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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Dear Stockholders:

The 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) of Resonant Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Resonant”), will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time, for the following purposes as more fully described in the accompanying proxy statement:

1. To elect seven directors to serve until the 2018 annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified;
  - To approve an amendment of the Resonant Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan to increase the maximum number of shares of common stock that may be issued pursuant to awards granted thereunder from 2,700,000 to 5,950,000 shares;
- 2.
3. To ratify the appointment of Crowe Horwath LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017; and
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

This year, the Annual Meeting will be a completely virtual meeting of stockholders, conducted solely via a live webcast. We believe hosting a virtual meeting will enable increased stockholder attendance and participation from any location around the world while also reducing the cost of the Annual Meeting. You will be able to attend the Annual Meeting online and submit your questions during the meeting by visiting

[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/RESN2017](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/RESN2017). You will also be able to vote your shares electronically at the Annual Meeting.

This year, we have elected to use the Internet as our primary means of providing our proxy materials to stockholders. Consequently, most stockholders will not receive paper copies of our proxy materials. We will instead send to our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, which contains instructions on how to access our proxy statement and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials also includes instructions on how you can vote using the Internet, by telephone or at the virtual Annual Meeting via live webcast, and how you can request and receive, free of charge, a printed copy of our proxy materials. All stockholders who do not receive a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials will receive a paper copy of the proxy materials by mail.

The board of directors of Resonant has fixed the close of business on April 10, 2017 as the record date for the Annual Meeting. Only stockholders of record on the record date are entitled to notice of and to vote, virtually or by proxy, at the Annual Meeting. Further information regarding voting rights and the matters to be voted upon is presented in the accompanying proxy statement.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting via live webcast, please vote by telephone or the Internet by following the voting procedures described in the Proxy Materials. If you received printed proxy materials and wish to vote by mail, promptly complete, date and sign the enclosed proxy card and return it in the accompanying envelope.

By order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ George B. Holmes

George B. Holmes

Chief Executive Officer

Goleta, California

April 13, 2017

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RESONANT INC.  
PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE  
2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

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INFORMATION CONCERNING VOTING AND SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

Our board of directors solicits your proxy for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”), and for any postponement or adjournment of the Annual Meeting, for the purposes described in the “Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.” The table below shows some important details about the Annual Meeting and voting. Additional information is available in the “Frequently Asked Questions” section of the proxy statement immediately below the table. We use the terms “Resonant,” “the company,” “we,” “our” and “us” in this proxy statement to refer to Resonant Inc., a Delaware corporation.

The Notice of Annual Meeting, proxy statement, proxy card and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 (the “2016 Annual Report”) are first being made available to our stockholders on or about April 26, 2017.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the 2017 Annual Meeting

This proxy statement and the 2016 Annual Report are available for viewing, printing and downloading at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) and on the “Investors” section of our website at [ir.resonant.com](http://ir.resonant.com). Certain documents referenced in the proxy statement are available on our website. However, we are not including the information contained on our website, or any information that may be accessed by links on our website, as part of, or incorporating it by reference into, this proxy statement.

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Meeting Details	June 6, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time
Virtual Meeting	To participate in the Annual Meeting virtually via the Internet, please visit: <a href="http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/RESN2017">www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/RESN2017</a> . To access the Annual Meeting you will need the 16-digit control number included on your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, included on your proxy card, or provided through your broker. Stockholders will be able to vote and submit questions during the Annual Meeting.
Record Date	April 10, 2017
Shares Outstanding	There were 14,504,637 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote as of the Record Date.
Eligibility to Vote	Holders of our common stock at the close of business on the Record Date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote for each share held as of the Record Date.
Quorum	A majority of the shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote, by proxy or via live webcast, as of the Record Date constitutes a quorum. A quorum is required to transact business at the Annual Meeting.
Voting Methods	Stockholders whose shares are registered in their names with Computershare, our transfer agent (referred to as “Stockholders of Record”) may vote by proxy via the Internet, phone, or mail by following the instructions on the accompanying proxy card. Stockholders of Record may also vote at the virtual Annual Meeting. Stockholders whose shares are held in “street name” by a broker, bank or other nominee (referred to as “Beneficial Owners”) must follow the voting instructions provided by their brokers or other nominees. See “What is the difference between holding shares as a Stockholder of Record and as a Beneficial Owner?” and “How do I vote and what are the voting deadlines?” below for additional information.
Inspector of Elections	We will appoint an Inspector of Elections to determine whether a quorum is present, and to tabulate the votes cast by proxy or at the Annual Meeting via live webcast.
Voting Results	We will announce preliminary results at the Annual Meeting. We will report final results on a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and post results at <a href="http://ir.resonant.com">ir.resonant.com</a> as soon as practicable after the Annual Meeting.
Proxy Solicitation Costs	We will bear the costs of soliciting proxies from our stockholders. These costs include preparing, assembling, printing, mailing and distributing notices, proxy statements, proxy cards and Annual Reports. Our directors, officers and other employees may solicit proxies personally or by telephone, e-mail or other means of communication, and we will reimburse them for any related expenses. We will also reimburse brokers and other nominees for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for forwarding proxy materials to the Beneficial Owners of the shares that the nominees hold in their names.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What matters am I voting on?

You will be voting on:

• The election of seven directors to hold office until the 2018 annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified;

• A proposal to approve an amendment of the Resonant Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan to increase the maximum number of shares of common stock that may be issued pursuant to awards granted thereunder from 2,700,000 to 5,950,000 shares;

• A proposal to ratify the appointment of Crowe Horwath LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017; and

• Any other business that may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

How does our board of directors recommend that I vote?

Our board of directors recommends that you vote:

• FOR the election of the seven directors nominated by our board of directors and named in this proxy statement as directors to serve for one-year terms;

• FOR the approval of an amendment of the Resonant Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan to increase the maximum number of shares of common stock that may be issued pursuant to awards granted thereunder from 2,700,000 to 5,950,000 shares; and

• FOR the ratification of the appointment of Crowe Horwath LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017.

Why did I receive a notice in the mail regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials?

Instead of mailing printed copies to each of our stockholders, we have elected to provide access to our proxy materials over the Internet under the SEC's "notice and access" rules. These rules allow us to make our stockholders aware of the Annual Meeting and the availability of our proxy materials by sending the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, or the Notice, which provides instructions for how to access the full set of proxy materials through the Internet or make a request to have printed proxy materials delivered by mail. Accordingly, on or about April 26, 2017, we mailed the Notice to each of our stockholders. The Notice contains instructions on how to access our proxy materials, including our Proxy Statement and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, each of which are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). The Notice also provides instructions on how to vote your shares through the Internet, by telephone, by mail or virtually at the Annual Meeting.

What is the purpose of complying with the SEC's "notice and access" rules?

We believe compliance with the SEC's "notice and access" rules allows us to provide our stockholders with the materials they need to make informed decisions, while lowering the costs of printing and delivering those materials and reducing the environmental impact of our Annual Meeting. However, if you would prefer to receive printed proxy materials, please follow the instructions included in the Notice. If you have previously elected to receive our proxy materials electronically, you will continue to receive these materials electronically unless you elect otherwise.

Will there be any other items of business on the agenda?

If any other items of business or other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, your proxy gives discretionary authority to the persons named on the proxy card with respect to those items of business or other matters. The persons named on the proxy card intend to vote the proxy in accordance with their best judgment. Our board of directors does not intend to bring any other matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, and we are not currently aware of any matters that may be properly presented by others for action at the Annual Meeting.

**Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?**

Holders of our common stock at the close of business on the Record Date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote for each share of our common stock held as of the Record Date. Cumulative voting is not permitted with respect to the election of directors.

A complete list of the stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available at our headquarters, located at 110 Castilian Drive, Suite 100, Goleta, California 93117, during regular business hours for the ten days prior to the Annual Meeting. This list will also be available during the Annual Meeting at this location. Stockholders may examine the list for any legally valid purpose related to the Annual Meeting.

**What is the difference between holding shares as a Stockholder of Record and as a Beneficial Owner?**

**Stockholders of Record.** If, at the close of business on the Record Date, your shares are registered directly in your name with Computershare, our transfer agent, you are considered the Stockholder of Record with respect to those shares. As the Stockholder of Record, you have the right to grant your voting proxy directly to the individuals listed on the proxy card or to vote at the Annual Meeting via live webcast.

**Beneficial Owners.** If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee on your behalf, you are considered the Beneficial Owner of shares held in "street name." As the Beneficial Owner, you have the right to direct your broker or nominee how to vote your shares by following the voting instructions your broker or other nominee provides. In general, if you do not provide your broker or nominee with instructions on how to vote your shares, your broker or nominee may, in its discretion, vote your shares with respect to routine matters (e.g., the ratification of the appointment of our independent auditor), but may not vote your shares with respect to any non-routine matters (e.g., the election of directors). Please see "What if I do not specify how my shares are to be voted?" for additional information.

**How can I participate in the Annual Meeting?**

This year's Annual Meeting will be held entirely online to allow greater participation. Our stockholders may participate in the Annual Meeting by visiting the following website: [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/RESN2017](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/RESN2017). You will need the 16-digit control number included on your proxy card to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting. If you are the Beneficial Owner of your shares, your 16-digit control number may be included in the voting instructions form that accompanied your proxy materials. If your nominee did not provide you with a 16-digit control number in the voting instructions form that accompanied your proxy materials, you may be able to log onto the website of your nominee prior to the start of the Annual Meeting, which will automatically populate your 16-digit control number in the virtual Annual Meeting interface. Stockholders who have obtained a 16-digit control number as described above may vote or submit questions while participating in the live webcast of the Annual Meeting. However, even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting virtually, we recommend that you vote your shares in advance, so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the Annual Meeting via live webcast.

**How do I vote and what are the voting deadlines?**

**Stockholders of Record.** Stockholders of Record can vote by proxy or by attending the Annual Meeting virtually by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/RESN2017](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/RESN2017), where votes can be submitted via live webcast. If you vote by proxy, you can vote by Internet, telephone or by mail as described below.

You may vote via the Internet or by telephone. To vote via the Internet or by telephone, follow the instructions provided in the Notice or in the proxy card that accompanies this proxy statement. If you vote via the Internet or by telephone, you do not need to return a proxy card by mail. Internet and telephone voting are available 24 hours a day. Votes submitted through the Internet or by telephone must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 5, 2017. Alternatively, you may request a printed proxy card by following the instructions provided in the Notice.

You may vote by mail. If you would like to vote by mail, you need to complete, date and sign the proxy card that accompanies this proxy statement and promptly mail it in the enclosed postage-paid

envelope so that it is received no later than June 5, 2017. You do not need to put a stamp on the enclosed envelope if you mail it from within the United States. The persons named on the proxy card will vote the shares you own in accordance with your instructions on the proxy card you mail. If you return the proxy card, but do not give any instructions on a particular matter to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, the persons named on the proxy card will vote the shares you own in accordance with the recommendations of our board of directors. Our board of directors recommends that you vote FOR each of Proposals No. One, Two and Three.

You may vote at the Annual Meeting. If you choose to vote at the Annual Meeting virtually, you will need the 16-digit control number included on your Notice or on your proxy card. If you are the beneficial owner of your shares, your 16-digit control number may be included in the voting instructions form that accompanied your proxy materials. If your nominee did not provide you with a 16-digit control number in the voting instructions form that accompanied your proxy materials, you may be able to log onto the website of your nominee prior to the start of the Annual Meeting, on which you will need to select the stockholder communications mailbox link through to the Annual Meeting, which will automatically populate your 16-digit control number in the virtual Annual Meeting interface. The method you use to vote will not limit your right to vote at the virtual Annual Meeting. All shares that have been properly voted and not revoked will be voted at the Annual Meeting.

**Beneficial Owners.** If you are the Beneficial Owner of shares held of record by a broker or other nominee, you will receive voting instructions from your broker or other nominee. You must follow the voting instructions provided by your broker or other nominee in order to instruct your broker or other nominee how to vote your shares. The availability of telephone and Internet voting options will depend on the voting process of your broker or other nominee. As discussed above, if you received your 16-digit control number in the voting instructions form that accompanied your Notice or your proxy materials, or if you are able to link through to the Annual Meeting from the website of your nominee and populate your 16-digit control number in the virtual Annual Meeting interface, you will be able to vote virtually at the Annual Meeting.

**May I change my vote or revoke my proxy?**

**Stockholders of Record.** If you are a Stockholder of Record, you may revoke your proxy or change your proxy instructions at any time before your proxy is voted at the Annual Meeting by:

- entering a new vote by Internet or telephone;
- signing and returning a new proxy card with a later date;
- delivering a written revocation to our Secretary at the address listed on the front page of this proxy statement; or
- attending the Annual Meeting and voting via live webcast.

**Beneficial Owners.** If you are the beneficial owner of your shares, you must contact the broker or other nominee holding your shares and follow their instructions to change your vote or revoke your proxy.

**What is the effect of giving a proxy?**

Proxies are solicited by and on behalf of our board of directors. The persons named on the proxy card have been designated as proxy holders by our board of directors. When a proxy is properly dated, executed and returned, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the instruction of the stockholder. If no specific instructions are given, however, the shares will be voted in accordance with the recommendations of our board of directors (as shown on the first page of the proxy statement). If any matters not described in the proxy statement are properly presented at the Annual Meeting, the proxy holders will use their own judgment to determine how to vote your shares. If the Annual Meeting is postponed or adjourned, the proxy holders can vote your shares on the new meeting date, unless you have properly revoked your proxy, as described above.



What if I do not specify how my shares are to be voted?

Stockholders of Record. If you are a Stockholder of Record and you submit a proxy but you do not provide voting instructions, your shares will be voted:

• FOR the election of the seven directors nominated by our board of directors and named in this proxy statement as directors to serve for one-year terms (Proposal No. One);

• FOR the approval of an amendment of the Resonant Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan to increase the maximum number of shares of common stock that may be issued pursuant to awards granted thereunder from 2,700,000 to 5,950,000 shares (Proposal No. Two);

• FOR the ratification of the appointment of Crowe Horwath LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017 (Proposal No. Three); and

• In the discretion of the named proxy holders regarding any other matters properly presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting.

Beneficial Owners. If you are a Beneficial Owner and you do not provide your broker or other nominee that holds your shares with voting instructions, your broker or other nominee will determine if it has discretion to vote on each matter. In general, brokers and other nominees do not have discretion to vote on non-routine matters. Each of Proposal No. One (election of directors) and Proposal No. Two (amendment of incentive plan) is a non-routine matter, while Proposal No. Three (ratification of appointment of independent registered public accounting firm) is a routine matter. As a result, if you do not provide voting instructions to your broker or other nominee, your broker or other nominee cannot vote your shares with respect to Proposal Nos. One and Two, which would result in a “broker non-vote,” but may, in its discretion, vote your shares with respect to Proposal No. Three. For additional information regarding broker non-votes, see “What are the effects of abstentions and broker non-votes?” below.

What is a quorum?

A quorum is the minimum number of shares required to be present at the Annual Meeting for the meeting to be properly held under our bylaws and Delaware law. A majority of the shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote, by proxy or at the Annual Meeting via live webcast, constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. As noted above, as of the Record Date, there were at total of 14,504,637 shares of common stock outstanding, which means that 7,252,319 shares of common stock must be represented by proxy or virtually via live webcast at the Annual Meeting to have a quorum. If there is no quorum, a majority of the shares present at the Annual Meeting may adjourn the meeting to a later date.

What are the effects of abstentions and broker non-votes?

An abstention represents a stockholder’s affirmative choice to decline to vote on a proposal. Under Delaware law, abstentions are considered present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. As a result, abstentions will be counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum and will also count as votes against a proposal in cases where approval of the proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting (Proposal Nos. Two and Three). However, because the outcome of Proposal No. One (election of directors) will be determined by a plurality of the voting power of the shares present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, abstentions will have no impact on the outcome of the proposal as long as a quorum exists.

A broker non-vote occurs when a broker or other nominee holding shares for a Beneficial Owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the broker or other nominee does not have discretionary voting power with respect to such proposal and has not received voting instructions from the Beneficial Owner of the shares. Broker non-votes will be counted for purposes of calculating whether a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting, but will not be counted for purposes of determining the number of votes cast. Therefore, a broker non-vote will make a quorum more readily attainable but will not affect the outcome of the vote on Proposal Nos. Two or Three.

How many votes are needed for approval of each proposal?

Proposal	Vote Required	Broker Discretionary Voting Allowed?
Proposal No. One --Election of directors	Plurality of voting power of shares present and entitled to vote	No
Proposal No. Two --Amendment of amended and restated 2014 omnibus incentive plan	Majority of voting power of shares present and entitled to vote	No
Proposal No. Three --Ratification of the appointment of independent registered public accounting firm	Majority of voting power of shares present and entitled to vote	Yes

With respect to Proposal No. One, you may vote (i) FOR all nominees, (ii) WITHHOLD your vote as to all nominees, or (iii) vote FOR all nominees except for those specific nominees from whom you WITHHOLD your vote. The seven nominees receiving the most FOR votes will be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted with respect to the election of directors. If you WITHHOLD your vote as to all nominees, your vote will be treated as if you had ABSTAINED from voting on Proposal No. One, and your abstention will have no effect on the outcome of the vote. With respect to Proposal Nos. Two and Three, you may vote FOR, AGAINST or ABSTAIN. If you ABSTAIN from voting on any of these proposals, the abstention will have the same effect as a vote AGAINST the proposal.

How are proxies solicited for the Annual Meeting and who is paying for the solicitation?

The board of directors is soliciting proxies for use at the Annual Meeting by means of this proxy statement. We will bear the entire cost of proxy solicitation, including the preparation, assembly, printing, mailing and distribution of the proxy materials. Copies of solicitation materials will also be made available upon request to brokers and other nominees to forward to the Beneficial Owners of the shares held of record by the brokers or other nominees. We will reimburse brokers or other nominees for reasonable expenses that they incur in sending these proxy materials to Beneficial Owners.

This solicitation of proxies may be supplemented by solicitation by telephone, electronic communication, or other means by our directors, officers, employees or agents. No additional compensation will be paid to these individuals for any such services, although we may reimburse such individuals for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with such solicitation. We do not plan to retain a proxy solicitor to assist in the solicitation of proxies.

Is my vote confidential?

Proxy instructions, ballots, and voting tabulations that identify individual stockholders are handled in a manner that protects your voting privacy. Your vote will not be disclosed either within Resonant or to third parties, except as necessary to meet applicable legal requirements, to allow for the tabulation of votes and certification of the vote, or to facilitate a successful proxy solicitation.

Will members of the board of directors attend the Annual Meeting?

We encourage our board members to attend the Annual Meeting. Because this year's Annual Meeting will be completely virtual, those board members who do attend will not be available to answer questions from stockholders.

I share an address with another stockholder, and we received only one paper copy of the proxy materials. How may I obtain an additional copy of the proxy materials?

We have adopted an SEC-approved procedure called "householding," under which we can deliver a single copy of the Notice and, if applicable, the proxy materials to multiple stockholders who share the same address unless we received contrary instructions from one or more of the stockholders. This procedure reduces our printing and

mailing costs. Stockholders of Record who participate in householding will be able to access and receive separate proxy cards. Upon written or oral request, we will promptly deliver a separate copy of the Notice and, if applicable, the proxy materials to any stockholder at a shared address to which we delivered a single copy of these documents. To receive a separate copy, or, if you are receiving multiple copies, to request that Resonant only send a single copy of the next year's Notice and, if applicable, the proxy materials, you may contact us as follows:

Resonant Inc.

Attention: Secretary

110 Castilian Drive, Suite 100

Goleta, California 93117

(805) 308-9803

Stockholders who hold shares in street name may contact their brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer or other nominee to request information about householding.

PROPOSAL NO. ONE  
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our business affairs are managed under the direction of our board of directors, which is currently comprised of seven members. Five of our directors are independent according to the independent director requirements of The NASDAQ Stock Market (“NASDAQ”). Our directors serve for one-year terms. See “Board of Directors and Corporate Governance” below for more details about our board.

At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will be asked to elect seven directors, Ms. Janet Cooper, Mr. Michael Fox, Mr. George Holmes, Dr. Robert Hammond, Dr. Thomas Joseph, Mr. Richard Kornfeld and Mr. John Major, to serve until the 2018 annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The following table sets forth the names and certain other information as of March 31, 2017 for each of the nominees for election as a director, all of whom currently serve on the board of directors.

Nominee	Age	Position
Janet Cooper <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	63	Director
Michael Fox	39	Director
George Holmes	54	President, Chief Commercial Officer and Director
Robert Hammond	69	Chief Technology Officer and Director
Thomas Joseph <sup>(2)</sup>	67	Director
Richard Kornfeld <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	56	Director
John Major <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	71	Chairman of the Board

(1)Member of the audit committee

(2)Member of the compensation committee

(3)Member of the nominating and governance committee

Nominees for Director

Janet Cooper. Ms. Cooper has served as a member of our board of directors since January 2014. Ms. Cooper served as Senior Vice President and Treasurer of Qwest Communications International Inc. (now doing business as CenturyLink) from September 2002 to June 2008, and served as Qwest’s Senior Vice President, Finance from 2000 to 2001. From 2001 to 2002, Ms. Cooper was Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President of McDATA Corporation (now doing business as Brocade). From 1998 to 2000, she served in various senior level finance positions at US West Inc., including as Vice President, Finance and Controller and Vice President and Treasurer. From 1978 to 1998, Ms. Cooper served in various capacities with The Quaker Oats Company, including as Vice President, Treasurer and Tax from 1997 to 1998 and Vice President, Treasurer from 1992 to 1997. Ms. Cooper serves on the board of directors of Lennox International Inc. and The Toro Company. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Ms. Cooper received a B.S. in Math and Computer Science from the University of Illinois, an M.S. in Applied Math from the University of Illinois, and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Through her experience in various senior level financial positions with Qwest, McDATA Corporation, US West and Quaker Oats, Ms. Cooper has developed a substantial financial and accounting background and expertise, which she contributes to our board of directors. Ms. Cooper’s financial expertise and acumen in capital markets, audit, tax, accounting, treasury and risk-management matters assists our board in providing oversight to management on these matters. Ms. Cooper’s senior leadership experience also enables her to provide strategic input to our board, in addition to her financial expertise, discipline and oversight.

Michael Fox. Mr. Fox has served as a member of our board of directors since February 2016. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Park City Capital, LLC, a value-oriented investment management firm he founded in June 2008 and the Co-Founder of Julie’s Real Foods LLC, a Paleo and Gluten-Free food company that he co-founded with his wife, Julie, in December 2015. From 2000 to 2008, Mr. Fox worked at J.P. Morgan in New York, most recently as Vice President and



Senior Business Services Analyst. As J.P. Morgan's Senior Business Services Analyst, Mr. Fox headed the firm's Business Services equity research group from 2005 to 2008. From 2000 to 2005 Mr. Fox was a member of J.P. Morgan's Leisure equity research group, which was consistently recognized by Institutional Investor's All America Research Team. Mr. Fox serves on the board of directors of Adcare Health Systems, Inc. Mr. Fox received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Texas Christian University. Mr. Fox's expertise and background in the financial and equity markets, coupled with Park City Capital's significant financial stake in our company, will enable him to provide our board of directors and management with valuable perspectives on executing strategies to maximize stockholder value.

George Holmes. Mr. Holmes joined Resonant in February 2016 as President and Chief Commercial Officer and as a member of our board of directors, and was appointed Chief Executive Officer in January 2017. Mr. Holmes brings to us more than 30 years' leadership experience in sales, marketing and management spanning a broad range of technologies, including semiconductor, optical components and systems and sub-systems for telecom and CATV. Prior to joining Resonant, Mr. Holmes most recently served as Chief Commercial Officer for Tigo Energy, where he was responsible for creating the company's customer acquisition and expansion strategy. From 2013 to 2015, he worked for Energous Corporation, a developer of wire-free charging technology for electronic devices, first as Senior Vice President Sales & Marketing then as Chief Commercial Officer where he was responsible for securing development and licensing agreements, overseeing IP strategy and process, spearheading regulatory strategy and tactics and public and investor relations. From 2011 to 2013, he served as Vice President of Sales at SolarBridge Technologies, overseeing all sales, business development and sales operations. His prior experience includes serving as Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing for PureEnergy Solutions, a developer and manufacturer of wireless power products as well as senior sales executive roles at Agere Systems (formerly Lucent MicroElectronics), Ortel Corp (acquired by Lucent), Level One Communications and Symmetricom. Mr. Holmes holds a B.A. in Business from the University of Puget Sound and a Diploma in international business from Nyenrode University, Netherlands. Mr. Holmes was selected to serve on our board of directors because of his extensive experience commercializing technologies.

Robert Hammond. Dr. Hammond has served as our Chief Technology Officer and as a member of our board of directors since June 2013, and served as Chief Technology Officer of our predecessor, Resonant LLC from June 2012 until June 2013. Prior to founding Resonant, Dr. Hammond served for more than 20 years as Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of Superconductor Technologies, Inc., where he was involved in the development of high temperature superconducting materials, cryogenic refrigeration and packaging, and RF and microwave circuits. Prior to that, he was Leader Electronics Advanced Development at Los Alamos National Labs. Dr. Hammond holds a BS degree in Physics, a MS degree in Applied Physics and a PhD in Applied Physics, each from the California Institute of Technology. Dr. Hammond was selected to serve on our board of directors because of the perspective and experience he brings as one of our co-founders and as a significant stockholder, his extensive experience with the technologies we are developing and technology companies in general, and his experience serving as a senior executive officer of a public company.

Thomas Joseph. Dr. Joseph has served as a member of our board of directors since July 2015. Dr. Joseph brings deep expertise in the radio frequency, compound semiconductor, cellular, fiber optics, and surface acoustic wave (SAW) industries. Dr. Joseph worked at RFMD (now Qorvo) from 2000 until his retirement in 2013. At RFMD, Dr. Joseph was Senior Manager, Technical Projects for the Cellular Products Group leading cross-functional teams that developed high volume, front-end component solutions for cellular handsets. He began his career at Hughes Aircraft Company. He then joined TRW Space and Defense (now Northrop Grumman) where he established, grew and oversaw the foundry products business to make available GaAs process technology to outside commercial and defense customers. Dr. Joseph earned his B.S. in Applied Physics from the California Institute of Technology. He earned his PhD and MSEE in Electrical Engineering from the University of Southern California. Dr. Joseph wrote his dissertation on the design, fabrication, testing and performance modeling of SAW resonators, performing much of the seminal work on these devices. He has authored or co-authored more than 50 technical publications, and symposium presentations on SAW devices, GaAs circuits and processes, integrated and fiber optics and acousto-optics. Dr. Joseph is a life member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Dr. Joseph was selected to serve on our board of directors because of his extensive experience with the technologies we are developing and his business

relationships in the industries we serve.

Richard Kornfeld. Mr. Kornfeld has served as a member of our board of directors since December 2013. Mr. Kornfeld currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Kitu Systems, Inc., a leader in communication protocol software for the Internet-of-Things market. From 2006 to 2008, he served as Executive Vice President and Chief

Strategy Officer of NextWave Wireless. From 2004 to 2006, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Staccato Communications. Prior to joining Staccato, Mr. Kornfeld was Vice President and General Manager of Texas Instruments' Wireless Chipset Business Unit. He joined Texas Instruments as part of the acquisition of Dot Wireless, where he served as Co-Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Prior to founding Dot Wireless, Mr. Kornfeld was a founder of NextWave Telecom, Inc., where he was the Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Consumer Products division. Previously, Mr. Kornfeld was Vice President of Engineering at Qualcomm Inc., leading the development of the first commercial CDMA subscriber equipment. Prior to Qualcomm, Mr. Kornfeld held various technical positions at M/A-Com Linkabit. Mr. Kornfeld serves on the board of the La Jolla Institute of Allergy and Immunology and to Kitu Systems, Inc. He serves on the Council of Advisors of University of California, San Diego's Jacobs School of Engineering where he also participates in the university's Von Liebig Clean Tech grant activities. He also serves on AIPAC's San Diego council and AIPAC's national council. Mr. Kornfeld also was Vice-Chairman of Commnexus and the founding Chairman of EvoNexus. Mr. Kornfeld received his BS degree in 1982 from the University of California, San Diego where he was also named the Alumni of the Year in 2001. Mr. Kornfeld was selected to serve on our board of directors because of his extensive experience with the technologies we are developing and technology companies in general, including some of San Diego's most notable tech companies.

**John Major.** Mr. Major has served as a member of our board of directors since December 2013. Mr. Major founded MTSG, a strategic consulting and investment company of which he serves as president, in 2003. From April 2004 to October 2006, he also served as chief executive officer of Apacheta Corp., a privately held mobile, wireless software company whose products are used to manage retail inventory, service and deliveries. From August 2000 until January 2003, Mr. Major was chairman and CEO of Novatel Wireless Inc., a wireless data access solutions company. Previously, Mr. Major was chairman and CEO of Wireless Knowledge, a joint venture of Qualcomm Inc. and Microsoft Corp. Prior to joining Wireless Knowledge, Mr. Major served as corporate executive vice president of Qualcomm and president of its wireless infrastructure division. For approximately 18 years, he held various executive and leadership positions at Motorola Inc., the most recent of which was senior vice president and chief technology officer. He served on the University of California President's Board on Science and Innovation. He serves as Chairman of the Dean's Advisory Committee of the University of Rochester Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Science and as Chairman of the University of Illinois at Chicago-Engineering School Advisory Board. Mr. Major also serves as Chairman Emeritus of the Board of EvoNexus, a nonprofit telecom industry group and incubator and Chairman of the La Jolla Institute, the premier research institute focused on the immune system. Previously, he has served on the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board of the National Academy of Science, and the board of the Software Engineering Institute. He currently serves on the boards of directors of Broadcom, Lennox International Inc., Littelfuse Inc., ORBCOMM Inc. and Resonant Inc. Additionally, he is chairman of the board of Pulse Electronics. Mr. Major received a B.S. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from the University of Rochester, an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois, an M.B.A. from Northwestern University and a J.D. from Loyola University. Mr. Major is a named inventor in 13 U.S. patents.

Mr. Major was selected to serve on our board of directors because of his extensive experience with the technologies we are developing and technology companies in general, and his experience serving on the boards of directors of very substantial public companies. He contributes substantial experience in product innovation, compensation programs and mergers and acquisitions.

#### Vote Required

Directors are elected by a plurality vote. The seven nominees for directors receiving the highest number of votes cast will be elected as directors.

**\*\*\*THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" EACH OF THE NOMINEES LISTED ABOVE\*\*\***



PROPOSAL NO. TWO  
AMENDMENT OF AMENDED AND RESTATED  
2014 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN

On March 30, 2017, our board of directors approved an amendment of the Resonant Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as previously amended (the “2014 Plan”) to increase the maximum number of shares of common stock that may be issued pursuant to awards granted thereunder from 2,700,000 to 5,950,000 shares, subject to approval of the proposed amendment by our stockholders at the Annual Meeting. A copy of the text of the proposed amendment of the 2014 Plan is attached to this proxy statement as Annex A.

Our board of directors believes that the continued growth of Resonant depends, in large part, upon our ability to attract and motivate key employees and directors, and that equity incentive awards are an important means of attracting, retaining and motivating talented employees and directors. Previously, our board of directors and stockholders had approved the 2014 Plan, which authorized a total of 1,400,000 shares for issuance to eligible participants. Our board of directors and stockholders also approved an amendment to the 2014 Plan, which increased to 2,700,000 the authorized number of shares for issuance to eligible participants. As of March 31, 2017, only 217,850 shares remained available for award under the 2014 Plan. Accordingly, to ensure that we may continue to attract key employees and directors who are expected to contribute to our success, on March 30, 2017, our board of directors approved an amendment of the 2014 Plan to increase to 5,950,000 the number of shares available for issuance pursuant to awards granted thereunder. The amendment is subject to approval by our stockholders at the Annual Meeting. If the amendment is not approved by our stockholders, it will not be implemented in the form proposed.

Summary of the 2014 Plan

The following summary of the principal features of the 2014 Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the 2014 Plan.

**Shares Available.** A total of 2,700,000 shares of our common stock have been reserved for issuance pursuant to the 2014 Plan. If the proposed amendment of the 2014 Plan is approved by stockholders at the Annual Meeting, the total number of shares reserved for issuance under the 2014 Plan will increase to 5,950,000. Any shares of common stock that are subject to awards shall be counted against this limit on a one-for-one basis. If any shares of common stock subject to an award under the 2014 Plan are forfeited, expire or are settled for cash, the shares subject to the award may be used again for awards under the 2014 Plan to the extent of the forfeiture, expiration or cancellation on a one-for-one basis. In the event that any option or other award granted under the 2014 Plan is exercised through the tendering of shares of common stock (either actually or by attestation) or by the withholding of shares of common stock by us, then in each such case the shares so tendered or withheld shall again be available for awards under the 2014 Plan on a one-for-one basis. In addition, in the event that withholding tax liabilities arising from any option or other award under the 2014 Plan are satisfied by the tendering of shares of common stock (either actually or by attestation) or by the withholding of shares of common stock by us, then in each such case the shares of common stock so tendered or withheld shall again be available for awards under the 2014 Plan on a one-for-one basis.

**Plan Administration.** The 2014 Plan will be administered by the compensation committee of our board of directors or a subcommittee thereof, which shall consist of at least two members of our board, each of whom must qualify as a “non-employee director” under Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or Rule 16b-3, an “outside director” under Section 162(m) of the Code and an “independent director” under NASDAQ rules. The compensation committee has the authority to determine the terms and conditions of awards, and to interpret and administer the 2014 Plan. The compensation committee may (i) delegate to a committee of one or more directors the right to make awards and to cancel or suspend awards and otherwise take action on its behalf under the 2014 Plan (to the extent not inconsistent with applicable law, including Section 162(m) of the Code, and the rules of the principal U.S. national securities exchange on which the common stock is traded), and (ii) to the extent permitted by law, delegate to an executive officer or a committee of executive officers the right to make awards to employees who are not directors or executive officers and the authority to take action on behalf of the compensation committee pursuant to the 2014 Plan to cancel or suspend awards under the 2014 Plan to key employees who are not directors or executive officers.



**Stock Options.** Stock options may be granted under our 2014 Plan. The exercise price of options granted under our 2014 Plan must at least be equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant. The term of an incentive stock option may not exceed 10 years, except that with respect to any participant who owns more than 10% of the voting power of all classes of our outstanding stock, the term must not exceed five years and the exercise price must equal at least 110% of the fair market value on the grant date. The compensation committee will determine the methods of payment of the exercise price of an option, which may include cash, shares or other property acceptable to the compensation committee, as well as other types of consideration permitted by applicable law. After the termination of service of an employee, director or consultant, he or she may exercise his or her option for the period of time stated in his or her option agreement. Generally, if termination is due to death or disability, the option will remain exercisable for 12 months. In all other cases, the option will generally remain exercisable for three months following the termination of service. However, in no event may an option be exercised later than the expiration of its term. Subject to the provisions of our 2014 Plan, the compensation committee determines the other terms of options.

**Stock Appreciation Rights.** Stock appreciation rights may be granted under our 2014 Plan. Stock appreciation rights allow the recipient to receive the appreciation in the fair market value of our common stock between the exercise date and the date of grant. Stock appreciation rights may not have a term exceeding 10 years. After the termination of service of an employee, director or consultant, he or she may exercise his or her stock appreciation right for the period of time stated in his or her option agreement. However, in no event may a stock appreciation right be exercised later than the expiration of its term. Subject to the provisions of our 2014 Plan, the compensation committee determines the other terms of stock appreciation rights, including when such rights become exercisable and whether to pay any increased appreciation in cash or with shares of our common stock, or a combination thereof, except that the per share exercise price for the shares to be issued pursuant to the exercise of a stock appreciation right will be no less than 100% of the fair market value per share on the date of grant.

**Restricted Stock.** Restricted stock may be granted under our 2014 Plan. Restricted stock awards are grants of shares of our common stock that vest in accordance with terms and conditions established by the compensation committee. The compensation committee will determine the number of shares of restricted stock granted to any employee, director or consultant and, subject to the provisions of our 2014 Plan, will determine the terms and conditions of such awards. The compensation committee may impose whatever conditions to vesting it determines to be appropriate (for example, the compensation committee may set restrictions based on the achievement of specific performance goals or continued service to us); provided, however, that the compensation committee, in its sole discretion, may accelerate the time at which any restrictions will lapse or be removed. Recipients of restricted stock awards generally will have voting and dividend rights with respect to such shares upon grant without regard to vesting, unless the compensation committee provides otherwise. Shares of restricted stock that do not vest are subject to our right of repurchase or forfeiture.

**Restricted Stock Units.** Restricted stock units may be granted under our 2014 Plan. Restricted stock units are bookkeeping entries representing an amount equal to the fair market value of one share of our common stock. Subject to the provisions of our 2014 Plan, the compensation committee will determine the terms and conditions of restricted stock units, including the vesting criteria (which may include accomplishing specified performance criteria or continued service to us) and the form and timing of payment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the compensation committee, in its sole discretion, may accelerate the time at which any restrictions will lapse or be removed.

**Performance Units and Performance Shares.** Performance units and performance shares may be granted under our 2014 Plan. Performance units and performance shares are awards that will result in a payment to a participant only if performance goals established by the compensation committee are achieved or the awards otherwise vest. The compensation committee will establish organizational or individual performance goals or other vesting criteria in its discretion, which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine the number and/or the value of performance units and performance shares to be paid out to participants. After the grant of a performance unit or performance share, the compensation committee, in its sole discretion, may reduce or waive any performance criteria or other vesting provisions for such performance units or performance shares. Performance units shall have an initial dollar value established by the compensation committee prior to the grant date. Performance shares shall have an initial value equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the grant date. The compensation committee, in its sole discretion, may pay earned performance units or performance shares in the form of cash, in shares or in some

combination thereof.

Outside Directors. Our 2014 Plan provides that all non-employee directors are eligible to receive all types of awards (except for incentive stock options) under the 2014 Plan.

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**No Repricing.** Our 2014 Plan prohibits repricing of options and stock appreciation rights (other than to reflect stock splits, spin-offs or similar corporate events) unless stockholder approval is obtained. A “repricing” means a reduction in the exercise price of an option or the grant price of a stock appreciation right, the cancellation of an option or stock appreciation right in exchange for cash or another award under the 2014 Plan, or any other action with respect to an option or stock appreciation right that may be treated as a repricing under the rules of the principal U.S. national securities exchange on which the common stock is traded.

**Non-transferability of Awards.** Unless the compensation committee provides otherwise, our 2014 Plan generally does not allow for the transfer of awards and only the recipient of an award may exercise an award during his or her lifetime.

**Certain Adjustments.** In the event of certain changes in our capitalization, to prevent diminution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits available under our 2014 Plan, the compensation committee will adjust the number and class of shares that may be delivered under our 2014 Plan and/or the number, class and price of shares covered by each outstanding award and the numerical share limits set forth in our 2014 Plan. In the event of our proposed liquidation or dissolution, the compensation committee will notify participants as soon as practicable and all awards will terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed transaction.

**Merger or Change in Control.** Our 2014 Plan provides that in the event of a merger or change in control, as defined under the 2014 Plan, each outstanding award will be treated as provided for in the individual award agreement, except that the compensation committee in its discretion, may determine that, upon the occurrence of a merger or change in control, each option and stock appreciation right shall terminate within a specified number of days after notice to the participant, or that the participant shall receive, with respect to each share of common stock subject to such option or stock appreciation right, an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of such share immediately prior to the occurrence of the merger or change in control over the exercise price per share of such option or stock appreciation right.

Unless otherwise provided in an individual award agreement, in the event of a merger or change in control in which the successor company assumes or substitutes for an award granted under the 2014 Plan, if a participant’s employment with the successor company or a subsidiary thereof terminates within 12 months following such merger or change in control, (i) the options and stock appreciation rights outstanding as of the date of such termination of employment will immediately vest, become fully exercisable, and may thereafter be exercised for 12 months, and (ii) the restrictions, limitations and other conditions applicable to restricted stock and restricted stock units outstanding as of the date of such termination of employment shall lapse and the restricted stock and restricted stock units shall become free of all restrictions, limitations and conditions and become fully vested.

Unless otherwise provided in an individual award agreement, in the event of a merger or change in control in which the successor company does not assume or substitute for an award granted under the 2014 Plan, then immediately prior to the merger or change in control, (i) those options and stock appreciation rights outstanding as of the date of the merger or change in control that are not assumed or substituted for shall immediately vest and become fully exercisable, and (ii) restrictions, limitations and other conditions applicable to restricted stock and restricted stock units that are not assumed or substituted for shall lapse and the restricted stock and restricted stock units shall become free of all restrictions, limitations and conditions and become fully vested.

**Amendment, Termination.** Our board of directors will have the authority to amend, suspend or terminate the 2014 Plan provided such action does not require stockholder approval and will not impair the existing rights of any participant. Our 2014 Plan will automatically terminate in 2024, unless we terminate it sooner.

#### Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following discussion summarizes certain federal income tax considerations of awards under the 2014 Plan. However, it does not purport to be complete and does not describe the state, local or foreign tax considerations or the consequences for any particular individual.

**Stock Options.** A participant does not realize ordinary income on the grant of a stock option. Upon exercise of a non-qualified stock option, the participant will realize ordinary income equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares of common stock over the option exercise price. The cost basis of the shares acquired for capital gain treatment is



their fair market value at the time of exercise. Upon exercise of an incentive stock option, the excess of the fair market value of the shares of common stock acquired over the option exercise price will be an item of tax preference to the participant, which may be subject to an alternative minimum tax for the year of exercise. If no disposition of the shares is made within two years from the date of granting of the incentive stock option or within one year after the transfer of the shares to the participant, the participant does not realize taxable income as a result of exercising the incentive stock option; the tax basis of the shares received for capital gain treatment is the option exercise price; any gain or loss realized on the sale of the shares is long-term capital gain or loss. If the participant disposes of the shares within the two-year or one-year periods referred to above, the participant will realize ordinary income at that time in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares at the time of exercise (or the net proceeds of disposition, if less) over the option exercise price. For capital gain treatment on such a disposition, the tax basis of the shares will be their fair market value at the time of exercise.

**Stock Appreciation Rights.** No ordinary income will be realized by a participant in connection with the grant of a SAR. When the SAR is exercised, the participant will realize ordinary income in an amount equal to the sum of the amount of any cash received and the fair market value of the shares of common stock or other property received upon the exercise.

**Restricted Stock, Performance and Restricted Stock Unit Awards.** The participant will not realize ordinary income on the grant of a restricted stock award (or a performance award if the shares of common stock are issued on grant), but will realize ordinary income when the shares subject to the award become vested in an amount equal to the excess of (i) the fair market value of the shares on the vesting date over (ii) the purchase price, if any, paid for the shares. The participant may, however, elect under Section 83(b) of the Code to include as ordinary income in the year the shares are granted an amount equal to the excess of (i) the fair market value of the shares on the date of issuance, over (ii) the purchase price, if any, paid for the shares. If the Section 83(b) election is made, the participant will not realize any additional taxable income when the shares become vested.

The participant will not realize ordinary income on the grant of a restricted stock unit award (or a performance award under which shares of common stock are not issued on grant), but will realize ordinary income when the shares subject to the award are issued to the participant after they become vested. The amount of ordinary income will be equal to the excess of (i) the fair market value of the shares on the date they are issued over (ii) the purchase price, if any, paid for the award.

Upon disposition of shares of common stock acquired under a restricted stock award, performance award or restricted stock unit award, the participant will realize a capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the selling price and the sum of the amount paid for the shares plus any amount realized as ordinary income upon grant (or vesting) of the shares.

**Company Tax Deduction.** We generally will be entitled to a tax deduction in connection with an award under the 2014 Plan, subject to the provisions of Section 162(m) of the Code, in an amount equal to the ordinary income realized by a participant and at the time the participant realizes such income (for example, on the exercise of a nonqualified stock option). While we remain a smaller reporting company, Section 162(m) of the Code may limit the deductibility of compensation paid to our chief executive officer and to each of the next two most highly compensated executive officers. Under Section 162(m), the annual compensation paid to any of these executives will be deductible to the extent that it does not exceed \$1,000,000 or if the compensation is treated as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code. Compensation attributable to stock options and SARs under the 2014 Plan should qualify as performance-based compensation if the awards are made by the compensation committee and the exercise or grant price of the award is no less than the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant. Compensation attributable to restricted stock awards, restricted stock unit awards and performance awards should qualify as performance-based compensation if (i) the compensation is approved by the compensation committee, (ii) the compensation is paid only upon the achievement of an objective performance goal established in writing by the compensation committee while the outcome is substantially uncertain, and (iii) the compensation committee certifies in writing prior to the payment of the compensation that the performance goal has been satisfied.

**Vote Required**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present by proxy or virtually via live webcast at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote is required to approve the proposed amendment of the Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

**\*\*\*THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED 2014 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN \*\*\***

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PROPOSAL NO. THREE  
RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF  
INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The audit committee of our board of directors has appointed Crowe Horwath LLP (“Crowe Horwath”), as our independent registered public accounting firm to audit our consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. Crowe Horwath also served as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will be asked to ratify the appointment of Crowe Horwath as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2017. Stockholder ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm is not required by our bylaws or other applicable legal requirements. However, our board of directors submits the appointment of Crowe Horwath to our stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate governance. If this appointment is not ratified by the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present by proxy or virtually via live webcast at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote, the appointment will be reconsidered by our audit committee. Even if the appointment is ratified, our audit committee, in its sole discretion, may appoint another independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year ending December 31, 2017 if our audit committee believes that such a change would be in the best interests of Resonant and its stockholders. A representative of Crowe Horwath is not expected to be present at the Annual Meeting.

Changes in Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

On June 18, 2015, we dismissed Squar, Milner, Peterson, Miranda & Williamson, LLP (“Squar Milner”) as our independent registered public accounting firm. The decision to dismiss Squar Milner was approved by the audit committee of our board of directors.

The audit reports of Squar Milner on our financial statements as of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2014 did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, and were not modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles, except the audit report on our financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 did contain an explanatory paragraph related to our ability to continue as a going concern.

In connection with the audit of our financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2014, and for the subsequent interim period through June 18, 2015, there were: (i) no disagreements between us and Squar Milner on any matters of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedures, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of Squar Milner, would have caused Squar Milner to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreements in its report on our financial statements for such fiscal years; and (ii) no “reportable events” within the meaning set forth in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

At the time of its dismissal, we provided Squar Milner with a copy of the disclosures reproduced in this proxy statement and requested that Squar Milner furnish us with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether or not Squar Milner agrees with our statements. A copy of the letter dated June 18, 2015, furnished by Squar Milner in response to that request is filed as Exhibit 16.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 22, 2015.

The audit committee of our board of directors approved the appointment of Crowe Horwath as our new independent registered public accounting firm, and we formally engaged Crowe Horwath as our independent registered public accounting firm on June 18, 2015.

During our fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2014 and through June 18, 2015, neither we nor anyone on our behalf consulted with Crowe Horwath with respect to (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that may be rendered on our financial statements, and Crowe Horwath did not provide either a written report or oral advice to us that Crowe Horwath concluded was an important factor considered by us in reaching a decision as to any accounting, auditing, or financial reporting issue; or (ii) any matter that was the subject of any disagreement, as defined in Item 304 (a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions, or a “reportable event” within the meaning set forth in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.



## Fees Paid to Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms

The following table presents fees for professional audit services and other services rendered to us by our independent registered public accounting firms for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

	2016	2015
<b>Squar Milner</b>		
Audit Fees	\$—	\$ 15,000
Audit-Related Fees (1) (3)	36,865	10,000
Tax Fees	—	—
All Other Fees	—	—
Subtotal for Squar Milner	\$ 36,865	\$ 25,000
<b>Crowe Horwath</b>		
Audit Fees (2)	\$ 210,846	\$ 163,677
Audit-Related Fees (3)	106,000	—
Tax Fees (4)	—	—
All Other Fees	—	—
Subtotal for Crowe Horwath	\$ 316,846	\$ 163,677
<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>\$ 353,711</b>	<b>\$ 188,677</b>

(1) “Audit-Related Fees” consist of fees for professional services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the company’s financial statements. Audit-related fees for 2015 also consisted of fees for professional services rendered in connection with the registration of shares pursuant to our registration statements on Form S-3 and Form S-8 that we filed with the SEC during such fiscal year.

(2) “Audit Fees” consist of fees for professional services rendered in connection with the audit of our annual consolidated financial statements, including audited financial statements presented in our Form 10-K for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2016, review of our quarterly financial statements presented in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended June 30, 2015, September 30, 2015, March 31, 2016, June 30, 2016 and September 30, 2016, and services that are normally provided by our independent registered public accounting firm in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for those fiscal years.

(3) “Audit-Related Fees” consist of fees for professional services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the company’s financial statements. Audit-related fees for 2016 also consisted of fees for professional services rendered in connection with the registration of shares pursuant to our registration statements on Form S-3 and Form S-8 that we filed with the SEC during such fiscal year.

(4) “Tax Fees” consist of professional services rendered in connection with tax audits, tax compliance, and tax consulting and planning.

## Auditor Independence

In 2016, there were no other professional services provided by Crowe Horwath that would have required the audit committee to consider their compatibility with maintaining the independence of Crowe Horwath.

## Audit Committee Policy on Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services

Consistent with requirements of the SEC and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or PCAOB, regarding auditor independence, our audit committee is responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of our independent registered public accounting firm. In recognition of this responsibility, our audit committee has a policy for the pre-approval of all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services.

Before engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm for the next fiscal year’s audit, the independent registered public accounting firm submits to the audit committee for approval a detailed description of services expected to be rendered during that year for each of the following categories of services:

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Audit services. Audit services include the annual financial statement audit (including required quarterly reviews) and other procedures required to be performed by the independent auditor to form an opinion on

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our consolidated financial statements. Audit services also include, as necessary, the attestation engagement for the independent auditor's report on management's report on internal controls for financial reporting. Other audit services may include services associated with SEC registration statements, periodic reports and other documents filed with the SEC.

**Audit-related services.** Audit-related services are assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements or that are traditionally performed by the independent auditor.

**Tax Services.** Tax services include services related to tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice.

**All Other Services.** All other services are those services not described in the other categories that are not prohibited by SEC rules.

The audit committee pre-approves particular services or categories of services on a case-by-case basis. During the year, circumstances may arise when it may become necessary to engage the independent registered public accounting firm for additional services not contemplated in the original pre-approval. In those instances, the services must be pre-approved by the audit committee, or as permitted, the audit committee chair, before the independent registered public accounting firm is engaged. Pre-approval fee levels or budgeted amounts for all services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm are established annually by the audit committee. Any proposed services exceeding these levels or amounts require specific pre-approval by the audit committee, or the audit committee chair. All fees paid to Squar Milner and Crowe Horwath for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were pre-approved by the audit committee in accordance with the process described in the policy above.

**Vote Required**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present by proxy or virtually via live webcast at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote is required to ratify the appointment of Crowe Horwath as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2017.

**\*\*\*THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF CROWE HORWATH LLP \*\*\***

## REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee maintains effective working relationships with the Board, management and Crowe Horwath, LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm (the "Independent Accountants"). As set forth in the Audit Committee Charter, it is not the duty of the Audit Committee to plan or conduct audits or to determine that our Company's consolidated financial statements and disclosures are complete and accurate and in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and applicable rules and regulations. The Independent Accountants are responsible for auditing the Company's consolidated financial statements and expressing an opinion as to their conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The Audit Committee has (1) reviewed and discussed the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 with the Company's management and with the Independent Accountants; (2) discussed with the Independent Accountants the matters required to be discussed by Auditing Standards No. 16, Communication with Audit Committees, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; and (3) received the written disclosures and the letter from the Independent Accountants required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the Independent Accountants' communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and the Audit Committee has discussed with the Independent Accountants the Independent Accountants' independence and considered whether the provision of non-audit services by the Independent Accountants to the Company is compatible with the Independent Accountants' independence.

Members of the Audit Committee rely, without independent verification, on the information provided to them and on the representations made by management and the Independent Accountants. Accordingly, the Audit Committee's oversight does not provide an independent basis to determine that management has maintained appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles or appropriate internal controls and procedures designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. Furthermore, the Audit Committee's considerations and discussions referred to above do not assure that the audits of the Company's consolidated financial statements have been carried out in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, that the consolidated financial statements are presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles or that the Company's Independent Accountants are in fact "independent."

Based upon the reviews and discussions described above, and subject to the limitations on the role and responsibilities of the Audit Committee referred to in this report and in the Audit Committee Charter, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Submitted by the Audit Committee of the Board:

Janet Cooper (Chair)

Richard Kornfeld

John Major

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### Board Composition

Our business affairs are managed under the direction of our board of directors, which is currently comprised of seven members. Each director's term will continue until the election and qualification of his or her successor, or his or her earlier death, resignation, or removal.

The board of directors met 12 times in 2016. Each board member attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of board meetings and meetings of standing committees of which he or she is a member.

### Director Independence

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market. Under the rules of NASDAQ, independent directors must comprise a majority of a listed company's board of directors. In addition, the rules of NASDAQ require that, subject to specified exceptions, each member of a listed company's audit, compensation and nominating and corporate governance committees be independent. Under the rules of NASDAQ, a director will only qualify as an "independent director" if, in the opinion of that company's board of directors, that person does not have a relationship that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director.

Our board of directors has undertaken a review of the independence of each director and considered whether each director has a material relationship with us that could compromise such director's ability to exercise independent judgment in carrying out his or her responsibilities. As a result of this review, our board of directors has determined that Messrs. Fox, Joseph, Kornfeld, and Major and Ms. Cooper are "independent directors" as defined under the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and the listing requirements and rules of NASDAQ.

### Board Leadership Structure; Lead Independent Director

Our corporate governance guidelines provide that one of our independent directors should serve as a lead independent director at any time when our chief executive officer serves as the chairman of our board of directors or if the chairman is not otherwise independent. From our initial public offering in May 2014 until June 2015, our chief executive officer served as chairman of our board of directors, and Mr. Major served as our lead independent director. As lead independent director, Mr. Major presided over periodic meetings of our independent directors, served as a liaison between our chairman and the independent directors, worked with our chairman to establish board meeting agendas, raised issues with management on behalf of the independent directors when appropriate, oversaw the general functioning of the board and committees and performed such additional duties as our board of directors otherwise determined and delegated.

In June 2015, our board of directors appointed Mr. Major as chairman of the board, a position he continues to occupy. As chairman, Mr. Major presides over meetings of our full board of directors and otherwise continues to perform many of the same functions he previously performed as lead independent director. Our board of directors determined to change our leadership structure to separate the roles of chief executive officer and chairman because the board believes that, at this time, Resonant and its stockholders are best served by having an independent chairman convene, establish, after consultation with management, set agenda items for, and preside over meetings of our board of directors and executive sessions of the independent directors. We further believe that our corporate governance principles and policies ensure that strong and independent directors will continue to effectively oversee our management and key issues related to long-range business plans, strategic issues, risks, and integrity.

### Committees of the Board of Directors

Our board of directors has established an audit committee, a compensation committee and a nominating and governance committee, each of which has the composition and responsibilities described below. Members will serve on these committees until their resignation or as otherwise determined by our board of directors. Each of these standing committees operates under a written charter adopted by the board of directors. The charters are available on the Investor Relations portion of our website at [ir.resonant.com](http://ir.resonant.com).

Audit Committee. Messrs. Kornfeld and Major and Ms. Cooper, each of whom is a non-employee member of our board of directors, serve on our audit committee, and Ms. Cooper chairs the committee. The audit committee met six times during 2016. Our board of directors has determined that each of the members of the audit committee satisfies the requirements for independence and financial literacy under the rules and regulations of NASDAQ and the SEC. Our board of directors has also determined that Ms. Cooper qualifies as an “audit committee financial expert,” as defined in the SEC rules, and satisfies the financial sophistication requirements of NASDAQ. The audit committee is responsible for, among other things:

- appointing, overseeing, and if need be, terminating any independent auditor;
- assessing the qualification, performance and independence of our independent auditor;
- reviewing the audit plan and pre-approving all audit and non-audit services to be performed by our independent auditor;
- reviewing our financial statements and related disclosures;
- reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of our accounting and financial reporting processes, systems of internal control and disclosure controls and procedures;
- reviewing our overall risk management framework;
- overseeing procedures for the treatment of complaints on accounting, internal accounting controls, or audit matters;
- reviewing and discussing with management and the independent auditor the results of our annual audit, reviews of our quarterly financial statements and our publicly filed reports;
- reviewing and approving related person transactions; and
- preparing the audit committee report that the SEC requires in our annual proxy statement.

Compensation Committee. Messrs. Joseph, Kornfeld and Major and Ms. Cooper, each of whom is a non-employee member of our board of directors, comprise our compensation committee, and Mr. Kornfeld chairs the committee. The compensation committee met five times during 2016. Our board of directors has determined that each of the members of the compensation committee meets the requirements for independence under the rules of NASDAQ and the SEC. The compensation committee is responsible for, among other things:

- reviewing the elements and amount of total compensation for all officers;
- formulating and recommending any proposed changes in the compensation of our chief executive officer for approval by the board;
- reviewing and approving any changes in the compensation for officers, other than our chief executive officer;
  - administering our equity compensation plans;
  - reviewing annually our overall compensation philosophy and objectives, including compensation program objectives, target pay positioning and equity compensation; and
- preparing the compensation committee report that the SEC will require in our annual proxy statement.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation. None of the members of our compensation committee is or has been an officer or employee of our company. None of our executive officers currently serves, or in the past year has served, as a member of the compensation committee or director (or other board committee performing equivalent functions or, in the absence of any such committee, the entire board of directors) of any entity that has one or more executive officers serving on our compensation committee or our board of directors.



Nominating and Governance Committee. Messrs. Kornfeld and Major and Ms. Cooper, each of whom is a non-employee member of our board of directors, comprise our nominating and governance committee, and Mr. Major chairs the committee. The nominating and governance committee met five times during 2016. Our board of directors has determined that each of the members of the nominating and governance committee meets the requirements for independence under the rules of NASDAQ for service on this committee. The nominating and governance committee is responsible for, among other things:

- evaluating and making recommendations regarding the composition, organization and governance of our board of directors and its committees;
- identifying, recruiting and nominating director candidates to the board if and when necessary;
- evaluating and making recommendations regarding the creation of additional committees or the change in mandate or dissolution of committees;
- reviewing and making recommendations with regard to our corporate governance guidelines and compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reviewing and approving conflicts of interest of our directors and corporate officers, other than related person transactions reviewed by the audit committee.

#### Board Member Nomination Process

The nominating and governance committee employs a variety of methods for identifying and evaluating director nominees. In its evaluation of director candidates, the nominating and governance committee will consider the current size and composition of the board of directors and the needs of the board of directors and the respective committees of the board of directors. Some of the qualifications that the committee considers include, without limitation, issues of character, integrity, judgment, diversity of experience, independence, area of expertise, corporate experience, length of service, potential conflicts of interest and other commitments. The nominating and governance committee requires the following minimum qualifications to be satisfied by any nominee for a position on our board of directors: (i) the highest personal and professional ethics and integrity, (ii) proven achievement and competence in the nominee's field and the ability to exercise sound business judgment, (iii) skills and expertise that are complementary to those of the existing members of our board of directors, (iv) the ability to assist and support management and make significant contributions to the company's success, and (v) an understanding of the fiduciary responsibilities that are required of a member of our board of directors, and the commitment of time and energy necessary to diligently carry out those responsibilities. Other than the foregoing, there are no stated minimum criteria for director nominees, although the nominating and governance committee may also consider other factors that it may deem, from time to time, in our and our stockholders' best interests. The nominating and governance committee may also take measures that it considers appropriate in connection with its evaluation of a director candidate, including candidate interviews, inquiry of the person or persons making the recommendation or nomination, engagement of an outside search firm to gather additional information, or reliance on the knowledge of the members of the nominating and governance committee, the board of directors, or management.

Although the board of directors does not maintain a specific policy with respect to board diversity, the board of directors believes that the board should be a diverse body, and the nominating and governance committee considers a broad range of backgrounds and experiences. In making determinations regarding nominations of directors, the nominating and governance committee may take into account the benefits of diverse viewpoints. After completing its review and evaluation of director candidates, the nominating and governance committee recommends to the full board of directors the director nominees for election. The nominating and governance committee also considers these and other factors as it oversees the annual board of director and committee evaluations.

### Stockholder Recommendations and Nominations of Candidates for Election to the Board of Directors

The nominating and governance committee will consider candidates for nomination to the board of directors recommended by any stockholder holding at least one percent (1%) of the fully diluted capitalization of Resonant for at least twelve months prior to the date that the recommendation is submitted. The committee will evaluate recommendations in accordance with its charter, our bylaws, our policies and procedures for director candidates, as well as the nominee criteria described above. This process is designed to ensure that the board of directors includes members with diverse backgrounds, skills and experience, including appropriate financial and other expertise relevant to our business. A stockholder wishing to recommend a candidate for nomination should contact our Secretary in writing, at the address indicated in the next paragraph. The recommendation must include the candidate's name, home and business contact information, detailed biographical data, relevant qualifications, a signed letter from the candidate confirming willingness to serve on our board of directors, information regarding any relationships between the candidate and Resonant and evidence of the recommending stockholder's ownership of our common stock. The recommendation must also include a statement from the recommending stockholder in support of the candidate, particularly within the context of the criteria for board of directors membership. Our nominating and governance committee has sole discretion to decide which individuals to recommend for nomination as directors.

A stockholder of record can nominate a candidate directly for election to the board by complying with the procedures in Section 2.4 of our bylaws and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. An eligible stockholder who wishes to submit a nomination should review the requirements in our bylaws for nominations by stockholders. Any nomination should be sent in writing to the company, addressed to the attention of the Secretary at Resonant Inc., 110 Castilian Drive, Suite 100, Goleta, California 93117. Notice of nominations for the 2018 annual meeting of stockholders must be received by us no earlier than February 10, 2018 and no later than March 12, 2018. The notice must state the information required by Section 2.4 of our bylaws and otherwise comply with applicable federal and state law.

A copy of our bylaws may be obtained by accessing Resonant's filings on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may also contact our Secretary at our principal executive offices for a copy of the relevant bylaw provisions regarding the requirements for nominating director candidates.

### Board's Role in Risk Management Oversight

Risk is inherent with every business, and we face a number of risks, including strategic, financial, business and operational, legal and compliance, and reputational risks. We have designed and implemented processes to manage risk in our operations. Management is responsible for the day-to-day management of the risks we face, while our board of directors, as a whole and assisted by its committees, has responsibility for the oversight of risk management. In its risk oversight role, our board must satisfy itself that the risk management processes designed and implemented by management are appropriate and functioning as designed.

Our board of directors believes that open communication between management and the board of directors is essential for effective risk management and oversight. Our board meets with our chief executive officer and other members of the senior management team at regularly scheduled quarterly board meetings and in other meetings between the quarterly meetings, where, among other topics, they discuss strategy and risks facing the company.

While our board of directors is ultimately responsible for risk oversight, our board committees assist the board of directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities in certain areas of risk. The audit committee assists our board of directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to risk management in the areas of internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures, and legal and regulatory compliance. The audit committee also discusses guidelines and policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management with management and the independent auditor. In addition, the audit committee reviews management's assessment of the key risks facing us, including the key controls it relies on to mitigate those risks. The audit committee also monitors certain key risks at each of its regularly scheduled meetings, such as risk associated with internal control over financial reporting and liquidity risk. The nominating and governance committee assists our board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to the management of risk associated with board organization, membership and structure, and corporate governance. The compensation committee assesses risks created by the incentives inherent in our compensation policies as well as in our leadership development and succession planning. Finally, the full board of directors reviews strategic and operational



risk reported by the management team, receives reports on all significant committee activities at each regular meeting, and evaluates the risks inherent in significant transactions.

#### Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors

Stockholders wishing to communicate with our board of directors or with an individual member of our board may do so by writing to our board of directors or to the particular member of our board, and mailing the correspondence to our Secretary, Resonant Inc., 110 Castilian Drive, Suite 100, Goleta, California 93117 or sending it by email to [ir@resonant.com](mailto:ir@resonant.com). Our chief executive officer, in consultation with our outside legal counsel, will review all incoming stockholder communications (excluding mass mailings, product complaints or inquiries, job inquiries, business solicitations and patently offensive material), and if deemed appropriate, the stockholder communications will be forwarded to the appropriate member or members of our board of directors, or if none is specified, to the chairman of the board.

#### Corporate Governance Guidelines; Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

Our board of directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines. These guidelines address items such as the qualifications and responsibilities of our directors and director candidates and corporate governance policies and standards applicable to us. In addition, our board of directors has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all of our employees, officers and directors, including our chief executive officer, chief financial officer, and other executive and senior financial officers. The full text of our Corporate Governance Guidelines and our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is posted on the Investor Relations portion of our website at [ir.resonant.com](http://ir.resonant.com). We will post amendments to our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics or waivers of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for directors and executive officers on the same website.

#### Non-Employee Director Compensation

##### Director Compensation Table

The following table details the total compensation earned by our non-employee directors in fiscal year 2016:

Director	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards (1)(2)(3)	All Other Compensation	Total
Janet Cooper	\$50,000	\$50,003	\$ —	\$100,003
Michael Fox	\$37,500	\$150,563	\$ —	\$188,063
Thomas Joseph	\$50,000	\$50,003	\$ 41,806	(4)\$141,809
Richard Kornfeld	\$50,000	\$50,003	\$ —	\$100,003
John Major	\$75,000	\$75,001	\$ —	\$150,001

(1) Represents awards of restricted stock units, each of which entitles the director to receive one share of our common stock at the time of vesting, without the payment of an exercise price or other cash consideration.

(2) These amounts represent the grant date fair value of the stock awards granted in fiscal year 2016 determined in accordance with ASC Topic 718. These amounts may not correspond to the actual value eventually realized by the director, which depends in part on the market value of our common stock in future periods. Assumptions used in calculating these amounts are set forth in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

(3) On June 7, 2016, upon their reelection to the board, each of Ms. Cooper and Messrs. Kornfeld and Fox and Dr. Joseph received an award of restricted stock units for 11,934 shares of our common stock, and Mr. Major received an award of restricted stock units for 17,900 shares of our common stock, which awards vest and settle 50% on the earlier of the day prior to the first annual meeting of stockholders following the grant and June 7, 2017, and 50% on the earlier of the day prior to the second annual meeting of stockholders following the grant and June 7, 2018. In addition, in connection with his initial appointment to the board earlier in the year, on June 7, 2016, Mr. Fox also received an award of restricted stock units for 24,000 shares of our common stock, which award vests and settles 50% on each of February 16, 2017 and February 16, 2018. As of December 31, 2016, the non-employee directors held restricted stock units for the following number of shares of our common stock: Ms. Cooper -18,231;



Mr. Fox – 35,934; Dr. Joseph – 23,934; Mr. Kornfeld – 18,231; and Mr. Major – 27,460. Restricted stock units generally vest in two installments of 50% each on the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant.

(4) Consists of fees for consulting services provided by Dr. Joseph during fiscal year 2016.

#### Outside Director Compensation Policy

Our board of directors has adopted a policy for the compensation for our non-employee directors, or the Outside Directors. Outside Directors will receive compensation in the form of equity granted under the terms of our 2014 Plan and cash, as described below:

**Initial award to Outside Directors.** Each person who first becomes an Outside Director will be granted 24,000 restricted stock units, or the Initial RSU Award. These awards will be granted on the date of the first meeting of our board of directors or compensation committee occurring on or after the date on which the individual first became an Outside Director or commenced service as chairman or lead independent director. The shares underlying the Initial RSU Award will vest as to one-half of the shares subject to such award on each of the first and second anniversary of the commencement of the individual's service as an Outside Director, subject to continued service as a director through the applicable vesting date. If a director's status changes from an employee director to an Outside Director, he or she will not receive an Initial RSU Award.

**Initial award to chairman or lead independent director.** An Outside Director, upon first becoming chairman of the board or lead independent director, will be granted a restricted stock unit with a grant date fair value equal to \$25,000, pro-rated based on the number of days remaining from the date on which such Outside Director first becomes chairman or lead independent director until the first anniversary of our last annual meeting of stockholders. One-half of the shares underlying this award will vest on the earlier of (i) the day prior to the first annual meeting of stockholders following the grant or (ii) one year from grant, and one-half of the shares underlying this award will vest on the earlier of (i) the day prior to the second annual meeting of stockholders following the grant or (ii) two years from grant, subject to continued service as chairman of the board and/or lead independent director through the applicable vesting date.

**Annual award to Outside Directors.** On the date of each annual meeting of our stockholders, each Outside Director who has served on our board of directors for at least the preceding six months will be granted restricted stock units with a grant date fair value equal to \$50,000, or the Annual RSU Award. One-half of the shares underlying the Annual RSU Award will vest on the earlier of (i) the day prior to the first annual meeting of stockholders following the grant or (ii) one year from grant, and one-half of the shares underlying the Annual RSU Award will vest on the earlier of (i) the day prior to the second annual meeting of stockholders following the grant or (ii) two years from grant, subject to continued service as a director through the applicable vesting date. In recognition of Mr. Fox's contributions to our board of directors prior to his formal appointment in February 2016, we determined to grant Mr. Fox an annual award of restricted stock units upon his reelection in June 2016, notwithstanding that he had been serving on our board of directors for less than six months.

**Annual award to chairman or lead independent director.** On the date of each annual meeting of our stockholders, an Outside Director who has served as chairman of the board or lead independent director for at least the preceding six months will be granted, in addition to the Annual RSU Award, restricted stock units with a grant date fair value equal to \$25,000. One-half of the shares underlying this award will vest on the earlier of (i) the day prior to the first annual meeting of stockholders following the grant or (ii) one year from grant, and one-half of the shares underlying this award will vest on the earlier of (i) the day prior to the second annual meeting of stockholders following the grant or (ii) two years from grant, subject to continued service as chairman of the board and/or lead independent director through the applicable vesting date.

**Cash compensation.** Each Outside Director receives an annual retainer of \$50,000 in cash for serving on our board of directors, or the Annual Fee. The Outside Director who serves as chairman of the board or lead independent director will receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$25,000. The Annual Fee is paid in quarterly installments to each Outside Director who has served in the relevant capacity for the immediately preceding fiscal quarter no later than 30 days following the end of such preceding fiscal quarter. An Outside Director who has served in the relevant capacity for only a portion of the immediately preceding fiscal quarter will receive a prorated payment of the quarterly payment of the Annual Fee.



Consulting Arrangement with Thomas Joseph

In addition to his services as a member of our board of directors, Dr. Joseph provides engineering design and fabrication advisory services to us for which he is separately compensated at an hourly rate of \$175, not to exceed \$119,999 in the aggregate during any twelve month period. During fiscal year 2016, Dr. Joseph earned \$41,806 for advisory services.



## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table provides information regarding our executive officers as of March 31, 2017. Our executive officers are appointed by our board of directors and serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. There are no family relationships among any of our directors or executive officers.

Nominee	Age	Position
George B. Holmes	54	Chief Executive Officer
Jeff Killian	57	Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
Robert Hammond	69	Chief Technology Officer
Neal Fenzi	56	Chief Operating Officer

Please see “Proposal No. One -- Election of Directors - Nominees for Director” for information about Mr. Holmes and Dr. Hammond, who also serve on our Board and are nominees for election at the Annual Meeting.

Jeff Killian. Mr. Killian has served as our Chief Financial Officer since October 2016. Mr. Killian served as Cascade Microtech, Inc.’s Chief Financial Officer, Vice President of Finance, and Secretary from April 2010 until June 2016 when Cascade Microtech, Inc. was acquired by FormFactor, Inc. From June 2008 to April 2010, Mr. Killian served as the Director of Finance at Cascade Microtech, Inc. Prior to this, from May 1997 to June 2008, Mr. Killian served in various financial roles at TriQuint Semiconductor, Inc. including Treasurer, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Corporate Controller, and as its Director of Oregon Finance. Mr. Killian holds a B.S. in Finance from Oregon State University and an M.B.A. from the University of Oregon.

Neal Fenzi. Mr. Fenzi is a co-founder of Resonant and has served as our Chief Operating Officer since December 2014. Mr. Fenzi served as our Vice President of Engineering from June 2013 to December 2014, and served as our Secretary and Treasurer from June 2013 until January 2014. Mr. Fenzi also served as Vice President of Engineering of our predecessor, Resonant LLC, from June 2012 until June 2013. Prior to founding Resonant, from 1991 until June 2012, Mr. Fenzi served in engineering, operations and marketing positions at Superconductor Technologies Inc., including as Vice President of Engineering, Chief Engineer and Vice President of Product Management. Mr. Fenzi holds a BSEE degree from New Mexico State University.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### Processes and Procedures for Compensation Decisions

The compensation committee of the board is responsible for the executive compensation programs for our executive officers and reports to the board on its discussions, decisions and other actions. Typically, our chief executive officer makes recommendations to our compensation committee, often attends committee meetings and is involved in the determination of compensation for the executive officers that report to him, except that he does not make recommendations as to his own compensation. Our chief executive officer makes recommendations to our compensation committee regarding short-term and long-term compensation for all executive officers, excluding himself, based on our results, an individual executive officer's contribution toward these results and performance toward individual goal achievement. Our compensation committee then reviews the recommendations and other data and makes decisions as to total compensation for each executive officer other than the chief executive officer, as well as each individual compensation component. The compensation committee makes recommendations to the board regarding compensation for the chief executive officer. The independent members of the board make the final decisions regarding executive compensation for our chief executive officer.

The compensation committee is authorized to retain the services of one or more executive compensation advisors, as it sees fit, in connection with the establishment of our compensation programs and related policies. During 2016, the compensation committee retained Compensia, Inc. ("Compensia"), an executive compensation advisory firm, to provide it with information, recommendations and other advice relating to executive compensation. Compensia serves at the discretion of the compensation committee. The compensation committee engaged Compensia to assist in identifying a current group of peer companies to help us determine the appropriate level of overall compensation for our executive officers, as well as assess each separate element of compensation, with a goal of ensuring that the compensation we offer to our executive officers is competitive and fair.

The compensation committee periodically, and at least annually, considers and assesses the independence of its compensation consulting firm, including whether such firm has any potential conflicts of interest with our company or members of the compensation committee, as set forth in Rule 10C-1(b)(4)(i) through (vi) under the Exchange Act. The most recent review was conducted in March 2017. Based on that review, the committee concluded that it is not aware of any conflict of interest that has been raised by work performed by Compensia or the individual consultants employed by Compensia that perform services for the committee.

### Compensation Elements

Our compensation package for executive officers consists of base salary, annual incentive (bonus) awards, and long-term equity-based compensation. The executive officers are also eligible to participate in all of our employee benefit plans. We also provide in certain circumstances, a sign-on bonus to executive officers, which are applied against and reduce any other bonus to which the executive is entitled for one or more fiscal years and must be repaid if the executive officer voluntarily terminates employment with us other than for good reason within one year of commencement of employment.

**Base Salary.** We provide competitive base salaries to pay for day-to-day service in light of each individual's duties and responsibilities, experience, expertise and individual performance. Individual salary levels are determined based on assessments of internal job responsibilities, experience in the role, and market levels for comparable positions. Salary increases also are determined based on market levels of compensation and an assessment of individual and team performance for the year.

In February 2017, we increased the base salaries of our executive officers by 2.3%, pro-rated for those executive officers who joined Resonant during 2016. Annual base salaries for 2015, 2016 and as of February 2017 for the named executive officers are as follows:

Executive	2015	2016	2017
	Annual Base Salary	Annual Base Salary	Annual Base Salary
Terry Lingren <sup>(1)</sup>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$—
George Holmes <sup>(2)</sup>	\$—	\$295,000	\$325,605
Robert Hammond	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$255,836
Neal Fenzi	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$255,836

(1)Mr. Lingren resigned as our Chief Executive Officer on January 9, 2017.

(2)Mr. Holmes's employment with Resonant commenced on February 29, 2016.

**Incentive (Bonus) Awards.** We provide eligible employees, including our named executive officers, the opportunity to earn bonus awards upon achieving predetermined performance goals and objectives. The purpose is to reward attainment of company goals and/or individual performance objectives, with award opportunities expressed as a percentage of base salary. Bonuses can be measured and paid quarterly and/or annually, and are paid in cash, equity or a combination of cash and equity, in the discretion of our compensation committee.

**2016 Incentive Bonus Program.** During 2016, our executive officers, including our named executive officers, participated in the 2016 incentive bonus program. The program provided for the award of annual bonuses to our named executive officers if certain performance goals based on revenue and certain other non-monetary targets were attained in our 2016 fiscal year. In the event the goals were at least partially attained, the named executive officer was eligible to receive a bonus equal to such officer's base salary multiplied by a certain percentage, which percentage was based upon the number of goals achieved. The bonus was payable in cash, restricted stock units or a combination of cash and restricted stock units, as determined by our compensation committee, with the number of restricted stock units to be determined by dividing the dollar value to be paid in restricted stock units by the average closing price of our common stock for the ten trading days ending on the last trading day of 2016. The restricted stock units would have vested in full on the tenth business day following grant.

Each of our named executive officers was eligible to earn a 2016 incentive bonus with a maximum value of up to 100% of the named executive officer's base salary based on attainment of three baseline goals (relating to quantities of products shipped, product licenses and revenues) and two stretch goals (relating to aggregate revenue for the year and product licenses), with the executive's bonus percentage equal to the (i) baseline percentage plus (ii) the baseline percentage multiplied by the stretch multiplier, as shown in the following table:

No. of Baseline Goals Achieved	Baseline Percentage	No. of Stretch Goals Achieved	Stretch Multiplier	Cumulative Bonus Percentage	
0	0%	0	0%	0%	
0	0%	1	50%	0%	
0	0%	2	100%	0%	
1	16.66%	0	0%	16.66	%
1	16.66%	1	50%	25.00	%
1	16.66%	2	100%	33.33	%
2	33.33%	0	0%	33.33	%
2	33.33%	1	50%	50.00	%
2	33.33%	2	100%	66.66	%
3	50.00%	0	0%	50.00	%
3	50.00%	1	50%	75.00	%
3	50.00%	2	100%	100.00	%

Payout of the 2016 incentive bonuses for executive officers also was conditional upon our achievement of a minimum average closing price of our common stock for the ten trading days ending on the last trading day of 2016, with no payment of an otherwise earned bonus made if our average stock price did not exceed a threshold price, and payment of between 50% and 100% of an otherwise earned bonus made if our average stock price was between a threshold price and target price at the end of 2016.

Our compensation committee concluded that our executive officers, including our named executive officers, did not achieve any baseline or stretch goals for 2016, and that no bonuses were payable to executive officers under the 2016 incentive bonus program. In addition, our average stock price at the end of 2016 did not exceed the threshold price for the payment of bonuses to executive officers, and consequently no bonuses would have been due even if our executive officers had achieved one or more performance goals.

**2016 Discretionary Bonus Awards.** Our compensation committee and board of directors (with respect to our chief executive officer) awarded discretionary bonuses to our executive officers, including our named executive officers, for performance during fiscal year 2016 in an amount equal to 40% of the executive's base salary, pro-rated for those executives who joined Resonant during 2016, with certain executives receiving a greater percentage for exceptional performance. Our directors determined to make these awards, notwithstanding that no bonuses were payable to executive officers under the 2016 incentive bonus program, because of the significant progress made during 2016 in the expansion of our customer relationships and the commercialization of our filter designs. The discretionary bonuses were paid to executive officers 25% in cash and 75% in stock options, except with respect to Mr. Lingren and another former executive, who received 25% in cash and 75% in restricted stock units. Our directors determined to award stock options in payment of a significant percentage of the total bonus award to our continuing executives to more closely align the executives' 2016 achievements with future stock price appreciation.

Executive	Cash (\$)	OptionsRSUs	
		(#)(1)	(#)(2)
Terry Lingren	\$30,000	—	18,072
George Holmes <sup>(3)</sup>	\$—	—	—
Robert Hammond	\$24,371	24,513	—
Neal Fenzi	\$25,000	25,146	—

(1) Each of the options has a term of ten years and an exercise price of \$4.36, and vested in full on February 16, 2017.

(2) The restricted stock units vested in full on February 16, 2017.

(3) Mr. Holmes was awarded a total bonus of \$95,308, which amount was reduced to zero by the sign-on bonus paid to him in 2016.

Long-term Equity Incentives. We deliver long-term incentive value through the award of stock options and restricted stock units to our employees. Awards of equity compensation are made in the discretion of our compensation committee. Employees typically receive an initial award upon joining the company, and additional awards on an annual basis. In addition, Mr. Holmes received a performance-based award of restricted stock units during 2016, which award will vest only if our stock price achieves certain levels during the term of the award.

2016 Long-term Equity Incentive Awards. Our named executive officers received the following long-term equity incentive awards during 2016:

Executive	Options (#)(1)	Time-Based	
		RSUs (#)(2)	Performance-Based RSUs (#)(3)
Terry Lingren	35,000	—	—
George Holmes (2)	—	339,243	250,000
Robert Hammond	30,000	—	—
Neal Fenzi	30,000	—	—

(1) Each of the options has a term of ten years and an exercise price of \$1.95, and vests in equal quarterly installments over a four year period.

(2) The RSUs vest in quarterly installments over a four year period.

The RSUs are subject to performance-based vesting requirements, measured quarterly, based on the average of (a) the average high daily trading price of Resonant common stock for each trading day during the last month of the applicable calendar quarter and (b) the average low daily trading price of Resonant common stock for each trading day during the last month of the applicable calendar quarter, each as reported by The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC (the "Applicable Share Price"). The RSUs are eligible to be earned on a quarterly basis based on a linear interpolation of the Applicable Share Price between \$15 per share (0% of the RSUs) and \$65 per share (100% of the RSUs). Once earned, the RSUs vest and become exercisable, if at all, (y) 50% on the date such RSUs become earned and (z) 50% on September 30, 2019.

## Summary Compensation Table

The following table provides information regarding the compensation of our named executive officers during 2015 and 2016. As a “smaller reporting company,” as such term is defined in the rules promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, we are required to provide compensation disclosure for our principal executive officer and the two most highly compensated executive officers other than our principal executive officer. We are also providing compensation disclosure for Mr. Holmes, who commenced service with us an executive officer in February 2016 and became our principal executive officer in January 2017. Throughout this proxy statement, these four officers are referred to as our “named executive officers.”

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(1)	Option Awards (\$)(1)	All Other Compensation (\$)(2)	Total (\$)
Terry Lingren <sup>(3)</sup> Former Chief Executive Officer	2016	300,000	30,000 (4)	—	40,600	13,970	384,570
	2015	300,000	—	—	—	13,116	313,116
George Holmes <sup>(5)</sup> Former President and Chief Commercial Officer; Current Chief Executive Officer	2016	238,269	100,000(6)	1,011,120	—	5,138	1,354,527
	2015	—	—	—	—	—	—
Robert Hammond Chief Technology Officer	2016	243,710	24,371	—	34,800	13,653	316,534
	2015	250,000	—	—	—	13,150	263,150
Neal Fenzi Chief Operating Officer	2016	250,000	25,000	—	34,800	13,970	323,770
	2015	250,000	—	—	—	13,507	263,507

These amounts represent the grant date fair value of the stock and stock option awards determined in accordance with ASC Topic 718. These amounts may not correspond to the actual value eventually realized by the officer, (1) which depends in part on the market value of our common stock in future periods. Assumptions used in calculating these amounts are set forth in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

(2) All Other Compensation in 2016 included the following:

Name	Insurance Premiums	401(k) Matching Contributions	Total
Terry Lingren	\$ 720	\$ 13,250	\$13,970
George Holmes	600	4,538	5,138
Robert Hammond	468	13,185	13,653
Neal Fenzi	720	13,250	13,970

(3) Mr. Lingren resigned as our Chief Executive Officer on January 9, 2017.

(4) This amount was paid to Mr. Lingren following his resignation as part of his severance arrangement with us.

Mr. Holmes’s employment with Resonant commenced on February 29, 2016, and he served as our President and (5) Chief Commercial Officer during fiscal year 2016 and until his appointment as Chief Executive Officer on January 9, 2017.

Represents a signing bonus paid to Mr. Holmes upon the commencement of employment with Resonant. The (6) signing bonus was applied against and reduced to zero the discretionary bonus Mr. Holmes otherwise would have received for fiscal year 2016. Mr. Holmes would have been required to repay the signing bonus in full if he voluntarily terminated his employment with Resonant other than for good reason prior to March 1, 2017.

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Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End

The following table presents certain information concerning equity awards held by our named executive officers as of December 31, 2016.

Name	Grant Date	Option Awards				Stock Awards		Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Shares, Units or other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or other Rights That Have Not Vested <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)
		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#)	Option Exercise Price per Share (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)		
Terry Lingren	12/4/2014	—	—	—	—	26,445 <sup>(2)</sup>	133,547	—	—
	2/5/2016	6,564 <sup>(3)</sup>	28,436 <sup>(3)</sup>	1.95	2/5/2026	—	—	—	—
George Holmes	2/29/2016	—	—	—	—	135,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	681,750	—	—
	4/25/2016	—	—	—	—	39,586 <sup>(5)</sup>	199,909	—	—
	8/8/2016	—	—	—	—	—	—	250,000 <sup>(6)</sup>	1,262,500
	10/4/2016	—	—	—	—	37,441 <sup>(7)</sup>	189,077	—	—
Robert Hammond	12/4/2014	5,625 <sup>(3)</sup>	24,375 <sup>(3)</sup>	1.95	2/5/2026	22,038 <sup>(2)</sup>	111,292	—	—
	2/5/2016	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Neal Fenzi	12/4/2014	—	—	—	—	22,038 <sup>(2)</sup>	111,292	—	—
	2/5/2016	5,625 <sup>(3)</sup>	24,375 <sup>(3)</sup>	1.95	2/5/2026	—	—	—	—

(1) The market value of the restricted stock awards is based on the closing market price of our common stock as of December 30, 2016, which was \$5.05 per share.

(2) Represents a grant of restricted stock units, of which 25% vests on the first business day of each of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

(3) Vests 1/16th on the first day of each calendar quarter, with the first installment vesting on April 1, 2016.

(4) Represents a grant of restricted stock units, of which 27,000 shares vest on each of July 1, 2016, October 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017, and 9,000 shares vest on the first business day of each subsequent calendar quarter, commencing April 1, 2017, until fully vested.

(5) Represents a grant of restricted stock units, of which 7,917 shares vest on each of July 1, 2016, October 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017, and 2,639 shares vest on the first business day of each subsequent calendar quarter, commencing April 1, 2017, until fully vested.

(6) Represents a grant of restricted stock units that are subject to performance-based vesting requirements, measured quarterly, based on the average of (a) the average high daily trading price of Resonant common stock for each trading day during the last month of the applicable calendar quarter and (b) the average low daily trading price of Resonant common stock for each trading day during the last month of the applicable calendar quarter, each as reported by The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC (the "Applicable Share Price"). The RSUs are eligible to be earned on a quarterly basis based on a linear interpolation of the Applicable Share Price between \$15 per share (0% of the RSUs) and \$65 per share (100% of the RSUs). Once earned, the RSUs vest and become exercisable, if at all, (y) 50% on the date such RSUs become earned and (z) 50% on September 30, 2019.

(7) Represents a grant of restricted stock units, of which 22,465 shares vested on the date of grant, 7,489 shares vest on January 1, 2017, and 2,496 shares vest on the first business day of each subsequent calendar quarter, commencing

April 1, 2017, until fully vested.

Executive Officer Employment Letters

We entered into an executive employment letter, dated June 17, 2013, with each of Terry Lingren, Robert Hammond and Neal Fenzi, and an executive employment letter, dated February 9, 2016, with George Holmes. The letters have no specific duration and provide for at-will employment. Each of our named executive officers may be entitled to receive severance benefits under a severance and change in control agreement, as described below. Mr. Lingren, whose employment with us terminated on January 9, 2017, received the severance payments described below commencing in January 2017.



#### Severance and Change in Control Agreements

We have entered into severance and change in control agreements with participating employees, including our named executive officers, which provide these employees with severance benefits upon the employee's termination of employment in certain circumstances with certain additional benefits following a change in control of Resonant. These benefits provide the participating employees with enhanced financial security and incentive to remain with Resonant notwithstanding their at-will employment with us and the possibility of a change in control.

#### Termination Without Change in Control

If we terminate the participant's employment with Resonant for a reason other than cause, the participant becoming disabled or the participant's death, and the termination does not occur within twenty-four months immediately following a "change in control," the participant will receive the following severance benefits:

**Accrued Compensation:** The participant will receive all accrued but unpaid paid time off, expense reimbursements, wages, and other benefits due to the participant under any Resonant -provided plans, policies, and arrangements.

**Severance Payment:** The participant will receive severance in an amount equal to eighteen (18) months of the participant's base salary then in effect, immediately prior to the date of the participant's termination of employment, less all required tax withholdings and other applicable deductions, payable as soon as practicable following the participant's termination of employment.

**Pro-Rated Bonus Payment:** The participant will receive a lump-sum severance payment equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the participant's target bonus as in effect for the fiscal year in which the termination occurs, pro-rated for the portion of the fiscal year that the participant was employed by us.

**Continued Health Insurance Benefits:** We will reimburse the participant for premiums for coverage of the participant and his or her eligible dependents pursuant to the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended ("COBRA") (at the coverage levels in effect immediately prior to termination of employment) until the earliest to occur of (A) a period of twelve (12) months from the last date of employment with us, (B) the date upon which the participant becomes eligible for coverage under a health, dental, or vision insurance plan of a subsequent employer, and (C) the date the participant or his or her dependents cease to be eligible for COBRA coverage.

**Equity:** All of the participant's unvested and outstanding equity awards that would have become vested had the participant remained in our employ for the twelve (12) month period following termination of employment shall immediately vest and become exercisable as of the date of termination, and the participant will have six months following termination of employment in which to exercise any stock options, stock appreciation rights, or similar rights to acquire our common stock.

**Outplacement Benefits.** If requested by the participant, we will pay the expense for outplacement benefits provided by a service to be determined by us for a period of six (6) months, up to a maximum dollar value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per participant.

#### Termination Following Change in Control

If during the twenty-four (24) month period immediately following a change in control of Resonant, (x) we terminate the participant's employment with us for a reason other than cause, the participant becoming disabled or the participant's death, or (y) the participant resigns his employment for good reason, then the participant will receive the following benefits from us in lieu of the benefits described above under "Termination Without Change in Control":

**Accrued Compensation:** The participant will receive all accrued but unpaid paid time off, expense reimbursements, wages, and other benefits due to the participant under any Resonant -provided plans, policies, and arrangements.

**Severance Payment:** The participant will receive a lump sum severance in an amount equal to eighteen (18) months of the participant's base salary then in effect.

**Target Bonus Payment:** The participant will receive a lump sum severance payment equal to 100% of the participant's full target bonus for the fiscal year in effect at the date of such termination of employment (or, if greater, as in effect for the fiscal year in which the change in control occurs).

**Continued Health Insurance Benefits:** We will reimburse the participant for premiums for coverage of the participant and his or her eligible dependents pursuant to the COBRA (at the coverage levels in effect immediately prior to termination of employment) until the earliest to occur of (A) a period of twelve (12) months from the last date of employment with us, (B) the date upon which the participant becomes eligible for coverage under a health, dental, or vision insurance plan of a subsequent employer, and (C) the date the participant or his or her dependents cease to be eligible for COBRA coverage.

**Equity:** All of the participant's unvested and outstanding equity awards shall immediately vest and become exercisable as of the date of termination, and the participant will have six (6) months following termination of employment in which to exercise any stock options, stock appreciation rights, or similar rights to acquire our common stock.

**Outplacement Benefits.** If requested by the participant, we will pay the expense for outplacement benefits provided by a service to be determined by us for a period of six (6) months, up to a maximum dollar value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per participant.

#### **Pension Benefits and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation**

We do not provide a pension plan for our employees, and none of our named executive officers participated in a nonqualified deferred compensation plan in 2016.

#### **401(k) Plan**

We maintain a tax-qualified retirement plan, or the 401(k) plan, that provides eligible employees with an opportunity to save for retirement on a tax-advantaged basis. Eligible employees are able to participate in the 401(k) plan as of the first day of the month following the date they meet the 401(k) plan's eligibility requirements, and participants are able to defer up to 100% of their eligible compensation subject to applicable annual Code limits. All participants' interests in their deferrals are 100% vested when contributed. The 401(k) plan permits us to make matching contributions and profit sharing contributions to eligible participants. We have implemented a matching program, which is limited to 5% of base salary. In 2016, we made matching contributions of \$204,000 into the plan.

#### **CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

We describe below transactions, and series of related transactions, since January 1, 2015 to which we were or will be a party, in which:

- the amounts involved exceeded or will exceed \$120,000; and
- any of our directors, executive officers, or beneficial holders of more than 5% of any class of our capital stock, or their immediate family members, had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

Other than as described below, there has not been, nor is there any currently proposed, transaction or series of related transactions to which we have been or will be a party other than compensation arrangements, which are described where required under the headings "Board of Directors and Corporate Governance - Director Compensation Table" and "Executive Compensation."

#### **Registration Rights**

We are party to registration rights agreements which provide our founders and certain holders of our common stock and warrants, including certain holders of 5% or more of our capital stock, with registration rights, including the right to demand that we file a registration statement or request that their shares be covered by a registration statement that we are otherwise filing.

### Indemnification Agreements

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our current directors, executive officers and certain key employees. The indemnification agreements and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws require us to indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law.

### Policies and Procedures for Related Party Transactions

Our audit committee has the primary responsibility for reviewing and approving or disapproving “related party transactions,” which are transactions between us and related persons in which the aggregate amount involved exceeds or may be expected to exceed \$120,000 and in which a related person has or will have a direct or indirect material interest. Our policy regarding transactions between us and related persons provides that a related person is defined as a director, executive officer, nominee for director or greater than 5% beneficial owner of our common stock, in each case since the beginning of the most recently completed year, and any of their immediate family members. Our audit committee charter provides that our audit committee shall review and approve or disapprove any related party transactions.

### EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

The following table summarizes certain information about our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2016.

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (a)	Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (b)(1)	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders (2)	1,812,828	\$ 5.25	577,533
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	444,420	--	--
Total	2,257,248	\$ 5.25	577,533

(1) The weighted average exercise price is calculated based solely on outstanding stock options. It does not take into account restricted stock units, which have no exercise price.

(2) Consists of the Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

### Material Features of Equity Compensation Plans not Approved by Stockholders

2016 Inducement Awards. During 2016, our board of directors approved the award to newly hired executive officers of the following restricted stock units for shares of our common stock as an inducement to the executive’s entering into employment with us:

We granted to George B. Holmes an inducement award of restricted stock units for 216,000 shares of common stock on February 29, 2016, which restricted stock unit award vested 27,000 shares on the date of grant and on each of July 1, 2016, October 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017, 9,000 shares vested on April 1, 2017, and 9,000 shares will vest on the first business day of each subsequent calendar quarter, commencing July 1, 2017, until fully vested;

We granted to George B. Holmes an inducement award of restricted stock units for 63,337 shares of common stock on April 25, 2016, which restricted stock unit award vested 7,917 shares on the date of grant and on each of July 1, 2016, October 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017, 2,639 shares vested on April 1, 2017, and 2,639 shares will vest on the first business day of each subsequent calendar quarter, commencing July 1, 2017, until fully vested; and



We granted to Jeff Killian an inducement award of restricted stock units for 200,000 shares of common stock on October 24, 2016, which restricted stock unit award vested 12,500 shares on January 2, 2017, and 12,500 shares will vest on the first business day of each subsequent calendar quarter, commencing April 1, 2017, until fully vested.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the beneficial ownership of our common stock for:

• each of our named executive officers;

• each of our directors;

• all of our executive officers and directors as a group; and

• each person, or group of affiliated persons, who beneficially owned more than 5% of our common stock.

We have determined beneficial ownership in accordance with the rules of the SEC, and the information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose. Except as indicated by the footnotes below, we believe, based on information furnished to us, that the persons and entities named in the table below have sole voting and sole investment power with respect to all shares of common stock that they beneficially owned, subject to applicable community property laws.

The information for each beneficial owner is as of March 31, 2017, unless otherwise indicated for greater than five percent (5%) stockholders who are not officers or directors of Resonant. We have based percentage ownership of our common stock on 14,451,085 shares of our common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2017. In computing the number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of such person, we deemed to be outstanding all shares of common stock subject to options held by the person that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2017, as well as all shares of common stock issuable pursuant to restricted stock units held by the person that are subject to vesting conditions expected to occur within 60 days of March 31, 2017. However, we did not deem such shares outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each beneficial owner listed in the table below is c/o Resonant Inc., 110 Castilian Drive, Suite 100, Goleta, California 93117.

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Name of Beneficial Owner	Common Stock		
	Beneficially Owned		
	Number	Percentage	
Named Executive Officers and Directors:			
Terry Lingren <sup>(1)</sup>	472,525	3.2	%
George Holmes <sup>(2)</sup>	200,357	1.4	%
Robert Hammond <sup>(3)</sup>	481,809	3.3	%
Neal Fenzi <sup>(4)</sup>	482,442	3.3	%
Janet Cooper	45,297	*	
Michael Fox <sup>(5)</sup>	1,403,400	9.5	%
Thomas Joseph	12,000	*	
Richard Kornfeld <sup>(6)</sup>	70,297	*	
John Major <sup>(7)</sup>	100,561	*	
All executive officers and directors as a group (13 persons) <sup>(8)</sup>	3,429,133	22.3	%

Other 5% Stockholders:

Peter A. Appel <sup>(9)</sup>	1,930,094	13.1	%
Park City Capital Offshore Master, Ltd <sup>(10)</sup>	1,370,000	9.3	%
Longboard Capital Advisors, LLC <sup>(11)</sup>	2,556,561	17.7	%

\*Represents beneficial ownership of less than one percent.

(1) Consists of (i) 374,779 shares of common stock, (ii) 88,333 shares of common stock that may be acquired from us upon exercise of warrants that currently are exercisable, and (iii) 17,500 shares of common stock that may be acquired from us upon exercise of stock options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2017.

(2) Consists of (i) 177,922 shares of common stock, (ii) 8,300 shares of common stock that may be acquired from us upon exercise of warrants that currently are exercisable, and (iii) 14,135 shares of common stock that may be acquired from us upon vesting of restricted stock units within 60 days of March 31, 2017, the receipt of which has been deferred until a later date.

(3) Consists of (i) 359,588 shares of common stock, (ii) 88,333 shares of common stock that may be acquired from us upon exercise of warrants that currently are exercisable, and (iii) 33,888 shares of common stock that may be acquired from us upon exercise of stock options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2017.

(4) Consists of (i) 359,588 shares of common stock, (ii) 88,333 shares of common stock that may be acquired from us upon exercise of warrants that currently are exercisable, and (iii) 34,521 shares of common stock that may be acquired from us upon exercise of stock options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2017.

(5) Consists of (i) 22,700 shares of common stock, (ii) 10,700 shares of common stock that may be acquired from us upon exercise of warrants that currently are exercisable, (iii) 1,035,000 shares of common stock owned by Park City Capital Offshore Master Ltd., and (iv) 335,000 shares of common stock that may be acquired by Park City Capital Offshore Master Ltd. from us upon exercise of warrants that currently are exercisable. Michael Fox, the managing member of Park City Capital, LLC, the investment manager of Park City Capital Offshore Master Ltd., has voting and dispositive power with respect to securities owned by Park City Capital Offshore Master Ltd.

(6) Consists of (i) 50,297 shares of common stock and (ii) 20,000 shares of common stock that may be acquired from us upon exercise of warrants that currently are exercisable.

(7) Consists of (i) 67,061 shares of common stock and (ii) 33,500 shares of common stock that may be acquired from us upon exercise of warrants that currently are exercisable.

(8) Consists of (i) 2,533,277 shares of common stock, (ii) 672,499 shares of common stock that may be acquired from us upon exercise of warrants that currently are exercisable, (iii) 190,033 shares of common stock subject to options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2017, and (iv) 33,324 shares of common stock issuable pursuant to restricted stock units that are subject to vesting conditions expected to occur within 60 days of March 31, 2017.

(9) Consists of (i) 335,000 shares of common stock, (ii) 335,000 shares of common stock that may be acquired from us upon exercise of warrants that currently are exercisable, and (iii) 1,260,094 shares of common stock owned by

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Holdings, LLC. Peter Appel exercises voting and investment authority over the shares held by Lone Wolf Holdings, LLC. The address for Mr. Appel is 77 Oregon Road, Bedford Corners, NY 10549.

(10) Consists of (i) 1,035,000 shares of common stock and (ii) 335,000 shares of common stock that may be acquired from us upon exercise of warrants that currently are exercisable. Michael Fox has voting and dispositive power with respect to these securities. The address for Park City Capital, LLC is 200 Crescent Court, Suite 1575, Dallas, TX.

(11) Based on information set forth in a Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on March 2, 2017 by Longboard Capital Advisors, LLC (“Longboard”) and Brett Conrad. Consists of shares of common stock owned by Blue Earth Fund, LP, Grayboard Investments, Ltd, Ptarmagin, LLC and Conrad Group Inc. Defined Benefit Plan (the “Longboard Entities”). Longboard, with Brett Conrad as its sole managing member, is the investment manager of the Longboard Entities or separate investment accounts or plans maintained by the Longboard Entities, and thus Longboard and Mr. Conrad possess the power to vote and/or dispose or direct the disposition of all shares owned by the Longboard Entities. The share number excludes 1,626,898 shares of common stock underlying warrants issued to Grayboard Investments, Ltd., which warrants may be exercised commencing on August 22, 2017. The address for Longboard is 1312 Cedar Street, Santa Monica, California 90405.

#### OTHER MATTERS

##### Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, requires that our executive officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of our common stock, file reports of ownership and changes of ownership with the SEC. Such directors, executive officers and 10% stockholders are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. SEC regulations require us to identify in this proxy statement anyone who filed a required report late during the most recent year. Based on our review of forms we received, or written representations from reporting persons stating that they were not required to file these forms, we believe that during 2016, all Section 16(a) filing requirements were satisfied on a timely basis.

##### 2016 Annual Report and SEC Filings

Our financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 are included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K. Our Annual Report and this proxy statement are posted on our website at [ir.resonant.com](http://ir.resonant.com) and are available from the SEC at its website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may also obtain a copy of our Annual Report and this proxy statement without charge by sending a written request to Secretary, Resonant Inc., 110 Castilian Drive, Suite 100, Goleta, California 93117.

##### Deadlines to Propose Actions for Consideration at the 2018 Annual Meeting

Stockholder Proposals for Inclusion in Proxy Statement. Stockholders may present proper proposals for inclusion in our proxy statement and for consideration at the 2018 annual meeting of stockholders by submitting their proposals in writing to our Secretary in a timely manner. For a stockholder proposal to be considered for inclusion in our proxy statement for our 2018 annual meeting of stockholders, our Secretary must receive the written proposal at our principal executive offices no later than December 27, 2017. In addition, stockholder proposals must comply with the requirements of SEC Rule 14a-8 regarding the inclusion of stockholder proposals in company-sponsored proxy materials. Proposals should be addressed to:

Resonant Inc.

Attention: Corporate Secretary

110 Castilian Drive, Suite 100

Goleta, California 93117

Stockholder Proposals Not for Inclusion in Proxy Statement. Our bylaws also establish an advance notice procedure for stockholders who wish to present a proposal before an annual meeting of stockholders but do not intend for the proposal to be included in our proxy statement. Our bylaws provide that the only business that may be conducted at an annual meeting is business that is (i) specified in our proxy materials with respect to the meeting, (ii) otherwise properly brought



before the meeting by or at the direction of our board of directors, or (iii) properly brought before the meeting by a stockholder of record entitled to vote at the annual meeting who has delivered timely written notice to our Secretary. The written notice must contain the information specified in our bylaws. To be timely for our 2018 annual meeting of stockholders, our Secretary must receive the written notice at our principal executive offices no earlier than February 10, 2018, and no later than the close of business on March 12, 2018.

If we hold our 2018 annual meeting of stockholders more than 30 days before or more than 60 days after the one-year anniversary date of the 2017 Annual Meeting, then notice of a stockholder proposal that is not intended to be included in our proxy statement must be received no earlier than the close of business on the 120th day before the annual meeting and no later than the close of business on the later (i) the 90th day prior to the annual meeting; or (ii) the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of the meeting is first made. If a stockholder who has notified us of his or her intention to present a proposal at an annual meeting does not appear to present his or her proposal at the meeting, we are not required to present the proposal for a vote at the meeting.

**Availability of Bylaws.** A copy of our bylaws may be obtained by accessing Resonant's filings on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may also contact our Secretary at our principal executive offices for a copy of the relevant bylaw provisions regarding the requirements for stockholder proposals.

ANNEX A  
FULL TEXT OF  
AMENDMENT TO 2014 PLAN  
RESONANT INC.  
AMENDMENT NO. 2  
TO  
AMENDED AND RESTATED  
2014 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN

This Amendment No. 2 (this “Amendment”) to the Resonant Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) is effective as of June 6, 2017, by action of the Board of Directors of Resonant Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”).

1. Section 3.1(a) of the Plan is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

“(a) Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 12.2, a total of 5,950,000 Shares shall be authorized for grant under the Plan (the “Maximum Plan Shares”). Any Shares that are subject to Awards shall be counted against this limit as one (1) Share for every one (1) Share granted.”

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company on March 29, 2017, and approved by the stockholders of the Company at a meeting held on June 6, 2017.

Executed as of [], 2017 RESONANT INC.

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