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#### Fellow Stockholder:

You are invited to attend the annual meeting of stockholders of Puma Biotechnology, Inc. to be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. local time, at the Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel, 11461 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

At this year s annual meeting you will be asked to:

- 1. Elect four directors to serve for a one-year term;
- 2. Ratify the selection of our independent registered public accounting firm;
- 3. Approve an amendment to the Puma Biotechnology, Inc. 2011 Incentive Award Plan, which would increase the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance thereunder by 3,000,000 shares; and
- 4. Transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting.

  The accompanying Notice of Meeting and proxy statement describe these matters. We urge you to read this information carefully.

The Board of Directors unanimously believes that election of its nominees to serve as our directors, ratification of the Audit Committee s selection of PKF Certified Public Accountants, a Professional Corporation, as our independent registered public accounting firm and approval of the amendment to the Puma Biotechnology, Inc. 2011 Incentive Award Plan are in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders and, accordingly, recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees for director named in the proxy statement, a vote FOR the ratification of the selection of PKF Certified Public Accountants, a Professional Corporation, as our independent registered public accounting firm and a vote FOR the approval of the amendment to the Puma Biotechnology, Inc. 2011 Incentive Award Plan.

It is important that your shares be represented and voted whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting in person. You may vote on the Internet, or if you are receiving a paper copy of the proxy statement, by telephone or by completing and mailing a proxy card. Voting over the Internet, by telephone or by written proxy will ensure your shares are represented at the annual meeting.

The Board of Directors appreciates and encourages stockholder participation. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Alan H. Auerbach

Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary

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#### PUMA BIOTECHNOLOGY, INC.

10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2150

Los Angeles, California 90024

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

#### TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014

To the Stockholders of Puma Biotechnology, Inc. (the Company, we and our ):

We will hold an annual meeting of stockholders of the Company at the Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel, 11461 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90049, on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. local time. At the annual meeting, we will consider and act upon the following matters:

- Election of Alan H. Auerbach, Thomas R. Malley, Jay M. Moyes and Troy E. Wilson as directors for a one-year term expiring at the 2015 annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal.
- 2. Ratification of the selection of PKF Certified Public Accountants, a Professional Corporation ( PKF Certified Public Accountants ), as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2014.
- 3. Approval of an amendment to the Puma Biotechnology, Inc. 2011 Incentive Award Plan, which would increase the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance thereunder by 3,000,000 shares.
- 4. Such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournments or postponements of the annual meeting. The proxy statement accompanying this notice describes each of these items of business in detail. The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees for director named in the proxy statement, a vote FOR the ratification of the selection of PKF Certified Public Accountants as our independent registered public accounting firm and a vote FOR the approval of the amendment to the Puma Biotechnology, Inc. 2011 Incentive Award Plan.

Only the Company s stockholders of record at the close of business on April 17, 2014, the record date for the annual meeting, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting. On April 17, 2014, we had 30,117,819 shares of common stock outstanding. A list of stockholders eligible to vote at the annual meeting will be available for inspection at the annual meeting, and at the Company s executive offices during regular business hours for a period of no less than ten days prior to the annual meeting.

Your vote is very important. It is important that your shares be represented and voted whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting in person. If you are viewing the proxy statement on the Internet, you may grant your proxy electronically via the Internet by following the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials previously mailed to you and the instructions listed on the Internet site. If you are receiving a paper copy of the proxy statement, you may vote by completing and mailing the proxy card enclosed with the proxy statement, or you may grant your proxy electronically via the Internet or by telephone by following the instructions on the proxy card. Submitting a proxy over the Internet, by telephone or by mailing a proxy card will ensure your shares are represented at the annual meeting.

The Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel is accessible to those who require special assistance or accommodation. If you require special assistance or accommodation, please contact Investor Relations at (424) 248-6500 or ir@pumabiotechnology.com or write to: Puma Biotechnology, Inc.,

10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2150, Los Angeles, California 90024, Attention: Investor Relations.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Alan H. Auerbach Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary

#### PROXY STATEMENT

#### INFORMATION CONCERNING VOTING AND SOLICITATION

#### General

Your proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors (the Board ) of Puma Biotechnology, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company, we, us or our ), for use at our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders to be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. local time, at the Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel, 11461 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90049, or at any continuation, postponement or adjournment thereof (the annual meeting ), for the purposes discussed in this proxy statement and in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting and any business properly brought before the annual meeting. Proxies are solicited to give all stockholders of record an opportunity to vote on matters properly presented at the annual meeting.

We have elected to provide access to our proxy materials, including this proxy statement and our annual report to stockholders, over the Internet. Accordingly, we are sending a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice) to certain of our stockholders of record, and we are sending a paper copy of the proxy materials and proxy card to other stockholders of record who have elected to receive such materials in paper form. Brokers and other nominees who hold shares on behalf of beneficial stockholders will be sending their own similar Notice. All stockholders will have the ability to access the proxy materials on the website referred to in the Notice or to request to receive a printed set of the proxy materials. Instructions on how to request a printed copy by mail or electronically may be found on the Notice and on the website referred to in the Notice, including an option to request paper copies on an ongoing basis. On or about April 30, 2014, we intend to make this proxy statement available on the Internet and to mail the Notice to all stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting. We intend to mail this proxy statement, together with a proxy card, to those stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting who have properly requested paper copies of such materials, within three business days of such request.

# Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on June 10, 2014

This proxy statement and our 2013 Annual Report, which consists of a letter to stockholders and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, are available on our website at <a href="http://investor.pumabiotechnology.com/annual-meeting">http://investor.pumabiotechnology.com/annual-meeting</a>. This website address contains the following documents: the Notice, the proxy statement and proxy card sample, and the 2013 Annual Report. You are encouraged to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

#### Who Can Vote

You are entitled to vote if you were a stockholder of record of our common stock as of the close of business on April 17, 2014. You are entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held on all matters to be voted upon at the annual meeting. Your shares may be voted at the annual meeting only if you are present in person or represented by a valid proxy.

#### **Voting of Shares**

You may vote by attending the annual meeting and voting in person or you may vote by submitting a proxy. The method of voting by proxy differs depending on whether you are viewing this proxy statement on the Internet or receiving a paper copy and whether you are a beneficial stockholder or a stockholder of record.

Beneficial Stockholders. Beneficial stockholders hold their shares through a broker, bank, trustee or other nominee (that is, in street name) rather than directly in their own name. If you hold your shares in street name, you are a beneficial stockholder, and the proxy materials were made available to you by the organization

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holding your account. This organization is considered the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the annual meeting. As a beneficial stockholder, you have the right to instruct that organization on how to vote the shares held in your account. If you requested printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you will receive a voting instruction form from your bank, broker, trustee or other nominee.

Stockholders of Record. If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., or if you hold stock certificates in your name, you are considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares, and the proxy materials were made available directly to you by the Company. If you requested printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you will receive a proxy card from us.

Whether you are a stockholder of record or a beneficial stockholder, you may direct how your shares are voted without attending the annual meeting. If you are a stockholder of record, you may submit a proxy to authorize how your shares are voted at the annual meeting. You can submit a proxy over the Internet by following the instructions on the website referred to in the Notice or, if you requested and received printed copies of the proxy materials, you can also submit a proxy by mail or telephone pursuant to the instructions on the proxy card enclosed with the proxy materials.

If you are a beneficial stockholder, you may also submit your voting instructions over the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice, or, if you requested and received printed copies of the proxy materials, you can also submit voting instructions by telephone or mail by following the instructions provided to you by your bank, broker, trustee or other nominee.

Submitting your proxy or voting instructions via the Internet, by telephone or by mail will not affect your right to vote in person should you decide to attend the annual meeting, although beneficial stockholders must obtain a legal proxy from the bank, broker, trustee or other nominee that holds their shares giving them the right to vote the shares at the annual meeting in order to vote in person at the meeting.

The Internet and telephone voting facilities will close at 12:00 noon (CT) on June 9, 2014. If you vote through the Internet, you should be aware that you may incur costs to access the Internet, such as usage charges from telephone companies or Internet service providers and that these costs must be borne by you. If you vote by Internet or telephone, then you need not return a written proxy card by mail. If you intend to vote by Internet or telephone and have not done so prior to 12:00 noon (CT) on June 9, 2014, your only alternative will be to attend the annual meeting and vote in person.

**YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT.** You should submit your proxy even if you plan to attend the annual meeting. If you properly give your proxy and submit it to us in time to vote, one of the individuals named as your proxy will vote your shares as you have directed.

All shares entitled to vote and represented by properly submitted proxies (including those submitted electronically, telephonically and in writing) received before the polls are closed at the annual meeting, and not revoked or superseded, will be voted at the annual meeting in accordance with the instructions indicated on those proxies. If no direction is indicated on a properly submitted proxy, your shares will be voted **FOR** each of the nominees for director named in the proxy statement, **FOR** the ratification of the selection of PKF Certified Public Accountants as our independent registered public accounting firm and **FOR** the approval of the amendment to the Puma Biotechnology, Inc. 2011 Incentive Award Plan (the Plan), which would increase the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance thereunder by 3,000,000 shares. The proxy gives each of Alan H. Auerbach and Charles R. Eyler discretionary authority to vote your shares in accordance with his best judgment with respect to all additional matters that might come before the annual meeting.

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### **Revocation of Proxy**

If you are a stockholder of record, you may revoke your proxy at any time before your proxy is voted at the annual meeting by taking any of the following actions:

delivering to our Corporate Secretary a signed written notice of revocation, bearing a date later than the date of the proxy, stating that the proxy is revoked;

signing and delivering a new paper proxy, relating to the same shares and bearing a later date than the original proxy;

submitting another proxy by telephone or over the Internet (your latest telephone or Internet voting instructions are followed); or

attending the annual meeting and voting in person, although attendance at the annual meeting will not, by itself, revoke a proxy. Written notices of revocation and other communications with respect to the revocation of proxies should be addressed to:

Puma Biotechnology, Inc.

10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2150

Los Angeles, California 90024

Attention: Corporate Secretary

#### **Voting in Person**

If you plan to attend the annual meeting and wish to vote in person, you will be given a ballot at the annual meeting.

### **Quorum and Votes Required**

At the close of business on April 17, 2014, 30,117,819 shares of our common stock were outstanding and entitled to vote. All votes will be tabulated by the inspector of election appointed for the annual meeting, who will separately tabulate affirmative and negative votes and abstentions.

*Quorum.* A majority of the outstanding shares of common stock, present in person or represented by proxy, will constitute a quorum at the annual meeting. Shares of common stock held by persons attending the annual meeting but not voting, shares represented by proxies that reflect abstentions as to a particular proposal and broker non-votes, if any, will be counted as present for purposes of determining a quorum.

Broker Non-Votes. Brokers or other nominees who hold shares of common stock in street name for a beneficial owner of those shares typically have the authority to vote in their discretion on routine proposals when they have not received instructions from beneficial owners. However, brokers are not allowed to exercise their voting discretion with respect to the election of directors or for the approval of certain non-routine matters, without specific instructions from the beneficial owner. These non-voted shares are referred to as broker non-votes. Only Proposal 2 (ratifying the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm) is considered a routine matter. If you are a beneficial stockholder holding shares through a broker or other nominee and you do not submit instructions on how your shares should be voted, your broker or other nominee will not be able to vote your shares on Proposal 1 (election of directors) or Proposal 3 (amendment of the Plan).

*Proposal 1 Election of Directors.* Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote. Thus, the four nominees receiving the greatest number of FOR votes will be elected. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not considered votes cast and therefore will not be counted in determining which nominees received the greatest number of votes cast.

Proposal 2 Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares cast at the annual meeting either in person or by proxy and entitled to vote is required for the ratification of the selection of PKF Certified Public Accountants, a Professional Corporation, as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2014. Abstentions will not be counted either for or against this proposal. Broker non-votes are generally not expected to result from or have any effect on the outcome of the vote on Proposal 2.

*Proposal 3* Approval of Amendment to the Puma Biotechnology, Inc. 2011 Incentive Award Plan. The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares cast at the annual meeting either in person or by proxy and entitled to vote is required for approval of the amendment to the Plan. Abstentions will not be counted either for or against this proposal. Broker non-votes represent votes not entitled to be cast on this proposal and therefore will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.

#### **Solicitation of Proxies**

Our Board is soliciting proxies for the annual meeting from our stockholders. We will bear the entire cost of soliciting proxies from our stockholders. In addition to the solicitation of proxies by delivery of the Notice or proxy statement by mail, we will request that brokers, banks and other nominees that hold shares of our common stock, which are beneficially owned by our stockholders, send Notices, proxies and proxy materials to those beneficial owners and secure those beneficial owners voting instructions. We will reimburse those record holders for their reasonable expenses. We may use several of our regular employees, who will not be specially compensated, to solicit proxies from our stockholders, either personally or by telephone, Internet, facsimile or special delivery letter.

#### **Assistance**

If you need assistance in voting over the Internet or completing your proxy card or have questions regarding the annual meeting, please contact Investor Relations at (424) 248-6500 or ir@pumabiotechnology.com or write to: Puma Biotechnology, Inc., 10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2150, Los Angeles, California 90024, Attention: Investor Relations.

### Forward-Looking Statements

This proxy statement contains forward-looking statements (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995). These statements are based on our current expectations and involve risks and uncertainties, which may cause results to differ materially from those set forth in the statements. The forward-looking statements may include statements regarding actions to be taken by us. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Forward-looking statements should be evaluated together with the many uncertainties that affect our business, particularly those mentioned in the risk factors in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 and in our periodic reports on Form 10-Q and our current reports on Form 8-K.

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#### PROPOSAL 1

### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Board Structure**

Under our bylaws, the number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by action of the stockholders or of the directors. If the number is not fixed, the number of directors shall be three members. Our Board has fixed the current size of the Board at four members.

#### **Directors and Board Nominees**

Based upon the recommendation of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, our Board has nominated Alan H. Auerbach, Thomas R. Malley, Jay M. Moyes and Troy E. Wilson for election as directors to the Board. If elected, each director will serve a one-year term expiring at the close of our next annual meeting in 2015, and until such director s successor is elected and qualified, or until such director s earlier resignation or removal. Each of Messrs. Auerbach, Malley and Moyes and Dr. Wilson currently serve on our Board. Biographical information on each of the nominees is furnished below under Director Biographical Information.

Set forth below is certain information with respect to the nominees. Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of nominees than the four nominees set forth below.

Name	Age	Position with the Company	<b>Director Since</b>
Alan H. Auerbach	44	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman	2011
		of the Board	
Thomas R. $Malley(1)(4)(6)$	45	Director	2011
Jay M. Moyes(2)(3)(5)	60	Director	2012
Troy E. Wilson (2)	45	Director	2013

- (1) Current member and Chairman of the Audit Committee
- (2) Current member of the Audit Committee
- (3) Current member and Chairman of the Compensation Committee
- (4) Current member of the Compensation Committee
- (5) Current member and Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee
- (6) Current member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

#### **Director Biographical Information**

The following biographical information is furnished with respect to our directors (including nominees).

Alan H. Auerbach. Mr. Auerbach has served as Chairman of our Board and as our President and Chief Executive Officer since October 4, 2011. Prior to October 4, 2011, he served in such capacity at Puma Biotechnology, Inc. (Puma), a privately-held Delaware corporation and our predecessor, from its inception in September 2010. Prior to founding Puma, Mr. Auerbach founded Cougar Biotechnology, Inc. (Cougar) in May 2003 and served as its Chief Executive Officer, President and a member of its board of directors until July 2009, when Cougar was acquired by Johnson & Johnson. From July 2009 until January 2010, Mr. Auerbach served as the Co-Chairman of the Integration Steering Committee at Cougar (as part of Johnson & Johnson) that provided leadership and oversight for the development and global commercialization of Cougar s lead drug candidate, abiraterone acetate, for the treatment of advanced prostate cancer. Prior to founding Cougar, from June 1998 to April 2003, Mr. Auerbach was a Vice President, Senior Research Analyst at Wells Fargo Securities, where he was responsible for research coverage of small- and middle-capitalization biotechnology companies, with a focus on companies in the field of oncology. Mr. Auerbach has served as a director of Radius Health, Inc., a public reporting pharmaceutical company focused on acquiring and developing new therapeutics for the treatment of osteoporosis and other women s health conditions, since May 2011 and its predecessor entity from October 2010

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to May 2011. Mr. Auerbach received a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering from Boston University and an M.S. in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Southern California. Mr. Auerbach was nominated to serve as a director because of his position as our President and Chief Executive Officer and his significant experience as an executive and research analyst in the biotechnology industry.

Thomas R. Malley. Mr. Malley has been a director since October 4, 2011. Since May 2007, Mr. Malley has served as President of Mossrock Capital, LLC, a private investment firm. From April 1991 to May 2007, Mr. Malley served with Janus Mutual Funds as an analyst for eight years and as a Vice President and Portfolio Manager for the Janus Global Life Sciences Fund for eight years. Since November 2012, Mr. Malley has served as a director of OvaScience, Inc., a life science company developing proprietary products to improve the treatment of female infertility. Since October 2006, Mr. Malley has served as a director of Synageva BioPharma Corp., a public clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of therapeutic products for patients with life-threatening rare diseases and unmet medical needs. Mr. Malley previously served as a director of Cougar from 2007 to 2009. Mr. Malley received a B.S. in Biology from Stanford University in 1991. Mr. Malley was nominated to serve as a director because of his industry and investment experience.

Jay M. Moyes. Mr. Moyes has been a director since April 27, 2012. Mr. Moyes has been a member of the Board and chairman of the audit committee of Osiris Therapeutics, Inc., a publicly-held bio-surgery company, since May 2006. He has also been a member of the board of directors and the chairman of the audit committee for each of Biocardia, Inc., a privately-held cardiovascular regenerative medicine company, and Integrated Diagnostics, Inc., a privately-held molecular diagnostics company, since January 2011 and March 2011, respectively. In January 2013, Mr. Moyes was appointed to the board of directors of Amedica Corporation, a privately-held orthopedic implant company, which is now a public company. He was subsequently appointed Chief Financial Officer in October 2013 and remains a member of the board of directors. From May 2008 through July 2009, Mr. Moyes served as the Chief Financial Officer of XDx, Inc., a privately-held molecular diagnostics company. Prior to that, Mr. Moyes served as the Chief Financial Officer of Myriad Genetics, Inc., a publicly-held healthcare diagnostics company, from June 1996 until his retirement in November 2007, and as its Vice President of Finance from July 1993 until July 2005. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Moyes served as Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Genmark, Inc., a privately-held genetics company. Mr. Moyes held various positions with the accounting firm of KPMG LLP from 1979 through 1991, most recently as a Senior Manager. He holds an M.B.A. from the University of Utah, a B.A. in economics from Weber State University, and is formerly a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Moyes also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Utah Life Science Association from 1999 through 2006. Mr. Moyes was nominated to serve as a director because of his extensive background in finance and accounting and his experience in the context of the life sciences industry enables him to make significant contributions to the Board.

Troy E. Wilson. Dr. Wilson has been a director since October 18, 2013. Dr. Wilson has been the President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of managers of Avidity NanoMedicines LLC, a private biopharmaceutical company, since November 2012 and the President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of managers of Wellspring Biosciences LLC, a private biopharmaceutical company, since July 2012 and May 2012, respectively. Dr. Wilson served as the President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of directors of Intellikine, a private biopharmaceutical company, from April 2007 to January 2012 and from August 2007 to January 2012, respectively. He has also been a member of the board of managers of Araxes Pharma LLC, a private biopharmaceutical company, since May 2012. He holds a J.D. from New York University and graduated with a Ph.D. in bioorganic chemistry and a B.A. in biophysics from the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Wilson was nominated to serve as a director because of his background in finance and accounting and his experience in the life sciences industry.

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#### **Board Recommendation**

#### OUR BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR EACH OF THE FOUR DIRECTOR NOMINEES.

#### **Executive Officers**

Set forth below is information regarding each of our executive officers as of the date of this proxy statement.

Name	Age	Position
Alan H. Auerbach	44	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board
Charles R. Eyler	66	Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration and Treasurer
Richard B. Phillips, Ph.D.	60	Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Quality Assurance and Pharmacovigilance
Richard P. Bryce, MBChB,	56	Senior Vice President, Clinical Research and Development
MRCGP, MFPM		

Alan H. Auerbach. See Director Biographical Information above.

Charles R. Eyler. Mr. Eyler has served as our Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration and Treasurer since October 4, 2011. Prior to October 4, 2011, he served in such capacity at Puma beginning on September 1, 2011. Prior to joining Puma, Mr. Eyler served as Senior Vice President of Finance at Cougar until July 2009, when Cougar was acquired by Johnson & Johnson. He also served as Treasurer of Cougar from April 2006 to July 2009. From July 2009 until March 2010, Mr. Eyler served on the Integration Steering Committee at Cougar (as part of Johnson & Johnson) and oversaw the integration of Cougar s finance and IT functions with those of Johnson & Johnson. From April 2010 until September 2011, Mr. Eyler explored various entrepreneurial and other opportunities. Prior to joining Cougar, Mr. Eyler served as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of Hayes Medical Inc. from March 1999 to January 2004. Mr. Eyler received his B.S. from Drexel University and his M.B.A. from Saint Francis College.

Richard B. Phillips, Ph.D. Dr. Phillips has served as our Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Quality Assurance and Pharmacovigilance since November 1, 2011. He previously served as a consultant in the Global Regulatory Consultancy Group of PPD, Inc. from March 2011 to October 2011. From March 2010 to March 2011, he worked as an independent consultant with pharmaceutical and biotech companies in the area of regulatory affairs. From January 2007 to July 2009, Dr. Phillips served as Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance at Cougar and following the acquisition of Cougar by Johnson & Johnson, from July 2009 until March 2010, he oversaw the integration of Cougar s regulatory affairs and quality assurance function with Johnson & Johnson. Dr. Phillips received a B.S. from the University of California, Irvine and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.

Richard P. Bryce, MBChB, MRCGP and MFPM. Dr. Bryce has served as our Senior Vice President, Clinical Research and Development since June 20, 2012. Dr. Bryce previously served as Senior Medical Director for Onyx Pharmaceuticals, a biopharmaceutical company, from September 2008 to June 2012, where he oversaw the Phase III clinical trial program of carfilzomib for the treatment of multiple myeloma and the Phase II clinical trial program of sorafenib for the treatment of breast and colorectal cancers. From August 2007 to August 2008, Dr. Bryce served as Senior Medical Director for ICON Clinical Research, a clinical research organization, where he was responsible for developing and evaluating oncology protocols, medical monitoring, and overseeing drug safety management activities in connection with the clinical trials of oncology drugs. From May 2005 until July 2007, he served as Executive Vice President of Medical Affairs at Ergomed Clinical Research, a clinical research organization, where he worked to establish the company s U.S. operations, had overall responsibility for the global Phase I unit activities, drug safety, medical writing and regulatory affairs, and oversaw the company s

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provision of consulting services to various oncology-focused biotechnology companies. From April 2003 to May 2005, Dr. Bryce served as International Medical Leader at Roche, where he oversaw the global Phase IV clinical trial program of Xeloda® (capecitabine) for the treatment of breast cancer. Dr. Bryce holds a BSc in Medical Sciences and his primary medical degree (MBChB) from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He also holds post-graduate diplomas in Obstetrics and Gynaecology from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of London and in Child Health and Pharmaceutical Medicine from the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom. He is a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Royal College of Physicians (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine) of the United Kingdom. He is also a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American Society of Hematology and the European Society of Medical Oncology.

None of our directors, nominees or executive officers is related by blood, marriage or adoption to any other director, nominee or executive officer. In addition, except as indicated herein, no arrangements or understandings exist between any director or person nominated for election as a director and any other person pursuant to whom such person is to be selected as a director or nominee for election as a director.

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#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight

Alan H. Auerbach currently serves as our Chairman and Principal Executive Officer. We have no policy requiring the combination or separation of the Principal Executive Officer and Chairman roles and our governing documents do not mandate a particular structure. At present, we have determined this leadership structure of having a combined Chairman of the Board and Principal Executive Officer is appropriate due to our small size and limited operations and resources. Having a combined role ensures efficient and centralized decision-making, focuses the Board s discussions and facilitates the presentation of the Company s strategy with a unified voice.

Our Board acknowledges that no single leadership model is right for all companies at all times. As such, our Board periodically reviews its leadership structure and may, depending on the circumstances, including our size, resources and operations, choose a different leadership structure in the future.

Our Board is exclusively involved in the general oversight of risks that could affect our business. Our Board satisfies this responsibility through reports by each committee chair regarding the committee s considerations and actions, as well as through regular reports directly from officers responsible for oversight of particular risks within our Company. Further, our Board oversees risks through the establishment of policies and procedures that are designed to guide daily operations in a manner consistent with applicable laws, regulations and risks acceptable to our Company.

### **Board Independence**

Under the listing requirements and rules of the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE), independent directors must comprise a majority of a listed company s board of directors. In addition, NYSE rules require that, subject to specified exceptions, each member of a listed company s audit, compensation and nominating and corporate governance committees be independent. Audit committee members must also satisfy the independence criteria set forth in Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and compensation committee members must satisfy heightened independence criteria set forth in NYSE rules. Under NYSE rules, a director will only qualify as an independent director if the company s board of directors affirmatively determines that the director has no material relationship with the company, either directly or indirectly, that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director.

Our Board has undertaken a review of its composition, the composition of its committees and the independence of each director. Based upon information requested from and provided by each of our directors concerning his background, employment and affiliations, including family relationships, our Board has determined that each of Messrs. Malley and Moyes and Dr. Wilson is independent under the applicable rules and standards established by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) and the NYSE. In making this determination, our Board considered the current and prior relationships that each non-employee director has with us and all other facts and circumstances our Board deemed relevant in determining their independence, including the beneficial ownership of our capital stock by each non-employee director. Our Board has determined that Mr. Auerbach is not independent due to his role as our President and Chief Executive Officer.

#### **Board Meetings**

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, our Board held five meetings. All directors attended at least 75% or more of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and board committees on which they served. We do not have a formal policy relating to director attendance at annual meetings. Mr. Auerbach attended our 2013 annual meeting of stockholders held on June 11, 2013.

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#### **Executive Sessions**

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, the non-executive directors met in executive session of the Board on four occasions and the members of the Audit Committee met in executive session on five occasions. The policy of our Board is to hold at least four executive sessions of the Board annually and executive sessions of committees when needed. Thomas R. Malley presides over the regularly scheduled executive sessions of the non-management directors.

#### **Board Committees**

We have established an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee, a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and a Stock Option Committee. The composition and responsibilities of each committee are described below. Members serve on these committees until their resignation or until otherwise determined by our Board. To view the charters of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, please visit the corporate governance section of our website at <a href="https://www.pumabiotechnology.com/about\_governance.html">www.pumabiotechnology.com/about\_governance.html</a>. In addition, the charters for these committees are available in print to any stockholder who requests a copy. Please direct all requests to our Corporate Secretary, Puma Biotechnology, Inc., 10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2150, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

#### Audit Committee

Our Audit Committee provides oversight over each of our accounting and financial reporting process, the audit of our consolidated financial statements and our internal control function. Among other matters, the Audit Committee assists our Board in oversight of the independent registered public accounting firm qualifications, independence and performance; is responsible for the engagement, retention and compensation of the independent auditors; reviews the scope of the annual audit; reviews and discusses with management and the independent registered public accounting firm the results of the annual audit and the review of our quarterly consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures in our annual and quarterly reports filed with the SEC; reviews our risk assessment and risk management processes; establishes procedures for receiving, retaining and investigating complaints received by us regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or audit matters; approves audit and permissible non-audit services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm; and reviews and approves related person transactions under Item 404 of Regulation S-K.

The members of our Audit Committee are Mr. Malley, Mr. Moyes and, since October 18, 2013, Dr. Wilson, with Mr. Malley serving as the chair of the committee. Each of Mr. Malley, Mr. Moyes and Dr. Wilson are independent directors as defined under the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and the NYSE. All members of our Audit Committee meet the requirements for financial literacy under the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and the NYSE. Our Board has determined that Mr. Malley, Mr. Moyes and Dr. Wilson are audit committee financial experts as defined under the applicable rules of the SEC and have the requisite financial sophistication as defined under the applicable rules and regulations of the NYSE. The Audit Committee met nine times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

## Compensation Committee

Our Compensation Committee adopts and administers the compensation policies, plans and benefit programs for our executive officers and all other members of our executive team. In addition, among other things, our Compensation Committee annually evaluates, in consultation with our Chief Executive Officer, the performance and compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and our other executive officers. Based on such evaluation, the Compensation Committee determines and approves all of the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers. The Chief Executive Officer is not permitted to be present during any Compensation Committee final deliberations or voting concerning the compensation of any executive officer, including the Chief Executive Officer. Our Compensation Committee also administers the Puma

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Biotechnology, Inc. 2011 Incentive Award Plan (the Plan ). The Compensation Committee has delegated certain o