## PROPHOTONIX LIMITED 13 Red Roof Lane, Suite 200 Salem, New Hampshire 03079

April 9, 2019

Dear ProPhotonix Stockholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of ProPhotonix Limited, which will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., British Summer Time, at the offices of K&L Gates LLP, One New Change, London, England EC4M 9AF.

Specific details regarding admission to the meeting and the business to be conducted at the meeting are provided in the attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement. I encourage you to carefully read the attached Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, please vote as soon as possible. As an alternative to voting in person at the annual meeting, you may vote via the Internet (where available), by telephone (where available) or, if you receive a paper proxy or instruction card in the mail, by completing and returning the proxy or instruction card. Voting by any of these methods will ensure your representation at the annual meeting.

I look forward to greeting those of you who will be able to attend the meeting.

Sincerely,

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Timothy P. Losik President and Chief Executive Officer

## **ProPhotonix Limited**

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD Thursday, May 16, 2019

To the Stockholders of ProPhotonix Limited:

The 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of ProPhotonix Limited, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), will be held at the offices of K&L Gates LLP at One New Change, London, England EC4M 9AF, on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., British Summer Time, for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive the Board of Directors' and auditor's reports and the accounts for the year ended December 31, 2018;
- 2. To elect Timothy P. Losik, Raymond Oglethorpe and Vincent Thompson as directors to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified;
- 3. To ratify the appointment of KPMG Audit Plc as the Company's independent auditors for the current fiscal year; and
- 4. To transact such other business that may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements of the Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors has no knowledge of any other business to be transacted at the Annual Meeting.

Admission of stockholders to the Annual Meeting will be on a first-come, first-served basis, and picture identification will be required to enter the Annual Meeting. An individual arriving without picture identification will not be admitted unless it can be verified that the individual is a stockholder of the Company. Use of cameras, cellular phones, recording equipment and other electronic devices will not be permitted at the Annual Meeting. The Company reserves the right to inspect any persons or items prior to their admission to the Annual Meeting.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Thomas B. Rosedale, Secretary April 9, 2019

#### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.

In order to ensure your representation at the Annual Meeting, please submit your proxy and voting instructions via the Internet (where available) or by telephone (where available), or, if you receive a paper proxy or instruction card and voting instructions by mail, you may vote your shares by completing, signing and dating the proxy or instruction card as promptly as possible and returning it in the enclosed envelope (to which no postage needs to be affixed if mailed in the United States or the United Kingdom).

## **PROPHOTONIX LIMITED**

#### PROXY STATEMENT

2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders To Be Held on Thursday, May 16, 2019

#### General

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors" or the "Board") of ProPhotonix Limited, a Delaware corporation (the "Company" "ProPhotonix" or "we"), for use at the Company's 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting"), which will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., British Summer Time, at the offices of K&L Gates LLP at One New Change, London, England EC4M 9AF, and at any adjournments or postponements thereof, for the purposes set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

#### Solicitation

The cost of soliciting proxies, including expenses incurred in connection with preparing and mailing this Proxy Statement, will be borne by the Company. The Company may engage a paid proxy solicitor to assist in the solicitation. Copies of solicitation materials will be furnished to brokerage houses, nominees, fiduciaries and custodians to forward to beneficial owners of the Company's Common Stock, \$.001 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), held in their names. In addition to the solicitation of proxies by mail, the Company's directors, officers and other employees may, without additional compensation, solicit proxies by telephone, facsimile, electronic communication and personal interviews. The Company will also reimburse banks, brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for reasonable expenses incurred by them in sending proxy materials to stockholders.

## **Record Date and Votes Required**

In accordance with the Company's By-Laws, only holders of record of the Company's Common Stock as of the close of business on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 (the "Record Date") will be entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournments thereof. On the Record Date, the Company had approximately 93,000,402 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding and entitled to be voted. The holders of Common Stock are entitled to one vote for each share of Common Stock held as of the Record Date on any proposal presented at the Annual Meeting.

A majority of the shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding and entitled to be voted at the Annual Meeting will constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Votes withheld, abstentions and shares held in "street name" by brokers or nominees who indicate on their proxies that they do not have discretionary authority to vote such shares as to a particular matter ("broker non-votes") shall be counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a plurality of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting is required for the election of directors (Proposal No. 2). The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of the Company's Common Stock voting in person or by proxy and entitled to vote is required to receive the Board of Directors' and auditor's reports and the accounts for the year ended December 31, 2018 (Proposal No. 1) and to ratify the appointment of KPMG Audit Plc as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 (Proposal No. 3).

Shares which abstain from voting on a particular matter and broker non-votes will not be counted as votes in favor of such matter and will also not be counted as votes cast or shares voting on such matter. Accordingly, neither abstentions nor broker non-votes will have any effect upon the outcome of voting with respect to any proposal in the Proxy Statement.

An automated system administered by the Company's transfer agent tabulates the votes. The votes on each matter are tabulated separately.

## **Proxy Materials Sent; More Information**

Copies of this Proxy Statement, together with the Company's 2018 Annual Report and voting instructions, are being sent to the record address of each holder of record of the Company's Common Stock as of the close of business on the Record Date. The proxy card or form of instruction you received together with these materials will provide you with instructions regarding how to vote your shares.

Copies of this Proxy Statement, together with the Company's 2018 Annual Report can also be accessed free of charge on the Company website (<u>https://www.prophotonix.com/investors/financial-reports/</u>). The Company will also provide these materials to stockholders upon written request to ProPhotonix Limited, c/o BRL Law Group LLC, 425 Boylston Street, 3rd Flr., Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Secretary.

#### How to Vote Your Securities

Included with a copy of the proxy materials sent to the Company's stockholders is a proxy card or a voting instructions card with instructions for voting via the Internet, by telephone, email, CREST, facsimile or by mail, as applicable. Not all voting methods are available in all jurisdictions. Your proxy card or voting instructions will indicate which means of voting are available to you. To vote by mail, complete, date and sign the enclosed proxy or instruction card and return it in the enclosed envelope as promptly as possible. No postage is necessary if the proxy or instruction card is mailed in the United States or the United Kingdom using the postage prepaid envelope provided. If the proxy card is mailed from outside of the United States or the United Kingdom you will need to affix sufficient postage to the envelope to ensure it is received.

Note that depository interest holders in the United Kingdom may mail, fax, scan and email their completed voting instruction form, with original to follow by mail, as further detailed in the voting instructions. Phone and internet voting are not provided by the Depository; however, depositary interest holders may also vote by CREST as detailed below.

CREST members who wish to vote by utilizing the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the meeting to be held on May 16, 2019 and any adjournments thereof by utilizing the procedures described in the CREST Manual. CREST Personal Members or other CREST Sponsored Members, and those CREST Members who have appointed a voting service providers(s), should refer to their CREST Sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take appropriate action on their behalf. In order for a vote made by means of CREST to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a "CREST Proxy Instruction") must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK and Ireland (EUI)'s specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. The message must be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent ID 3RA50 by10:00 a.m. British Summer Time on May 14, 2019. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Applications Host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that EUI does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular messages. Normal system timings and limitations will therefore apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST Personal Member or Sponsored Member or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.

If you hold your shares of Company Common Stock through a bank, broker or other nominee (also known as "street name"), they will give you separate instructions for voting your shares. If you hold your shares of Company Common Stock in street name and did not receive voting instructions, you should contact your broker, bank or other nominee.

## Proxies

## Voting by Proxy

Voting instructions are included on your proxy or instruction card. If you properly complete, sign and date your proxy or instruction card and return it to us in time to be counted at the Annual Meeting, one of the individuals named as your proxy will vote your shares as you have directed. If you sign and timely return your proxy or instruction card but do not indicate how your shares are to be voted with respect to one or more of the proposals to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, your shares will be voted for each of such proposals and as to any other matter that may be properly brought before the Annual Meeting in accordance with the judgment of the individuals named in the proxy or instruction card as the proxy holders. The proxy holders will have discretionary authority to vote upon any adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

#### Revoking your Proxy

You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted by:

- delivering a later-dated proxy or a notice of revocation in writing to the Company's Secretary
- at the following address: ProPhotonix Limited, c/o BRL Law Group LLC, 425 Boylston Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr., Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Secretary; or
- by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person at the Annual Meeting.

#### Voting in Person

If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting and wish to vote in person, we will give you a ballot at the Annual Meeting. However, if your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee, you must bring a proxy from your nominee authorizing you to vote your "street name" shares (held as of the Record Date) at the Annual Meeting. Please contact your broker, banker or nominee to request this authorization.

## Meeting Results

As soon as practicable following the Annual Meeting, the results of the voting at the meeting and the number of votes cast for and against and the number of votes withheld in respect of each resolution will be announced publicly and placed on the Company's website (<u>https://www.prophotonix.com/about/press-releases/</u>)

## Future Electronic Communications

The Company encourages its stockholders to help it reduce the environmental impact by registering to receive stockholder communications electronically by email and via the Internet. Receiving documents electronically helps us reduce our printing, paper and postage costs. We believe stockholders who register also receive information more quickly and simply. To receive communications and documents electronically, please register your email address at the address for electronic voting set forth on the enclosed annual meeting proxy card and we will send you an email letting you know that future stockholder documents are available online at our website (http://www.prophotonix.com/investors/) for you to view or download.

#### **PROPOSAL NO. 1**

## **REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

The Board of Directors' and auditor's reports and the accounts for the year ended December 31, 2018, as contained in the Company's 2018 Annual Report (which can also be accessed free of charge on the Company website: <u>http://www.prophotonix.com/investors/financial-reports.aspx</u>), will be presented at the Annual Meeting. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of the Company's Common Stock voting in person or by proxy and entitled to vote is required to receive the Board of Directors' and auditor's reports and the accounts for the year ended December 31, 2018.

# The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the resolution to receive the Board of Directors' and auditor's reports and the accounts for the year ended December 31, 2018.

#### **PROPOSAL NO. 2**

#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Under the Company's By-Laws, directors are elected to the Board of Directors to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders following their election and until their successors have been chosen and qualified or until their earlier death, resignation or removal. The affirmative vote of the holders of a plurality of the votes cast in person or by proxy at an annual meeting of stockholders by the shares entitled to vote is required for the election by stockholders of directors to the Board. The Board of Directors currently has the following five members: Messrs. Timothy P. Losik, Raymond J. Oglethorpe, Timothy Steel, Vincent Thompson and Mark Weidman, three of whom are standing for reelection at the Annual Meeting. By resolution of the Board in accordance with the Company's By-Laws, the size of the Board is being reduced to three members effective as of the 2019 Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors recommends that the three nominees named below be elected to serve on the Board of Directors, each of whom is presently serving as a director. Each nominee has consented to being named in this Proxy Statement and has indicated his willingness to serve if elected. If, for any reason, any nominee should become unable or unwilling to serve, the persons named as proxies may vote the proxy for the election of a substitute nominee selected by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any nominee will be unable to serve. Stockholders may vote for no more than three nominees for director.

Biographical and certain other information concerning the Company's directors and the nominees for election to the Board of Directors is set forth below.

## Nominees for Election to Board of Directors

Name	Position
Timothy P. Losik	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Raymond J. Oglethorpe	Director (Chairman of the Board)
Vincent Thompson	Director

#### **Current Members of the Board of Directors Not Seeking Re-Election**

Name	Position
Timothy Steel	Director
Mark Weidman	Director

#### Additional Information Regarding Members of the Board of Directors

#### Nominees:

*Timothy P. Losik* currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and was previously the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of the Company from January 2008 until May 2013, and has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 2010. From January 2007 to October 2007, Mr. Losik served as the Chief Financial Officer of Bluesocket, Inc. From April 2006 to July 2006, Mr. Losik served as the Vice President of Operations of Globalware Solutions, Inc. and from November 2004 to April 2006 he served as the Chief Financial Officer of Globalware Solutions, Inc. From April 2002 to September 2003, Mr. Losik served as the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Omtool, LTD.

*Raymond J. Oglethorpe* is currently President of Oglethorpe Holdings, LLC, a private investment company. Mr. Oglethorpe served as President of America Online, Inc. from 2000 until his retirement in 2002. Mr. Oglethorpe has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 2000 and became Chairman of the Board in June 2013. Mr. Oglethorpe previously was designated by the independent members of the Board of Directors as Lead Director of the Company and served in such capacity until he became Chairman of the Board in June 2013.

*Vincent Thompson* serves as the managing partner of Easton Partners LLP, a corporate finance boutique, which he founded in 2009. Mr. Thompson has over 30 years of experience in corporate finance. Mr. Thompson spent the majority of his career with Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited and Hambros Bank Limited (later Société Générale, following the takeover of Hambros Bank Limited) and was a Director at both. From 2003 to 2006, he served as a Director at MacArthur & Co. Limited and from 2007 to 2008, as an Associate of Corbett Keeling & Co, both corporate finance boutiques. Mr. Thompson has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since April 2011.

#### Members of the Board of Directors Not Seeking Re-Election:

*Timothy Steel* serves as Chairman of Castle Alternative Invest AG, a Swiss investment company specializing in hedge fund investments, since 2008. Mr. Steel also serves as Chairman of Committed Capital Limited, a private equity firm and as Chairman of WH Ireland Group plc, which provides asset management services to private clients and corporate finance services. From 1980 through 2009, Mr. Steel held numerous executive positions with Cazenove Capital Management Limited, including Vice Chairman. Mr. Steel has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since April 2011.

*Mark Weidman* is the CEO of Harvest Power, Inc., a Waltham, Massachusetts based company engaged in the environmental services sector and specializing in converting waste organics into valuable consumer products and energy. Mark is also an operating partner at True North Venture Partners and the founder and owner of Birch Tree Environmental Group, LLC, a consulting firm providing services in the environmental services, energy and technology sectors. Mr. Weidman previously served as President and CEO of Wheelabrator Technologies Inc., a world-leading environmental technologies company operating in North America, Europe and China, having served in that capacity from 2006 to July 2015. Prior to 2006, Mr. Weidman served in senior executive positions with Wheelabrator, including Vice President of Operations from 2001 to 2006, and President of Wheelabrator Bio Gro from 1996 to 2000. During 2000 and 2001, he served as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Processing Division at Synagro Technologies, Inc., a Houston-based residuals management company. Mr. Weidman has been a member of the Board of the Company since July 2013.

# The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the election of the nominees named in the table above as directors of the Company.

#### **PROPOSAL NO. 3**

#### **RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Audit Committee") has selected KPMG Audit Plc ("KPMG") as the Company's independent auditors to audit the Company's financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. KPMG has served as the Company's independent auditors since September 2012. The Board of Directors is asking the Company's stockholders to ratify the selection of KPMG as the Company's independent auditors. Although ratification is not required by the Company's By-Laws or otherwise, the Board is submitting the selection of KPMG to the stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. If the stockholders do not ratify the selection of KPMG as the Company's independent auditors, the Audit Committee will reconsider its selection. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may direct the appointment of different independent auditors at any time during the year if the Audit Committee determines that such a change would be in the Company's and its stockholders' best interests.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of the Company's Common Stock voting in person or by proxy and entitled to vote is required to ratify the appointment of KPMG Audit Plc as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

# The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the ratification of the selection of KPMG Audit Plc as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND BOARD MATTERS

#### **Independence of Members of Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors has determined that each of Messrs. Raymond J. Oglethorpe, Timothy Steel, Vincent Thompson and Mark Weidman (collectively, the "Independent Directors"), constituting a majority of the directors of the Company, satisfies the criteria for being an "independent director" under the standards of the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq") and the Quoted Companies Alliance Corporate Governance Code for Small and Mid-Sized Companies (the "QCA Code") and has no material relationship with the Company other than by virtue of service on the Board of Directors.

#### **Board and Committee Meetings**

The Board of Directors held five meetings during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. Each incumbent director attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board of Directors and of the committees on which he served during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 or any portion of the fiscal year during which he served. It is the policy of the Board of Directors that all directors and nominees for director are strongly encouraged to attend the annual meeting of stockholders of the Company or any special meeting held in lieu of the annual meeting. All directors attended the Company's 2018 annual meeting of stockholders.

The Independent Directors met in executive session 5 times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. Executive sessions are chaired by the Lead Director (if any) or the Chairman of the Board, if the Chairman of the Board is an Independent Director. The Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee of the Board of Directors (the "GNR Committee") nominate an Independent Director to serve as the Lead Director only if and when the Chairman of the Board is not an Independent Director. Raymond J. Oglethorpe served as Lead Director until he became Chairman of the Board in June 2013. A nominee for Lead Director, when required, must be approved by a majority of the Independent Directors. The Lead Director, when required, works with the Chairman of the Board in the preparation of the agenda for Board meetings, consults with the Chairman of the Board on matters relating to corporate governance and Board performance and facilitates communications between other members of the Board and the Chairman of the Board.

#### **Committees of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors has designated the following two principal standing committees: (i) the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Audit Committee") and (ii) the GNR Committee. The current members of the Audit Committee and the GNR Committee are identified in the following table:

Name	Audit Committee	GNR Committee
Raymond J. Oglethorpe	Х	Х
Timothy Steel	Х	X (Chair)
Vincent Thompson	X (Chair)	Х
Mark Weidman	Х	Х

#### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee was established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and in accordance with the QCA Code and consists of Messrs. Raymond J. Oglethorpe, Timothy Steel, Vincent Thompson and Mark Weidman, each of whom have been determined by the Board of Directors to be an "independent director", as defined in Nasdaq Rule 5605(a)(2), to satisfy the heightened independence requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") applicable to all members of a registrant's Audit Committee and to otherwise satisfy the applicable audit committee membership requirements promulgated by the SEC and the QCA Code. In addition, each member of the Audit Committee satisfies the independence requirements of the QCA Code. The Audit Committee acts pursuant to the Amended and Restated Audit Committee Terms of Reference, a copy of which is available by clicking "Audit Committee" on the "Committee Assignments" page of the Corporate Governance section of the Investors page of the Company's website at <u>www.prophotonix.com</u>. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the Audit Committee met four times.

The Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibilities to stockholders concerning the Company's financial reporting and internal controls, oversees the Company's independent registered public accounting firm and facilitates open communication among the Audit Committee, the Board of Directors, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm and management. The Audit Committee discusses with management and the Company's independent registered public accounting firm the financial information developed by the Company, the Company's systems of internal controls and the Company's audit process and various matters relating to the results of the annual audit of the Company. The Audit Committee is directly responsible for appointing, evaluating, retaining, and, when necessary, terminating the engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm who will conduct the annual audit of the financial statements of the Company. The Audit Committee is also responsible for pre-approving all audit services, as well as all review, attest and non-audit services to be provided to the Company by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee oversees investigations into complaints received by any member of the Board of Directors or employee of the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters. The Audit Committee reviews all related party transactions on an ongoing basis, and all such transactions must be approved by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is authorized, without further action by the Board of Directors, to engage such independent legal, accounting and other advisors as it deems necessary or appropriate to carry out its responsibilities.

#### Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee

The GNR Committee consists of Messrs. Raymond J. Oglethorpe, Vincent Thompson, Timothy Steel and Mark Weidman, each of whom have been determined by the Board of Directors to be an "independent director", as defined in Nasdaq Rule 5605(a)(2), and to otherwise meet the nominating and compensation committee membership requirements promulgated by the SEC and the QCA Code. In addition, each member of the GNR Committee satisfies the independence requirements of the QCA Code. The GNR Committee acts pursuant to the Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee Terms of Reference, a copy of which is available by clicking "Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee" on the "Committee Assignments" page of the Corporate Governance section of the Investors page of the Company's website at <u>www.prophotonix.com</u>. The GNR Committee met two times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

The GNR Committee generally assists the Board of Directors with respect to matters involving the compensation of the Company's directors and executive officers, oversight of corporate governance matters and identifying individuals qualified to become members of the Board. The responsibilities of the GNR Committee with respect to director and executive officer compensation include determining salaries and other forms of compensation for the Chief Executive Officer and the other executive officers of the Company, reviewing and making

recommendations to the Board with respect to director compensation, periodically reviewing and making recommendations to the Board with respect to the design and operation of incentive-compensation and equity-based plans and generally administering the Company's equity-based incentive plans. The GNR Committee may form, and delegate authority to, one or more subcommittees as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. In addition, to the extent permitted by applicable law and the provisions of a given equity-based incentive plan, the GNR Committee may delegate to one or more executive officers of the Company the power to grant options or other stock awards pursuant to such plan to employees of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company who are not directors or executive officers of the Company. Historically, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the GNR Committee and within certain per-person and per-year limits established by the GNR Committee, have been authorized to make limited stock option grants to non-executive officers of the Company.

The Company's Chief Executive Officer generally makes recommendations to the GNR Committee regarding the compensation of other executive officers. In addition, the Chief Executive Officer is often invited to attend GNR Committee meetings and participates in discussions regarding the compensation of other executive officers, but the GNR Committee ultimately approves the compensation of all executive officers. Other than making recommendations and participating in discussions regarding the compensation of other executive officers, the Company's Chief Executive Officer generally does not play a role in determining the amount or form of executive compensation. Except for the participation by the Chief Executive Officer in meetings regarding the compensation of other executive officers, the GNR Committee meets without the presence of executive officers when approving or deliberating on executive officer compensation. The Chief Executive Officer does not make proposals or recommendations regarding his own compensation.

With respect to corporate governance matters, the GNR Committee is responsible for establishing and monitoring the adequacy of, and the Company's compliance with, policies and processes regarding principles of corporate governance, monitoring and taking appropriate action with respect to corporate governance requirements of the SEC and QCA Code and reviewing and recommending appropriate action to the Board with respect to all stockholder proposals submitted to the Company.

With respect to director nomination matters, the GNR Committee is responsible for establishing qualifications to be considered when evaluating candidates for nomination for election to the Board of Directors and appointment to the committees thereof. In addition, the GNR Committee is responsible for identifying, evaluating and recommending qualified director candidates to the Board of Directors and its committees for nomination or appointment, as the case may be, evaluating the continued qualification of directors nominated for re-election, and annually reviewing the composition of the Board to ensure that the directors, as a group, provide a significant breadth of experience, knowledge and abilities to the Board.

#### **Rights Plan**

On August 28, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Company declared a dividend of one common share purchase right (a "Right") for each outstanding share of Company Common Stock. The dividend was paid on August 28, 2014 (the "Record Date") to the stockholders of record on that date. Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company one share of Common Stock at a price of \$0.30 per share of Common Stock, subject to adjustment, but only under certain circumstances as described in the Rights Agreement. The description and terms of the Rights are set forth in a Rights Agreement dated as of August 28, 2014, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Rights Agreement"), between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent. The Company has implemented the Rights Agreement to ensure that all shareholders of the Company realize the long-term value of their investment in the Company; that they receive fair and equal treatment in the event of a potential takeover of the Company; that they are protected in the event of any of a two-tier or partial tender offer, open market accumulations and other tactics designed to gain control of the Company without the payment of a fair price by an offeror; and to enhance the Board of Directors' ability to negotiate with a prospective acquirer. The Board of Directors of ProPhotonix unanimously approved and adopted the Plan and an extension of the Plan until August 28, 2020, in accordance with Delaware law, and determined that each is in the best interest of the Company's shareholders. As set out on the Company's website, the Company is not subject to the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers. A copy of the Rights Agreement as amended and a summary of its terms, are available on the Company's website at https://www.prophotonix.com/investors/stock-information/.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### **Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Fees**

The following table presents fees for professional audit services and other services rendered by the Company's independent registered public accountants, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2018:

	2017	2018
Audit Fees	\$69,870	\$86,000
Tax Fees (1)	\$26,469	\$28,532
All Other Fees (2)		
Total Fees	\$96,339	\$114,532

- (1) Tax fees for fiscal 2017 are comprised of \$26,469 of fees for professional services performed by KPMG with respect to corporate tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice. Tax fees for fiscal 2018 are comprised of \$28,532 of fees for professional services performed by KPMG with respect to corporate tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice.
- (2) The Company did not incur any other fees during fiscal 2017 and 2018 for products and services provided by KPMG other than those disclosed above.

### Policy on Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services of Independent Auditors

Pursuant to policies adopted by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors and ratified by the Board of Directors, in order to ensure compliance with the rules of the SEC regarding auditor independence, any audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditors of the Company must be pre-approved by the Audit Committee. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services. At present, the Audit Committee reviews and, as appropriate, approves each engagement for audit and permissible non-audit services on a case-by-case basis prior to the provision of any such services. During fiscal 2017 and 2018, all services rendered by KPMG were pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

#### **Other Matters**

The Board of Directors does not know of any other matters which may come before the Annual Meeting. However, if any other matters are properly presented at the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote, or otherwise act, in accordance with their judgment on such matters. Discretionary authority for them to do so is contained in the enclosed proxy or instruction card.

An adjournment of the Annual Meeting may be made from time to time by the chairman of the Annual Meeting or by approval of the holders of shares representing a majority of the votes present in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting, whether or not a quorum exists. In their discretion, the proxies named in the proxy or instruction card are authorized to vote upon any adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,

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THOMAS B. ROSEDALE *Secretary* 

April 9, 2019