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December 23, 2015

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend this year's annual meeting of stockholders of PURE Bioscience, Inc. on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. (local time). The meeting will be held at our corporate offices at 1725 Gillespie Way, El Cajon, California 92020.

We are pleased to take advantage of the rules established by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") that allow companies to furnish proxy materials primarily over the internet. We believe that this will allow us to promptly provide proxy materials to you, while lowering the costs of distribution and reducing the environmental impact of our annual meeting.

On December 23, 2015, we mailed to our stockholders (other than those who previously requested electronic or paper delivery) a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") containing instructions on how to access our proxy materials, including our Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015, over the internet. The Notice also provides instructions on how to vote online or by telephone and includes instructions on how you can receive a paper copy of the proxy materials by mail. If you receive your proxy materials by mail, the Annual Report, the Notice of 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the Proxy Statement, and proxy card will be enclosed.

The matters to be acted upon are described in the Notice of 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement. Following the formal business of the meeting, we will report on our operations and respond to questions from stockholders.

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, your vote is very important and we encourage you to vote promptly. You may vote by proxy over the internet or by telephone, or, if you received paper copies of the proxy materials by mail, you can also vote by mail by following the instructions on your proxy card. If you attend the meeting you will, of course, have the right to revoke your proxy and vote your shares in person. If you hold your shares through an account with a brokerage firm, bank or other nominee, please follow the instructions you receive from your brokerage firm, bank or other nominee to vote your shares.

We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Henry Lambert  
Chief Executive Officer

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PURE BIOSCIENCE, INC.

NOTICE OF 2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON February 4, 2016

TO OUR STOCKHOLDERS:

Our 2016 annual meeting of stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) of PURE Bioscience, Inc. will be held at our corporate offices at 1725 Gillespie Way, El Cajon, California 92020, on February 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., local time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect our six existing directors to hold office until the next annual meeting and until their respective successors are elected and qualified;
2. To ratify the appointment of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2016;
3. To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers, during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015;
4. To approve an amendment and restatement of the PURE Bioscience 2007 Equity Incentive Plan to, among other changes described in our proxy statement, increase the number of shares of Common Stock issuable under the Plan by 4,000,000 shares; and
5. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Our Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the director nominees and FOR proposals 2, 3 and 4 listed above. Stockholders of record at the close of business on December 17, 2015 are entitled to notice of, and to vote on, all matters at the Annual Meeting and any reconvened meeting following any adjournments or postponements thereof. For ten days prior to the meeting, a complete list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for examination by any stockholder, for any purpose relating to the meeting, during ordinary business hours at our principal offices located at 1725 Gillespie Way, El Cajon, California 92020.

All stockholders are invited to attend the Annual Meeting in person. Whether or not you expect to attend the Annual Meeting, you are urged to vote or submit your proxy as soon as possible so that your shares can be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with your instructions. Telephone and internet voting are available. For specific instructions on voting, please refer to the instructions in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or the proxy card. If you hold your shares through an account with a brokerage firm, bank or other nominee, please follow the instructions you receive from them to vote your shares.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING:** Our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Notice and Proxy Statement are available electronically at [www.proxydocs.com](http://www.proxydocs.com).

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ Henry Lambert  
Chief Executive Officer

December 23, 2015

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PURE BIOSCIENCE, INC.  
1725 Gillespie Way  
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PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON february 4, 2016

GENERAL INFORMATION

The accompanying proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors of PURE Bioscience, Inc. (the “Board” or “Board of Directors”) to be voted at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Meeting” or “Annual Meeting”) to be held on February 4, 2016 at our corporate offices at 1725 Gillespie Way, El Cajon, California 92020 at 9:00 a.m., local time, and any adjournments or postponements thereof. This Proxy Statement and the accompanying proxy are being made available to our stockholders on or about December 23, 2015. References in this proxy statement to the “Company,” “we,” “PURE,” “our,” and “us” are to PURE Bioscience, Inc.

In accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), we are permitted to furnish proxy materials, including this Proxy Statement and our Annual Report for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015 (the “Annual Report”) to stockholders by providing access to these documents through the internet instead of mailing printed copies. Most stockholders will not receive printed copies of the proxy materials unless requested. Instead, the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials provides instructions on how to access and review the proxy materials on the internet. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials also provides instructions on how to cast your vote via the internet or by telephone. If you would like to receive a printed or email copy of our proxy materials, please follow the instructions for requesting the materials in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.

Record Date

Holders of record of our shares of Common Stock, our only class of issued and outstanding voting securities (the “Common Stock”), at the close of business on December 17, 2015 (the “Record Date”) are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. On December 17, 2015, 59,853,319 shares of our Common Stock were issued and outstanding.

Quorum

The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting is necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. Votes for and against, abstentions and “broker non-votes” will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum.

The Annual Meeting may be adjourned from time to time and at any reconvened meeting, action with respect to the matters specified in this notice may be taken without further notice to stockholders except as required by applicable law and our charter documents.

Stockholders of Record

You are a “stockholder of record” if your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Transfer Online, Inc. As a stockholder of record, you have the right to grant your voting proxy directly to the proxies designated by the Company or to vote in person at the Annual Meeting.

Shares Held in Street Name

You are deemed to beneficially own your shares in “street name” if your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trust or other similar organization. If this is the case, you will receive a separate voting instruction form with this Proxy Statement from such organization. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank, trustee, or nominee how to vote your shares, and you are also invited to attend the Annual Meeting. If you hold your shares in street name and do not provide voting instructions to your broker, bank, trustee or nominee, your



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shares will not be voted on any proposals on which such party does not have discretionary authority to vote (a “broker non-vote”), as further described below under the heading “Broker Non-Votes.”

Please note that if your shares are held of record by a broker, bank, trustee or nominee and you wish to vote at the Annual Meeting, you will not be permitted to vote in person unless you first obtain a proxy issued in your name from the record holder.

### Broker Non-Votes

Broker non-votes are shares held in street name by brokers or nominees who are present in person or represented by proxy, but which are not voted on a particular matter because the brokers or nominees do not have discretionary authority with respect to that proposal and they have not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner. Under the rules that govern brokers, brokers have the discretion to vote on routine matters, but not on non-routine matters. Routine matters include the ratification of the appointment of the Company’s independent registered public accountants. The remaining proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting are considered to be non-routine matters, including the election of directors, the non-binding advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers and the proposed amendment and restatement of the PURE Bioscience 2007 Equity Incentive Plan. As a result, if you do not provide your broker or nominee with voting instructions on these non-routine matters your shares will not be voted on these proposals.

### Voting Matters

Stockholders are entitled to cast one vote per share of Common Stock on each matter presented for consideration by the stockholders. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for examination by any stockholder for a proper purpose during normal business hours at the executive offices of the Company for a period of at least 10 days preceding the day of the Annual Meeting.

There are four proposals scheduled to be voted on at the Annual Meeting:

1. To elect our six existing directors to hold office until the next annual meeting and until their respective successors are elected and qualified;
2. To ratify the appointment of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2016;
3. To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers, during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015; and
4. To approve an amendment and restatement of the PURE Bioscience 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) to, among other items, increase the number of shares of Common Stock issuable under the Plan by 4,000,000 shares. Our Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the director nominees, FOR the ratification of the appointment of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C., FOR the approval of the compensation of our named executive officers and FOR the approval of the amendment and restatement of the Plan to, among other items, increase the number of shares of Common Stock issuable under the Plan by 4,000,000 shares.

We are currently unaware of any matters to be raised at the Annual Meeting other than those referred to in this Proxy Statement. If other matters are properly presented at the Annual Meeting for consideration and you are a stockholder of record and have submitted your proxy, the persons named in your proxy will have the discretion to vote on those matters for you.



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### Required Vote

Assuming a quorum is present, either in person or by proxy, the following vote is required for the proposals scheduled to be voted on at the Annual Meeting:

1. Election of Directors: Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes, which means the six nominees who receive the greatest number of FOR votes will be elected. If you hold your shares through a broker and you do not instruct the broker on how to vote on this proposal, your broker will not have authority to vote your shares. Abstentions and broker non-votes will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will not have any effect on the outcome of the proposal.
2. Ratification of Auditors: The ratification of the appointment of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2016 requires that a majority of the votes cast, whether in person or represented by proxy, are voted FOR this proposal. Abstentions will be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.
3. Executive Compensation: The approval, on a non-binding advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers requires that a majority of the votes cast, whether in person or represented by proxy, are voted FOR this proposal. Abstentions and “broker non-votes” will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.
4. Amendment and Restatement of the Plan: The approval of the amendment and restatement of our Plan to, among other items, increase the number of shares of Common Stock issuable under the Plan by 4,000,000 shares requires that a majority of the votes cast, whether in person or represented by proxy, are voted FOR this proposal. Abstentions and “broker non-votes” will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

### Voting Instructions

If you are a stockholder of record, you can vote in the following ways:

- By Internet: by following the Internet voting instructions included in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or by following the instructions on the proxy card at any time up until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on February 3, 2016.
- By Telephone: by following the telephone voting instructions included in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or by following the instructions on the proxy card at any time up until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on February 3, 2016.
- By Mail: you may vote by mail by marking, dating and signing your proxy card in accordance with the instructions on it and returning it by mail in the pre-addressed reply envelope provided with the proxy materials. The proxy card must be received prior to the Annual Meeting.

If your shares are held in street name, please follow the separate voting instructions you receive from your broker, bank, trustee or other nominee.

### Proxies

All shares represented by a proxy will be voted, and where a stockholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, the shares will be voted in accordance with the specification so made. If a stockholder does not

indicate a choice on the proxy card, the shares will be voted in favor of the election of each of the nominees for director contained in this Proxy Statement and in favor of each of the other proposals considered at the Annual Meeting.

If your shares are held by a broker, bank or other stockholder of record, in nominee name or otherwise, exercising fiduciary powers (typically referred to as being held in "street name"), you will receive a separate voting instruction form with your proxy materials. Your broker may vote your shares on the proposal to ratify our independent auditors,

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but will not be permitted to vote your shares with respect to the election of directors or on any of the other proposals unless you provide instructions as to how to vote your shares. Please note that if your shares are held of record by a broker, bank or nominee and you wish to vote at the meeting, you will not be permitted to vote in person unless you first obtain a proxy issued in your name from the record holder.

## Multiple Proxies

If you receive more than one set of proxy materials it generally means you hold shares registered in multiple accounts. To ensure that all your shares are voted, please submit proxies or voting instructions for all of your shares.

## Proxy Revocation Procedure

If you are a stockholder of record, you may revoke your proxy: (i) by written notice of revocation mailed to and received by the Secretary of the Company prior to the date of the Annual Meeting, (ii) voting again via the internet or by telephone at a later time before the closing of those voting facilities at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern) on February 3, 2016, (iii) by executing and delivering to the Secretary a proxy dated as of a later date than a previously executed and delivered proxy (provided, however, that such action must be taken prior to 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on February 3, 2016), or (iv) by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Attendance at the Annual Meeting will not in and of itself revoke a proxy.

## Solicitation Costs

The Company will bear the expenses of calling and holding the Annual Meeting and the soliciting of proxies therefor. This proxy statement and the accompanying materials, in addition to being mailed directly to stockholders, will be distributed through brokers, custodians, nominees and other like parties to beneficial owners of shares of Common Stock. The Company will pay reasonable expenses incurred in forwarding the proxy materials to the beneficial owners of shares and in obtaining the written instructions of such beneficial owners. The Company may consider the engagement of a proxy solicitation firm. Our directors, officers and employees may also solicit proxies by mail, telephone and personal contact, but they will not receive any additional compensation for these activities.

## Voting Results

We will announce preliminary voting results at the annual meeting. We will report final results in a Form 8-K report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

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### GOVERNANCE OF OUR COMPANY

#### Overview

We are committed to maintaining high standards of business conduct and corporate governance, which we believe are fundamental to the overall success of our business, serving our stockholders well and maintaining our integrity in the marketplace. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines and Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, together with our Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws and the charters of our Board Committees, form the basis for our corporate governance framework. As discussed below, our Board of Directors has established two standing committees to assist it in fulfilling its responsibilities to the Company and its stockholders: the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee. The Board of Directors (the “Board”) performs the functions typically assigned to a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

#### Corporate Governance Guidelines

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines are designed to ensure effective corporate governance of our Company. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines cover topics including, but not limited to, director qualification criteria, director responsibilities, director compensation, director orientation and continuing education, communications from stockholders to the Board, succession planning and the annual evaluations of the Board and its Committees. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines are reviewed regularly by the Board and revised when appropriate. The full text of our Corporate Governance Guidelines can be found in the “Corporate Governance” section of our website accessible at [www.purebio.com](http://www.purebio.com). A printed copy may also be obtained by any stockholder upon request to our Corporate Secretary.

#### Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all of our employees, officers and directors. This Code constitutes a “code of ethics” as defined by the rules of the SEC. This Code also contains “whistle blower” procedures adopted by our Audit Committee regarding the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints related to accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and procedures for confidential anonymous employee complaints related to questionable accounting or auditing matters. Copies of the code may be obtained free of charge from our website, [www.purebio.com](http://www.purebio.com). Any amendments to, or waivers from, a provision of our code of ethics that applies to any of our executive officers will be posted on our website in accordance with the rules of the SEC. Other than as specifically referenced herein, the information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not a part of this proxy statement.

#### Director Independence

We are not currently listed on any national securities exchange or in an inter-dealer quotation system that has established a standard for independence. However, our Board utilizes the definition of “independence” as that term is defined by the listing standards of the NYSE MKT and the rules and regulations of the SEC. As of the date hereof, our Board consists of six members, three of whom are considered independent as that term is defined by applicable listing

standards of the NYSE MKT. Our independent directors include: Messrs. Otis and Lee and Dr. Theno.

#### Board and Committee Attendance

During the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015, the Board met five times and it took action by unanimous written consent four times. During the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015 our Compensation Committee met one time and our Audit Committee met four times. Each of the directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board.

#### Executive Sessions

Executive sessions of our independent directors are held at each regularly scheduled meeting of our Board and at other times as necessary. The Board's policy is also to hold executive sessions without the presence of management at each regularly scheduled meeting of our Board. Our Board Committees also generally meet in executive session at the end of each committee meeting.

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### Director Attendance at Annual Meeting

We believe the annual meeting of stockholders provides a good opportunity for our directors to hear any feedback the stockholders may share with the Company at the meeting. As a result, we encourage our directors to attend our annual meeting. We reimburse our directors for the reasonable expenses incurred by them in attending the annual meeting.

### Board Committees

**Compensation Committee.** The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors currently consists of Dr. Theno (Chair) and Mr. Otis. The functions of the Compensation Committee include the approval of the compensation offered to our executive officers and recommending to the full Board of Directors the compensation to be offered to our directors, including our Chairman. The Board has determined that Dr. Theno and Mr. Otis are each an “independent director” under the listing standards of the NYSE MKT. In addition, Dr. Theno and Mr. Otis each qualify as a “non-employee director” for purposes of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act and as an “outside director” for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Compensation Committee is governed by a written charter approved by the Board of Directors, a copy of which is available on our website at [www.purebio.com](http://www.purebio.com).

**Audit Committee.** The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, currently consists of Messrs. Cohee (Chair), Lee and Otis. The functions of the Audit Committee include the retention of our independent registered public accounting firm, reviewing and approving the planned scope, proposed fee arrangements and results of the Company’s annual audit, reviewing the adequacy of the Company’s accounting and financial controls and reviewing the independence of the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm. The Board has determined that each of Messrs. Otis and Lee is an “independent director” under the listing standards of the NYSE MKT. Mr. Cohee is not independent because the Company has retained Mr. Cohee to provide financial advisory services to the Company. See “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” for additional information regarding the Company’s retention of Mr. Cohee. The Board determined that it was in the Company’s and its stockholders best interests for Mr. Cohee to continue to serve on the audit committee, based on his accounting and financial expertise, until the Board adds additional independent directors. The Board of Directors has also determined that Messrs. Cohee, Lee and Otis are each an “audit committee financial expert” within the applicable definition of the SEC. The Audit Committee is governed by a written charter approved by the Board of Directors, a copy of which is available on our website at [www.purebio.com](http://www.purebio.com).

**Nominating Committee.** The Board has not established a Nominating Committee, and as a result performs the functions typically assigned to a Nominating Committee, including the identification, recruitment and nomination of candidates for the Board and its committees, determining the structure, composition and functioning of the Board and its committees including the reporting channels through which the Board receives information and the quality and timeliness of the information, developing and recommending to the Board corporate governance guidelines applicable to the Company and annually reviewing and recommending changes, as necessary or appropriate, overseeing the annual evaluation of the Board’s effectiveness and performance.

### Board and Committee Effectiveness



The Board and each of its Committees perform an annual self-assessment to evaluate their effectiveness in fulfilling their obligations. The Board and Committee evaluations cover a wide range of topics, including, among others, the fulfillment of the Board and Committee responsibilities identified in the Corporate Governance Guidelines and charters for each Committee.

#### Board Leadership Structure

Our Bylaws provide our Board with flexibility to combine or separate the positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with its determination that utilizing one or the other structure would be in the best interests of our company. At the current time, Mr. Pfanzelter serves as our Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Lambert serves as our Chief Executive Officer. Our Board believes our leadership structure enhances the accountability of our Chief Executive Officer to the Board and encourages balanced decision making. In addition, the Board believes that this structure provides an environment in which its independent directors are fully informed, have significant input into the content of Board meetings and are able to provide objective and thoughtful oversight of management. Our Board also separated the roles in recognition of the differences in responsibilities. While our Chief Executive Officer is responsible

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for the day-to-day leadership of the Company and its business operations, the Chairman of the Board provides guidance to the Board, sets the agenda for Board meetings and presides over the meetings of the full Board and the meetings of the Board's non-management directors. The Board Chairman also provides performance feedback on behalf of the Board to our Chief Executive Officer. The Board intends to carefully evaluate from time to time whether our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman positions should remain separate based on what the Board believes is best for the Company and its stockholders.

### Board Oversight of Risk

The Board is actively involved in the oversight of risks that could affect the Company. The Board as a whole has responsibility for risk oversight of the Company's risk management policies and procedures, with reviews of certain areas being conducted by the relevant Board committee. The Board satisfies this responsibility through reports by each Committee Chair regarding the Committee's considerations and actions, as well as through regular reports directly from management responsible for oversight of particular risks within the Company. Specifically, the Board committees address the following risk areas:

- The Compensation Committee is responsible for overseeing the management of risks related to the Company's executive compensation plans and arrangements.
- The Audit Committee discusses with management the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures.

The Board as a whole considers risks related to regulatory and compliance matters as well as risks related to the Company's sales and marketing and research and development initiatives.

The Board encourages management to promote a corporate culture that incorporates risk management into the Company's day-to-day business operations.

### Stockholder Recommendations for Director Nominees

In nominating candidates for election as a director, the Board will consider a reasonable number of candidates recommended by a single stockholder who has held over 20% of PURE Bioscience Common Stock for over one year and who satisfies the notice, information and consent provisions set forth in our Bylaws and Corporate Governance Guidelines. Stockholders who wish to recommend a candidate may do so by writing to the Board of Directors in care of the Corporate Secretary, PURE Bioscience, Inc., 1725 Gillespie Way, El Cajon, California 92020. The Board of Directors will use the same evaluation process for director nominees recommended by stockholders as it uses for other director nominees. A printed copy of our Bylaws may be obtained by any stockholder upon request to our Corporate Secretary.

### Identification and Evaluation of Director Nominees

In evaluating nominees for membership on our Board, our Board applies the Board membership criteria set forth in our Corporate Governance Guidelines. Under these criteria, the Board takes into account many factors, including an individual's business experience and skills (including skills in core areas such as operations, management, technology, accounting and finance, strategic planning and international markets), as well as independence, judgment, knowledge

of our business and industry, professional reputation, leadership, integrity and ability to represent the best interests of the Company's stockholders. In addition, the Board also considers the ability to commit sufficient time and attention to the activities of the Board, as well as the absence of any potential conflicts with the Company's interests. The Board does not assign specific weights to particular criteria and no particular criterion is necessarily applicable to all prospective nominees. The Board does not have a formal policy with respect to diversity of nominees. Rather, our Board considers Board membership criteria as a whole and seeks to achieve diversity of occupational and personal backgrounds on the Board.

Our Board regularly assesses the appropriate size of our Board, and whether any vacancies on our Board are expected due to retirement or otherwise. In the event that vacancies are anticipated, or otherwise arise, the Board will consider various potential candidates who may come to the attention of the Board through current Board members, professional search firms, stockholders or other persons. Each candidate brought to the attention of the Board, regardless of who

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recommended such candidate, is considered on the basis of the criteria set forth in our corporate governance guidelines. As stated above, our Board will consider candidates proposed for nomination by our significant stockholders. Stockholders may propose candidates by submitting the names and supporting information to: Corporate Secretary, PURE Bioscience, Inc., 1725 Gillespie Way, El Cajon, California 92020. Supporting information should include (a) the name and address of the candidate and the proposing stockholder, (b) a comprehensive biography of the candidate and an explanation of why the candidate is qualified to serve as a director taking into account the criteria identified in our corporate governance guidelines, (c) proof of ownership, the class and number of shares, and the length of time that the shares of our voting securities have been beneficially owned by each of the candidate and the proposing stockholder, and (d) a letter signed by the candidate stating his or her willingness to serve, if elected.

Communications with the Board of Directors

The Board desires that the views of stockholders will be heard by the Board, its Committees or individual directors, as applicable, and that appropriate responses will be provided to stockholders on a timely basis. Stockholders wishing to formally communicate with the Board, any Board Committee, the independent directors as a group or any individual director may send communications directly to the Company at PURE Bioscience, Inc., 1725 Gillespie Way, El Cajon, California 92020, Attention: Corporate Secretary. All clearly marked written communications, other than unsolicited advertising or promotional materials, are logged and copied, and forwarded to the director(s) to whom the communication was addressed. Please note that the foregoing communication procedure does not apply to (i) stockholder proposals pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 14a-8 and communications made in connection with such proposals or (ii) service of process or any other notice in a legal proceeding.

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ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

## Nominees for Director

Our business is managed under the direction of our Board of Directors. Our Board has nominated each of our six (6) existing directors for re-election at the Annual Meeting, including:

Name	Age	Director Since	Position(s) Held
Dave J. Pfanzelter	62	2013	Chairman
Henry R. Lambert	64	2013	Director, Chief Executive Officer
Gary D. Cohee	69	2013	Director
David Theno, Jr., PhD	65	2013	Director
William Otis	59	2013	Director
Tom Y. Lee, CPA	66	2014	Director

In addition to the information regarding our directors and skills that led our Board to conclude that the individual should serve as a director, we also believe that all of our directors have a reputation for integrity, honesty and adherence to high ethical standards. We believe they each have demonstrated business acumen and an ability to exercise sound judgment, as well as a commitment of service to our company and our Board.

The Board also believes that re-electing our incumbent directors helps to promote stability and continuity. The Board expects that each director will continue to make substantial contributions to the Company by virtue of their familiarity with, and insight into, the Company's business and the Company's business strategy.

All of the nominees have indicated a willingness to continue serving as directors, and the Company has no reason to believe that any nominee will be unavailable or unable to serve. If any of them should decline or be unable to act as a director, the proxy holders will vote for the election of any other person or persons the Board may nominate.

The following sets forth information regarding the business experience of our directors as of December 23, 2015:

Dave J. Pfanzelter was appointed as our Chairman on August 13, 2013. He previously served as a director of the Company from February 2013 to July 2013. Mr. Pfanzelter served as senior vice president of Kellogg Company, president of Kellogg's Specialty Channels and president of Kellogg Canada from May 2004 to May 2010, while also serving as part of the Kellogg Executive Committee and Global Leadership Team. Mr. Pfanzelter began his career in the food service industry in 1975 with Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation, serving in several key sales and marketing positions, including director of marketing and national sales manager. In 1995 he was appointed vice president of sales of Kraft Foodservice, representing the combined manufactured brands of Oscar Mayer, General Foods, and Kraft Foods. In 1998 Mr. Pfanzelter joined Keebler, serving as vice president and general manager of the food service division prior to Keebler's acquisition by Kellogg in 2001. Since 1998, Mr. Pfanzelter has been on the board of directors of Doctor's Associates, the parent company of Subway Restaurants, the nation's largest restaurant chain. In February 2012, Mr. Pfanzelter joined the Advisory Board of Wrigley Foods. He also served on the Board of the International Food Service Manufacturer's Association as chairman and member of its executive committee.

Mr. Pfanzelter's qualifications to serve as a director on our Board include his executive leadership experience with leading companies in the food service industry and his prior and current service on the boards of other companies in the food service industry.

Henry R. Lambert was appointed to our Board and appointed as our Chief Executive Officer on September 10, 2013. Mr. Lambert is an accomplished food industry and consumer products executive with broad management skills, including strategic planning and business development, go-to-market execution, business integration and food safety. He has over 35 years of food industry experience, having worked at such notable companies as Heublein Inc., RJ Reynolds, Nabisco, Inc. and, Pinnacle Foods. He has held various business unit leadership positions servicing the foodservice and leading consumer food brands markets. Mr. Lambert has also served on boards and as a member of various food industry associations, including the International Foodservice Manufacturers Association (IFMA), Institute of Food Technologists and Safe Supply of Affordable Food Everywhere (SSAFE). From 2010 through June 2013, Mr. Lambert served as General Manager of the Global Food and Water Business of Underwriter Laboratories, where he was

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responsible for the start-up of the company's food safety services business. From 2007 to 2010, Mr. Lambert served as Senior Vice President of Business Development, and then President, of Arrowstream Transportation, Inc., a provider of innovative supply chain management solutions to the foodservice industry whose key customers included Wendy's, Applebee's, Arby's, TGIF, Sysco, and DMA. Prior to 2007, Mr. Lambert held executive positions with a number of high profile companies in the foodservice industry. Mr. Lambert earned his MBA in Finance from the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business, and his BA in Economics (with Honors) from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y.

Mr. Lambert's qualifications to serve as a director on our Board include his service as the Company's Chief Executive Officer, his 36 years of experience in the food industry, his executive leadership experience and his service on the boards of a number of food industry associations.

Gary D. Cohee was appointed to our Board on August 13, 2013. He has over 40 years of experience as an investment banker, having started his career in 1973 with Blyth, Eastman Dillon & Co. Since 2004, Mr. Cohee has served as President and CEO of PMB Securities Corp. From 2011 until 2012, Mr. Cohee served on the Advisory Board of Force Fuels, Inc. During his career in the investment banking business, Mr. Cohee worked for a number of prestigious firms, including Bateman Eichler and Paulson Investment Company. Mr. Cohee graduated from California State University-Long Beach in 1968 with a BS degree in Business Administration. He previously served as President of the Long Beach Bond Club, the Southern California Options Society and the Long Beach Century Club.

Mr. Cohee's qualifications to serve as a director on our Board include his 40 years of experience as an investment banker and providing financial advisory services and fundraising advise to public and private companies.

David Theno, Jr., PhD was appointed to our Board on October 1, 2013. Dr. Theno is a widely respected food safety expert, previously served on the Company's Advisory Panel. Dr. Theno is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Gray Dog Partners, Inc., a technical consulting firm specializing in food safety and manufacturing, restaurant operations, supply chain management, strategic planning and facility design, where he served since October 2008. Gray Dog Partners also provides consulting services to federal, state and local regulatory bodies. From 1993 to 2008, Dr. Theno was employed by Jack in the Box, Inc. where he last served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Food Safety Officer and previously served as Corporate Vice President Technical Services. Dr. Theno has two Doctorate Degrees in Food Science and Animal Science and two Master's Degrees in Animal Science and Veterinary Pharmacology from the University of Illinois.

Dr. Theno's qualifications to serve as a director on our Board include his executive leadership and consulting experience in the food safety industry, as well as his educational background in the food science and animal science industries.

William Otis was appointed to our Board on October 8, 2013. Mr. Otis is currently the Executive Vice President of U.S. packaged meat operations for Smithfield Foods. Prior to this role, he was the President and Chief Operating Officer of Patrick Cudahy, LLC and Saratoga Food Specialties. Both companies are food manufacturing companies of John Morrell Food Group and Smithfield Foods. Mr. Otis began his career in 1980 with Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation serving in several operations, finance and marketing positions. In 1995, Mr. Otis joined Patrick Cudahy, serving as Vice President of Sales and Marketing and in 2004 was promoted to President and COO. Mr. Otis also took over the President and COO role at Saratoga Food Specialties in 2012. Mr. Otis earned his Master's Degree in Business Management from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Mr. Otis' qualifications to serve as a director on our Board include his executive leadership experience at leading food manufacturing companies and his knowledge of food safety issues.

Tom Y. Lee, CPA was appointed to our Board on October 24, 2014. Mr. Lee is currently the Chairman and CEO of Swabplus, Inc., a contract manufacturer of single-dose applicator and formulation OEM products, and has served as Chairman and CEO since 2008. Mr. Lee has experience in manufacturing and selling applicator and formulation OEM products, manufacturing and distributing products in Asia and is experienced in accounting matters. Mr. Lee was formerly audit committee chairman at First Continental Bank (which merged with United Commercial Bank in 2003). Mr. Lee has been an active CPA since 1983 and earned his Master of Science in accounting from California State University Long Beach and his Bachelors in Business Administration from TamKang University in Taipei, Taiwan.

Mr. Lee's qualifications to serve as a director on our Board include his experience in manufacturing and selling applicator and formulation OEM products, his experience with manufacturing and distributing products in Asia and his



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accounting background and expertise as a CPA. The Board also considered Mr. Lee's commitment to the Company and its technology platform based his investments in the Company's stock.

Family Relationships

There are no family relationships between any of our officers and directors.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation.

None of the members of our Compensation Committee are or have been an officer or employee of us. During fiscal 2015 and 2014, no member of our Compensation Committee had any relationship with us requiring disclosure under Item 404 of Regulation S-K, except as set forth above, none of our executive officers served on the Compensation Committee (or its equivalent) or board of directors of another entity any of whose executive officers served on our Compensation Committee or board of directors.

Vote Required and Board Recommendation

If a quorum is present, either in person or by proxy, directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes, which means the six nominees who receive the greatest number of FOR votes will be elected. If you hold your shares through a broker and you do not instruct the broker on how to vote on this proposal, your broker will not have authority to vote your shares. Abstentions and broker non-votes will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will not have any effect on the outcome of the proposal.

If any nominee becomes unavailable for any reason (which event is not anticipated) to serve as a director at the time of the meeting, then the shares represented by such proxy may be voted for such other person as may be determined by the proxy holders, unless a contrary instruction is indicated in the proxy.

Directors are to be elected to hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are elected and qualified, or their earlier death, resignation or removal.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR AND SOLICITS PROXIES IN FAVOR OF THE NOMINEES LISTED ABOVE (ITEM 1 ON THE PROXY CARD).**

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## PROPOSAL TWO

## RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MAYER HOFFMAN MCCANN P.C. AS THE INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE COMPANY

At the Annual Meeting, our stockholders will be asked to ratify the appointment of Mayer Hoffman McCann, P.C. (“Mayer Hoffman”) as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2016. Mayer Hoffman has served as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm since September 2007. Our Audit Committee is responsible for approving the engagement of Mayer Hoffman as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending July 31, 2016. In the event our stockholders fail to ratify the appointment of Mayer Hoffman, the Audit Committee will reconsider its selection. In addition, even if our stockholders ratify the selection, the Audit Committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it believes that a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. leases substantially all its personnel, who work under the control of Mayer Hoffman shareholders, from wholly-owned subsidiaries of CBIZ, Inc., in an alternative practice structure.

The Audit Committee meets with Mayer Hoffman on a quarterly or more frequent basis. At such times, the Audit Committee reviews the services performed by Mayer Hoffman, as well as the fees charged for such services.

A representative of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and will have an opportunity to make a statement if he or she desires. The representative is also expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders.

Fees Billed to the Company by its independent auditors during Fiscal Years 2015 and 2014.

The following table provides information regarding the fees billed to us by Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. in the years ended July 31, 2015 and 2014. All fees described below were approved by the Board or the Audit Committee:

	For the years ended July 31	
	2015	2014
Audit Fees(1)	\$ 141,000	\$ 124,000
Tax Fees(2)	\$ 9,700	9,300
Total Fees	\$ 150,700	\$ 133,300

(1) Audit Fees include fees for services rendered for the audit and quarterly reviews of our financial statements, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K and our periodic reports, and fees incurred related to the filings of registration statements.

(2) Tax Fees consist of amounts billed by an affiliate of our independent auditors for services in connection with the preparation of our federal and state tax returns.

Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

Our Audit Committee's policy is to pre-approve all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by our independent auditors. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services. Pre-approval is generally provided for up to one year and any pre-approval is detailed as to the particular service or category of services. The independent auditor and management are required to periodically report to the Audit Committee regarding the extent of services provided by the independent auditor in accordance with this pre-approval. Any proposed services not included within the list of pre-approved services or any proposed services that will cause the Company to exceed the pre-approved aggregate amount requires specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee. All audit fees and tax fees listed in the table above were approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to its pre-approval policies and procedures.

Interest of Certain Persons in Matters to be Acted Upon

There are no persons who have a direct or indirect substantial interest in the matter described under Proposal 2 above.

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Vote Required and Board Recommendation

The ratification of the appointment of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2016 requires a majority of the votes cast, whether in person or represented by proxy, to vote FOR this proposal. Abstentions will be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

Submission of the appointment to stockholder approval is not required. However, if our stockholders fail to ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee will reconsider whether or not to retain Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. as our independent auditor or whether to consider the selection of a different firm. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent auditor at any time during the fiscal year ending July 31, 2016.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF MAYER HOFFMAN MCCANN P.C. AS INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE COMPANY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 2016 (ITEM 2 ON THE PROXY CARD).

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following is the report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of PURE Bioscience, Inc. with respect to PURE Bioscience's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015, included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on October 26, 2015. The information contained in this report shall not be deemed to be "soliciting material" or to be "filed" with the SEC, nor shall such information be incorporated by reference into any future filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates it by reference in such filing.

The Audit Committee oversees our financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors. Management has the responsibility for the financial statements and the reporting process, including internal control systems. Our independent registered public accounting firm, Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C., is responsible for expressing an opinion as to the conformity of our audited financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles.

Review with Management

The Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management of the Company.

Review and Discussions with Independent Accountants

The Audit Committee met with Mayer Hoffman to review the financial statements for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015. The Audit Committee discussed with a representative of Mayer Hoffman the matters required to be discussed by the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended (AICPA, Professional Standards, Vol. 1, AU Section 380), as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T. In addition, the Audit Committee met with Mayer Hoffman, with and without management present, to discuss the overall scope of Mayer Hoffman's audit, the results of its examinations and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting. The Audit Committee received the written disclosures and the letter from Mayer Hoffman required by Rule 3526 of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, Communication with Audit Committee Concerning Independence, and has discussed with Mayer Hoffman its independence, and satisfied itself as to the independence of Mayer Hoffman.

Conclusion

Based on the above review, discussions, and representations received, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015 be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015 for filing with the SEC.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors:

Gary D. Cohee, Chair

William Otis

Tom Y. Lee



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PROPOSAL THREE  
ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Background

The Board of Directors is providing stockholders with the opportunity to cast an advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers. This proposal, commonly known as a “Say on Pay” proposal, gives you, as a stockholder, the opportunity to endorse or not endorse our executive compensation program and the compensation paid to our named executive officers as reported in this Proxy Statement.

The Say on Pay vote is advisory, and therefore not binding on the Compensation Committee or the Board. Although the vote is non-binding, the Compensation Committee and the Board will review the voting results, seek to determine the cause or causes of any significant negative voting, and take them into consideration when making future decisions regarding executive compensation.

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, which is comprised solely of independent directors, has the responsibility for evaluating and authorizing the compensation payable to our executive officers. The goal of our executive compensation program is to attract, motivate and retain executives of outstanding ability, performance and potential. To achieve this goal, the Compensation Committee has designed a package that combines competitive base pay, with incentive compensation conditioned on the achievement of predetermined annual performance goals and long-term equity awards. The Compensation Committee believes this package encourages employee retention and the creation of stockholder value. Our compensation program also seeks to be internally consistent with differentials commensurate with the scope of a named executive officer’s responsibilities. Stockholders are encouraged to read the Executive Compensation section of this Proxy Statement for a more detailed discussion of our compensation program.

Fiscal Year 2015

During the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015, our “named executive officers” were (i) Dave J. Pfanzelter, who serves as Chairman, (ii) Henry Lambert, who serves as Chief Executive Officer and (iii) Peter Wulff, who served as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer until his resignation effective July 31, 2015.

Elements of Compensation

Consistent with the size and nature of our Company, our executive compensation program is simple, consisting of a base salary, an annual performance-based cash bonus, long-term equity awards in the form of restricted stock units (“RSUs”), and eligibility to participate in employee benefit plans available to all full-time employees, including group health plan, group term life insurance, and short- and long-term disability benefits.

Taken as a whole, the elements of our compensation package are comparable to those offered by other similarly sized companies in our industry. This allows us to compete in acquiring talent and retaining key executives. Our annual cash bonuses link executive performance to the measurable success of our Company and the individual achievements and performance of the executives. Likewise, equity awards align the interests of our named executive officers with those of our stockholders, thereby creating an incentive to build stockholder value and acting as a retention tool.

The Compensation Committee did not retain a compensation consultant during fiscal year 2015 given the Company's cash constraints.

#### Base Salary

Base salaries of our named executive officers depend on their job responsibilities, the market rate of compensation paid by companies in our industry for similar positions, our financial position, and external factors like inflation and the projected strength of the economy. The Compensation Committee reviews the base salaries of our named executive officers at least annually.

The annual base salaries of our named executive officers are reflected in the Summary Compensation Table.

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### Annual Performance-Based Bonus

The annual performance-based cash bonus paid to our named executive officers is determined by the Compensation Committee based on the achievement of our corporate goals, weighted by importance, as well as individual goals applicable to the named executive officer's position. Our corporate goals consist of progress on sales goals as well as on individual goals. The individual goals of our named executive officers are based on the executive's job title and responsibilities. In addition, the Compensation Committee retains discretion to adjust the actual amount of the annual bonus based on our stock performance, our accomplishments determined on a qualitative basis, and the strength of our financial and market position at the end of the fiscal year.

Following the end of each fiscal year, the Compensation Committee is responsible for determining the bonus amount payable to the executive officer based on the Company's and the executive officer's performance against the performance metrics established by the Compensation Committee for the recently completed fiscal year.

Pursuant to the terms of Messrs. Lambert's and Wulff's respective employment agreements, the bonus potential was equal to 50% of their respective base salaries. Due to the Company's limited financial resources and performance, our named executive officers did not receive any bonuses for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015.

### Long-Term Incentive Awards

We grant long-term equity incentives in the form of time-based and performance-based restricted stock units (RSUs) to our executive officers. The Compensation Committee has elected to issue RSUs for the following reasons:

- RSUs are more favorably viewed by employees because they always have value (as opposed to options that may go "underwater");
- RSUs have less complex accounting than stock options;
- RSUs (because they always have a value) are less dilutive to stockholders; and
- RSUs are better vehicles for performance-based vesting conditions.

The Compensation Committee generally grants time-based RSUs that vest over a three year period. The performance based RSUs generally vest upon achievement of specified milestones. The long-term nature of RSUs provides a meaningful retention incentive, while the issuance of shares upon vesting encourages our executives to build stockholder value, thereby aligning the interests of our named executive officers with those of our stockholders. The Compensation Committee determines the size of the incentive award based on company performance and the named executive officers past and expected future performance.

During the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015, the Board of Directors authorized the issuance of 300,000 RSUs to Henry R. Lambert, our Chief Executive Officer, in July 2015 in connection with his increased responsibilities following the resignation of Mr. Wulff. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of common stock, issuable at the time the RSU vests, as set forth in the RSU agreement. The RSUs vest 50% on July 31, 2016 and 50% on July 31, 2017.

### Miscellaneous

Our named executive officers are eligible to participate in employee benefit plans available to all full-time employees, including group health plan, group term life insurance, and short- and long-term disability benefits. We do not sponsor any defined benefit pension plan, nonqualified defined contribution plan, or deferred compensation plan; nor do we provide post-retirement health coverage for our named executive officers.

Vote Required

The Board believes the Company's executive compensation program uses appropriate structures and sound pay practices that are effective in achieving our core compensation objectives. Accordingly, the Board recommends that you vote in favor of the following resolution:

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“RESOLVED, that the stockholders of PURE Bioscience, Inc. hereby approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company’s named executive officers, as disclosed in this proxy statement, under the section entitled “Executive Compensation.”

If a quorum is present, the approval, on a non-binding advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers requires that a majority of the votes cast, whether in person or represented by proxy, are voted FOR this proposal. Abstentions and “broker non-votes” will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

The approval of this proposal is not a condition to the approval of any other proposals submitted to the stockholders.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL, ON AN ADVISORY BASIS, OF THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS (ITEM 3 ON THE PROXY CARD).

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Information Regarding Our Executive Officers

Information with respect to our current named executive officers is shown below. Since Henry R. Lambert and Dave Pfanzelter also serve as Chairman and as a member of the Board, respectively, their executive officer's biographies are set forth under "Nominees for Directors" above.

Name	Age	Position(s) Held	Position(s) Held Since
Dave Pfanzelter	62	Chairman	2013
Henry R. Lambert	63	Chief Executive Officer	2013
Mark S. Elliott	40	Vice President, Finance	2015

Mark S. Elliott was appointed as our Vice President Finance on July 31, 2015. Prior to his appointment, he served as our corporate controller since May 2006 and has been responsible for managing all accounting and regulatory reporting activities and for establishing all current financial and reporting systems. Prior to joining PURE in 2004, Mr. Elliott worked in government accounting. He earned a Bachelor's of Science, Business Administration-Accountancy at California State University-San Marcos.

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## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

## Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth a summary of cash and non-cash compensation awarded, earned or paid for services rendered to us during the fiscal years ended July 31, 2015 and July 31, 2014 by our named executive officers, consisting of (i) each individual serving as principal executive officer during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015 and (ii) our other two most highly compensated officers serving during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015.

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Salary (\$)(1)	Bonus(2)	Option Awards(3)	Stock Awards (\$)(4)	All Other Compensation (\$)(7)	Total Compensation (\$)
Henry R. Lambert Chief Executive Officer	2015	\$ 350,000	—	—	\$ 189,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 584,000
	2014	\$ 301,539	\$ 105,000	—	\$ 700,000	—	\$ 1,106,539
Peter C. Wulff (5) Chief Financial Officer	2015	\$ 325,000	—	—	—	\$ —	\$ 325,000
	2014	\$ 300,000	\$ 97,500	—	\$ 1,400,000	\$ —	\$ 1,811,155
Chief Operating Officer Dave J. Pfanzelter (6)	2015	\$ 150,000	—	—	—	\$ —	\$ 150,000
Chairman of the Board	2014	\$ 198,000	—	\$ 24,500	\$ 3,920,000	\$ —	\$ 4,037,635

(1) Amounts reflect salary earned during the respective fiscal years.

(2) Annual bonuses for the year ended July 31, 2014, were awarded by the Compensation Committee after the completion of the fiscal year taking into account the Company's performance against corporate goals. The bonuses awarded to Mr. Lambert and Mr. Wulff were based on the terms of their respective employment agreements, which provides for a target award of up to 50% of their base salary. During the year ended July 31, 2014, the Compensation Committee awarded Mr. Lambert and Mr. Wulff bonuses based on 60% of their targeted bonus potential.

(3) Amounts for the year ended July 31, 2014 reflect the grant date fair value for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to stock options granted during the fiscal year, calculated in accordance with authoritative guidance.

(4) Reflect the grant date fair value for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to stock awards granted during the respective fiscal years, calculated in accordance with authoritative guidance.

(5) Mr. Wulff resigned as our Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer on July 31, 2015. He previously served as our Chief Financial Officer from August 13, 2013 until July 2015 and from November 2012 until May 2013.

- (6) Due to his service as Chairman of the Board, the Company considers Mr. Pfanzelter an executive officer.
  
- (7) Represents amounts reimbursed to Mr. Lambert for housing expenses in San Diego, where the Company is headquartered. Mr. Lambert maintains a permanent residence in Lake Forest, Illinois and he rents a corporate apartment in San Diego. The Company reimburses Mr. Lambert on a monthly basis for the housing expense.

Narrative to Summary Compensation Table

The compensation program established for the Company's executive officers consisted of the following elements:

**Base Salary:** The base salaries of our named executive officers depend on their job responsibilities, the market rate of compensation paid by companies in our industry for similar positions, our financial position, and the strength of our business. Base salaries provide a fixed means of compensation in order to attract and retain talent. The base salary of Mr. Lambert is \$350,000 per year. The base salary for Mr. Wulff was \$325,000 per year. Additionally, Mr. Pfanzelter receives \$150,000 per year for his service as Chairman of the Board.

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**Performance-Based Cash Awards:** As part of the Company's executive compensation program, our executive officers are eligible to receive performance-based cash awards. The annual performance-based cash awards are based on the executive officer's individual performance and the Company's actual performance compared to the corporate goals approved by the Board and the Compensation Committee. Following the end of each fiscal year, the Board and the Compensation Committee is responsible for determining the bonus amount payable to an executive officer based on that executive officer's individual performance during the fiscal year and its determination of the Company's actual performance compared to the corporate goals established for that fiscal year. Pursuant to the terms of Messrs. Lambert's and Wulff's respective employment agreements, the bonus potential was equal to 50% of their respective base salaries. Due to the Company's limited financial resources and performance, our named executive officers did not receive any bonuses for the year ended July 31, 2015.

**Long-Term Equity Awards:** Equity ownership by our executive officers and key employees encourages them to create long-term value and aligns their interests with those of our stockholders. As a result, our executive compensation program provides for the issuance of stock options and RSUs. In connection with Mr. Lambert's increased responsibilities due to the resignation of Peter Wulff, we granted Mr. Lambert 300,000 RSUs on July 31, 2015. The RSUs vest 50% on July 31, 2016 and 50% on July 31, 2017.

## Outstanding Equity Awards at Year-End

The following table provides a summary of all equity awards held by our named executive officers that were outstanding as of July 31, 2015.

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards	
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	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 (\$)(1)
Henry R. Lambert	—	—	—	—	300,000	\$ 189,000 (2)
	—	—	—	—	200,000	\$ 126,000 (3)
Peter C. Wulff	—	—	—	—	—	\$ — (4)
Dave J. Pfanzelter	40,000	—	\$ 0.73	2/6/2023	1,400,000	\$ 882,000 (5)

(1) The market value was determined by multiplying the number of shares underlying the awards by the closing price for our common stock on July 31, 2015, which was \$0.63.

(2)

Mr. Lambert was granted an award consisting of 300,000 RSUs on July 31, 2015. 50% of the RSUs will vest on July 31, 2016 and 50% of the RSUs will vest on July 31, 2017.

- (3) Mr. Lambert was granted 500,000 RSUs on October 23, 2013. 60% of the RSUs vested on September 10, 2014 and the vesting of the remaining 40% depends on the achievement of certain quarterly sales goals over a two year period (the "Performance-Based RSUs"), as well as Mr. Lambert's continued service with the Company. In the event of (i) a change in control of the Company, (ii) Mr. Lambert's termination without cause or resignation for good reason or (iii) Mr. Lambert's death or complete disability, in any event prior to October 31, 2015, 100% of the Performance-Based RSUs will vest.
- (4) Mr. Wulff was granted 1,000,000 RSUs on October 23, 2013. 25% of the RSUs vested on each of March 15, 2014 and March 15, 2015, and the remaining 50% were scheduled to vest on March 15, 2016, subject to Mr. Wulff's continued service with the Company through such date; however, Mr. Wulff resigned from his position with the Company on July 31, 2015 and, as a result, 500,000 of the RSUs were forfeited as of July 31, 2015.
- (5) Mr. Pfanzelter was granted 2,800,000 RSUs on October 23, 2013. 25% of the RSUs vested on each of February 15, 2014 and February 15, 2015, and the remaining 50% will vest on February 15, 2016, subject to Mr. Pfanzelter's continued service with the Company through such date. In the event of (i) a change in control of the Company, (ii) Mr. Pfanzelter's termination without cause or resignation for good reason or (iii) Mr. Pfanzelter's death or complete disability, 100% of the RSUs will vest. In addition, Mr. Pfanzelter has the right to acquire 40,000 fully vested stock options that expire February 6, 2023.



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During the year ended July 31, 2015, 250,000 of Mr. Wulff's and 300,000 of Mr. Lambert's RSUs vested. The value realized on vesting was \$158,000 and \$294,000, respectively. In addition, during the year ended July 31, 2015, 700,000 of Mr. Pfanzelter's restricted stock units vested. The value realized on vesting was \$448,000. No other option or stock awards vested for our named executive officers.

Employment Agreements; Potential Payments Upon Termination or a Change in Control for Current Executive Officers

Agreements with our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer

On (i) August 13, 2013, we appointed Peter C. Wulff as our Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, and Corporate Secretary and (ii) September 10, 2013, we appointed Henry R. Lambert to serve as Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board.

As described elsewhere in this proxy statement, on July 31, 2015, Mr. Wulff resigned from his positions as the Company's Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Corporate Secretary and his employment agreement terminated by its terms. Mr. Wulff also resigned as the Company's Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer. Mr. Wulff did not resign for "good reason" and his resignation did not result from any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

The following describes Mr. Lambert's employment agreement. Mr. Wulff's employment agreement was substantially similar to Mr. Lambert's prior to his termination of employment.

The terms of Mr. Lambert's employment agreement provides that such agreement continues until termination by either the Company or Mr. Lambert. During the term of Mr. Lambert's employment agreement, he is entitled to an annual base salary, which may be increased, but not decreased, by the Board or the Compensation Committee in their discretion. The annual base salary of Mr. Lambert is \$350,000.

The employment agreement provides that, during the term of the agreement, Mr. Lambert is eligible for equity compensation grants to be awarded at the discretion of the Compensation Committee and the Board, and also provided for annual bonus targets equal to, as applicable, 50% of Mr. Lambert's current annual base salary, to be awarded at the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee and the Board. Additionally, pursuant to the terms of Mr. Lambert's employment agreement, we granted Mr. Lambert 500,000 RSUs.

The employment agreement provides for certain compensation to be paid to Mr. Lambert if his employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or terminated by the executive for Good Reason. In summary, "Cause" is the commission by the executive of an act of fraud or another felony, or gross misconduct resulting in a material adverse effect on the Company; refusal by the executive to perform his or her duties under the agreement or to otherwise breach the agreement, or a violation of confidentiality, non-competition and/or non-solicitation provisions to which the Company is bound. "Good Reason" is a material reduction of the executive's base salary or target bonus percentage; a material reduction by the Company of the executive's authority, duties or responsibilities; a relocation of the Company's offices that requires an increase in the executive's one-way driving distance of more than fifty miles; or a material breach of the agreement by the Company.

Upon such event and subject to Mr. Lambert's execution of a release of claims in favor of the Company, Mr. Lambert would be entitled to receive his base salary then in effect and group health and dental benefits in accordance with COBRA for a period of 6 months from the date of his termination. Additionally, Mr. Lambert's agreement provides that all outstanding vested stock options held by him at the date of such termination would continue to be exercisable for a period of up to 90 days following such termination, but in no event beyond the maximum permitted expiration date.

The employment agreement with Mr. Lambert also provides for additional compensation if the termination of his employment is without Cause or his resignation is for Good Reason within twelve months following a Change in Control. A "Change in Control" is the closing of the sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets or the exclusive license of substantially all of the intellectual property of the Company; the consummation of a merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another entity; any person (subject to certain exemptions) becomes the beneficial owner of securities of the Company representing 35% or more of the total combined voting power of the Company; or if individuals who, as of 60 days after the effective date of the agreement are members of the Board, or are nominees of such Board members, cease to constitute at least a majority of the members of the Board.

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Upon such event, Mr. Lambert would be entitled to additional severance pay in excess of the amounts described above, in a single lump sum payment equal to 100% of his then current annual base salary. In addition, in such event, the vesting of all outstanding equity based awards then held by Mr. Lambert would automatically accelerate and all equity based awards would continue to be exercisable for 12 months, but in no event beyond the maximum permitted expiration date.

The employment agreements with Mr. Lambert also provides that the Company could, in certain circumstances and in order to avoid incurring fines or penalties under applicable law (including recently enacted federal healthcare legislation), elect to pay cash payments equivalent to the value of the monthly premiums the Company would otherwise pay to provide for the continuation of health and dental insurance for such executives and their eligible dependents following each such executive's termination without Cause or resignation for Good Reason.

The foregoing descriptions of the employment agreements do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by the terms and conditions of such employment agreements filed as Exhibits 10.33 and 10.34 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended July 31, 2013 filed with the SEC on October 24, 2013.

The RSUs granted to Messrs. Lambert and Wulff on October 23, 2013 are also eligible (or in the case of Mr. Wulff, were eligible, prior to his termination of employment with us) for vesting acceleration upon the occurrence of any of the following: (i) a Change in Control; (ii) the executive's termination without Cause or resignation for Good Reason; or (iii) the executive's death or complete disability. For Mr. Lambert, 200,000 RSUs that are subject to performance-based vesting, as further described above in the Outstanding Equity Awards at Year-End table, would fully accelerate upon the occurrence of such an event prior to October 31, 2015. Prior to his termination of employment, 100% of the unvested RSUs granted to Mr. Wulff on October 23, 2013 would have vested upon the occurrence of any one of those events.

### Agreements with our Chairman

On August 13, 2013, we appointed Dave J. Pfanzelter to serve as Chairman of the Board. On October 23, 2013, we entered into a Chairman Agreement with Mr. Pfanzelter (the "Chairman Agreement"). The Chairman Agreement provides that Mr. Pfanzelter is to serve as Chairman of the Board, effective as of August 13, 2013, until his earlier resignation or removal. Pursuant to the Chairman Agreement, Mr. Pfanzelter is entitled to receive \$12,500 per month for his services as Chairman of the Board, payable on a quarterly basis (collectively "Chairman Compensation"). Mr. Pfanzelter is also eligible to receive annual and periodic bonuses in the discretion of the Board. Additionally, pursuant to the terms of the Chairman Agreement, we granted Mr. Pfanzelter 2,800,000 RSUs. Due to his service as Chairman, we consider Mr. Pfanzelter an executive officer of the Company.

The Chairman Agreement provides for certain compensation to be paid to Mr. Pfanzelter if he is removed by the Board without Cause or Mr. Pfanzelter resigns for Good Reason. In summary, "Cause" is the commission by Mr. Pfanzelter of an act of fraud or another felony, or gross misconduct resulting in a material adverse effect on the Company; refusal by Mr. Pfanzelter to perform his duties under the Chairman Agreement or to otherwise breach the Chairman Agreement, or a material breach by Mr. Pfanzelter of Company policy or the Chairman Agreement or other agreements between the Company and Mr. Pfanzelter. "Good Reason" is a material reduction of Mr. Pfanzelter's compensation; a material reduction by the Board of Mr. Pfanzelter's authority, duties or responsibilities; or a material breach of the Chairman Agreement by the Company.

Upon such event and subject to Mr. Pfanzelter's execution of a release of claims in favor of the Company, Mr. Pfanzelter would be entitled to receive his Chairman Compensation (as then in effect) for a period of 12 months

following such date of removal or resignation. The Chairman Agreement additionally provides that all outstanding vested stock options held by Mr. Pfanzelter at the date of such termination would continue to be exercisable for a period of up to 90 days following such termination, but in no event beyond the maximum permitted expiration date.

The Chairman Agreement with Mr. Pfanzelter also provides for additional compensation if Mr. Pfanzelter's termination as our Chairman is without Cause or his resignation with Good Reasons is within twelve months following a Change in Control. A "Change in Control" is the closing of the sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets or the exclusive license of substantially all of the intellectual property of the Company; the consummation of a merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another entity; any person (subject to certain exemptions) becomes the beneficial owner of securities of the Company representing 35% or more of the total combined voting power of the Company; or if individuals who, as of 60 days after the effective date of the agreement are members of the Board, or are nominees of such Board members, cease to constitute at least a majority of the members of the Board. Upon such event, Mr. Pfanzelter would be entitled to additional separation pay in excess of the amount described

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above in a single lump sum payment equal to 200% of Mr. Pfanzelter's then current Chairman Compensation. Additionally, 100% of Mr. Pfanzelter's restricted stock units described above would vest.

The foregoing description of the Chairman Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the terms and conditions of such Chairman Agreement filed as Exhibit 10.35 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended July 31, 2013 filed with the SEC on October 24, 2013.

The RSUs granted to Mr. Pfanzelter on October 23, 2013 are also eligible for 100% vesting acceleration upon the occurrence of any of the following: (i) a Change in Control; (ii) Mr. Pfanzelter's termination without Cause or resignation for Good Reason; or (iii) Mr. Pfanzelter's death or complete disability.

Code Section 162(m) Provisions

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

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## DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

## Compensation of Directors

Our directors play a critical role in guiding our strategic direction and overseeing the management of our Company. Ongoing developments in corporate governance and financial reporting have resulted in an increased demand for such highly qualified and productive public company directors. The many responsibilities and risks and the substantial time commitment of being a director of a public company require that we provide adequate incentives for our directors' continued performance by paying compensation commensurate with our directors' workload. Our non-employee directors are compensated based upon their respective levels of Board participation and responsibilities, including service on Board committees.

Each non-employee director of the Company receives an annual cash retainer from the Company for their services as members of the Board and any committee of the Board as follows:

- Each non-employee director receives an annual retainer of \$60,000 payable for such director's service on the Board.
- Each member of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee receives an additional annual retainer of \$4,000 and \$2,500, respectively, payable for such director's service on the committee.
- The Chair of the Audit Committee receives an additional annual cash retainer of \$10,000 for such Chair's service and the Chair of the Compensation Committee receives an additional cash retainer of \$5,000 for such Chair's service.

Annual cash retainers are paid to each non-employee director in four equal installments on a quarterly basis. Any non-employee directors serving a portion of the year will be entitled to receive such fees on a pro rata basis based on their length of service during the year.

New non-employee directors will receive an initial grant of 200,000 restricted stock units. Currently, all non-employee director grants of restricted stock units generally vest fifty percent (50%) on the date of the next annual meeting and fifty percent (50%) on the date of the following year's annual meeting.

In the past, our Board has approved each year, generally in the second calendar quarter of the year, an annual option or stock grant for our non-employee directors. Any such grant is at the discretion of the Board, which considers the recommendation of our Compensation Committee. Upon the Board's approval of any such grant, each non-employee director generally may elect whether to receive the grant as an option or stock award.

The following table sets forth compensation earned in the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015 by each of our directors who are not named executive officers.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(1)(2)	Option Awards (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Gary D. Cohee	\$ 70,000	—	—	—	\$ 70,000
David Theno, Jr., PhD	\$ 65,000	—	—	—	\$ 65,000
William Otis	\$ 64,000	—	—	—	\$ 64,000
Tom Y. Lee	\$ 48,693	\$ 220,000	—	—	\$ 268,693

- (1) Reflects the grant date fair value for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to RSUs granted during the fiscal year, calculated in accordance with authoritative guidance.
  
- (2) In connection with his appointment to the Board, Mr. Lee was granted 200,000 RSUs on October 24, 2014. Fifty percent 50% of the RSUs vest on the earlier of (i) the date of the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2016 or (ii) January 15, 2016 and the remaining 50% of the RSUs vest on the earlier of the date of the annual meeting in 2017 or (ii) January 15, 2017.

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## SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table provides information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of December 17, 2015, or the Evaluation Date, by: (i) each of our current directors, (ii) each of our named executive officers as set forth in the Executive Compensation section of this Proxy Statement, (iii) each of our current executive officers, (iv) all such directors and executive officers as a group and (v) our five percent or greater stockholders. The table is based upon information supplied by our officers, directors and principal stockholders and a review of Schedules 13D and 13G, if any, filed with the SEC. Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes to the table and subject to community property laws where applicable, we believe that each of the stockholders named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares indicated as beneficially owned.

Applicable percentages are based on 59,853,319 shares outstanding as of the Evaluation Date, adjusted as required by rules promulgated by the SEC. These rules generally attribute beneficial ownership of securities to persons who possess sole or shared voting power or investment power with respect to those securities. In addition, the rules include shares of our common stock issuable pursuant to the exercise of stock options or warrants or settlement of restricted stock units that are either immediately exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of the Evaluation Date. These shares are deemed to be outstanding and beneficially owned by the person holding those securities for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of that person, but they are not treated as outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

Name (1)	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned		Percent of Common Stock	
David J. Pfanzelter	1,496,000	(2)	2.50	%
Henry R. Lambert	342,857	(3)	*	
Peter C. Wulff	750,000	(4)	1.25	%
Gary D. Cohee	615,643	(5)	1.03	%
David Theno, Jr., PhD	247,600	(6)	*	
William Otis	231,732	(7)	*	
Tom Y. Lee	5,045,040	(8)	8.21	%
Mark S. Elliott	175,092	(9)	*	
All of our named executive officers and directors as a group (8 persons)	8,903,964	(10)	14.38	%
Franchise Brands	36,133,331	(11)	46.73	%

\* Indicates less than one percent of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock.

- (1) Unless, noted below, the address for each person listed in the table is c/o PURE Bioscience, Inc., 1725 Gillespie Way, El Cajon, California 92020.
- (2) Consists of (a) 40,000 shares of common stock subject to options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of the Evaluation Date, (b) 1,440,000 shares of common stock and (c) warrants to purchase 16,000 shares of common stock which are held directly by Mr. Pfanzelter.
- (3) Consists of 342,857 shares of common stock held directly by Mr. Lambert.
- (4) Consists of 750,000 shares of common stock held directly by Mr. Wulff.
- (5) Consists of 515,643 shares of common stock held directly by Mr. Cohee and 100,000 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of the Evaluation Date.
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Consists of 134,000 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 13,600 shares of common stock which is currently exercisable, held directly by Dr. Theno and 100,000 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of the Evaluation Date.

- (7) Consists of 122,666 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 9,066 shares of common stock which are currently exercisable, held directly by Mr. Otis and 100,000 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of the Evaluation Date.
- (8) Consists of (a) 2,082,460 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 1,481,818 shares of common stock which are currently exercisable, held directly by Mr. Lee, (b) 1,380,762 shares of common stock which are held by Mr. Lee and his spouse and (c) 100,000 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of the Evaluation Date.
- (9) Consists of (a) 88,542 shares of common stock subject to options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of December 17, 2015, (b) 67,800 shares of common stock held directly by Mr. Elliott, and (c) 18,750 restricted stock units that vest within 60 days of the Evaluation Date.

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- (10) Consists of (a) 128,542 shares of common stock subject to options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of December 17, 2015, (b) warrants to purchase 1,520,484 shares of common stock which are currently exercisable and (c) 418,750 RSUs that vest within 60 days of the Evaluation Date.
- (11) Consists of 18,666,666 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 17,466,665 shares of common stock which are currently exercisable, held directly by Franchise Brands. The address for Franchise Brands is 325 Sub Way, Milford, CT 06461.

**SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”), requires our executive officers and directors and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of our Common Stock to file initial reports of beneficial ownership and reports of changes in beneficial ownership with the SEC. Such persons are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms filed by such persons.

To the Company’s knowledge, no person who, during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015, was a director or officer of the Company, or beneficial owner of more than ten percent of the Company’s Common Stock (which is the only class of securities of the Company registered under Section 12 of the Act), failed to file on a timely basis reports required by Section 16 of the Act during such fiscal year. The foregoing is based solely upon a review by the Company of Forms 3 and 4 relating to the most recent fiscal year as furnished to the Company under Rule 16a-3(d) under the Act, and Forms 5 and amendments thereto furnished to the Company with respect to its most recent fiscal year, and any representation received by the Company from any reporting person that no Form 5 is required.

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AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF THE 2007 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

Our Board and stockholders adopted the 2007 PURE Bioscience Equity Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) in April 2007. Originally, the Plan had a share reserve of 5,000,000 shares of common stock. In August 2012, we effected a one-for-eight reverse stock split, which resulted in the Plan reserve and other limitations in the Plan being reduced proportionately. Therefore, the Plan currently has a share reserve of 625,000 shares of common stock, of which only 29,721 shares of common stock remain available for future issuance as of December 17, 2015. The Plan provides for the grant of incentive and non-qualified stock options, as well as stock appreciation rights, common stock awards, restricted stock units, performance units and shares, and other stock-based awards. Eligible participants include employees, directors, officers and advisors, although incentive stock options generally may be granted only to employees.

On December 9, 2015, our Board approved an Amended and Restated 2007 PURE Bioscience Equity Incentive Plan (the “Restated Plan”), subject to and contingent upon stockholder approval, to, among other changes described below, increase the number of shares of our common stock available for issuance under the Plan by 4,000,000 shares, extend the term of the Restated Plan to February 4, 2026 and to approve the performance criteria and the maximum award amounts under the Restated Plan to enable the Company to fully deduct the amount or value of performance awards, as permitted under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). A copy of the Restated Plan is attached to this Proxy Statement as Appendix A.

Key Features Designed to Protect Stockholders’ Interests

The Plan’s design reflects our commitment to strong corporate governance and our desire to preserve stockholder value as demonstrated by the following Plan features:

- Independent Administrator. The Plan provides for a Compensation Committee of our Board as the Plan administrator (the “Administrator”).
- No Evergreen Feature. The Plan expires by its terms on a specified date. In addition, the maximum number of shares available for issuance under the Plan is fixed and cannot be increased without stockholder approval. This is why we are requesting stockholder approval for the Plan Amendment.
- Repricing and Reloading Prohibited. Stockholder approval is required for any repricing or replacement of underwater awards.
- No Discount Awards; Maximum Term Specified. Stock options and stock appreciation rights must have an exercise price or base price no less than the closing price of our common stock on the date the award is granted and a term no longer than ten years’ duration.
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Per-Participant Limits on Awards. The Restated Plan limits the size of awards that may be granted during any one year to any one employee.

- Award Design Flexibility. Different kinds of awards may be granted under the Restated Plan, giving us the flexibility to design our equity incentives to complement the other elements of compensation and to support our attainment of strategic goals.
- Performance-Based Awards. The Restated Plan permits the grant of performance-based stock awards that are payable only upon the attainment of specified performance criteria. The Administrator has full discretion to determine the number of awards to be granted to participants under the Restated Plan, subject to an annual limitation on the total number of awards that may be granted to any one employee. No awards have been granted contingent upon stockholder approval of the Restated Plan.

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### The Proposed Restated Plan

The following is a summary of the principal features of the Restated Plan, but it is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Restated Plan, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A to this Proxy Statement.

We are asking our stockholders to approve the Restated Plan to:

- increases the number of shares of our common stock available for issuance under the Restated Plan by 4,000,000 shares to an aggregate of 4,625,000 shares.
- provides that any (i) shares withheld by the Company or tendered to the Company to pay taxes and/or the exercise price of an award under the Restated Plan and (ii) vested shares of restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares or performance units that are repurchased by the Company will not become available for future grant under the Restated Plan.
- increases the maximum number of shares issuable pursuant to incentive stock options by 4,000,000 shares to an aggregate of 4,625,000 shares.
- increases the maximum number of shares of common stock that may be granted to any employee in any fiscal year pursuant to options or stock appreciation rights by 400,000 shares to an aggregate of 462,500 shares.
- increases the maximum number of shares of common stock that may be granted to any employee in any fiscal year pursuant awards of restricted stock and restricted stock units with performance vesting and awards of performance shares by 200,000 shares to an aggregate of 231,250 shares.
- provides that all awards granted under the Restated Plan will be subject to any clawback or recoupment policy adopted by the Company.
- includes a new payment method, which extends the cashless exercise provisions currently authorized under the Plan to include a net exercise feature that would allow the holders of stock options to pay their exercise price through the cancellation of vested shares of common stock otherwise issuable upon exercise of the stock option awards.
- extends the term of the Restated Plan until February 4, 2026.
- approves the performance criteria and the maximum award amounts under the Restated Plan to enable the Company to fully deduct the amount or value of performance awards, as permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code.

If the Restated Plan is approved by our stockholders at the Annual Meeting, it will be effective as of February 4, 2016, the date of stockholder approval.

### Outstanding Equity Awards

Originally, the Plan had a share reserve of 5,000,000 shares of common stock. In August 2012, we effected a one-for-eight reverse stock split, which resulted in the plan reserve and other share limitations being reduced proportionately. Therefore, currently, there are 625,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the Restated Plan. The Restated Plan would increase the number of shares available for issuance to 4,625,000 shares of common stock.

In August 2013, the Company effected managerial and corporate governance changes by hiring a new management team and creating a new board of directors. At the time of these changes, the Company had a limited number of

shares remaining available for grant under the Plan and could not offer its new officers and directors equity awards under the Plan. As a result, the Board of Directors determined to issue the Company's new executive officers and directors restricted stock units ("RSU") outside the Plan, which was the Company's only stockholder approved plan. As of December 17, 2015, our existing officers and directors held RSUs to acquire 2,378,750 shares of common stock, all of which were issued outside the Plan. These RSUs represent approximately 3.8% of the Company's outstanding common stock (assuming the vesting of all RSUs and no exercise of any other outstanding equity awards).

In addition to the RSUs discussed above, there are approximately 430,000 shares reserved for issuance upon exercise of outstanding options granted under the Plan and 29,721 shares of common stock remaining available for grant under the

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Plan. The shares available for issuance under the Plan plus the number of outstanding equity awards issued under the Plan and outside the Plan as a percentage of the Company's common stock outstanding as of December 17, 2015 is approximately 4.5%, assuming the vesting of all RSUs and exercise of outstanding option awards. If the Restated Plan is approved by our stockholders, the potential dilution to stockholders would increase by approximately 6.0% to approximately 10.5%, assuming the vesting of all RSUs and issuance of all shares subject to the Restated Plan.

## Reasons for the Authorized Share Increase

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors is the administrator of the Restated Plan and is responsible for approving the grant of equity awards to the Company's eligible executive officers, employees and consultants. Neither the Compensation Committee nor the Company have any specific plans for future grants of awards other than those granted in the ordinary course of business. The Company has maintained a limited number of employees over the past few years due to its limited cash resources. During this time, the Company has been working to obtain the necessary regulatory approvals to utilize its patented silver dihydrogen citrate (SDC) antimicrobial, known as PURE Control®, as a direct food contact processing aid. The Company anticipates receiving the necessary regulatory approvals to begin commercializing PURE Control as a direct food contact processing aid for raw produce and poultry during the first calendar quarter of 2016. The Company believes that PURE Control has a significant market opportunity due to its ability to reduce pathogen contamination and the risks of food borne illness. The Company intends to hire additional sales and other personnel to support its commercialization efforts commencing in 2016. Approval of the Restated Plan will allow the Company to offer appropriate equity incentives to its existing and new employees that are critical to attracting and retaining the best personnel to support its commercialization plans.

The Company and the Board performed an analysis based on the Company's current hiring plans and determined that, if the proposed increase in the shares reserved under the Restated Plan is approved by stockholders at the Annual Meeting, the Company should have enough shares available for future grant under the Restated Plan to last through calendar 2018. Neither the Company nor the Board retained a compensation consultant to analyze the number of shares to be added to the Amended Plan.

If this proposal is not approved by our stockholders, the Board currently anticipates that all of the shares available for grant under the existing Plan will be exhausted by March 31, 2016.

## Background and Purpose of the Restated Plan

The Board adopted the Restated Plan to enable the Company to continue to attract and retain the best available personnel for positions of substantial responsibility, to provide incentives to individuals who perform services for the Company, and to promote the success of the Company's business.

#### Treatment of Shares Issued Under the Restated Plan

If an outstanding award for any reason expires or is terminated or canceled without having been exercised or settled in full, or if unvested shares of common stock acquired pursuant to an award subject to forfeiture or repurchase are forfeited or repurchased by PURE, the shares of common stock allocable to the terminated portion of such award or such forfeited or repurchased shares of stock shall again be available for issuance under the Restated Plan. In contrast, if the Company repurchases vested shares of common stock acquired or issuable pursuant to an award, the repurchased shares of stock shall not be available for future issuance under the Restated Plan. Additionally, shares used to satisfy tax withholding obligations shall not become available for future grant or issuance under the Restated Plan. To the extent an award under the Restated Plan is paid out in cash rather than shares, the cash payment will not result in reducing the number of shares available for issuance under the Restated Plan.

Currently, the maximum number of shares subject to awards that may be granted to any individual during any calendar year is 62,500 with respect to options and stock appreciation rights (“SARs”) and 31,250 with respect to awards of restricted stock, restricted stock units and performance shares. The Restated Plan would increase the maximum shares subject to awards that may be granted to any individual during any calendar year to 462,500 shares with respect to options and SARs and 231,250 shares with respect to awards of restricted stock and restricted stock units with performance vesting and awards of performance shares. The maximum aggregate amount of cash that may be paid in cash during any calendar year with respect to awards of performance units payable in cash continues to be \$5,000,000.



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The number and class of shares of our common stock subject to the Restated Plan, the number and class of shares subject to any numerical limit in the Restated Plan, and the number, price and class of shares subject to awards will be adjusted in the event of any change in our outstanding common stock by reason of any stock dividend, spin-off, split-up, stock split, reverse stock split, recapitalization, reclassification, merger, consolidation, liquidation, business combination or exchange of shares or similar transaction.

### Administration

The Compensation Committee of the Board currently administers the Plan as the Administrator and would continue to serve as the Administrator of the Restated Plan. Subject to the terms of the Restated Plan, the Compensation Committee has complete authority and discretion to determine the terms of awards under the Restated Plan.

### Eligibility and Participation

Participation in the Restated Plan is open to all of our employees and directors and any person (including an advisor) engaged by us to render services to the Company, as the Administrator may select from time to time. As of the date of this Proxy Statement, four (4) non-employee directors, three (3) executive officers and approximately eleven (11) employees (other than executive officers) and other persons rendering services to the Company or any of its affiliates are eligible to participate in the Restated Plan.

### Grants

The Restated Plan authorizes the grant to participants of incentive stock options, non-statutory stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance awards, and other stock or cash awards intended to comply with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (as amended, the "Code"), as described below:

**Stock Options.** Stock options entitle the participant, upon exercise, to purchase a specified number of shares of common stock at a specified price for a specified period of time. The Administrator may grant incentive and/or non-statutory stock options under the Restated Plan. The exercise price for each stock option shall be determined by the Administrator but shall not be less than 100% of the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant. The "fair market value" means, if the stock is listed on any established stock exchange or national market system, the closing sales price of the stock, or, if the common stock is regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer, but the selling prices are not reported, the mean between the high bid and low asked prices for the common stock on the day of determination, or in the absence of an established market for the stock, the fair market value of the common stock will be determined in good faith by the Administrator. As of December 17, 2015, the fair market value of a share of our common stock was \$0.83 per share, based on the closing price of our common stock on the OTCQB on December 17, 2015.

Any stock options granted in the form of an incentive stock option will be intended to comply with the requirements of Section 422 of the Code. Only options granted to employees qualify for incentive stock option treatment.

Each stock option shall expire at such time as the Administrator shall determine at the time of grant. No stock option shall be exercisable later than the tenth anniversary of its grant. A stock option may be exercised in whole or in installments. Shares of common stock purchased upon the exercise of a stock option must be paid: (i) in cash, by check or cash equivalent, (ii) by tender to PURE, or attestation to the ownership of shares of common stock of PURE owned by the optionee having a fair market value not less than the exercise price, (iii) in the Company's sole and absolute discretion, by cashless or net exercise, (iv) in any other form of legal consideration acceptable to the Administrator, or (v) any combination of the above.

**Stock Appreciation Rights.** A stock appreciation right (“SAR”) is the right to receive a payment equal to the excess of the fair market value of a specified number of shares of common stock on the date the SAR is exercised over the exercise price of the SAR. The exercise price for each SAR shall not be less than 100% of the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant, and the term of an SAR shall be no more than ten years from the date of grant. At the discretion of the Administrator, the payment upon an SAR exercise may be in cash, in shares equivalent thereof, or in some combination thereof.

Upon exercise of a SAR, the participant shall be entitled to receive payment from PURE in an amount determined by multiplying the excess of the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date of exercise over the exercise price of the SAR by the number of shares with respect to which the SAR is exercised.

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**Restricted Stock Units.** Restricted stock units represent a right to receive shares of our common stock at a future date determined in accordance with the participant's award agreement. No monetary payment is required for receipt of restricted stock units or the shares issued in settlement of the award, the consideration for which is furnished in the form of the participant's services to PURE. The Administrator may grant restricted stock unit awards subject to the attainment of one or more performance goals similar to those described below in connection with performance awards, or may make the awards subject to vesting conditions similar to those applicable to restricted stock awards. Unless otherwise provided by the Administrator, a participant will forfeit any restricted stock units which have not vested prior to the participant's termination of service. Participants have no voting rights or rights to receive cash dividends with respect to restricted stock unit awards until shares of common stock are issued in settlement of such awards. However, the Administrator may grant restricted stock units that entitle their holders to receive dividend equivalents, which are rights to receive additional restricted stock units for a number of shares whose value is equal to any cash dividends we pay.

**Restricted Stock.** Restricted stock awards may be granted in the form of a restricted stock purchase right, giving a participant an immediate right to purchase common stock, or in the form of a restricted stock bonus, for which the participant furnishes consideration in the form of services to PURE. The Administrator determines the purchase price payable under restricted stock purchase awards, which may be less than the then current fair market value of our common stock. Restricted stock awards may be subject to vesting conditions based on such service or performance criteria as the Administrator specifies, including the attainment of one or more performance goals similar to those described below in connection with performance awards. Shares acquired pursuant to a restricted stock award may not be transferred by the participant until vested. Unless otherwise provided by the Administrator, a participant will forfeit any shares of restricted stock as to which the restrictions have not lapsed prior to the participant's termination of service. Participants holding restricted stock will generally have the right to vote the shares and to receive any dividends paid, except that dividends or other distributions paid in shares will be subject to the same restrictions as the original award.

**Performance Awards.** By approving the Restated Plan, our stockholders are reapproving the material terms necessary for us to continue granting qualified performance-based awards that are intended to be exempt from the \$1,000,000 limit on deductions for compensation paid to covered employees. These material terms are the employees eligible to receive performance-based awards, the performance criteria on which a performance goal is based, and the maximum number of shares issuable or the amount of cash payable under a performance-based award. Section 162(m) of the Code generally limits to \$1 million the deduction available to public companies for compensation paid to its chief executive officer and the other three highest compensated officers (other than the chief financial officer) as of the end of its fiscal year (for purposes of Section 162(m), these individuals are referred to as "covered employees"). This \$1 million deduction limit does not apply, however, to "performance-based compensation" as defined under Section 162(m) of the Code. Performance awards granted under the Restated Plan are intended to be eligible to qualify as performance-based compensation that would be fully deductible under Section 162(m) of the Code. To so qualify, a performance award must be subject to performance criteria established by a committee or subcommittee comprised solely of two or more outside directors of the Company (the "Committee"). In addition, the performance criteria must be disclosed to and approved by stockholders of the Company. If stockholder approval of the Restated Plan is not obtained, performance awards granted under the Restated Plan will be subject to the \$1 million deduction limit, which may result in additional cost to the Company to the extent amounts of compensation paid to covered officers are not deductible.

Prior to the beginning of the applicable performance period or such later date as permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Administrator will establish one or more performance goals applicable to the award. Performance goals will be based on the attainment of specified target levels with respect to one or more measures of business or financial

performance of PURE. The Administrator, in its discretion, may base performance goals on one or more of the following such measures: sales revenue, gross margin, operating margin, operating income, pre-tax profit, earnings before stock-based compensation expense, interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, net income, expenses, the market price of our common stock, earnings per share, return on stockholder equity, return on capital, return on net assets, economic value added, market share, customer service, customer satisfaction, safety, total shareholder return, free cash flow, net operating income, operating cash flow, return on investment, employee satisfaction, employee retention, balance of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, product development, research and development expenses, completion of an identified special project, completion of a joint venture or other corporate transaction, or other measures as determined by the Administrator. The target levels with respect to these performance measures may be expressed on an absolute basis or relative to a standard specified by the Administrator. The degree of attainment of performance measures will be calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, but prior to the accrual or payment of any performance award for the same performance period, and, according to criteria established by the Administrator, excluding the effect (whether positive or negative) of changes in accounting standards or any extraordinary, unusual or nonrecurring item occurring after the establishment of the performance goals applicable to a performance award.

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Following completion of the applicable performance period, the Administrator will certify in writing the extent to which the applicable performance goals have been attained and the resulting value to be paid to the participant. The Administrator retains the discretion to eliminate or reduce, but not increase, the amount that would otherwise be payable on the basis of the performance goals attained to a participant who is a “covered employee” within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code. However, no such reduction may increase the amount paid to any other participant. The Administrator may make positive or negative adjustments to performance award payments to participants other than covered employees to reflect the participant’s individual job performance or other factors determined by the Administrator. In its discretion, the Administrator may provide for the payment to a participant awarded performance shares of dividend equivalents with respect to cash dividends paid on the Company’s common stock. The Administrator may provide for performance award payments in lump sums or installments. If any payment is to be made on a deferred basis, the Administrator may provide for the payment of dividend equivalents or interest during the deferral period.

Unless otherwise provided by the Administrator, if a participant’s service terminates due to the participant’s death or disability prior to completion of the applicable performance period, the final award value will be determined at the end of the performance period on the basis of the performance goals attained during the entire performance period but will be prorated for the number of months of the participant’s service during the performance period. If a participant’s service terminates prior to completion of the applicable performance period for any other reason, the Restated Plan provides that, unless otherwise determined by the Administrator, the performance award will be forfeited. No performance award may be sold or transferred other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution prior to the end of the applicable performance period.

New Plan Benefits and Previous Equity Awards

Awards that may be granted to eligible persons under the Restated Plan are subject to the discretion of the Administrator, so we cannot currently determine the benefits or amounts that will be received or allocated to our current named executive officers, executive officers as a group, directors who are not executive officers as a group, and employees as a group. Consequently, no New R Plan Benefits Table is included in this Proxy Statement.

We did not grant equity awards under the Plan during our fiscal year ended July 31, 2015 to our named executive officers, non-employee directors, or other eligible employees. We did make grants outside the Plan during our last fiscal year to our named executive officers that are reflected in the “Outstanding Equity Awards at Year-End” table in the “Executive Compensation” section of this Proxy Statement. Likewise, grants made to our non-employee directors are reflected in the “Director Compensation Table” in the “Director Compensation” section of this Proxy Statement. We did not issue grants under the Plan during our fiscal year ended July 31, 2015 to any employees or consultants as a group.

The following are the number of shares currently subject (a) to stock options since the inception of the Restated Plan through July 31, 2015 and (b) to restricted stock units, received by the following persons or groups: (i) Hank Lambert: nil shares subject to stock options and 500,000 RSUs; (ii) David Pfanzelter: 40,000 shares subject to stock options and 1,400,000 RSUs ; Mark Elliott: 121,875 shares subject to stock options and 18,750 RSUs; (iv) all current directors, who are not executive officers, as a group (4 persons): nil shares subject to stock options and 500,000 RSUs; and (v) all employees and consultants as a group (approximately 12 persons): 269,218 shares subject to stock options and 2,603,750 RSUs.

#### Duration, Amendment, and Termination

Unless sooner terminated by the Board, the Amended Plan will terminate ten years after its adoption by the Company's stockholders at the 2016 Annual Meeting. The Board may amend, alter, suspend or terminate the Amended Plan at any time or from time to time without stockholder approval or ratification, unless necessary and desirable to comply with applicable law. However, before an amendment may be made that would adversely affect a participant who has already been granted an award; the participant's consent must be obtained.

#### Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following is a general summary of the federal income tax treatment of stock options, which are authorized for grant under the Restated Plan, based upon the provisions of the Code as of the date of this Proxy Statement. Non-U.S. residents should consult with their tax adviser regarding the specific tax consequences as a result of the grant of awards under the Restated Plan in their country of origin. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive and the exact tax consequences to any award holder depend upon his or her particular circumstances and other facts. Restated Plan

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participants should consult their tax advisor with respect to any state, local and non-U.S. tax considerations or relevant federal tax implications of options granted under the Restated Plan.

**Incentive Stock Options.** An option holder recognizes no taxable income for regular income tax purposes as a result of the grant or exercise of an incentive stock option that qualifies under Section 422 of the Code. Option holders who neither dispose of their shares within two years of the date that the option was granted or within one year following the exercise of the option, normally recognize a capital gain or loss on the sale of the shares equal to the difference, if any, between the sale price and the purchase price of the shares. If an option holder satisfies these holding periods, on the sale of the shares, we are not entitled to any deduction for federal income tax purposes. Where an option holder disposes of shares within two years after the date of grant of those options or within one year after the date of exercise (a “disqualifying disposition”), the difference between the fair market value of the shares on the exercise date and the option exercise price (which is not to exceed the gain realized on the sale, if the disposition is a transaction with respect to which a loss, if sustained, would be recognized) is taxed as ordinary income at the time of disposition. Any gain in excess of that amount is a capital gain. If a loss is recognized, there is no ordinary income, and such loss is a capital loss. Any ordinary income recognized by the option holder on the disqualifying disposition of the shares generally results in a deduction by us for federal income tax purposes.

**Non-statutory Stock Options.** Options not designated or qualifying as incentive stock options are non-statutory stock options having no special tax status. An option holder generally recognizes no taxable income as a result of the grant of the option. On the exercise of a non-statutory stock option, the option holder normally recognizes ordinary income in the amount of the difference between the option exercise price and the fair market value of the shares on the exercise date. Where the option holder is an employee, such ordinary income generally is subject to withholding of income and employment taxes. On the sale of shares acquired by the exercise of a non-statutory stock option, any gain or loss (based on the difference between the sale price and the fair market value on the exercise date), is taxed as a capital gain or loss. No tax deduction is available to us with respect to the grant of a non-statutory stock option or the sale of the stock acquired pursuant to such grant. We should generally be entitled to a deduction equal to the amount of ordinary income recognized by the option holder as a result of the exercise of a non-statutory stock option.

**Deductibility of Compensation.** The Code allows publicly held corporations to deduct compensation that is in excess of \$1 million paid to the Company’s chief executive officer and or any of its three most highly compensated executive officers (other than the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer) if the compensation is payable solely based on the attainment of one or more performance criteria and where certain statutory requirements are satisfied. It is intended that compensation arising from awards granted under the Plan that are based on performance criteria, and stock options and stock appreciation rights, are to be deductible by us as qualified performance-based compensation not subject to the \$1 million limitation on deductibility under the Code. Despite this, we reserve the right to grant awards under the Plan that do not result in qualified performance-based compensation and, as such, may not entitle us to a tax deduction.

**EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION**

The following table sets forth, as of July 31, 2015, information with respect to our equity compensation plans, and with respect to certain restricted stock units.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding	Number of securities remaining available for
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	outstanding options and restricted stock units (a)(1)	options (b)(3)	future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders(1)	434,218	4.07	136,596
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders(2)	3,210,000	—	—
Total	3,644,218	4.07	136,596

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(1) Includes options only.

(2) Includes restricted stock units only.



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(3) Does not include outstanding restricted stock units.

Vote Required and Board Recommendation

The approval of the Restated Plan requires a majority of the votes cast, whether in person or represented by proxy, to vote FOR this proposal. Abstentions and “broker non-votes” will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF THE 2007 PURE BIOSCIENCE EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN.**

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CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

Except as described below and other than Board or employment relationships and compensation resulting from those employment relationships, no director, executive officer, 5% stockholder or immediate family member of any of the foregoing, was a party to any transaction or series of transactions since August 1, 2013 (the beginning of the year ended July 31, 2014), or is to be a party to any currently proposed transaction or series of proposed transactions, in which (i) we were or are to be a participant, (ii) the amount involved exceeds the lesser of \$120,000 or one percent of the average of our total assets at fiscal year-end for the fiscal years ended July 31, 2015 and 2014, which is \$24,700, and (iii) any director, executive officer, or immediate family member of any of the foregoing had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

Transactions with Our Former Executive Officers

Our former Director of Manufacturing and Research and Development, Richard Gumienny, is the son-in-law of Michael L. Krall, our former President, Chief Executive Officer, Interim Chief Financial Officer, and Chairman of the Board. Pursuant to the terms of Mr. Gumienny's employment arrangement with us, which has been in effect during the period commencing at the beginning of our fiscal year ended July 31, 2011 and continuing through July 2014, Mr. Gumienny (1) received an annual salary of \$101,100, (2) receives certain benefits that are also provided to our other similarly situated employees, which benefits have an approximate annual value of \$5,397 for Mr. Gumienny, and (3) is eligible to receive cash bonuses and equity grants at the discretion of management. In accordance with that arrangement, during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2014, Mr. Gumienny was awarded a cash bonus of \$20,000 and options to purchase up to 50,000 restricted stock units of in addition to his salary and benefits. Mr. Gumienny resigned from the Company in July 2014.

Our current Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable Manager, Ashley Gumienny, is the daughter of Michael L. Krall, our former President, Chief Executive Officer, Interim Chief Financial Officer, and Chairman of the Board. Pursuant to the terms of Ms. Gumienny's employment arrangement with us, which has been in effect during the period commencing at the beginning of our fiscal year ended July 31, 2011 and continuing through the date of this proxy statement, Ms. Gumienny (1) receives an annual salary of \$49,500, (2) receives certain benefits that are also provided to our other similarly situated employees, which benefits have an approximate annual value of \$6,200 for Ms. Gumienny, and (3) is eligible to receive cash bonuses and equity grants at the discretion of management. Ms. Gumienny received a cash bonus of \$1,000 and received 25,000 RSUs valued at \$13,500 during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015.

Separation Arrangements with Our Former Executive Officers and Directors

On August 13, 2013, Michael L. Krall and Donna Singer resigned all positions respectively held by them as officers of the Company by mutual agreement with the Company. Additionally, Dennis Brovarone resigned as a director of the Company.

Michael L. Krall: In connection with Mr. Krall's separation from the Company, the Company entered into a Purchase, Severance, and Release Agreement effective August 13, 2013 with Mr. Krall (the "Krall Release Agreement"). The Krall Release Agreement provides for a mutual release of all claims between Mr. Krall and the Company. Mr. Krall is also prohibited from engaging in certain competitive activities for the next four years. Pursuant to the Krall Release Agreement, Mr. Krall (i) was paid \$25,000 on August 13, 2013; (ii) is entitled to receive \$30,000 per month for 18-months following August 13, 2013, during which time Mr. Krall shall provide consulting services to the Company, and (iii) is due the amount of his continued health insurance coverage until 18-months following August 13, 2013. In consideration of Mr. Krall's transfer to the Company of certain enumerated intellectual property rights, the Company also (i) paid Mr. Krall the sum of \$125,000 on August 13, 2013; and, (ii) issued to Mr. Krall 850,000 shares of common stock on August 21, 2013 (the "Krall Shares"). The Krall Shares are subject to certain registration rights intended to register the Krall Shares. The Krall Shares are also subject to a Voting Support Agreement and Irrevocable Proxy (the "Krall Proxy"). The Krall Proxy gives our CEO the right to vote the Krall Shares for so long as Mr. Krall owns the Krall Shares.

Donna Singer: In connection with Ms. Singer's separation from the Company, we entered into a Purchase, Severance, and Release Agreement effective August 13, 2013 with Ms. Singer (the "Singer Release Agreement"). The Singer Release Agreement provides for a mutual release of all claims between Ms. Singer and the Company. Ms. Singer is also

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prohibited from engaging in certain competitive activities until August 2017. Pursuant to the Singer Release Agreement, Ms. Singer (i) was paid \$45,000 on August 13, 2013; (ii) is due the amount of her continued health insurance coverage until August 2014; and, (iii) is entitled to \$17,000 per month for 12-months following August 13, 2013, during which time Ms. Singer shall provide consulting services to the Company. In consideration of Ms. Singer's transfer to the Company of certain enumerated intellectual property rights, the Company also issued to Ms. Singer 300,000 shares of common stock on August 21, 2013 (the "Singer Shares"). The Singer Shares are subject to certain registration rights intended to register the Singer Shares. The Singer Shares are also subject to a Voting Support Agreement and Irrevocable Proxy (the "Singer Proxy"). The Singer Proxy gives our CEO the right to vote the Singer Shares for so long as Ms. Singer owns the Singer Shares.

Dennis Brovarone: In connection with Mr. Brovarone's separation from the Company, we entered into a Settlement and Release Agreement effective August 13, 2013 with Mr. Brovarone (the "Brovarone Release Agreement"). The Brovarone Release Agreement provides for a mutual release of all claims between Mr. Brovarone and the Company. Mr. Brovarone shall be paid \$91,332.77 (the "Brovarone Amount") as follows: (i) starting November 11, 2013 the Brovarone Amount shall be subject to 2% interest per annum; (ii) starting December 11, 2013 and continuing on the same day of each month for 60-months the Company shall pay \$1,600.86; (iii) the Company shall have the right to prepay without penalty upon 30-days' notice; and, (iv) Brovarone shall have the right to convert the then outstanding balance of the Brovarone Amount, at any time and with 10-days' advance notice, into common stock at a conversion price equal to the average closing price for our common stock on the principal market on which our common stock is then listed or quoted for the ten trading days immediately preceding the date of the conversion notice.

Arrangements Related to Board and Management Changes

Pillar Marketing Group, Inc.: On August 13, 2013 we entered into a services agreement (the "Pillar Services Agreement") with Pillar Marketing Group, Inc. ("Pillar"), as amended on October 2, 2014. The Pillar Services Agreement provides, among other things, that Pillar shall serve as our exclusive provider of general advisory services regarding corporate finance, capital raising activities, merger and acquisition transactions, and other related endeavors. Pillar is to be paid the sum of \$25,000 per month plus, upon consummation of any transaction involving the acquisition, merger, or combination, or similar transaction of or with another company, we are to issue Pillar that number of our shares of our common stock which equals three percent (3%) of our issued and outstanding shares determined on a fully diluted basis post-transaction. Additionally, pursuant to the Pillar Services Agreement and for corporate reorganization services previously provided by Pillar, we issued 550,000 shares of common stock, (300,000 shares for certain corporate reorganization services previously provided and 250,000 for general advisory services pursuant to the services agreement) with a value of \$385,000, pursuant to an exemption from registration provided by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act. We also paid Pillar the amount of \$150,000 for corporate reorganization services previously provided. The reorganization services were for general corporate restructuring advice in connection with the corporate restructuring effected in August 2013. The Pillar Services Agreement provides for a term of 24 months, which renews automatically for additional 24 month terms unless either party provides prior written notice of termination. Immediately upon the renewal we are to issue to Pillar an additional two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) shares of our common stock.

Wulff Services, Inc.: On August 13, 2013 we issued 250,000 shares of common stock, pursuant to an exemption from registration provided by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act, with a value of \$175,000, for corporate finance and restructuring activities to Wulff Services Inc. ("Wulff Services"). Wulff Services is primarily owned by our former Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operation Officer, Peter C. Wulff.

Cohee Director Agreement: On August 13, 2013, we appointed Mr. Cohee to serve as a member of the Board and on September 17, 2013, we entered into a letter agreement with Mr. Cohee. Mr. Cohee's letter agreement provides that his initial term will be for one year. In connection with his execution of the letter agreement, we are obligated to issue him 250,000 shares of our common stock pursuant to a restricted stock unit agreement in the form of a non-employee RSU award. Additionally, we will pay him an annual retainer fee of \$60,000, payable quarterly. Additionally, he acknowledges and agrees that in order to satisfy certain rules for public companies he may be required to serve on one or more of the Board's Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and/or Nominating and Governance Committee, and that such committee assignments will be agreed between him and the Company, and that he will be compensated for such service. His letter agreement also provides that he will also be subject to certain confidentiality obligations. On April 24, 2014, the Company and Gary Cohee entered into an amendment to the Cohee Director Agreement to provide for a monthly consulting fee for certain investor relations activities.

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Further, during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2014, we issued 415,643 shares of common stock, in exchange for previous services provided, valued at \$376,000, pursuant to an exemption from registration provided by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act, and paid \$160,000 to Mr. Cohee and/or his affiliates for financial advisor services. The shares were issued and payment made to Mr. Cohee and/or his affiliates for his services.

Transactions with our Director Tom Y. Lee

Mr. Lee has received certain benefits in accordance with the Company's non-employee director compensation program. Additionally, since August 1, 2013, Mr. Lee and the Company have entered into the following equity investment transactions:

- On October 1, 2013, Mr. Lee and his spouse purchased an aggregate of 246,429 shares of Common Stock for \$172,500.
- On October 1, 2013, Mr. Lee exercised an outstanding warrant for 250,000 shares of Common Stock for an aggregate exercise price of \$162,500.
- On December 10, 2013, Mr. Lee and his spouse purchased an aggregate of 800,000 shares of Common Stock for \$800,000. In connection with his participation in the August 2014 Financing (as defined below), Mr. Lee and his spouse received warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 266,666 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share related to the shares they acquired in the December 10, 2013 financing. The Company issued the warrant to lower the cost average price Mr. Lee and his spouse paid for their shares in the December 10, 2013 financing to \$0.75 per share.
- On March 3, 2014, Mr. Lee and his spouse purchased an aggregate of 100,000 shares of common stock for \$100,000. In connection with his participation in the August 2014 Financing, Mr. Lee and his spouse received warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 33,333 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share. The Company issued the warrants to lower the cost average price Mr. Lee and his spouse paid for their shares in the March 3, 2014 financing to \$0.75 per share.
- On August 23, 2014, the Company completed the first closing of a private placement in which it issued Units at a purchase price of \$0.75 per Unit, with each Unit consisting of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase 0.4 of a share of common stock with an exercise price of \$0.75 per share (the "August 2014 Financing"). On August 29, 2014, Mr. Lee and his spouse invested an aggregate of \$600,000 in the second closing of the August 2014 Financing, acquiring an aggregate of 800,000 shares of Common Stock and warrants to purchase up to 320,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$0.75 per share.
- On November 23, 2015, the Company completed a second and final closing of a private placement financing in which it issued at such final closing (i) an aggregate of 4,444,439 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$0.45 per share, (ii) warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 2,222,217 shares of common stock

with a term of five years and (iii) warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 2,820,670 shares of common stock with a term of six months and only exercisable for cash, for an aggregate purchase price of \$2,000,000. Mr. Lee and his spouse, together with certain of his affiliates, invested approximately \$472,000 in the final closing of the private placement financing on the same terms offered to the other investors.

#### Transactions with Franchise Brands

Franchise Brands, LLC is our largest stockholder beneficially holding approximately 47% of our common stock as of the date of this proxy statement. On October 23, 2015, we completed an initial closing of a private placement financing with Franchise Brands. Prior to the private placement financing, Franchise Brands beneficially held approximately 17.8% of our common stock. In the private placement financing, we issued Franchise Brands (i) an aggregate of 13,333,333 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$0.45 per share, (ii) a warrant to purchase up to an aggregate of 6,666,666 shares of Common Stock with a term of five years and (iii) a warrant to purchase up to an aggregate of 8,666,666 shares of Common Stock with a term of six months and only exercisable for cash, for aggregate gross proceeds to the Company of \$6.0 million. The offer and sale of the securities to Franchise Brands was on the same terms offered to other investors in the private placement financing.

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Compensation of Our Current Directors and Executive Officers

For information with respect to the compensation offered to our current directors and executive officers, please see the descriptions under the heading “Executive Compensation” of this proxy statement.

Related Party Transaction Policy and Procedures

Pursuant to our Related Party Transaction and Procedures, our executive officers, directors, and principal stockholders, including their immediate family members and affiliates, are prohibited from entering into a related party transaction with us without the prior consent of our Audit Committee or our independent directors. Any request for us to enter into a transaction with an executive officer, director, principal stockholder, or any of such persons’ immediate family members or affiliates, must first be presented to our Audit Committee for review, consideration and approval. In approving or rejecting the proposed agreement, our Audit Committee will consider the relevant facts and circumstances available and deemed relevant, including, but not limited, to the risks, costs and benefits to us, the terms of the transaction, the availability of other sources for comparable services or products, and, if applicable, the impact on a director’s independence. Our Audit Committee shall approve only those agreements that, in light of known circumstances, are in, or are not inconsistent with, our best interests, as our Audit Committee determines in the good faith exercise of its discretion.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation.

None of the members of our Compensation Committee are or have been an officer or employee of us. During fiscal 2015 and 2014, no member of our Compensation Committee had any relationship with us requiring disclosure under Item 404 of Regulation S-K, except as set forth above, none of our executive officers served on the Compensation Committee (or its equivalent) or board of directors of another entity any of whose executive officers served on our Compensation Committee or board of directors.



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### OTHER MATTERS

The management of the Company is not aware of any matter to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting other than the matters described above. However, if any other matter properly comes before the Annual Meeting, the proxy holders will vote the proxies thereon in accordance with their best judgment on such matter.

### STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Stockholders interested in submitting a proposal for consideration at our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must do so by sending such proposal to our Corporate Secretary at PURE Bioscience, Inc., 1725 Gillespie Way, El Cajon, California 92020, telephone (619) 596-8600. Under the SEC's proxy rules (Rule 14a-8), the deadline for submission of proposals to be included in our proxy materials for the 2017 Annual Meeting is August 24, 2016. Accordingly, in order for a stockholder proposal to be considered for inclusion in our proxy materials for the 2017 Annual Meeting, any such stockholder proposal must be received by our Corporate Secretary on or before August 24, 2016, and comply with the procedures and requirements set forth in Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as well as the applicable requirements of our Bylaws. Any stockholder proposal received after August 24, 2016 will be considered untimely, and will not be included in our proxy materials. In addition, stockholders interested in submitting a proposal outside of Rule 14a-8 must properly submit such a proposal in accordance with our Bylaws.

Our Bylaws require advance notice of business to be brought before a stockholders' meeting, including nominations of persons for election as directors. Pursuant to our Bylaws, the date after which notice to the Company of a stockholder proposal submitted outside the process of Rule 14a-8 is considered timely is as follows, provided that such notice meets the information and other requirements set forth in our Bylaws:

- A stockholder seeking to have a proposal included in the Company's proxy materials must deliver written notice to the Company of such proposal between June 25, 2016 and August 24, 2016, unless the date of the 2017 Annual Meeting is more than 30 days before or after the one-year anniversary of the Annual Meeting, in which case such notice must be delivered to the Company on the later of the 90th day before the date of the 2017 Annual Meeting or the 15th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of the 2017 Annual Meeting is first made.
- A stockholder not seeking inclusion of a proposal in the Company's proxy materials must deliver written notice to the Company not less than 90 days before the date of the 2017 Annual Meeting.

If a stockholder that has notified the Company of its intention to present a proposal at the 2017 Annual Meeting does not appear or send a qualified representative to present his proposal at the 2017 Annual Meeting, the Company need not present the proposal for a vote at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

### HOUSEHOLDING OF ANNUAL MEETING MATERIALS

We have adopted "householding," a procedure approved by the SEC under which stockholders who share an address will receive a single copy of the Annual Meeting materials. This procedure reduces printing costs and mailing fees, while also reducing the environmental impact of the distribution of documents related to the Annual Meeting. If you reside at the same address as another PURE Bioscience stockholder and wish to receive a separate copy of the Annual Meeting materials, you may do so by making a written or oral request to: Attn: Corporate Secretary, PURE Bioscience, Inc., 1725 Gillespie Way, El Cajon, California 92020, telephone (619) 596-8600. Upon your request, we will promptly deliver a separate copy to you. The Proxy Statement and our Annual Report are also available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

Some brokers household proxy materials, delivering a single proxy statement or notice to multiple stockholders sharing an address unless contrary instructions have been received from the affected stockholders.

Once you have received notice from your broker that they will be householding materials to your address, householding will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in householding and would prefer to receive a separate proxy statement or notice, please notify your broker directly. You may also call (800) 542-1061 or write to: Household Department, Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, New York 11717, and include your name, the name of your broker or other nominee, and your account number(s). Any stockholders who share the same address and currently receive multiple copies of the Annual Meeting

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materials who wish to receive only one copy in the future may contact their bank, broker, or other holder of record, or PURE Bioscience at the contact information listed above, to request information about householding.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Our Annual Report to Stockholders, which contains our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended July 31, 2015 will also be made available (without exhibits), free of charge, to interested stockholders upon written request to PURE Bioscience, Inc., 1725 Gillespie Way, El Cajon, California 92020, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ Henry R. Lambert

December 23, 2015 Chief Executive Officer

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PURE Bioscience

2007 Equity Incentive Plan

1. ESTABLISHMENT, PURPOSE AND TERM OF PLAN.

1.1 Establishment. This Amended and Restated PURE Bioscience 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) was originally adopted in January 2007. This amendment and restatement of the Plan was approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on December 9, 2015, and shall become effective on February 4, 2016 (the date of such approval, the “Effective Date”), contingent upon approval of the Plan by the stockholders of the Company at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders scheduled to be held on the Effective Date.

1.2 Purpose. The purpose of the Plan is to advance the interests of the Participating Company Group and its shareholders by providing an incentive to attract and retain the best qualified personnel to perform services for the Participating Company Group, by motivating such persons to contribute to the growth and profitability of the Participating Company Group, by aligning their interests with interests of the Company’s shareholders, and by rewarding such persons for their services by tying a significant portion of their total compensation package to the success of the Company. The Plan seeks to achieve this purpose by providing for Awards in the form of Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock Awards, Performance Shares, Performance Units, Restricted Stock Units, Deferred Compensation Awards and other Stock-Based Awards as described below.

1.3 Term of Plan. The Plan shall continue in effect until the earlier of its termination by the Board or the date on which all of the shares of Stock available for issuance under the Plan have been issued and all restrictions on such shares under the terms of the Plan and the agreements evidencing Awards granted under the Plan have lapsed. However, Awards shall not be granted later than ten (10) years from the Effective Date. The Company intends that the Plan comply with Section 409A of the Code (including any amendments to or replacements of such section), and the Plan shall be so construed.

2. DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION.

2.1 Definitions. Whenever used herein, the following terms shall have their respective meanings set forth below:

(a) “Affiliate” means (i) an entity, other than a Parent Corporation, that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediary entities, controls the Company or (ii) an entity, other than a Subsidiary Corporation, that is controlled by the Company directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediary entities. For this purpose, the term “control” (including the term “controlled by”) means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the relevant entity, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; or shall have such other meaning assigned such term for the purposes of registration on Form S 8 under the Securities Act.

(b) “Award” means any Option, SAR, Restricted Stock Award, Performance Share, Performance Unit, Restricted Stock Unit or Deferred Compensation Award or other Stock-Based Award granted under the Plan.

(c) “Award Agreement” means a written agreement between the Company and a Participant setting forth the terms, conditions and restrictions of the Award granted to the Participant.



(d)“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(e)“Change in Control” means, unless such term or an equivalent term is otherwise defined with respect to an Award by the Participant’s Award Agreement or written contract of employment or service, the occurrence of any of the following:

(i)an Ownership Change Event or a series of related Ownership Change Events (collectively, a “Transaction”) in which the shareholders of the Company immediately before the Transaction do not retain immediately after the Transaction, in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of shares of the

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Company's voting stock immediately before the Transaction, direct or indirect beneficial ownership of more than fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of the outstanding voting securities of the Company or, in the case of an Ownership Change Event described in Section 2.1(y)(iii), the entity to which the assets of the Company were transferred (the "Transferee"), as the case may be; or

(ii) the liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

For purposes of the preceding sentence, indirect beneficial ownership shall include, without limitation, an interest resulting from ownership of the voting securities of one or more corporations or other business entities which own the Company or the Transferee, as the case may be, either directly or through one or more subsidiary corporations or other business entities. The Board shall have the right to determine whether multiple sales or exchanges of the voting securities of the Company or multiple Ownership Change Events are related, and its determination shall be final, binding and conclusive.

(f) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any applicable regulations promulgated thereunder.

(g) "Committee" means the Compensation Committee or other committee of the Board duly appointed to administer the Plan and having such powers as shall be specified by the Board. If no committee of the Board has been appointed to administer the Plan, the Board shall exercise all of the powers of the Committee granted herein, and, in any event, the Board may in its discretion exercise any or all of such powers. The Committee shall have the exclusive authority to administer the Plan and shall have all of the powers granted herein, including, without limitation, the power to amend or terminate the Plan at any time, subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable limitations imposed by law.

(h) "Company" means PURE Bioscience, a California corporation, or any Successor.

(i) "Consultant" means a person engaged to provide consulting or advisory services (other than as an Employee or a member of the Board) to a Participating Company.

(j) "Deferred Compensation Award" means an award of Stock Units granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 11 of the Plan.

(k) "Director" means a member of the Board or of the board of directors of any Participating Company.

(l) "Disability" means the permanent and total disability of the Participant, within the meaning of Section 22(e)(3) of the Code.

(m) "Dividend Equivalent" means a credit, made at the discretion of the Committee or as otherwise provided by the Plan, to the account of a Participant in an amount equal to the cash dividends paid on one share of Stock for each share of Stock represented by an Award held by such Participant.

(n) "Employee" means any person treated as an employee (including an Officer or a member of the Board who is also treated as an employee) in the records of a Participating Company and, with respect to any Incentive Stock Option granted to such person, who is an employee for purposes of Section 422 of the Code; provided, however, that neither service as a member of the Board nor payment of a director's fee shall be sufficient to constitute employment for purposes of the Plan. The Company shall determine in good faith and in the exercise of its discretion whether an individual has become or has ceased to be an Employee and the effective date of such individual's employment or termination of employment, as the case may be. For purposes of an individual's rights, if any, under the Plan as of the time of the Company's determination, all such determinations by the Company shall be final, binding and conclusive,

notwithstanding that the Company or any court of law or governmental agency subsequently makes a contrary determination.

(o)“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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(p)“Fair Market Value” means, as of any date, the value of a share of Stock or other property as determined by the Committee, in its discretion, or by the Company, in its discretion, if such determination is expressly allocated to the Company herein, subject to the following:

(i)Except as otherwise determined by the Committee, if, on such date, the Stock is listed on a national or regional securities exchange or market system, the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock shall be the closing price of a share of Stock as quoted on such national or regional securities exchange or market system constituting the primary market for the Stock on the date of determination, as reported in The Wall Street Journal or such other source as the Company deems reliable.

(ii)Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may, in its discretion, determine the Fair Market Value on the basis of the closing, high, low or average sale price of a share of Stock or the actual sale price of a share of Stock received by a Participant, on such date, the preceding trading day, the next succeeding trading day or an average determined over a period of trading days. The Committee may vary its method of determination of the Fair Market Value as provided in this Section for different purposes under the Plan.

(iii)If, on such date, the Stock is not listed on a national or regional securities exchange or market system, the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock shall be as determined by the Committee in good faith without regard to any restriction other than a restriction which, by its terms, will never lapse.

(q)“Incentive Stock Option” means an Option intended to be (as set forth in the Award Agreement) and which qualifies as an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422(b) of the Code.

(r)“Insider” means an Officer, a Director or any other person whose transactions in Stock are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

(s)“Non-Control Affiliate” means any entity in which any Participating Company has an ownership interest and which the Committee shall designate as a Non-Control Affiliate.

(t)“Nonemployee Director” means a Director who is not an Employee.

(u)“Nonstatutory Stock Option” means an Option not intended to be (as set forth in the Award Agreement) an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422(b) of the Code.

(v) “Officer” means any person designated by the Board as an officer of the Company.

(w)“Option” means the right to purchase Stock at a stated price for a specified period of time granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 6 of the Plan. An Option may be either an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonstatutory Stock Option.

(x)“Option Expiration Date” means the date of expiration of the Option’s term as set forth in the Award Agreement.

(y)An “Ownership Change Event” shall be deemed to have occurred if any of the following occurs with respect to the Company: (i) the direct or indirect sale or exchange in a single or series of related transactions by the shareholders of the Company of more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting stock of the Company; (ii) a merger or consolidation in which the Company is a party; or (iii) the sale, exchange, or transfer of all or substantially all, as determined by the Board in its discretion, of the assets of the Company.

(z)“Parent Corporation” means any present or future “parent corporation” of the Company, as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code.

(aa)“Participant” means any eligible person who has been granted one or more Awards.

(bb)“Participating Company” means the Company or any Parent Corporation, Subsidiary Corporation or Affiliate.

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(cc)“Participating Company Group” means, at any point in time, all entities collectively which are then Participating Companies.

(dd)“Performance Award” means an Award of Performance Shares or Performance Units.

(ee)“Performance Award Formula” means, for any Performance Award, a formula or table established by the Committee pursuant to Section 9.3 of the Plan which provides the basis for computing the value of a Performance Award at one or more threshold levels of attainment of the applicable Performance Goal(s) measured as of the end of the applicable Performance Period.

(ff)“Performance Goal” means a performance goal established by the Committee pursuant to Section 9.3 of the Plan.

(gg)“Performance Period” means a period established by the Committee pursuant to Section 9.3 of the Plan at the end of which one or more Performance Goals are to be measured.

(hh)“Performance Share” means a bookkeeping entry representing a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 9 of the Plan to receive a payment equal to the value of a Performance Share, as determined by the Committee, based on performance.

(ii)“Performance Unit” means a bookkeeping entry representing a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 9 of the Plan to receive a payment equal to the value of a Performance Unit, as determined by the Committee, based upon performance.

(jj)“Restricted Stock Award” means an Award of Restricted Stock.

(kk)“Restricted Stock Unit” or “Stock Unit” means a bookkeeping entry representing a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 10 or Section 11 of the Plan, respectively, to receive a share of Stock on a date determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 or Section 11, as applicable, and the Participant’s Award Agreement.

(ll)“Restriction Period” means the period established in accordance with Section 8.4 of the Plan during which shares subject to a Restricted Stock Award are subject to Vesting Conditions.

(mm)“Rule 16b 3” means Rule 16b 3 under the Exchange Act, as amended from time to time, or any successor rule or regulation.

(nn)“SAR” or “Stock Appreciation Right” means a bookkeeping entry representing, for each share of Stock subject to such SAR, a right granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 7 of the Plan to receive payment in any combination of shares of Stock or cash of an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the date of exercise of the SAR over the exercise price.

(oo)“Section 162(m)” means Section 162(m) of the Code.

(pp)“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(qq)“Service” means a Participant’s employment or service with the Participating Company Group, whether in the capacity of an Employee, a Director or a Consultant. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee, a Participant’s Service shall not be deemed to have terminated merely because of a change in the capacity in which the Participant renders such Service or a change in the Participating Company for which the Participant renders such Service, provided that there is no interruption or termination of the Participant’s Service. Furthermore, a Participant’s Service

shall not be deemed to have terminated if the Participant takes any military leave, sick leave, or other bona fide leave of absence approved by the Company. However, if any such leave taken by a Participant exceeds ninety (90) days, then on the ninety-first (91st) day following the commencement of such leave the Participant's Service shall be deemed to have terminated, unless the Participant's right to return to Service is guaranteed by statute or contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise designated by the Company or required by law, a leave of absence shall

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not be treated as Service for purposes of determining vesting under the Participant's Award Agreement. A Participant's Service shall be deemed to have terminated either upon an actual termination of Service or upon the entity for which the Participant performs Service ceasing to be a Participating Company. Subject to the foregoing, the Company, in its discretion, shall determine whether the Participant's Service has terminated and the effective date of such termination.

(rr) "Stock" means the common stock of the Company, as adjusted from time to time in accordance with Section 4.2 of the Plan.

(ss) "Stock-Based Awards" means any award that is valued in whole or in part by reference to, or is otherwise based on, the Stock, including dividends on the Stock, but not limited to those Awards described in Sections 6 through 11 of the Plan.

(tt) "Subsidiary Corporation" means any present or future "subsidiary corporation" of the Company, as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code.

(uu) "Successor" means a corporation into or with which the Company is merged or consolidated or which acquires all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and which is designated by the Board as a Successor for purposes of the Plan.

(vv) "Ten Percent Owner" means a Participant who, at the time an Option is granted to the Participant, owns stock possessing more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of a Participating Company (other than an Affiliate) within the meaning of Section 422(b)(6) of the Code.

(ww) "Vesting Conditions" means those conditions established in accordance with Section 8.4 or Section 10.2 of the Plan prior to the satisfaction of which shares subject to a Restricted Stock Award or Restricted Stock Unit Award, respectively, remain subject to forfeiture or a repurchase option in favor of the Company upon the Participant's termination of Service.

2.2 Construction. Captions and titles contained herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of the Plan. Except when otherwise indicated by the context, the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular. Use of the term "or" is not intended to be exclusive, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

### 3. ADMINISTRATION.

3.1 Administration by the Committee. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. All questions of interpretation of the Plan or of any Award shall be determined by the Committee, and such determinations shall be final and binding upon all persons having an interest in the Plan or such Award.

3.2 Authority of Officers. Any Officer shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Company with respect to any matter, right, obligation, determination or election which is the responsibility of or which is allocated to the Company herein, provided the Officer has apparent authority with respect to such matter, right, obligation, determination or election.

3.3 Administration with Respect to Insiders. With respect to participation by Insiders in the Plan, at any time that any class of equity security of the Company is registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, the Plan shall be administered in compliance with the requirements, if any, of Rule 16b-3.



3.4 Committee Complying with Section 162(m). While the Company is a “publicly held corporation” within the meaning of Section 162(m), the Board may establish a Committee of “outside directors” within the meaning of Section 162(m) to approve the grant of any Award which might reasonably be anticipated to result in the payment of employee remuneration that would otherwise exceed the limit on employee remuneration deductible for income tax purposes pursuant to Section 162(m).

3.5 Powers of the Committee. In addition to any other powers set forth in the Plan and subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have the full and final power and authority, in its discretion:

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- (a) to determine the persons to whom, and the time or times at which, Awards shall be granted and the number of shares of Stock or units to be subject to each Award;
- (b) to determine the type of Award granted and to designate Options as Incentive Stock Options or Nonstatutory Stock Options;
- (c) to determine the Fair Market Value of shares of Stock or other property;
- (d) to determine the terms, conditions and restrictions applicable to each Award (which need not be identical) and any shares acquired pursuant thereto, including, without limitation, (i) the exercise or purchase price of shares purchased pursuant to any Award, (ii) the method of payment for shares purchased pursuant to any Award, (iii) the method for satisfaction of any tax withholding obligation arising in connection with Award, including by the withholding or delivery of shares of Stock, (iv) the timing, terms and conditions of the exercisability or vesting of any Award or any shares acquired pursuant thereto, (v) the Performance Award Formula and Performance Goals applicable to any Award and the extent to which such Performance Goals have been attained, (vi) the time of the expiration of any Award, (vii) the effect of the Participant's termination of Service on any of the foregoing, and (viii) all other terms, conditions and restrictions applicable to any Award or shares acquired pursuant thereto not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan;
- (e) to determine whether an Award will be settled in shares of Stock, cash, or in any combination thereof;
- (f) to approve one or more forms of Award Agreement;
- (g) to amend, modify, extend, cancel or renew any Award or to waive any restrictions or conditions applicable to any Award or any shares acquired pursuant thereto;
- (h) to accelerate, continue, extend or defer the exercisability or vesting of any Award or any shares acquired pursuant thereto, including with respect to the period following a Participant's termination of Service;
- (i) without the consent of the affected Participant and notwithstanding the provisions of any Award Agreement to the contrary, to unilaterally substitute at any time a Stock Appreciation Right providing for settlement solely in shares of Stock in place of any outstanding Option, provided that such Stock Appreciation Right covers the same number of shares of Stock and provides for the same exercise price (subject in each case to adjustment in accordance with Section 4.2) as the replaced Option and otherwise provides substantially equivalent terms and conditions as the replaced Option, as determined by the Committee;
- (j) to prescribe, amend or rescind rules, guidelines and policies relating to the Plan, or to adopt sub-plans or supplements to, or alternative versions of, the Plan, including, without limitation, as the Committee deems necessary or desirable to comply with the laws or regulations of or to accommodate the tax policy, accounting principles or custom of, foreign jurisdictions whose citizens may be granted Awards;
- (k) to correct any defect, supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or any Award Agreement and to make all other determinations and take such other actions with respect to the Plan or any Award as the Committee may deem advisable to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan or applicable law; and
- (l) to delegate to any proper Officer the authority to grant one or more Awards, without further approval of the Committee, to any person eligible pursuant to Section 5, other than a person who, at the time of such grant, is an Insider; provided, however, that (i) the exercise price per share of each such Option shall be equal to the Fair Market Value per share of the Stock on the effective date of grant, and (ii) each such Award shall be subject to the terms and

conditions of the appropriate standard form of Award Agreement approved by the Committee and shall conform to the provisions of the Plan and such other guidelines as shall be established from time to time by the Committee.

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3.6Indemnification. In addition to such other rights of indemnification as they may have as members of the Board or the Committee or as officers or employees of the Participating Company Group, members of the Board or the Committee and any officers or employees of the Participating Company Group to whom authority to act for the Board, the Committee or the Company is delegated shall be indemnified by the Company against all reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appeal therein, to which they or any of them may be a party by reason of any action taken or failure to act under or in connection with the Plan, or any right granted hereunder, and against all amounts paid by them in settlement thereof (provided such settlement is approved by independent legal counsel selected by the Company) or paid by them in satisfaction of a judgment in any such action, suit or proceeding, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such person is liable for gross negligence, bad faith or intentional misconduct in duties; provided, however, that within sixty (60) days after the institution of such action, suit or proceeding, such person shall offer to the Company, in writing, the opportunity at its own expense to handle and defend the same.

3.7Arbitration. Any dispute or claim concerning any Awards granted (or not granted) pursuant to this Plan and any other disputes or claims relating to or arising out of the Plan shall be fully, finally and exclusively resolved by binding arbitration conducted pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. By accepting an Award, Participants and the Company waive their respective rights to have any such disputes or claims tried by a judge or jury.

3.8Repricing and Reloading Prohibited. Without the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the shares of Stock cast in person or by proxy at a meeting of the shareholders of the Company at which a quorum representing a majority of all outstanding shares of Stock is present or represented by proxy, the Committee shall not approve a program providing for either (a) the cancellation of outstanding Options or SARs and the grant in substitution thereof of new Awards having a lower exercise price or (b) the amendment of outstanding Options or SARs to reduce the exercise price thereof. This paragraph shall not be construed to apply to the issuance or assumption of an Award in a transaction to which Code section 424(a) applies, within the meaning of Section 424 of the Code.

4.SHARES SUBJECT TO PLAN.

4.1Maximum Number of Shares Issuable. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.2, the maximum aggregate number of shares of Stock that may be issued under the Plan shall be four million six hundred twenty-five thousand (4,625,000) and shall consist of authorized but unissued or reacquired shares of Stock or any combination thereof. If an outstanding Award for any reason expires or is terminated or canceled without having been exercised or settled in full, or if unvested shares of Stock acquired pursuant to an Award subject to forfeiture or repurchase are forfeited or repurchased by the Company, the shares of Stock allocable to the terminated portion of such Award or such forfeited or repurchased shares of Stock shall again be available for issuance under the Plan. In contrast, if the Company repurchases vested shares of Stock acquired or issuable pursuant to an Award, the repurchased shares of Stock shall not be available for future issuance under the Plan. In addition, when a SAR settled in shares of Stock is exercised, the total number of shares subject to the SAR Agreement with respect to which the exercise occurs shall count against the limit, regardless of the number of shares actually issued in settlement of the SAR. Further, shares used to pay the exercise price of an option shall not again become available for future grant or issuance under the Plan, and shares used to satisfy tax withholding obligations shall not become available for future grant or issuance under the Plan. To the extent an Award is settled in cash rather than shares of Stock, such cash payment shall not reduce the number of shares available for issuance under the Plan.

4.2Adjustments for Changes in Capital Structure. Subject to any required action by the shareholders of the Company, in the event of any change in the Stock effected without receipt of consideration by the Company, whether through merger, consolidation, reorganization, reincorporation, recapitalization, reclassification, stock dividend, stock split,

reverse stock split, split-up, split-off, spin-off, combination of shares, exchange of shares, or similar change in the capital structure of the Company, or in the event of payment of a dividend or distribution to the shareholders of the Company in a form other than Stock (excepting normal cash dividends) that has a material effect on the Fair Market Value of shares of Stock, appropriate adjustments shall be made in the number and kind of shares subject to the Plan and to any outstanding Awards, in the Award limits set forth in Section 5.4, and in the exercise or purchase price per share under any outstanding Award in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of Participants' rights under the Plan. For purposes of the foregoing, conversion of any convertible securities of the Company shall not be treated as "effected without receipt of consideration by the Company." If a majority of the shares which are of the same

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class as the shares that are subject to outstanding Awards are exchanged for, converted into, or otherwise become (whether or not pursuant to an Ownership Change Event) shares of another corporation (the “New Shares”), the Committee may unilaterally amend the outstanding Options to provide that such Options are exercisable for New Shares. In the event of any such amendment, the number of shares subject to, and the exercise price per share of, the outstanding Awards shall be adjusted in a fair and equitable manner as determined by the Board, in its discretion. Any fractional share resulting from an adjustment pursuant to this Section 4.2 shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number. The Committee in its sole discretion, may also make such adjustments in the terms of any Award to reflect, or related to, such changes in the capital structure of the Company or distributions as it deems appropriate, including modification of Performance Goals, Performance Award Formulas and Performance Periods. The adjustments determined by the Committee pursuant to this Section 4.2 shall be final, binding and conclusive.

### 5. ELIGIBILITY AND AWARD LIMITATIONS.

5.1 Persons Eligible for Awards. Awards may be granted only to Employees, Consultants and Directors. For purposes of the foregoing sentence, “Employees,” “Consultants” and “Directors” shall include prospective Employees, prospective Consultants and prospective Directors to whom Awards are offered to be granted in connection with written offers of an employment or other service relationship with the Participating Company Group; provided, however, that no Stock subject to any such Award shall vest, become exercisable or be issued prior to the date on which such person commences Service.

5.2 Participation. Awards other than Nonemployee Director Awards are granted solely at the discretion of the Committee. Eligible persons may be granted more than one Award. However, eligibility in accordance with this Section shall not entitle any person to be granted an Award, or, having been granted an Award, to be granted an additional Award.

### 5.3 Incentive Stock Option Limitations.

(a) Persons Eligible. An Incentive Stock Option may be granted only to a person who, on the effective date of grant, is an Employee of the Company, a Parent Corporation or a Subsidiary Corporation (each being an “ISO-Qualifying Corporation”). Any person who is not an Employee of an ISO-Qualifying Corporation on the effective date of the grant of an Option to such person may be granted only a Nonstatutory Stock Option. An Incentive Stock Option granted to a prospective Employee upon the condition that such person become an Employee of an ISO-Qualifying Corporation shall be deemed granted effective on the date such person commences Service with an ISO-Qualifying Corporation, with an exercise price determined as of such date in accordance with Section 6.1.

(b) Fair Market Value Limitation. To the extent that options designated as Incentive Stock Options (granted under all stock option plans of the Participating Company Group, including the Plan) become exercisable by a Participant for the first time during any calendar year for stock having a Fair Market Value greater than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), the portion of such options which exceeds such amount shall be treated as Nonstatutory Stock Options. For purposes of this Section, options designated as Incentive Stock Options shall be taken into account in the order in which they were granted, and the Fair Market Value of stock shall be determined as of the time the option with respect to such stock is granted. If the Code is amended to provide for a limitation different from that set forth in this Section, such different limitation shall be deemed incorporated herein effective as of the date and with respect to such Options as required or permitted by such amendment to the Code. If an Option is treated as an Incentive Stock Option in part and as a Nonstatutory Stock Option in part by reason of the limitation set forth in this Section, the Participant may designate which portion of such Option the Participant is exercising. In the absence of such designation, the Participant shall be deemed to have exercised the Incentive Stock Option portion of the Option first. Upon exercise, shares issued pursuant to each such portion shall be separately identified.

5.4 Award Limits.

(a) Maximum Number of Shares Issuable Pursuant to Incentive Stock Options. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.2, the maximum aggregate number of shares of Stock that may be issued under the Plan pursuant to the exercise of Incentive Stock Options shall not exceed four million six hundred twenty-five thousand (4,625,000) shares. The maximum aggregate number of shares of Stock that may be issued under the Plan pursuant to all Awards other than Incentive Stock Options shall be the number of shares determined in accordance with Section 4.1, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.2.

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(b)Section 162(m) Award Limits. The following limits shall apply to the grant of any Award if, at the time of grant, the Company is a “publicly held corporation” within the meaning of Section 162(m).

(i)Options and SARs. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.2, no Employee shall be granted within any fiscal year of the Company one or more Options or Freestanding SARs which in the aggregate are for more than four hundred sixty-two thousand five hundred (462,500) shares of Stock reserved for issuance under the Plan.

(ii)Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Unit Awards and Performance Shares. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.2, no Employee shall be granted within any fiscal year of the Company one or more Restricted Stock Awards or Restricted Stock Unit Awards, subject to Vesting Conditions based on the attainment of Performance Goals, or Performance Shares, for more than two hundred thirty-one thousand two hundred fifty (231,250) shares of Stock in the aggregate under the Plan.

(iii)Performance Units. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.2, no Employee shall be granted Performance Units which could result in such Employee receiving more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for each full fiscal year of the Company contained in the Performance Period for such Award. No Participant may be granted more than one Performance Award for the same Performance Period.

6.TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF OPTIONS.

Options shall be evidenced by Award Agreements specifying the number of shares of Stock covered thereby, in such form as the Committee shall from time to time establish. No Option or purported Option shall be a valid and binding obligation of the Company unless evidenced by a fully executed Award Agreement. Award Agreements evidencing Options may incorporate all or any of the terms of the Plan by reference and shall comply with and be subject to the following terms and conditions:

6.1Exercise Price. The exercise price for each Option shall be established in the discretion of the Committee; provided, however, that (a) the exercise price per share shall be not less than the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the effective date of grant of the Option and (b) no Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Owner shall have an exercise price per share less than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the effective date of grant of the Option. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Option (whether an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonstatutory Stock Option) may be granted with an exercise price lower than the minimum exercise price set forth above if such Option is granted pursuant to an assumption or substitution for another option in a manner qualifying under the provisions of Section 424(a) of the Code.

6.2Exercisability and Term of Options.

(a)Option Vesting and Exercisability. Options shall be exercisable at such time or times, or upon such event or events, and subject to such terms, conditions, performance criteria and restrictions as shall be determined by the Committee and set forth in the Award Agreement evidencing such Option; provided, however, that (a) no Option shall be exercisable after the expiration of ten (10) years after the effective date of grant of such Option, (b) no Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Owner shall be exercisable after the expiration of five (5) years after the effective date of grant of such Option, and (c) no Option offered or granted to a prospective Employee, prospective Consultant or prospective Director may become exercisable prior to the date on which such person commences Service. Subject to the foregoing, unless otherwise specified by the Committee in the grant of an Option, any Option granted hereunder shall terminate ten (10) years after the effective date of grant of the Option, unless earlier terminated in accordance with its provisions, or the terms of the Plan.



(b)Participant Responsibility for Exercise of Option. Each Participant is responsible for taking any and all actions as may be required to exercise any Option in a timely manner, and for properly executing any documents as may be required for the exercise of an Option in accordance with such rules and procedures as may be established from time to time. By signing an Option Agreement each Participant acknowledges that information regarding the procedures and requirements for the exercise of any Option is available upon such Participant's request. The Company shall have no duty or obligation to notify any Participant of the expiration date of any Option.

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6.3 Payment of Exercise Price.

(a) Forms of Consideration Authorized. Except as otherwise provided below, payment of the exercise price for the number of shares of Stock being purchased pursuant to any Option shall be made (i) in cash, by check or in cash equivalent, (ii) by tender to the Company, or attestation to the ownership, of shares of Stock owned by the Participant having a Fair Market Value not less than the exercise price, (iii) at the discretion of the Administrator, by cashless or net exercise, (iv) by such other consideration as may be approved by the Committee from time to time to the extent permitted by applicable law, or (v) by any combination thereof. The Committee may at any time or from time to time grant Options which do not permit all of the foregoing forms of consideration to be used in payment of the exercise price or which otherwise restrict one or more forms of consideration.

(b) Limitations on Forms of Consideration.

(i) Tender of Stock. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Option may not be exercised by tender to the Company, or attestation to the ownership, of shares of Stock to the extent such tender or attestation would constitute a violation of the provisions of any law, regulation or agreement restricting the redemption of the Company's stock.

(ii) Payment by Promissory Note. No promissory note shall be permitted if the exercise of an Option using a promissory note would be a violation of any law. Any permitted promissory note shall be on such terms as the Committee shall determine. The Committee shall have the authority to permit or require the Participant to secure any promissory note used to exercise an Option with the shares of Stock acquired upon the exercise of the Option or with other collateral acceptable to the Company. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee, if the Company at any time is subject to the regulations promulgated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or any other governmental entity affecting the extension of credit in connection with the Company's securities, any promissory note shall comply with such applicable regulations, and the Participant shall pay the unpaid principal and accrued interest, if any, to the extent necessary to comply with such applicable regulations.

6.4 Effect of Termination of Service.

(a) Option Exercisability. Subject to earlier termination of the Option as otherwise provided herein and unless otherwise provided by the Committee, an Option shall be exercisable after a Participant's termination of Service only during the applicable time periods provided in the Award Agreement.

(b) Extension if Exercise Prevented by Law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless the Committee provides otherwise in the Award Agreement, if the exercise of an Option within the applicable time periods is prevented by the provisions of Section 14 below, the Option shall remain exercisable until three (3) months (or such longer period of time as determined by the Committee, in its discretion) after the date the Participant is notified by the Company that the Option is exercisable, but in any event no later than the Option Expiration Date.

(c) Extension if Participant Subject to Section 16(b). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a sale within the applicable time periods of shares acquired upon the exercise of the Option would subject the Participant to suit under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, the Option shall remain exercisable until the earliest to occur of (i) the tenth (10th) day following the date on which a sale of such shares by the Participant would no longer be subject to such suit, (ii) the one hundred and ninetieth (190th) day after the Participant's termination of Service, or (iii) the Option Expiration Date.

6.5 Transferability of Options. During the lifetime of the Participant, an Option shall be exercisable only by the Participant or the Participant's guardian or legal representative. Prior to the issuance of shares of Stock upon the exercise of an Option, the Option shall not be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, exchange,

transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, or garnishment by creditors of the Participant or the Participant's beneficiary, except transfer by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent permitted by the Committee, in its discretion, and set forth in the Award Agreement evidencing such Option, a Nonstatutory Stock Option shall be assignable or transferable subject to the applicable limitations, if any, described in the General Instructions to Form S 8 Registration Statement under the Securities Act.

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7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS.

Stock Appreciation Rights shall be evidenced by Award Agreements specifying the number of shares of Stock subject to the Award, in such form as the Committee shall from time to time establish. No SAR or purported SAR shall be a valid and binding obligation of the Company unless evidenced by a fully executed Award Agreement. Award Agreements evidencing SARs may incorporate all or any of the terms of the Plan by reference and shall comply with and be subject to the following terms and conditions:

7.1 Types of SARs Authorized. SARs may be granted in tandem with all or any portion of a related Option (a “Tandem SAR”) or may be granted independently of any Option (a “Freestanding SAR”). A Tandem SAR may be granted either concurrently with the grant of the related Option or at any time thereafter prior to the complete exercise, termination, expiration or cancellation of such related Option.

7.2 Exercise Price. The exercise price for each SAR shall be established in the discretion of the Committee; provided, however, that (a) the exercise price per share subject to a Tandem SAR shall be the exercise price per share under the related Option and (b) the exercise price per share subject to a Freestanding SAR shall be not less than the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the effective date of grant of the SAR.

7.3 Exercisability and Term of SARs.

(a) Tandem SARs. Tandem SARs shall be exercisable only at the time and to the extent, and only to the extent, that the related Option is exercisable, subject to such provisions as the Committee may specify where the Tandem SAR is granted with respect to less than the full number of shares of Stock subject to the related Option.

(b) Freestanding SARs. Freestanding SARs shall be exercisable at such time or times, or upon such event or events, and subject to such terms, condition