the Omni Houston Hotel Westside, 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas, on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., Houston time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect the three nominees named in the Proxy Statement as directors to serve for a three-year term.
2. To approve the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2009.
3. To re-approve the performance criteria for awards under the 2004 Incentive Plan to allow certain awards to continue to qualify as performance-based compensation deductible under Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m).

4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any reconvened meeting after an adjournment thereof. The Board of Directors has fixed March 24, 2009 as the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting or any reconvened meeting after an adjournment thereof, and only holders of common stock of record at the close of business on that date will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting or any reconvened meeting after an adjournment.

You are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person. Even if you plan to attend the meeting, however, you are requested to mark, sign, date and return the accompanying proxy as soon as possible.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Gary D. Smith  
*Co-Chairman of the Board, Co-Chief Executive Officer  
and Secretary*

April 15, 2009

13550 Hempstead Highway

Houston, Texas 77040

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE STOCKHOLDER MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2009.**

**This Proxy Statement, our annual report to shareholders and other proxy materials are available at  
<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/drq>.**

**Dril-Quip, Inc.**

**13550 Hempstead Highway**

**Houston, Texas 77040**

**PROXY STATEMENT**

**INTRODUCTION**

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of Dril-Quip, Inc., a Delaware corporation, of proxies from the holders of our common stock, par value \$.01 per share, for use at the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying notice. The approximate date on which this proxy statement and the accompanying proxy will first be mailed to stockholders is April 15, 2009. In addition to the solicitation of proxies by mail, proxies may also be solicited by telephone or personal interview by our regular employees. We will pay all costs of soliciting proxies. We will also reimburse brokers or other persons holding stock in their names or in the names of their nominees for their reasonable expenses in forwarding proxy material to beneficial owners of such stock.

All duly executed proxies received prior to the annual meeting will be voted in accordance with the choices specified thereon and, in connection with any other business that may properly come before the meeting, in the discretion of the persons named in the proxy. **As to any matter for which no choice has been specified in a duly executed proxy, the shares represented thereby will be voted FOR the election as directors of the nominees listed herein, FOR approval of the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm, FOR re-approval of the performance criteria under the 2004 Incentive Plan and in the discretion of the persons named in the proxy in connection with any other business that may properly come before the annual meeting.** A stockholder giving a proxy may revoke it at any time before it is voted at the annual meeting by filing with the Secretary at our executive offices a written instrument revoking it, by delivering a duly executed proxy bearing a later date or by appearing at the annual meeting and voting in person. Our executive offices are located at 13550 Hempstead Highway, Houston, Texas 77040. For a period of ten days prior to the annual meeting, a complete list of stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting will be available for inspection by stockholders of record during ordinary business hours for proper purposes at our executive offices.

**RECORD DATE AND VOTING SECURITIES**

As of the close of business on March 24, 2009, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting, we had outstanding and entitled to vote 39,022,597 shares of common stock. Each share entitles the holder to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of stockholders.

The requirement for a quorum at the annual meeting is the presence in person or by proxy of holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock. Proxies indicating stockholder abstentions and shares represented by broker non-votes (*i.e.*, shares held by brokers or nominees for which instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or persons entitled to vote and for which the broker or nominee does not have discretionary power to vote on a particular matter) will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum at the annual meeting. Votes cast by proxy or in person at the annual meeting will be counted by the persons appointed as election inspectors for the annual meeting.

## SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF

## CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth the number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned directly or indirectly as of March 24, 2009 by (i) each person who is known to us to own beneficially more than 5% of our common stock, (ii) each of our directors, director nominees and executive officers and (iii) all executive officers, director nominees and directors as a group.

Name of Beneficial Owner(1)	Amount of Beneficial Ownership	
	Number of Shares	Percent of Stock
Larry E. Reimert (2)	2,574,429	6.6%
Gary D. Smith (3)	3,153,270	8.0%
J. Mike Walker (4)	4,194,738	10.6%
Jerry M. Brooks (5)	7,500	*
Alexander P. Shukis	0	*
Gary L. Stone	2,000	*
John V. Lovoi	0	*
L. H. Dick Robertson	0	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (8 persons)	9,931,937	25.0%
Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. (6)		
32 Old Slip		
New York, NY 10005	2,694,924	6.9%
Barclays Global Investors, NA (7)		
400 Howard Street		
San Francisco, California 94105	1,988,806	5.1%

\* Less than 1%.

- (1) Except as indicated in the footnotes to this table and pursuant to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock. The address of each such person, unless otherwise provided, is 13550 Hempstead Highway, Houston, Texas 77040.
- (2) Includes (a) 910 shares of common stock held directly by Mr. Reimert, (b) 27,304 shares of common stock that may be acquired pursuant to options that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of March 24, 2009 and (c) 2,546,215 shares of common stock held by Reimert Family Partners, Ltd., a limited partnership of which Mr. Reimert is the Managing General Partner, and with respect to which he exercises voting and investment power.
- (3) Includes (a) 1,110 shares of common stock held directly by Mr. Smith, (b) 152,160 shares of common stock that may be acquired pursuant to options that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of March 24, 2009 (c) and 3,000,000 shares of common stock held by Four Smiths Company, Ltd., a limited partnership of which Mr. Smith and his wife, Gloria Jean Smith, are the Managing General Partners, and with respect to which they exercise voting and investment power. Mrs. Smith may also be deemed to be the beneficial owner of such shares.

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- (4) Includes (a) 3,709,300 shares of common stock held directly by Mr. Walker and (b) 485,438 shares of common stock that may be acquired pursuant to options that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of March 24, 2009.
- (5) Consists entirely of shares of common stock that may be acquired pursuant to options that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of March 24, 2009.
- (6) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 9, 2009. Such filing indicates that Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P., together with GS Investment Strategies, LLC, has shared voting and dispositive power with respect to 2,694,924 shares.



- (7) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 5, 2009. Such filing indicates that Barclays Global Investors, NA, Barclays Global Fund Advisors and Barclays Global Investors, Ltd., together and with other affiliates, as a group, beneficially own some or all of the shares reported. As stated in the Schedule 13G, Barclays Global Investors, NA has sole voting power with respect to 533,338 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 629,395 shares; Barclays Global Fund Advisors has sole voting power with respect to 997,222 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 1,339,262 shares; and Barclays Global Investors, Ltd. has sole voting power with respect to 975 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 20,149 shares.

**PROPOSAL I**

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Our Board of Directors is divided into three classes, Class I, Class II and Class III, with staggered terms of office ending in 2010, 2011 and 2009, respectively. The term for each class expires on the date of the third annual stockholders' meeting for the election of directors following the most recent election of directors for such class. Each director holds office until the next annual meeting of stockholders for the election of directors of his class and until his successor has been duly elected and qualified.

At the annual meeting, our Board of Directors has nominated Gary D. Smith, Larry E. Reimert and L.H. Dick Robertson for election as directors to each serve a three-year term expiring on the date of the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2012 (or until his successor is duly elected and qualified). Messrs. Smith, Reimert and Robertson currently serve as members of our Board of Directors. In accordance with our bylaws, the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast by holders of common stock entitled to vote in the election of directors at the annual meeting is required for the election of the nominee as director. Accordingly, although abstentions and broker non-votes are considered shares present at the meeting for the purpose of determining a quorum, they will have no effect on the election of directors.

Our Board of Directors has no reason to believe that the nominees for election as directors will not be candidates or will be unable to serve, but if for any reason any nominee is unavailable as a candidate or unable to serve when the election occurs, the persons designated as proxies in the enclosed proxy card, in the absence of contrary instructions, will in their discretion vote the proxies for the election of a substitute nominee selected by our Board of Directors.

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the election of the nominees listed below. Properly dated and signed proxies will be so voted unless authority to vote in the election of directors is withheld.**

**Nominees for Class III Directors for Three-Year Terms to Expire in 2012**

The following sets forth information concerning the nominees for election as directors at the annual meeting, including each nominee's age as of March 24, 2009, position with us, and business experience during the past five years.

*Larry E. Reimert*, age 61, is Co-Chairman of the Board and Co-Chief Executive Officer with principal responsibility for engineering, product development and finance. He has been the Director - Engineering, Product Development and Finance, as well as a member of the Board of Directors, since our inception in 1981. Prior to that, he worked for Vetco Offshore, Inc. in various capacities, including Vice President of Technical Operations, Vice President of Engineering and Manager of Engineering. Mr. Reimert holds a BSME degree from the University of Houston and an MBA degree from Pepperdine University.

*Gary D. Smith*, age 66, is Co-Chairman of the Board and Co-Chief Executive Officer with principal responsibility for sales, service, training and administration. He has been the Director - Sales, Service, Training and Administration, as well as a member of the Board of Directors, since our inception in 1981. Prior to that, he worked for Vetco Offshore, Inc. in various capacities, including General Manager and Vice President of Sales and Services.

*L. H. Dick Robertson*, age 74, has been a Class III director since December 2006 and is a member of the Audit Committee and the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Previously, he was the president and chief executive officer of Dual Drilling Company, an international offshore drilling contractor, from 1984 until June 1996, when Dual Drilling merged with Ensco International

Incorporated. From June 1996 to the present, Mr. Robertson has been retired. Prior to his employment with Dual Drilling Company, Mr. Robertson served as president and chief executive officer of Republic Drilling & Service, president of Progress Drilling & Marine, Inc., chairman, president and chief executive officer of Attwood Oceanics, Inc. and senior vice president of Global Marine, Inc. Mr. Robertson holds a bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering and a BBA in general business from Texas A&M University.

#### **Information Concerning Class I and Class II Directors**

The following sets forth information concerning the Class I and Class II directors whose present terms of office will expire at the 2010 and 2011 annual meetings of stockholders, respectively, including each director's age as of March 24, 2009, position with us, if any, and business experience during the past five years.

##### *Class I*

*Alexander P. Shukis*, age 64, has been a Class I director since February 2003. He is chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. From July 2001 until his retirement in December 2007, Mr. Shukis was the Controller of Corporate Strategies, Inc., a merchant bank. From 1997 to July 2001, Mr. Shukis was self-employed, working as a business consultant. From 1995 to 1997, he was Chief Financial Officer and Director of Great Western Resources, Inc., an exploration and production company. He served as Vice President and Controller of Great Western Resources, Inc. from 1986 to 1995. Mr. Shukis holds a BBA in accounting from the University of Houston.

*Gary L. Stone*, age 72, has been a Class I director since June 2001 and is a member of the Audit Committee and the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. From January 1997 until his retirement in May 2000, he served as a Senior Vice President/First Vice President with Bank One, Texas, N.A. Mr. Stone holds a bachelor of science degree in geological engineering from the University of Utah and an MBA degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

##### *Class II*

*J. Mike Walker*, age 65, is Co-Chairman of the Board and Co-Chief Executive Officer with principal responsibility for manufacturing, purchasing and facilities. He has been the Director Manufacturing, Purchasing and Facilities, as well as a member of the Board of Directors, since our inception in 1981. Prior to that, he served as the Director of Engineering, Manager of Engineering and Manager of Research and Development with Vetco Offshore, Inc. Mr. Walker holds a BSME degree from Texas A&M University, an MSME degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University.

*John V. Lovoi*, age 48, has been a Class II director since May 2005. He is chairman of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee and a member of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. He is the Managing Partner of JVL Advisors LLC, a private energy investment company established in 2002. From January 2000 to August 2002, Mr. Lovoi was a Managing Director at Morgan Stanley Incorporated, and during this period served as head of the firm's Global Oil and Gas Research practice and then as head of the firm's Global Oil and Gas Investment Banking practice. From 1995 to 2000, he was a leading oilfield services and equipment research analyst for Morgan Stanley. Prior to joining Morgan Stanley, he spent two years as a senior financial executive at Baker Hughes and four years as an energy investment banker with Credit Suisse First Boston. Mr. Lovoi also serves as a director of Helix Energy Solutions Group, an energy services company. Mr. Lovoi holds a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Texas A&M University and an MBA degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

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## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

### Determinations of Director Independence

Under rules adopted by the New York Stock Exchange, no board member qualifies as independent unless the Board of Directors affirmatively determines that the director has no material relationship with us. In evaluating each director's independence, the Board considers all relevant facts and circumstances in making a determination of independence. In particular, when assessing the materiality of a director's relationship with us, the Board considers the issue not merely from the standpoint of the director, but also from the standpoint of persons or organizations with which the director has an affiliation. In its determination of independence, the Board of Directors reviewed and considered all relationships and transactions between each director, his family members or any business, charity or other entity in which the director has an interest on the one hand, and us, our affiliates, or our senior management has an interest on the other. As a result of this review, the Board of Directors affirmatively determined that Messrs. Lovoi, Robertson, Shukis and Stone are independent from us and our management. In addition, the Board of Directors affirmatively determined that Messrs. Lovoi, Robertson, Shukis and Stone are independent under the additional standards for audit committee membership under rules of the SEC. The remaining directors, Messrs. Reimert, Smith and Walker, are members of our senior management.

As contemplated by the rules of the NYSE, the Dril-Quip, Inc. Corporate Governance Guidelines set forth categorical standards to assist the Board of Directors in making independence determinations. Under the rules of the NYSE, immaterial relationships that fall within the guidelines are not required to be disclosed separately in this proxy statement. As set forth in the Corporate Governance Guidelines, a relationship falls within the categorical standard and is not required to be disclosed separately in the proxy statement if it:

is not a type of relationship that would preclude a determination of independence under Section 303A.02(b) of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual (the "NYSE Manual");

consists of charitable contributions by us to an organization where a director is an executive officer and does not exceed the greater of \$1 million or 2% of the organization's gross revenue in any of the last 3 years; or

is not a type of relationship that would require disclosure in the proxy statement under Item 404 of Regulation S-K of the SEC. The relationships of Messrs. Lovoi, Robertson, Shukis and Stone were considered to fall within the categorical standards.

### Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

Pursuant to Rule 303A.10 of the NYSE Manual, we have adopted the Dril-Quip, Inc. Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for our directors, officers and employees. The Code of Ethics also meets the requirements of a code of ethics under Item 406 of Regulation S-K. Changes in and waivers to the Code of Ethics for our directors, executive officers and certain senior financial officers will be posted on our website within five business days and maintained for at least twelve months.

### Committees of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has appointed two committees: the Audit Committee and the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee.

#### *Audit Committee*

The current members of the Audit Committee are Mr. Shukis, who serves as Chairman, and Messrs. Lovoi, Robertson and Stone. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Shukis is an audit committee financial expert as such term is defined in Item 401(h) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC.

The Audit Committee charter contains a detailed description of the Audit Committee's duties and responsibilities. Under the charter, the Audit Committee has been appointed by the Board of Directors to assist the Board in overseeing (i) the integrity of our financial statements, (ii) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (iii) the independent auditor's independence, qualifications and performance, and (iv) the performance of our internal audit function. The Audit Committee also has direct responsibility for the appointment, compensation and retention of our independent auditors.

***Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee***

The current members of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee are Mr. Lovoi, who serves as Chairman, and Messrs. Robertson, Shukis and Stone.

The Board of Directors has approved the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee Charter, which contains a detailed description of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee's responsibilities. Under the charter, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee identifies and recommends individuals qualified to become Board members, consistent with criteria approved by the Board, and assists the Board in determining the composition of the Board and its committees, in monitoring a process to assess Board and committee effectiveness and in developing and implementing our corporate governance guidelines, practices and procedures. In fulfilling its compensation role, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee assists the Board in establishing the compensation of our directors and executive officers in a manner consistent with our stated compensation strategy, internal equity considerations, competitive practice and the requirements of applicable law and regulations and rules of applicable regulatory bodies.

**Compensation Matters**

In fulfilling its compensation role, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee is authorized to:

review and approve corporate goals and objectives relevant to our Co-Chief Executive Officers' compensation; evaluate our Co-Chief Executive Officers' performance in light of those goals and objectives; and either as a committee or together with other independent directors (as directed by the Board), determine and approve our Co-Chief Executive Officers' compensation based on that evaluation, including administering, negotiating any changes to and determining amounts due under the employment agreements of the chief executive officers;

review and approve, or make recommendations to the Board with respect to, the compensation of other executive officers, and oversee the periodic assessment of the performance of such officers;

from time to time consider and take action on the establishment of and changes to incentive compensation plans, equity-based compensation plans and other benefit plans, including making recommendations to the Board on plans, goals or amendments to be submitted for action by our stockholders;

administer our compensation plans, including authorizing the issuance of our common stock and taking other action on grants and awards, determinations with respect to achievement of performance goals, and other matters provided in the respective plans; and

review from time to time when and as the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee deems appropriate the compensation and benefits of non-employee directors, including compensation pursuant to equity-based plans, and approve, or make recommendations to the Board with respect to, any changes in such compensation and benefits.

In February 2008 in accordance with the employment agreements of our Co-Chief Executive Officers, our Co-Chief Executive Officers proposed, and the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee approved, our budget and the companies comprising our industry peers utilized for purposes of determining the 2008 annual cash incentive compensation of our Co-Chief Executive Officers.

In October 2008, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee met to review the performance of, and recommend to our Board the base salaries of, our Co-Chief Executive Officers for the period from October 8, 2008 to October 7, 2009, and to award options to purchase common stock to each of our Co-Chief Executive Officers, as required by the employment agreements with each of our Co-Chief Executive Officers. In addition, pursuant to the recommendations of our Co-Chief Executive Officers, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee awarded options to purchase common stock to our Chief Financial Officer and a specified amount of options to purchase common stock to be distributed among key employees at the discretion of our Co-Chief Executive Officers. Subject to certain limitations, our long term incentive plan permits the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee to delegate its duties under the plan to our Co-Chairmen of the Board and our other senior officers.

The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee met in February 2009 to determine the annual cash incentive compensation earned during 2008 by our Co-Chief Executive Officers pursuant to the terms of their employment agreements. Additionally, our Co-Chief Executive Officers proposed an increase in our Chief Financial Officer's salary effective March 10, 2009, as well as the amount of his 2008 annual cash incentive, which the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee reviewed and approved. Please see [Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis](#) for information about our 2008 executive officer compensation.

The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee has the authority to engage a third-party consultant at any time. Each year, we engage a third-party firm, Towers Perrin, to prepare an analysis of the return on capital for our industry peers for use in determining the annual cash bonus of our Co-Chief Executive Officers. Please see [Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis Elements of Compensation Annual Cash Incentive Compensation](#) for information regarding the determination of our annual cash bonus for our Co-Chief Executive Officers. In 2008, we did not otherwise engage any consultant related to annual executive compensation decisions.

#### Selection of Nominees for the Board of Directors

##### *Identifying Candidates*

The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee solicits ideas for potential Board candidates from a number of sources, including members of our Board of Directors, our executive officers, individuals personally known to the members of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee and research. In addition, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee will consider candidates submitted by stockholders. Any such submissions should include the candidate's name and qualifications for Board membership and should be directed to our Corporate Secretary at the address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement. Although the Board does not require the stockholder to submit any particular information regarding the qualifications of the stockholder's candidate, the level of consideration that the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee will give to the stockholder's candidate will be commensurate with the quality and quantity of information about the candidate that the nominating stockholder makes available to the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee. The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee did not receive any candidate submissions during 2008. The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee will consider all candidates identified through the processes described above and will evaluate each of them on the same basis.

In addition, our bylaws permit stockholders to nominate directors for election at an annual stockholders meeting whether or not such nominee is submitted to and evaluated by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee. To nominate a director using this process, the stockholder must follow certain procedures required by the Bylaws which are described under [Additional Information Advance Notice Required for Stockholder Nominations and Proposals](#) below.

### *Evaluating Candidates*

The members of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee are responsible for assessing the skills and characteristics that candidates for election to the Board should possess, as well as the composition of the Board as a whole. This assessment will include the qualifications under applicable independence standards and other standards applicable to the Board and its committees, as well as consideration of skills and experience in the context of the needs of the Board. Each candidate must meet certain minimum qualifications, including:

independence of thought and judgment;

the ability to dedicate sufficient time, energy and attention to the performance of her or his duties, taking into consideration the nominee's service on other public company boards; and

skills and expertise complementary to the existing Board members' skills; in this regard, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee will consider the Board's need for operational, sales, management, financial or other relevant expertise. The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee may also consider the ability of the prospective candidate to work with the then-existing interpersonal dynamics of the Board and her or his ability to contribute to the collaborative culture among Board members.

Based on this initial evaluation, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee will determine whether to interview the candidate, and if warranted, will recommend that one or more of its members and senior management, as appropriate, interview the candidate in person or by telephone. After completing this evaluation and interview process, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee recommends to the Board a slate of director nominees for election at the next annual meeting of stockholders or for appointment to fill vacancies on the Board.

### **Information Regarding Meetings**

During 2008, the Board of Directors held four meetings. The Audit Committee met four times and the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee met two times. During 2008, all directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Committees thereof.

We expect, but do not require, our Board members to attend the annual meeting. Last year all of our Board members attended the annual meeting.

### **Executive Sessions of the Board of Directors and the Presiding Director**

At each regularly scheduled Board meeting, our non-management directors hold executive sessions at which our management is not in attendance. The director who presides at these sessions is the chairman of our Audit Committee, currently Mr. Shukis.

### **Stockholder Communications**

Stockholders and other interested parties may communicate directly with our independent directors by sending a written communication in an envelope addressed to Board of Directors (Independent Members) in care of our Corporate Secretary at the address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement.

Stockholders and other interested parties may communicate directly with our Board of Directors by sending a written communication in an envelope addressed to Board of Directors in care of our Corporate Secretary at the address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement.

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### **Website Availability of Governance Documents**

You can access our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Ethics, Audit Committee Charter and Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee Charter on the Investors section of our website at [www.dril-quip.com](http://www.dril-quip.com). Information contained on our website or any other website is not incorporated into this proxy statement and does not constitute a part of this proxy statement. Additionally, any stockholder who so requests may obtain a printed copy of the governance documents from our Corporate Secretary at the address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement.

### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee is comprised entirely of independent directors. None of the members of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee during fiscal 2008 or as of the date of this proxy statement is or has been an officer or employee of Dril-Quip and no executive officer of Dril-Quip served on the compensation committee or board of any company that employed any member of Dril-Quip's Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee or Board.

### **Policies and Procedures for Approval of Related Person Transactions**

The Board has adopted a written policy implementing procedures for the review, approval or ratification of related person transactions. The policy applies to any transaction in which (1) we are a participant, (2) any related person has a direct or indirect material interest and (3) the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, but excludes any transaction that does not require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee is responsible for reviewing, approving and ratifying any related person transaction. The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee intends to approve only those related person transactions that are in, or are not inconsistent with, the best interests of us and our stockholders.

## **RELATED PERSON TRANSACTIONS**

### **Employment Agreements with Co-Chief Executive Officers**

In connection with our initial public offering, we entered into employment agreements with each of Messrs. Reimert, Smith and Walker, our Co-Chief Executive Officers. Effective December 31, 2008, we entered into amended and restated employment agreements with each of Messrs. Reimert, Smith and Walker in order to modify their prior employment agreements to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Except for revisions to certain provisions regarding the timing of payments made with respect to annual bonuses, reimbursement of expenses and obligations of the Company upon termination, the benefits and terms of the amended and restated employment agreements are substantially similar in all material respects to the benefits and terms of the prior employment agreements. The following summary of these agreements does not purport to be complete and is qualified by reference to them. We have filed the form of these agreements with the SEC. A copy of the form of these agreements may be obtained from our Corporate Secretary at the address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement.

Each of these agreements provides for an annual base salary, as well as an annual performance bonus for each twelve-month period ending on December 31 equal to up to 120% of the executive's annual base salary, with the precise amount of the bonus determined based on specific Company performance goals. The performance goals, which are equally weighted, are based on (i) our annual earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) measured against our annual budget or plan, and (ii) our annual return on capital (defined as EBIT divided by total assets less current liabilities) compared to a peer group of companies. In addition, each agreement provides that the employee will receive an annual grant of a number of options under our incentive plan equal to the employee's base salary multiplied by three and divided by the market price of the common stock on the grant date. Each agreement provides that the employee's compensation, including his annual base



salary, annual performance bonus and annual grant of options, shall be reviewed at least annually by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee and shall be subject to increase at any time and from time to time on a basis determined by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee, in the exercise of its sole discretion. Each agreement also entitles the employee to participate in all of our incentive, savings, retirement and welfare benefit plans in which other of our executive officers participate. Each agreement requires us to maintain a flexible perquisites spending account in the amount of \$25,000 each year for use in paying for membership dues, costs associated with purchasing or leasing an automobile, financial counseling, tax return preparation and mobile phones. We are required to pay the unused and remaining balances of such accounts annually to Messrs. Reimert, Smith and Walker. See Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis Elements of Compensation Perquisites and Other Benefits.

On October 27, 2008, each of the employment agreements had a remaining term of four years. The term of each of the employment agreements is automatically extended for one year on October 27 of every year, such that the remaining term of each agreement will never be less than three years. Each agreement is subject to the right of us and the employee to terminate the employee's employment at any time. Each agreement provides certain benefits upon termination or change-in-control. For more information, see Executive Compensation Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control.

Each agreement also provides that, during the term of the agreement and after termination thereof, the employee shall not divulge any of our confidential information, knowledge or data. In addition, each agreement requires the employee to disclose and assign to us any and all conceptions and ideas for inventions, improvements and valuable discoveries made by the employee which pertain primarily to our material business activities. Each agreement also provides that, in the event that the agreement is terminated for cause or the employee voluntarily resigns (other than during the year following a change-in-control or for good reason), for one year thereafter the employee will not within any country with respect to which he has devoted substantial attention to our material business interests, (i) accept employment or render services to any of our competitors or (ii) enter into or take part in business that would be competitive with us.

#### **Registration Rights Agreement**

In connection with our initial public offering, we entered into a registration rights agreement among us, Messrs. Reimert, Smith, Walker, Reimert Family Partners, Ltd. and Four Smiths Company, Ltd. (the Registration Rights Agreement). The Registration Rights Agreement provides for registration rights pursuant to which, upon the request of any of Messrs. Reimert, Smith and Walker (the Requesting Holders), we will file a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), to register the common stock subject to the agreement (Registrable Securities) held by such Requesting Holders and any other stockholders who are parties to the Registration Rights Agreement and who desire to sell Registrable Securities pursuant to such registration statement, subject to a maximum of two requests by each of Messrs. Reimert, Smith and Walker or their successors and assigns. In addition, subject to certain conditions and limitations, the Registration Rights Agreement provides that Messrs. Reimert, Smith, and Walker may participate in any registration by us (including any registration resulting from any exercise of a demand right under the Registration Rights Agreement) of any of our equity securities in an underwritten offering. The registration rights covered by the Registration Rights Agreement generally are transferable to transferees (whether by assignment or by death of the holder) of the Registrable Securities covered thereby. The Registration Rights Agreement generally terminates when all Registrable Securities (i) have been distributed to the public pursuant to a registration statement covering such securities that has been declared effective under the Securities Act, or (ii) may be distributed to the public in accordance with the provisions of prior Rule 144(k) (or any similar provision then in force) under the Securities Act.

**DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

Each non-employee director receives an annual fee of \$60,000, plus a fee of \$1,000 for attendance at each Board meeting and \$1,000 for each committee meeting. All directors are reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses and other expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Board or committees thereof and for other expenses incurred in their capacity as directors.

The following table sets forth a summary of the compensation we paid to our non-employee directors in 2008:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Fees Earned or Paid in Cash</b>	<b>Stock Awards</b>	<b>Option Awards</b>	<b>Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation</b>	<b>Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings</b>	<b>All Other Compensation</b>	<b>Total</b>
John V. Lovoi	\$ 70,000						\$ 70,000
L.H. Dick Robertson	\$ 70,000						\$ 70,000
Alexander P. Shukis	\$ 70,000						\$ 70,000
Gary L. Stone	\$ 70,000						\$ 70,000

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### Compensation Discussion and Analysis

#### Overview

The primary objectives of our compensation programs are to attract and retain talented executive officers and to deliver rewards for superior corporate performance. We have four executive officers, our three Co-Chief Executive Officers and our Chief Financial Officer. Each of our Co-Chief Executive Officers is compensated pursuant to an employment agreement which was entered into prior to the closing of our initial public offering in 1997 and amended effective December 31, 2008. The employment agreement is described under [Related Person Transactions](#) [Employment Agreements with Co-Chief Executive Officers](#). Additionally, each of our Co-Chief Executive Officers owns greater than 5% of our outstanding shares, which aligns their interests with those of our other stockholders.

#### Purpose of the Executive Compensation Program

Our executive compensation program has been designed to accomplish the following objectives:

align executive compensation with performance and appropriate peer group comparisons;

produce long-term, positive results for our stockholders;

create a proper balance between building stockholder wealth and executive wealth while maintaining good corporate governance; and

provide market-competitive compensation and benefits that will enable us to attract, motivate and retain a talented workforce.

#### Administration of Executive Compensation Program

Our executive compensation program is administered by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee (the [Committee](#)) of our Board of Directors. We describe the specific duties and responsibilities of the Committee in this proxy statement under [Corporate Governance](#) [Committees of the Board of Directors](#) [Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee](#). The Committee normally meets each February or March to set cash bonuses earned during the prior year and to review and, as appropriate, make changes to our executive compensation program. The Committee also normally meets in September or October to determine base salaries for our Co-Chief Executive Officers and award equity-based compensation. Our Co-Chief Executive Officers recommend the base salary of our Chief Financial Officer to the Committee for approval. The Committee also meets at other times during the year and acts by written consent when necessary and appropriate.

The Committee has the authority to engage a third-party consultant at any time. Each year, we have engaged a third-party firm, Towers Perrin, to prepare an analysis of the return on capital for our industry peers for use in determining the annual cash bonus of our Co-Chief Executive Officers. See [Elements of Compensation](#) [Annual Cash Incentive Compensation](#). In 2008, we did not otherwise engage any consultant related to annual executive compensation decisions.

#### Elements of Compensation

##### General

Our executive compensation program generally consists of the following elements:

base salaries;

annual incentive compensation in the form of cash bonuses;

long-term stock-based incentive compensation consisting of stock option awards;

contributions to our 401(k) retirement plan; and

perquisites and other company-provided benefits such as medical and dental insurance.

We primarily seek to reward achievement of our short-term goals with base salary and annual cash incentive compensation, while long-term interests are rewarded through long-term equity awards. We believe that base salaries should be at levels competitive with peer companies that compete with us for business opportunities and executive talent, and annual cash bonuses and stock option awards should be at levels which reflect progress toward our corporate goals and individual performance.

Relative Size of Major Compensation Elements

Pursuant to the employment agreements with each of our Co-Chief Executive Officers, the Committee may increase (but not decrease) the base salary, annual bonus and annual option grants for each of the officers, on a basis determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

Factors taken into account in determining compensation for all our executive officers are our performance and the executive's responsibilities, experience, leadership, potential future contributions and demonstrated individual performance. In setting executive compensation, the Committee considers the aggregate compensation payable to an executive officer and the form of the compensation. The Committee seeks to achieve the appropriate balance between immediate cash rewards for the achievement of company-wide and personal objectives and long-term incentives that align the interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders.

The following table summarizes the relative size of base salary and incentive compensation for 2008 for each of our named executive officers:

Name	Base Salary	Annual Cash Incentive	Long-Term Stock-Based Incentive
Larry E. Reimert	39%	31%	30%
Gary D. Smith	39%	31%	30%
J. Mike Walker	39%	31%	30%
Jerry M. Brooks	55%	18%	27%

**Base Salary**

We evaluate base salaries for our Co-Chief Executive Officers annually and adjust them in October of each year. The base salaries for our Co-Chief Executive Officers are reviewed and approved by the Committee.

Adjustments to the base salary of our Chief Financial Officer are recommended by our Co-Chief Executive Officers for approval by the Committee. In March 2009, in connection with the review of certain of our senior management, our Co-Chief Executive Officers recommended an increase in the base salary of our Chief Financial Officer to \$255,000 effective March 10, 2009, which the Committee reviewed and approved. Our Co-Chief Executive Officers expect to review our Chief Financial Officer's base salary again in March 2010.

Base salaries for our named executive officers are based on a review of numerous factors, including the following:

our financial and operating performance during the relevant period;

the executive officer's contribution to our success; and

the level of competition for executives with comparable skills and experience.

Our Co-Chief Executive Officers received the following base salaries for the twelve-month period ended October 7, 2008, and are receiving the following base salaries for the twelve-month period ending October 7, 2009:

Name	Twelve-Month Period	Twelve-Month Period
	Ended October 7, 2008	Ending October 7, 2009
Larry E. Reimert	\$ 540,000	\$ 565,000
Gary D. Smith	\$ 540,000	\$ 565,000
J. Mike Walker	\$ 540,000	\$ 565,000

Our Chief Financial Officer, Jerry M. Brooks, received the following base salary for the twelve-month period ended March 9, 2009, and is receiving the following base salary for the twelve-month period ending March 9, 2010:

Name	Twelve-Month Period	Twelve-Month Period
	Ended March 9, 2009	Ending March 9, 2010
Jerry M. Brooks	\$ 240,000	\$ 255,000

For 2009, this reflects an increase of \$25,000 and \$15,000 over 2008 base salaries for our Co-Chief Executive Officers and Mr. Brooks, respectively. This increase was the result of the Committee's and, for our Chief Financial Officer, the Co-Chief Executive Officers', evaluation of the individuals in relation to the achievement of our financial and non-financial goals during 2008.

**Annual Cash Incentive Compensation**

Co-Chief Executive Officers

Under the employment agreements with our Co-Chief Executive Officers, each officer is entitled to an annual cash bonus equal to up to 120% of his then applicable annual base salary, with:

a bonus equal to up to 60% of the annual base salary based on the our actual earnings before interest and taxes ( EBIT ) measured relative to our budget or plan for each twelve-month period ended December 31; and

a bonus equal to up to 60% of the annual base salary based on our return on capital (defined as (a) EBIT divided by (b) total assets less current liabilities) assessed relative to the our industry peers during each twelve-month period ended September 30.

In accordance with their employment agreements at the beginning of each calendar year, our Co-Chief Executive Officers propose, and the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee approves, our budget or plan for the current twelve-month period and the companies comprising our industry peers utilized for these compensation measures. Our EBIT and return on capital for each applicable twelve-month period are calculated by our Chief Financial Officer, based upon our audited financial statements, and are presented to the Committee. The Committee reviews the calculations as prepared by our Chief Financial Officer and an analysis of the return on capital for the industry peers prepared by Towers Perrin and determines the applicable performance percentages for purposes of determining the amount of the bonus in accordance with the following threshold, target and maximum amounts:

	EBIT Element		Return on Capital Element	
	EBIT Performance as % of Budget	EBIT Incentive Pay as % of Base Salary	Return on Capital Performance (relative to industry peers)	Return on Capital Incentive as % of Base Salary
Maximum	130%	60.0	75th %ile	60.0
	127	57.0	72	57.0
	124	54.0	69	54.0
	121	51.0	66	51.0
	118	48.0	63	48.0
	115	45.0	60	45.0
	112	42.0	58	42.0
	109	39.0	56	39.0
	106	36.0	54	36.0
	103	33.0	52	33.0
Target	100%	30.0	50 %ile	30.0
	97	28.0	48	28.0
	94	26.0	46	26.0
	91	24.0	44	24.0
	88	22.0	42	22.0
	85	20.0	40	20.0
	82	18.0	38	18.0
	79	16.0	36	16.0
	76	14.0	34	14.0
	73	12.0	32	12.0
Threshold	70%	10.0	30th %ile	10.0
	less than 70%	0.0	0.0	0.0

*EBIT Performance Relative to 2008 Budget.* The 2008 budget was prepared by our Co-Chief Executive Officers and approved by the Committee at its February 2008 meeting. Our Co-Chief Executive Officers began the budget-drafting process for 2008 in October 2007 with the preparation of sales forecasts by our sales and marketing managers in each of our geographic segments. The sales forecasts were reviewed by our Co-Chief Executive Officers, who approved the forecasts for budget purposes. Our Co-Chief Executive Officers then directed our general management to propose budgets based on the approved sales forecasts. A final determination of the proposed budget was reviewed by our Co-Chief Executive Officers and presented to the Committee prior to its February 2008 meeting.

For the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2008, our EBIT was \$141.7 million, compared to our budget of \$157.6 million for the same period. This resulted in a performance percentage of 90% relative to our 2008 budget.

*Return on Capital Relative to Peer Group.* The Committee determines a portion of the performance bonus paid to our Co-Chief Executive Officers by comparing our annual return on capital against an industry peer group. The peer group data provides guidance but does not dictate the setting of our Co-Chief Executive Officers' performance bonus. The peer group consists of companies in the oil and gas equipment and services industry that compete with us for executive talent and, with respect to certain of the companies, compete with us for business opportunities. The peer group is chosen and presented to the Committee by our Co-Chief Executive Officers. The Committee approves the selection of companies in the peer group each year at its February or March meeting.

For 2008, the peer group included seven companies: Cameron International Corporation, FMC Technologies, Inc., National Oilwell Varco, Inc., Oceaneering International, Inc., Oil States International, Inc., Smith International, Inc. and Weatherford International Ltd. Two of the peer group companies, Cameron

International Corporation and FMC Technologies, Inc., are our direct competitors. The peer group companies have revenues ranging from \$13.5 billion to \$2.0 billion and a median revenue of approximately \$7.0 billion.

For the twelve-month period ended September 30, 2008, our return on capital was 26.4%, which resulted in our being ranked in the 71st percentile relative to our peer group. The median return on capital for our peer group, as calculated by Towers Perrin, was approximately 22.4%.

The formula resulted in an annual bonus award of 79.7% of base salary, or \$450,000. In March 2009, the Committee awarded a bonus of \$450,000 to each Co-Chief Executive Officer for his performance in 2008.

#### Chief Financial Officer

The annual cash incentive award for our Chief Financial Officer is determined each year by our Co-Chief Executive Officers in their discretion. The annual cash incentive potential for our Chief Financial Officer can range from 0% of his base salary to any amount deemed appropriate by our Co-Chief Executive Officers, and is based in part on the satisfactory completion of personal and financial objectives during the previous fiscal year. Our Co-Chief Executive Officers set the personal and financial objectives for our Chief Financial Officer, and communicate the objectives to our Chief Financial Officer at the beginning of each year. Our Co-Chief Executive Officers propose the amount of our Chief Financial Officer's annual cash incentive to the Committee, which then reviews and approves the proposed amount.

In March 2009, based on the proposal of our Co-Chief Executive Officers, the Committee awarded a bonus of \$80,000 to our Chief Financial Officer for his performance in 2008. The award was based in part on our Chief Financial officer's satisfactory completion of personal and financial objectives during 2008.

#### ***Long-Term Stock-Based Incentive Compensation***

*Role of Committee and Timing of Stock Option Grants.* The Committee is responsible for option grants under our stock option plan. The Committee approves the grant of options at meetings of the Committee, and has not in the past granted options by written consent. Pursuant to a proposal by our Co-Chief Executive Officers, the Committee establishes an award for our Chief Financial Officer and a total number of awards for non-executive employees and delegates to the Co-Chief Executive Officers the distribution of such awards to our non-executive employees. There is no distinction in the timing of option grants to executive officers and employees generally. All actions of the Committee and our Co-Chief Executive Officers with respect to option awards are required to be completed on or before the grant date. Historically, all of our annual stock option grants have been made on October 28, the anniversary of the closing of our initial public offering (or if such date is not a business day, the preceding business day). The exercise price of the options awarded is the closing market price of common stock on the date of grant. We do not time the release of material nonpublic information for the purpose of affecting the value of executive compensation.

The employment agreements provide that each Co-Chief Executive Officer shall receive an annual grant of options that is equal to his base salary multiplied by three and divided by the market price of our common stock on the grant date.

In determining the amount, if any, of stock options granted to our Chief Financial Officer and our other key employees, the Committee considers numerous factors, including, among others, the following:

our financial and operating performance during the relevant period;

the executive's contribution to our success;

the level of competition for executives with comparable skills and experience; and

the total number of stock options granted to an executive over the course of his or her career, together with the retentive effect of additional stock option grants.



In October 2008, the Committee granted options to purchase 80,791 shares of our common stock to each of our Co-Chief Executive Officers, as well as options to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock to our Chief Financial Officer and an aggregate of options to purchase 155,750 shares of common stock to be distributed among key employees at the discretion of our Co-Chief Executive Officers. The grant of 80,791 options to each of our Co-Chief Executive Officers was consistent with the terms of each individual's employment agreement.

#### ***Perquisites and Other Benefits***

We provide our executive officers with perquisites and other personal benefits that we believe are reasonable and consistent with our overall compensation program.

The employment agreements with our Co-Chief Executive Officers require us to maintain a flexible perquisites spending account in the amount of \$25,000 each year for use in paying for membership dues, costs associated with purchasing or leasing an automobile, financial counseling, tax return preparation and mobile phones. We are required to pay the unused and remaining balances of such accounts annually to Messrs. Reimert, Smith and Walker.

The employment agreements of our Co-Chief Executive Officers also provide certain benefits upon termination which are described under Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control.

We seek to provide benefit plans, such as medical, life and disability insurance, in line with market conditions. Executive officers are eligible for the same benefit plans provided to other employees, including insurance plans and supplemental plans chosen and paid for by employees who wish additional coverage. We do not have any special insurance plans for executive officers.

#### ***Post-Employment Benefits***

We make contributions to the Dril-Quip, Inc. 401(k) Plan, which is a voluntary and contributory plan for eligible employees. Our contributions, which are based on a percentage of matching employee contributions, totaled approximately \$2.25 million in 2008, which includes an aggregate of \$36,800 for our named executive officers' benefit.

#### **Impact of Accounting and Tax Treatments**

##### ***Accounting Treatment***

Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment (SFAS No. 123R), which requires that companies recognize in their financial statements the cost of employee services received in exchange for awards of equity instruments based on the grant date fair value of those awards. We utilize a standard option pricing model (i.e., Black-Scholes) to measure the fair value of stock options when calculating the effect of applying the fair value provisions of SFAS No. 123R.

##### ***Tax Treatment***

Section 162(m) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), generally disallows a tax deduction to public companies for compensation in excess of \$1 million paid to the chief executive officer or any of the four other most highly compensated officers. Performance-based compensation arrangements may qualify for an exemption from the deduction limit if they satisfy various requirements under Section 162(m). Although we consider the impact of this rule when developing and implementing our executive compensation program, we believe it is important to preserve flexibility in designing compensation programs. Accordingly, we have not adopted a policy that all compensation must qualify as deductible under Section 162(m).

**Compensation Committee Report**

The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee of the Board has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K with management. Based on such review and discussions, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee

John V. Lovoi

L.H. Dick Robertson

Gary L. Stone

Alexander P. Shukis

### Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth information regarding the compensation of each of our three Co-Chief Executive Officers and our Chief Financial Officer (together with our Co-Chief Executive Officers, the named executive officers) for services rendered in all capacities during 2006, 2007 and 2008:

	Year	Salary	Bonus(1)	Option Awards(2)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (1)	All Other Compensation (3)	Total
Larry E. Reimert	2008	\$ 566,539	\$ 0	\$ 433,491	\$ 450,000	\$ 34,200	\$ 1,484,230
	2007	519,808	167,400	387,447	480,600	34,000	1,589,255
Co-Chairman of the Board and Co-Chief Executive Officer	2006	494,808	46,350	384,522	571,650	29,400	1,526,730
Gary D. Smith	2008	\$ 566,539	\$ 0	\$ 433,491	\$ 450,000	\$ 34,200	\$ 1,484,230
	2007	519,808	167,400	387,447	480,600	34,000	1,589,255
Co-Chairman of the Board and Co-Chief Executive Officer	2006	494,808	46,350	384,522	571,650	29,400	1,526,730
J. Mike Walker	2008	\$ 566,539	\$ 0	\$ 433,491	\$ 450,000	\$ 34,200	\$ 1,484,230
	2007	519,808	167,400	387,447	480,600	34,000	1,589,255
Co-Chairman of the Board and Co-Chief Executive Officer	2006	494,808	46,350	384,522	571,650	29,400	1,526,730
Jerry M. Brooks	2008	\$ 245,769	\$ 80,000	\$ 121,069		\$ 9,928	\$ 456,766
	2007	218,750	80,000	70,538		9,710	378,998
Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer	2006	193,206	60,000	31,707		5,134	290,047

- (1) The amounts shown under Bonus and Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation for our Co-Chief Executive Officers reflect the cash awards under their employment agreements, which are discussed in further detail under Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis Annual Cash Incentive Compensation and Related Person Transactions Employment Agreements with Co-Chief Executive Officers.
- (2) The amounts shown under Option Awards reflect the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R) of option awards pursuant to our incentive plans and thus include amounts from awards granted in and prior to 2008. Assumptions used in the calculation of this amount are included in footnote 12 to our audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 27, 2009.
- (3) Amounts shown under All Other Compensation for each of our Co-Chief Executive Officers consist of a flexible perquisites spending account in the amount of \$25,000 per year, pursuant to each of our Co-Chief Executive Officer's employment agreements, for use in paying for club membership dues, costs associated with purchasing or leasing an automobile, financial counseling, tax return preparation and mobile phones. We are required to pay the unused and remaining balances of such accounts annually to Messrs. Reimert, Smith and Walker. We paid the following amounts from this account to each of Messrs. Reimert, Smith and Walker:

	Year	Club Membership Dues	Costs Associated with Purchase or Lease of Automobile	Remainder Paid in Cash	Total
Larry E. Reimert	2008	\$ 1,001		\$ 23,999	\$ 25,000
	2007	9,264		15,736	25,000
	2006	10,690		14,310	25,000

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Gary D. Smith	2008	\$ 7,773	\$ 7,717	\$ 9,510	\$ 25,000
	2007	7,603	7,678	9,719	25,000
	2006	7,438	4,671	12,891	25,000
J. Mike Walker	2008		\$ 7,491	\$ 17,509	\$ 25,000
	2007		5,725	19,275	25,000
	2006		4,534	20,466	25,000

In addition, the amounts shown under All Other Compensation for each named executive officer include our matching contributions to each named executive officer's 401(k) account in the amount of \$9,200. Each named executive officer is responsible for paying income tax on the amounts listed above.

**Grants of Plan-Based Awards**

The following table contains information with respect to the grant of plan-based awards to the named executive officers in 2008:

	Grant Date	Date of Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee Approval	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(1)			All Other Option Awards: Number of Underlying Options(2)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards(3)
			Threshold	Target	Maximum			
Larry E. Reimert	2/27/2008		\$ 113,000	\$ 339,000	\$ 678,000			
	10/28/2008	10/21/2008				80,791	\$ 20.98	\$ 826,492
Gary D. Smith	2/27/2008		\$ 113,000	\$ 339,000	\$ 678,000			
	10/28/2008	10/21/2008				80,791	\$ 20.98	\$ 826,492
J. Mike Walker	2/27/2008		\$ 113,000	\$ 339,000	\$ 678,000			
	10/28/2008	10/21/2008				80,791	\$ 20.98	\$ 826,492
Jerry M. Brooks	10/28/2008	10/21/2008				10,000	\$ 20.98	\$ 102,300

- (1) Reflect the cash annual incentive awards to our Co-Chief Executive Officers under their employment agreements for performance in 2008. The amount shown as Target represents 60% of each Co-Chief Executive Officer's salary for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2009; the amount shown as Maximum represents 120% of each Co-Chief Executive Officer's salary for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2009; and the amount shown as Threshold represents 20% of each Co-Chief Executive Officer's salary for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2009. Pursuant to the employment agreements, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee has discretion to increase the award in its sole discretion. For more information, see Executive Compensation Discussion and Analysis Annual Cash Incentive Compensation and Related Person Transactions Employment Agreements with Co-Chief Executive Officers.
- (2) The amounts shown reflect options to purchase our common stock awarded pursuant to our 2004 Incentive Plan. The options vest and become exercisable in 25% increments annually beginning on October 28, 2009.
- (3) Represents the full grant date fair value of the awards calculated in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R). Assumptions used in the calculation of this amount are included in footnote 12 to our audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 27, 2009.

### Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table sets forth information concerning the outstanding stock option awards made to each named executive officer as of December 31, 2008:

	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Option Awards Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date
	Exercisable	Unexercisable			
Larry E. Reimert	19,822	19,823(a)		\$ 38.97	10/27/2016
	7,482	22,446(b)		54.13	10/26/2017
	0	80,791(c)		20.98	10/28/2018
Gary D. Smith	32,548	0		\$ 10.305	10/28/2012
	92,308	0		7.475	10/28/2013
	19,822	19,823(a)		38.97	10/27/2016
	7,482	22,446(b)		54.13	10/26/2017
	0	80,791(c)		20.98	10/28/2018
J. Mike Walker	143,330	0		\$ 9.00	10/20/2011
	130,190	0		10.305	10/28/2012
	184,614	0		7.475	10/28/2013
	19,822	19,823(a)		38.97	10/27/2016
	7,482	22,446(b)		54.13	10/26/2017
Jerry M. Brooks	0	80,791(c)		20.98	10/28/2018
	5,000	5,000(a)		\$ 38.97	10/27/2016
	2,500	7,500(b)		54.13	10/26/2017
	0	10,000(c)		20.98	10/28/2018

(a) The options vest in two equal annual installments beginning on October 27, 2009.

(b) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on October 26, 2009.

(c) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on October 28, 2009.

#### Option Exercises and Stock Vested

During 2008, none of the named executive officers exercised any stock options.

### Equity Compensation Plan Information

The table below sets forth the following information about our common stock that may be issued under our existing equity compensation plan as of December 31, 2008. Our existing equity compensation plan has been approved by our stockholders.

Plan Category	(a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(b) Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(c) Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans excluding securities reflected in column (a)
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders (1)	1,610,210	\$ 23.59	1,767,452
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders		N/A	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,610,210</b>	<b>\$ 23.59</b>	<b>1,767,452</b>

- (1) Consists of the 1997 Incentive Plan of Dril-Quip, Inc. and the 2004 Incentive Plan of Dril-Quip, Inc. No further awards may be issued under the 1997 Incentive Plan.

### Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control

#### Co-Chief Executive Officers

The employment agreements with each of our Co-Chief Executive Officers, which were entered into in connection with our initial public offering and amended effective December 31, 2008, are subject to the right of us and the employee to terminate his employment at any time. Each agreement provides that, upon termination of employment because of death or disability, or if employment is terminated by us for any reason (except under certain limited circumstances defined as "for cause" in the agreement when not during the year following a change-in-control), or if employment is terminated by the employee for any reason during the year following a change-in-control (as defined) or with good reason (as defined), the employee will generally be entitled to (i) a lump sum cash payment equal to the employee's base salary through the date of termination, together with any deferred compensation previously awarded and any accrued vacation time, (ii) a lump sum cash payment equal to the annual base salary that would have been paid to the employee beginning on the date of termination and ending on the latest possible date of termination of the employment in accordance with the agreement, (iii) a lump sum cash payment equal to the annual bonus calculated in accordance with the agreement for the remaining employment period (assuming for such purpose that the annual bonus payable for each applicable period during the remaining employment period would equal the highest annual bonus paid during the last three years prior to the date of termination), (iv) immediate vesting of any stock options or restricted stock previously granted to such employee and outstanding as of the time immediately prior to the date of his termination, or (with respect to certain stock options) a cash payment in lieu thereof, and (v) continued participation in medical, dental and life insurance coverage until the employee receives equivalent coverage and benefits under other plans of a subsequent employer or the later of the death of the employee, the death of the employee's spouse and the youngest child of the employee reaching age 21. We will also pay the employee any such amount as may be necessary to hold the employee harmless from the consequences of any resulting excise or other similar purpose tax relating to "parachute payments" under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Each agreement also provides that, during the term of the agreement and after termination thereof, the employee shall not divulge any of our confidential information, knowledge or data. In addition, each agreement requires the employee to disclose and assign to us any and all conceptions and ideas for inventions, improvements and valuable discoveries made by the employee which pertain primarily to our material business activities. Each agreement also provides that, in the event that the agreement is

terminated for cause or the employee voluntarily resigns (other than during the year following a change-in-control or for good reason), for one year thereafter the employee will not within any country with respect to which he has devoted substantial attention to our material business interests, (i) accept employment or render services to any of our competitors or (ii) enter into or take part in business that would be competitive with us.

In the event of any change-in-control as defined in our stock option award agreements, all outstanding stock option awards will be fully exercisable and vested as of the effective date of such event.

The following tables show potential payments to our Co-Chief Executive Officers under their existing employment agreements upon termination of employment, assuming a December 31, 2008 termination date.

**Larry E. Reimert**

<b>Payments Upon Termination</b>	<b>Voluntary Termination for Good Reason</b>	<b>Involuntary Not for Cause Termination</b>	<b>Change-in-Control(1)</b>	<b>Death or Disability</b>	<b>Involuntary for Cause Termination</b>	<b>Voluntary Termination other than for Good Reason</b>
Deferred Compensation and Accrued Vacation Through Date of Termination (2)	\$ 8,676	\$ 8,676	\$ 8,676	\$ 8,676	\$ 8,676(3)	\$ 8,676(3)
Annual Base Salary Through Remaining Employment Period (4)	2,159,384	2,159,384	2,159,384	2,159,384		
Annual Bonus for Remaining Employment Period (5)	2,476,603	2,476,603	2,476,603	2,476,603		
Stock Options Vesting (6)						
Continued Insurance Coverage (7)	208,761	208,761	208,761	208,761		208,761
Tax Gross Up (8)			1,648,131			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,853,424</b>	<b>\$ 4,853,424</b>	<b>\$ 6,501,555</b>	<b>\$ 4,853,424</b>	<b>\$ 8,676</b>	<b>\$ 217,437</b>

**Gary D. Smith**

<b>Payments Upon Termination</b>	<b>Voluntary Termination for Good Reason</b>	<b>Involuntary Not for Cause Termination</b>	<b>Change-in-Control(1)</b>	<b>Death or Disability</b>	<b>Involuntary for Cause Termination</b>	<b>Voluntary Termination other than for Good Reason</b>
Deferred Compensation and Accrued Vacation Through Date of Termination (2)	\$ 101,078	\$ 101,078	\$ 101,078	\$ 101,078	\$ 101,078(3)	\$ 101,078(3)
Annual Base Salary Through Remaining Employment Period (4)	2,159,384	2,159,384	2,159,384	2,159,384		
Annual Bonus for Remaining Employment Period (5)	2,476,603	2,476,603	2,476,603	2,476,603		
Stock Options Vesting (6)	1,535,387	1,535,387	1,535,387	1,535,387		
Continued Insurance Coverage (7)	153,776	153,776	153,776	153,776		153,776
Tax Gross Up (8)			1,622,027			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,426,228</b>	<b>\$ 6,426,228</b>	<b>\$ 8,048,255</b>	<b>\$ 6,426,228</b>	<b>\$ 101,078</b>	<b>\$ 254,854</b>



**J. Mike Walker**

<b>Payments Upon Termination</b>	<b>Voluntary Termination for Good Reason</b>	<b>Involuntary Not for Cause Termination</b>	<b>Change-in-Control(1)</b>	<b>Death or Disability</b>	<b>Involuntary for Cause Termination</b>	<b>Voluntary Termination other than for Good Reason</b>
Deferred Compensation and Accrued Vacation Through Date of Termination (2)	\$ 292,640	\$ 292,640	\$ 292,640	\$ 292,640	\$ 292,640(3)	\$ 292,640(3)
Annual Base Salary Through Remaining Employment Period (4)	2,159,384	2,159,384	2,159,384	2,159,384		
Annual Bonus for Remaining Employment Period (5)	2,476,603	2,476,603	2,476,603	2,476,603		
Stock Options Vesting (6)	14,808,338	14,808,338	14,808,338	14,808,338		
Continued Insurance Coverage (7)	162,562	162,562	162,562	162,562		162,562
Tax Gross Up (8)			5,949,308			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,899,527</b>	<b>\$ 19,899,527</b>	<b>\$ 25,848,835</b>	<b>\$ 19,899,527</b>	<b>\$ 292,640</b>	<b>\$ 455,202</b>

- (1) Amounts shown are paid upon termination for any reason, including for cause, during the year following a change-in-control.
- (2) Includes 31.94, 372.11 and 1,077.33 hours of accrued vacation time for Messrs. Reimert, Smith and Walker, respectively.
- (3) Amounts shown must be paid in a lump sum in cash within 10 days of the date of termination.
- (4) Calculated using current base salary paid during fiscal 2008 and the term of the employment agreement ending on October 27, 2012.
- (5) Calculated using the highest annual bonus paid during the last three years prior to December 31, 2008 (\$648,000) and the term of the employment agreement ending on October 27, 2012.
- (6) With respect to stock options held by Messrs. Smith and Walker that were vested as of December 31, 2004, assumes the executive elects a cash payment which is calculated based on the difference between the highest price of Dril-Quip common stock traded on the New York Stock Exchange in the six months preceding December 31, 2008 (\$63.59) and the exercise price of such outstanding stock options held as of such date. With respect to all other stock options, calculated based on the difference between the closing price of Dril-Quip common stock on December 31, 2008 (\$20.51) and the exercise price of such stock options as of such date.
- (7) Calculated based on assumptions used for financial reporting purposes under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 106, *Employer's Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other than Pensions* (FAS 106).
- (8) The executive may be subject to certain excise taxes pursuant to Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Dril-Quip has agreed to reimburse each named executive officer for all excise taxes that are imposed on the executive under Section 4999 and any income and excise taxes that are payable by the executive as a result of any reimbursements for Section 4999 excise taxes. The calculation of the 4999 gross-up amount in the above tables is based upon a 4999 excise tax rate of 20%, a 35% federal income tax rate and a 1.45% Medicare tax rate.

**Chief Financial Officer**

Our Chief Financial Officer is subject to the same terms and conditions in the event of a termination or change-in-control as our other salaried employees. Pursuant to our stock option award agreements, outstanding unexercisable options expire upon the date of the Chief Financial Officer's termination with us. If our Chief Financial Officer's employment terminated due to death or disability, his outstanding exercisable options do not expire until one year from the date of termination. If his employment is terminated for reasons other than death or disability, our Chief Financial Officer's outstanding exercisable options expire 90 days following the date of termination.

In the event of any change-in-control as defined in our stock option award agreements, all outstanding stock option awards will be fully exercisable and vested as of the effective date of such event. The following table sets forth the intrinsic value of the unvested stock options held by our Chief Financial Officer as of December 31, 2008 that would become vested upon the occurrence of a change-in-control:

	<b>Amount(1)</b>
Jerry M. Brooks	\$ 0

- (1) Calculated based on the difference between the closing price of Dril-Quip common stock on December 31, 2008 (\$20.51) and the exercise price of unvested stock options as of such date.

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee has been appointed by the Board of Directors to assist the Board in overseeing (i) the integrity of our financial statements, (ii) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (iii) the independent auditor's independence, qualifications and performance, and (iv) the performance of our internal audit function. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board and reviewed annually by the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed our audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 with management and has discussed with BDO Seidman, LLP, our independent registered public accountants, the matters required to be discussed by Statement of Auditing Standards No. 61, Communication with Audit Committees, as amended, with respect to those audited financial statements.

The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from BDO Seidman, LLP required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding BDO Seidman, LLP's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and has reviewed, evaluated and discussed with BDO Seidman, LLP its independence.

Based on its review of the audited financial statements and the various discussions noted above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Audit Committee

John V. Lovoi

L.H. Dick Robertson

Alexander P. Shukis

Gary L. Stone

**PROPOSAL II****APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Audit Committee has approved the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as independent registered public accounting firm to conduct an audit of our financial statements for the year 2009. This firm has acted as independent registered public accounting firm for us since September 2004, and was approved as independent registered public accounting firm for 2008 at our 2008 annual meeting of stockholders. The Board of Directors recommends the approval of BDO Seidman, LLP as independent registered public accounting firm to conduct an audit of our financial statements for the year 2009.

**Fees**

Aggregate fees for professional services rendered for us by our independent registered public accounting firm as of or for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 were as follows:

	2008	2007
1. Audit	\$ 1,270,000	\$ 1,258,000
2. Audit Related	35,840	0
3. Tax	0	0
4. All Other	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,305,840</b>	<b>\$ 1,258,000</b>

Audit fees for 2008 were for professional services rendered for the audits of our consolidated financial statements (including consents), the review of those financial statements included in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, June 30 and September 30, 2008 and opinions related to the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. For 2008, fees associated with Sarbanes-Oxley compliance totaled \$660,000. Audit fees for 2007 were for professional services rendered for the audits of our consolidated financial statements, the review of those financial statements included in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, June 30 and September 30, 2007 including consents, as well as fees associated with Sarbanes-Oxley compliance. For 2007, fees associated with Sarbanes-Oxley compliance totaled \$729,500.

Representatives of BDO Seidman, LLP are expected to attend the annual meeting and will be available to respond to questions which may be asked by stockholders. Such representatives will also have an opportunity to make a statement at the meeting if they desire to do so.

**Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy for Audit and Non-Audit Services**

The Audit Committee has established a policy that requires pre-approval of the audit and non-audit services performed by the independent registered public accounting firm. Unless a service proposed to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm has been pre-approved by the Audit Committee under its pre-approval policies and procedures, it will require specific pre-approval of the engagement terms by the Audit Committee. Under the policy, pre-approved service categories are generally provided for up to 12 months and must be detailed as to the particular services provided and sufficiently specific and objective so that no judgments by management are required to determine whether a specific service falls within the scope of what has been pre-approved. In connection with any pre-approval of services, the independent registered public accounting firm is required to provide detailed back-up documentation concerning the specific services to be provided.

The Audit Committee may delegate pre-approval authority to one or more of its members, including to a subcommittee of the Audit Committee. The member or members to whom such authority is delegated shall report any pre-approval actions taken by them to the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting. The Audit Committee does not delegate to management any of its responsibilities to pre-approve services performed by the independent registered public accounting firm.

**Required Vote and Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the approval of the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm.** In accordance with our bylaws, approval of this proposal will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of common stock voted on the proposal. Accordingly, abstentions and broker non-votes applicable to shares present at the meeting will not be included in the tabulation of votes cast on this matter.

**PROPOSAL III**

**APPROVAL OF PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR AWARDS**

**UNDER THE 2004 INCENTIVE PLAN**

**Background**

The Company's stockholders are being asked to re-approve the material terms of the performance criteria under the 2004 Incentive Plan of Dril-Quip, Inc., as amended (the "2004 Incentive Plan"), so that performance-based awards made to certain of our officers will continue to qualify as performance-based compensation deductible under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). We are not proposing any amendment to the terms of the 2004 Incentive Plan in connection with this re-approval.

The 2004 Incentive Plan is intended to align the interests of our employees with the interests of our stockholders while rewarding outstanding contributions to our success and profitability. The 2004 Incentive Plan is also intended to strengthen our ability to attract and retain talented employees.

In 2004, the Board of Directors and our stockholders approved the 2004 Incentive Plan, including the performance criteria contained in the 2004 Incentive Plan. In December 2008, the Board of Directors approved an amended and restated version of the 2004 Incentive Plan solely to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code.

Section 162(m) of the Code imposes an annual deduction limit of \$1,000,000 on the amount of compensation paid to each of the chief executive officer and certain other highest compensated officers. The deduction limit does not apply to performance-based compensation that satisfies the requirements of Section 162(m). The material terms of the performance goals are specifically described under the caption "Performance Criteria" below. Section 162(m) requires that performance criteria under plans such as the 2004 Incentive Plan be approved by our stockholders every five years in order to meet the performance-based compensation exception to the limitation on deductions for some awards. The stockholder re-approval of the performance criteria under the 2004 Incentive Plan serves the purpose of ensuring the tax deductibility of certain awards made under the 2004 Incentive Plan during the next five years.

**Description of the 2004 Incentive Plan**

Provided below is a summary of the principal features of the 2004 Incentive Plan. The summary does not purport to be a complete description of all the provisions of the 2004 Incentive Plan.

*Performance Criteria.* At the discretion of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee, employees may be granted awards under the 2004 Incentive Plan in the form of stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock awards, cash awards or performance awards. Such awards may be granted singly, in combination, or in tandem. Any of those employee awards may be made in the form of a performance award. A performance award is an award that is subject to the attainment of one or more future performance goals. The terms, conditions and limitations applicable to any performance award are decided by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee.

In making qualified awards, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee may base a performance goal on one or more of the following business criteria that may be applied to the employee, one or more of our business units or the applicable sector, or to the Company as a whole: increased revenue, net income, stock price, market share, earnings per share, return on equity, return on assets or decrease in costs. A performance goal need not be based upon an increase or positive result under a particular business criterion and could include, for example, maintaining the status quo or limiting economic losses. A performance goal may also be based on performance relative to a peer group of companies.

*Plan Administration.* The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee, which is composed entirely of independent directors, has been designated by the Board of Directors to administer all awards under

the 2004 Incentive Plan. The Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee has the discretion to determine the employees who will be granted awards, the sizes and types of such awards and the terms and conditions of such awards, subject to the limitations set forth in the 2004 Incentive Plan. In addition, the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee has full and final authority to interpret the 2004 Incentive Plan and may, from time to time, adopt rules and regulations in order to carry out the terms of the 2004 Incentive Plan.

*Eligibility.* Salaried employees of us and our subsidiaries are eligible to be considered for awards under the 2004 Incentive Plan. Individuals who have agreed to become an employee of us or our subsidiaries within six months of the date of grant are also eligible for awards under the 2004 Incentive Plan. We and our subsidiaries currently have approximately 2,050 employees.

*Shares Available for Awards.* When established (as adjusted to give effect to our two-for-one stock split in October 2006), up to 2,696,294 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance under the 2004 Incentive Plan, which included the shares reserved but not subject to outstanding awards under our then-existing equity compensation plan. As of March 24, 2009, a total of approximately 1,767,452 shares of common stock remain available for issuance under the plan that are not subject to outstanding awards. All of the shares available for awards may be granted as incentive stock options or nonqualified options in the discretion of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee. Shares of common stock will be made available either from authorized but unissued shares or from treasury shares that have been issued but reacquired by us.

Shares subject to awards under the 2004 Incentive Plan or the existing incentive plan that are forfeited, terminated, expire unexercised, settled in cash, exchanged for other awards, withheld to satisfy tax obligations or otherwise lapse will become available for awards under the 2004 Incentive Plan.

The Board of Directors may make appropriate adjustments in the number of shares available under the 2004 Incentive Plan and the per person award limits noted below to reflect any stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization, reorganization, consolidation, merger, combination or exchange of shares, distribution to stockholders or other similar event.

*Employee Awards.*

*Stock Options.* The 2004 Incentive Plan provides for the granting to employees of incentive stock options, which are intended to comply with Section 422 of the Code, and non-qualified stock options.

A stock option is a right to purchase a specified number of shares of common stock at a specified grant price. All stock options granted under the 2004 Incentive Plan must have an exercise price per share that is not less than the fair market value (as defined in the 2004 Incentive Plan) of common stock on the date of grant. The grant price, number of shares, terms and conditions of exercise, whether a stock option may qualify as an incentive stock option under the Code, and other terms of a stock option grant will be fixed by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee as of the grant date. Stock options may not be repriced, including by means of a substitute award.

The exercise price of any stock option must be paid in full at the time the stock is delivered to the optionee. The price must be paid in cash or, if permitted by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee and elected by the participant, by means of tendering previously owned shares of common stock or shares issued pursuant to an award under the 2004 Incentive Plan or another compensation equity plan.

*Stock Appreciation Rights.* The 2004 Incentive Plan also provides for the granting of stock appreciation rights or SARs to employees. A SAR is a right to receive a payment, in cash or common stock, equal to the excess of the fair market value of a specified number of shares of common stock over a specified grant price. The terms of a SAR will be established by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee.

*Stock Awards.* The 2004 Incentive Plan also provides for the granting of stock awards, restricted stock and stock units to employees that consist of grants of common stock or units denominated in common stock. The terms, conditions and limitations applicable to any stock award will be decided by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee. At the discretion of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee, the terms of a stock award may include rights to receive dividends or dividend equivalents.

*Cash Awards.* The 2004 Incentive Plan also provides for the granting of cash awards to employees. The terms, conditions and limitations applicable to any cash awards granted pursuant to the 2004 Incentive Plan will be determined by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee.

*Performance Awards.* Any of the above-described employee awards may be made in the form of a performance award, which are described above in Performance Criteria above.

*Award Limitations.* Under the 2004 Incentive Plan, no employee may be granted during any calendar year:

stock options and/or SARs covering more than 600,000 shares of common stock;

stock awards covering more than 20,000 shares of common stock; or

cash awards (including performance awards) in respect of any calendar year having a value determined on the grant date in excess of \$1,000,000.

*Deferred Payment.* At the discretion of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee, amounts payable in respect of awards granted under the 2004 Incentive Plan may be deferred. Any deferred payment may be forfeited if and to the extent that the terms of the applicable award so provide.

*Amendment, Modification, and Termination.* The Board of Directors may amend, modify, suspend, or terminate the 2004 Incentive Plan at any time for the purpose of addressing changes in legal requirements or for other purposes permitted by law. However, no amendment shall be effective prior to approval by the stockholders if such approval is required by law or the requirements of the exchange on which the common stock is listed. Furthermore, without the prior approval of the stockholders, stock options issued under the 2004 Incentive Plan will not be repriced.

*Term.* No awards may be made after May 13, 2014.

#### **Federal Income Tax Consequences**

The following is a brief summary of the federal income tax aspects of awards that may be made under the 2004 Incentive Plan based on existing U.S. federal income tax laws. This summary is general in nature and does not address issues related to the tax circumstances of any particular participant. This summary is not complete and does not attempt to describe any state, local or non-U.S. tax consequences.

*Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights.* Participants will not realize taxable income upon the grant of a non-qualified stock option or SAR. Upon the exercise of a non-qualified stock option or SAR, the participant will recognize ordinary income (subject, in the case of employees, to withholding by us) in an amount equal to the excess of: the amount of cash and the fair market value on the date of exercise of the common stock received over the exercise price (if any) paid for the non-qualified stock option or SAR. The participant will generally have a tax basis in any shares of common stock received on the exercise of a SAR, or on the cash exercise of a non-qualified stock option, that equals the fair market value of such shares on the date of exercise. Subject to the discussion under Certain Tax Code Limitations on Deductibility below, we, or one of our subsidiaries, will be entitled to a deduction for U.S. federal income tax purposes that corresponds as to timing and amount with the compensation income recognized by the participant.



Employees will not have taxable income upon the grant of an incentive stock option. Upon the exercise of an incentive stock option, the employee will not have taxable income, although the excess of the fair market value of the shares of common stock received upon exercise of the incentive stock option over the exercise price will increase the alternative minimum taxable income of the employee, which may cause such employee to incur alternative minimum tax. The payment of any alternative minimum tax attributable to the exercise of an incentive stock option would be allowed as a credit against the employee's regular tax liability in a later year to the extent the employee's regular tax liability is in excess of the alternative minimum tax for that year.

Upon the disposition of stock received in connection with the exercise of an incentive stock option that has been held for the requisite holding period (generally, at least two years from the date of grant and one year from the date of exercise of the incentive stock option), the employee will generally recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount received in the disposition and the exercise price paid by the employee for the stock. However, if an employee disposes of stock that has not been held for the requisite holding period, the employee will recognize ordinary income in the year of the disqualifying disposition to the extent that the fair market value of the stock at the time of exercise of the incentive stock option (or, if less, the amount realized in the case of an arm's-length disqualifying disposition to an unrelated party) exceeds the exercise price paid by the employee for such stock. The employee would also recognize capital gain (or, depending on the holding period, additional ordinary income) to the extent the amount realized in the disqualifying disposition exceeds the fair market value of the stock on the exercise date. If the exercise price paid for the stock exceeds the amount realized in the disqualifying disposition (in the case of an arm's-length disposition to an unrelated party), such excess would ordinarily constitute a capital loss.

The Company and its subsidiaries will generally not be entitled to any federal income tax deduction upon the grant or exercise of an incentive stock option, unless the employee makes a disqualifying disposition of the stock. If an employee makes such a disqualifying disposition, we or one of our subsidiaries will then, subject to the discussion below under "Certain Tax Code Limitations on Deductibility," be entitled to a tax deduction that corresponds as to timing and amount with the compensation income recognized by the employee under the rules described in the preceding paragraph.

*Cash Awards; Stock Unit Awards; Stock Awards.* An employee will recognize ordinary compensation income upon receipt of cash pursuant to a cash award or performance award or, if earlier, at the time such cash is otherwise made available for the employee to draw upon it. An employee will not have taxable income upon the grant of a stock award in the form of units denominated in common stock but rather will generally recognize ordinary compensation income at the time the employee receives common stock or cash in satisfaction of such stock unit award in an amount equal to the fair market value of the common stock or cash received. In general, a participant will recognize ordinary compensation income as a result of the receipt of common stock pursuant to a stock award or performance award in an amount equal to the fair market value of the common stock when such stock is received; provided, however, that if the stock is not transferable and is subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture when received, the participant will recognize ordinary compensation income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the common stock when it first becomes transferable or is no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture, unless the participant makes an election to be taxed on the fair market value of the common stock when such stock is received.

An employee will be subject to withholding for federal, and generally for state and local, income taxes at the time the employee recognizes income under the rules described above with respect to common stock or cash received pursuant to a cash award, performance award, stock award or stock unit award. Dividends that are received by a participant prior to the time that the common stock is taxed to the participant under the rules described in the preceding paragraph are taxed as additional compensation, not as dividend income. The tax basis of a participant in the common stock received will equal the amount recognized by the employee as compensation income under the rules described in the preceding paragraph, and the employee's holding period in such shares will commence on the date income is so recognized.

Subject to the discussion under *Certain Tax Code Limitations on Deductibility* below, we or one of our subsidiaries will be entitled to a deduction for U.S. federal income tax purposes that corresponds as to timing and amount with the compensation income recognized by the participant under the foregoing rules.

*Certain Tax Code Limitations on Deductibility.* Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code provides that certain compensation received in any year by a covered employee in excess of \$1,000,000 is non-deductible by us for federal income tax purposes. Section 162(m) provides an exception, however, for performance-based compensation. The 2004 Incentive Plan permits the Compensation Committee to structure grants and awards made under the 2004 Incentive Plan to covered employees as performance-based compensation that is exempt from the limitation of Section 162(m). However, the Compensation Committee may award compensation that is or may become non-deductible, and expects to consider whether it believes such grants are in our best interest, balancing tax efficiency with long-term strategic objectives.

#### **Plan Benefits**

Awards under the 2004 Incentive Plan are granted at the discretion of the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee. No determination has yet been made as to the amount or terms of future awards under the 2004 Incentive Plan.

For further information regarding compensation to executive officers, see *Executive Compensation*.

#### **Required Vote and Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the re-approval of the performance criteria for awards under the 2004 Incentive Plan.** In accordance with our bylaws, approval of this proposal will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of common stock voted on the proposal. Accordingly, abstentions and broker non-votes applicable to shares present at the meeting will not be included in the tabulation of votes cast on this matter.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Management does not intend to bring any business before the meeting other than the matters referred to in the accompanying notice. If, however, any other matters properly come before the meeting, it is intended that the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote pursuant to discretionary authority granted in the proxy in accordance with their best judgment on such matters. The discretionary authority includes matters that the Board of Directors does not know are to be presented at the meeting by others.

#### **SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors and executive officers and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities to file with the SEC and the NYSE initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of common stock. Officers, directors and greater than 10% stockholders are required by SEC regulation to furnish us with copies of all such forms they file. Based solely on a review of the copies of such reports furnished to us and written representations that no other reports were required, we believe that during the year ended December 31, 2008 all our directors and executive officers during 2008 complied on a timely basis with all applicable filing requirements under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Stockholder Proposals for 2010 Meeting**

In order to be included in our proxy material for our annual meeting of stockholders in 2010, eligible proposals of stockholders intended to be presented at the annual meeting must be received by us on or before December 16, 2009 (directed to our Corporate Secretary at the address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement).

**Advance Notice Required for Stockholder Nominations and Proposals**

Our bylaws require timely advance written notice of stockholder nominations of director candidates and of any other proposals to be presented at an annual meeting of stockholders. Notice will be considered timely for the annual meeting to be held in 2010 if it is received by February 12, 2010. In the case of director nominations by stockholders, our bylaws require that 90 days advance written notice be delivered to our Corporate Secretary at our executive offices and set forth for each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or re-election as a director, (a) the name, age, business address and residence address of such person, (b) the principal occupation or employment of such person, (c) the number of shares of each class of our capital stock beneficially owned by such person and (d) the written consent of such person to having such person's name placed in nomination at the meeting and to serve as of a director if elected. The stockholder giving the notice must also include the name and address, as they appear on our books, of such stockholder and the number of shares of each class of our voting stock that are then beneficially owned by such stockholder.

In the case of other proposals by stockholders at an annual meeting, our bylaws require that 90 days advance written notice be delivered to our Corporate Secretary at our executive offices and set forth (a) a description of each proposal desired to be brought before the annual meeting and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting, (b) the name and address, as they appear on our books, the stockholder proposing such business and any other stockholders known by such stockholder to be supporting such proposal, (c) the class and number of shares of our stock that are beneficially owned by the stockholder on the date of such notice, (d) any financial interest of the stockholder in such proposal and (e) a representation that the stockholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to bring the proposed business before the annual meeting. A copy of our bylaws setting forth the requirements for the nomination of director candidates by stockholders and the requirements for proposals by stockholders may be obtained from our Corporate Secretary at the address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement.

In order for director nominations and stockholder proposals to have been properly submitted for presentation at this annual meeting, notice must have been received by our Corporate Secretary on or before February 13, 2009. We received no such notice and no stockholder director nominations or proposals will be presented at the annual meeting.

**Householding of Annual Meeting Materials**

In accordance with notices previously sent to many stockholders who hold their shares through a bank, broker or other holder of record (street-name stockholders) and share a single address, only one annual report and proxy statement is being delivered to that address unless contrary instructions from any stockholder at that address were received. This practice, known as householding, is intended to reduce our printing and postage costs. However, any such street-name stockholder residing at the same address who wishes to receive a separate copy of this proxy statement or the accompanying annual report to stockholders may request a copy by contacting the bank, broker or other holder of record or by contacting us by telephone at 713-939-7711. Street-name stockholders who are currently receiving househanded materials may revoke their consent, and street-name stockholders who are not currently receiving househanded materials may request householding of our future materials, by contacting Automatic Data Processing, Inc., either by calling toll free at 1-800-542-1061 or by writing to ADP, Householding Department, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, New York 11717 to the return

address noted on your voter instruction card. If you revoke your consent you will be removed from the householding program within 30 days of ADP's receipt of your revocation, and each stockholder at your address will receive individual copies of our future materials.

**Annual Report**

The Annual Report to Stockholders, which includes our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008, has been mailed to all stockholders. The Annual Report is not a part of the proxy solicitation material.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Gary D. Smith

*Co-Chairman of the Board, Co-Chief Executive Officer and Secretary*

April 15, 2009

**DRIL-QUIP, INC.**

Please mark

your votes as indicated in **x**

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**FOR WITHHOLD \*EXCEPTIONS**

**FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN**

**1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR ALL**

Nominees:

01 Larry E. Reimert                   "                   "                   "

02 Gary D. Smith

03 L. H. Dick Robertson

2. Approval of the appointment of BDO Seidman LLP as the company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009.

**FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN**

(INSTRUCTIONS: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, mark the Exceptions box above and write that nominee's name in the space provided below.)

3. Re-approval of performance criteria for awards under the 2004 Incentive Plan.

**Please sign, date and return the**

**Proxy Card promptly, using the enclosed envelope.**

\*Exceptions

Mark Here for Address Change or Comments   "  
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Signature

Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

**NOTE: Please sign as name appears hereon. Joint owners should each sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such.**

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**DRIL-QUIP, INC.**

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**PROXY SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD**

**May 14, 2009**

The undersigned hereby appoints J. Mike Walker and Jerry M. Brooks, jointly and severally, as proxy holders, with full power of substitution and with discretionary authority, to vote all shares of Common Stock which the undersigned is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Dril-Quip, Inc. (the Company) to be held on Thursday, May 14, 2009, at the Omni Houston Hotel Westside, 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas, at 2:00 p.m., or at any adjournment thereof, hereby revoking any proxy heretofore given.

**THIS PROXY, WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED, WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED HEREIN AND IN THE DISCRETION OF THE PROXY HOLDERS ON ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT COME BEFORE THE MEETING. IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTORS NAMED BELOW, FOR APPROVAL OF BDO SEIDMAN LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND FOR RE-APPROVAL OF THE PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR AWARDS UNDER THE 2004 INCENTIVE PLAN TO ALLOW CERTAIN AWARDS TO CONTINUE TO QUALIFY AS PERFORMANCE-BASED COMPENSATION DEDUCTIBLE UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 162(M).**

(Continued and to be marked, dated and signed, on the other side)

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