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WILHELMINA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

200 Crescent Court, Suite 1400

Dallas, Texas 75201

November 18, 2014

Dear Stockholder:

You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) of Wilhelmina International, Inc. The Annual Meeting will be held on December 18, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at our offices located at 200 Crescent Court, Suite 1400, Dallas, Texas 75201.

We describe in detail the actions we expect to submit to a vote of stockholders at the Annual Meeting in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement.

Your vote is important regardless of the number of shares you own. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we ask that you promptly sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card or voting instruction card in the envelope provided, or submit your proxy by telephone or over the Internet (if those options are available to you) in accordance with the instructions on the enclosed proxy card or voting instruction card. Submitting your proxy now will not prevent you from voting your shares in person at the Annual Meeting if you desire to do so, as your proxy is revocable at your option before it is exercised at the Annual Meeting.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to express our appreciation for your continued interest in Wilhelmina International, Inc. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/Mark E. Schwarz

Mark E. Schwarz
Chairman of the Board
and Executive Chairman

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2014

November 18, 2014

To the Stockholders of Wilhelmina International, Inc.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) of Wilhelmina International, Inc., a Delaware corporation, will be held on December 18, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at our offices located at 200 Crescent Court, Suite 1400, Dallas, Texas 75201, for the following purposes:

1. to elect seven directors to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualify;
 2. to ratify the appointment of Montgomery Coscia Greilich, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 (the “Auditor Ratification Proposal”); and
 3. to transact such other business as may properly be brought before the Annual Meeting.
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Information regarding the election of directors and the Auditor Ratification Proposal is provided in the attached Proxy Statement, which we encourage you to read in its entirety before voting. As determined by the Board of Directors, only stockholders of record at the close of business on November 14, 2014 are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournments thereof.

Your vote is important, regardless of the number of shares that you own. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we ask that you promptly sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card or voting instruction card in the envelope provided, or submit your proxy by telephone or over the Internet (if those options are available to you) in accordance with the instructions on the enclosed proxy card or voting instruction card.

Thank you for your participation. We look forward to your continued support.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/Mark E. Schwarz

Mark E. Schwarz
Chairman of the Board
and Executive Chairman

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Wilhelmina International, Inc. Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on December 18, 2014

The Proxy Statement and 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended, are available at

<http://www.wilhelmina.com/investor-relations.aspx>

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WILHELMINA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

200 Crescent Court, Suite 1400

Dallas, Texas 75201

PROXY STATEMENT

This Proxy Statement is furnished by the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Wilhelmina International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company,” “we,” “our” or “us”), in connection with the Board’s solicitation of proxies for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) to be held on December 18, 2014, at our offices located at 200 Crescent Court, Suite 1400, Dallas, Texas 75201, at 10:00 a.m., local time, or at any adjournment or postponement thereof. This Proxy Statement, along with either a proxy card or a voting instruction card, is being mailed to stockholders beginning on or around November 14, 2014. This Proxy Statement is dated November 18, 2014.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING

Q: Why did I receive this Proxy Statement?

A: The Board is soliciting your proxy to vote at the Annual Meeting because you were a stockholder at the close of business on November 14, 2014, the record date for the Annual Meeting (the “Record Date”), and are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

This Proxy Statement summarizes the information you need to know to vote at the Annual Meeting. You do not need to attend the Annual Meeting to vote your shares.

Q: What information is contained in this Proxy Statement?

A: The information in this Proxy Statement relates to the proposals to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, the voting process, the compensation of directors and certain executive officers, and certain other required information.

Q: What should I do if I receive more than one set of voting materials?

A: You may receive more than one set of voting materials, including multiple copies of this Proxy Statement and multiple proxy cards or voting instruction cards. For example, if you hold your shares in more than one brokerage account, you may receive a separate voting instruction card for each brokerage account in which you hold shares. If you are a stockholder of record and your shares are registered in more than one name, you will receive more than one proxy card. Please complete, sign, date and return each proxy card and voting instruction card that you receive.

Q: What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?

A: If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Securities Transfer Corporation (the “Transfer Agent”), you are considered, with respect to those shares, the “stockholder of record.” This Proxy Statement, our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended (the “2013 Annual Report”), and a proxy card have been sent directly to you by the Company.

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the “beneficial owner” of shares held in street name. This Proxy Statement and the 2013 Annual Report have been forwarded to you by your broker, bank or nominee who is considered, with respect to those shares, the stockholder of record. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or nominee how to vote your shares by using the voting instruction card included in the mailing or by following their instructions for voting by telephone or the Internet, if they offer that alternative. As a beneficial owner is not the stockholder of record, you may not vote these shares in person at the Annual Meeting unless you obtain a “legal proxy” from the broker, bank or nominee that holds your shares, giving you the right to vote the shares at the meeting.

Q: What am I voting on at the Annual Meeting?

A: You are voting on the following matters:

- the election of seven directors to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualify;
- The Auditor Ratification Proposal – the ratification of the appointment of Montgomery Coscia Greilich, LLP (“Montgomery Coscia”) as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014; and
- the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the Annual Meeting.

The Board recommends a vote “FOR” the election of each of its director nominees and the Auditor Ratification Proposal.

Q: How do I vote?

A: You may vote using any of the following methods:

- Proxy card or voting instruction card. Be sure to complete, sign and date the card and return it in the prepaid envelope.
- By telephone or the Internet. This is allowed if you are a beneficial owner of shares and your broker, bank or nominee offers this alternative.
- In person at the Annual Meeting. All stockholders may vote in person at the Annual Meeting. You may also be represented by another person at the Annual Meeting by executing a proper proxy designating that person. If you are a beneficial owner of shares, you must obtain a legal proxy from your broker, bank or nominee and present it to the inspector of election with your ballot when you vote at the Annual Meeting.

Q: What can I do if I change my mind after I vote my shares?

A: If you are a stockholder of record, you may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted at the Annual Meeting by:

- sending written notice of revocation to our Corporate Secretary;
- submitting a new, proper proxy dated later than the date of the revoked proxy; or
- attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares, you may submit new voting instructions by contacting your broker, bank or nominee. You may also vote in person at the Annual Meeting if you obtain a legal proxy as described in the answer to the previous question. Attendance at the Annual Meeting will not, by itself, revoke a proxy.

Q: What if I return a signed proxy card, but do not vote for the matters listed on the proxy card?

A:

If you return a signed proxy card without indicating your vote, your shares will be voted in accordance with the Board's recommendation as follows: "FOR" the election of each of its nominees and the Auditor Ratification Proposal.

Q: Can my broker vote my shares for me?

A: Under the rules that govern brokers and nominees who have record ownership of shares that are held in “street name” for account holders (who are the beneficial owners of the shares), brokers and nominees have the discretion to vote such shares on routine matters, but not on other matters. Brokers and nominees will not have discretionary authority to vote on the election of directors, but will have discretionary authority to vote on the Auditor Ratification Proposal. Please vote your proxy so your vote can be counted.

Q: Can my shares be voted if I do not return my proxy card or voting instruction card and do not attend the Annual Meeting?

A: If you do not vote your shares held of record (registered directly in your name, not in the name of a broker, bank or nominee), your shares will not be voted.

If you do not vote your shares held beneficially in street name with a broker, bank or nominee, your shares may constitute “broker non-votes.” Broker non-votes will be considered present and counted towards a quorum at the Annual Meeting. However, in tabulating the voting result for any particular proposal, shares that constitute broker non-votes are not considered entitled to be voted on that proposal. Broker non-votes will not affect the outcome of the election of directors or the Auditor Ratification Proposal.

Q: How are votes counted?

A: For the election of directors, you may vote “FOR” all or some of the nominees or your vote may be “WITHHELD” with respect to one or more of the nominees. For the Auditor Ratification Proposal you may vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the proposal or you may “ABSTAIN” from voting on such proposal.

Q: What are the voting requirements with respect to the election of directors?

A: In the election of directors, each director nominee receiving a plurality of the votes of shares present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be elected. You may withhold votes from any or all nominees.

Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the election of directors at the Annual Meeting.

Q: How many votes do I have?

A: You are entitled to one vote for each share of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company (the “Common Stock”) that you hold. As of the Record Date, there were 5,870,302 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding.

Q: What happens if a director nominee does not stand for election?

A: If for any reason any nominee does not stand for election, any proxies we receive will be voted in favor of the remainder of the nominees and may be voted for substitute nominees in place of those who do not stand. We have no reason to expect that any of the nominees will not stand for election.

Q: What happens if additional matters are presented at the Annual Meeting?

A: Other than the seven items of business described in this Proxy Statement, we are not aware of any other business to be brought before the Annual Meeting. If you grant a proxy, the person named as proxy holder and John P. Murray

will have the discretion to vote your shares on any additional matters properly presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting.

Q: How many shares must be present or represented to conduct business at the Annual Meeting?

A: A quorum will be present if at least a majority of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, totaling 2,935,152 shares, is represented at the Annual Meeting, either in person or by proxy.

Q: How can I attend and vote my shares in person at the Annual Meeting?

A: You are entitled to attend the Annual Meeting only if you were a stockholder as of the close of business on the Record Date, or you hold a valid proxy for the Annual Meeting. You should be prepared to present photo identification for admittance. In addition, if you are a stockholder of record, your name will be verified against the list of stockholders of record on the Record Date prior to your being admitted to the Annual Meeting. If you are not a stockholder of record but hold shares through a broker, bank or nominee (i.e., in street name), and you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please send written notification to Wilhelmina International, Inc., 200 Crescent Court, Suite 1400, Dallas, Texas 75201, Attn: Corporate Secretary, and enclose evidence of your ownership (such as your most recent account statement prior to the Record Date, a copy of the voting instruction card provided by your broker, bank or nominee, or other similar evidence of ownership). If you do not provide photo identification or comply with the other procedures outlined above, you will not be admitted to the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will begin promptly on December 18, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., local time. You should allow adequate time for check-in procedures.

Q: How can I vote my shares in person at the Annual Meeting?

A: Shares held in your name as the stockholder of record may be voted in person at the Annual Meeting. Shares held beneficially in street name may be voted in person at the Annual Meeting only if you obtain a legal proxy from the broker, bank or nominee that holds your shares giving you the right to vote the shares. Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we recommend that you also submit your proxy card or voting instruction card as described herein so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the Annual Meeting.

Q: What is the deadline for voting my shares?

A: If you hold shares as the stockholder of record, your vote by proxy must be received before the polls close at the Annual Meeting.

If you hold shares beneficially in street name with a broker, bank or nominee, please follow the voting instructions provided by your broker, bank or nominee. You may vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting only if at the Annual Meeting you provide a legal proxy obtained from your broker, bank or nominee.

Q: Is my vote confidential?

A: Proxy instructions, ballots and voting tabulations that identify individual stockholders are handled in a manner that protects your voting privacy. Your vote will not be disclosed either within the Company or to third parties, except (a) as necessary to meet applicable legal requirements, (b) to allow for the tabulation of votes and certification of the vote, and (c) to facilitate a successful proxy solicitation. Occasionally, stockholders provide written comments on their proxy card, which are then forwarded to our management.

Q: Where can I find the voting results of the Annual Meeting?

A:

We intend to announce preliminary voting results at the Annual Meeting and publish final voting results in a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) within four business days after the Annual Meeting.

Q: How may I obtain a copy of the 2013 Annual Report and other financial information?

A: A copy of the 2013 Annual Report is enclosed.

Stockholders may request another free copy of the 2013 Annual Report and other financial information by contacting us at:

Wilhelmina International, Inc.
200 Crescent Court, Suite 1400
Dallas, Texas 75201
Attention: Corporate Secretary

Alternatively, current and prospective investors can access the 2013 Annual Report and other financial information at <http://www.wilhelmina.com/investor-relations.aspx>.

We will also furnish any exhibit to the 2013 Annual Report if specifically requested. Our SEC filings are also available free of charge at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov.

Q: What if I have questions for the Transfer Agent?

A: Please contact the Transfer Agent, at the telephone number or address listed below, with questions concerning stock certificates, transfer of ownership or other matters pertaining to your stock account.

Securities Transfer Corporation
2591 Dallas Parkway, Suite 102
Frisco, Texas 75034
Phone: (469) 633-0101

Q: Who can help answer my questions?

A: If you have any questions about the Annual Meeting or how to vote or revoke your proxy, you should contact us at:

Wilhelmina International, Inc.
200 Crescent Court, Suite 1400
Dallas, Texas 75201
Attention: Corporate Secretary

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF
CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth information regarding the number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned on November 14, 2014, the Record Date, by:

- (a) each person who is known by us to beneficially own 5% or more of the Common Stock;
- (b) each of our directors, nominees and named executive officers; and
- (c) all of our directors, nominees and executive officers as a group.

As of the Record Date, 5,870,302 shares of Common Stock were outstanding. Unless otherwise indicated, the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by a holder includes shares owned by a spouse, minor children and relatives sharing the home of such holder, as well as entities owned or controlled by such holder, and also includes shares underlying options to purchase Common Stock exercisable within 60 days after the Record Date. Except as otherwise set forth below, the address of each of the persons or entities listed in the table is c/o Wilhelmina International, Inc., 200 Crescent Court, Suite 1400, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares	Common Stock %(1)
5% or Greater Stockholders		
Newcastle Partners, L.P.(2)	2,430,725(3)	41.4
Horst-Dieter Esch(4)	1,441,395(5)	24.6
Directors, Nominees and Named Executive Officers		
Mark E. Schwarz	2,430,725(6)	41.4
Alex Vaickus	65,000(7)	*
John Murray	0	-
Horst-Dieter Esch	1,441,395(8)	24.6
Clinton Coleman	0	-
James Dvorak	0	-
Mark Pape	0	-
Jeffrey Utz	0	-
James Roddey	0	-
All directors, nominees and executive officers as a group (ten persons)	3,937,120(9)	66.4

* Less than 1%

(1)Based on 5,870,302 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the Record Date. With the exception of shares that may be acquired by employees pursuant to our 401(k) retirement plan, a person is deemed to be the beneficial owner of Common Stock that can be acquired within 60 days after the Record Date upon the exercise of options. Each beneficial owner's percentage ownership of Common Stock is determined by assuming that options that are held by such person, but not those held by any other person, and that are exercisable within 60 days after the Record Date have been exercised.

- (2) The business address of Newcastle Partners, L.P. (“Newcastle”) is 200 Crescent Court, Suite 1400, Dallas, Texas 75201.
- (3) Consists of shares of Common Stock held by Newcastle, as disclosed in Amendment No. 9 to a Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on June 19, 2014. Newcastle Capital Management, L.P. (“NCM”), as the general partner of Newcastle, may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by Newcastle. Each of Newcastle Capital Group, L.L.C. (“NCG”), as the general partner of NCM, NCM Services Inc. (“NCM Services”), as the sole member of NCG, the Schwarz 2012 Family Trust (the “Schwarz Trust”), as the sole stockholder of NCM Services, and Mark E. Schwarz, as the sole trustee of the Schwarz Trust, may in each case also be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by Newcastle. Each of NCM, NCG, NCM Services, the Schwarz Trust and Mr. Schwarz disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Newcastle except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
- (4) The business address of Horst-Dieter Esch is Carretera Transpeninsular Km. 27.5, San Jose del Cabo, B.C.S. Mexico 23400.
- (5) Consists of 1,423,404 shares of Common Stock held of record by Horst-Dieter Esch and 10,451 shares of Common Stock held of record by Lorex Investment AG (“Lorex”), in each case as reported to the Company by its transfer agent as of November 14, 2014, and 7,540 shares of Common Stock held by Horst-Dieter Esch, as disclosed in a Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership on Form 4 filed with the SEC by Horst-Dieter Esch on June 27, 2014. Mr. Esch is the sole stockholder of Lorex and shares voting and dispositive power over the shares held by Lorex with Peter Marty, its sole officer and director.
- (6) Consists of 2,430,725 shares of Common Stock held by Newcastle. Mr. Schwarz may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by Newcastle by virtue of his power to vote and dispose of such shares. Mr. Schwarz disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Newcastle except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (7) Includes 60,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of options held by Alex Vaickus individually, which are exercisable within 60 days after the Record Date.
- (8) Consists of 1,430,944 shares of Common Stock held by Horst-Dieter Esch and 10,451 shares of Common Stock held by Lorex. Mr. Esch is the sole stockholder of Lorex and shares voting and dispositive power over the shares held by Lorex with Peter Marty, its sole officer and director.
- (9) Consists of 3,877,120 shares of Common Stock and 60,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of options.

PROPOSAL NO. 1 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

There are seven nominees for election to the Board at the Annual Meeting to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualify. All of the nominees currently serve as directors of the Company. Proxies may not be voted with respect to more than seven individuals in the election of directors at the Annual Meeting.

Our Bylaws provide that the number of directors shall be fixed from time to time by the Board, but shall not be less than three. Each director is elected annually to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies. Except where authority to vote for directors has been withheld, it is intended that the proxies received pursuant to this solicitation will be voted “FOR” the nominees named below. If for any reason any nominee does not stand for election, such proxies will be voted in favor of the remainder of the nominees and may be voted for substitute nominees in place of those who do not stand. We have no reason to expect that any of the nominees will not stand for election. The election of directors will be determined by a plurality of the votes of shares present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Directors, Nominees for Election to the Board and Named Executive Officers

Information regarding our directors, nominees and named executive officers, including their ages, current positions with the Company and business experience for the past five years (and, in some instances, for prior years), is set forth below. All such information has been furnished to us by our directors, nominees and named executive officers. Additionally, the experiences and skills that led to the conclusion that the nominees should serve as directors are discussed below.

Name	Age	Positions with Company
Mark E. Schwarz	54	Chairman of the Board and Executive Chairman
Clinton Coleman	37	Director
James Dvorak	45	Director
Horst-Dieter Esch	71	Director
Mark Pape	64	Director
James Roddey	80	Director
Jeffrey Utz	48	Director
Alex Vaickus	55	Chief Executive Officer
John Murray	45	Chief Financial Officer

Mark Schwarz

Mr. Schwarz has served as a director and Chairman of the Board since June 2004 and Executive Chairman since September 2012. Mr. Schwarz was our Chief Executive Officer from April 2009 through September 2012. He previously served as our Interim Chief Executive Officer beginning in October 2007 and was formally appointed our Interim Chief Executive Officer effective in July 2008. He is the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Portfolio Manager of NCM, a private investment management firm he founded in 1993, which is the General Partner of Newcastle, a private investment firm. Mr. Schwarz has served as Executive Chairman of the Board of Hallmark Financial Services, Inc. (“Hallmark”), a specialty property and casualty insurer, since August 2006. He served as Chief Executive Officer and President of Hallmark from 2003 to August 2006. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Bell Industries, Inc., a company primarily engaged in providing information technology services (“Bell Industries”), and Pizza Inn Holdings, Inc., an operator and franchisor of pizza restaurants (“Pizza Inn”). He also serves on the board of directors of SL Industries, Inc., a power and data quality products manufacturer. He previously served on the boards of directors of Nashua Corporation, a manufacturer of specialty papers, labels and printing supplies (“Nashua”), from 2001 to September 2009, MedQuist Inc., a provider of clinical documentation workflow solutions in support of electronic health records, from December 2007 to August 2009, WebFinancial Corporation, a holding company with subsidiaries operating in niche banking markets, from July 2001 to December 2008, and Vesta Insurance Group, Inc., a holding company for a group of insurance companies.

With nearly 20 years of experience as an investment manager and a business executive, Mr. Schwarz brings significant leadership, financial expertise, operational skills and public company board of directors and executive experience to the Board. Through investments made by NCM and its affiliates, Mr. Schwarz has broad and substantial experience analyzing and advising public companies, including with respect to issues such as corporate governance, capital raising, capital allocation and general operational and business strategy, and has been closely involved in the operations of companies across a range of industries in both director and executive capacities. As our Chairman of the Board and Executive Chairman, Mr. Schwarz is closely involved in all of our operations and activities.

Clinton Coleman

Mr. Coleman has served as a director since January 2011. He has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Bell Industries since January 2010, and has been a director since January 2007. Mr. Coleman has served as an investment professional with NCM since July 2005, including as Managing Director (June 2012 to present) and Vice President (July 2005 through May 2012). Mr. Coleman previously served as the Interim Chief Executive Officer of Pizza Inn from June 2012 to November 2012, the Interim Chief Executive Officer of Bell Industries from July 2007 to January 2010 and the Interim Chief Financial Officer of Pizza Inn from July 2006 to January 2007. Prior to joining NCM, Mr. Coleman served as a portfolio analyst with Lockhart Capital Management, L.P., an investment partnership, from October 2003 to June 2005. From March 2002 to October 2003, Mr. Coleman served as an associate with Hunt Investment Group, L.P., a private investment group. Previously, Mr. Coleman was an associate director with the Mergers & Acquisitions Group of UBS. Mr. Coleman is also a director of Pizza Inn and several privately held companies. During the past five years, Mr. Coleman also served as a director of Nashua.

Mr. Coleman brings to the Board extensive experience in investment management and the management of publicly traded and privately held companies engaged in a wide range of industries, including in capacities as director, chief executive officer and chief financial officer. As an investment banker and investment professional, Mr. Coleman also has a strong background analyzing and advising public companies, as well as significant transactional experience.

James Dvorak

Mr. Dvorak has served as a director since January 2011. He has served as an investment professional with NCM since January 2008, including as Managing Director (June 2012 to present) and Vice President (January 2008 through May 2012). Mr. Dvorak served as a consultant and subsequently a Senior Investment Analyst with Falcon Fund Management, a Dallas-based investment firm, from September 2006 to December 2007, and as a Vice President with Fagan Capital, an investment firm located in Irving, Texas, from 1999 to June 2006. Previously, Mr. Dvorak was with Koch Industries, a diversified energy, chemicals and materials provider, as Chief Financial Officer of a business unit and as a board member of a Koch affiliate. Mr. Dvorak has additional experience as a management consultant with Booz Allen & Hamilton in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Dvorak brings nearly 20 years of experience as a business executive and professional investor. As a management consultant, Mr. Dvorak was involved in business strategy evaluation and development, new business development, acquisition due diligence, and reorganizations of Fortune 500 businesses. As a financial executive and investment professional, Mr. Dvorak has developed strong skills in business development, financial and operational analysis, capital structure issues, capital allocation, and strategy development and evaluation.

Horst-Dieter Esch

Mr. Esch has served as a director since February 2010. He is a private investor and, since March 2012, has served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Snell Real Estate, a leading real estate agency in Las Cabos, Mexico. Since 2008 and through 2011, he served as the Chairman of USA Team Handball, the national governing body for the Olympic sport of handball. From February 2009 through December 2009, Mr. Esch was a consultant to the Company. Mr. Esch was a principal owner and Chairman of Wilhelmina International, Ltd. (“Wilhelmina International”) and its affiliated companies prior to their sale to the Company in February 2009.

With over 21 years in the model management and artist management businesses, Mr. Esch brings deep experience in the Company’s industry to the Board, together with strong leadership, business strategy and business development skills. Given his long time involvement in the modeling industry, Mr. Esch brings a valuable perspective and industry relationships to the Board. In addition, as a former principal owner, Chairman and an officer of the operating subsidiaries of the Company, Mr. Esch is strongly familiar with all aspects of their businesses.

Mark Pape

Mr. Pape has served as a director since January 2011. He has served as the Chairman of the board of directors of H2Options, Inc., a start-up water conservation design/installation firm, since September 2009, and as the Chief Financial Officer of Oryon Technologies, LLC, a privately-held technology company, since October 2010. Mr. Pape served as a partner at Tatum LLC, an executive services firm, from August 2008 through November 2009. From November 2005 to December 2007, Mr. Pape served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Affirmative Insurance Holdings, Inc., a publicly-traded property and casualty insurance company specializing in non-standard automobile insurance, and served on its board of directors and audit committee from July 2004 to November 2005. Mr. Pape served as the Chief Financial Officer of HomeVestors of America, Inc., a franchisor of home acquisition services, from September 2005 to November 2005, as President and Chief Executive Officer of R.E. Technologies, Inc., a provider of software tools to the housing industry, from April 2002 to May 2005, and as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of LoanCity.com, a start-up e-commerce mortgage bank, from May 1999 to June 2001. Mr. Pape was a member of the board of directors of Specialty Underwriters’ Alliance, Inc., a publicly-traded specialty property and casualty insurance company, from July 2009 through November 2009.

With strong experience as a business executive, Mr. Pape brings significant leadership, operational skills and public company board of directors and executive experience to the Board. In addition, Mr. Pape’s strong background in finance and financial services, including his significant transactional experience, bolsters the Company’s experience in these areas and will be particularly helpful to the Company as it grows.

Jeffrey Utz

Mr. Utz has been a principal and partner at Diversified Insurance Group, an insurance agency and provider of benefits and risk management consulting services based in Salt Lake City, since July 1998. Prior to Diversified Insurance Group, Mr. Utz worked at Great American Insurance Company, a specialty insurance company, and Fred A. Moreton & Company, an insurance brokerage firm. Mr. Utz recently completed a term as Chairman of the Board of USA Team Handball and sits on the Board for Workers’ Compensation Certification Institute.

With strong experience as a business executive, Mr. Utz would bring to the Board significant operational, sales and marketing and business strategy skills as well as executive experience and leadership. At Diversified Insurance Group, Mr. Utz has been an integral part of its growth and expansion, and such experience and insight is expected to be valuable to the Board. In addition, Mr. Utz’s strong background and expertise in risk management also provides an additional competency to the Board.

James Roddey

Mr. Roddey has served as a director since November 2013. Mr. Roddey previously served as a director from January 2011 to September 2013. He has served as Principal of ParenteBeard, LLP (including through its predecessor McCrory & McDowell LLC), a provider of financial, business and management consulting services, since September 2007. Mr. Roddey was a Partner at the Hawthorne Group, an investment and management company, from January 2004 to September 2007 (and previously from 1978 to 2000). Prior to the Hawthorne Group, from January 2000 to January 2004, Mr. Roddey served as the Chief Executive of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Roddey was a director of SEEC, Inc., a software provider for the insurance and financial services industry, from August 2005 to November 2008. Earlier in his career, Mr. Roddey served as President and a director of Turner Communications, Inc. and Rollins Communication, Inc. and, while associated with the Hawthorne Group, President and Chief Executive Officer of Pittsburgh Outdoor Advertising, Gateway Outdoor Advertising and International Sports Marketing, among other companies.

Alex Vaickus

Mr. Vaickus has served as our Chief Executive Officer since September 2012. Mr. Vaickus served as President of Playboy Enterprises Inc. (“PEI”), a media and lifestyle company that markets the Playboy brand through a wide range of media properties and licensing initiatives, from 2009 to 2011 and as President of PEI’s Global Licensing Group from 2000 to 2009. Mr. Vaickus also served as Executive Vice President (2002-2009) and Senior Vice President (2000-2002) of PEI. Prior to that, Mr. Vaickus served as PEI’s Vice President of Strategic Planning from 1998 to 2000. Mr. Vaickus previously served as an executive at a division of Conagra Foods, Inc. from 1993 to 1998 and an executive at a division of Sara Lee Corporation from 1981 to 1993.

John Murray

Mr. Murray has served as our Chief Financial Officer since June 2004 and served as a director from February 2009 through January 2011. Mr. Murray has served as the Chief Financial Officer of NCM since January 2003. From 1995 until 2002, Mr. Murray was a Certified Public Accountant engaged in his own private practice in Dallas, Texas. From 1991 until 1995, Mr. Murray served as an accountant with Ernst & Young, LLP. Mr. Murray has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1992.

Arrangements Regarding Nomination for Election to the Board

Pursuant to a mutual support agreement (as amended, the “Mutual Support Agreement”) entered into in connection with our acquisition of Wilhelmina International and certain of its affiliates (the “Acquisition”) in February of 2009, Newcastle, Esch, Lorex, Brad Krassner, and Mr. Krassner’s affiliate Krassner Family Investments Limited Partnership (“Krassner L.P.” and together with Mr. Esch, Lorex and Mr. Krassner, the “Control Sellers”) agreed that, among other things, each of the parties would (a) use their commercially reasonable efforts to cause their representatives serving on the Board to vote to nominate and recommend the election of their designees and, in the event the Board will appoint directors without stockholder approval, to use their commercially reasonable efforts to cause their representatives on the Board to appoint their designees to the Board, (b) vote their shares of common stock to elect their designees at any meeting of our stockholders or pursuant to any action by written consent in lieu of a meeting pursuant to which directors are to be elected to the Board, and (c) not to propose, and to vote their shares of common stock against, any amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, or the adoption of any other corporate measure, that frustrates or circumvents the provisions of the Mutual Support Agreement with respect to the election of their designees.

In October 2010, Newcastle and the Control Sellers entered into an Amendment to the Mutual Support Agreement (the “MSA Amendment”) for the purpose of providing a procedure for the nomination, election and removal of independent members of the Board. Pursuant to the MSA Amendment, the parties agreed (a) to cause their representatives serving on the Board to vote to nominate and recommend the election of (i) one individual (the “NP Independent Representative”) selected by Messrs. Esch and Krassner from a list of at least four Qualifying Unaffiliated Individuals (as defined below) pre-approved by Newcastle (two of whom are required to be Enhanced QUIs (as defined below)) and (ii) one individual (the “Seller Independent Representative” and together with the NP Independent Representative, the “Independent Designees”) selected by Newcastle from a list of at least four Qualifying Unaffiliated Individuals pre-approved by Messrs. Esch and Krassner (two of whom are required to be Enhanced QUIs) and, in the event the Board will appoint directors without stockholder approval, to cause their representatives on the Board to appoint applicable Independent Designee(s) to the Board (including to fill any vacancy caused by the death, incapacity, resignation or removal of an applicable Independent Designee), (b) to vote their shares of common stock to elect the Independent Designees at any meeting of the Company’s stockholders or pursuant to any action by written consent in lieu of meeting pursuant to which directors are to be elected to the Board, and (c) to vote against and not to propose the removal of either Independent Designee unless both parties vote for such removal.

For purposes of the MSA Amendment, (a) a “Qualifying Unaffiliated Individual” generally means an individual that (i) meets the director independence standards of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”), (ii) is not an affiliate of the parties or the Company or a holder of 5% or more of any class of equity interests in the parties or any of their affiliates (other than the Company) and (iii) has or maintains no Economic Relationship (as defined below) with any of the parties, the Company or any affiliate thereof, (b) an individual is generally considered to have an “Economic Relationship” with another person if such individual (or any affiliate thereof) receives (or has received in the prior five years) a material direct financial benefit from such other person (e.g., material salary or fees, material contractual payments under a commercial contract, equity or debt investment proceeds, etc.), (c) an “Enhanced QUI” generally means an individual that (i) meets the Qualifying Unaffiliated Individual standard and, in addition, (ii) is not a Close Long Time Personal Friend (as defined below) of the party pre-approving such individual, (d) a “Close Long Time Personal Friend” of a pre-approving party generally means an individual who has had Meaningful Social Contact (as defined below) on at least a monthly basis for at least ten months out of every year starting 1990 or earlier up to the present with Messrs. Krassner or Esch (if Messrs. Krassner and Esch are the pre-approving parties) or with Messrs. Schwarz or Murray or Evan Stone (if Newcastle is the pre-approving party), and (e) “Meaningful Social Contact” generally means in-person, pre-arranged (between the relevant principals and the Close Long Time Personal Friend) social contact that is one-on-one or involves a group of no more than 10 people and which (i) focuses principally on non-professional and non-business related topics and (ii) occurs in a non-professional setting (e.g., residential setting, restaurant, etc.); provided that, without limitation, (A) any spontaneous contact (e.g., “running into” each other) in any location (whether or not occurring with frequency) and (B) contact occurring in larger group social setting or event not organized by a relevant principal or the Close Long Time Personal Friend or spouse of either or Close Long Time Personal Friend of both (e.g., a party at a third party’s home or club, a class, football game, concert, etc.) are expressly excluded as “Meaningful Social Contact.”

Pursuant to the MSA Amendment, the parties agreed to an annual selection process with respect to the Independent Designees. Under the MSA Amendment, a list of pre-approved nominees meeting the applicable standards is required to be delivered to the other party with respect to each Annual Meeting of Stockholders thereafter, no later than the date that is 75 calendar days prior to the mailing date of the proxy statement for the prior year’s annual meeting. The MSA Amendment also contains procedures for the re-nomination of Independent Designees who were previously appointed or elected to the Board in lieu of the annual selection process.

The obligations of the parties under the Mutual Support Agreement terminate upon the earlier of (a) the written agreement of all of the parties or (b) the date on which two of the three groups of parties to the Mutual Support Agreement (Mr. Esch and his affiliates as one group, Mr. Krassner and his affiliates as another group, and Newcastle as another group) each owns less than 5% of the common stock outstanding. On July 31, 2012, Krassner L.P. disposed of shares of our Common Stock in an amount which resulted in Mr. Krassner and his affiliates beneficially owning less than five percent (5%) of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock. Accordingly, Mr. Krassner ceased to have rights and obligations under the terms of the Mutual Support Agreement, including any right to designate a director to the Board, to jointly select the NP Independent Representative from a list pre-approved by Newcastle or to jointly pre-approve a list of nominees from which the Seller Independent Representative is selected by Newcastle. Mr. Krassner also resigned as a member of the Board on September 20, 2012. Mr. Esch maintains his rights and obligations under the Mutual Support Agreement, including the right to designate a director to the Board, to select the NP Independent Representative from a list pre-approved by Newcastle and to pre-approve a list of nominees from which the Seller Independent Representative is selected by Newcastle.

In connection with the closing of the Acquisition in 2009, Newcastle designated Mr. Schwarz as a Board designee of Newcastle pursuant to the Mutual Support Agreement. In February 2010, the Board appointed Mr. Esch to serve as a director following his designation of himself as Board designee pursuant to the Mutual Support Agreement. Mark Pape (selected from a list pre-approved by Newcastle) and James Roddey (selected from a list pre-approved by Messrs. Esch and Krassner) were first selected as the Independent Designees for the Company's 2011 Annual Meeting held in January 2011. In addition, effective upon the date of the 2011 Annual Meeting, Newcastle designated Messrs. Coleman and Dvorak as its designees pursuant to the Mutual Support Agreement (replacing earlier Newcastle designees John Murray and Evan Stone). For the Company's 2013 Annual Meeting held in September 2013, Mr. Esch determined not to re-nominate Mr. Roddey as an Independent Designee, and Mr. Utz was selected by Newcastle from a list pre-approved by Mr. Esch. Mr. Roddey was subsequently re-appointed to the Board in November 2013 and does not currently serve on the Board pursuant to the Mutual Support Agreement.

Although the Company is not a party to the Mutual Support Agreement, the Board unanimously approved the nomination of each of the designees thereunder for election to the Board at this Annual Meeting.

In addition to the obligations set forth above, the parties also agreed under the MSA Amendment (a) to vote against and not to propose any amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws or the adoption of any other corporate measure that (A) reduces or fixes the size of the Board below seven directors or increases or fixes the size of the Board in excess of seven directors or (B) provides that directors shall be elected other than on an annual basis and (b) not to seek to advise, encourage or influence (or form, join or in any way participate in any "group" or act in concert with) any other person with respect to the voting of any Company voting securities inconsistent with the foregoing. Pursuant to the MSA Amendment, the parties also agreed that, so long as the Mutual Support Agreement remains in effect, the parties will cause their representatives on the Board to vote to maintain the size of the Board at seven directors, unless otherwise agreed to by the respective Board designees of the parties.

Transactions with Related Persons

Transactions with Newcastle and its Affiliates

Our corporate headquarters are currently located at 200 Crescent Court, Suite 1400, Dallas, Texas 75201, which is also an office of NCM. Pursuant to an oral agreement, we previously occupied a portion of NCM's office space on a month-to-month basis at no charge, and received accounting and administrative services from employees of NCM at no charge. Effective October 1, 2006, the parties formalized this arrangement by executing a services agreement. Pursuant to the services agreement, we continue to occupy a portion of NCM's office space on a month-to-month basis at \$2,500 per month and incur additional fees to NCM for accounting and administrative services provided by employees of NCM. During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, we incurred fees (including the payments for the NCM office space) of approximately \$30,000 and \$30,000, respectively, under the services agreement.

Newcastle is party to a registration rights agreement with the Company pursuant to which it holds certain demand and piggyback registration rights with respect to the Common Stock it holds, including Common Stock issued to Newcastle under a purchase agreement entered into by Newcastle and the Company in August 25, 2008 for the purpose of obtaining financing to complete the Acquisition.

Mr. Schwarz, our Executive Chairman and Chairman of the Board, is the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Portfolio Manager of NCM, which is the General Partner of Newcastle. Mr. Murray, our Chief Financial Officer, is the Chief Financial Officer of NCM. Messrs. Coleman and Dvorak, who each serve on our Board, are Managing Directors of NCM.

Transactions with Messrs. Esch and Krassner

As of December 31, 2013, the Company had paid to the Control Sellers approximately \$676,000 in respect of certain earn-out obligations in connection with the Acquisition relating to the operating results of Wilhelmina Miami (defined herein as the "Miami Earnout"). During March 2013, the Company offset approximately \$454,000 of the Company's remaining approximately \$509,000 Miami Earnout obligation (as of December 31, 2012) for losses incurred by the Company in the settlement of the foreign withholding claims for tax years 2006 and 2008, leaving a balance of approximately \$55,000 which is owed under the Miami Earnout obligation.

Mr. Esch and Lorex (together with Mr. Krassner and Krassner L.P.) are parties to a registration rights agreement entered into in connection with the Acquisition, pursuant to which such parties, among others, hold certain demand and piggyback registration rights with respect to the Common Stock issued to them in connection with the Acquisition.

Mr. Esch provides a personal guarantee of our corporate American Express card.

Review, Approval or Ratification of Transactions with Related Persons

The Board reviews all relationships and transactions with the Company in which our directors and executive officers or their immediate family members are participants to determine whether such persons have a direct or indirect material interest. The Board is primarily responsible for the development and implementation of processes and controls to obtain information from the directors and executive officers with respect to related person transactions and for then determining, based on the facts and circumstances, whether the Company or a related person has a direct or indirect material interest in the transaction. As required under SEC rules, transactions that are determined to be directly or indirectly material to us or a related person are disclosed in our Annual Reports on Form 10-K and our proxy statements with respect to the election of directors. In addition, the Audit Committee reviews and approves or ratifies any related person transaction that is required to be disclosed. In the course of its review and approval or ratification of a related party transaction to be disclosed, the Audit Committee considers: (i) the nature of the related person's interest in the transaction, (ii) the material terms of the transaction, including, without limitation, the amount and type of transaction, (iii) the importance of the transaction to the related person, (iv) the importance of the transaction to the Company, (v) whether the transaction would impair the judgment of a director or executive officer to act in the best interest of the Company and (vi) any other matters the Audit Committee deems appropriate.

Any member of the Board who is a related person with respect to a transaction under review may not participate in the deliberations or vote respecting approval or ratification of the transaction, provided, however, that such director may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board or committee that considers the transaction.

Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings

We are engaged in various legal proceedings that are routine in nature and incidental to our business. None of these proceedings, either individually or in the aggregate, are believed, in our opinion, to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or our results of operations.

Family Relationships Between Directors and Executive Officers

There are no family relationships among the Company's directors, nominees or executive officers.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), requires our directors, executive officers and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of our Common Stock and other equity securities. Such persons are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) reports they file.

Based solely on a review of the copies of the Section 16(a) reports furnished to us and written representations that no other reports were required during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, we believe that our directors, executive officers and greater than 10% stockholders complied with all applicable Section 16(a) filing requirements during fiscal year 2013.

Vote Required

A plurality of the votes of shares present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting is required for the election of each of the nominees.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR"

THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE NOMINEES.

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PROPOSAL NO. 2 - RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee has appointed Montgomery Coscia to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. Although the selection of Montgomery Coscia does not require ratification, the Board has directed that the appointment of Montgomery Coscia be submitted to stockholders for ratification due to the significance of their appointment to the Company. If stockholders do not ratify the appointment of Montgomery Coscia as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, the Audit Committee will consider the appointment of other certified public accountants. A representative of Montgomery Coscia will not be present at the Annual Meeting.

Fees Billed During Fiscal 2013 and 2012

Audit Fees

The aggregate fees billed by Montgomery Coscia for professional services required for the audit of our annual financial statements included in our 2013 Annual Report and the review of the interim financial statements included in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and other services that are normally provided in connection with statutory or regulatory filings or engagements, was \$141,750 and \$166,418 for fiscal years 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Audit-Related Fees

We did not engage or pay Montgomery Coscia for assurance and related services in fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

Tax Fees

Professional services relating to tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning paid to Montgomery Coscia was \$66,514 and \$52,176 for fiscal years 2013 and 2012, respectively.

All Other Fees

Other than the services described above, we did not engage or pay Montgomery Coscia for services in fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

All audit services to be performed by our independent registered public accounting firm must be approved in advance by the Audit Committee. Consistent with applicable law, limited amounts of services, other than audit, review or attest services, may be approved by one or more members of the Audit Committee pursuant to authority delegated by the Audit Committee, provided each such approved service is reported to the full Audit Committee at its next meeting.

All of the audit engagements and fees for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 were pre-approved by the Audit Committee. In connection with the audit of our financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, Montgomery Coscia only used full-time, permanent employees.

The Audit Committee has considered whether the provision by Montgomery Coscia of the services covered by the fees other than the audit fees is compatible with maintaining Montgomery Coscia's independence and believes that it is compatible.

Vote Required

The approval of the Auditor Ratification Proposal will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MONTGOMERY COSCIA GREILICH, LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Director Independence

Annually, as well as in connection with the election or appointment of a new director to the Board, the Board considers the business and charitable relationships between it and each director. The Board determines whether directors are “independent” under Nasdaq’s listing standards. The Board determined that Mark Pape, James Roddey, Jeffrey Utz and Dieter Esch are independent under Nasdaq’s listing standards. Mr. Schwarz is not independent under Nasdaq’s listing standards. With respect to 2013, the Board has not made a determination regarding the independence of Messrs. Coleman or Dvorak. The Audit Committee is comprised of Messrs. Pape (Chairman), Roddey and Utz, all of whom are independent under Nasdaq’s listing standards applicable to Audit Committee members. The Compensation Committee is also composed of Messrs. Pape, Roddey (Chairman) and Utz. The Company does not have a separately-designated Nominating Committee at this time.

Under Nasdaq rules, a “controlled company” is a company in which 50% of the voting power for the election of directors is held by an individual, group or another company. Newcastle, Mr. Schwarz, Lorex, and Mr. Esch, who together control in excess of the 50% of the Company’s voting power for the election of directors, are filing parties to a Schedule 13D/A filed on June 19, 2014. Accordingly, the Company believes that greater than 50% of the voting power for the election of directors of the Company is held by a group, and the Company is a “controlled company” within Nasdaq’s rules. In reliance on a “controlled company” exception, the Company does not maintain a separate nominating committee. The Company nevertheless at this time maintains a full Board comprised of a majority of independent directors and fully independent audit and compensation committees. The Company may in the future determine to rely on the “controlled company” exception in respect of certain other Nasdaq governance requirements, including majority board independence.

Meetings and Committees of the Board of Directors

The Board met three times and acted by written consent two times during 2013. Each of the directors attended at least 75% of the aggregate of (a) the total number of meetings of the Board (held during the period for which he has been a director) and (b) the total number of meetings of all committees of the Board on which he served (during the periods that he served). Three of the Company’s incumbent directors were present at the Company’s prior Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Each director is expected to make reasonable efforts to attend meetings of the Board, meetings of the committees of which he is a member and the annual meetings of stockholders.

The Board currently has a separately-designated Audit Committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act and Compensation Committee, but does not have a separately-designated Nominating Committee. The Audit Committee met four times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. The Compensation Committee met two times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee, among other things, meets with our independent registered public accounting firm and management representatives, recommends to the Board appointment of an independent registered public accounting firm, approves the scope of audits and other services to be performed by the independent registered public accounting firm, considers whether the performance of any professional services by the independent registered public accounting firm other than services provided in connection with the audit function could impair the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm, and reviews the results of audits and the accounting principles applied in financial reporting and financial and operational controls. The independent registered public accounting firm has unrestricted access to the Audit Committee and vice versa.

The incumbent Audit Committee is comprised of Mark Pape (chairman), James Roddey and Jeffrey Utz, each of whom is independent as independence for audit committee members is defined under the listing standards of Nasdaq. The Board has determined that each of Messrs. Pape, Roddey and Utz each qualifies as an “audit committee financial expert,” as defined under the Exchange Act. The Board has adopted a written Charter of the Audit Committee, which is available at <http://www.wilhelmina.com/investor-relations.aspx>.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee determines policies and procedures relating to compensation and employee stock and other benefit plans of key executives and approval of individual salary adjustments and stock awards. Compensation is determined pursuant to discussions and analysis by the Compensation Committee based on certain factors that may include a review of the individual’s performance, the scope of responsibility for the applicable position, the experience level necessary for the applicable position, certain peer group compensation levels and the performance of the Company. The Executive Chairman makes recommendations to the Compensation Committee regarding the amount and form of compensation for the Company’s key executives, based on comparable factors, and the Compensation Committee takes such recommendations into account in its review.

The incumbent Compensation Committee is comprised of James Roddey (chairman), Mark Pape and Jeffrey Utz, each of whom is independent under the listing standards of Nasdaq. The Board has adopted a written Charter of the Compensation Committee at this time. The Board has adopted a written Charter of the Compensation Committee, which is available at <http://www.wilhelmina.com/investor-relations.aspx>.

Full Board Serving Function of Nominating Committee

The Company’s full Board currently serves the function of a nominating committee. Because the Company qualifies as a controlled company under Nasdaq rules, the Company is not required to have a separate nominating committee. The Board also believes it is appropriate for the Company not to have a nominating committee at this time because, pursuant to the Mutual Support Agreement, as amended (as further described under the section of this Proxy Statement titled, Proposal No. 1 - Election of Directors—Arrangements Regarding Nomination for Election to the Board), stockholders holding approximately 65% of our outstanding shares have agreed (a) to maintain the size of the Board at seven directors and (b) to cause their representatives on the Board to vote to nominate (i) a total of four nominees directly designated by such holders and (ii) an additional two nominees as determined through an annual selection process pursuant to which each side selects a nominee from a list of independent candidates pre-approved by the other side. Consequently, as a practical matter, the nomination of directors to the Board will be controlled by certain of our stockholders for the foreseeable future. The Board will consider establishing a nominating committee and adopting a nominating committee charter in the future.

Director Nomination Process

Members of the Board who are parties to the Mutual Support Agreement identify prospective candidates to serve as directors, review candidates’ credentials and qualifications, and interview prospective candidates, in accordance with the terms of the Mutual Support Agreement, as amended. Subject to the terms of the Mutual Support Agreement, as amended, the members of the Board also consider and discuss other stockholder recommendations for director nominees. Recommendations for director nominees may come from a wide variety of sources, including stockholders, business contacts, community leaders, other third-party sources and members of management. The Board will initially evaluate any such prospective nominee on the basis of his or her resume and other background information that has been made available to the Board and follow up with the prospective nominee. Except with respect to nominations in accordance with the Mutual Support Agreement, as amended, the Board does not anticipate that the Company will differentiate evaluating nominees based on the source of their nomination. While the Board

will consider candidates recommended by stockholders as discussed above, it has not adopted formal procedures to be followed by stockholders for submitting such recommendations in light of the nomination provisions of the Mutual Support Agreement, which provides for identification and selection procedures with respect to all but one seat on the Board at this time.

The Board seeks to attract director nominees of personal integrity whose diversity of business background and experience will represent the interests of all stockholders. There is no firm requirement of minimum qualifications or skills that candidates must possess. Director candidates are evaluated based on a number of qualifications, including their judgment, leadership ability, expertise in the industry, experience developing and analyzing business strategies, financial literacy and risk management skills.

Board Leadership Structure

Our governing documents provide the Board with flexibility to determine the appropriate leadership structure for the Board and the Company, including but not limited to whether it is appropriate to separate the roles of Chairman of the Board and our Principal Executive Officer. In making these determinations, the Board considers numerous factors, including the specific needs and strategic direction of the Company and the size and membership of the Board at the time.

The Board is led by the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Schwarz, who in his capacity as Executive Chairman also continues to serve as our Principal Executive Officer. The Board does not have a lead independent director. The Board believes that Mr. Schwarz is best suited to serve as Chairman of the Board due to his knowledge and experience as our former Chief Executive Officer and his relevant experience analyzing and advising public companies, including with respect to issues such as corporate governance, capital raising, capital allocation and general operational and business strategy. A majority of the Board also believes that continuing to combine the positions of Chairman of the Board and Principal Executive Officer is the most effective leadership structure for the Company at this time, due to the small size of our management team and because the combined position enhances Mr. Schwarz's ability to provide insight and direction on strategic initiatives to both management and the Board. While Mr. Schwarz serves as Executive Chairman and as the Company's Principal Executive Officer, the Company hired Alex Vaickus as Chief Executive Officer in 2012 and expects Mr. Vaickus to continue to assume greater responsibilities and ultimately the role of Principal Executive Officer.

Board Role in Risk Oversight

Senior management is responsible for assessing and managing the Company's various exposures to risk on a day-to-day basis, including the creation of appropriate risk management programs and policies. The Board is responsible for overseeing management in the execution of its responsibilities and for assessing the Company's approach to risk management. The Board exercises these responsibilities periodically as part of its meetings, at which the Board regularly discusses areas of material risk to the Company (including operational, financial, legal and regulatory, and strategic and reputational risks), and at meetings of the Audit Committee. In addition, an overall review of risk is inherent in the Board's consideration of the Company's long-term strategies and in the transactions and other matters presented to the Board, including capital expenditures, acquisitions and divestitures, and financial matters.

Code of Conduct and Ethics

Effective April 15, 2009, the Board adopted a revised Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the “Code of Ethics”). The Code of Ethics is available at <http://www.wilhelmina.com/investor-relations.aspx>.

Stockholder Communications with the Board

The Board has established a process for stockholders to send communications to the Board. Stockholders may communicate with the Board generally or a specific director at any time by writing to the Company at 200 Crescent Court, Suite 1400, Dallas, Texas 75201, Attn: Corporate Secretary. The Corporate Secretary reviews all messages received, and forwards any message that reasonably appears to be a communication from a stockholder about a matter of stockholder interest that is intended for communication to the Board. Communications are sent as soon as practicable to the director to whom they are addressed, or if addressed to the Board generally, to the Chairman of the Board. Because other appropriate avenues of communication exist for matters that are not of stockholder interest, such as general business complaints or employee grievances, communications that do not relate to matters of stockholder interest are not forwarded to the Board. The Corporate Secretary has the right, but not the obligation, to forward such other communications to appropriate channels within the Company.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth information with respect to compensation earned by our Executive Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer for each of the last two years. We refer to these executive officers as our named executive officers.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Mark E. Schwarz	2013	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Executive Chairman and Former Chief Executive Officer(1)	2012	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Alex Vaickus	2013	500,000	-	273,034 (3)	-	773,034
Chief Executive Officer(2)	2012	135,416	-	357,416 (3)	-	492,832
John Murray	2013	200,000	-	-	-	275,000
Chief Financial Officer	2012	200,000	75,000 (4)	-	-	275,000

(1) Mr. Schwarz served as Chief Executive Officer throughout 2011 and from January 1, 2012 through September 25, 2012, at which time he assumed the title of Executive Chairman.

(2) Mr. Vaickus was appointed Chief Executive Officer on September 25, 2012.

(3) In connection with his appointment as Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Vaickus was awarded an option to purchase 100,000 shares of our Common Stock with an exercise price of \$2.34 per share, a five year vesting schedule (vesting in equal annual increments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant) and a ten year term. On September 27, 2013 Mr. Vaickus was awarded an additional option to purchase 100,000 shares of our Common Stock with an exercise price of \$3.80 per share, a five year vesting schedule (vesting in equal annual increments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant) and a ten year term. These options were granted under the Company's 2011 Incentive Plan. Amount reflects the fair value of the option grants estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model.

(4) Represents a cash bonus paid to Mr. Murray.

Employment Agreements and Arrangements

Mr. Vaickus entered into an Employment Agreement with the Company on August 29, 2012 and was subsequently appointed Chief Executive Officer on September 25, 2012. Under the Employment Agreement, Mr. Vaickus is paid (a) a gross annual salary of \$500,000 and (b) certain annual performance bonuses ranging from between 7.5% and 15% of EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) of the Company's wholly owned subsidiaries in excess of certain thresholds starting at \$5.5 million per year. The applicable calculation of EBITDA is to include Mr. Vaickus' base salary and other compensation related expense, but exclude the relevant bonus, for purposes of determining whether an EBITDA threshold is met. Mr. Vaickus will also receive annual option grants of

100,000 shares (on a split adjusted basis) of our Common Stock under the Company's 2011 Incentive Plan to vest ratably in five (5) equal increments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant. The first such grant was made on September 25, 2012 and the second grant was made on September 27, 2013. The term of the Employment Agreement is two (2) years, subject to an annual evergreen thereafter unless notice of nonrenewal is provided by either party prior to ninety (90) days before the end of the applicable term.

In the event that Mr. Vaickus' employment is terminated without "cause" or for "good reason", Mr. Vaickus is entitled to receive continued salary for the lesser of (1) the number of months remaining on the term of the Employment Agreement and (2) the Number of Qualifying Months (as herein defined). The "Number of Qualifying Months" means three (3) months plus, for each twelve (12) month renewal period that occurred under the Employment Agreement, one (1) additional month. "Cause" includes a breach of the Employment Agreement that remains uncured within ten (10) days after a written demand of performance is delivered identifying the manner in which Mr. Vaickus has not performed or any violation of the restrictive covenants set forth in the Employment Agreement without reference to any cure period. "Good reason" means a reduction of Mr. Vaickus' salary.

The Employment Agreement also contains certain non-compete and non-solicitation provisions.

Messrs. Schwarz and Murray are employed on an "at will" basis and do not have employment, severance or change in control agreements with the Company.

Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

Except for the severance arrangements under Mr. Vaickus' Employment Agreement as described above, we have no plans or other arrangements in respect of remuneration received or that may be received by our executive officers to compensate such officers in the event of termination of employment (as a result of resignation, retirement or change in control) or other events following a change in control.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End Table

The following table sets forth certain information regarding equity awards held by the named executive officers as of December 31, 2013.

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Option Awards			
		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	
Mark E. Schwarz	-	-	-	-	
Alex Vaickus	40,000	60,000	(1) 2.34	9/25/22	
	20,000	80,000	(2) 3.80	9/27/23	
John Murray	2,500	-	5.60	6/18/14	

(1) options were granted September 25, 2012 and vest in annual installments of 20,000 on each anniversary.

(2) options were granted September 27, 2013 and vest in annual installments of 20,000 on each anniversary.

Director Compensation

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, each of our non-employee directors was entitled to compensation consisting of \$28,000 in fees, stock options to purchase 100,000 shares of Common Stock, or a combination of cash and options. Each of our non-employee directors elected to receive their annual compensation for 2013 all in cash.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, Mark Pape earned an annual cash retainer of \$2,500 for his service as the Chairman of the Audit Committee and \$1,000 for his service as a member of the Compensation Committee. In addition, James Roddey earned an annual cash retainer of \$1,500 for his service as the Chairman of the Compensation Committee and \$2,000 for his service as a member of the Audit Committee.

The following table sets forth information with respect to compensation earned by or awarded to each non-employee director who served on the Board during the year ended December 31, 2013.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Horst-Dieter Esch	28,000	-	28,000
Jeffrey Utz(1)	7,000	-	7,000
Clinton Coleman	28,000	-	28,000
James Dvorak	28,000	-	28,000
Mark Pape	28,000	-	28,000
James Roddey(2)	28,000	-	28,000

(1) Elected to the Board September 2013.

(2) Mr. Roddey was not a Board nominee for the 2013 Annual Meeting held on September 26, 2013 and accordingly ceased to serve on the Board as of the 2013 Annual Meeting. Mr. Roddey was subsequently re-appointed to the Board on November 19, 2013. The Company does not pro-rate quarterly cash fees assuming the director serves for a material portion of the applicable quarter.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

2011 Incentive Plan

On May 2, 2011, our Board approved the Wilhelmina International, Inc. 2011 Incentive Plan (the "2011 Plan"). The 2011 Plan is effective as of May 2, 2011 and was approved by a majority of our stockholders at the 2012 Annual Meeting. The 2011 Plan is intended as an incentive to retain and to attract directors, officers, consultants, advisors and employees, as well as to encourage a sense of proprietorship and stimulate the active interest of such persons in our development and financial success.

The 2011 Plan provides for the granting of incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, restricted stock, stock appreciation rights, and other equity incentives, including stock or stock based awards (collectively, the “Plan Rights”), to persons eligible to participate in the 2011 Plan. The 2011 Plan shall satisfy the performance-based compensation exception to the limitation on our tax deductions imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code, with respect to those options and stock appreciation rights for which qualification for such exception is intended (“Section 162(m) Grants”).

In the event option grants are intended to qualify as Section 162(m) Grants, the requirements as to stockholder approval set forth in Section 162(m) of the Code must be satisfied.

A total of 300,000 shares of our Common Stock are subject to the 2011 Plan. The maximum number of shares that may be subject to options and stock appreciation rights granted under the 2011 Plan to any individual in any calendar year may not exceed 100,000. Should any Plan Right expire or be canceled prior to its exercise or vesting in full or should the number of shares of Common Stock to be delivered upon the exercise or vesting in full of a Plan Right be reduced for any reason, the shares of Common Stock subject to such Plan Right may be subject to future Plan Rights under the Plan, unless such reissuance is inconsistent with the provisions of Section 162(m) of the Code.

The 2011 Plan is to be administered by a committee consisting of two or more directors appointed by our Board (the “Plan Committee”), which may be the Compensation Committee of the Board. Under the 2011 Plan, the Plan Committee will be comprised solely of “non-employee directors” within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act, and “outside directors” within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code, which individuals will serve at the pleasure of our Board. In the event that for any reason the Plan Committee is unable to act or if the Plan Committee at the time of any grant, award or other acquisition under the 2011 Plan does not consist of two or more “non-employee directors,” or if there is no such Plan Committee, then the 2011 Plan will be administered by our Board, provided that grants to our Chief Executive Officer or to any covered employee within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code that are intended to qualify as Section 162(m) Grants may only be granted by a properly constituted Plan Committee, subject to ratification by our Board. Except in the case of Section 162(m) Grants (the recipients, terms and conditions of which the Plan Committee has full power and authority to determine, subject to Board ratification), the recipients, terms and conditions of grants under the 2011 Plan are recommended by the Plan Committee to the Board for approval. The Plan Committee will interpret the 2011 Plan and all Plan Rights granted thereunder and make all other determinations necessary or advisable for the administration of the 2011 Plan. Our Board has designated the Compensation Committee of the Board as the Plan Committee.

The 2011 Plan provides for the early expiration of options and stock appreciation rights in the event of certain terminations of employment of the recipients thereof. Options and stock appreciation rights granted under the 2011 Plan are not transferable and may be exercised solely by the recipient thereof during his lifetime or after his death by the person or persons entitled thereto under his will or the laws of descent and distribution. Upon the occurrence of a “change of control” (as defined in the 2011 Plan), the Plan Committee may accelerate the vesting and/or exercisability of certain Plan Rights under the