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We are filing these additional soliciting materials to request the support of our stockholders at the 2015 Annual Meeting by voting in accordance with the recommendation of our Board of Directors (the Board), in particular with respect to the re-election of Hakan Bjorklund to the Board. In 2014, Mr. Bjorklund attended 73% of the meetings of the Board and the committee on which he served, just below the 75% attendance criteria required by certain institutional investors in voting on the re-election of a director. It should be noted that our Board is highly active. Mr. Bjorklund attended 19 meetings during 2014, a number which significantly exceeds the average number of combined board and compensation committee meetings held by the 18 companies in our peer group, and he also acted upon a number of important matters by way of unanimous written consent. We believe that, considering all relevant facts and metrics, Mr. Bjorklund has demonstrated significant engagement in his role and a commitment to the Company and that his re-election and continued service is in the best interest of our stockholders.

In addition, Mr. Bjorklund has recently pledged to the Board that he will attend at least 75% of all meetings of the Board and the committee on which he serves during 2015, unless he is unable to do so by reason of illness or family emergency, and that if he defaults on this pledge he will not stand for re-election at the Company's 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.