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150 Independence Drive
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Notice of 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Ultra Clean Holdings, Inc.

Date: Friday, May 20, 2005

Time: Doors open: 9:30 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time
Meeting begins: 10:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time

Place: Davis Polk & Wardwell
1600 El Camino Real
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Purposes: Elect our directors.

Ratify the appointment of our independent auditors.

Conduct other business if properly raised.

Who Can Vote: Only stockholders of record on April 12, 2005 may vote at the meeting.

All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting. At the meeting you will hear a report on our business and have a chance to meet some of our directors and executive officers. Our 2004 Annual Report is enclosed.

Whether you expect to attend the meeting or not, please complete, sign, date and promptly return the enclosed proxy card in the postage-prepaid envelope we have provided. You may change your vote and revoke your proxy at any time before the polls close at the meeting by following the procedures described in the accompanying proxy statement.

KEVIN L. GRIFFIN
Secretary

April 20, 2005

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PROXY STATEMENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

May 20, 2005

GENERAL INFORMATION

Who May Vote

Holders of our common stock, as reflected in our records on April 12, 2005, may vote at the meeting. This proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card are being sent to our stockholders on or about April 22, 2005.

Each share of common stock that you owned on the record date entitles you to one vote on each matter properly brought before the meeting.

Holding Shares as a Beneficial Owner (or in Street Name)

Most stockholders are considered the beneficial owners of their shares, that is, they hold their shares through a broker, bank or nominee rather than directly in their own name. As summarized below, there are some distinctions between shares held of record and those owned beneficially or in street name .

Stockholder of Record: If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, you are considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares. If you are a stockholder of record, we are sending these proxy materials directly to you. As our stockholder of record, you have the right to grant your voting proxy directly to us or to vote in person at the Annual Meeting. We have enclosed a proxy card for your vote.

Beneficial Owner: If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in street name, and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by your broker, bank, or nominee (who is considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares). As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank, or nominee on how to vote if you follow the instructions you receive from your broker, bank, or nominee. You are also invited to attend the Annual Meeting. However, since you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote these shares in person at the Annual Meeting, unless you bring to the meeting an account statement or letter from the nominee indicating that you beneficially owned the shares on April 12, 2005, the record date for voting.

How to Vote

You may vote in person at the meeting or by proxy. All valid proxies properly executed and received by us prior to or at the meeting will be voted in accordance with the instructions they contain. We recommend that you vote by proxy even if you plan to attend the meeting. You can always change your vote at the meeting.

How Proxies Work

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by Ultra Clean's Board of Directors for use at the Annual Meeting and at any adjournment of that meeting. Giving us your proxy means you authorize us to vote your shares at the meeting in the manner you direct. You may vote for all, some or none of our director candidates. You may also vote for or against the other proposals, or abstain from voting.

If no instruction is specified as to how your shares will be voted on a particular matter, your shares be voted FOR the election of each of the named nominees for director, FOR the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent auditors and, with respect to any other matter that may come before the Annual Meeting, as recommended by our Board of Directors or otherwise in the proxies' discretion.

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If you hold your shares in street name, your broker, bank or nominee will include a voting instruction card with this proxy statement. You should vote your shares by following the instructions provided on the voting instruction card. In addition to voting in writing, your broker, bank or nominee may also provide instructions for voting using the telephone or over the Internet.

Revoking a Proxy

All stockholders have the right to revoke a previously submitted proxy at any time before the Annual Meeting, or by voting in person at the Annual Meeting. If you are a stockholder of record, you may revoke your proxy before it is voted by:

Submitting a new proxy with a later date than the previously submitted proxy;

Notifying our Secretary in writing before the meeting; or

Voting in person at the meeting.

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If you are a beneficial holder, you should follow the instructions provided to you by your broker, bank or nominee as to how to revoke your proxy. You may also revoke your proxy by voting in person at the meeting, provided you comply with the requirements indicated below.

Attending in Person

Any stockholder of record may vote in person. All meeting attendees may be asked to present a valid, government-issued photo identification, such as a driver's license or passport, before entering the meeting.

If you are a beneficial owner and your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or nominee, you must bring to the meeting an account statement or letter from the nominee indicating that you beneficially owned the shares on April 12, 2005, the record date for voting.

Matters to be Presented

We are not aware of any matters to be presented other than those described in this proxy statement. If any matters not described in this proxy statement are properly presented at the meeting, the proxies will use their own judgment to determine how to vote your shares.

Contacting Ultra Clean

If you have questions or would like more information about the Annual Meeting, you can contact us in any of the following ways:

By telephone: (650) 323-4100

By writing: Secretary
Ultra Clean Holdings, Inc.
150 Independence Drive
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Deadline for Submitting Stockholder Proposals for the 2006 Annual Meeting

If you wish to submit a proposal for inclusion in the proxy statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting, you must follow the procedures outlined in Rule 14a-8 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). To be eligible for inclusion, we must receive your stockholder proposal no later than December 21, 2005. If you wish to submit a proposal for consideration at the 2006 Annual Meeting but do not wish to have it included in the proxy materials, you must give us notice at the address below and we must receive your notice no later than March 8, 2006.

Proposals should be sent to the address set forth above under **General Information** **Contacting Ultra Clean**.

OWNERSHIP OF ULTRA CLEAN HOLDINGS, INC. SHARES

Outstanding Shares and Voting Rights

At the close of business on April 12, 2005, the record date, we had 16,372,689 shares of common stock outstanding. Each share of our common stock is entitled to one vote on all matters properly submitted for stockholder vote.

In order to carry on the business of the meeting, we must have a quorum. This means stockholders entitled to cast a majority of the votes at a meeting of stockholders must be represented at the meeting, either in person or by proxy.

The election of directors requires a plurality of the votes cast for the election of directors. Plurality means that the seven nominees who receive the highest number of votes will be elected as directors. In the election of directors, votes may be cast in favor of or withheld with respect to any or all nominees.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the item will be required to ratify the appointment of our independent auditors for the current fiscal year.

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If any other matter is properly submitted to the stockholders at the Annual Meeting, its adoption generally will require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on that matter.

In accordance with Delaware law, only votes cast for a matter constitute affirmative votes. A properly executed proxy marked abstain with respect to any matter will not be voted, although it will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum. Since abstentions will not be votes cast for the particular matter, they will have the same effect as negative votes or votes against that matter. Broker non-votes are counted as present for the purpose of determining the presence of a quorum. Broker non-votes occur when shares held by a broker on behalf of a beneficial owner are not voted with respect to a particular proposal, which generally occurs when the broker has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner and lacks the discretionary authority to vote the shares itself. We believe that the election of directors and ratification of our independent auditors are considered routine matters for which brokerage firms may vote shares held on behalf of beneficial owners who have not voted with respect to the particular proposal.

FP-Ultra Clean, LLC, holder of approximately 55% of our common stock, has informed us that it intends to vote all of its shares in favor of the nominated slate of directors and for the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent auditors.

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The table below sets forth information as of March 31, 2005 regarding the beneficial ownership (as defined by Rule 13d-3(d)(1) under the Exchange Act) of our common stock by the following:

each person or group known by us to own beneficially more than five percent of our common stock;

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each of our directors and named executive officers individually; and

all directors and officers as a group.

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission rules, beneficial ownership includes voting or investment power with respect to securities and includes the shares issuable pursuant to stock options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2005. Shares issuable pursuant to stock options are deemed outstanding for computing the ownership percentage of the person holding such options but are not outstanding for computing the ownership percentage of any other person. The percentage of beneficial ownership for the following table is based on 16,372,689 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2005.

Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each of the named individuals is c/o Ultra Clean Holdings, Inc., 150 Independence Drive, Menlo Park, California 94025. To our knowledge, except as indicated in the footnotes to this table and pursuant to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Shares Beneficially owned	
	Number	Percent
Greater than 5% Stockholders		
FP-Ultra Clean, LLC(1) c/o Francisco Partners, L.P. 2882 Sand Hill Road, Suite 280 Menlo Park, CA 94025	9,029,900	55.15%
Mazama Capital Management, Inc.(2) One S.W. Columbia, Suite 1500 Portland, OR 97258	1,606,638	9.81%
Named Executive Officers and Directors		
Clarence L. Granger(3)	529,707	3.19%
Kevin L. Griffin(4)	146,137	*
Deborah Hayward(5)	43,244	*
Phillip A. Kagel(6)	5,000	*
Sowmya Krishnan Ph.D.(7)	43,819	*
Bruce Wier(8)	104,455	*
Brian R. Bachman(9)	4,375	*
Susan H. Billat(9)	4,375	*
Dipanjan Deb(1)(10)	9,034,275	55.16%
Kevin C. Eichler(10)	5,375	*
David ibnAle(1)(10)	9,034,275	55.16%
Thomas M. Rohrs(11)	78,072	*
All named executive officers and directors as a group (12 persons)	10,003,209	59.49%

* Less than 1%.

- (1) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission jointly by FP-Ultra Clean, LLC (FP-Ultra Clean), Francisco Partners L.P. (Francisco Partners) and Francisco Partners GP, LLC (Francisco GP) on October 13, 2004. The shares are owned beneficially and of record by FP-Ultra Clean. All of the membership interests of FP-Ultra Clean are beneficially owned by Francisco Partners, and Francisco GP is the general partner of Francisco Partners. Messrs. Deb and ibnAle, members of management of Francisco

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Partners, disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities held by Francisco Partners, FP-Ultra Clean and Francisco GP.

- (2) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2005.
- (3) Includes 216,562 shares subject to common stock options exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2005.
- (4) Includes 70,312 shares subject to common stock options exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2005.
- (5) Includes 42,578 shares subject to common stock options exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2005.
- (6) Mr. Kagel resigned as our Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer on March 24, 2005. Information provided in this proxy statement with respect to Mr. Kagel is being provided voluntarily, as he was not a named executive officer in 2004.
- (7) Includes 24,869 shares subject to common stock options exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2005.

- (8) Includes 51,380 shares subject to common stock options exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2005.
- (9) Represents shares subject to common stock options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2005.
- (10) Includes 4,375 shares subject to common stock options exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2005.
- (11) Includes 15,572 shares subject to common stock options exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2005.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) requires our directors and executive officers and 10% or greater beneficial holders to file certain reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding ownership of, and transactions in, our equity securities. We have reviewed copies of the reports we received and written representations from the individuals required to file the reports.

Based solely on our review of such reports and representations, we believe that all of our directors, executive officers and beneficial stockholders of at least 10% of our common stock filed, on a timely basis, all reports required by Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act for the year ended December 31, 2004, except for one late Form 4 filing for Ms. Hayward, which has since been filed.

PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Director s Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has recommended for nomination the director candidates named below. All of these nominees currently serve as our directors. All of our directors are elected for one-year terms.

If a director nominee becomes unavailable before the election, your proxy authorizes the people named as proxies to vote for a replacement nominee if the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee names one.

Our Board of Directors has determined that Brian R. Bachman, Susan H. Billat, Kevin C. Eichler and Thomas M. Rohrs are each independent in accordance with applicable NASDAQ Stock Market and Securities and Exchange Commission rules. Our Board of Directors has also determined that we are a controlled company under NASDAQ Stock Market rule 4350(c)(5) because FP-Ultra Clean, LLC currently owns over 50% of our common stock.

OUR BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR.

Name	Age	Director Since
Brian R. Bachman	60	2004
Susan H. Billat	54	2004
Dipanjan Deb	35	2002
Kevin C. Eichler	45	2004
Clarence L. Granger	56	2002
David T. ibnAle	33	2002
Thomas M. Rohrs	54	2003

Set forth below is information about each of our nominees for director:

Clarence L. Granger has served as our Chief Executive Officer since November 2002, as our President and Chief Operating Officer since March 1999 and as a director since May 2002. Mr. Granger served as our Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from January 1998 to March 1999 and as our Executive Vice President of Operations from April 1996 to January 1998. Prior to joining Ultra Clean in April 1996, he served as Vice President of Media Operations for Seagate Technology from 1994 to 1996. Prior to that, Mr. Granger worked for HMT Technology as Chief Executive Officer from 1993 to 1994, as Chief Operating Officer from 1991 to 1993 and as President from 1989 to 1994. Prior to that, Mr. Granger worked

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for Xidex as Vice President and General Manager, Thin Film Disk Division, from 1988 to 1989, as Vice President, Santa Clara Oxide Disk Operations, from 1987 to 1988, as Vice President, U.S. Tape Operations, from 1986 to 1987 and as Director of Engineering from 1983 to 1986. Mr. Granger holds a master of science degree in industrial engineering from Stanford University and a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering from the University of California at Berkeley.

Brian R. Bachman has served as a director of Ultra Clean since March 2004. Mr. Bachman was the Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of Axcelis Technologies, Inc. from May 2000 to January 2002. Prior to that, he was Senior Vice President and Group Executive-Hydraulics, Semiconductor Equipment and Specialty Controls of Eaton Corporation from December 1995 to July 2000 and Vice President and general manager for the Standard Products Business Group of Philips Semiconductors B.V. from 1991 to 1995. Mr. Bachman is on the board of directors of Keithley Instruments, Inc. and Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc.

Susan H. Billat has served as a director of Ultra Clean since March 2004. Since 2002, Ms. Billat has been a Principal at Benchmark Strategies, which she founded in 1990. Prior to that, she was a Managing Director and Senior Research Analyst for semiconductor equipment and foundries at Robertson Stephens & Company from 1996 to 2002 and senior Vice President of Marketing for Utratech Stepper from 1994 to 1996. Prior to 1990, Ms. Billat spent four years in executive positions in the semiconductor equipment industry and twelve years in operations management, engineering management and process engineering in the semiconductor industry. Ms. Billat is on the board of directors of PDF Solutions, Inc. Ms. Billat holds bachelor and masters of science degrees in physics from Georgia Tech and completed further graduate studies in electrical engineering and engineering management at Stanford University.

Dipanjan Deb has served as a director of Ultra Clean since November 2002. Mr. Deb is a founder of Francisco Partners and has been a partner since its formation in August 1999. Prior to joining Francisco Partners, Mr. Deb was a Principal with Texas Pacific Group from 1998 to 1999. Earlier in his career,

Mr. Deb was Director of Semiconductor Banking at Robertson Stephens & Company and a management consultant at McKinsey & Company. Mr. Deb is also on the board of directors of AMIS Holdings, Inc., Conexant Systems, Inc., Legerity, Inc., SMART Modular Technologies, Inc., MagnaChip Semiconductor Ltd. and Credence Systems Corp. Mr. Deb holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and computer science from the University of California at Berkeley, where he was a Regents Scholar, and a masters degree in business administration from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

Kevin C. Eichler has served as a director of Ultra Clean since March 2004. Mr. Eichler has been the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of MIPS Technologies, Inc. since June 1998. Prior to that, he was Vice President of Operations and Chief Financial Officer of Visigenic Software Inc. from 1996 to 1998, Executive Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of National Information Group from 1995 to 1996 and Executive Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Mortgage Quality Management, Inc. from 1991 to 1995. Prior to 1991, Mr. Eichler held management positions with NeXT Software and Microsoft. Mr. Eichler is on the board of directors of SupportSoft, Inc. and Magma Design Automation, Inc. Mr. Eichler holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from St. John's University.

David T. ibnAle has served as a director of Ultra Clean since November 2002 and as our lead director since February 2005. Mr. ibnAle is a Principal with Francisco Partners and has been an investment professional with Francisco Partners since December 1999, when he joined as a Vice President. Prior to joining Francisco Partners, Mr. ibnAle was an associate with Summit Partners from 1996 to 1998. Prior to that he worked in the Corporate Finance Department of Morgan Stanley & Co. from 1994 to 1996. Mr. ibnAle also worked in the Fixed Income Division of Goldman Sachs & Co. Mr. ibnAle holds an A.B. in public policy and an A.M. in international development policy from Stanford University and a masters degree in business administration from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

Thomas M. Rohrs has served as a director of Ultra Clean since January 2003. Mr. Rohrs currently serves as an independent advisor to a number of companies. Mr. Rohrs was Vice President, Strategic Development, of Applied Global Services from October 2003 to August 2004. Prior to that, he was a senior advisor to Applied Materials, Inc. from May 2002 to September 2003 and Senior Vice President, Global Operations, at Applied Materials, Inc. from November 1997 to April 2002. Prior to that he was Vice President, Worldwide Operations, for Silicon Graphics from 1992 to 1997 and Senior Vice President, Manufacturing and Customer Service, at MIPS Computer Systems from 1989 to 1992. Prior to 1989, Mr. Rohrs was employed by Hewlett Packard in a number of managerial positions. Mr. Rohrs is on the board of directors of Magma Design Automation, Inc., Ion Systems, Inc. and Electroglas, Inc. Mr. Rohrs has a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from the University of Notre Dame and a masters degree in business administration from Harvard Business School. He serves on the Engineering Advisory Council for the University of Notre Dame.

There are no family relationships among any of our directors and named executive officers.

Board of Directors Structure and Corporate Governance Information

Stockholder's Agreement. Pursuant to a stockholder's agreement, our principal stockholder, FP-Ultra Clean, LLC, which is controlled by Francisco Partners, L.P., has the right to nominate for election a majority of the members of our Board of Directors as long as it holds at least 25% of our outstanding common stock. However, if FP-Ultra Clean, LLC's ownership interest in us decreases, its right to nominate directors will be reduced as follows:

Percentage stock ownership	Percent of nominees for election to our Board of Directors
25% or more	50%
Less than 25%	25%
Less than 20%	20%
Less than 10%	10%
Less than 5%	0%

Director Responsibilities. We are governed by our Board of Directors and its various committees that meet throughout the year. Our Board of Directors currently consists of seven directors. During 2004, there were 12 meetings of our Board of Directors. We expect directors to attend and prepare for all meetings of the Board of Directors and the meetings of the committees on which they serve. During 2004 each of our directors attended more than 75% of the aggregate of all meetings of the Board of Directors and any committees on which he or she served.

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Executive Sessions of the Independent Directors. Our independent directors have the opportunity to meet in an executive session following each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

Lead Director. On February 9, 2005, our Board of Directors appointed Mr. ibnAle to serve as our lead director. The duties of the lead director include: (i) presiding at all meetings of the Board of Directors, (ii) serving as a liaison between our Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Directors, (iii) approving information and materials sent to the Board of Directors, (iv) approving the meeting agenda for meetings of the Board of Directors, and (v) approving meeting schedules to assure that there is sufficient time for discussion of all items. The lead director also has the authority to call meetings of the Board of Directors.

Corporate Governance. Our Board of Directors has adopted corporate governance guidelines. These guidelines address items such as the standards, qualifications and responsibilities of our directors and director candidates, and corporate governance policies and standards applicable to us in general. In addition, we have a code of business conduct and ethics which applies to all of our employees, including our executive officers, and our directors. Both our corporate governance guidelines and our code of business conduct and ethics are available on the corporate governance section of our website at www.uct.com under the heading Investor Relations. The charters of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, Audit Committee and Compensation Committee are also available in the corporate governance section of our website.

Communicating with our Board of Directors. Any stockholder wishing to communicate with our Board of Directors may send a letter to the address specified on page 2 of this proxy statement. Communications that are intended specifically for non-employee directors should be sent to the attention of the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

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Annual Meeting Attendance: Our Board of Directors has adopted a policy that all members should attend each annual meeting of stockholders when practicable.

Committees of our Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors has three principal committees. The following describes for each committee its current membership, the number of meetings held during 2004 and its mission:

Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee was created by our Board of Directors to:

assist our Board of Directors in its oversight of

the integrity of our financial statements;

the qualifications, independence and performance of our independent auditors; and

our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; and

prepare the Audit Committee report required by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which report can be found on page 9 of this proxy statement.

In addition, any transaction in which one of our directors has a conflict of interest must be disclosed to our Board of Directors and reviewed by the Audit Committee. Under our corporate governance guidelines, if a director has a conflict of interest, the director must disclose the interest to the Audit Committee and our Board of Directors and must recuse himself or herself from participation in the discussion and must not vote on the matter. The Audit Committee is authorized to retain special legal, accounting or other advisors in order to seek advice or information with respect to all matters under consideration, including potential conflicts of interest. A copy of this committee's charter is attached to this proxy statement as Appendix A and is also available in the corporate governance section of our website at www.uct.com.

For the 2004 audit cycle, including the Audit Committee report included in this proxy statement, the members of the Audit Committee were Messrs. Bachman, Eichler and ibnAle and Ms. Billat. The current members of our Audit Committee are Messrs. Bachman and Eichler and Ms. Billat. Our Board of Directors has determined that each current member of the committee is independent as defined under NASDAQ Stock Market and Securities and Exchange Commission rules. Our Board of Directors has concluded that all members of the Audit Committee qualify as Audit Committee financial experts as defined by Securities and Exchange Commission rules. The Audit Committee met four times in 2004.

Compensation Committee.

The Compensation Committee was created by our Board of Directors to:

oversee our compensation and benefits policies generally, including the issuance of stock options;

evaluate senior executive performance and review our management succession plan;

oversee and set compensation for our senior executives; and

prepare the report on executive compensation that Securities and Exchange Commission rules require, which can be found on page 13 of this proxy statement.

A copy of this committee's charter is available in the corporate governance section of our website at www.uct.com.

Our Compensation Committee consists of Messrs. Bachman, Deb, ibnAle and Rohrs. Our Board of Directors has determined that Messrs. Bachman and Rohrs are independent as defined under NASDAQ Stock Market and the Securities and Exchange Commission rules. Messrs. Deb and ibnAle are not independent, as permitted by NASDAQ Stock Market rules applicable to controlled companies. The Compensation Committee met three times in 2004.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee was created by our Board of Directors to:

identify qualified individuals to fill any independent director positions on our Board of Directors and recommend such individuals to our Board of Directors for election at the next annual or special meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected or to fill any vacancies or newly created directorships that may occur between such meetings;

recommend directors for appointment to committees of our Board of Directors;

make recommendations to our Board of Directors as to determinations of director independence;

evaluate the performance of our Board of Directors;

oversee and set compensation for our directors; and

develop, recommend and oversee compliance with our corporate governance guidelines and code of business conduct and ethics.

A copy of this committee's charter is available in the corporate governance section of our website at www.uct.com.

The current members of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are Messrs. Deb, ibnAle, Eichler and Rohrs. Our Board of Directors has determined that Messrs. Eichler and Rohrs are independent as defined under NASDAQ Stock Market and Securities and Exchange Commission rules. Messrs. Deb and ibnAle are not independent, as permitted by NASDAQ Stock Market rules applicable to controlled companies. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met once in 2004.

Consideration of Director Nominees

Stockholder Nominee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider properly submitted stockholder nominations for candidates for membership on our Board of Directors as described below under "Identifying and Evaluating Nominees for Directors," and will advise the recommending stockholder or group of stockholders as to its final decision. In evaluating such nominations, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capabilities on our Board of Directors and to address the membership criteria set forth under "Director Qualifications" in our corporate governance guidelines. To be considered, recommendations must be received by the committee, with a biographical summary, at the address listed on page 2 of this proxy statement.

Director Qualifications. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter contains our Board of Directors membership criteria that apply to nominees recommended by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for a position on our Board of Directors. In addition, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will take into account the independence, financial literacy and financial expertise standards required under our Board of Directors committees charters and applicable laws, rules and regulations, and the ability of the candidate, in light of the candidate's other activities and our corporate governance guidelines, to devote the necessary time and attention to serving as a director and a committee member.

Identifying and Evaluating Nominees for Directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee utilizes a variety of methods for identifying and evaluating nominees for director. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee periodically assesses the appropriate size of our Board of Directors and whether any vacancies on our Board of Directors are expected due to retirement or otherwise. In the event that vacancies are anticipated, or otherwise arise, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers various potential candidates for director. Candidates may come to the attention of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee through current directors, professional search firms engaged by us, stockholders or other persons. These candidates are evaluated at regular or special meetings of the Nominating and Corporate Governan