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LightPath Technologies, Inc.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders

January 26, 2017

Notice and Proxy Statement

Dear LightPath Stockholder: December 16, 2016

I am pleased to invite you to the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of LightPath Technologies, Inc. The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. EST at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport Hotel located at 9300 Airport Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32827. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to vote on the following:

1. To elect Class I directors to the Company's Board of Directors;
2. To hold a stockholder advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers disclosed in this proxy statement under the section titled "Executive Compensation," including the compensation tables and other narrative executive compensation disclosures therein, required by Item 402 of Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation S-K (a "say-on-pay" vote);
3. To hold a stockholder advisory vote on the frequency that stockholder advisory votes to approve the compensation of our named executive officers will be taken (a "say on-frequency" vote);
4. To ratify the selection of BDO USA LLP as our independent public accountant; and
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof.

You will also have the opportunity to hear what has occurred in our business during the past year and to ask questions.

The enclosed Notice and Proxy Statement contain details concerning the foregoing items and any other business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting. Other detailed information about us and our operations, including our audited financial statements, are included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K (the "Annual Report"), a copy of which is enclosed. We urge you to read and consider these documents carefully.

We hope you can join us at the meeting. Whether or not you expect to attend, please read the enclosed Proxy Statement, **mark** your votes on the enclosed proxy card, **sign and date it**, and **return it** to us in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Your vote is important, so please return your proxy card promptly.

Sincerely,
Robert Ripp
Chairman of the Board

2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100 * Orlando, Florida USA 32826 * 407-382-4003

LIGHTPATH TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100

Orlando, Florida USA 32826

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held On Thursday, January 26, 2017

Dear Stockholder,

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of LightPath Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation. The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. EST at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport Hotel located at 9300 Airport Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32827. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to vote on the following:

1. To elect Class I directors to the Company's Board of Directors;

2. To hold a stockholder advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers disclosed in this proxy statement under the section titled "Executive Compensation," including the compensation tables and other narrative executive compensation disclosures therein, required by Item 402 of Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation S-K (a "say-on-pay" vote);

3. To hold a stockholder advisory vote on the frequency that stockholder advisory votes to approve the compensation of our named executive officers will be taken (a "say on-frequency" vote);

4. To ratify the selection of BDO USA LLP as our independent public accountant; and

5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on December 1, 2016 will be entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Whether or not you expect to attend the meeting, ***please complete, date, sign, and return*** the enclosed proxy as promptly as possible in order to ensure your representation at the meeting. A return envelope (which is postage prepaid if mailed in the United States) is enclosed for your convenience. You may attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person even if you have previously voted by proxy. Please note that if a broker, bank or other nominee holds your shares of record, and you wish to vote at the meeting, you must obtain a proxy issued in your name from that record holder.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. James Gaynor
President & Chief Executive Officer
Orlando, Florida
December 16, 2016

LIGHTPATH TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100

Orlando, Florida USA 32826

PROXY STATEMENT

FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To be held January 26, 2017

This proxy statement, and the enclosed proxy card, is solicited by the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of LightPath Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation, for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) to be held Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. EST, or at any adjournments or postponements thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Annual Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. EST at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport Hotel located at 9300 Airport Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32827.

References in this proxy statement to “LightPath”, “we”, “us”, “our”, or the “Company” refers to LightPath Technologies, Inc.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2017.

This proxy statement, the enclosed proxy card, and the Annual Report for the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2016, are all available on our website at www.lightpath.com. With respect to the Annual Meeting and all of our future stockholder meetings, please contact Dorothy Cipolla at 1-800-472-3486 ext. 305, or dcipolla@lightpath.com, to request a copy of the proxy statement, annual report or proxy card, or to obtain directions to such meeting.

Why am I receiving these materials?

A proxy statement is a document the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) require us to give you when we ask you to sign a proxy designating individuals to vote on your behalf. A proxy is your legal designation of another person to vote the stock you own and are entitled to vote. That other person is called a proxy. If you designate someone as your proxy in a written document, that document also is called a proxy or a proxy card. We have designated Robert Ripp, Chairman of the Board, as proxy for the Annual Meeting.

You are receiving this proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card because our Board is soliciting your proxy to vote at the Annual Meeting. This proxy statement provides you with information on the matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting as well as instructions on how to vote.

We intend to mail this proxy statement and accompanying proxy card on or about December 16, 2016 to all stockholders of record entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Who can vote at the Annual Meeting?

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on December 1, 2016 (the “Record Date”) will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. On the Record Date, there were 15,653,258 shares of Class A common stock (our only class of common stock) outstanding and entitled to vote.

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If on the Record Date your shares were registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., 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 Annual Meeting, we urge you to fill out and return the enclosed proxy card to ensure your vote is counted. Even if you complete and return your proxy card, you may still vote in person if you are able to attend the Annual Meeting.

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

If on the Record Date your shares were held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, dealer, or other similar organization, 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 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 on 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 Annual Meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your broker or other agent.

What am I voting on?

The following matters are scheduled for the Annual Meeting: (i) the election of two Class I directors to our Board; (ii) an advisory vote of the compensation of our named executive officers disclosed in this proxy statement under the section titled “Executive Compensation,” including the compensation tables and other narrative executive compensation disclosures therein, required by Item 402 of SEC Regulation S-K (a “say-on-pay” vote); (iii) an advisory vote on the frequency that stockholder advisory votes to approve the compensation of our named executive officers will be taken (a “say-on-frequency” vote); and (iv) the ratification of the selection of BDO USA LLP as our independent public accountant. A vote may also be held on any other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof, although there is no other business anticipated to come before the Annual Meeting.

Why is it important for me to vote?

If you are the beneficial owner of shares held in “street name” by a broker, the broker, as the record holder of the shares, is required to vote those shares in accordance with your instructions. If you do not direct your broker how to vote your shares, the broker will be entitled to vote the shares with respect to “discretionary” items but will not be permitted to vote the shares with respect to “non-discretionary” items (resulting in a “broker non-vote”). The ratification of the appointment of our independent public accountant under Proposal No. 4 is a “discretionary” matter. The election of directors under Proposal No. 1, the say-on-pay vote under Proposal No. 2 and the say-on-frequency vote under Proposal No. 3 are “discretionary” items.

What are my voting choices for each of the items to be voted on at the Annual Meeting?

Item No. **Voting Choices**
and Board
Recommendation
Vote “For” any or
all of the nominees
listed

Item 1: Vote “Withhold”
to withhold your
vote for any or all
of the nominees
listed

**Election of
Director
Nominees**

**The Board
recommends
voting “For” all of
the nominees
listed.**

Vote “For” the
approval of the
compensation of
our named
executive officers

Item 2: Vote “Against”
the approval of the
compensation of
our named
executive officers

**Approve the
compensation
of our named
executive
officers**

Abstain from
voting on this item

**The Board
recommends
voting “For” the
approval of the
compensation of
our named
executive officers.**

Item 3: Vote “Every 1
year” to hold the
say-on-pay vote
annually

**Determine the
frequency of
our
say-on-pay
vote**

Vote “Every 2
years” to hold the

say-on-pay vote
every two years

Vote “Every 3
years” to hold the
say-on-pay vote
every three years

Abstain from
voting on this item

**The Board
recommends
voting “Every 3
years” to hold the
say-on-pay vote
every three years.**

Vote “For” the
ratification of the
appointment

Item 4: Vote “Against”
the ratification of
**Ratification of the appointment
the
appointment
of BDO USA
LLP as our
independent
public
accountant**

Abstain from
voting on this item

**The Board
recommends
voting “For” the
ratification of the
appointment of
BDO USA LLP as
our independent
public
accountant.**

How do I vote?

You may vote your shares 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 or vote by proxy using the enclosed proxy card.

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.

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 if you have already voted by proxy.

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. 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.

If you fail to complete a proxy card or provide your broker with voting instructions at least ten days before the meeting, your broker will be unable to vote on the non-discretionary matters. Your broker may use his or her discretion to cast a vote on any other routine or discretionary matter.

How many votes do I have?

On each matter to be voted upon, you have one vote for each share of Class A common stock you owned as of the Record Date.

What if I return a proxy card but do not make specific choices?

You should specify your choice for each matter on the proxy card. If you return a signed and dated proxy card without marking any voting selections, your shares will be voted:

FOR the nominees listed under Item No. 1;

FOR the compensation of our named executive officers under Item No. 2;

FOR “Every 3 years” for approval of the frequency that stockholder advisory votes to approve the compensation of our named executive officers occurs under Item No. 3; and

FOR the ratification of BDO USA LLP, as our independent public accountant under Item No. 4.

If any other matter is properly presented at the meeting, your proxy (the individual named on your proxy card) will vote your shares using his or her best judgment.

Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?

We will pay for the entire cost of soliciting proxies. We have hired Alliance Advisors, LLC, a proxy solicitation firm, to assist us in soliciting proxies for a fee of approximately \$6,000 plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and contact fees, which we currently estimate will be an additional \$9,000, for an aggregate total of approximately \$15,000. In addition to these mailed proxy materials, our directors, officers, and employees may also solicit proxies by mail, in person, by telephone, or by other means of communication. Directors, officers, and employees will not be paid any additional compensation for soliciting proxies. We will 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 proxy card?

If you receive more than one proxy card, your shares are registered in more than one name or are registered in different accounts. Please complete, sign, and return **each** proxy card to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

What is “householding”?

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries such as brokers to satisfy the delivery requirements for proxy statements with respect to two or more security holders sharing the same address by delivering a single proxy statement addressed to those security holders. This process, which is commonly referred to as “householding,” potentially means convenience for security holders and cost savings for companies.

A number of brokers with account holders who are LightPath stockholders will be “householding” our proxy materials. A single proxy statement 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 or us 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 proxy statement, please notify your broker and also notify us by sending your written request to

Investor Relations, LightPath Technologies, Inc., 2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida USA 32826 or by calling Investor Relations at 407-382-4003, ext. 314. Stockholders who currently receive multiple copies of the proxy statement at their address and would like to request “householding” of their communications should also contact their broker and notify us in writing or by telephone.

Can I revoke or change my vote after submitting my proxy?

Yes. You can revoke your proxy at any time before the final vote at the Annual Meeting. You may revoke your proxy by:

completing, signing, and submitting a new proxy card with a later date;

sending written notice of revocation to our Secretary at 2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida USA 32826 in time for her to receive it before the Annual Meeting; or

voting in person at the Annual Meeting. Simply attending the meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy.

Who will count votes?

Votes will be counted by the inspector of elections appointed for the Annual Meeting. The inspector of elections will also determine the number of shares outstanding, the voting power of each, the number of shares represented at the Annual Meeting, the existence of a quorum, and whether or not the proxies and ballots are valid and effective.

What is the quorum requirement?

A quorum of stockholders is necessary to hold a valid meeting. A quorum exists if at least a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of Class A common stock entitled to vote is present at the Annual Meeting (in person or represented by proxy). On the Record Date, there were 15,653,258 outstanding shares of Class A common stock (including all restricted stock awards at such date) entitled to vote. Thus, 7,826,630 shares must be present at the Annual Meeting (in person or represented by proxy) to have a quorum.

Your shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy card or vote in person at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement. If there is no quorum, a majority of the shares entitled to vote and present at the Annual Meeting (in person or represented by proxy) may adjourn the meeting to another date.

How many votes are needed to approve the items?

Item No. 1, is determined by a plurality of the votes of the shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the election of directors at the Annual Meeting. "Plurality" generally means that the individuals getting the highest number of votes will be elected. In uncontested elections, nominees will be elected, *provided*, that there is a quorum and stockholders vote. A properly executed proxy marked "Withhold" with respect to the election of a director will not be voted with respect to the director nominee. A properly executed proxy marked "For" will be voted with respect to the director nominee. All properly executed proxies, including those marked "Withhold," will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum.

With regard to Item No. 2, the say-on-pay vote, a majority of the votes cast at the meeting will approve, on an advisory basis, our named executive officer compensation as disclosed in the proxy statement under the section titled "Executive Compensation", including the compensation tables and other narrative disclosures therein, required by Item 402 of SEC Regulation S-K.

With regard to Item No. 3, the say-on-frequency vote, the frequency choice receiving a plurality of the votes cast at the meeting will determine how often stockholders will vote, on an advisory basis, on named executive officer compensation.

With regard to Item No. 4, the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares having voting power represented at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, is required to ratify the appointment of BDO USA LLP as our independent

public accountant.

How are abstentions and broker non-votes counted?

Abstentions: If a stockholder abstains from voting on an item, the shares are considered present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Therefore, abstentions will count toward determining whether or not a quorum is present. Under Delaware law, a proxy marked “abstain” is not considered a vote cast. Accordingly, an abstention will have no effect on the election of the director nominees under Item No. 1, as the nominees are elected by a plurality, or on the advisory say-on-frequency vote under Item No. 3, as the frequency receiving a plurality of votes cast will determine how often stockholders vote. Abstentions on proposals that require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares having voting power represented at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy will, in effect, be a vote against such matter. Accordingly, an abstention will have the same effect as a vote against the items to be voted on under Item Nos. 2 and 4.

Broker Non-Votes: A broker “non-vote” occurs when a nominee/broker holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular matter because the nominee/broker does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that item and has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner. Broker non-votes are considered present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Therefore, broker non-votes will count toward determining whether a quorum is present. For voting purposes, a broker non-vote will not be counted as a vote cast with respect to a plurality voting standard, and, therefore, will have no effect on the outcome of Item Nos. 1 and 3. With respect to Item No. 2, a broker non-vote is not considered entitled to vote, and, therefore, will have the effect of reducing the absolute number, but not the percentage, of affirmative votes needed to pass such proposal. A broker will continue to have discretion to vote uninstructed shares on the ratification of the appointment of the independent public accountant under Item No. 4.

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

We will announce preliminary voting results at the Annual Meeting. We will report the final voting results in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC within four business days following such results becoming final.

When are stockholder proposals for the 2018 Annual Meeting due?

Stockholders interested in presenting a proposal to be considered for inclusion in next year's proxy statement and form of proxy may do so by following the procedures prescribed in Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Securities Exchange Act"), and our Bylaws. To be considered for inclusion, stockholder proposals must be submitted in writing to the Corporate Secretary, LightPath Technologies, Inc., 2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida USA 32826 before August 19, 2017, which is 120 calendar days prior to the anniversary of the mailing date of this proxy statement, and must be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

If a stockholder wishes to present a proposal at the 2018 Annual Meeting, but the proposal is not intended to be included in the Company's proxy statement relating to the meeting, or nominate a director for election at the 2018 Annual Meeting, the stockholder must give advance notice to the Company prior to the deadline for such meeting determined in accordance with the Bylaws (the "Bylaw Deadline"). Under our Bylaws, in order for a proposal to be timely, it must be received by us no earlier than 120 days prior to the anniversary of the 2017 Annual Meeting, or September 28, 2017, and no later than 90 days prior to the anniversary date of the 2017 Annual Meeting, or October 28, 2017. If a stockholder gives notice of such a proposal after the Bylaw Deadline, the stockholder will not be permitted to present the proposal to the stockholders for a vote at the meeting or nominate a director for election at the meeting.

If a stockholder fails to meet these deadlines or fails to satisfy the requirements of SEC Rule 14a-4, the persons named as proxies will be allowed to use their discretionary voting authority to vote on any such proposal or nomination as they determine appropriate if and when the matter is raised at the 2018 annual meeting.

How do I get a copy of the exhibits filed with our Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended?

A copy of our Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and consolidated financial statements, has been delivered to you with this proxy statement. We will provide copies of the exhibits filed with our Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended, upon written request if you are a stockholder as of the Record Date. Requests for such copies should be directed to Investor Relations at 2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida USA 32826. In

In addition, copies of all of our electronically filed exhibits may be reviewed and printed from the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov> under the EDGAR archives section.

ITEM NO. 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Board is divided into three classes, denoted as Class I, Class II and Class III, serving staggered three-year terms with one class elected at the annual meeting of stockholders. The current Board consists of:

Class I	Class II	Class III
Robert Ripp	Sohail Khan	Louis Leeburg
J. James Gaynor	Dr. Steven Brueck	Craig Dunham
	M. Scott Faris	

Pursuant to the Company’s Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, the current Board or the stockholders may nominate persons for election to the Board. The Board nominates Robert Ripp and J. James Gaynor, who are both current members of the Board, to serve as Class I directors for a term ending at the third successive annual meeting of stockholders following this Annual Meeting, or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

If any of the nominees becomes unable or unwilling to serve as a director before the Annual Meeting, an event which is not presently anticipated, the individual named as proxy on the proxy card may exercise discretionary authority to vote for substitute nominees proposed by the Board, or, if no substitute is selected by the Board prior to or at the Annual Meeting, for a motion to reduce the present membership of the Board to the number of nominees available.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS VOTING “FOR”

THE ELECTION OF THE CLASS I DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Each of our directors serves until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Currently, we have seven directors. The Class I directors' term expires at this Annual Meeting. The Class II directors' term expires at the annual meeting of stockholders proposed to be held in fiscal 2019. The Class III directors' term expires at the annual meeting of stockholders proposed to be held in fiscal 2018. Effective September 6, 2016, Xudong Zhu resigned as a director in order to devote more of his time to his other business interests.

The table below lists each director, each such director's committee memberships, the chairman of each Board committee, and each such director's class.

Committees

Name	Audit	Compensation	Finance	Nominating and Corporate Governance	Class
Robert Ripp					I
J. James Gaynor					I
Sohail Khan					II
Steven Brueck					II
Louis Leeburg					III
M. Scott Faris					II
Xudong Zhu					III
Craig Dunham					III
Committee Chairman: Leeburg	Ripp		Khan	Ripp	

The following is an overview of the biographical information for each of our directors and officers, including their age, the year they became directors or officers, their principal occupations or employment for at least the past five years, and certain of their other directorships.

<p>Class I Directors</p> <p>Robert Ripp, 75</p> <p>Director (Chairman of the Board)</p>	<p>Mr. Ripp has served as one of our directors since 1999 and as Chairman of the Board since November 1999. During portions of fiscal year 2002 he also served as our Interim President and Chief Executive Officer. Previously, Mr. Ripp served on the board of directors of Ace Limited ("Ace") from March 1993 to June 2016. In January 2016, Ace announced its acquisition of Chubb Limited and changed its name to Chubb Limited. Mr. Ripp also previously served on the board of directors of PPG Industries ("PPG") from March 2003 to June 2016 and Axiall Corporation ("Axiall") from February 2013 to June 2016. Ace, PPG, and Axiall all are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Ripp has previous management experience, including serving as AMP Incorporated's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from August 1998 until April 1999 and as Vice President and Treasurer of IBM of Armonk, New York from 1989 to 1993. Mr. Ripp graduated from Iona College and earned a Master's degree in Business Administration from New York University. Mr. Ripp's extensive business, executive management, and financial expertise gained from various executive positions coupled with his ability to provide leadership skills to access strategic plans, business operational performance, and potential mergers and acquisitions, qualify him for service as one of our directors.</p>
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J. James
Gaynor, 65
President &
Chief
Executive
Officer,
Director

Mr. Gaynor has served as our President, Chief Executive Officer, and as a director since January 2008, and, prior to that, served as Interim Chief Executive Officer commencing in September 2007. From July 2006 to September 2007, Mr. Gaynor previously served as our Corporate Vice President of Operations. Mr. Gaynor is also a director of LightPath Optical Instrumentation (Shanghai) Co., Ltd (“LPOI”), our wholly owned subsidiary, located in Jiading, People’s Republic of China, and LightPath Optical Instrumentation (Zhenjiang) Co., Ltd. (“LPOIZ”), our wholly owned subsidiary, located in the New City District, of the Jingsu province of the People’s Republic of China. Mr. Gaynor is a mechanical engineer with over 30 years of business and manufacturing experience in volume component manufacturing in the electronics and optics industries. Prior to joining us, Mr. Gaynor served as Director of Operations and Manufacturing for Puradyn Filter Technologies, the Vice President of Operations and General Manager for JDS Uniphase Corporation’s Transmission Systems Division and has also held various executive positions with Spectrum Control, Rockwell International, and Corning Glass Works. Mr. Gaynor holds a Bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and has worked in the manufacturing industries since 1976. His experience includes various engineering, manufacturing, and management positions in specialty glass, electronics, telecommunications components, and mechanical assembly operations. His global business experience encompasses strategic planning, budgets, capital investment, employee development, cost reduction programs with turnaround and startup companies, acquisitions, and management. Mr. Gaynor has an in-depth knowledge of the optics industry gained through over 25 years of working in various capacities in the industry and understands the engineering aspects of our business, due to his engineering background. Mr. Gaynor’s experience and knowledge is necessary to lead us and qualify him for service as one of our directors.

**Class II
Directors**

Sohail
Khan, 62
Director

Mr. Khan has served as one of our directors since February 2005. Since September 2015, he has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of ViSX Systems Inc., a pioneer and leader in media processing semiconductor solutions for video over IP streaming solutions. From May 2013 to July 2014, he served as the Chief Executive Officer and a director of Lilliputian Systems, a developer of portable power products for consumer electronics. From July 2011 to April 2013, he has served as the managing partner of K5 Innovations, a technology consulting venture. He was the President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of directors of SiGe Semiconductor (“SiGe”), a leader in silicon based radio frequency front-end solutions from April 2007 until it was acquired by Skyworks Solutions Inc. in June 2011. Prior to SiGe, Mr. Khan was Entrepreneur in Residence and Operating Partner of Bessemer Venture Partners, a venture capital group focused on technology investments. From 2007 to 2012, Mr. Khan served on the board of directors for Gainspan Corporation. Mr. Khan received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Engineering and Technology in Pakistan. Additionally, he received a Master’s of Business Administration from the University of California at Berkeley. Mr. Khan is currently on the board of directors of Intersil Corporation, which is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market and VIXS Systems, Inc. Mr. Khan’s experience in venture financing, specifically technology investments, is an invaluable asset Mr. Khan contributes to the Board composition. In addition, Mr. Khan’s significant experience in executive management, profit and loss management, mergers and acquisitions, and capital raising, as well as his background in engineering qualifies him for service as one of our directors.

Dr. Steven Brueck, 72
Director

Dr. Brueck has served as one of our directors since July 2001. He is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering and of Physics at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which he joined in 1987. Although he retired in 2014, he remains active as a University of New Mexico Research Professor. From 1986 to 2013, he served as Director of the Center for High Technology Materials. He is a graduate of Columbia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received his Masters of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and Doctorate of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Dr. Brueck is a fellow of The Optical Society, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the National Academy of Inventors. Dr. Brueck's expertise in optics and optics applications, as well as his extensive forty years of research experience in optics, lasers, detectors, lithography, nonlinear optics, and related fields qualify him for service as one of our directors.

M. Scott Faris, 51
Director

Mr. Faris has served as a director of the Company since December 2011. Mr. Faris is an experienced entrepreneur with almost two decades of operating, venture-financing and commercialization experience, involving more than 20 start-up and emerging-growth technology companies. In June 2013, Mr. Faris founded Aerosonix, Inc. (formerly MicroVapor Devices, LLC), a privately held developer and manufacturer of advanced medical devices, and served as its Chief Executive Officer. In 2002, Mr. Faris also founded the Astralis Group, a strategy advisor that provides consulting to start-up companies and, since 2004, Mr. Faris has served as its Chief Executive Officer. In August 2007, Mr. Faris founded Planar Energy, a company that developed transformational ceramic solid state battery technology and products, and served as its Chief Executive Officer until June 2013. Planar Energy is a spin-out of the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory. From October 2004 to June 2007, Mr. Faris was a partner with Corporate IP Ventures (formerly known as MetaTech Ventures), an early stage venture fund specializing in defense technologies. Mr. Faris also previously served as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Waveguide Solutions, a developer of planar optical light wave circuit and micro system products, and as a director and Chief Operating Officer of Ocean Optics, Inc., a precision-optical-component and fiber-optic-instrument spin-out of the University of South Florida. Mr. Faris was also the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Enterprise Corporation, a technology accelerator, served as a director of the Florida Seed Capital Fund and Technology Commercialization at the Center for Microelectronics Research, and the chairman of the Metro Orlando EDC. Mr. Faris received a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Information Systems from Penn State University in 1988. Mr. Faris is currently on the board of directors of Open Photonics, Inc. and Aerosonix, Inc., both of which are private companies. Mr. Faris's significant experience in executive management positions at various optical component companies, his experience in the commercialization of optical and opto-electronic component technology, and his background in optics, technology, and venture capital qualify him for service as one of our directors.

Class III Directors

Mr. Leeburg has served as one of our directors since May 1996. Mr. Leeburg is currently a self-employed business consultant. Since 1993, Mr. Leeburg has served as the senior financial advisor of The Fetzer Institute, and before that he served as the Vice President for Finance. Mr. Leeburg was an audit manager for Louis Leeburg, Price Waterhouse & Co. until 1980. He is a member of Financial Foundation Officers Group and the chairman and trustee for the John E. Fetzer Memorial Trust Fund. Mr. Leeburg received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Arizona State University. Mr. Leeburg has a broad range of experience in accounting and financial matters. His expertise gained in various roles in financial management and investment oversight for over thirty years, coupled with his knowledge gained as a certified public accountant, add invaluable knowledge to our Board and qualify him for service as one of our directors.

Mr. Dunham has served as one of our directors since April 2016, and prior to his appointment to the Board, he served as a consultant to the Board beginning in March 2014. Since March 2015, he has served as an Operating Partner with Clarity Corporate Growth, a merger and acquisition advisory firm, as well as doing business consulting. From May 2011 until March 2015, Mr. Dunham served as the Chief Executive Officer of Applied Pulsed Power Inc. (“APP”), a pulsed power components and systems company near Ithaca, New York. Mr. Dunham currently serves as a director of APP. From 2004 until 2011, Mr. Dunham was President, Chief Executive Officer and director of Dynasil Corporation (“Dynasil”), a NASDAQ listed company. He continues to be a director at Dynasil and is a member of their audit committee. Prior to joining Dynasil, Mr. Dunham spent approximately one year partnering with a private equity group to pursue acquisitions of mid-market manufacturing companies. From 2000 to 2003, he was Vice President/General Manager of the Tubular Division at Kimble Glass Corporation. From 1979 to 2000, he held progressively increasing leadership responsibilities at Corning Incorporated (“Corning”) in manufacturing, engineering, commercial, and general management positions. At Corning, Mr. Dunham delivered results in various glass and ceramics businesses including optics and photonics businesses. Mr. Dunham earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master’s degree in Business Administration from Cornell University. Mr. Dunham’s expertise in executive leadership, financial, operations and management, business acumen, optics/photonics market knowledge, and knowledge of the acquisitions process, qualifies him for service as one of our directors.

Executive Officers Who Do Not Serve as Directors

Dorothy
Cipolla, 60
Chief
Financial
Officer,
Secretary and
Treasurer

Ms. Cipolla has served as our Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer since February 2006. Ms. Cipolla has also served as a director of LPOI since 2006 and LPOIZ since 2013. From March 2004 to February 2006, Ms. Cipolla was Chief Financial Officer and Secretary of LaserSight Technologies, Inc. (“LaserSight”). Prior to joining LaserSight, she served in various financial management positions. From 1994 to 1999, she was Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Network Six, Inc., a NASDAQ-listed professional services firm. From 1999 to 2002, Ms. Cipolla was Vice President of Finance with Goliath Networks, Inc., a privately held network consulting company. From 2002 to 2003, Ms. Cipolla was Department Controller of Alliant Energy Corporation, a regulated utility. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Northeastern University and is a Certified Public Accountant in Massachusetts.

Alan
Symmons, 44
Executive
Vice
President of
Operations

Mr. Symmons has served as our Executive Vice President of Operations since February 2015. Previously, Mr. Symmons served as our Vice President of Corporate Engineering beginning in September 2010 and our Director of Engineering from October 2007 to September 2010. Prior to that, Mr. Symmons served as our Opto-Mechanical Manager from October 2006 to October 2007. Prior to joining us, Mr. Symmons was Engineering Manager for Aurora Optical, a subsidiary of Multi-Fineline Electronix (“MFLEX”), dedicated to the manufacture of cell phone camera modules. From 2000 to 2006, Mr. Symmons worked for Applied Image Group – Optics (“AIG/O”), a recognized leader in precision injection molded plastic optical components and assemblies, working up to Engineering Manager. AIG/O was purchased by MFLEX in 2006. Prior to 2000, Mr. Symmons held engineering positions at Ryobi N.A., SatCon Technologies, and General Dynamics. Mr. Symmons has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Master’s degree in Business Administration from the Eller School of Management at the University of Arizona.

Meetings of the Board and its Committees

The Board has an Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and Finance Committee. The entire Board met seven times, including telephonic meetings, during fiscal 2016. All of the directors attended 92% or more of the meetings of the Board and the meetings held by committees of the Board on which they served. All of the then-elected directors attended the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders on January 28, 2015.

It is our policy that all of our directors are required to make a concerted and conscientious effort to attend our annual stockholders’ meeting in each year during which that director serves as a member of the Board.

Audit Committee. The Audit Committee, which consists of Dr. Steven Brueck, M. Scott Faris, Craig Dunham, and Louis Leeburg (Chairman), met six times during fiscal 2016. The meetings included discussions with management and with our independent auditors to discuss our interim and annual financial statements and our annual report, and the effectiveness of our financial and accounting functions and organization.

The Audit Committee acts pursuant to a written charter adopted by the Board, a copy of which is available on our website at www.lightpath.com under the “Investor” tab. The Audit Committee’s responsibilities include, among others, engaging and terminating our independent accountants, overseeing the work of the accountants, and determining the compensation for their engagement(s). The Board has determined that the Audit Committee is comprised entirely of independent members as defined under applicable listing standards set out by the SEC and The NASDAQ Capital Market (the “NCM”). The Board has also determined that at least one member of the Audit Committee, Mr. Leeburg, is an “audit committee financial expert” as defined by SEC rules and qualifies as independent in accordance with the NCM rules. Mr. Leeburg’s business experience that qualifies him to be determined an “audit committee financial expert” is described above.

Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee, which consisted of Sohail Khan, Robert Ripp (Chairman) and Louis Leeburg, met five times during fiscal 2016. The Compensation Committee reviews and recommends to the Board the compensation and benefits of certain of our executive officers, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, and also administers the Amended and Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (the “Plan”), pursuant to which incentive awards, including stock options, are granted to our directors, executive officers and key employees. The Compensation Committee acts pursuant to a written charter adopted by the Board, a copy of which is available on our website at www.lightpath.com under the “Investor” tab.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for establishing, implementing and continually monitoring our compensation policies and philosophy. The Compensation Committee is responsible for determining executive compensation, including approving recommendations regarding equity awards to all of our executive officers. However, the Compensation Committee does rely on the annual reviews made by the Chief Executive Officer with respect to the performance of each of our other executive officers. The conclusions reached and recommendations based on these reviews, including with respect to salary adjustments and annual award amounts, are presented to the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee can exercise its discretion in modifying any recommended adjustments or awards to executive officers. In the case of the Chief Executive Officer, compensation is determined solely based on the review conducted by the Compensation Committee. Neither the Compensation Committee nor management employed any compensation consultants during fiscal 2016.

The Compensation Committee also annually reviews director compensation to ensure non-employee directors are adequately compensated for the time expended in fulfilling their duties to us, as well as the skill-level required by us of members of the Board. After the Compensation Committee completes their annual review, they make recommendations to the Board regarding director compensation. For fiscal 2016, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board, and the Board determined, that the cash and stock-based incentive compensation awarded to directors in fiscal 2015 was still appropriate, and thus, no changes were made.

Finance Committee. The Finance Committee, which consists of Sohail Khan (Chairman) Robert Ripp, Xudong Zhu and Louis Leeburg, met two times during fiscal 2016. Dr. Zhu resigned as a director and from the Committee effective September 6, 2016. The Finance Committee acts pursuant to a written charter adopted by the Board, a copy of which is available on our website at www.lightpath.com under the “Investor” tab. The Finance Committee oversees our financial management, including overseeing our strategic and transactional planning and activities, global financing and capital structure objectives and plans, insurance programs, tax structure, and investment program and policies.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, which consists of Robert Ripp (Chairman), Sohail Khan and Louis Leeburg, met two times during fiscal 2016. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee acts pursuant to a written charter adopted by the Board, a copy of which is available on our website at www.lightpath.com under the “Investor” tab. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee carries out the responsibilities delegated by the Board relating to our director nominations process and procedures, developing, maintaining, and monitoring compliance with our corporate governance policies,

guidelines and activities.

All current committee members are expected to be nominated for re-election to the same committees at the Board meeting to be held immediately following the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Nominations Process and Criteria

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will determine the qualifications, qualities, skills, and other expertise required to be a director and develop and recommend to the Board for its approval, criteria to be considered in selecting nominees for director. They will also identify, recruit, and screen candidates for the Board, consistent with criteria approved by the Board. The Committee considers any director candidates recommended by the Company's stockholders pursuant to the procedures described in the Company's proxy statement. The Committee also considers any nominations of director candidates validly made by stockholders in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and the provisions of the Company's charter documents.

Additionally, the Board believes it is not necessary to adopt criteria for the selection of directors. The Board believes that the desirable background of a new individual member of the Board may change over time and that a thoughtful, thorough selection process is more important than adopting criteria for directors. The Board is fully open to utilizing whatever methodology is efficient in identifying new, qualified directors when needed, including using industry contacts of our directors or professional search firms.

There were no fees paid or due to third parties in fiscal 2016 to identify or evaluate or to assist in evaluating or identifying potential nominees to the Board.

Any stockholder wishing to propose that a person be nominated for or appointed to the Board may submit such a proposal, according to the procedure described in the stockholder proposal section on page 6 of this proxy statement, to:

Corporate Secretary

LightPath Technologies, Inc.

2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100

Orlando, Florida 32826

Such correspondence will be timely forwarded to the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for review and consideration in accordance with the criteria described above.

Director Independence

In accordance with NCM and SEC rules, the Board affirmatively determines the independence of each director and nominee for election as a director in accordance with guidelines it has adopted, which include all elements of independence set forth in the NCM listing standards. Based on these standards, the Board has determined that each of the following non-employee directors serving during fiscal 2016 is independent and has no relationship with us, except as one of our directors and stockholders.

Robert Ripp Sohail Khan

Steven Brueck Louis Leeburg

M. Scott Faris Craig Dunham

Xudong Zhu

Dr. Zhu resigned as a director effective as of September 6, 2016.

All of the members of the Audit, Finance, Nominating and Corporate Governance, and Compensation Committees are also independent.

The Board approved an amended and restated Code of Business Conduct and Ethics on April 28, 2016 (the “Code”). The Code applies to all of our employees, officers, and directors including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, and principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. The Board also approved an amended and restated Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Senior Financial Officers (the “Senior Financial Officer Code”), which applies to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, principal accounting officer, controller, accounting manager, and persons performing similar functions. Copies of the Code and the Senior Financial Officer Code are available on our website at www.lightpath.com under the “Investor” tab or may be obtained free of charge by writing to: Secretary, LightPath Technologies, Inc., 2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida 32826.

Related Party Transactions

When we are contemplating entering into any transaction in which any executive officer, director, nominee or any family member of the foregoing would have any direct or indirect interest, regardless of the amount involved, the terms of such transaction have to be presented to the full Board (other than any interested director) for approval. The Board has not adopted a written policy for related party transaction review but when presented with such transaction, the transaction is discussed by the full Board and documented in the Board minutes.

Since July 1, 2015, the beginning of our last full fiscal year, we have had no related party transactions.

Board Leadership Structure

Our Board has chosen to separate the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, with Mr. Robert Ripp serving as Chairman and Mr. J. James Gaynor serving as Chief Executive Officer. As Chief Executive Officer and President, Mr. Gaynor is responsible for our day-to-day leadership and performance, with the Board being responsible for setting our strategic direction, as well as overseeing and advising our management. The Board believes that the current independent leadership of the Board by our non-executive Chairman enhances the effectiveness of its oversight of management and provides a perspective that is separate and distinct from that of management.

Role of the Board in Risk Oversight

Our Board is responsible for the oversight of our operational risk management process. Our Board has delegated authority for addressing certain risks, and accessing the steps management has taken to monitor, control and report such risks, to our Audit and Finance Committees. Such risks include risks relating to execution of our growth strategy, the effects of the contracting in the global economy and general financial condition and outlook on customer purchases, component inventory supply, or ability to expand our partner network, communication with investors, certain actions of our competitors, the protection of our intellectual property, sufficiency of our capital, inventory investment and risk of obsolescence, security of information systems and data, integration of new information systems, credit risk, product liability and costs of reliance on external advisors. The Audit or Finance Committee, as applicable, then reports such risks as appropriate to the Board. The Board initiates discussions with appropriate members of our senior management if, after discussion of such risks, the Board determines that such risks raise questions or concerns about the status of operational risks then facing us.

Our Board also relies on our Compensation Committee to address significant risk exposures we face with respect to compensation, including risks relating to retention of key employees, protection of partner relationships, management succession and benefit costs, and, when appropriate, report these risks to the full Board.

Stockholder Communications with the Board

Stockholders and other parties interested in communicating directly with the Board, a committee of the Board, or any individual director, may do so by sending a written communication to the attention of the intended recipient(s) in care of the Corporate Secretary, LightPath Technologies, Inc., 2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida USA 32826. The Corporate Secretary will forward all appropriate communications to chairman of the Audit Committee.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee is responsible for, among other things, reviewing and discussing the Company's audited financial statements with management, discussing with our independent auditors information relating to the auditors' judgments about the quality of our accounting principles, recommending to the Board that we include the audited financial statements in our Annual Report, and overseeing compliance with the SEC requirements for disclosure of auditors' services and activities.

Review of Audited Financial Statements

The Audit Committee reviewed our financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, as audited by BDO USA LLP, our independent public accountants, and discussed these financial statements with management. In addition, the Audit Committee has discussed with BDO USA LLP the matters required to be discussed by the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB"), as may be modified or supplemented. Furthermore, the Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from BDO USA LLP required by the Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, as may be modified or supplemented, and has discussed with BDO USA LLP its independence.

Generally, the members of the Audit Committee are not professionally engaged in the practice of auditing or accounting and are not experts in the fields of accounting or auditing, or in determining auditor independence. However, the Board has determined that each member of the Audit Committee meets the independence criteria set forth in the applicable rules of the NCM and the SEC, and that at least one member of the Audit Committee, Mr. Leeburg, is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by SEC rules. Members of the Audit Committee rely, without independent verification, on the information provided to them and on the representations made by management. Accordingly, the Audit Committee's oversight does not currently provide an independent basis to determine that management has maintained procedures designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations.

Recommendation

Based upon the foregoing review and discussion, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, be included in our Annual Report for such fiscal year.

Audit Committee:

Louis Leeburg, Chairman
Dr. Steven Brueck

M. Scott Faris

Craig Dunham

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

The following table sets forth, as of December 13, 2016, the number and percentage of outstanding shares of our Class A common stock, owned by: (i) each of our directors (which includes all nominees), (ii) each of our named executive officers, (iii) our directors and named executive officers as a group, and (iv) each person known by us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our outstanding Class A common stock. The number of shares of our Class A common stock outstanding as of December 13, 2016 was 15,653,258.

The number of shares beneficially owned by each director, named executive officer, and greater than 5% beneficial owner is determined under SEC rules, and the information is not necessarily indicative of the beneficial ownership for any other purpose. Under such rules, beneficial ownership includes any shares to which the individual has the sole or shared voting power or investment power and also any shares which the individual has the right to acquire within 60 days of December 13, 2016, through the exercise of any stock option or other right to purchase, such as a warrant. Unless otherwise indicated, each person has sole investment and voting power (or shares such power with his or her spouse) with respect to the shares set forth in the following table. In certain instances, the number of shares listed may include, in addition to shares owned directly, shares held by the spouse or children of the person, or by a trust or estate of which the person is a trustee or an executor or in which the person may have a beneficial interest. The table that follows is based upon information supplied in a questionnaire completed by each named executive officer and director and stockholders beneficially owning greater than 5% of our Class A common stock.

Name and Address (1)	Securities			Amount of Shares of Class A Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percent Owned (%)
	Class A Common Stock Restricted (2)	Unrestricted	Options		
Robert Ripp, Director	299,907	611,107	30,000	941,014	(3) (4) 5.9 %
Louis Leeburg, Director	299,907	67,898	—	367,805	2.3 %
Sohail Khan, Director	301,107	—	—	301,107	1.9 %
Dr. Steven Brueck, Director	299,907	46,077	—	345,984	2.2 %
M. Scott Faris, Director	199,207	—	—	199,207	1.3 %
Craig Dunham, Director	108,747	—	—	108,747	*
J. James Gaynor, President & CEO	—	51,504	450,664	502,168	(5) 3.1 %
Dorothy Cipolla, CFO, Secretary & Treasurer	—	1,117	145,507	146,624	(6) *
Alan Symmons, Executive Vice President of Operations	—	4,240	144,586	148,826	(7) *

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All directors and named executive officers currently holding office as a group (9 persons)	1,508,782	781,943	770,757	3,061,482	17.1 %
Berg & Berg Enterprises, LLC	—	1,800,898	—	1,800,898	11.5 %
Pudong Science and Technology Investment (Cayman) Co., Ltd.	—	2,270,026	—	2,270,026 (8)	14.5 %

*Less than 1%

Notes:

(1) Except as otherwise noted, each of the parties listed above has sole voting and investment power over the securities listed. The address for all directors and officers is “in care of” LightPath Technologies, Inc., 2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida 32826. The address for Berg & Berg Enterprises, LLC, as listed on a Schedule 13G filed February 14, 2008, is 10050 Bandley Drive, Cupertino, California, 94014. The address for Pudong Science and Technology (Cayman) Co. Ltd., as filed on a Schedule 13G filed August 15, 2013, is 13 Building, No. 439, Chunxiao Rd., Zhangjiang High-tech Park, Pudong, Shanghai 201203, People’s Republic of China.

(2) Restricted stock units awarded to our directors vest over three years. All directors have elected to defer receipt of the vested shares until after they leave the Board, either by reason of resignation, termination, or otherwise. Therefore, these vested shares remain unissued. All of the director’s unvested restricted stock units will vest upon such director’s resignation or termination from the Board. The amounts of restricted stock set forth above reflects both vested and unvested shares included in the restricted stock unit awards. The amounts of vested shares for each director, other than Mr. Gaynor, are as follow: Mr. Ripp – 226,755, Mr. Leeburg – 226,755, Mr. Khan – 227,955, Dr. Brueck – 226,755, Mr. Faris – 126,055, and Mr. Dunham – 35,595.

(3) Does not include 7,812 shares of Class A common stock which are owned by trusts for Mr. Ripp’s adult children and for which he disclaims beneficial ownership.

(4) Includes 30,000 shares of Class A common stock with respect to which Mr. Ripp has the right to acquire. Mr. Ripp holds options that are currently exercisable for an aggregate of 30,000 shares of Class A common stock.

(5) Includes 450,664 shares of Class A common stock with respect to which Mr. Gaynor has the right to acquire. Mr. Gaynor holds options that are currently exercisable for an aggregate of 450,664 shares of Class A common stock. This amount does not include 118,870 shares of Class A common stock underlying options that remain unvested.

(6) Includes 145,507 shares of Class A common stock with respect to which Ms. Cipolla has the right to acquire. Specifically, Ms. Cipolla holds options that are currently exercisable for an aggregate of 145,507 shares of Class A common stock. This amount does not include 38,152 shares of Class A common stock underlying options that remain unvested.

(7) Includes 144,586 shares of Class A common stock with respect to which Mr. Symmons has the right to acquire. Mr. Symmons holds options that are currently exercisable for an aggregate of 144,586 shares of Class A common stock. This amount does not include 46,739 shares of Class A common stock underlying options that remain unvested.

(8) Pudong Science and Technology Investment (Cayman) Co., Ltd. is wholly owned by Shanghai Pudong Science and Technology Investment Co., Ltd., and for purposes hereof is also deemed as a beneficial owner of the shares.

We do not know of any arrangements which may, at a subsequent date, result in a change-in-control.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act, requires that our directors and executive officers and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of our Class A common stock (referred to herein as the “Reporting Persons”) file with the SEC various reports as to their ownership of and activities relating to our Class A common stock. Except as set forth below, to the best of our knowledge, all Reporting Persons complied on a timely basis with all filing requirements applicable to them with respect to transactions during our most recent fiscal year. In making these statements, we have relied solely on our review of copies of the reports furnished to us, representations that no other reports were required and other knowledge relating to transactions involving Reporting Persons.

Berg & Berg Enterprises, LLC (“Berg”), one of our stockholders who beneficially owns more than 10% of our Class A common stock, advised us that it had not made any filings pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. During our most recent fiscal year, Berg failed to file three Form 4s that relate to transactions occurring over the span of 14 days, in addition to the initial Form 3, which should have been filed prior to our most recent fiscal year.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

Our compensation policy is designed to attract and retain qualified key executive officers critical to our achievement of reaching and maintaining profitability and positive cash flow, and subsequently our growth and long-term success. To attract, retain, and motivate the executives officers required to accomplish our business strategy, the Compensation Committee establishes our executive compensation policies and oversees our executive compensation practices.

The Compensation Committee believes that the most effective executive compensation program is one that is designed to reward the achievement of our specific annual, short-term and long-term goals, and which aligns executives’ interests with those of the stockholders by rewarding performance that meets or exceeds established goals, with the ultimate objective of improving stockholder value.

It is the objective of the Compensation Committee to have a portion of each named executive officer’s compensation contingent upon our performance as well as upon the individual’s personal performance. Accordingly, each named executive officer’s compensation package is comprised of two elements: (i) base salary, which reflects individual performance and expertise; and (ii) bonus and long-term equity incentive awards, which are tied to the achievement of

certain performance goals that the Compensation Committee establishes from time to time. Based on the foregoing objectives, the Compensation Committee has structured compensation of our named executive officers to achieve the business goals set by us and reward our named executive officers for achieving such goals.

The Compensation Committee also evaluates our compensation program to ensure that we maintain the ability to attract and retain superior employees in key positions and that compensation provided to key employees remains competitive relative to the compensation paid to similarly situated executive officers.

In accordance with the advisory “say-on-frequency” vote of our stockholders at the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and as determined by the Board, we have included an advisory “say-on-pay” vote in our proxy statement every three years. As set forth in Item No. 3 in this Proxy Statement, our stockholders are provided an opportunity to vote, on an advisory basis, on the frequency that say-on-pay votes will occur in the future. Furthermore, at the Annual Meeting, our stockholders are provided an opportunity to vote, on an advisory basis, on the compensation of our named executive officers. The most recent “say-on-pay” advisory vote occurred at the 2014 annual meeting, at which our stockholders approved, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers.

Setting Executive Compensation

In making compensation decisions, the Compensation Committee relies on the following:

the annual reviews made by the Chief Executive Officer with respect to the performance of each of our other named executive officers;

the annual review conducted by the Compensation Committee with respect to the performance of the Chief Executive Officer;

compensation paid to executive officers of other manufacturing companies similar in size and scope as us and our competitors; and

our annual performance with respect to our short-term and long-term strategic plan.

There is no pre-established policy or target for the allocation between either cash and non-cash or short-term and long-term incentive compensation. Rather, the Compensation Committee annually reviews information to determine the appropriate level and mix of incentive compensation when determining our executive compensation plan. Based on these factors, the Compensation Committee makes compensation decisions, including salary adjustments, annual bonus awards, and long-term equity incentive awards for our named executive officers.

Retirement Benefits

We offer a qualified 401(k) defined contribution plan. The ability of named executive officers to participate fully in this plan is limited under IRS and ERISA requirements. The 401(k) plan encourages employees to save for retirement by investing on a regular basis through payroll deductions.

Executive Compensation and Risk

Although a substantial portion of the compensation paid to our named executive officers is performance-based, we believe our executive compensation programs do not encourage excessive and unnecessary risk-taking by our named executive officers because these programs are designed to encourage our named executive officers to remain focused

on both our short-term and long-term operational and financial goals. We achieve this balance through a combination of elements in our overall compensation plans, including: elements that reward different aspects of short-term and long-term performance; incentive compensation that rewards performance on a variety of different measures; and cash awards and stock option awards, to encourage alignment with the interests of stockholders.

Executive Officer Stock Ownership Requirements

Effective as of January 1, 2016, our Board established certain guidelines requiring that each of our executive officers acquire and maintain a minimum level of ownership of our securities during the period in which he/she is an executive officer. The Board has set the target ownership level at 50% of annual base cash compensation for our Chief Executive Officer and 33% of annual base cash compensation for each of our other executive officers. For purposes of determining ownership levels, all forms of equity and derivative securities, including stock, stock options, restricted stock, and restricted stock units count toward satisfaction of the ownership guidelines. The Board may grant waivers of the guidelines in the event of financial hardship or other good cause. Once an executive officer attains his or her required stock ownership level, he or she will remain in compliance with the guidelines despite future changes in the stock price and base salary, as long as the executive officer's holdings do not decline below the number of shares at the time the required stock ownership level is met. Each executive officer will have until December 31, 2021, or five years after his/her date of becoming an executive officer, whichever is later, to meet the required ownership level.

Fiscal 2016 Incentive Bonus Program

Our fiscal 2016 incentive bonus program was comprised of two types of awards: (i) awards based on the achievement of specific fiscal year financial objectives of the Company (the “Corporate Performance Award”); and (ii) discretionary awards based on achievement of subjective larger corporate goals (the “Discretionary Performance Award”).

Our incentive bonus program includes different levels of bonus opportunity based on a participant’s position with the Company. For fiscal 2016, Mr. Gaynor was the “level one” participant and Ms. Cipolla and Mr. Symmons were the “level two” participants. Bonus opportunities for level one and level two participants for fiscal 2016 were calculated by applying designated portions of their respective annual base salary amounts to formulas for the Discretionary Performance Award and each of the four components of the Corporate Performance Award.

For fiscal 2016, 75% of Mr. Gaynor’s base salary amount was used to calculate his Corporate Performance Award and 25% of his base salary amount was used to calculate his Discretionary Performance Award. For fiscal 2016, 37.5% of Ms. Cipolla’s and Mr. Symmons’ respective base salary amounts were used to calculate their respective Corporate Performance Awards and 12.5% of their respective base salary amounts were used to calculate their respective Discretionary Performance Awards.

Corporate Performance Awards

In order to determine a participant’s Corporate Performance Award, the portion of such participant’s annual base salary applicable to the Corporate Performance Award calculation (75% in the case of Mr. Gaynor and 37.5% in the case of Ms. Cipolla and Mr. Symmons), was divided by four and the quotient was used as a baseline for determining the bonus for each component of the Corporate Performance Award (for each component, the “Corporate Baseline”). The Corporate Baseline is \$52,500, \$17,813, and \$18,750 for Mr. Gaynor, Ms. Cipolla, and Mr. Symmons, respectively.

Our fiscal 2016 corporate financial objectives upon which the Corporate Performance Awards were based were as follows: (i) revenue growth over that of the prior fiscal year (the “Revenue Component”); (ii) strategic revenue growth (which is based upon the revenues generated by certain product lines and customers specified by the Compensation Committee at the time that the incentive bonus program was established for fiscal 2016) over that of the prior fiscal year (the “Strategic Revenue Component”); (iii) adjusted EBITDA (which is earnings before income, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, as adjusted to exclude the effect of the non-cash income or expense associated with the mark-to-market adjustments related to our June 2012 warrants) (the “Adjusted EBITDA Component”); and (iv) return on assets (adjusted to exclude the effect of the non-cash income or expense associated with the mark-to-market adjustments to our June 2012 warrants) (the “ROA Component”). Each component of the Corporate Performance Award is evaluated independently of the other components, and the Discretionary Performance Award is evaluated

independently of the Corporate Performance Award.

Revenue Component

If our total revenue in fiscal 2016 exceeded our total revenue in fiscal 2015, our named executive officers would be entitled to a bonus award under the Revenue Component equal to such officer's Corporate Baseline multiplied by the sum of (i) 100% plus (ii) the percentage that actual revenue for fiscal 2016 exceeded the actual revenue for fiscal 2015.

Our total revenue in fiscal 2016 was 26.43% higher than that for fiscal 2015. Accordingly, under the formula used to calculate each named executive officer's Revenue Component bonus (Corporate Baseline x 126.43%), Mr. Gaynor earned \$66,375, Ms. Cipolla earned \$22,520, and Mr. Symmons earned \$23,706.

Strategic Revenue Component

If our total strategic revenue in fiscal 2016 exceeded our total strategic revenue for fiscal 2015, our named executive officers would be entitled to a bonus award under the Strategic Revenue Component equal to such officer's Corporate Baseline multiplied by the sum of (i) 100% plus (ii) the percentage that actual strategic revenue for fiscal 2016 exceeded the actual strategic revenue for fiscal 2015, up to a maximum growth rate of 50%.

Our strategic revenue in fiscal 2016 was 93% higher than that for fiscal 2015. Accordingly, under the formula used to calculate each named executive officer's Strategic Revenue Component bonus (Corporate Baseline x 150%), Mr. Gaynor earned \$78,750, Ms. Cipolla earned \$26,719, and Mr. Symmons earned \$28,125.

Adjusted EBITDA Component

In order for our named executive officers to earn a bonus with respect to the Adjusted EBITDA Component, we had to meet or exceed a minimum adjusted EBITDA margin target established by the Compensation Committee for fiscal 2016. The adjusted EBITDA margin was calculated by dividing the fiscal 2016 adjusted EBITDA by the fiscal 2016 revenues and the target was set at 15% for fiscal 2016. If our adjusted EBITDA margin for fiscal 2016 equaled or exceeded the target, then each named executive officer earned a bonus equal to such officer's Corporate Baseline multiplied by the sum of (i) 100% plus (ii) the percentage that our adjusted EBITDA for fiscal 2016 exceeded our adjusted EBITDA for fiscal 2015, up to a maximum growth rate of 50%. If we did not achieve at least the adjusted EBITDA margin target, or if there was no growth year-over-year in adjusted EBITDA, our officers would not earn a bonus with respect to the Adjusted EBITDA Component.

Our actual adjusted EBITDA margin for fiscal 2016 equaled 15%, which satisfied the adjusted EBITDA margin target requirement. For fiscal 2016, our adjusted EBITDA was 772% higher than that for fiscal 2015. Accordingly, under the formula used to calculate each named executive officer's Adjusted EBITDA Component bonus (Corporate Baseline x 150%), Mr. Gaynor earned \$78,750, Ms. Cipolla earned \$26,719, and Mr. Symmons earned \$28,125.

ROA Component

The ROA Component was based on achieving a return on assets target of at least 15% for fiscal 2016. If our return on assets for fiscal 2016 equaled or exceeded the target, then the named executive officers would be entitled to a bonus award under the ROA Component equal to such officer's Corporate Baseline multiplied by 100%.

For fiscal 2016, our actual return on assets rate equaled 15% which met the target. Accordingly, under the formula used to calculate each named executive officer's ROA Component bonus (Corporate Baseline x 100%), Mr. Gaynor earned \$52,500, Ms. Cipolla earned \$17,813, and Mr. Symmons earned \$18,750.

The following table sets forth (i) each named executive officer's base salary for fiscal 2016, (ii) the percentage of base salary, and the corresponding Corporate Baseline dollar amount, used in the calculation of the Corporate Performance Award bonus, and (iii) the amount earned for each component of the Corporate Performance Award:

Participant	Total 2016 Base Salary (\$)	Base Salary for Corporate Performance Award Calculation (%)	Baseline for Each Component of Corporate Performance Award (\$)	Bonus Award Earned			
				Revenue (\$)	Strategic Revenue (\$)	Adjusted EBITDA (\$)	ROA (\$)
J. James Gaynor	280,000	75	52,500	66,375	78,750	78,750	52,500
Dorothy Cipolla	190,000	37.5	17,813	22,520	26,719	26,719	17,813
Alan Symmons	200,000	37.5	18,750	23,706	28,125	28,125	18,750

Discretionary Performance Awards

In order to determine a participant's Discretionary Performance Award, the portion of such participant's annual base salary applicable to the Discretionary Performance Award calculation (25% in the case of Mr. Gaynor and 12.5% in the case of Ms. Cipolla and Mr. Symmons), was used as a baseline for determining the bonus opportunity for the Discretionary Performance Award (the "Discretionary Baseline"). The Discretionary Baseline is \$70,000, \$47,500, and \$50,000 for Mr. Gaynor, Ms. Cipolla, and Mr. Symmons, respectively.

The Discretionary Performance Awards are discretionary awards made by our Compensation Committee that are based on achievement of certain corporate goals set by the Compensation Committee for fiscal 2016. At the end of fiscal 2016, our Chief Executive Officer provided an executive summary to the Compensation Committee, which summarized our achievements with respect to each such corporate goal. The Compensation Committee determined whether the corporate goals were met and whether Discretionary Performance Awards would be made.

For fiscal 2016, the corporate goals included: (i) the execution of our plan to increase infrared capacity and reduce our costs with respect to our infrared lenses; (ii) the expansion, improvement, and reorganization our sales and marketing organization; (iii) increased investor awareness; and (iv) the identification of potential acquisition growth targets.

After reviewing our Chief Executive Officer's executive summary, the Compensation Committee determined that for fiscal 2016, each named executive officer met the corporate goals established with respect to the Discretionary Performance Award. Accordingly, under the formula used to calculate each named executive officer's Discretionary Performance Award bonus (Discretionary Baseline x 100%, if the goals are met), each named executive officer earned a Discretionary Performance Award as follows:

Participant	Discretionary Baseline	Total Amount Earned
	(\$)	(\$)
J. James Gaynor	70,000	70,000
Dorothy Cipolla	47,500	47,500
Alan Symmons	50,000	50,000

Payment of Awards

Corporate Performance Awards are paid 50% in cash and 50% in stock options; however, the Compensation Committee retains the discretion to adjust the percentage of the Corporate Performance Award paid in cash and stock options prior to payment.