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Global Eagle Entertainment Inc.

4553 Glencoe Avenue Los Angeles, California 90292

April 29, 2016

Dear Fellow Stockholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. on Tuesday June 21, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. (local time) at 333 S. Grand Avenue, 38th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

Details about the business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting and other information can be found in the attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement. As a stockholder, you will be asked to vote on a number of proposals.

Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in person, your vote is important. After reading the attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement, please submit your proxy or voting instructions promptly.

On behalf of the management team and your Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support and interest in Global Eagle Entertainment Inc.

Sincerely,

Dave Davis
Chief Executive Officer and Director

Global Eagle Entertainment Inc.

4553 Glencoe Avenue Los Angeles, California 90292

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS To Be Held on June 21, 2016

The 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. (the Annual Meeting) will be held on June 21, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. (local time) at 333 S. Grand Avenue, 38th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071 for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect Jeff Sagansky, Edward L. Shapiro and Harry E. Sloan as Class II members of our Board of Directors, each to serve for a three-year term;
 - To approve an amendment to the Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. Amended and Restated 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the Equity Plan), pursuant to which the number of shares of common stock available for grant
- 2. under the Equity Plan would be increased by 2,000,000 and the total value of shares that may be granted to any non-employee director for services as a director during any year, taken together with any cash fees paid, may not exceed \$400,000;
- 3. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers for 2015, as disclosed in this Proxy Statement;
- 4. To consider and vote upon any adjournment of the Annual Meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies in favor of proposal 2;
- 5. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016; and
- 6. To transact any other business that properly comes before the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

These items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice.

Only stockholders of record as of the close of business on April 28, 2016 are entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any and all adjournments or postponements thereof. Stockholders who hold shares in street name may vote through their brokers, banks or other nominees.

Regardless of the number of shares you own and whether you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please vote. All stockholders of record can vote (i) over the Internet by accessing the Internet website specified on the enclosed proxy card and following the instructions provided to you, (ii) by calling the toll-free telephone number specified on the enclosed proxy card and following the instructions when prompted, (iii) by written proxy by signing and dating the enclosed proxy card and returning it, or (iv) by attending the Annual Meeting in person.

We encourage you to receive all proxy materials in the future electronically to help us save printing costs and postage fees, as well as natural resources in producing and distributing these materials. If you wish to receive these materials electronically in the future, please follow the instructions on the proxy card.

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/s/ Stephen Ballas

Stephen Ballas General Counsel and Secretary April 29, 2016

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY
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OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 21, 2016
This Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement
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Global Eagle Entertainment Inc.

4553 Glencoe Avenue Los Angeles, California 90292

PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS To Be Held on June 21, 2016

This Proxy Statement is being furnished to stockholders of record of Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. (Global Eagle, the Company, we, us or our) as of the close of business on April 28, 2016 in connection with the solicitation by o Board of Directors of proxies for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) to be held at 333 S. Grand Avenue, 38th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071, on Tuesday June 21, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. (local time), or at any and all adjournments or postponements thereof, for the purposes stated in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The approximate date of mailing of this Proxy Statement and the enclosed form of proxy is May 4, 2016.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THESE PROXY MATERIALS AND VOTING

Why am I receiving these materials?

We have sent you these proxy materials because our Board of Directors is soliciting your proxy to vote at the Annual Meeting, including at any adjournments or postponements of the meeting. You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting to vote on the proposals described in this Proxy Statement. However, you do not need to attend the meeting to vote your shares. Instead, you may simply complete, sign and return the enclosed proxy card, or follow the instructions below to submit your proxy over the telephone or through the Internet.

How do I attend the Annual Meeting?

The Annual Meeting will be held at 333 S. Grand Avenue, 38th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071 on Tuesday June 21, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. (local time). For directions, contact our offices at (310) 437-6000. Information on how to vote in person at the Annual Meeting is discussed below.

Who can vote at the Annual Meeting?

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on April 28, 2016, the record date for the Annual Meeting, will be

entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. On this record date, there were 78,057,929 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote. For ten days prior to the Annual Meeting, during normal business hours, a complete list of all stockholders on the record date will be available for examination by any stockholder at the Company s offices at 4553 Glencoe Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90292. The list of stockholders will also be available at the Annual Meeting.

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If at the close of business on April 28, 2016 your shares were registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, then you are a stockholder of record. As a stockholder of record, you may vote in person at the meeting or vote by proxy. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we urge you to fill out and return the enclosed proxy card or vote by proxy over the telephone or through the Internet as instructed below to ensure your vote is counted.

Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of a Broker or Bank

If at the close of business on April 28, 2016 your shares were held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, dealer or other similar organization, rather than in your own name, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in street name and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered to be the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the Annual Meeting. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker or other agent regarding how to vote the shares in your account. You are also invited to attend the Annual Meeting. However, since you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote your shares in person at the meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your broker or other agent.

What am I voting on?

There are five matters scheduled for a vote:

- 1. To elect Jeff Sagansky, Edward L. Shapiro and Harry E. Sloan as Class II members of our Board of Directors, each to serve for a three-year term;
 - To approve an amendment to the Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. Amended and Restated 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the Equity Plan), pursuant to which the number of shares of common stock available for grant
- 2. under the Equity Plan would be increased by 2,000,000 and the total value of shares that may be granted to any non-employee director for services as a director during any year, taken together with any cash fees paid, may not exceed \$400,000 (the Equity Plan Amendment);
- 3. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers for 2015, as disclosed in this Proxy Statement;
- 4. To consider and vote upon any adjournment of the Annual Meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies in favor of proposal 2; and
- 5. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

What are our Board of Directors recommendations?

Unless you give other instructions on your proxy card, or by telephone or on the Internet, the persons named as proxy holders on the proxy card will vote in accordance with the recommendations of our Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors recommendation is set forth together with the description of each item in this Proxy Statement. In summary, our Board of Directors recommends a vote:

FOR election of the nominated slate of directors (see Proposal 1); FOR approval of the Equity Plan Amendment (see Proposal 2);

FOR approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers for 2015 (see Proposal 3); FOR the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies in favor of Proposal 2 (see Proposal 4); and

FOR ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 (see Proposal 5).

What if another matter is properly brought before the meeting?

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters that will be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting. If you have submitted a proxy and any other matter is properly presented at the meeting, your proxyholder (one of the individuals named on your proxy card) will vote your shares using his best judgment.

How do I vote?

For Proposal 1, you may either vote For all the nominees to the Board of Directors or you may Withhold your vote for any one or more nominees you specify. For Proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5, you may vote For or Against or abstain from voting.

How do I vote?

The procedures for voting are as follows:

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote in person at the Annual Meeting, vote by proxy using the enclosed proxy card, vote by proxy over the telephone or vote by proxy through the Internet. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy to ensure your vote is counted. You may still attend the meeting and vote in person even if you have already voted by proxy.

To vote in person, come to the Annual Meeting and we will give you a ballot when you arrive. To vote using the proxy card, simply complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy card and return it promptly in the envelope provided. If you return your signed proxy card to us before the Annual Meeting, we will vote your shares as you direct.

To vote by proxy over the telephone, dial toll-free 1-800-776-9437 using a touch-tone phone and follow the recorded instructions. You will be asked to provide the Company number and control number from the enclosed proxy card. Your vote must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on June 20, 2016 to be counted.

To vote by proxy through the Internet, go to *www.voteproxy.com* to complete an electronic proxy card. You will be asked to provide the Company number and control number from the enclosed proxy card. Your vote must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on June 20, 2016 to be counted.

Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of Broker or Bank

If you are a beneficial owner of shares registered in the name of your broker, bank or other agent, you should have received a proxy card and voting instructions with these proxy materials from that organization rather than from us. Simply complete and mail the proxy card to ensure that your vote is counted. Alternatively, you may vote by telephone or through the Internet as instructed by your broker or bank. To vote in person at the Annual Meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy from your broker, bank, or other agent. Follow the instructions from your broker or bank included with these proxy materials, or contact your broker or bank to request a proxy form.

How many votes do I have?

On each matter to be voted upon, you have one vote for each share of common stock you owned at the close of business on April 28, 2016.

What happens if I do not vote?

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If you are a stockholder of record and do not vote by completing your proxy card, by telephone, through the Internet or in person at the Annual Meeting, your shares will not be voted, nor will your shares count toward the establishment of a quorum for the meeting.

Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of Broker or Bank

If you are a beneficial owner and do not instruct your broker, bank or other agent how to vote your shares, the question of whether your broker or nominee will still be able to vote your shares depends on whether the proposal is considered to be a routine matter. See below under What are broker non-votes? for more information. At the Annual

Meeting, only Proposal 5 is considered to be a routine matter. Accordingly, without your instructions, your broker or nominee may not vote your shares on Proposals 1, 2, 3 or 4, but may vote your shares on Proposal 5.

What if I return a signed proxy card or otherwise vote but do not make specific choices?

If you return a signed and dated proxy card or otherwise vote without marking voting selections, your shares will be voted, as applicable, For the election of the three nominees to our Board of Directors and For Proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5. If any other matter is properly presented at the meeting, your proxyholder (one of the individuals named on your proxy card) will vote your shares using his best judgment.

Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?

We will pay for the entire cost of soliciting proxies. In addition to these proxy materials, our directors and employees may also solicit proxies in person, by telephone, or by other means of communication. Directors and employees will not be paid any additional compensation for soliciting proxies. We also have hired Morrow & Co., LLC (Morrow) to assist us in the distribution of proxy materials and the solicitation of votes. Morrow may solicit proxies personally, electronically or by telephone. We will pay Morrow a base fee of \$7,500 plus customary costs and expenses for these services. We have agreed to indemnify Morrow against certain liabilities arising out of or in connection with these services. We may also reimburse brokerage firms, banks and other agents for the cost of forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners.

What does it mean if I receive more than one set of proxy materials?

If you receive more than one set of proxy materials, your shares may be registered in more than one name or in different accounts. Please follow the voting instructions on the proxy card in the proxy materials to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

Can I change my vote after submitting my proxy?

Yes. You can revoke your proxy at any time before the final vote at the meeting. If you are the record holder of your shares, you may revoke your proxy in any one of the following ways:

You may submit another properly completed proxy card with a later date. You may grant a subsequent proxy by telephone or through the Internet.

You may send a timely written notice that you are revoking your proxy to our Secretary at 4553 Glencoe Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90292.

You may attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. Simply attending the meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy.

Your most recent proxy card or telephone or Internet proxy is the one that is counted.

If your shares are held by your broker or bank as a nominee or agent, you should follow the instructions provided by your broker or bank for changing your vote.

When are stockholder proposals and director nominations due for next year s annual meeting?

To be considered for inclusion in next year s proxy materials, your proposal must be submitted in writing by January 29, 2017 to our Secretary at 4553 Glencoe Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90292. All proposals must comply with Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), which lists the requirements for the inclusion of shareholder proposals in company-sponsored proxy materials. If you wish to submit a proposal to be acted on at next year s annual meeting but not included in next year s proxy materials, or if you wish to nominate a director, you must provide written notice as required by our bylaws no earlier than February 21, 2017 and no later than the close of business on March 23, 2017 to our Secretary at 4553 Glencoe Avenue, Los Angeles, California,

90292. If next year s annual meeting is called for a date that is before May 7, 2017 or after August 5, 2017, written notice of such proposal or nomination must be provided to our Secretary to our Secretary at 4553 Glencoe Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90292 no earlier than the opening of business on the 120th day before the date of next year s annual meeting and no later than the later of (a) the close of business on the 90th day before next year s annual meeting or (b) the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of next year s annual meeting is first made by the Company. You are also advised to review our bylaws, which contain additional requirements about advance notice of stockholder proposals and director nominations.

How are votes counted?

Votes will be counted by the inspector of election appointed for the meeting, who will separately count, for the election of directors (Proposal 1), votes For, Withhold and broker non-votes; and for the vote to approve the Equity Plan Amendment (Proposal 2), the advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers for 2015 (Proposal 3), the proposal to adjourn the Annual Meeting, if necessary, to

solicit additional proxies in favor of Proposal 2 (Proposal 4), and the ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal 5), votes For, Against, abstentions and, if applicable, broker non-votes. Broker non-votes, if applicable, will have no effect on the outcome of Proposal 1. Abstentions and broker non-votes, if applicable, will not be counted towards the vote total for Proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5, and thus will have no effect on the outcome of those proposals.

What are broker non-votes?

Under the rules of NASDAQ, which is the exchange on which we list our common shares, your broker, bank, or nominee cannot vote your shares with respect to non-discretionary matters unless you provide instructions on how to vote in accordance with the information and procedures provided to you by your broker, bank, or nominee. All of the proposals presented to the stockholders, other than Proposal 5 (relating to the ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm) will be considered non-discretionary and therefore your broker, bank, or nominee cannot vote your shares without your instruction. If you do not provide instructions with your proxy, your bank, broker, or other nominee may deliver a proxy card expressly indicating that it is NOT voting your shares; this indication that a bank, broker, or nominee is not voting your shares is referred to as a broker non-vote. Because banks, brokers and nominees are permitted to vote uninstructed shares on Proposal 5, broker non-votes will be counted for the purpose of determining the existence of a quorum at the Annual Meeting, but will not count for purposes of determining the number of votes cast on Proposals 1, 2, 3 and 4. You should instruct your broker to vote your shares in accordance with directions you provide.

How many votes are needed to approve each proposal?

For Proposal 1, the election of directors, the three nominees for director receiving a plurality of the votes cast (from the holders of shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the election of directors) will be elected. Only votes For will affect the outcome.

To be approved, Proposal 2, the approval of the Equity Plan Amendment, must receive For votes from the holders of a majority of the votes cast. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal. To be approved on an advisory basis, Proposal 3, the advisory approval of the compensation of our named executive officers for 2015, must receive For votes from the holders of a majority of votes cast, although such vote will not be binding on the Company. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal. To be approved, Proposal 4, the approval of the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, if necessary to solicit additional proxies in favor of Proposal 2, must receive For votes from the holders of a majority of the votes cast. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.

To be approved, Proposal 5, the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, must receive For votes from the holders of a majority of the votes cast. Abstentions will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.

What is the quorum requirement?

Holders of a majority in voting power of the Company s issued and outstanding capital stock entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, present in person or represented by proxy, constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, the chairman of the Annual Meeting will have the power to adjourn the Annual Meeting.

Your shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy (or one is submitted on your behalf by your broker, bank or other nominee) or if you vote in person at the meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement.

How are votes counted?

How can I find out the results of the voting at the Annual Meeting?

Preliminary voting results may be announced at the Annual Meeting. In addition, final voting results will be published in a Current Report on Form 8-K that we expect to file with the SEC within four business days after the Annual Meeting. If final voting results are not available to us in time to file a Form 8-K within four business days after the meeting, we intend to file a Form 8-K to publish preliminary results and, within four business days after the final results are known to us, file an additional Form 8-K to publish the final results.

What proxy materials are available on the Internet?

The Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and 2015 Annual Report are available on our website at www.geemedia.com under Investors Financial Info .

PROPOSAL 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directors currently consists of eight directors, and is divided into three classes. The number of directors is split among the three classes as equally as possible. The term of each directorship is three years, so that one class of directors is elected each year. All directors are elected for three-year terms and until their successors are elected and qualified, or, if sooner, until the director s death, resignation or removal.

At the Annual Meeting, our stockholders will vote to elect three current Class II directors, Jeff Sagansky, Edward L. Shapiro and Harry E. Sloan. The Class II directors will have a term expiring at the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Information concerning each nominee for director is set forth below under Directors and Executive Officers.

Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes of the holders of shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the election of directors. The three nominees for director receiving a plurality of the votes cast (from the holders of shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the election of directors) will be elected. Shares represented by executed proxies will be voted, if authority to do so is not withheld, for the election of the three nominees named below. Broker non-votes, if applicable, will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal. If any nominee becomes unavailable for election as a result of an unexpected occurrence, your shares will be voted for the election of a substitute nominee proposed by us. Each person nominated for election has agreed to serve if elected. Our management has no reason to believe that any nominee will be unable to serve.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH OF JEFF SAGANSKY, EDWARD L. SHAPIRO AND HARRY E. SLOAN AS CLASS II MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Directors

CLASS II DIRECTOR NOMINEES Terms Expiring at the Annual Meeting

Jeff Sagansky, 64

Jeff Sagansky was our President from our inception until the consummation, in January 2013, of our acquisition of all of the outstanding capital stock of Row 44, Inc. (Row 44) and 86% of the shares of Global Entertainment AG (f/k/a Advanced Inflight Alliance AG) (AIA), in a transaction that we refer to as the Business Combination. Mr. Sagansky was President of Silver Eagle Acquisition Corp., a special purpose acquisition company that consummated its business combination with Videocon d2h Limited on March 31, 2015 (Silver Eagle), from April 11, 2013 through Silver Eagle s dissolution in April 2015. Mr. Sagansky has served as Chairman of Hemisphere Media Capital, a private motion picture and television finance company, since 2008. Since January 2013, Mr. Sagansky has been a member of the Board of Directors of Starz (NASDAQ: STRZA, STRZB) and a member of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee of that company. Mr. Sagansky has been a Director of Double Eagle Acquisition Corp. (NASDAQ: EAGL) since June 2015 and its President and Chief Executive Officer since August 2015. From February 2009 to April 2011, he served as non-executive Chairman of RHI Entertainment, Inc., which develops, produces and distributes original made-for-television movies and miniseries. From January 2007 through December 2011, he served as Chairman of Elm Tree Partners, a private casino development company, and from September 2007 to February 2009, he served as Co-Chairman of Peace Arch Entertainment Group, Inc., or Peace Arch, a Canadian production and sales company. He also served as interim chief executive officer of Peace Arch from November 2007 to July 2008. He is currently a director of Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc. (NASDAQ: SNI), a lifestyle media company, and serves on its Audit Committee and Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Sagansky earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard College and a Masters in Business degree from Harvard Business School.

We believe Mr. Sagansky is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors due to his extensive executive leadership experience with the management and operations of companies in the entertainment sector, including public companies in the television industry, as well as his depth of experience in the media and entertainment industries generally.

Edward L. Shapiro, 51

Edward L. Shapiro is our Chairman and joined our Board of Directors upon the consummation of the Business Combination. Mr. Shapiro is a Managing Partner of PAR Capital Management, Inc., a Boston-based investment management firm specializing in investments in travel, media and Internet-related companies. Since April 20, 2016, Mr. Shapiro has served on the board of directors of United Continental Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: UAL). Prior to joining PAR Capital in 1997, Mr. Shapiro was a Vice President at Wellington Management Company, LLP, and before that an Analyst at Morgan Stanley & Co. He previously served on the board of US Airways from 2005 to 2008. Mr. Shapiro also serves on the board of directors of SONIFI Solutions, Inc., a provider of guest engagement solutions for the hospitality and healthcare industries, and Lumexis Corporation, a leading provider of in-flight entertainment systems to airlines. Mr. Shapiro earned his BS in economics from the University of Pennsylvania s Wharton School and an MBA from UCLA s Anderson School of Management.

We believe Mr. Shapiro is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors due to his experience in corporate governance matters, considerable expertise in finance and financial matters, deep understanding of Row 44 and the airline industry, and his extensive experience with travel, media and related businesses.

Harry E. Sloan, 66

Harry E. Sloan was our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from our inception in 2011 until the consummation of the Business Combination and is now a member of our Board of Directors. Mr. Sloan was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Silver Eagle from April 11, 2013 through Silver Eagle s dissolution in April 2015. From October 2005 to August 2009, Mr. Sloan served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Inc., or MGM, a motion picture, television, home entertainment, and theatrical production and distribution company, and thereafter continued as non-executive chairman until January 2011. Mr. Sloan served as an outside consultant to MGM pursuant to a consulting agreement which expired in October 2011. From 1990 to 2001, Mr. Sloan was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SBS Broadcasting, S.A., a European broadcasting group, operating commercial television, premium pay channels, radio stations and related print businesses in Western and Central and Eastern Europe, which he founded in 1990 and served as Executive Chairman until 2005. Mr. Sloan currently serves on the UCLA Anderson School of Management Board of Visitors and the Executive Board of UCLA Theatre, Film and Television. Mr. Sloan received his Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School in 1976 and his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1971.

We believe Mr. Sloan is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors due to his extensive background and experience as an executive in the media and entertainment industries and his substantial mergers-and-acquisitions experience.

CLASS III DIRECTORS REMAINING IN OFFICE Terms Expiring at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

David M. Davis, 49

Dave Davis joined our Board of Directors on July 9, 2014 upon becoming our Chief Executive Officer on that date. Prior to serving as our Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Davis was our Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (from January 31, 2013 until July 8, 2014) and was our Chief Operating Officer (from January 16, 2014 until July 8, 2014). Prior to serving as our Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Mr. Davis was the Chief Financial Officer and a director of Row 44. Mr. Davis was a director of Row 44 since December 2011 and Chief Financial Officer of Row 44 since November 2012. In 2010, Mr. Davis co-founded Bearpath Capital, LLC, a private equity investment and advisory firm. From December 2008 to September 2010, he was a senior managing director at Perseus, LLC, a private equity investment firm. From August 2005 to December 2008, and previously from 1994 to 1999, Mr. Davis spent a total of nearly nine years at Northwest Airlines, eventually being appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. After playing a leading role in Northwest s successful merger with Delta Air Lines in 2008, Mr. Davis left the merged company. From 2002 to 2004, Mr. Davis served as a senior financial executive, including Chief Financial Officer, of US Airways. Earlier in his career, Mr. Davis worked for Rosemount Aerospace (later acquired by BF Goodrich), a manufacturer of instrumentation for aircraft and spacecraft, as a marketing engineer, and for Rockwell International as a flight-planning engineer. Mr. Davis also previously served as a member of the Board of Directors of Lumexis Corporation, a leading provider of in-flight entertainment systems to airlines. Previously, Mr. Davis served on the board of ARINC, Inc. a provider of communications services to the aerospace industry, and MCH Holdings, a regional airline holding company. Mr. Davis holds a Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics and a Master of Business Administration, both from the University of Minnesota.

We believe Mr. Davis is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors due to his extensive understanding of the Company, and his considerable operating, investment and management experience in several companies, including companies in the airline and in-flight entertainment industries.

Robert W. Reding, 66

Robert W. Reding joined our Board of Directors following the consummation of the Business Combination. Mr. Reding has been a consultant in the commercial airline industry since January 2012. From September 2007 until December 2012, Mr. Reding was Executive Vice President-Operations for American Airlines and Executive Vice

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President of AMR Corporation. Prior to that, Mr. Reding served as Senior Vice President-Technical Operations for American from May 2003 to September 2007. In November 2011, AMR Corporation filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code pursuant to a pre-packaged plan of reorganization. Mr. Reding joined AMR Corporation in March 2000 and served as Chief Operations Officer of AMR Eagle through May 2003. Prior to joining AMR Corporation, Mr. Reding served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Reno Air from 1992 to 1998 and President and Chief Executive Officer of Canadian Regional Airlines from 1998 to March 2000. Mr. Reding is a graduate of the United States Air Force pilot training program and served as an officer and pilot flight examiner with the

United States Air Force from 1972 to 1979. Mr. Reding is an honors graduate from the California State Polytechnic University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering and received his master s degree in Business Administration from Southern Illinois University. He is a member of the President s Council of the California State Polytechnic University and has served as a board member of aviation, civic and charitable organizations.

We believe Mr. Reding is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors due to his operating and management experience, including more than 20 years of experience in the airline industry.

CLASS I DIRECTORS REMAINING IN OFFICE Terms Expiring at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Jeffrey E. Epstein, 59

Jeffrey E. Epstein joined our Board of Directors upon the consummation of the Business Combination. Mr. Epstein is an Operating Partner at Bessemer Venture Partners, a venture capital firm, which he joined in November 2011. Mr. Epstein was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Oracle Corporation (NYSE: ORCL) from September 2008 to April 2011. Mr. Epstein has served as a director of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN) since April 2003. Since April 2012, Mr. Epstein has served on the Board of Directors of Shutterstock, Inc. (NYSE: SSTK), and since April 2013, Mr. Epstein has served on the Board of Directors of Kaiser Permanente, a leading non-profit U.S. health care provider and health plan. Mr. Epstein has been a Lecturer at Stanford University s Graduate School of Engineering since September 2014. Mr. Epstein holds a Master of Business Administration from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, where he was an Arjay Miller Scholar, and a Bachelor of Arts from Yale College, where he graduated summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

We believe Mr. Epstein is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors due to his expertise in finance and financial reporting as a former chief financial officer of multiple publicly held companies, including Oracle Corporation, one of the world s largest enterprise software companies.

Jeffrey A. Leddy, 61

Jeffrey A. Leddy joined our Board of Directors upon the consummation of the Business Combination. Mr. Leddy served as the Chief Executive Officer of Verizon Telematics, Inc. (f/k/a Hughes Telematics, Inc. prior to its acquisition by Verizon, Inc. in July 2012) from December 2006 until January 2015 and has served as a member of its Board of Directors since March 2006. From April 2003 through December 2006, Mr. Leddy served as Chief Executive Officer and President of SkyTerra Communications, Inc. (SkyTerra) and on the Board of Directors of SkyTerra from 2006 to 2008. Prior to that, Mr. Leddy served as the President and Chief Operating Officer of SkyTerra from October 2002 and its Senior Vice President of Operations from June 2002. From September 1980 to December 2001, Mr. Leddy worked for EMS Technologies serving most recently as Vice President. From 2005 to 2011, Mr. Leddy served on the Board of Directors of Hughes Communications, Inc. and Hughes Systique Corporation and on the board of managers of Hughes Network Systems, LLC. Mr. Leddy received his bachelor s degree in Physics from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a master s degree in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University.

We believe Mr. Leddy is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors due to his extensive experience with satellite communications and telematics businesses and extensive executive experience, including his public company experience as a chief executive officer and director.

Stephen Hasker, 46

Stephen Hasker joined our Board of Directors on April 1, 2015. Mr. Hasker has been Global President of Nielsen N.V. (NYSE: NLSN), an S&P 500 company that provides global performance management services relating to media viewing and consumer behavior, since 2009. Previously, he served as President, Global Products at Nielsen. Mr. Hasker joined Nielsen in 2009 from McKinsey & Company, where he was a partner in McKinsey s Global Media, Entertainment and Information practice. In this role, Mr. Hasker was responsible for serving clients on issues of strategy, growth and innovation in television, syndicated information, filmed entertainment, sports, and digital advertising. Mr. Hasker joined McKinsey in 1998. Prior to McKinsey, Mr. Hasker spent five years in several financial roles in the U.S., Russia, and Australia. Mr. Hasker holds an

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undergraduate economics degree from the University of Melbourne and has an MBA and a Master s in International Affairs, both with honors, from Columbia University.

We believe Mr. Hasker is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors due to his experience as a public company executive at Nielsen N.V., which provides him with insight into consumer tastes for entertainment, content and services, and his overall experience with media and entertainment businesses.

Executive Officers

Our current executive officers are as follows:

Name	Age	Title
Dave Davis	49	Chief Executive Officer
Michael Zemetra	45	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Walé Adepoju	44	Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer
Aditya Chatterjee	54	Chief Technology Officer
Stephen Ballas	40	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Mr. Davis s biographical information is set forth above on page 9. The following is biographical information for our other executive officers.

Michael Zemetra

Michael Zemetra has served as our Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since November 3, 2014 and previously had served as our Acting Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Chief Accounting Officer since August 15, 2014 and Controller and Chief Accounting Officer since June 17, 2013. Mr. Zemetra has over 15 years of financial and business experience in the media, wireless, biotech and financial services industries. Prior to joining the Company, he spent over five years in the roles of Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer, Senior Vice President and Controller and Vice President and Controller for Demand Media, Inc. (NYSE: DMD), an online media company, where he was instrumental in taking the company public. Mr. Zemetra also served as Vice President and Corporate Controller for Helio LLC, a mobile-wireless joint venture between Earthlink, Inc. and SK Telecom, and Clearant, Inc., a biotechnology company. Mr. Zemetra began his career in the Entertainment, Media and Communications group of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, where he worked for over four years advising large content and media companies such as The Walt Disney Company, Sony Pictures, Paramount Pictures, Spelling Entertainment and LucasFilm. Mr. Zemetra holds a Masters in Accounting from the University of Southern California and a Bachelors of Arts in Business-Economics from the University of California at Riverside, and is a certified public accountant in the State of California.

Walé Adepoju

Walé Adepoju has served as our Executive Vice President & Chief Commercial Officer since July 31, 2014. From September 2013 to April 2014, Mr. Adepoju was Chief Operating Officer of AIA. While at AIA, Mr. Adepoju led the performance growth across the AIA group of companies covering all aspects of in-flight entertainment content, services and applications for airline passengers. From July 2012 to May 2014, Mr. Adepoju also served in management roles for certain of our indirect subsidiaries, including service as Chairman of Inflight Productions Ltd. and President of DTI Software. From April 2012 to August 2013, Mr. Adepoju served as Chief Strategy Officer at

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AIA. From May 2000 to April 2012, Mr. Adepoju served as Managing Director at IMDC Aviation Consulting, an organization that advises companies on optimizing investment in passenger systems. Prior to IMDC, Mr. Adepoju served as Director of Strategy at Spafax, an international content marketing agency with a focus on inflight magazines. Earlier in his career, Mr. Adepoju worked as an air transport analyst providing key investment advice on aerospace companies and products. This included new aircraft analysis, re-engine and retrofit analysis. Mr. Adepoju was part of the investment team that successfully executed the turnaround and sale of Thermal Engineering, an aero engine parts supplier. Mr. Adepoju holds an honors degree in Manufacturing Engineering and a Masters in Air Transport Management from Cranfield University.

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Aditya Chatterjee

Aditya Chatterjee has served as the Company s Chief Technology Officer and Senior Vice President of Connectivity Systems since May 14, 2014. Mr. Chatterjee heads our engineering team, focusing on our technology roadmap, research and development initiatives, and engineering operations. Prior to joining the Company, from March 2007 to March 2014, Mr. Chatterjee worked as Chief Technology Officer and Vice President of Engineering for Spacenet, a provider of very small aperture terminal (VSAT) satellite-based managed network services. While at Spacenet, Mr. Chatterjee was responsible for the delivery of satellite communications, directing the development and management of Spacenet s product and services portfolio, and guiding executive management decisions on sales, marketing and growth strategy. Mr. Chatterjee holds a Bachelor of Technology from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur and a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Stephen Ballas

Stephen Ballas has served as the Company s Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary since April 11, 2016. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Ballas was a Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at CBRE Group, Inc. (NYSE: CBG), or CBRE, from 2013 to 2016, where he managed CBRE s mergers and acquisitions, securities law, corporate finance and corporate governance functions. From 2011 to 2013, Mr. Ballas served as a Senior Counsel at CBRE Global Investors, CBRE s real estate investment management arm. He served as a Vice President at GSO Capital Partners, the credit-investment arm of The Blackstone Group, from 2010 to 2011, and as a Senior Counsel at the New York-based hedge fund TPG-Axon Capital from 2007 to 2010. Mr. Ballas was a corporate associate at the law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP from 2002 to 2007. Mr. Ballas holds a B.A. in Economics from Duke University and a J.D. from Georgetown Law School.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Director Independence

Pursuant to NASDAQ listing standards, a majority of the members of our Board of Directors must qualify as independent, as affirmatively determined by our Board of Directors. Consistent with this requirement, based on the review and recommendation of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (the Governance Committee), our Board of Directors reviewed all relevant identified transactions or relationships between each of our directors, or any of their family members, and us, our senior management and our independent registered public accounting firm, and has affirmatively determined that each of Messrs. Epstein, Hasker, Leddy, Reding, Sagansky, Shapiro and Sloan meets the standards of independence under the applicable NASDAQ listing standards. In making this determination, our Board of Directors found all of our directors (other than Mr. Davis, our Chief Executive Officer) to be free of any relationship that would impair his individual exercise of independent judgment with regard to us. Our Board of Directors has also determined that each member of its Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Governance Committee is independent under NASDAQ Rule 5605(a)(2).

Board Leadership Structure

Our Board believes it is important to maintain flexibility as to the Board's leadership structure, but firmly supports maintaining a non-management director in a leadership role at all times, whether as non-executive Chairman or Lead Director. Under our current structure, Mr. Shapiro serves as non-executive Chairman and as such we do not have a Lead Director because we believe that it is unnecessary. As Chairman of our Board of Directors, Mr. Shapiro has the authority, among other things, to call and preside over Board meetings, to set meeting agendas and to determine materials to be distributed to the Board. Accordingly, the Chairman has substantial ability to shape the work of the Board.

We believe that separation of the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer reinforces the independence of the Board in its oversight of our business and affairs and is more conducive to objective evaluation and oversight of management s performance, increasing management accountability and improving the ability of the Board to monitor whether management s actions are in the best interests of us and our stockholders.

Role of the Board in Risk Oversight

One of the Board skey functions is informed oversight of our risk management process. The Board does not have a standing risk management committee, but rather administers this oversight function directly through the Board as a whole, as well as through various Board standing committees that address risks inherent in their respective areas of oversight. In particular, while our Board is responsible for monitoring and assessing strategic risk exposure, our Audit

Committee has the responsibility to consider and discuss our major financial risk exposures and the steps our management has taken to monitor and control these exposures, including guidelines and policies to govern the process by which risk assessment and management is undertaken. Our Audit Committee also monitors compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Our Compensation Committee assesses and monitors whether any of our compensation policies and programs has the potential to encourage excessive risk-taking. It is the responsibility of the committee chairs to report findings regarding material risk exposures to the Board. The Chairman has the responsibility of

coordinating between the Board and management with regard to the determination and implementation of responses to any problematic risk management issues.

Meetings of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met seven times during 2015. Each incumbent Board member attended 75% or more of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and of the committees on which he served that were held during the year. While we do not have a formal policy regarding Board members—attendance at our annual meetings of stockholders, we encourage all Board members to attend each annual meeting. At our annual meeting of stockholders held in 2015, of the members of our Board, David M. Davis was in attendance. The Board also has regularly scheduled executive sessions at which only independent directors are present.

Information Regarding Committees of the Board of Directors

Our Board has an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and an Governance Committee. The charter for each of our Board committees is posted on our website at www.geemedia.com under Investors Governance. The following table provides current membership and meeting information for each of these Board committees.

Name	Audit	Compensation	Governance
David M. Davis			
Edward L. Shapiro, Board Chairman			X
Jeffrey E. Epstein	X^*		X^*
Stephen Hasker		X	
Jeffrey A. Leddy	X	X^*	
Robert W. Reding		X	
Jeff Sagansky	X	X	
Harry E. Sloan			X
Total meetings in 2015	8	5	3

Committee Chairman

Below is a description of each committee of our Board of Directors.

Audit Committee

Each member of the Audit Committee is financially literate and our Board of Directors has determined that Jeffrey E. Epstein qualifies as an audit committee financial expert as defined in applicable SEC rules because he meets the requirement for past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in accounting or comparable experience. The responsibilities of our Audit Committee include:

reviewing the Company s annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements with management and the independent registered public accounting firm;

appointing the independent registered public accounting firm, determining the compensation of the independent registered public accounting firm and pre-approving the engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm for audit and non-audit services to be performed by the independent registered public accounting firm and the related fees for such services;

overseeing the independent registered public accounting firm, including reviewing independence and quality control procedures and experience and qualifications of audit personnel that are providing us audit services;

meeting with the independent registered public accounting firm to discuss planning and staffing of the audit; reviewing with the independent registered public accounting firm and management the adequacy of the Company s internal control over financial reporting, and any significant findings and recommendations with respect to such controls:

establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding internal accounting controls or auditing matters and, if applicable, the confidential, anonymous submissions by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;

meeting periodically with management to review and assess the Company s major financial risk exposures and the manner in which such risks are being monitored and controlled;

meeting periodically (not less than annually) in separate executive session with each of the Chief Financial Officer and the independent registered public accounting firm; and

reviewing and approving all related party transactions.

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Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee is responsible for overseeing matters relating to compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers and employees, including the administration of incentive-based and equity-based compensation plans. The functions of our Compensation Committee include:

determining and reviewing, on an annual basis, our compensation philosophy and policies; determining the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer (the Chief Executive Officer may not be present during that determination);

determining the compensation of our other executive officers. The Committee may invite the Chief Executive Officer to be present during the Committee s voting or deliberations on these executive officers;

delegating (to the extent permitted under the Compensation Committee s charter) to our management determination of the compensation of our other employees;

determining, or recommending to the Board for determination, the compensation of members of the Board and other committees thereof in connection with such Board and committee service;

reviewing and discussing the Compensation Discussion and Analysis disclosure with management, recommending to the Board its inclusion in our annual proxy statement and preparing a report for inclusion in such proxy statement that certifies that the Committee has discharged this duty;

administering the severance, incentive-based and equity-based plans established or maintained by us from time-to-time;

reviewing our compensation practices and the relationship among risk, risk management and compensation in light of our objectives, including its safety and soundness and the avoidance of practices that would encourage excessive risk; and

to the extent it deems necessary or appropriate and in its sole discretion, engaging and terminating compensation consultants, independent legal counsel, or other advisors.

The specific decisions of our Compensation Committee with respect to executive compensation for the year ended December 31, 2015 are described in greater detail in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

During 2015, none of the members of our Compensation Committee was a current or former employee of our Company.

No interlocking relationships exist between our Board of Directors or our Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee of any other entity. None of our executive officers serves, or in the past year has served, as a member of the Board of Directors or compensation committee of any entity that has one or more executive officers serving on our Board of Directors or our Compensation Committee.

Governance Committee

The Governance Committee is responsible for overseeing the selection of persons to be nominated to serve on our Board of Directors and to assist the Board in developing and ensuring compliance with the Company s foundational and corporate governance documents. The functions of our Governance Committee include:

identifying and recommending to the Board individuals qualified to serve as directors of the Company;

advising the Board with respect to the Board composition, procedures and committees, including establishing criteria for annual performance evaluations of the Board committees by the Board;

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advising the Board with respect to proposed changes to the Company s certificate of incorporation, bylaws and corporate governance policies;

reviewing annually the Company s Code of Ethics;

advising the Board with respect to communications with the Company s stockholders; and evaluating any requests for waivers from the Company s Code of Ethics and considering questions of conflicts of interest of Board members and the Company s senior executives.

Director Nominations

The Board of Directors has delegated to the Governance Committee the responsibility of identifying, screening and recommending candidates to the Board. Potential candidates are interviewed by the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of the Governance Committee prior to their nomination, and may be interviewed by other directors and members of senior management. The Governance Committee then meets to consider and approve the final candidates, and either makes its recommendation to the Board to fill a vacancy, add an additional member, or recommends a slate of candidates to the Board for nomination for election to the Board. The selection process for candidates is intended to be flexible, and the Governance Committee, in the exercise of its discretion, may deviate from the selection process when particular circumstances warrant a different approach.

The Governance Committee will consider candidates proposed by stockholders to be potential director nominees. Stockholders wishing to nominate a candidate for consideration by the Governance Committee as a director nominee should provide the name of any recommended candidate, together with a brief biographical sketch, a document indicating the candidate s willingness to serve, if elected, and evidence of the nominating stockholder s ownership of Company stock to the attention of the Secretary of the Company at 4553 Glencoe Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90292, and otherwise follow the Company s nominating process summarized above under Questions and Answers about these Proxy Materials and Voting When are stockholder proposals and director nominations due for next year s annual meeting? and more fully described in the Company s bylaws. The Governance Committee s policy is to evaluate director nominees proposed by stockholders in the same manner that all other director nominees are evaluated. The general criteria our Governance Committee consider important in evaluating director candidates are: (i) senior-level management and decision-making experience; (ii) a reputation for integrity and abiding by exemplary standards of business and professional conduct; (iii) ability to devote time and attention necessary to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a director; (iv) a record of accomplishment in their respective fields, with leadership experience in a corporation or other complex organization, including government, educational and military institutions; (v) independence and the ability to represent all Global Eagle Entertainment stockholders; (vi) legal and NASDAQ listing requirements; (vii) sound business judgment; (viii) candor; (ix) judgment, skills, geography and other measures to ensure that the Board as a whole reflects a range of viewpoints, backgrounds, skills, experience and expertise; and (x) the needs of the Board of Directors. Although the Governance Committee does not have a formal policy regarding diversity in making its recommendations, in considering the foregoing criteria, the Governance Committee seeks to have a Board of Directors that reflects diversity in background, education, business experience, gender, race, ethnicity, culture, skills, business relationships and associations and other factors that will contribute to the Board of Directors governance of the Company, and reviews its effectiveness in achieving such diversity when assessing the composition of the Board of Directors.

The Company may, in the future, pay a third-party a fee to assist it in the process of identifying and/or evaluating director candidates.

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Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors

Our Board has adopted a formal process by which stockholders may communicate with the Board or any of its directors. Stockholders who wish to communicate with the Board or an individual director may send a written communication to the Board or such director addressed to our Secretary at 4553 Glencoe Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90292. Each communication must set forth:

the name and address of the stockholder on whose behalf the communication is sent; and the number of our shares that are owned beneficially by such stockholder as of the date of the communication. Each communication will be reviewed by our Secretary to determine whether it is appropriate for presentation to the Board or such director. Examples of inappropriate communications include advertisements, solicitations or hostile communications. Communications determined by our Secretary to be appropriate for presentation to the Board or such director will be submitted to the Board Chairman, the Board or such director on a periodic basis.

Code of Ethics

We have adopted a code of ethics that applies to all of our employees, officers and directors, including those officers responsible for financial reporting. The code of ethics is available on our website at www.geemedia.com under Investors Governance .

Director Compensation

We have adopted a compensation program for non-employee directors. The non-employee director compensation program is intended to fairly compensate each of our non-employee directors with cash and equity compensation for the time and effort necessary to serve as a member of our Board.

Cash compensation. Our non-employee directors are entitled to receive annual cash compensation in the amount of \$75,000 per calendar year for their services on the Board. Our Board Chairman is entitled to receive an additional \$25,000 per calendar year for his or her service as Chairman. The Chair of our Audit Committee is entitled to receive an additional \$25,000 per calendar year for his or her service as Chairman of that committee. The Chair of our Compensation Committee is entitled to receive an additional \$10,000 per calendar year for his or her service as Chairman of that Committee.

Equity compensation. On March 16, 2015, our Compensation Committee revised the equity compensation component of our non-employee director compensation program to provide that our non-employee directors are entitled to receive annual equity awards valued at \$100,000 per calendar year, consisting of stock options and/or restricted stock units (RSUs). On March 10, 2016, our Board granted to each non-employee director for their services in 2015 (i) 15,444 stock options which have a five year term, an exercise price of \$9.25 (the closing price of our common stock on the grant date) and vest in four equal quarterly installments beginning on June 10, 2016 and (ii) 5,405 restricted stock units which vest on April 10, 2017.

The table below provides summary information concerning compensation paid or accrued by us during 2015 to or on behalf of our non-employee directors for services rendered during 2015.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Option Awards (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Louis Bélanger-Martin ⁽¹⁾	\$ 75,000	\$ 108,915	\$ 48,163	\$	\$ 232,078
Robert W. Reding	\$ 75,000	\$ 108,915	\$ 48,163	\$	\$ 232,078
Jeffrey A. Leddy ⁽²⁾	\$ 82,500	\$ 108,915	\$ 48,163	\$	\$ 239,578
Jeffrey E. Epstein	\$ 100,000	\$ 108,915	\$ 48,163	\$	\$ 257,078
Harry E. Sloan ⁽³⁾	\$ 77,500	\$ 108,915	\$ 48,163	\$	\$ 234,578
Jeff Sagansky	\$ 75,000	\$ 108,915	\$ 48,163	\$	\$ 232,078
Edward L. Shapiro	\$ 100,000	\$ 108,915	\$ 48,163	\$	\$ 257,078
Stephen Hasker ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 56,250	\$ 27,966	\$ 36,125	\$	\$ 120,341

⁽¹⁾ Effective March 11, 2016, the Board accepted the resignation of Louis Bélanger-Martin from the Board.

As of December 31, 2015, Mr. Hasker held 3,950 unvested stock options and 2,764 unvested RSUs and each Messrs. Bélanger-Martin, Reding, Leddy, Epstein, Sloan, Sagansky and Shapiro held 3,685 unvested RSUs.

⁽²⁾ Mr. Leddy received \$7,500 for his service as Chairman of the Compensation Committee from March 2015 through the end of 2015.

⁽³⁾ Mr. Sloan received \$2,500 for his service as Chairman of the Compensation Committee from January through March 2015.

Mr. Hasker s fees are pro-rated for partial year service in 2015 based on his appointment to our board on April 1, 2015.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Committee Report

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis contained in this Proxy Statement. Based on this review and discussion, the Compensation Committee has recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement and incorporated into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Jeffrey A. Leddy, Chair Stephen Hasker Robert W. Reding Jeff Sagansky

The material in this report of the Compensation Committee is not soliciting material, is furnished to, but not deemed filed with, the SEC and is not deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any such filing.

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Executive Summary

Our company is a combination of a number of companies that have been acquired since January 2013, and, as a result, our executive compensation programs and philosophies have evolved over the past three years. Throughout 2015, we continued to invest significant time and effort growing our businesses, integrating our acquired companies and management team, continuing to add to our capabilities, organically and through additional acquisitions, and further defining our business strategy. Key accomplishments in fiscal year 2015 included:

we achieved record revenue of \$426.0 million and Adjusted EBITDA¹ of \$50.0 million in 2015, representing year-over-year growth of 10% and 63%, respectively;

we grew our installed base of connectivity planes from 624 at December 31, 2014 to 692 at December 31, 2015; we won over 20 new key customers in our content and connectivity segments, including new connectivity wins at flydubai and China s Hainan Airlines and Beijing Capital Airlines;

we progressed in our connectivity trials with major international partners, Air China and Air France/Orange, and received STC approval of our connectivity system, AIRCONNECT, on Airbus A320 aircrafts;

we acquired and integrated four companies in in the second half of 2015, which included Western Outdoor Interactive Private Limited, certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of RMG Networks Holding Corporation, Marks Systems, Inc. and NavAero Holding AB. We made these acquisitions to expand our global in-flight games and advertising services capabilities and grow our emerging operations solutions platform; and we announced in July 2015 that our Ku-band satellite connectivity system, AIRCONNECT, became catalogue offerable on new Boeing 737 aircrafts.

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. For a description of how we define Adjusted EBITDA and a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net income calculated in accordance with GAAP, see Annex B.

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Our future success and ability to deliver on our short- and long-term business objectives are dependent on our ability to attract, retain and motivate our senior management team, as well as key talent in our sales, customer management and service delivery areas.

For 2015, our named executive officers included the following individuals:

Name Title

David M. Davis Chief Executive Officer and Director Michael Zemetra Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Wale Adepoju Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer

Aditya Chatterjee Chief Technology Officer and Senior Vice President Connectivity

Systems

Jay Itzkowitz Former Senior Vice President and General Counsel⁽¹⁾

(1) Mr. Itzkowitz ceased to be our Senior Vice President and General Counsel on April 10, 2016, and his employment with the Company will terminate on April 30, 2016.

Executive Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

We operate in a highly competitive industry providing content and connectivity to the worldwide airline industry, which is characterized by frequent technological advances, rapidly changing market requirements, and the regular emergence of new market entrants. To succeed in this environment, we must continuously develop and refine new and existing products and services, devise new business models, and demonstrate an ability to quickly identify and capitalize on new business opportunities. To achieve these objectives, we need a highly talented and seasoned team of technical, sales, marketing, operations, financial and other business professionals. We believe that the compensation of our executives should be closely tied to the near and long-term performance and growth of the Company so that their interests are aligned with those of our stockholders. Consistent with this philosophy, the following core principles provide a framework for the Company s executive compensation philosophy:

to provide a competitive compensation package to attract and retain talented executives to manage and operate all aspects of our business;

to reward the achievement of corporate and individual objectives that promote the growth and profitability of our business; and

to align the interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders by providing long-term equity-based compensation.

In order to satisfy the foregoing objectives, our approach to compensation decisions has been flexible rather than purely formulaic. We strive to balance incentives that promote long-term, sustainable performance and to discourage inappropriate risk-taking. Our metrics and targets for earning performance-based incentives, such as revenue and Adjusted EBITDA growth targets, are consistent with our business objectives and increasing stockholder value over the long-term. The portion of total compensation that is performance-based, such as individual annual incentives, increases commensurate with the level of an individual s responsibility.

In 2015, as explained in more detail below, management engaged Seabury Group (Seabury) in connection with benchmarking and developing a compensation program covering our named executive officers and other members of our senior management team.

We expect that our Compensation Committee will generally determine the overall compensation of our named

executive officers and the allocation among the elements described above, in consultation with our Chief Executive Officer and/or our Chief Financial Officer. The following is a discussion of the philosophy and objectives of our executive compensation program.

Roles of Our Board of Directors, Compensation Committee and Chief Executive Officer in Compensation Decisions

Prior to 2015, the compensation arrangements for Messrs. Davis and Zemetra were determined in arm s-length negotiations with each individual executive. For 2015, management engaged Seabury to provide market data, benchmarking and other compensation-related information used to prepare a compensation program covering our executive officers, which our Chief Executive Officer proposed to our Compensation Committee.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving compensation for all executive officers. This includes approving the goals and payouts under our annual incentive plan, target compensation opportunities and actual payouts for the executives, all long-term incentive grant levels and terms as well as the design of programs in which the executives participate. Our Chief Executive Officer recommends to the Compensation Committee the compensation packages for all our executive officers other than himself, including base salary increases and equity and cash incentive awards. The Compensation Committee is also authorized to retain the services of compensation consultants and other advisors from time to time, as it sees fit, in connection with carrying out its responsibilities.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Compensation Committee considers a number of factors, including the following:

our financial condition and available resources; our need to fill a particular position;

an evaluation of the competitive market based on the collective experience of the members of the Compensation Committee with other similar companies;

the individual s experience and expertise; and

the compensation levels of our other executive officers, each as of the time of the applicable compensation decision. Generally, the focus of these arrangements is to recruit skilled individuals to help us meet our product development and growth objectives, while continuing to achieve our financial growth goals, as well as to maintain the level of talent and experience needed to foster the growth of the Company.

Compensation Benchmarking

In 2015, we reviewed the compensation practices that support our ability to retain and motivate our leadership talent and attract new talent to our Company. This effort included a review of the competitiveness of our compensation practices in the global markets in which we compete for talent, the historical practices of our acquired companies and a review of the consistency of pay across the Company, and an assessment of how our compensation programs support our short- and long-term business objectives. As a part of this review, Seabury assisted management in analyzing external market data on compensation benchmarks of our executive officers against peer companies of comparable size in the entertainment and technology industries. Data was obtained from proxy statements as well as published survey data. This review included a peer group consisting of the following 14 companies in our industry, who collectively have median revenues of \$366 million and where the Company ranks in the 50th percentile in the group in terms of annual revenue:

Broadsoft, Inc. Conversant, LLC DTS, Inc.

Harmonic, Inc.

Comserve, Inc.

Dolby Laboratories, Inc.

Gogo Inc.

Iridium Communications Inc.

LogMeIn, Inc. RealD Inc.

RLJ Entertainment, Inc. Rovi Corporation

Synchronoss Technologies, Inc. TiVo Inc.

Management took this benchmarking information into account in preparing its compensation proposals to the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee considered this benchmarking information in reaching its determinations regarding the compensation of our named executive officers and other executive

officers for 2015. While the Compensation Committee considers the compensation of senior executives at peer group companies, it did not benchmark a particular percentile for the total compensation of our named executive officers or for any component thereof.

Say-on-Pay Vote Result

At our 2015 annual meeting of stockholders, approximately 99% of the votes cast on the say-on-pay proposal were voted in favor of our compensation paid to our named executive officers for 2014. Our Board of Directors and our Compensation Committee reviewed these vote results and determined that, given the significant level of support, no significant changes to our executive compensation policies and decisions were warranted in 2015. Our management also engages in dialogue with our largest stockholders on an ongoing basis, and the Compensation Committee will continue to consider the results of the Company s say-on-pay votes when making future compensation decisions for the named executive officers.

Elements of Executive Compensation

We believe the compensation packages of our named executive officers are consistent with our compensation objectives, in that their compensation consists of a mix of base salary, cash incentive bonuses, equity-based incentives and standard employee benefits. The following table sets forth the key elements of our named executive officers compensation, along with the primary objective associated with each element of compensation. We expect that these elements and objectives will be reflected in our executive compensation program developed by our Compensation Committee, as discussed in greater detail below.

Compensation Element	Type	Primary Objective
Base salary	Fixed Annual cash	Attract and retain high-performing and experienced leaders at a competitive level of salary.
Annual performance-based cash compensation	Variable Annual cash	Motivate and reward executives for achieving annual corporate earnings and/or revenue goals and the achievement of strategic goals at the company, department and individual level that lead to long-term value creation. Align the interests of our named executive officers with
Long-term equity incentive compensation	Variable Equity	stockholder interests, encourage the maximization of stockholder value and retain key executives over the long term.
Severance and change in control benefits	Selective	To encourage the continued attention and dedication of our named executive officers and provide reasonable individual security to enable our named executive officers to focus on our best interests, particularly when considering strategic alternatives that may adversely impact our named executive officers.

Compensation Mix

For 2015, the Compensation Committee reviewed benchmarking data described above and approved target levels and the mix of fixed and variable compensation for our executive officers. To tie our executive compensation programs to our performance, we weighted the targeted 2015 total compensation package more towards variable annual incentive awards and long-term equity incentives. The chart below shows the target mix of each element of the total

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Base Salary

Base salaries for our named executive officers are generally based on the scope of their responsibilities, historical performance and individual experience. We also aim to set base salaries at levels generally comparable with those of executives in similar positions and with similar responsibilities at comparable companies as necessary to attract, retain and motivate executives. Base salaries are reviewed at least annually, and may be further adjusted from time to time by the Compensation Committee.

As a result of the external benchmarking described above, Mr. Davis received an increase in his base salary from \$500,000 to \$550,000, Mr. Adepoju received an increase in his base salary from \$400,000 to \$408,000 and Mr. Chatterjee received an increase in his base salary from \$275,000 to \$300,000, each effective as of April 1, 2015. Given Mr. Zemetra s appointment to Chief Financial Officer effective November 3, 2014, Mr. Zemetra was not eligible for a change in base salary in 2015.

Annual Cash Incentive Compensation

The Compensation Committee approved changes to the annual incentive plan for 2015 in an effort to better align the plan with stockholder interests and executive compensation programs of peer companies. For 2015, the annual incentive payouts for the named executive officers were calculated as follows: 45% on achievement of pre-bonus Adjusted EBITDA targets, 25% on achievement of consolidated revenue targets, 15% on achievement of 2015 strategic objectives agreed to in December 2014 and 15% on achievement of individual objectives identified for each named executive officer, as assessed by the Compensation Committee.

For 2015, our strategic objectives for all of our named executive officers consisted of the following:

Onboard new clients, including at least four major new connectivity customers;

Execute on Connectivity and Digital Media roadmap;

Continue global integration and organizational alignment;

Deliver single operating platform for content services and develop and begin implementation of certain transformation initiatives:

Pursue targeted mergers-and-acquisitions opportunities;
Hire and develop internal key talent;
Continue to enhance companywide communication; and
Grow our digital media business.

For Messrs. Davis, Adepoju, Chatterjee and Itzkowitz, individual goals consisted of making contributions to the company strategic goals listed above, and, other than for Mr. Davis, execution of specific projects, tasks and expectations identified by Mr. Davis. Mr. Zemetra s individual goals related to financial integration, achieving certain cost reductions and finance department reorganization, development, oversight and leadership.

For 2015, the 2015 target annual incentive for Mr. Davis was 100% of base salary and the 2015 target annual incentives for Mr. Zemetra and Mr. Adepoju were 75% of base salary, based on the Compensation Committee s review of market data in December 2014. Executives have the opportunity to earn from 0% to 150% of their target annual incentive amounts based on actual achievement against the performance goals established for each metric.

In March 2016, the Compensation Committee approved performance achievement against the goals established at the beginning of 2015 and actual payouts for the named executive officers under the annual incentive plan. The goals, performance achievement and payouts are shown in the table below. Incentive payouts for named executive officers are also based 15% on achievement of individual objectives as assessed by the Compensation Committee. The actual payouts shown in the tables below reflect these assessments.

Performance Metric	Weighti	Goal at ngTarget (millions)	Actual Performance (millions)	Actual as a % of Goal	Payout as a % of Target
Pre-bonus Adjusted EBITDA	45%	\$59.0	\$55.0	94%	85%
Consolidated Revenue	25%	\$430.0	\$426.0	99%	94%
Company Strategic Goals	15%	Committee assessment	100%	100%	100%
Individual Objectives	15%	Committee assessment	Individually Assessed	Individually Assessed	Individually Assessed

The table below shows the 2015 target and actual annual incentive payouts for the named executive officers, expressed as a percentage of base salary:

Name	2015 Target Annual Incentive (% of base salary)	2015 Actual Annual Incentive (% of base salary)
David Davis	100 %	93.9 %
Michael Zemetra	75 %	65.9 %
Walé Adepoju	75 %	68.7 %
Aditya Chatterjee	50 %	45.8 %
Jay Itzkowitz ⁽¹⁾	50 %	40.2 %

⁽¹⁾ Mr. Itzkowitz ceased to be our Senior Vice President and General Counsel on April 10, 2016, and his employment with the Company will terminate on April 30, 2016.

Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Compensation

We utilize restricted stock units and stock options to reward long-term performance. We believe that providing a meaningful portion of an executive s total compensation package in the form of equity awards aligns the long-term incentives of the named executive officers with the interests of our stockholders.

Prior to 2015, our executives received significant equity grants when they joined the Company, and as a result we did not establish an ongoing equity award program for our executives. In March 2015, the Compensation Committee reviewed the types and amounts of long-term incentives provided by peer companies with the assistance of Seabury as described above, our desired compensation objectives and positions relative to the market, and the desired mix of total compensation for our executives. Based on this review, the Compensation Committee concluded that there was a need for an ongoing equity award program and approved 2015 long-term incentive grants for the named executive officers that included a mix of 50% stock options and 50% restricted stock units (RSUs). The stock options and RSUs vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant. In August 2015, the

Compensation Committee approved guidelines for annual equity grants to our executive officers. These guidelines include an equity grant range, expressed as a percentage of base salary, that may vary by individual executive based on performance and retention concerns. The guidelines also include a grant mix of 50% stock options and 50% RSUs. Our ongoing equity award program will also take into consideration our pool of shares available for grant, the rate at which we deplete our pool of shares available for grant, our annual equity usage rates and corresponding levels of dilution to our stockholders resulting from such awards. We do not yet have any stock ownership guidelines or requirements for our executive officers or directors but will look to establish guidelines as our ongoing equity award program develops.

Severance Benefits

Under the terms of their respective executive employment agreements, our named executive officers are entitled to certain severance benefits, including benefits payable upon termination without cause or termination for good reason.

Historically, severance benefits have been individually negotiated on a case-by-case basis. These provisions are discussed more fully in the section below under Executive Compensation Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control.

Perquisites

Our executive officers generally do not receive any supplemental retirement benefits or perquisites, except for limited perquisites provided on a case-by-case basis. In considering potential perquisites, the Compensation Committee compares the cost to the value of providing these benefits.

Deductibility of Executive Compensation; Code Section 162(m)

Section 162(m) of the Code limits the amount that a public company may deduct from federal income taxes for remuneration paid to the chief executive officer and the three other most highly paid executive officers, other than the chief financial officer, up to \$1.0 million per executive per year, unless certain requirements are met. While the Compensation Committee is mindful of the benefit to us of the full deductibility of compensation, the Compensation Committee believes that it should not be constrained by the requirements of Section 162(m) where those requirements would impair flexibility in compensating our executive officers in a manner that can best promote our corporate objectives. We intend to continue to compensate our executive officers in a manner consistent with the best interests of the Company and our stockholders.

Accounting Considerations

The accounting impact of our executive compensation program is one of many factors that the Compensation Committee considers in making decisions with respect to compensation.

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Summary Compensation Table for 2015

The following table shows the compensation earned or received during 2015, 2014, and 2013 by each of our named executive officers for the years in which they were named executive officers (as determined pursuant to the SEC s disclosure requirements for executive compensation in Item 402 of Regulation S-K).

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Option Awards (\$) ⁽²⁾	Non-Equi Incentive Plan Compensa (\$) ⁽³⁾	Other	Total s ás jon
David M Davis	2015	537,671		399,997	386,790	516,313		1,840,771
Chief Executive	2014	427,869			673,000		0= 001	1,100,869
Officer	2013	425,000		75.000	2,648,897	000 516	97,921	3,171,818
Michael Zemetra	2015	350,000	75,000	75,008	72,522	230,516		728,046
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Walé Adepoju	2014	261,818	75,000	63,752	365,250			765,819
Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer	2015	406,027		199,998	193,395	280,373		1,079,793
Aditya Chatterjee Chief Technology Officer and Senior Vice President Connectivity Systems	2015	293,836		75,008	72,522	137,438	31,787	610,591
Jay Itzkowitz ⁽⁵⁾ Former Senior Vice President and General Counsel	2015	310,000		75,008	72,522	124,581		582,111

Amounts set forth in this column represent the grant date fair value of stock-based awards granted during the year computed in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification Topic No. 718, Compensation Stock

- (1) Compensation (ASC 718). For 2015, the aggregate grant date fair value of the stock awards reflected in these columns was determined using the valuation methodology and assumptions set forth in Note 12 Stock Options, Common Stock and Warrants of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 (2015 Form 10-K).
 - Amounts set forth in this column represent the grant date fair value of stock-based awards granted during the year computed in accordance with ASC 718. For 2015, the aggregate grant date fair value of the stock option awards
- (2) reflected in these columns was determined using the valuation methodology and assumptions set forth in Note 12 Stock Options, Common Stock and Warrants of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the 2015 Form 10-K.
- (3) Amounts disclosed under the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column reflect the amounts earned by each executive during the applicable year under the Annual Incentive Plan.
- (4) Perquisites whose aggregate value is less than \$10,000 are not disclosed. Amounts disclosed under All Other Compensation includes \$31,787 of income from reimbursements for temporary housing and moving costs for Mr.

Chatterjee in 2015. Amounts also include \$3,870 cost of long-term care plan paid for by the Company for Mr. Davis and approximately \$94,051 of income from reimbursements for certain commuting and temporary residence/hotel costs incurred by Mr. Davis in 2013, of which \$26,000 represents a gross-up to cover Mr. Davis income taxes from such reimbursements in 2013.

(5) Mr. Itzkowitz ceased to be our Senior Vice President and General Counsel on April 10, 2016, and his employment with the Company will terminate on April 30, 2016.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards for 2015

The following table sets forth information relating to grants of plan-based awards to the named executive officers in 2015.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Under Non-Equit Awards ⁽¹⁾ Threshold (\$)	ty Incentive		All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)(2)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securitie Underlyi Options (#) ⁽³⁾	Price of sOption	Fair Value of Stock and Option
David M. Davis	3/16/2015	130,625	550,000	825,000	30,418	84,268	13.15	786,787
Michael Zemetra	3/16/2015	62,334	262,500	393,750	5,704	15,800	13.15	147,530
Wale Adepoju	3/16/2015	72,675	306,000	459,000	15,209	42,134	13.15	393,393
Aditya Chatterjee	3/16/2015	35,625	150,000	225,000	5,704	15,800	13.15	147,530
Jay Itzkowitz ⁽⁵⁾	3/16/2015	36,813	155,000	232,500	5,704	15,800	13.15	147,530

- (1) Represents potential payouts under the 2015 annual incentive plan at threshold, target and maximum levels of performance.
- Represents RSUs that were granted under the Equity Plan. RSUs have a five-year term and generally vest in four
- (2) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of their grant date, and are generally subject to continuous employment.
 - Represents stock options that were granted under the Equity Plan. Stock options have a five-year term and
- (3) generally vest and become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of their grant date, generally subject to continuous employment.
 - Amounts reflect the grant date fair value of stock options granted in 2015, computed in accordance with ASC 718,
- (4) rather than amounts paid to or realized by the named individual. We provide information regarding the assumptions used to calculate the value of the stock options in Note 12 to the Company s audited consolidated financial statements filed with the 2015 Form 10-K.
- Mr. Itzkowitz ceased to be our Senior Vice President and General Counsel on April 10, 2016, and his employment (5) with the Company will terminate on April 30, 2016. In connection with such termination, Mr. Itzkowitz forfeited all of his then outstanding unvested plan-based awards.

Outstanding Equity Awards at 2015 Year-End

The following table sets forth the equity-based awards held by the named executive officers that were outstanding on December 31, 2015.

		Option/Stock	k Appreciation	n Award	ls	Stock Av Number	
Name	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisab (#)		Option Expiration Date	of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)(3)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)^{(4)}
David M. Davis	1/31/2013	492,188(1)	182,812(1)	10.00	1/31/2018	,	
	1/13/2014	11,979 (1)	13,021 (1)	16.90	1/16/2019		
	7/9/2014	35,417 ⁽¹⁾	64,583 (1)	11.43	7/9/2019		
	3/16/2015		84,268 (2)	13.15	3/16/2020	30,418	300,226
Michael Zemetra	6/25/2013	78,854 (1)	$103,125^{(1)}$	9.87	6/25/2018		
	10/31/2014	21,875 (1)	53,125 (1)	12.23	10/31/2019		
	3/16/2015		$15,800^{(2)}$	13.15	3/16/2020	5,704	56,298
Walé Adepoju	9/16/2013	324,166 ⁽¹⁾	145,834(1)	10.00	9/16/2018		
	6/5/2014	37,500 (1)	62,500 (1)	10.57	6/5/2019		
	3/16/2015		42,134 (2)	13.15	3/16/2020	15,209	150,113
Aditya Chatterjee	6/5/2014	98,958 (1)	$151,042^{(1)}$	10.57	6/5/2019		
	3/16/2015		15,800 (2)	13.15	3/16/2020	5,704	56,298
Jay Itzkowitz ⁽⁵⁾	6/25/2013	184,114 ⁽¹⁾	$131,250^{(1)}$	9.87	6/25/2018		
	3/16/2015		15,800 ⁽²⁾	13.15	3/16/2020	5,704	56,298

Represents stock options that vest and become exercisable with respect to 25% of their underlying shares on the first anniversary of their grant date and vest with respect to the remaining 75% of their underlying shares ratably on a monthly basis over the following three years until fully vested. In general, recipients of stock options must be continuously employed from the grant date to the applicable vesting date to become vested.

Represents stock options that vest and become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on the first (2) anniversary of their grant date. In general, recipients of stock options must be continuously employed from the

grant date to the applicable vesting date to become vested.

(3) Represents RSUs that vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of their grant date, and are generally subject to continuous employment.

The market value of RSUs was calculated by multiplying \$9.87, the closing price of a share of our common stock on December 31, 2015, by the number of unvested RSUs outstanding under the award.

Mr. Itzkowitz s employment with the Company will terminate on April 30, 2016. In connection with such termination, Mr. Itzkowitz forfeited all of his then outstanding unvested plan-based awards.

Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table provides information regarding all exercises of our stock options and the vesting of RSUs held by the named executive officers during the year ended December 31, 2015.

	Option Awa Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized of Exercise (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Stock Awa Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)(2)
David M. Davis				
Michael Zemetra	93,021	480,854	4,942	59,205
Walé Adepoju	30,000	156,508	7,752	92,869
Aditya Chatterjee			3,373	40,409
Jay Itzkowitz ⁽³⁾	34,636	174,003	6,008	71,976

- Value Realized on Exercise represents the difference between the market price of the underlying common stock on the exercise date and the exercise price of the options.
- (2) Value Realized on Vesting is based on the closing price of the Company s common stock on the vest date.

 (3) Mr. Itzkowitz ceased to be our Senior Vice President and General Counsel on April 10, 2016, and his employment with the Company will terminate on April 30, 2016.

Employment Agreements

We have employment agreements with each of our named executive officers.

We entered into an executive employment agreement with Mr. Davis on July 9, 2014, in connection with his appointment as Chief Executive Officer. The agreement provided for Mr. Davis employment as Chief Executive Officer and Director with an annual base salary of \$500,000, subject to annual increases as determined by the Board. Mr. Davis was also entitled, upon achieving certain individual and performance goals to be determined by the Board, to an annual cash incentive in the amount determined by the Board with an initial target of 75% and not to exceed 150% of Mr. Davis base salary. The agreement was subsequently amended on April 12, 2015 to increase Mr. Davis base salary to \$550,000 and his target annual incentive to 100% of base salary. Any annual cash incentives earned will be payable pursuant to the annual incentive plan discussed above under Annual Cash Incentive Compensation. The agreement was further amended on March 10, 2016 to provide for the reimbursement of certain commuting expenses. The agreement provides for severance and change in control benefits as described below.

We entered into an executive employment agreement with Mr. Zemetra on November 3, 2014, in connection with his appointment as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer. The agreement provides for Mr. Zemetra s employment as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer with an annual base salary of \$350,000, subject to annual increases as determined by the Board. Mr. Zemetra is also entitled, upon achieving certain individual and performance goals to be determined by the Board, to an annual cash bonus in the amount determined by the Board with an initial target of 50% and not to exceed 100% of Mr. Zemetra s base salary. As noted above, for 2015, Mr. Zemetra s target was set at 75% of base salary. Any annual cash incentives earned will be paid pursuant to the annual incentive plan discussed above under

Annual Cash Incentive Compensation. The agreement provides for severance and change in control benefits as described below.

We entered into an executive employment agreement with Mr. Adepoju on July 30, 2014 in connection with his appointed as Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer. The agreement provides for an annual base salary of \$400,000. Mr. Adepoju is also entitled, upon achieving certain individual and performance goals to be determined by the Board, to an annual cash bonus in the amount determined by the Board with an initial target of 50% and not to exceed 100% of Mr. Adepoju s base salary. As noted above, for 2015, Mr. Adepoju s target was set at 75% of base salary. Any annual cash incentives earned will be paid pursuant to the annual incentive plan discussed above under Annual Cash Incentive Compensation. The agreement provides for severance benefits as described below.

We entered into an executive employment agreement with Mr. Chatterjee on May 2, 2014 in connection with his employment with the Company. The agreement provides for Mr. Chatterjee s employment as Chief Technology Officer and Senior Vice President Engineering with an annual base salary of \$275,000, subject to increase as determined by the Board. Mr. Chatterjee is also entitled, upon achieving certain individual and performance goals to be determined by the Board, to an annual cash bonus in the amount determined by the Board with a target of 57%. Mr. Chatterjee and the Company subsequently adjusted the target to 50% of base salary for 2015. Any annual cash incentives earned will be paid pursuant to the annual incentive plan discussed above under Annual Cash Incentive Compensation. The agreement provides for severance benefits as described below.

We entered into an executive employment agreement with Mr. Itzkowitz on October 1, 2013 in connection with his employment with the Company. The agreement provides for Mr. Itzkowitz is employment as Senior Vice President and General Counsel with an annual base salary of \$310,000. Mr. Itzkowitz is also entitled, upon achieving certain individual and performance goals to be determined by the Board, to an annual cash bonus in the amount determined by the Board with an initial target of 25% and not to exceed 75% of Mr. Itzkowitz is base salary. As noted above, for 2015, Mr. Itzkowitz is target was set at 50% of base salary. Any annual cash incentives earned will be paid pursuant to the annual incentive plan discussed above under in Annual Cash Incentive Compensation. The agreement provides for severance benefits as described below. But, in connection with Mr. Itzkowitz is departure from the Company, we entered into a separation agreement and mutual general release with Mr. Itzkowitz, dated as of April 30, 2016 (the Separation Agreement), pursuant to which Mr. Itzkowitz is entitled to twelve months of base salary for a total amount of \$310,000 to be paid over the twelve month period following April 30, 2016. The Separation Agreement provides that Mr. Itzkowitz will have twelve months from the date of the Separation Agreement to exercise any of his vested stock options.

Under the terms of each named executive officer s executive employment agreement, in the event that a change in control of the Company occurs and any payment to such executive would constitute a parachute payment as defined within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code, the Company will either (a) reduce the amount of such payment so that such payment would not be subject to the excise tax imposed pursuant to Section 4999 of the Code, or alternatively (b) pay the full amount of such payment to the named executive officer (with such executive being personally responsible for payment of any associated excise taxes), whichever produces the better after-tax result for the named executive officer.

Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control

The following summarizes the payments and benefits that our named executive officers would be entitled to receive upon certain qualifying terminations of employment and/or a change in control, in each case, under employment agreements as in effect on December 31, 2015. As discussed above under Compensation Discussion and Analysis, we believe that severance and change in control protections are important components of our named executive officers compensation packages because these protections provide security and stability that help enable our named executive officers to focus on their duties and responsibilities to the Company and to act with the best interests of the Company and its stockholders in mind at all times, even under circumstances where the interests of the Company and its stockholders may be adverse to the executive s job security.

Termination, No Change in Control. If either of Mr. Davis or Mr. Zemetra s (each as used in this paragraph, the Executive) employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by the Executive for good reason, outside the context of a change in control, subject to the Executive executing a general release in favor of the Company, then, in addition to payments of accrued compensation and benefits through the date of termination, the Executive will be entitled to receive continuation of then existing health and welfare benefits, a lump sum cash payment equal to 175%

of his base salary in effect as of his termination in the case of Mr. Davis and 100% of his base salary in effect as of his termination in the case of Mr. Zemetra, and for a period of twelve (12) months following the Executive s last day of employment with the Company, and to exercise all vested equity incentive awards (unless the period provided for under the applicable plan for the particular award would provide for a longer period of exercise following termination of employment in similar circumstances). Mr. Zemetra is also eligible to receive any unpaid annual bonus to which Mr. Zemetra would have become entitled for any fiscal year of the Company that ends on or before the date of termination

had Mr. Zemetra remained employed through the payment date. Upon a termination with cause or the Executive resigns for any reason other than good reason or on a termination due to death or disability, the Executive will only be entitled to base salary and benefits through the date of termination.

If Mr. Adepoju s or Mr. Chatterjee s (each as used in this paragraph, the Executive) employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by Mr. Adepoju for good reason, subject to the Executive executing a general release in favor of the Company, then, in addition to payments of accrued compensation and benefits through the date of termination, the Executive will be entitled to receive continuation of his then existing health and welfare benefits and his base salary in effect as of his termination for a period of six (6) months following the Executive s last day of employment with the Company.

Change in Control. If the Company experiences a change in control (as defined in the Equity Plan) and if either Mr. Davis or Mr. Zemetra are terminated by the Company (or its successor or an affiliate) for any reason other than cause or the Executive terminates for good reason through the first year anniversary of the consummation of the change in control, the Executive will be entitled (i) to receive, for one year following the termination of employment, continuation of then existing health and welfare benefits; (ii) to receive a lump sum cash payment equal to 350% of his base salary in effect as of his termination in the case of Mr. Davis and 100% of his base salary in effect as of his termination in the case of Mr. Zemetra; (iii) to accelerated vesting of all unvested equity awards made prior to the Executive s last day of employment with the Company; and (iv) for a period of twelve (12) months following the Executive s last day of employment with the Company, to exercise all vested equity incentive awards (unless the period provided for under the applicable plan for the particular award would provide for a longer period of exercise following termination of employment in similar circumstances).

If the Company experiences a change in control (as defined in the Equity Plan) and if Mr. Adepoju or Mr. Chatterjee are terminated by the Company (or its successor or an affiliate) for any reason other than cause through the first year anniversary of the consummation of the change in control, then in addition to the severance described above, the Executive will be entitled to accelerated vesting of all unvested equity awards made prior to the Executive s last day of employment with the Company.

The Executive s right to receive the severance payments described above is subject to the Executive s delivery of an effective general release of claims in favor of the Company. We do not provide excise tax gross-ups to our named executive officers. Our named executive officers executive employment agreements currently provide that, in the event of a change in control of the Company, the Company shall either (a) reduce the amount of such payment so that such payment would not be subject to the excise tax imposed pursuant to Section 4999 of the Code, or alternatively (b) pay the full amount of such payment to the named executive officer (with such executive being personally responsible for payment of any associated excise taxes), whichever produces the better after-tax result for the named executive officer.

The following table summarizes the payments that would be made to our named executive officers under the terms of their employment arrangements upon the occurrence of a change in control, or certain qualifying terminations of employment, including in connection with a change in control, assuming that each named executive officer s termination of employment, as the case may be, with the Company occurred on December 31, 2015 and, where relevant, that a change in control of the Company occurred on December 31, 2015. Amounts shown in the table below do not include (i) accrued but unpaid salary through the date of termination, and (ii) other benefits earned or accrued by the named executive officer during his employment that are available to all salaried employees, such as accrued vacation.

Executive	Benefit	Termination for Cause or without Good Reason (\$)	Termination without Cause or for Good Reason (\$)	Termination for Good Reason or Without Cause following a Change in Control (\$)
David M. Davis	Severance ⁽¹⁾		962,500	1,925,000
	Benefits continuation ⁽²⁾		8,700	8,700
	Accelerated equity awards ⁽³⁾			300,226
	Total	\$	\$ 971,200	\$ 2,233,926 (4)
Michael Zemetra	Severance ⁽¹⁾		612,500	350,000
	Benefits continuation ⁽²⁾		8,700	8,700
	Accelerated equity awards ⁽³⁾			56,298
	Total	\$	\$ 621,200	\$ 414,998 (4)
Walé Adepoju	Severance ⁽¹⁾		204,000	204,000
	Benefits continuation ⁽²⁾		4,350	4,350
	Accelerated equity awards ⁽³⁾			150,113
	Total	\$	\$ 208,350	\$ 358,463 (4)
Aditya Chatterjee	Severance ⁽¹⁾		150,000	150,000
	Benefits continuation ⁽²⁾		4,350	4,350
	Accelerated equity awards ⁽³⁾			56,298
(5)	Total	\$	\$ 154,350	\$ 210,648 (4)
Jay Itzkowitz ⁽⁵⁾	Severance ⁽¹⁾		155,000	155,000
	Benefits continuation ⁽²⁾		4,350	4,350
	Accelerated equity awards ⁽³⁾			56,298
	Total	\$	\$ 159,350	\$ 215,648 (4)

- (1) Represents cash severance provided under each named executive officer s employment agreement.

 (2) Represents the cost of Company-subsidized continued benefits for the payout period provided under each named executive officer s employment agreement, based on our then-applicable costs to provide such coverage. Represents the aggregate value of the executive s unvested stock options and RSUs that would have vested on an accelerated basis, determined by multiplying the number of accelerating option shares and RSUs by the fair market value of our common stock on December 31, 2015 (\$9.87), which was the closing price of our common stock on December 31, 2015, the last trading day of 2015, and subtracting the applicable exercise prices.
- (4) The actual severance amounts may be reduced pursuant to the terms of the executive employment agreements which provide that in the event that a change in control of the Company occurs and any payment to the Executive constitutes a parachute payment as defined within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code, the Company shall

either (a) reduce the amount of such payment so that such payment would not be subject to the excise tax imposed pursuant to Section 4999 of the Code, or alternatively (b) pay the full amount of such payment to the named executive officer (with such executive being personally responsible for payment of any associated excise taxes), whichever produces the better after-tax result for the named executive officer.

Mr. Itzkowitz ceased to be our Senior Vice President and General Counsel on April 10, 2016, and his employment with the Company will terminate on April 30, 2016. Notwithstanding the terms of his employment arrangements (5) entered into in 2013, in connection with the Separation Agreement described above, Mr. Itzkowitz is entitled to twelve months of base salary for a total amount of \$310,000 to be paid over the twelve month period following April 30, 2016.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides certain information (as of December 31, 2015) with respect to all of our equity compensation plans in effect as of December 31, 2015:

Number of securities remaining Number of available for securities to Weighted-average issuance under issued upon exercise price equity exercise of of compensation outstanding outstanding plans options(3) options, (excluding warrants securities and rights(2) reflected in first column) \$ 11.20 6,033,221 1,783,665

Equity Compensation Plans Approved by Stockholders⁽¹⁾

Equity Compensation Plans Not Approved by Stockholders

(1) Consists of the Equity Plan.
(2) Includes 407,929 restricted stock awards.
(3) Based on 5,625,292 stock options outstanding as of December 31, 2015.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth information known to the Company regarding beneficial ownership of shares of the Company s common stock as of April 28, 2016, by:

each person who is known to us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of the Company s common stock;

each named executive officer and each director; and all of the Company s executive officers and directors as a group.

The amounts and percentages of shares beneficially owned are reported on the basis of regulations of the SEC governing the determination of beneficial ownership of securities. Under SEC rules, a person is deemed to be a beneficial owner of a security if that person has or shares voting power or investment power, which includes the power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of such security. A person is also deemed to be a beneficial owner of any securities of which that person has a right to acquire beneficial ownership within 60 days. Securities that can be so acquired are deemed to be outstanding for purposes of computing such person s ownership percentage, but not for purposes of computing any other person s percentage. Under these rules, more than one person may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of securities as to which such person has no economic interest.

Beneficial ownership of the Company s common stock is based on 78,057,929 shares of the Company s common stock issued and outstanding as of April 28, 2016 (excluding 3,053,634 shares of common stock held by Global Entertainment AG, our wholly-owned subsidiary).

Except as otherwise indicated in these footnotes, each of the beneficial owners listed has, to our knowledge, sole voting and investment power with respect to the indicated shares of common stock. Addresses for the beneficial owners are set forth in the footnotes to the table.

	Number of	Percent o	of
Name and Address of Beneficial Owner ⁽¹⁾	Shares of	Outstanding	
	Common Stock	Common	Stock
PAR Investment Partners, L.P. ⁽²⁾	29,458,465	37.7	%
Putnam Investments, LLC ⁽³⁾	6,541,962	8.4	%
Frontier Capital Management Co., LLC ⁽⁴⁾	5,616,220	7.2	%
Abrams Capital Management, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾	5,000,000	6.4	%
Franklin Resources, Inc. ⁽⁶⁾	4,745,313	6.1	%
Walé Adepoju ⁽⁷⁾	488,755		*
David M. Davis ⁽⁸⁾	678,316		*
Aditya Chatterjee ⁽⁹⁾	138,957		*
Jeffrey E. Epstein ⁽¹⁰⁾	64,146		*
Stephen Hasker ⁽¹¹⁾	14,525		*
Jay Itzkowitz ⁽¹²⁾	253,293		*
Jeffrey A. Leddy ⁽¹⁰⁾	64,146		*
Robert W. Reding ⁽¹⁰⁾	64,146		*
Jeff Sagansky ⁽¹⁰⁾	799,763	1.0	%

Edward L. Shapiro ⁽²⁾⁽¹⁰⁾	64,146		*
Harry E. Sloan ⁽¹⁰⁾	156,245		*
Michael Zemetra ⁽¹³⁾	283,653		*
All executive officers and directors as a group (12 individuals)	3,070,091	3.9	%

Less than 1%

Unless otherwise indicated, the business address of each individual is 4553 Glencoe Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90292.

⁽²⁾ Includes 477,393 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants. All shares are held 34

directly by PAR Investment Partners, L.P. (PAR). PAR Capital Management, Inc. (PCM), as the general partner of PAR Group, L.P., which is the general partner of PAR, has investment discretion and voting control over shares held by PAR. No stockholder, director, officer or employee of PCM has beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of any shares held by PAR. The shares held by PAR are part of a portfolio managed by Edward L. Shapiro, who is Chairman of the Board of the Company. As an employee of PCM, Mr. Shapiro has the authority to make investment decisions with respect to our shares held by PAR. The address of PAR is One International Place, Suite 2401, Boston, MA 02110.

According to a Schedule 13G/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on February 16, 2016 on behalf of Putnam Investments, LLC d/b/a Putnam Investments (PI), Putnam Investment Management, LLC (PIM) and The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC (PAC), PIM and PI hold sole dispositive power with respect to 6,541,962 shares of the Company s common stock. PI wholly owns two registered investment advisers, PIM, which is the investment adviser to the PI family of mutual funds and PAC, which is the investment adviser to PI s institutional clients. Both PIM and PAC have dispositive power over the shares as investment managers. In the case of shares held by the PI mutual funds managed by PIM, the mutual funds, through their boards of trustees, have voting power. PAC has sole voting power over the shares held by its institutional clients. The Company has entered into a Voting Rights Waiver Agreement (the Voting Rights Waiver Agreement) with PIM pursuant to

- (3) which PIM and certain other entities and individuals affiliated with PIM and other PI companies (the Other Putnam Investors) agreed to waive all voting rights that they may have in respect of any voting securities issued by the Company that exceed, in the aggregate, 4.99% of the total voting rights exercisable by the Company's outstanding voting securities. The Voting Rights Waiver Agreement provides that any voting rights waived by PI, PIM or the Other Putnam Investors will be apportioned among those parties on a pro rata basis based upon their relative holdings of the Company's voting securities. The Voting Rights Waiver Agreement will expire at the time that the Other Putnam Investors that are investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, no longer own any of the Company's voting common stock, at which time the remaining Other Putnam Investors will be entitled to any and all voting rights pertaining to their voting securities. The business address of PIM, PAC and PI is One Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109.
- According to a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 12, 2016, Frontier Capital Management Co., LLC (4) holds sole voting power with respect to 3,261,597 shares of the Company s common stock and sole dispositive power with respect to 5,616,220 shares of the Company s common stock. The business address of Frontier Capital Management Co., LLC is 99 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02110.
 - According to a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 13, 2015 on behalf of Abrams Capital Partners II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Abrams II); Abrams Capital, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Abrams Capital); Abrams Capital Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Abrams CM LLC); Abrams Capital Management, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Abrams CM LP); and David Abrams, an individual and a U.S. citizen, Abrams II holds shared voting and shared dispositive power with respect to 4,022,990 shares of the Company s common stock, Abrams Capital holds shared voting and shared dispositive power with respect to 4,732,160 shares of the Company s common stock, and each of Abrams CM LLC, Abrams CM LP and Mr. Abrams holds shared voting and shared dispositive power with respect to 5,000,000 shares of the
- (5) Company s common stock. The shares of the Company s common stock over which Abrams Capital holds shared voting and shared dispositive power are beneficially owned by Abrams II and other private investment funds for which Abrams Capital serves as general partner. The shares of the Company s common stock over which Abrams CM LLC and Abrams CM LP hold shared voting and shared dispositive power include the shares that are beneficially owned by Abrams Capital and shares beneficially owned by another private investment fund for which Abrams CM LP serves as investment manager. Abrams CM LLC is the general partner of Abrams CM LP. The shares of the Company s common stock over which Mr. Abrams holds shared voting and shared dispositive power include the shares that are beneficially owned by Abrams Capital and Abrams CM LLC. Mr. Abrams is the managing member of Abrams Capital and Abrams CM LLC. The address of this stockholder is c/o Abrams Capital Management, L.P., 222 Berkeley Street, 21st Floor, Boston, MA 02116.

According to a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on April 5, 2016 on behalf of Franklin Resources, Inc., a
Delaware corporation (Franklin Resources), Franklin Advisers, Inc., a California corporation (Franklin Advisers),
(6) Charles B. Johnson, an individual and a U.S. Citizen, and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr., an individual and a U.S. citizen,
Franklin Advisers holds sole voting and sole dispositive power with respect to 4,711,413 shares of the Company s
common stock, and Fiduciary Trust Company International
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holds sole voting power with respect to 33,900 shares of the Company s common stock. The 4,745,313 shares of the Company s common stock reported on the Schedule 13G are beneficially owned by one or more open- or closed-end investment companies or other managed accounts that are investment management clients of investment managers that are direct and indirect subsidiaries of Franklin Resources (the investment management subsidiaries). Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. each own in excess of 10% of the outstanding common stock of Franklin Resources and are the principal stockholders of Franklin Resources. Franklin Resources, Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of shares of the Company s common stock held by persons and entities for whom or for which Franklin Resources subsidiaries provide investment management services. Franklin Resources, Charles B. Johnson, Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. and the investment management subsidiaries disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares of the Company s common stock. The business address of Franklin Resources, Franklin Advisers, Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. is One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, CA 94403. Includes options exercisable for: (i) 460,000 shares of the Company s common stock, of which 115,000 underlying shares, or 25%, vested on February 1, 2014, and the remaining underlying shares (345,000, or 75%) have and are expected to continue to vest monthly on a pro rata basis during the following three years until fully vested; (ii) 40,000 shares of the Company s common stock, of which 10,000 underlying shares, or 25%, vested on February 1, 2014, and the remaining underlying shares (30,000, or 75%) have and are expected to continue to vest monthly on a pro rata basis during the following three years until fully vested; (iii) 100,000 shares of the Company s common stock, of which 25,000 underlying shares, or 25%, vested on June 5, 2015, and the remaining underlying shares (7) (75,000, or 75%) are expected to continue to vest monthly on a pro rata basis during the following three years until fully vested; (iv) 42,134 shares of the Company s common stock, of which 10,534 underlying shares, or 25%, vested on March 16, 2016, and the remaining underlying shares (31,601, or 75%) are expected to vest in equal annual installments during the following the following three years; and (v) 63,012 shares of the Company s common stock, of which 15,753 underlying shares, or 25%, are expected to vest on March 10, 2017, and the remaining underlying shares (47,258, or 75%) are expected to vest in equal annual installments during the

(8) Includes options to purchase 646,589 shares of the Company s common stock that have vested or will vest within 60 days. 562,501 of these options were granted on January 31, 2013 in connection with Mr. Davis s employment as our Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer. The initial grant to Mr. Davis consisted of options to purchase 675,000 shares of the Company s common stock. The options vested with respect to 25% (168.750) of their underlying shares on January 31, 2014. Since January 31, 2014, the options have vested and are expected to continue to vest with respect to the remaining 75% (506,250) of their underlying shares ratably over the next three years on a monthly basis (14,062.5 shares per month) until fully vested. Except as otherwise provided in the option grant agreement between the Company and Mr. Davis, these stock options expire on January 31, 2023. The options to purchase 646,589 shares of the Company s common stock that have vested or will vest within 60 days included in the table above also includes options to purchase 15,104 shares of the Company s common stock that were granted to Mr. Davis on January 13, 2014 in connection with Mr. Davis s appointment as our Chief Operating Officer. The initial grant to Mr. Davis consisted of options to purchase 25,000 shares of the Company s common stock. These options vested with respect to 25% (6,250) of their underlying shares on the first anniversary of the date of grant, or January 13, 2015, and have vested and are expected to continue to vest with respect to the remaining 75% (18,750) of their underlying shares ratably over the next three years on a monthly basis (approximately 520.8 shares per month) until fully vested. The options to purchase 646,589 shares of the Company s common stock that have vested or will vest within 60 days included in the table above also include: (i) options to purchase 47,917 shares of the Company s common stock that were granted to Mr. Davis on July 9, 2014, consisting of an initial grant to purchase 100,000 shares of the Company s common stock, which vested with respect to 25% (25,000) of their underlying shares on the first anniversary date of the grant, or July 9, 2015, and have vested and are expected to continue to vest with respect to the remaining 75% (75,000) of their underlying shares ratably over the next three years on a monthly basis (2,083.3 shares per month) until fully vested; (ii) options exercisable for 84,268 shares of the Company s common stock, of which 21,067 underlying shares, or 25%, vested on March 16, 2016, and the

following three years.

remaining 75% (63,201) of the underlying shares are expected to continue to vest in equal annual installments over the next three years; and (iii) options exercisable for 169,884 shares of the Company s common stock, of which 42,471 underlying shares, or 25%, will vest on March 10, 2017, and the remaining 75% (127,413) of the underlying shares are expected to continue to vest in equal annual installments over the next three years.

Includes options exercisable for 250,000 shares of the Company s common stock, of which 62,500 underlying shares, or 25%, vested on June 5, 2015, and the remaining 75% (187,500) of the underlying shares are expected to continue to vest monthly on a pro rata basis during the following three years until fully vested. Also includes

- options exercisable for 15,800 shares of the Company s common stock, of which 3,950 underlying shares, or 25%, vested on March 16, 2016, and the remaining 75% (11,850) of the underlying shares are expected to vest in equal annual installments over the next three years.
 - Includes options exercisable for 25,000 shares of the Company s common stock that were granted in February 2013 to our non-employee directors in connection with the Business Combination. Except as otherwise provided in the option grant agreement between the Company and the option holder, these stock options expire on February 19, 2023. Also includes (i) options exercisable for 21,067 shares of the Company s common stock that were
- (10) granted on March 16, 2015 which were immediately vested upon grant and will expire on March 16, 2020, (ii) options exercisable for 10,533 shares of common stock that vested in equal quarterly installments in 2015 and (iii) options exercisable for 15,444 shares of the Company s common stock, of which 3,861 underlying shares, or 25%, vested on March 31, 2016, and the remaining 75% (11,583) of the underlying shares are expected to continue to vest in equal annual installments over the next three years.
 - Includes options exercisable for 7,900 shares of the Company s common stock which vested in equal thirds in each of June 30, 2015, September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2015. Also includes options exercisable for 15,444
- (11) shares of the Company s common stock, of which 3,861 underlying shares, or 25%, vested on March 31, 2016, and the remaining 75% (11,583) of the underlying shares are expected to continue to vest in equal annual installments over the next three years.
 - Includes options exercisable for 217,231 shares of the Company s common stock that have fully vested and that will expire on April 30, 2017 pursuant to the Separation Agreement described above. In connection Mr.
- (12) Itzkowitz s departure from the Company, he forfeited all of his then outstanding unvested plan-based awards, none of which are reflected in the table above.
 - Includes options exercisable for 44,479 shares of the Company s common stock that were granted on June 25, 2013 in connection with Mr. Zemetra s appointment as Chief Accounting Officer. The initial grant to Mr. Zemetra consisted of options to purchase 275,000 shares of the Company s common stock. These options vested with respect to 25% (68,750) of their underlying shares on June 17, 2014, and have vested and are expected to continue to vest with respect to the remaining 75% (206,250) of their underlying shares ratably over the next three years on a monthly basis (approximately 5,729 shares per month) until fully vested. Includes options to purchase 75,000
- shares of the Company s common stock, 25% (18,750) of which vested on October 31, 2015 and are expected to continue to vest with respect to the remaining 75% (56,250) over the next three years on a monthly basis until fully vested. Also includes options exercisable for 15,800 shares of the Company s common stock, of which 3,950 underlying shares, or 25%, vested on March 16, 2016, and the remaining 75% (11,850) of the underlying shares are expected to vest in equal annual installments over the next three years. Also includes options exercisable for 50,054 shares of the Company s common stock, of which 13,513 underlying shares, or 25%, are expected to vest on March 10, 2017, and the remaining 75% (40,541) of the underlying shares are expected to continue to vest in equal annual installments over the next three years.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of our equity securities, to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of our common stock and other equity securities. Officers, directors and greater than ten percent stockholders are required by SEC regulation to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

To our knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of such reports furnished to us and written representations that no other reports were required during 2015, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our officers,

directors and greater than ten percent beneficial owners were complied, except for the following: a late Form 3 was filed on May 12, 2015 on behalf of Wale Adepoju reporting prior grants of 612,134 stock options and 22,961 of our restricted stock units to him; a late Form 3 was filed on May 11, 2015 on behalf of Aditya Chatterjee reporting prior grants of 265,800 stock options and 9,076 of our restricted stock units to him; a late Form 3 was filed on May 11, 2015 on behalf of Jay Itzkowitz reporting prior grants of 331,164 stock options and 11,711 of our restricted stock units to him; a late Form 4 was filed on May 1, 2015 on behalf of Harry Sloan, Jeffrey E. Epstein, Louis Bélanger-Martin, Jeffrey A. Leddy, and Robert W.

Reding reporting grant on March 16, 2015 of 31,600 stock options and a grant on April 30, 2015 of 3,685 of our restricted stock units to each of them; a late Form 4 was filed on May 1, 2015 on behalf of Jeffrey Sagansky reporting a grant on March 16, 2015 of 31,600 stock options and a grant on April 30, 2015 of 3,685 of our restricted stock units to him and a disposal on May 7, 2014 of 3,900 shares of Sponsor Warrants; a late Form 4 was filed on May 1, 2015 on behalf of David M. Davis reporting a grant on March 16, 2015, 2015 of 84,268 stock options and 29,477 of our restricted stock units to him; a late Form 4 was filed on May 1, 2015 on behalf of Michael L. Zemetra reporting (a) grants to him on (i) January 20, 2015 of 93,021 of our restricted stock units and (ii) March 16, 2015 of 15,800 stock options and 10,469 of our restricted stock units and (b) a disposal of 93,021 shares of stock options and 79,090 of our restricted stock units by him; and a late Form 4 was filed on April 19, 2015 on behalf of Edward Shapiro reporting a grant on March 16, 2015 of 31,600 stock options to him.

PROPOSAL 2

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE GLOBAL EAGLE ENTERTAINMENT INC. AMENDED AND RESTATED 2013 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

We currently maintain the Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. Amended and Restated 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the Equity Plan). As of April 15, 2016, there were 6,739,600 shares of our common stock underlying outstanding awards previously granted under the Equity Plan. The stock options outstanding have a weighted average exercise price of \$11.00 and a weighted average remaining term of 3.13 years. As of April 15, 2016, 828,754 shares of common stock remain available for grant under the Equity Plan, which we believe will be insufficient to meet our equity compensation requirements in the future. Accordingly, we are asking our stockholders to approve an amendment to the Equity Plan to (i) increase the number of shares of common stock available for grant by 2,000,000 and (ii) provide that the maximum number of shares subject to awards granted during any calendar year to any non-employee director, taken together with any cash fees paid to such director, for services as a director during the calendar year, shall not exceed \$400,000 in total value (the Equity Plan Amendment). If the Equity Plan Amendment is approved, a total of 2,828,754 shares of common stock will be available for grant, subject to the terms and limitations set forth in the Equity Plan. The closing price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market on April 28, 2016 was \$7.96.

The Equity Plan is our only plan for providing equity incentive compensation to our employees and equity is a significant component of total compensation for many of our key employees. The Board believes that the Equity Plan is in the best interests of stockholders and the Company, as equity awards granted under this plan help to attract, motivate, and retain key talent, align employee and stockholder interests, link employee compensation to company performance and maintain a culture based on employee stock ownership.

Our Board of Directors approved the Equity Plan Amendment effective as of April 28, 2016, subject to stockholder approval. If our stockholders do not approve the Equity Plan Amendment, the current provisions of the Equity Plan will continue to apply, and no additional shares will be added to the Equity Plan. Approval by stockholders of the Equity Plan Amendment will also constitute approval of the material terms of the performance goals under the Equity Plan for purposes of qualifying for the performance-based exception to the compensation deductibility limits of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. Such material terms, which have not been modified in the Equity Plan Amendment, are required to be disclosed to and reapproved by stockholders at least once every five years and consist of (i) the list of performance criteria upon which awards may be based, (ii) a description of the classes of eligible participants under the Equity Plan, and (iii) the annual limit on Awards under the Equity Plan, each of which is described in the summary of the Equity Plan below. A general description of the requirements of Section 162(m) is also included in the following summary of the Equity Plan.

The essential features of the Equity Plan, as amended and restated by the Equity Plan Amendment, are summarized below. This summary does not purport to be a complete description of all the provisions of the Equity Plan, and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Equity Plan, as amended and restated by the proposed Equity Plan Amendment. A comparison of the current Equity Plan (versus the Equity Plan as we propose

to amend and restate it) is set forth on Annex A to this Proxy Statement. Any capitalized terms that are used in this Proposal but not defined here or elsewhere in this proxy statement have the meanings assigned to them in the Equity Plan, as amended and restated by the proposed Equity Plan Amendment.

The Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. Amended and Restated 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended

Background

The purpose of the Equity Plan is to provide a means through which we may attract and retain key personnel and provide a means whereby directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and our subsidiaries can acquire and maintain an equity interest in the Company, or be paid incentive compensation, thereby strengthening their commitment to the welfare of the Company and aligning their interests with those of our stockholders.

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We may grant stock options, restricted stock or RSUs to employees, directors, officers and consultants. Generally, all classes of employees are eligible to participate in the Equity Plan. We estimate that a total of approximately 1,080 persons are eligible to participate in the Equity Plan.

Share reserve

There are currently a total of 9,000,000 shares of our common stock reserved for awards pursuant to the Equity Plan, 828,754 of which remained available for future issuance as of April 15, 2016. If the Equity Plan Amendment is approved, the total share reserve will be increased by 2,000,000 shares to a total of 11,000,000 shares, of which 2,828,754 will remain available for future issuance. The additional shares will be available for award pursuant to stock options, restricted stock and RSUs.

The following counting provisions are in effect for the share reserve under the Equity Plan:

Shares subject to an award that is canceled, expired, forfeited, settled in cash or otherwise terminated without a delivery of shares to the participant, including (i) the number of shares withheld in payment of any exercise or purchase price of an award or taxes relating to awards, and (ii) the number of shares surrendered in payment of any exercise or purchase price of an award or taxes relating to any award or awards, will again be available for awards under the Equity Plan, except that any such shares that could not again be available for awards to a particular participant under any applicable law or regulation will be available exclusively for awards to participants who are not subject to such limitation.

In the event that the Company acquires or is combined with another corporation that has shares available under a pre-existing plan approved by stockholders and not adopted in contemplation of such acquisition or combination, the shares available for grant pursuant to the terms of such preexisting plan (as adjusted, to the extent appropriate, using the exchange ratio or other adjustment or valuation ratio or formula used in such acquisition or combination to determine the consideration payable to the holders of common stock of the entities party to such acquisition or combination) may be used for awards under the Equity Plan and will not reduce the shares authorized for grant under the Equity Plan, subject to certain limitations.

Notwithstanding the above, no individual may be granted stock-based awards under the Equity Plan covering more than 1,500,000 shares in any calendar year. In addition, no non-employee director may receive awards and cash fees for services as a director in excess of \$400,000 in value in any calendar year.

Administration

The Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors is the administrator under the Equity Plan. However, our Board of Directors may assume authority for administration of the Equity Plan or delegate such authority to another committee of the Board of Directors. Under the Equity Plan, the Compensation Committee (or subcommittee thereof, to the extent necessary) must consist solely of at least two members of our Board of Directors, each of whom is intended to qualify as an outside director within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, a non-employee director for purposes of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act, and an independent director within the meaning of the listing rules of the NASDAQ Capital Market. The Equity Plan provides that the Compensation Committee may delegate its authority to grant awards to employees other than executive officers and certain of our senior executives to one or more of our officers.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Equity Plan, the administrator has the authority to select the persons to whom awards are to be made, to determine the number of shares to be subject to awards and the terms and conditions of awards, and to make all other determinations and to take all other actions necessary or advisable for the administration of the Equity Plan. The administrator is also authorized to adopt, amend, or rescind rules relating to

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administration of the Equity Plan. Our Board of Directors may at any time remove the Compensation Committee as the administrator and re-vest in itself the authority to administer the Equity Plan. The full Board of Directors administers the Equity Plan with respect to awards to non-employee directors.

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Eligibility

Awards under the Equity Plan may be granted to individuals who are then officers, employees, directors, or consultants of the Company or who are then officers, employees, directors, or consultants of certain of our subsidiaries. Only employees may be granted incentive stock options, or ISOs.

Awards

The Equity Plan provides that the administrator may grant or issue stock options, restricted stock or RSUs or any combination thereof. Each award is expected to be set forth in a separate agreement with the person receiving the award and indicates the type, terms, and conditions of the award.

Nonqualified stock options, or NQSOs, provide for the right to purchase shares of our common stock at a specified price which may not be less than fair market value on the date of grant, and usually become exercisable (at the discretion of the administrator) in one or more installments after

the grant date, subject to the participant s continued employment or service with us or a subsidiary and/or subject to the satisfaction of corporate performance targets and individual performance targets established by the administrator. NQSOs may be granted for any term specified by the administrator, but may not exceed ten years.

Incentive stock options are designed in a manner intended to comply with the provisions of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code and are subject to specified restrictions contained in the Internal Revenue Code. Among such restrictions, ISOs must have an exercise price of not less than the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date of grant, may only be granted to employees, and must not be exercisable after a period of ten years measured from the date of grant. In the case of an ISO granted to an individual who owns (or is deemed to own) at least 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of our capital stock, the Equity Plan provides that the exercise price must be at least 110% of the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date of grant and that the ISO must not be exercisable after a period of five years measured from the date of grant. In the case of an ISO, if the aggregate fair market value of the shares subject to the option (as determined on the date of grant of such option) that becomes exercisable during a calendar year exceeds \$100,000, then such option shall be treated as a NQSO to the extent such \$100,000 limitation is exceeded.

Restricted stock may be granted to any eligible individual and made subject to such restrictions as may be determined by the administrator. Restricted stock, typically, may be forfeited for no consideration or repurchased by us at the original purchase price if the conditions or restrictions on vesting are not met. In general, restricted stock may not be sold, or otherwise transferred, until restrictions are removed or expire. Purchasers of restricted stock, unlike recipients of options, have voting rights and the right to receive dividends, if any, prior to the time when the restrictions lapse. Restricted Stock Units, or RSUs, are contractual rights to receive a number of shares, or an amount of cash equal to the value of that number of shares, corresponding to the number of RSUs granted to a participant without payment, which right may be subject to vesting restrictions. Any vesting criteria may be based on continued employment or achieving performance objectives. RSUs will typically be settled in shares of common stock, but may also be settled in cash. Prior to vesting, if applicable, the holder of the RSU will not have any rights of ownership over or be able to vote the underlying shares, but the Compensation Committee may authorize the payment of dividend equivalents on such shares in cash or additional shares on current, deferred or contingent basis with respect to any or all dividends or other distributions paid by the Company, subject to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. Any dividend equivalents with respect to dividends paid in stock will generally be subject to the same restrictions as the underlying award. Unvested RSUs will typically be forfeited on a termination of services to us. The Compensation Committee determines the number of RSUs granted to any participant.

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Performance Goals

The Compensation Committee may grant awards which may be earned in whole or in part based on the attainment of one or more of the following performance goals, as established, calculated and provided for under the Equity Plan: net income; income from continuing operations; stockholder return; stock price appreciation; earnings per share (including diluted earnings per share); net operating profit (including after-tax); revenue growth; organic sales growth; return on equity; return on investment; return on invested capital (including after-tax); earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; operating income; operating margin; market share; return on sales; asset reduction; cost reduction; return on equity; cash flow (including free cash flow); bookings; and new product releases. Such performance goals may relate to the Company or any one or more of its subsidiaries, affiliates or other business units. Where applicable, the performance goals may be expressed, without limitation, in terms of attaining a specified level of the particular criterion or the attainment of an increase or decrease (expressed as absolute numbers or a percentage) in the particular criterion or achievement in relation to a peer group or other index. The performance goals may include a threshold level of performance below which no payment will be made (or no vesting will occur), levels of performance at which specified payments will be paid (or specified vesting will occur), and a maximum level of performance above which no additional payment will be made (or at which full vesting will occur). No payment will be made to a covered employee prior to the written certification by the Compensation Committee that the performance goals have been attained. Any such grants shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 162(m) and the provisions of the Equity Plan as approved by the stockholders.

Change of control

In the event of a change of control, the administrator may, in its sole discretion, accelerate vesting of awards issued under the Equity Plan such that 100% of such award may become vested and exercisable. Additionally, the administrator will have complete discretion to structure one or more awards under the Equity Plan to provide that such awards will become vested and exercisable on an accelerated basis. The administrator may also make appropriate adjustments to awards under the Equity Plan and is authorized to provide for the acceleration, termination, assumption, substitution, or conversion of such awards in the event of a change of control or certain other unusual or nonrecurring events or transactions. Under the Equity Plan, a change of control is generally defined as:

the transfer or exchange in a single or series of related transactions by our stockholders of more than 50% of our voting securities to a person or group;

a change in the composition of our Board of Directors over a two-year period such that 50% or more of the members of the Board of Directors were elected through one or more contested elections;

a merger, consolidation, reorganization, or business combination in which the Company is involved, directly or indirectly, other than a merger, consolidation, reorganization, or business combination which results in our outstanding voting securities immediately before the transaction continuing to represent a majority of the voting power of the acquiring company s outstanding voting securities and after which no person or group beneficially owns 50% or more of the outstanding voting securities of the surviving entity immediately after the transaction;

the sale, exchange, or transfer of all or substantially all of our assets; or stockholder approval of our liquidation or dissolution.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, our named executive officers are entitled to receive certain payments and benefits upon a change in control under employment agreements as in effect on December 31, 2015. See the section under Executive Compensation Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control.

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In the event of any stock dividend, stock split, extraordinary cash dividend, combination or exchange of shares, merger, consolidation, spin-off, recapitalization, distribution of our assets to stockholders, or any other corporate event affecting the number of outstanding shares of our common stock or the share price of our

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common stock that would require adjustments to the Equity Plan or any awards under the Equity Plan in order to prevent the dilution or enlargement of the potential benefits intended to be made available thereunder, the administrator will be required to make appropriate, proportionate adjustments to:

the aggregate number and type of shares subject to the Equity Plan;

the terms and conditions of outstanding awards (including, without limitation, any applicable performance targets or criteria with respect to such awards);

the grant or exercise price per share of, and the aggregate number of shares subject to, any outstanding awards under the Equity Plan; and

the performance goals pertaining to an award.

Amendment and termination

Our Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee (with board approval) may terminate, amend, or modify the Equity Plan at any time and from time-to-time. However, we must generally obtain stockholder approval:

to increase the number of shares available under the Equity Plan (other than in connection with certain corporate events, as described above);

to expand the group of participants under the Equity Plan;

to diminish the protections afforded by the Equity Plan with regard to decreasing the exercise price for options or otherwise materially change the vesting or performance requirements of an award; or

to the extent required by applicable law, rule, or regulation (including any applicable stock exchange rule). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no option may be amended to reduce the per share exercise price below the per share exercise price of such option on the grant date, and no options may be granted in exchange for, or in connection with, the cancellation or surrender of options having a higher per share exercise price without receiving additional stockholder approval.

Expiration date

The Equity Plan will expire on, and no option or other award may be granted pursuant to the Equity Plan after, ten years after the effective date of the Equity Plan. Any award that is outstanding on the expiration date of the Equity Plan will remain in force according to the terms of the Equity Plan and the applicable award agreement.

Securities laws and federal income taxes

The Equity Plan is designed to comply with certain securities and federal tax laws, including as follows:

Securities laws. The Equity Plan is intended to conform to all provisions of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and any and all regulations and rules promulgated by the SEC thereunder, including, without limitation, Rule 16b-3. The Equity Plan is administered, and options are granted and may be exercised, only in such a manner as to conform to such laws, rules, and regulations.

Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. Certain awards under the Equity Plan may be considered nonqualified deferred compensation for purposes of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, which imposes certain additional requirements regarding the payment of deferred compensation. Generally, if at any time during a taxable year a nonqualified deferred compensation plan fails to meet the requirements of Section 409A, or is not operated in accordance with those requirements, all amounts deferred under such plan and all other equity incentive plans for the taxable year and all preceding taxable years, by any participant with respect to whom the failure relates, are includible in gross income for the taxable year to the extent not subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture and not previously included in gross income. If a deferred amount is required to be included in income under Section 409A, the amount

also is subject to interest and an additional income tax. The interest imposed is equal to the interest at the underpayment rate plus 43

one percentage point, imposed on the underpayments that would have occurred had the compensation been includible in income for the taxable year when first deferred, or if later, when not subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture. The additional federal income tax is equal to 20% of the compensation required to be included in gross income. In addition, certain states, including California, have laws similar to Section 409A, which impose additional state penalty taxes on such compensation.

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. In general, under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, income tax deductions of publicly-held corporations may be limited to the extent total compensation (including, but not limited to, base salary, special bonus, and income attributable to stock option exercises and other non-qualified benefits) for certain executive officers exceeds \$1,000,000 (less the amount of any excess parachute payments as defined in Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code) in any taxable year of the corporation. However, under Section 162(m), the deduction limit does not apply to certain performance-based compensation established by an independent compensation committee that is adequately disclosed to, and approved by, stockholders. In particular, stock options granted pursuant to the Equity Plan will satisfy the performance-based compensation exception if the awards are made by a qualifying compensation committee, the Equity Plan sets the maximum number of shares that can be granted to any person within a specified period, and the compensation is based solely on an increase in the stock price after the grant date. Specifically, the option exercise price must be equal to or greater than the fair market value of the stock subject to the award on the grant date.

We have attempted to structure the Equity Plan in such a manner that the compensation attributable to stock options and other performance-based awards which meet the other requirements of Section 162(m) will not be subject to the \$1,000,000 limitation. We have not, however, requested a ruling from the IRS regarding this issue. In addition, the Compensation Committee has the discretion to make awards that do not qualify as performance-based compensation.

We intend to file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-8 covering the additional 2,000,000 shares of our common stock that will be reserved for issuance under the Equity Plan if the Equity Plan Amendment is approved.

Federal income tax consequences

The following summary sets forth the tax events generally expected for United States citizens under current United States federal income tax laws in connection with equity awards under the Equity Plan. This summary omits the tax laws of any municipality, state, or foreign country in which a participant resides.

Stock Options

A participant will realize no taxable income, and we will not be entitled to any related deduction, at the time a stock option that does not qualify as an incentive stock option under the Code is granted under the Equity Plan. At the time of exercise of such a non-qualified stock option, the participant will realize ordinary income, and we will be entitled to a deduction, equal to the excess of the fair market value of the stock on the date of exercise over the option price.

Upon disposition of the shares, any additional gain or loss realized by the recipient will be taxed as a capital gain or loss, long-term or short-term, based upon how long the shares are held.

For stock options that qualify for treatment as incentive stock options under the Code, a participant will realize no taxable income, and we will not be entitled to any related deduction, at the time an incentive stock option is granted. If certain statutory employment and holding period conditions are satisfied before the participant disposes of shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of such an option, then no taxable income will result upon the exercise of such option, and we will not be entitled to any deduction in connection with such exercise. Upon disposition of the shares after expiration of the statutory holding periods, any gain or loss realized by a participant will be a long-term capital gain or loss. We will not be entitled to a deduction with respect to a disposition of the shares by a participant after the expiration of the statutory holding periods. Except in the event of death, if shares acquired by a participant upon the

exercise of an incentive stock option are disposed of by such participant before the expiration of the statutory holding periods, such participant will be considered to have realized as compensation, taxable as ordinary income in the year of disposition, an

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amount, not exceeding the gain realized on such disposition, equal to the difference between the exercise price and the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise of the option. We will be entitled to a deduction at the same time and in the same amount as the participant is deemed to have realized ordinary income. Any gain realized on the disposition in excess of the amount treated as compensation or any loss realized on the disposition will constitute capital gain or loss, respectively. Such capital gain or loss will be long-term or short-term based upon how long the shares were held. The foregoing discussion applies only for regular tax purposes. For alternative minimum tax purposes, an incentive stock option will be treated as if it were a non-qualified stock option.

Restricted and Unrestricted Stock; Restricted Stock Units

Unless the participant files an election to be taxed under Section 83(b) of the Code: (a) the participant will not realize income upon the grant of restricted stock; (b) the recipient will realize ordinary income, and we will be entitled to a corresponding deduction (subject to the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code), for grants of restricted stock subject only to time-based vesting and not including any performance conditions), when the restrictions have been removed or expire; and (c) the amount of such ordinary income and deduction will be the fair market value of the restricted stock on the date the restrictions are removed or expire. If the participant files an election to be taxed under Section 83(b) of the Code, the tax consequences to the recipient will be determined as of the date of the grant of the restricted stock rather than as of the date of the removal or expiration of the restrictions.

A participant will not realize income upon the grant of restricted stock units, but will realize ordinary income, and we will be entitled to a corresponding deduction (subject to the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code), for grants of restricted stock subject only to time-based vesting and not including any performance conditions), when the restricted stock units have vested and been settled in cash and/or shares of our common stock. The amount of such ordinary income and deduction will be the amount of cash received plus the fair market value of the shares of our common stock received on the date of issuance.

When the participant disposes of restricted or unrestricted stock, the difference between the amounts received upon such disposition and the fair market value of such shares on the date the recipient realizes ordinary income will be treated as a capital gain or loss, long-term or short-term, based upon how long the shares are held.

Section 409A

Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code provides additional tax rules governing non-qualified deferred compensation. Generally, Section 409A will not apply to awards granted under the Equity Plan, but may apply in some cases to restricted stock units or performance shares. For such awards subject to Section 409A, certain officers of the company may experience a delay of up to six months in the settlement of the awards in shares of company stock.

Withholding

The Equity Plan permits us to withhold from awards an amount sufficient to cover any required withholding taxes. In lieu of cash, the committee may permit a participant to cover withholding obligations through a reduction in the number of shares to be delivered to such participant or by delivery of shares already owned by the participant.

Section 162(m)

As described above, equity awards granted under the Equity Plan may be structured to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the tax code. To qualify, the Equity Plan must satisfy the conditions set forth

in Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, and stock options and other awards must be granted under the Equity Plan by a committee consisting solely of two or more outside directors (as defined under Section 162 regulations) and must satisfy the plan s limit on the total number of shares that may be awarded to any one participant during any calendar year. For awards other than stock options to qualify, the grant, issuance, vesting, or retention of the award must be contingent upon satisfying one or more of the performance criteria set forth in the Equity Plan, as established and certified by a committee consisting solely of two or more outside directors. The rules and regulations promulgated under Section 162(m) are complicated and subject to change from time to time, and may apply with retroactive

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effect. In addition, a number of requirements must be met in order for particular compensation to so qualify. As such, there can be no assurance that any compensation awarded or paid under the Equity Plan will be deductible under all circumstances. There is no requirement in the Equity Plan or otherwise for the compensation committee to grant performance based awards or that such awards will qualify for the 162(m) exemption.

New Plan Benefits

Grants under the Equity Plan will be made at the discretion of the Compensation Committee. The future grants under the Equity Plan are not yet determinable. The value of the awards granted under the Equity Plan depend on a number of factors, including the fair market value of our common stock, the exercise decisions made by the participants, and the extent to which any applicable performance goals necessary for vesting or payment are achieved. The closing price of our common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market on April 28, 2016 was \$7.96.

Vote Required for Approval

In order to be approved, the Equity Plan Amendment proposal will require an affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the stockholders present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the proposal.

Recommendation of our Board of Directors

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT OUR STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE EQUITY PLAN.

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PROPOSAL 3

ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE THE COMPANY S COMPENSATION TO ITS NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR 2015

In accordance with Section 951 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act) and Section 14A of the Exchange Act, we are asking our stockholders to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers for 2015 as disclosed in this Proxy Statement in accordance with SEC rules. We currently submit this advisory vote on executive compensation on an annual basis.

This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our named executive officers and the compensation philosophy, policies and practices described in this Proxy Statement.

The compensation of our named executive officers subject to the vote is disclosed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and the related narrative disclosure contained in this Proxy Statement. As discussed in those disclosures, we believe that our compensation policies and decisions are strongly aligned with our stockholders interests. Compensation of our named executive officers is designed to enable us to attract, motivate and retain talented and experienced executives to lead our Company successfully in a competitive environment.

Accordingly, the Board is asking the stockholders to indicate their support for the compensation of our named executive officers as described in this Proxy Statement by casting a non-binding advisory vote FOR the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the compensation of the Company s named executive officers for 2015, as disclosed in this Proxy Statement pursuant to Item 402 of SEC Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and narrative disclosures, is hereby APPROVED on an advisory basis.

Because the vote is advisory, it is not binding on us or the Board. Nevertheless, the views expressed by stockholders, whether through this vote or otherwise, are important to management and the Board and, accordingly, the Board and the Compensation Committee intend to consider the results of this vote in making determinations in the future regarding executive compensation arrangements.

Advisory approval of this proposal requires the vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting either in person or by proxy. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.

Recommendation of our Board of Directors

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ADVISORY APPROVAL OF THE COMPANY S COMPENSATION TO ITS NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR 2015.

PROPOSAL 4

ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING, IF NECESSARY, TO SOLICIT ADDITIONAL PROXIES IN FAVOR OF PROPOSAL 2

At the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof, our stockholders may be asked to consider and vote upon a proposal to adjourn the Annual Meeting, if necessary, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes in favor of Proposal 2.

We will only present this Proposal for a vote at the Annual Meeting if there are insufficient votes in favor of Proposal

Vote Required for Approval

If presented to our stockholders, in order to be approved, the Proposal will require an affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the stockholders present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the Proposal.

Recommendation of our Board of Directors

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT OUR STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR ANY PROPOSAL TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS, IF NECESSARY, TO SOLICIT ADDITIONAL PROXIES IN FAVOR OF PROPOSAL 2.

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PROPOSAL 5

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee has appointed Ernst & Young LLP (E&Y) to continue in its capacity as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, and the Board of Directors has directed that management submit the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm for ratification by the stockholders at the Annual Meeting. E&Y has audited our financial statements since the year ended December 31, 2013.

Neither our bylaws nor other governing documents or law require stockholder ratification of the appointment of E&Y as our independent registered public accounting firm. However, the Board of Directors is submitting the appointment of E&Y to the stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. If the stockholders fail to ratify the selection, the Audit Committee will reconsider whether or not to continue to retain that firm. Even if the selection is ratified, 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 determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting will be required to ratify the appointment of E&Y. Abstentions will not have any effect on the outcome of this proposal.

Representatives of E&Y are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting. They will have an opportunity to make a statement if they so desire and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Recommendation of our Board of Directors

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF E&Y AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016.

AUDIT-RELATED MATTERS

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Fees

The following table shows the fees for professional services rendered by E&Y for the audit of the Company s annual financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, and fees billed for other services rendered by E&Y during those periods.

Year Ended December 31,

	2015	2014
Audit fees ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3,886,000	\$3,692,000
Audit-related fees ⁽²⁾	0	0
Tax fees ⁽³⁾	353,000	678,000
All other fees ⁽⁴⁾	2,000	50,000
Total fees	\$ 4,241,000	\$4,420,000

- (1) Fees for audit services included fees associated with the annual audit, the reviews of our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, statutory audits required internationally and fees related to registration statements.
- Audit-related fees consist of fees for professional services for assurance and related services that are reasonably (2) related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements and are not reported under Audit fees. These services include accounting consultations concerning financial accounting and reporting standards.
 - (3) Tax fees included fees for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.
- All other fees consist of permitted services other than those that meet the criteria described above and are related to (4) risk management advisory services and the Company s subscription to an E&Y online service used for accounting research purposes.

All fees described above were pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

Pre-Approval Policy and Procedures

The Audit Committee has adopted a policy and procedures for the pre-approval of audit and non-audit services rendered by our independent registered public accounting firm. The policy generally requires pre-approval of specified services in the defined categories of audit services, audit-related services and tax services up to specified amounts. Pre-approval may also be given as part of the Audit Committee s approval of the scope of the engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm or on an individual, explicit, case-by-case basis before the independent registered public accounting firm is engaged to provide each service. The pre-approval of services may be delegated to one or more of the Audit Committee s members, but the decision must be reported to the full Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

The Audit Committee has determined that the rendering of the services other than audit services by E&Y is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant s independence.

Report of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed with management and the independent registered public accounting firm the Company s audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 and the independent registered public accounting firm s assessment of the Company s internal control over financial reporting. The Audit Committee has also discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by Auditing Standard No. 16, Communications with Audit Committees issued by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB). The Audit Committee has also received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent registered public accounting firm required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent registered public accounting firm s communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the accounting firm s independence. Based on the foregoing, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

AUDIT COMMITTEE Jeffrey E. Epstein, Chair Jeff Sagansky Jeffrey A. Leddy

The material in this report of the Audit Committee is not soliciting material, is furnished to, but not deemed filed with, the SEC and is not deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing of the Company under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any such filing.

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RELATED PERSON POLICY AND TRANSACTIONS

Related Person Transactions Policy and Procedures

Our Board of Directors has adopted a written related person transaction policy that sets forth the policies and procedures for the review and approval or ratification of related person transactions. This policy is administered by our Governance Committee and covers any transaction, arrangement, or relationship, or any series of similar transactions, arrangements, or relationships, in which the Company was or is to be a participant, the amount involved exceeds \$50,000 and in which a related person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest. While the policy covers related person transactions in which the amount involved exceeds \$50,000, the policy states that related person transactions in which the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 are required to be disclosed in applicable filings as required by the Securities Act, Exchange Act, and related rules. Our Board of Directors set the threshold for approval of related person transactions in the policy at an amount lower than that which is required to be disclosed under the Securities Act, Exchange Act, and related rules because we believe that it is appropriate for the Governance Committee to review transactions or potential transactions in which the amount involved exceeds \$50,000, as opposed to \$120,000. Pursuant to this policy, our Governance Committee (i) reviews the relevant facts and circumstances of each related person transaction, including if the transaction is on terms comparable to those that could be obtained in arm s-length dealings with an unrelated third party and the extent of the related party s interest in the transaction, and (ii) takes into account the conflicts of interest and corporate opportunity provisions of our code of business conduct and ethics. Management presents to our Governance Committee each proposed related person transaction, including all relevant facts and circumstances relating thereto, and updates the Governance Committee as to any material changes to any related person transaction. All related person transactions may only be consummated if our Governance Committee has approved or ratified such transaction in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the policy. Certain types of transactions are excluded by our Governance Committee under the policy. These excluded transactions include: (i) certain compensation arrangements; (ii) transactions in the ordinary course of business where the related party s interest arises only (a) from his or her position as a director of another entity that is party to the transaction, (b) from an equity interest of less than 5% in another entity that is party to the transaction, or (c) from a limited partnership interest of less than 5%, subject to certain limitations; and (iii) transactions in the ordinary course of business where the interest of the related party arises solely from the ownership of a class of our equity securities where all holders of such class of equity securities will receive the same benefit on a pro rata basis. No director will be permitted to participate in the approval of a related person transaction for which he or she is a related party.

Related Person Transactions

Other than as described below, during 2015, the Company did not enter into any related person transactions.

Loan Agreement

On February 24, 2016, we entered into a loan agreement (the Loan Agreement) with a third party company that provides in-flight entertainment systems to airlines (the Loan Party). The Loan Party is majority owned by PAR Investment Partners, L.P., or PAR, which beneficially owned 37.7% of our outstanding shares of common stock as of April 28, 2016. The Chairman of our Board of Directors is also a Managing Partner of PAR and a member of the board of directors of the Loan Party.

The Loan Agreement provides for the loan by us to the Loan Party of up to \$5,000,000, of which \$3.5 million in principal was outstanding as of April 28, 2016, bearing an annual interest rate of 15% with a maturity date of

December 31, 2016. Our Board of Directors considered the entry into the Loan Agreement under the Company s Policies and Procedures Regarding Related Person Transactions, and determined that it was appropriate and in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to enter into the Loan Agreement due to the Loan Party s position as a supplier to flydubai, a connectivity customer of the Company, and the Loan Party s future business prospects. Our Board of Directors further determined that the parties relationships did not give rise to any material conflict of interest in entering into the Loan Agreement.

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Householding of Proxy Materials

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries (e.g., brokers) to satisfy the delivery requirements for annual meeting materials with respect to two or more stockholders sharing the same address by delivering a single set of annual meeting materials addressed to those stockholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as householding, potentially means extra convenience for stockholders and cost savings for companies.

This year, a number of brokers with account holders who are our stockholders will be householding our proxy materials. A single set of Annual Meeting materials will be delivered 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 communications 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 set of annual meeting materials, please notify your broker or us. Direct your written request to our Secretary at 4553 Glencoe Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90292. Stockholders who currently receive multiple copies of the annual meeting materials at their addresses and would like to request householding of their communications should contact their brokers.

Electronic Access to Proxy Statement and Annual Report

This Proxy Statement and the Annual Report are available on the Company s web site at www.geemedia.com under Investors Financial Info. Instead of receiving paper copies of the Annual Report and Proxy Statement in the mail, stockholders can elect to receive an e-mail that will provide an electronic link to these documents. Choosing to receive your proxy materials online will save us the cost of producing and mailing documents to your home or business, and also will give you an electronic link to the proxy voting site.

Stockholders of Record. Stockholders of record can choose to receive materials electronically by following the instructions provided if voting over the Internet or by telephone.

If you choose to receive future proxy statements and annual reports over the Internet, you will receive an e-mail next year with instructions containing the Internet address of those materials and the electronic link to the proxy voting site.

The election will remain in effect until you write or call the Company s Investor Relations Department and tell us otherwise.

Beneficial Owners. If you hold your shares in a brokerage account, you may also have the ability to receive copies of the Annual Report and Proxy Statement electronically. Please check the information provided in the proxy materials sent to you by your bank, broker or other holder of record regarding the availability of electronic delivery.

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters that will be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting. If any other matter is properly presented at the meeting, your proxyholder (one of the individuals named on your proxy card) will vote your shares using his best judgment.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ Stephen Ballas

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Stephen Ballas General Counsel and Secretary April 29, 2016

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Annex A

Note: Changes marked in the text below represent the provisions of the Equity Plan Amendment.

GLOBAL EAGLE ENTERTAINMENT INC.

AMENDED AND RESTATED 2013 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

(as proposed to be amended)

- 1. Purpose and Effective Date.
- (a) <u>Purpose</u>. The Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (the Plan) has several complementary purposes: (i) to promote the growth and success of Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. (the Company) by linking a significant portion of Participant compensation to the increase in value of the Company s common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the Common Stock); (ii) to attract and retain top quality, experienced executive officers and employees by offering a competitive incentive compensation program; (iii) to reward innovation and outstanding performance as important contributing factors to the Company s growth and progress; (iv) to align the interests of executive officers, employees, Directors and Consultants with those of the Company s shareholders by reinforcing the relationship between Participant rewards and shareholder gains obtained through the achievement by Plan Participants of short-term objectives and long-term goals; and (v) to encourage executive officers, employees, Directors and Consultants to obtain and maintain an equity interest in the Company.
- (b) <u>Effective Date</u>. The Plan will become effective, and Awards may be granted under the Plan, on and after the Effective Date; provided that any Awards granted prior to the date the Plan is approved by the Company s shareholders shall be contingent on such approval.
 - 2. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in the Plan shall have the following meanings:
 - (a) 10% Stockholder means an Participant who, as of the date that an Incentive Stock Option is granted to such individual, owns more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of capital stock then issued by the Company or a Subsidiary.
- (b) Affiliate and Associate have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of determining those individuals to whom an Option may be granted, the term Affiliate means any entity that, directly or through one or more intermediaries, is controlled by, controls, or is under common control with the Company within the meaning of Code Sections 414(b) or (c); provided that, in applying such provisions, the phrase at least 20 percent shall be used in place of at least 80 percent each place it appears therein.
 - (c) Award means a grant of Options, Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Unit.

- (d) Board means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (e) Cause means, except as otherwise determined by the Committee and set forth in an Award agreement, such act or omission by a Participant as is determined by the Committee to constitute cause for termination, including but not limited to any of the following: (i) a material violation of any Company policy, including but not limited to any policy contained in the Company s Code of Business Conduct and Ethics; (ii) embezzlement from, or theft of property belonging to, the Company or any Affiliate; (iii) willful failure to perform, or gross negligence in the performance of, assigned duties; or (iv) other intentional misconduct, whether related to employment or otherwise, which has, or has the potential to have, a material adverse effect on the business conducted by the Company or its Affiliates.
 - (f) Change of Control means (unless otherwise expressly provided in a particular Award, employment, and/or severance agreement) any of the following:
- (i) a transaction or series of transactions (other than an offering of Common Stock to the general public through a registration statement filed with the SEC) whereby any person or related group of persons (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (other than the

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Company, any of its Subsidiaries, an employee benefit plan maintained by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or a person that, prior to such transaction, directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Company) directly or indirectly acquires beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of securities of the Company possessing more than 50% of the total combined voting power of the Company securities outstanding immediately after such acquisition; or

- (ii) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who, at the beginning of such period, constitute the Board together with any new director(s) (other than a director designated by a person who shall have entered into an agreement with the Company to effect a transaction described in Section 2(f)(i) or Section 2(f)(iii)) whose election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company s stockholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who either were directors at the beginning of the two-year period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved, cease for any reason to constitute a majority thereof; or
- (iii) the consummation by the Company (whether directly involving the Company or indirectly involving the Company through one or more intermediaries) of (x) a merger, consolidation, reorganization, or business combination or (y) a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company s assets in any single transaction or series of related transactions, in each case other than a transaction:
- (A) that results in the Company s voting securities outstanding immediately before the transaction continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the Company or the person that, as a result of the transaction, controls, directly or indirectly, the Company or owns, directly or indirectly, all or substantially all of the Company s assets or otherwise succeeds to the business of the Company (the Company or such person, the Successor Entity)) directly or indirectly, at least a majority of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity s outstanding voting securities immediately after the transaction, and
- (B) after which no person or group beneficially owns voting securities representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity; provided, however, that no person or group shall be treated for purposes of this Section 2(f)(iii)(B) as beneficially owning 50% or more of combined voting power of the Successor Entity solely as a result of the voting power held in the Company prior to the consummation of the transaction; or
 - (iv) the Company s shareholders approve a liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to an Award that is considered deferred compensation subject to Code Section 409A, the definition of Change of Control shall be amended and interpreted in a manner that allows the definition to satisfy the requirements of a change of control under Code Section 409A solely for purposes of determining the timing of payment of such Award.

The Committee shall have full and final authority, which shall be exercised in its discretion, to determine conclusively whether a Change in Control of the Company has occurred pursuant to the above definition, and the date of the occurrence of such Change in Control and any incidental matters relating thereto.

- (g) Code means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Any reference to a specific provision of the Code includes any successor provision and the regulations promulgated under such provision.
- (h) Committee means the Compensation Committee of the Board (or a successor committee with the same or similar authority).

- (i) Consultant means a Person or entity rendering services to the Company or an Affiliate other than as an employee of any such entity or a Director.
 - (j) Director means a member of the Board.
- (k) Disability means, except as otherwise determined by the Committee and set forth in an Award agreement: (i) with respect to an Incentive Stock Option, the meaning given in Code Section 22(e)(3), and (ii) with respect to all other Awards, a physical or mental incapacity which qualifies an individual to collect a

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benefit under a long term disability plan maintained by the Company, or such similar mental or physical condition which the Committee may determine to be a disability, regardless of whether either the individual or the condition is covered by any such long term disability plan. The Committee shall make the determination of Disability and may request such evidence of Disability as it reasonably determines.

- (1) (1) Effective Date means the date of the consummation of the transactions contemplated pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization, dated as of November 8, 2012, by and between the Company, EAGL Merger Sub Corp., a Delaware corporation, Row 44, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and PAR Investment Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership.
- (m) Exchange Act means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Any reference to a specific provision of the Exchange Act includes any successor provision and the regulations and rules promulgated under such provision.
- (n) Fair Market Value means, per Share on a particular date, unless otherwise specified by the Committee, the last sales price on such date on the NASDAQ Stock Market, as reported in The Wall Street Journal, or if no sales of Common Stock occur on the date in question, on the last preceding date on which there was a sale on such market. If the Shares are not listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market, but are traded on a national securities exchange or in another over-the-counter market, the last sales price (or, if there is no last sales price reported, the average of the closing bid and asked prices) for the Shares on the particular date, or on the last preceding date on which there was a sale of Shares on that exchange or market, will be used, unless otherwise specified by the Committee. If the Shares are neither listed on a national securities exchange nor traded in an over-the-counter market, the price determined by the Committee, in its discretion, will be used.
 - (o) Incentive Stock Option means an Option that meets the requirements of Code Section 422.
 - (p) Non-Employee Director means a Director who is not an employee of the Company or any Subsidiary.
 - (q) Nonqualified Stock Option means an Option that does not meet the requirements of Code Section 422.
 - (r) Option means the right to purchase Shares at a stated price for a specified period of time.
 - (s) Participant means an individual selected by the Committee to receive an Award.
- (t) Performance Goals means any goals the Committee establishes that relate to one or more of the following with respect to the Company or any one or more of its Subsidiaries, Affiliates or other business units: net income; income from continuing operations; stockholder return; stock price appreciation; earnings per share (including diluted earnings per share); net operating profit (including after-tax); revenue growth; organic sales growth; return on equity; return on investment; return on invested capital (including after-tax); earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; operating income; operating margin; market share; return on sales; asset reduction; cost reduction; return on equity; cash flow (including free cash flow); bookings; and new product releases. As to each Performance Goal, the relevant measurement of performance shall be computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, if applicable; provided that, the Committee may, at the time of establishing the Performance Goal(s), exclude the effects of (i) extraordinary, unusual and/or non-recurring items of gain or loss, (ii) gains or losses on the disposition of a business, (iii) changes in tax regulations or laws, or (iv) the effect of a merger or acquisition.

 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the calculation of any Performance Goal established for purposes of an Award shall be made without regard to changes in accounting methods used by the Company or in accounting standards that may be required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board after a Performance Goal relative to an Award is established and prior to the time the compensation earned by reason of the achievement of the relevant Performance Goal is paid

to the Participant. In the case of Awards that the Committee determines will not be considered performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m), the Committee may establish other Performance Goals not listed in the Plan. Where applicable, the Performance Goals may be expressed, without limitation, in terms of attaining a specified level of the particular criterion or the attainment of an increase or decrease (expressed as absolute numbers or a percentage) in the particular criterion or achievement

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in relation to a peer group or other index. The Performance Goals may include a threshold level of performance below which no payment will be made (or no vesting will occur), levels of performance at which specified payments will be paid (or specified vesting will occur), and a maximum level of performance above which no additional payment will be made (or at which full vesting will occur).

- (u) Person has the meaning given in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act, as modified and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof.
- (v) Restriction Period means the length of time established relative to an Award during which (i) the Participant cannot sell, assign, transfer, pledge or otherwise encumber the Common Stock subject to such Award or during which the Common Stock are subject to vesting or a right of repurchase in favor of the Company and (ii) at the end of which the Participant obtains an unrestricted right to such Common Stock.
 - (w) Restricted Stock means a Share that is subject to a risk of forfeiture or restrictions on transfer, or both a risk of forfeiture and restrictions on transfer.
- (x) Restricted Stock Units means an a contractual right to receive a number of Shares or an amount of cash equal to the value of that number of Shares corresponding to the number of units granted to a Participant without payment, as compensation for services to the Company or its Subsidiaries, which right may be subject to vesting restrictions.
- (y) Section 16 Participants means Participants who are subject to the provisions of Section 16 of the Exchange Act.
 - (z) Share means a share of Common Stock.
- (aa) (aa) Subsidiary means any corporation or limited liability company (except that is treated as a partnership for U.S. income tax purposes) in an unbroken chain of entities beginning with the Company if each of the entities (other than the last entity in the chain) owns stock or equity interests possessing more than fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock or equity interests in one of the other entities in the chain.

3. Administration.

(a) <u>Committee Administration</u>. The Committee shall administer the Plan. In addition to the authority specifically granted to the Committee in the Plan, the Committee has full discretionary authority to administer the Plan, including but not limited to the authority to: (i) interpret the provisions of the Plan; (ii) prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan; (iii) correct any defect, supply any omission, or reconcile any inconsistency in any Award or agreement covering an Award in the manner and to the extent it deems desirable to carry the Plan into effect; and (iv) make all other determinations necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan. All Committee determinations are final and binding.

Notwithstanding the above statement or any other provision of the Plan, once established, the Committee shall have no discretion to increase the amount of compensation payable under an Award that is intended to be performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m), although the Committee may decrease the amount of compensation a Participant may earn under such an Award. Any action by the Committee to accelerate or otherwise amend an Award for reasons other than retirement, death, Disability or a termination by the Company without Cause, or in connection with a Change of Control, shall include application of a commercially reasonable discount to the compensation otherwise payable to reflect the value of the accelerated payment.

(b) <u>Delegation to Other Committees or Officers</u>. To the extent applicable law permits, the Board may delegate to another committee of the Board or the Committee may delegate to one or more officers of the Company, any or all of the authority and responsibility of the Committee; provided that no such delegation is permitted with respect to Awards made to Section 16 Participants at the time any such delegated authority or responsibility is exercised. The Board may also delegate to another committee of the Board consisting entirely of Non-Employee Directors any or all of the authority and responsibility of the Committee with respect to individuals who are Section 16 Participants or relating to an Award intended by the Company to qualify as performance-based compensation within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code.

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(c) In addition, the Board may reserve for itself any and all authority or responsibility previously delegated to any Committee. If the Board or the Committee has made such a delegation, then all references to the Committee in the Plan include the Board, such other committee, or one or more officers to the extent of such delegation.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, only the full Board shall have the authority to administer the Plan with respect to Awards granted to Non-Employee Directors.

- (d) <u>Indemnification</u>. The Company will indemnify and hold harmless each member of the Board and the Committee, and each officer or member of any other committee to whom a delegation under Section 3(b) has been made, as to any acts or omissions with respect to the Plan or any Award to the maximum extent that the law and the Company s

 By-Laws permit.
- 4. <u>Eligibility</u>. The Committee may designate any of the following as a Participant from time to time, to the extent of the Committee s authority: any executive officer, employee, Consultant or Director of the Company or any Subsidiary. The Committee s granting of an Award to a Participant will not require the Committee to grant an Award to such individual at any future time. The Committee s granting of a particular type of Award to a Participant will not require the Committee to grant any other type of Award to such individual.
- 5. <u>Types of Awards</u>. Subject to the terms of the Plan, the Committee may grant any type of Award to any Participant it selects; provided, however that only executive officers and employees of the Company or a Subsidiary may receive grants of Incentive Stock Options. Awards may be granted alone or in addition to, in tandem with, or in substitution for, any other Award (or any other award granted under another equity compensation plan of the Company or any Affiliate).

6. Shares Reserved under the Plan.

- (a) <u>Plan Reserve</u>. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 14, an aggregate of **7,500,000 9,000,000** Shares are reserved for issuance under the Plan. Effective as of **June 23, 2015 April 28, 2016** an additional **1,500,000 2,000,000** Shares are reserved for issuance under the Plan. Subject to Section 6(b) and Section 14(a), all Shares reserved for issuance under the Plan may be issued as Incentive Stock Options.
- (b) Replenishment of Shares Under the Plan. Shares subject to an Award under the Plan that are canceled, expired, forfeited, settled in cash or otherwise terminated without a delivery of shares to the Participant, including (i) the number of shares withheld in payment of any exercise or purchase price of an Award or taxes relating to Awards, and (ii) the number of shares surrendered in payment of any exercise or purchase price of an Award or taxes relating to any Award or award, will again be available for Awards under the Plan, except that if any such shares could not again be available for Awards to a particular Participant under any applicable law or regulation, such shares shall be available exclusively for Awards to Participants who are not subject to such limitation. In the event that a corporation acquired by (or combined with) the Company or any Subsidiary has shares available under a pre-existing plan approved by stockholders and not adopted in contemplation of such acquisition or combination, the shares available for grant pursuant to the terms of such preexisting plan (as adjusted, to the extent appropriate, using the exchange ratio or other adjustment or valuation ratio or formula used in such acquisition or combination to determine the consideration payable to the holders of common stock of the entities party to such acquisition or combination) may be used for Awards under the Plan and shall not reduce the Shares authorized for grant under the Plan; provided that grants using such available shares shall not be made after the date awards or grants could have been made under the terms of the pre-existing plan, absent the acquisition or combination, and shall only be made to individuals who were not employees or directors of the Company or any Subsidiary prior to such acquisition or combination.

(c) <u>Limitation on Number of Shares Subject to Awards</u>. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, and subject to Section 14(a), the maximum number of Shares with respect to one or more Awards that may be granted to (or where the value of the Award is based on the Fair Market Value of the Shares, is with respect to) any one Participant during any calendar year shall be 1,500,000. **Notwithstanding the foregoing, the maximum number of Shares subject to Awards granted during any calendar year to any Non-Employee Director, taken together with any cash fees paid to such Non-Employee Director for**

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services as a Director during the calendar year, shall not exceed \$400,000 in total value (calculating the value of any such Awards based on the grant date fair value of such Awards for financial reporting purposes).

- 7. Options. Subject to the terms of the Plan, the Committee will determine all terms and conditions of each Option, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Whether the Option is an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonqualified Stock Option;
 - (b) The number of Shares subject to the Option;
 - (c) The date of grant, which may not be prior to the date of the Committee s approval of the grant;
- (d) The exercise price, which may not be less than the Fair Market Value of the Shares subject to the Option as determined on the date of grant; provided that an Incentive Stock Option granted to a 10% Stockholder must have an exercise price at least equal to 110% of the Fair Market Value of the Shares subject to the Option as determined on the date of grant;
- (e) The terms and conditions of exercise; provided, however, that, if the aggregate Fair Market Value of the Shares subject to the Option (as determined on the date of grant of such Option) that becomes exercisable during a calendar year exceeds \$100,000, then such Option shall be treated as a Nonqualified Stock Option to the extent such \$100,000 limitation is exceeded; and
- (f) The term of the Option; provided, however, that each Option must terminate no later than ten (10) years after the date of grant and each Incentive Stock Option granted to a 10% Stockholder must terminate no later than five (5) years after the date of grant.

In all other respects, the terms of any Incentive Stock Option should comply with the provisions of Code Section 422 except to the extent the Committee determines otherwise. If an Option that is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option fails to meet the requirements thereof, the Option shall automatically be treated as a Nonqualified Stock Option to the extent of such failure.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Award, vested Options may be exercised, in whole or in part, by giving notice of exercise to the Company in such manner as the Company may prescribe. This notice must be accompanied by payment in full of the exercise price in cash or by use of such other instrument as the Committee may agree to accept.

Payment of the exercise price, applicable withholding taxes due upon exercise of the Option, or both may be made in the form of Common Stock already owned by the Participant, which Common Stock shall be valued at Fair Market Value on the date the Option is exercised. A Participant who elects to make payment in Common Stock may not transfer fractional shares or shares of Common Stock with an aggregate Fair Market Value in excess of the Option exercise price plus applicable withholding taxes. A Participant need not present stock certificates when making a payment in Common Stock, so long as other satisfactory proof of ownership of the Common Stock tendered is provided (e.g., attestation of ownership of a sufficient number of shares of Common Stock to pay the exercise price). The Committee shall have the discretion to authorize or accept payment by other forms or methods or to establish a cashless exercise program, all within such limitations as may be imposed by the Plan or any applicable law.

8. <u>Restricted Stock Awards</u>. Subject to the terms of the Plan, the Committee will determine all terms and conditions of each Award of Restricted Stock, including but not limited to:

- (a) The number of Shares and/or units to which such Award relates;
- (b) Whether, as a condition for the Participant to realize all or a portion of the benefit provided under the Award, one or more Performance Goals must be achieved during such period as the Committee specifies; and
 - (c) The Restriction Period with respect to Restricted Stock.

During the Restriction Period, the Participant shall have all of the rights of a shareholder with respect to the Restricted Stock, including the right to vote such Restricted Stock and, unless the Committee shall otherwise provide, the right to receive dividends paid with respect to such Restricted Stock.

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Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, at such time as all restrictions applicable to an Award of Restricted Stock and the Restriction Period expires, ownership of the Common Stock subject to such restrictions shall be transferred to the Participant free of all restrictions except those that may be imposed by applicable law.

- 9. <u>Restricted Stock Units</u>. The Committee may authorize grants of Restricted Stock Units to Participants upon such terms and conditions as the Committee may determine in accordance with the following provisions:
- (a) <u>Restricted Period</u>. Each grant shall provide that the Restricted Stock Units covered thereby shall be subject to a Restricted Period, which shall be fixed by the Committee on the date of grant, and any grant or sale may provide for the earlier termination of such period in the event of a termination of employment.
- (b) <u>Dividend Equivalents and Other Ownership Rights</u>. During the Restricted Period, the Participant shall not have any right to transfer any rights under the subject Award and shall not have any rights of ownership in the Shares underlying the Restricted Stock Units, including the right to vote such Shares, but the Committee may on or after the grant date authorize the payment of dividend equivalents on such shares in cash or additional Shares on a current, deferred or contingent basis with respect to any or all dividends or other distributions paid by the Company, subject to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any dividend equivalents with respect to dividends paid in stock shall be subject to the same restrictions as the underlying Award.
- (c) <u>Payment</u>. Unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, upon the vesting of a Restricted Stock Unit there shall be delivered to the Participant, as soon as practicable following the date on which such Award (or any portion thereof) vests (but in no event later than two and one-half (2 ½) months following the end of the calendar year in which such Restricted Stock Unit vests), subject to Section 12, that number of Shares equal to the number of Restricted Stock Units that have vested (or the cash equivalent thereof in the case of a cash-settled award).
- 10. <u>Performance Awards</u>. The Committee may grant Awards which may be earned in whole or in part based on the attainment of the Performance Goals. No payment shall be made to a covered employee prior to the written certification by the Committee that the Performance Goals have been attained. Any such grants shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 162(m) and the provisions of this Plan as approved by the shareholders.

11. Transferability.

- (a) <u>Restrictions on Transfer</u>. Awards are not transferable other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, unless and to the extent the Committee allows a Participant to designate in writing a beneficiary to exercise the Award or receive payment under an Award after the Participant s death or transfer an Award as provided in Section 11(b).
- (b) Permitted Transfers. If allowed by the Committee, a Participant may transfer the ownership of some or all of the vested or earned Awards granted to such Participant, other than Incentive Stock Options to (i) the spouse, children or grandchildren of such Participant (the Family Members), (ii) a trust or trusts established for the exclusive benefit of such Family Members, or (iii) a partnership in which such Family Members are the only partners. Notwithstanding the foregoing, vested or earned Awards may be transferred without the Committee s pre-approval if the transfer is made incident to a divorce as required pursuant to the terms of a domestic relations order as defined in Section 414(p) of the Code; provided that no such transfer will be allowed with respect to Incentive Stock Options if such transferability is not permitted by Code Section 422. Any such transfer shall be without consideration and shall be irrevocable. No Award so transferred may be subsequently transferred, except by will or applicable laws of descent and distribution. The Committee may create additional conditions and requirements applicable to the transfer of Awards. Following the allowable transfer of a vested Option, such Option shall continue to be subject to the same terms and conditions as were applicable to the Option immediately prior to the transfer. For purposes of settlement of the Award, delivery of

Stock upon exercise of an Option and the Plan s Change of Control provisions, however, any reference to a Participant shall be deemed to refer to the transferee.

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- 12. Termination and Amendment of Plan; Amendment, Modification or Cancellation of Awards.
- (a) <u>Term of Plan</u>. Unless the Board earlier terminates the Plan pursuant to Section 12(b), the Plan will terminate on the earlier of the date all Shares reserved for issuance have been issued or the date that is ten (10) years following the Effective Date.
- (b) <u>Termination and Amendment</u>. The Board or the Committee may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue or terminate the Plan at any time, subject to the following limitations:
 - (i) the Board must approve any amendment of the Plan to the extent the Company determines such approval is required by: (A) action of the Board, (B) applicable corporate law, or (C) any other applicable law;
- (ii) shareholders must approve any amendment of the Plan to the extent the Company determines such approval is required by: (A) Section 16 of the Exchange Act, (B) the Code, (C) the listing requirements of any principal securities exchange or market on which the Shares are then traded, or (D) any other applicable law; and
- (iii) shareholders must approve any of the following Plan amendments: (A) an amendment to materially increase any number of Shares specified in Section 6(a), 6(b) or the limits set forth in Section 6(c) (except as permitted by Section 14), (B) an amendment to expand the group of individuals that may become Participants, or (C) an amendment that would diminish the protections afforded by Section 12(e) or that would materially change the minimum vesting and performance requirements of an Award as required in the Plan.
- (c) Amendment, Modification or Cancellation of Awards. Except as provided in Section 12(e) and subject to the requirements of the Plan, the Committee may modify, amend or cancel any Award; or waive any restrictions or conditions applicable to any Award or the exercise of the Award; provided, however, that any modification or amendment that materially diminishes the rights of the Participant, or the cancellation of the Award, shall be effective only if agreed to by the Participant or any other Person(s) as may then have an interest in the Award, but the Committee need not obtain Participant (or other interested party) consent for the adjustment or cancellation of an Award pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 or the modification of an Award to the extent deemed necessary to comply with any applicable law, the listing requirements of any principal securities exchange or market on which the Shares are then traded, or to preserve favorable accounting or tax treatment of any Award for the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless determined otherwise by the Committee, any such amendment shall be made in a manner that will enable an Award intended to be exempt from Code Section 409A to continue to be so exempt, or to enable an Award intended to comply with Code Section 409A to continue to so comply.
- (d) <u>Survival of Authority and Awards</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the authority of the Board and the Committee under this Section 12 and to otherwise administer the Plan will extend beyond the date of the Plan s termination. In addition, termination of the Plan will not affect the rights of Participants with respect to Awards previously granted to them, and all unexpired Awards will continue in force and effect after termination of the Plan except as they may lapse or be terminated by their own terms and conditions.
- (e) Repricing and Backdating Prohibited. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, and except for the adjustments provided in Section 14, neither the Committee nor any other Person may decrease the exercise price for any outstanding Option after the date of grant nor allow a Participant to surrender an outstanding Option to the Company as consideration for the grant of a new Option with a lower exercise price. In addition, the Committee may not make a grant of an Option with a grant date that is effective prior to the date the Committee takes action to approve such Award.

(f) <u>Foreign Participation</u>. To assure the viability of Awards granted to Participants employed or residing in foreign countries, the Committee may provide for such special terms as it may consider necessary or appropriate to accommodate differences in local law, tax policy or custom. Moreover, the Committee may approve such supplements to, or amendments, restatements or alternative versions of, the Plan as it determines is necessary or appropriate for such purposes. Any such amendment, restatement or alternative versions that the Committee approves for purposes of using the Plan in a foreign country will not affect the terms of the

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Plan for any other country. In addition, all such supplements, amendments, restatements or alternative versions must comply with the provisions of Section 12(b)(ii).

In addition, if an Award is held by a Participant who is employed or residing in a foreign country and the amount payable or Shares issuable under such Award would be taxable to the Participant under Code Section 457A in the year such Award is no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture, then the amount payable or Shares issuable under such Award shall be paid or issued to the Participant as soon as practicable after such substantial risk of forfeiture lapses (or, for Awards that are not considered nonqualified deferred compensation subject to Code Section 409A, no later than the end of the short-term deferral period permitted by Code Section 457A) notwithstanding anything in the Plan or the Award Agreement to contrary.

(g) <u>Code Section 409A</u>. The provisions of Code Section 409A are incorporated herein by reference to the extent necessary for any Award that is subject to Code Section 409A to comply therewith.

13. Taxes.

- (a) Withholding. In the event the Company or an Affiliate of the Company is required to withhold any Federal, state or local taxes or other amounts in respect of any income recognized by a Participant as a result of the grant, vesting, payment or settlement of an Award or disposition of any Shares acquired under an Award, the Company may deduct (or require an Affiliate to deduct) from any payments of any kind otherwise due to the Participant cash, or with the consent of the Committee, Shares otherwise deliverable or vesting under an Award, to satisfy such tax obligations. Alternatively, the Company may require such Participant to pay to the Company, in cash, promptly on demand, or make other arrangements satisfactory to the Company regarding the payment to the Company of the aggregate amount of any such taxes and other amounts. If Shares are deliverable upon exercise or payment of an Award, the Committee may permit a Participant to satisfy all or a portion of the Federal, state and local withholding tax obligations arising in connection with such Award by electing to (a) have the Company withhold Shares otherwise issuable under the Award, (b) tender back Shares received in connection with such Award or (c) deliver other previously owned Shares; provided, however, that the amount to be withheld may not exceed the total minimum Federal, state and local tax withholding obligations associated with the transaction to the extent needed for the Company to avoid an accounting charge. If an election is provided, the election must be made on or before the date as of which the amount of tax to be withheld is determined and otherwise as the Committee requires. In any case, the Company may defer making payment or delivery under any Award if any such tax may be pending unless and until indemnified to its satisfaction.
- (b) No Guarantee of Tax Treatment. Notwithstanding any provisions of the Plan, the Company does not guarantee to any Participant or any other Person with an interest in an Award that (i) any Award intended to be exempt from Code Section 409A shall be so exempt, (ii) any Award intended to comply with Code Section 409A or Code Section 422 shall so comply, (iii) any Award shall otherwise receive a specific tax treatment under any other applicable tax law, nor in any such case will the Company or any Affiliate indemnify, defend or hold harmless any Person with respect to the tax consequences of any Award.
- (c) <u>Participant Responsibilities</u>. If a Participant shall dispose of Common Stock acquired through exercise of an Incentive Stock Option within either (i) two (2) years after the date the Option is granted or (ii) one (1) year after the date the Option is exercised (i.e., in a disqualifying disposition), such Participant shall notify the Company within seven (7) days of the date of such disqualifying disposition. In addition, if a Participant elects, under Code Section 83, to be taxed at the time an Award of Restricted Stock (or other property subject to such Code Section) is made, rather than at the time the Award vests, such Participant shall notify the Company within seven (7) days of the date the Restricted Stock subject to the election is awarded.

14. Adjustment Provisions; Change of Control.

(a) Adjustment of Shares. If: (i) the Company shall at any time be involved in a merger or other transaction in which the Shares are changed or exchanged, (ii) the Company shall subdivide or combine the Shares or the Company shall declare a dividend payable in Shares, other securities or other property, (iii) the Company shall effect a cash dividend the amount of which, on a per Share basis, exceeds ten percent (10%) of the Fair Market Value of a Share at the time the dividend is declared, or the Company shall effect any other dividend or other distribution on the Shares in the form of cash, or a repurchase of Shares, that the

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Board determines by resolution is special or extraordinary in nature or that is in connection with a transaction that the Company characterizes publicly as a recapitalization or reorganization involving the Shares, or (iv) any other event shall occur, which, in the case of this clause (iv), in the judgment of the Board or Committee necessitates an adjustment to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, then the Committee shall, in such manner as it may deem equitable to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, adjust as applicable: (A) the number and type of Shares subject to the Plan (including the number and type of Shares described in Sections 6(a) and (b)) and which may after the event be made the subject of Awards; (B) the number and type of Shares subject to outstanding Awards; (C) the grant, purchase, or exercise price with respect to any Award; and (D) to the extent such discretion does not cause an Award that is intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m) to lose its status as such, the Performance Goals of an Award. In each case, with respect to Awards of Incentive Stock Options, no such adjustment may be authorized to the extent that such authority would cause the Plan to violate Code Section 422(b).

Without limitation, in the event of any reorganization, merger, consolidation, combination or other similar corporate transaction or event, whether or not constituting a Change of Control (other than any such transaction in which the Company is the continuing corporation and in which the outstanding Common Stock is not being converted into or exchanged for different securities, cash or other property, or any combination thereof), the Committee may substitute, on an equitable basis as the Committee determines, for each Share then subject to an Award and the Shares subject to the Plan (if the Plan will continue in effect), the number and kind of shares of stock, other securities, cash or other property to which holders of Common Stock are or will be entitled in respect of each Share pursuant to the transaction.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a stock dividend (other than a stock dividend declared in lieu of an ordinary cash dividend) or subdivision or combination of the Shares (including a reverse stock split), if no action is taken by the Committee, adjustments contemplated by this Section 13(a) that are proportionate shall nevertheless automatically be made as of the date of such stock dividend or subdivision or combination of the Shares.

- (b) <u>Issuance or Assumption</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, and without affecting the number of Shares otherwise reserved or available under the Plan, in connection with any merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or stock, or reorganization, the Committee may authorize the issuance or assumption of awards under the Plan upon such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate.
- (c) <u>Change of Control</u>. If the Participant has in effect an employment, retention, change of control, severance or similar agreement with the Company or any Affiliate that discusses the effect of a Change of Control on the Participant s Awards, then such agreement shall control in the event of a Change of Control. In all other cases, in the event of a Change of Control, the Committee may, in its sole discretion (i) elect to accelerate, in whole or in part, the vesting of any Award, (ii) elect to make cash payments payable as a result of the acceleration of vesting of any Award, or (iii) elect to cancel any Options as of the date of the Change of Control in exchange for a cash payment equal to the excess of the Change of Control price of the Shares covered by the Option that is so cancelled over the purchase or grant price of such Shares under the Award.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in any agreement between a Participant and the Company or an Affiliate, if the receipt of any payment by a Participant under the circumstances described above would result in the payment by the Participant of any excise tax provided for in Section 280G and Section 4999 of the Code, then the amount of such payment shall be reduced to the extent required to prevent the imposition of such excise tax.

15. Miscellaneous.

- (a) Other Terms and Conditions. The grant of any Award may also be subject to other provisions (whether or not applicable to the Award granted to any other Participant) as the Committee determines appropriate, including, without limitation, provisions for:
- (i) the payment of the purchase price of Options by delivery of cash or other Shares or other securities of the Company (including by attestation) having a then Fair Market Value equal to the

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purchase price of such Shares, or by delivery (including by fax) to the Company or its designated agent of an executed irrevocable option exercise form together with irrevocable instructions to a broker-dealer to sell or margin a sufficient portion of the Shares and deliver the sale or margin loan proceeds directly to the Company to pay for the exercise price;

- (ii) restrictions on resale or other disposition of Shares; and
- (iii) compliance with federal or state securities laws and stock exchange requirements.
- (b) <u>Employment and Service</u>. The issuance of an Award shall not confer upon a Participant any right with respect to continued employment or service with the Company or any Affiliate, or the right to continue as a Director. Unless determined otherwise by the Committee, for purposes of the Plan and all Awards, the following rules shall apply:
- (i) a Participant who transfers employment between the Company and its Affiliates, or between Affiliates, will not be considered to have terminated employment;
- (ii) a Participant who ceases to be a Non-Employee Director because he or she becomes an employee of the Company or an Affiliate shall not be considered to have ceased service as a Non-Employee Director with respect to any Award until such Participant s termination of employment with the Company and its Affiliates;
- (iii) a Participant who ceases to be employed by the Company or an Affiliate and immediately thereafter becomes a Non-Employee Director, a non-employee director of an Affiliate, or a consultant to the Company or any Affiliate shall not be considered to have terminated employment until such Participant s service as a director of, or consultant to, the Company and its Affiliates has ceased; and
- (iv) a Participant employed by an Affiliate will be considered to have terminated employment when such entity ceases to be an Affiliate.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of an Award that is subject to Code Section 409A, if a Participant s termination of employment or service triggers the payment of compensation under such Award, then the Participant will be deemed to have terminated employment or service upon his or her separation from service within the meaning of Code Section 409A.

- (c) <u>No Fractional Shares</u>. No fractional Shares or other securities may be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan, and the Committee may determine whether cash, other securities or other property will be paid or transferred in lieu of any fractional Shares or other securities, or whether such fractional Shares or other securities or any rights to fractional Shares or other securities will be canceled, terminated or otherwise eliminated.
 - (d) <u>Unfunded Plan</u>. This Plan is unfunded and does not create, and should not be construed to create, a trust or separate fund with respect to the Plan s benefits. This Plan does not establish any fiduciary relationship between the Company and any Participant or other Person. To the extent any Person holds any rights by virtue of an Award granted under the Plan, such rights are no greater than the rights of the Company s general unsecured creditors.
- (e) <u>Requirements of Law and Securities Exchange</u>. The granting of Awards and the issuance of Shares in connection with an Award are subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations and to such approvals by any governmental agencies or securities exchanges as may be required. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or any Award agreement, the Company has no liability to deliver any Shares under the Plan or make any payment unless such delivery or payment would comply with all applicable laws and the applicable requirements of any securities

exchange or similar entity, and unless and until the Participant has taken all actions required by the Company in connection therewith. The Company may impose such restrictions on any Shares issued under the Plan as the Company determines necessary or desirable to comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations or the requirements of any national securities exchanges.

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- (f) Governing Law. This Plan, and all agreements under the Plan, will be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without reference to any conflict of law principles. Any legal action or proceeding with respect to the Plan, any Award or any award agreement, or for recognition and enforcement of any judgment in respect of the Plan, any Award or any award agreement, may only be heard in a bench trial, and any party to such action or proceeding shall agree to waive its right to a jury trial.
 - (g) <u>Limitations on Actions</u>. Any legal action or proceeding with respect to the Plan, any Award or any Award agreement, must be brought within one (1) year (365 days) after the day the complaining party first knew or should have known of the events giving rise to the complaint.
- (h) <u>Construction</u>. Whenever any words are used herein in the masculine, they shall be construed as though they were used in the feminine in all cases where they would so apply; and wherever any words are used in the singular or plural, they shall be construed as though they were used in the plural or singular, as the case may be, in all cases where they would so apply. Title of sections are for general information only, and the Plan is not to be construed with reference to such titles.
- (i) <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of the Plan or any award agreement or any Award (i) is or becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, or as to any Person or Award, or (ii) would disqualify the Plan, any award agreement or any Award under any law the Committee deems applicable, then such provision should be construed or deemed amended to conform to applicable laws, or if it cannot be so construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Committee, materially altering the intent of the Plan, award agreement or Award, then such provision should be stricken as to such jurisdiction, Person or Award, and the remainder of the Plan, such award agreement and such Award will remain in full force and effect.

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Annex B

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measure to GAAP Measure

We present Adjusted EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, as a measure of our performance in this Proxy Statement. The presentation of Adjusted EBITDA is not intended to be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, or superior to, net income (loss) or any other performance measures derived in accordance with GAAP or as an alternative to net cash provided by operating activities or any other measures of our cash flow or liquidity. For more information on this non-GAAP financial measure, please see the table entitled Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measure to GAAP Measure below.

Adjusted EBITDA is the primary measure used by our management and board of directors to understand and evaluate our financial performance and operating trends, including period to period comparisons, to prepare and approve our annual budget and to develop short and long term operational plans. Additionally, Adjusted EBITDA is one of the primary measures used by the compensation committee of our board of directors to establish the funding targets for and fund the annual bonus pool for our employees and executives. We believe that this non-GAAP financial measure reflects our business in a manner that allows for meaningful period-to-period comparisons and analysis of trends. In particular, the exclusion of certain expenses in calculating Adjusted EBITDA can provide a useful measure for period-to-period comparisons of the Company s underlying recurring revenue and operating costs. In addition, management believes that it can be useful to exclude certain non-cash charges because the amount of such expenses is the result of acquisition-related activities in previous periods rather than day-to-day operating decisions. These types of expenses are clearly distinguishable from other ongoing business activities, and its discretionary nature and long-term impact differentiate it from specific period transactions, decisions regarding day-to-day operations, and activities that would have an immediate impact on operating or financial performance if materially changed, deferred or terminated. Management also believes that Adjusted EBITDA provide investors with additional useful information to measure the Company s underlying financial performance, particularly from period to period, because these measures are exclusive of certain non-cash expenses not directly related to the operation of its ongoing business (such as amortization of intangible assets acquired via business combinations, as well as certain other non-cash expenses such as purchase accounting adjustments, depreciation and stock-based compensation), and we frequently use Adjusted EBITDA in discussions with investors, commercial bankers, securities analysts and other users of our financial statements.

We define Adjusted EBITDA as operating loss before income taxes before, when applicable, other income (expense), interest expense (income), depreciation and amortization, as further adjusted to eliminate the impact of, when applicable, stock-based compensation, acquisition and realignment costs, restructuring charges, F/X gain (loss) on intercompany loans and any gains or losses on certain asset sales or dispositions. Other income (expense), acquisition and realignment costs and restructuring charges include such items, when applicable, as (a) non-cash GAAP purchase accounting adjustments for certain deferred revenue and costs, (b) legal, accounting and other professional fees directly attributable to acquisition activity, (c) certain non-recurring employee severance payments and third party professional fees directly attributable to acquisition or corporate realignment activities, (d) certain non-recurring expenses associated with our expansion into China that did not generate associated revenue in 2014, (e) legal settlements or reserves for legal settlements in the period that pertain to historical matters that existed at acquired companies prior to their purchase date, (f) a one-time impairment of a portion of certain receivables directly

attributable to a customer undergoing economic hardships from recent trade sanctions imposed by the European Union and the United States on Russia in 2014, (g) non-cash changes in the fair value of our derivative financial instruments, (h) any restructuring charges in the period pursuant to our integration plan announced on September 23, 2014, (i) interest expense associated with our debt and (j) certain one-time expenditures related the Business Combination in 2013. Management does not consider these costs to be indicative of our core operating results.

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Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measure to GAAP Measure (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2015	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2014
Adjusted EBITDA:		
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$ (2,126)	\$ (57,388)
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		194
Income tax expense	1,621	10,574
Other expense (income) ⁽¹⁾	(8,306)	13,895
Depreciation and amortization	36,592	34,422
Stock-based compensation	8,235	8,067
Acquisition and realignment costs ⁽²⁾	13,598	16,703
Restructuring charges ⁽³⁾	411	4,223
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 50,025	\$ 30,690

Other expense (income) principally includes the non-cash change in fair value of our derivative financial instruments of approximately \$11.9 million and \$7.0 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively; interest expense associated with our debt; a one-time non-cash impairment provision recorded during the fourth quarter of 2014 on certain accounts receivables owed for past equipment shipped to a Russian customer who experienced severe economic hardship as a result of the trade sanctions imposed on Russia in 2014; and, certain non-recurring expenses through the third quarter of 2014 associated with our expansion into China that did not generate associated revenue in 2014. Management does not consider these costs to be indicative of our core operating results.

- Acquisition and realignment costs include such items, when applicable, as (a) non-cash GAAP purchase accounting adjustments for certain deferred revenue and costs, (b) legal, accounting and other professional fees directly attributable to acquisition activity, (c) certain non-recurring employee severance payments and third party
- (2) professional fees directly attributable to acquisition or corporate realignment activities and (d) certain legal settlements or reserves for legal settlements in the period that pertain to historical matters that existed at acquired companies prior to their purchase date. Management does not consider these costs to be indicative of our core operating results.
- (3) Includes restructuring expenses pursuant to our integration plan announced on September 23, 2014. Management does not consider these costs to be indicative of our core operating results.

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