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Registration No. 333-188630

## **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# **Amendment No. 1**

to

# FORM S-3

# **REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

### **UNDER**

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# **DUCOMMUN INCORPORATED**

Co-registrants are listed on the following pages.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

95-0693330 (I.R.S. Employer

**Identification Number**)

23301 Wilmington Avenue

Carson, California, 90745-6209

(310) 513-7200

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant s principal executive offices)

James S. Heiser

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

23301 Wilmington Avenue

Carson, California, 90745-6209

(310) 513-7200

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

The Commission is requested to mail copies of all orders, notices and communications to:

Dhiya El-Saden

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

333 South Grand Avenue

Los Angeles, California 90071

(213) 229-7196

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. "

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. x

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer "
Non-accelerated filer "
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Accelerated filer x Smaller reporting Company "

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

|  |               | Proposed       | Proposed          |                        |
|--|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
|  | Amount        | maximum        | maximum           |                        |
| Title of each class of   | to be         | offering price | aggregate         | Amount of              |
| securities to be registered<br>Debt Securities, Preferred Stock (par value \$.01 per share),<br>Depositary Shares, Common Stock (par value \$.01 per share),<br>Warrants, Stock Purchase Contracts and Stock Purchase Units, | registered(1) | per unit(2)    | offering price(3) | registration fee(4)(5) |
| or units comprising one or more classes of these securities(6)   | \$500,000,000 | N/A            | \$500,000,000     | \$34,100               |
| Guarantees of Debt Securities by direct and indirect<br>subsidiaries of Ducommun Incorporated(7)(8)  | \$0           | N/A            | \$0               | \$0                    |

(1) There are being registered under this registration statement such indeterminate number of securities of each identified class of the registrant, as shall have an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$500,000,000 or the equivalent amount denominated in one or more foreign currencies. Any securities registered under this registration statement may be sold separately or as units with other securities registered hereunder.

(2) The proposed maximum offering price per unit is not specified as to each class of securities to be registered, pursuant to General Instruction II.D of Form S-3 under the Securities Act. The proposed maximum offering price per unit will be determined from time to time by the registrant in connection with, and at the time of, the issuance of the securities registered hereunder.

- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457 under the Securities Act.
- (4) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act.
- (5) \$250,000,000 of the securities registered pursuant to this registration statement consist of unsold securities (the Unsold Securities ) previously registered by the registrant on its Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on May 21, 2010, amended by Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on July 7, 2010, and Amendment No. 2 thereto filed on August 3, 2010 (as amended, the Prior Registration Statement ) and declared effective on August 3, 2010 (File No. 333-167021). As of the date hereof, all of the Unsold Securities remain unsold. Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act, the \$17,825 registration fee previously paid by the registrant in connection with the Unsold Securities will continue to be applied to the Unsold Securities. The Amount of registration fee above relates to the additional \$250,000,000 of securities being registered hereunder. The registration fee was paid with the initial filing of this registration statement.
- (6) Pursuant to Rule 457(i) under the Securities Act, the securities registered hereunder also include such indeterminate number of shares of common stock that may be issued upon conversion of preferred stock, debt securities or units, which are being registered, an indeterminate amount or number of debt securities and shares of common stock and preferred stock that may be issued upon exercise of warrants, which are being registered, and an indeterminate number of shares of common stock that may be issued upon settlement of stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units, which are being registered. In addition, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act, the securities registered hereunder include such indeterminate number of securities as may be issuable with respect to the securities being registered hereunder as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (7) Pursuant to Rule 457(n), no separate fee for the guarantees is payable.
- (8) See the following page for a list of the subsidiary guarantors.

The Registrants hereby amend this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrants shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until this registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The following direct and indirect subsidiaries of Ducommun Incorporated may guarantee the debt securities issued hereunder and are co-registrants under this registration statement. The address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, for each of the co-registrants is c/o Ducommun Incorporated, 23301 Wilmington Avenue, Carson, California, 90745-6209, (310) 513-7280.

|  | Jurisdiction of  |                    |
|--|------------------|--------------------|
|  | Incorporation or | I.R.S. Employer    |
| Name of Co-Registrant                  | Organization     | Identification No. |
| CMP Display Systems, Inc.              | California       | 95-3472069         |
| Composite Structures, LLC              | Delaware         | 95-4610303         |
| Ducommun AeroStructures, Inc.          | Delaware         | 94-3343649         |
| Ducommun AeroStructures Mexico, LLC    | Delaware         | 56-2639383         |
| Ducommun AeroStructures New York, Inc. | New York         | 14-1594976         |
| Ducommun LaBarge Technologies, Inc.    | Arizona          | 95-4585832         |
| Ducommun LaBarge Technologies, Inc.    | Delaware         | 73-0574586         |
| LaBarge Acquisition Company, Inc.      | Missouri         | 26-3749784         |
| LaBarge Electronics, Inc.              | Missouri         | 43-1744941         |
| LaBarge/STC, Inc.                      | Texas            | 76-0499843         |
| Miltec Corporation                     | Alabama          | 72-1354289         |

PROSPECTUS

# **Ducommun Incorporated**

### \$500,000,000

**Debt Securities** 

**Preferred Stock** 

**Depositary Shares** 

**Common Stock** 

Warrants

**Stock Purchase Contracts** 

**Stock Purchase Units** 

**Guarantees of Debt Securities** 

## **Units of these Securities**

We will provide specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus at the time we offer or sell any of these securities. This prospectus may not be used to sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

Investing in these securities involves risks. See <u>Risk Factors</u> on page 1 of this prospectus, in the applicable prospectus supplement we will deliver with this prospectus and in the documents incorporated herein and therein by reference.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol DCO.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This prospectus is dated , 2013.

We have not authorized anyone to provide you with any information or to make any representation that is different from, or in addition to, the information contained in this prospectus or any documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. If anyone provides you with different, additional or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus, or the information contained in any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus, is accurate as of any date other than the date of each such document, unless the information specifically indicates that another date applies.

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| The distribution of this prospectus may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. You should inform yourself al    | bout and observe any |
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of these restrictions. This prospectus does not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which the offer or solicitation is not authorized, or in which the person making the offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so, or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation.

Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms the Company, we and our refer to Ducommun Incorporated, a Delaware corporation, and its predecessors and subsidiaries.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus may be construed as forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any such forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. Our future financial results could differ materially from those anticipated due to factors such as our ability to manage and otherwise comply with our covenants with respect to our considerable outstanding indebtedness; our ability to service our considerable indebtedness; the cyclicality of our end-use markets and the level of new commercial and military aircraft orders; industry and customer concentration; production rates for various commercial and military aircraft programs; the level of U.S. Government defense spending, compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and changes in regulatory requirements, including regulatory requirements applicable to government contracts and sub-contracts; increasing consolidation of customers and suppliers in our markets; product performance and delivery; our ability to realize further benefits from the acquisition of LaBarge, Inc., including growth, cost savings or accretive value; start-up costs, manufacturing inefficiencies and possible overruns on new contracts; our ability to manage the risks associated with international operations and sales; increased design, product development, manufacturing, supply chain and other risks and uncertainties associated with our growth strategy to become a Tier 2 supplier of higher-level assemblies; possible goodwill and other asset impairment; economic and geopolitical developments and conditions; unfavorable developments in the global credit markets; our ability to operate within highly competitive markets; technology changes and evolving industry and regulatory standards; the risk of environmental liabilities; risks associated with other acquisitions and dispositions of businesses by us; litigation in respect of us and other factors beyond our control. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. However, any further disclosures made on related subjects in subsequent documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus should be consulted. See the Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Risk Factors, and other matters discussed in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-Kfiled with the Securities and Exchange Commission and incorporated herein by reference. See Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference as well as the applicable prospectus supplement.

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#### **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves risks. Our business is influenced by many factors that are difficult to predict and beyond our control and that involve uncertainties that may materially affect our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows, or the value of these securities. These risks and uncertainties are described in the risk factor section of the documents that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Subsequent prospectus supplements may contain a discussion of additional risks applicable to an investment in us and the particular type of securities we are offering under the prospectus supplements. You should carefully consider all of the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in the applicable prospectus supplement before you invest in our securities.

#### THE COMPANY

Ducommun Incorporated is the successor to a business founded in California in 1849, first incorporated in California in 1907, and reincorporated in Delaware in 1970. We are a leading global provider of engineering and manufacturing services for high-performance products and high-cost-of failure applications used primarily in the aerospace, defense, industrial, energy, and medical industries. Ducommun differentiates itself as a full-service provider, offering a wide range of value-added products and services in our primary businesses of electronics, structures and integrated solutions. We operate through two primary business units: Ducommun LaBarge Technologies (DLT) and Ducommun AeroStructures (DAS).

DLT has three major product offerings in electronics manufacturing for diverse, high-reliability applications: complex cable assemblies and interconnect systems, printed circuit board assemblies, and higher-level electronic, electromechanical and mechanical assemblies. Components and assemblies are provided principally for domestic and foreign commercial and military fixed wing aircraft, helicopter and space programs as well as selected non-aerospace high-reliability applications for the industrial automation, natural resources (mine automation and drilling), and medical device end-use markets. We build custom, high-performance electronics and electromechanical systems. Our products include sophisticated radar enclosures, aircraft avionics racks and shipboard communications and control enclosures, printed circuit board assemblies, cable assemblies, wire harnesses, and interconnect systems and other high-level complex assemblies. DLT has a highly-integrated production process, including manufacturing, engineering, fabrication, machining, assembly, electronic integration, and related processes. Engineering, technical and program management services (including design, development, and integration and testing of circuit card assemblies and cable assemblies) are provided to a wide range of customers.

In response to customer needs and utilizing our in-depth engineering expertise, DLT is also a leading supplier of engineered products including, illuminated pushbutton switches and panels for aviation and test systems, microwave and millimeter switches and filters for radio frequency systems and test instrumentation, and motors and resolvers for motion control.

DLT also provides engineering expertise for aerospace system design, development, integration, and test. We leverage the knowledge base, capabilities, talent, and technologies of this focused capability into direct support of our customers. Our expertise includes engineering capabilities in systems engineering, aerodynamics, propulsion, guidance-navigation-and control, lethality/warheads, simulations, avionics, structures, software, inertial measurement units, seeker/sensors, and signal/data processing.

DAS has three major product offerings to support a global customer base: structural components, structural assemblies and bonded (metal and composite) components. In the structural components products, DAS designs, engineers, and manufactures the largest, most complex contoured aluminum, titanium and Inconel<sup>®</sup> aerostructure components in the aerospace industry today. Structural assemblies products include winglets and fuselage structural panels for aircraft. Metal and composite bonded structures and assemblies products include aircraft wing spoilers, large fuselage skins, helicopter blades, flight control surfaces and engine components. To support these products, DAS maintains advanced machine milling, stretch-forming, hot forming, metal bonding, composite layup, and chemical milling capabilities and has an extensive engineering capability to support both design and manufacturing.

For more information about our business, please refer to the Business and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section of our most recent annual report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Our principal executive offices are located at 23301 Wilmington Avenue, Carson, California, 90745-6209, (310) 513-7200, and our Internet website address is *www.ducommun.com*. Information on or connected to our Internet website is not a part of this prospectus.

#### SECURITIES WE MAY OFFER

**Types of Securities** 

The types of securities that we may offer and sell from time to time by this prospectus are:

debt securities, which we may issue in one or more series and which may include provisions regarding conversion or exchange of the debt securities into our common stock or other securities;

guarantees of the debt securities by certain of our subsidiaries;

preferred stock, which we may issue in one or more series;

depositary shares;

common stock;

warrants entitling the holders to purchase common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt securities;

stock purchase contracts;

stock purchase units;

units of the above securities; or

any derivative security of a security listed above or any security listed above containing a derivative feature such as a put or call option.

When we sell securities, we will determine the amounts of securities we will sell and the prices and other terms on which we will sell them.

#### **Additional Information**

We will describe in a prospectus supplement, which we will deliver with this prospectus, the terms of particular securities that we may offer in the future. In each prospectus supplement we will include, among other things, the following information:

the type and amount of securities that we propose to sell;

the initial public offering price of the securities;

the names of the underwriters, agents or dealers, if any, through or to which we will sell the securities;

the compensation, if any, of those underwriters, agents or dealers;

the plan of distribution for the securities;

if applicable, information about securities exchanges on which the securities will be listed;

material United States federal income tax considerations applicable to the securities;

any material risk factors associated with the securities; and

any other material information about the offer and sale of the securities.

In addition, the prospectus supplement may also add, update or change the information contained in this prospectus. In that case, the prospectus supplement should be read as superseding this prospectus. For more details on the terms of the securities, you should read the exhibits filed with our registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part. You should also read both this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, together with the information described under the heading Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Except as may be stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities for general corporate purposes, including repayment or refinancing of debt, acquisitions, working capital, capital expenditures and repurchases and redemptions of securities.

#### **RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the three months ended March 30, 2013 and five years ended December 31, 2012:

|                      | Three Months Ended | Year Ended December 31, |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|
|                      | March 30, 2013     | 2012                    | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Ratio <sup>(1)</sup> | 1.3                | 1.6                     | (2)  | 8.7  | 4.6  | 8.3  |

- (1) For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of income, including distributions received from equity investments, before income taxes, interest expensed, interest amortized to cost of sales and income attributable to minority interests. Fixed charges consist of interest incurred, whether expensed or capitalized, including amortization of debt issuance costs, if applicable, and the portion of rent expense deemed to represent interest.
- (2) Earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$32,409,000.

#### DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

We may issue debt securities under an indenture to be entered into between us and a trustee chosen by us, qualified to act as such under the Trust Indenture Act and appointed under an indenture. The indenture will be governed by the Trust Indenture Act.

The following is a summary of the indenture. It does not restate the indenture entirely. We urge you to read the indenture. We have filed the form of indenture as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and we will file the indenture we enter into and the supplemental indentures or authorizing resolutions with respect to particular series of debt securities as exhibits to current or other reports we file with the SEC. See Where You Can Find More Information for information on how to obtain copies of the indentures and the supplemental indentures or authorizing resolutions. You may also inspect copies of the documents for the particular series at the office of the trustee. References below to an indenture are references to the applicable indenture, as supplemented, under which a particular series of debt securities is issued.

#### **Terms of the Debt Securities**

Our debt securities will be general obligations of Ducommun Incorporated. We may issue them in one or more series. Authorizing resolutions or a supplemental indenture will set forth the specific terms of each series of debt securities. We will provide a prospectus supplement for each series of debt securities that will describe:

the title of the debt securities and whether the debt securities are senior, senior subordinated, or subordinated debt securities;

the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities and any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the series of debt securities, and, if the series is to be issued at a discount from its face amount, the method of computing the accretion of such discount;

the percentage of the principal amount at which debt securities will be issued and, if other than the full principal amount thereof, the percentage of the principal amount of the debt securities that is payable if maturity of the debt securities is accelerated because of a default;

the date or dates on which principal of the debt securities will be payable and the amount of principal that will be payable;

the rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable) at which the debt securities will bear interest, if any, or the method of calculation of such rate or rates, as well as the dates from which interest will accrue, the dates on which interest will be payable and the record date for the interest payable on any payment date;

any collateral securing the performance of our obligations under the debt securities;

the currency or currencies (including any composite currency) in which principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, will be payable, and if such payments may be made in a currency other than that in which the debt securities are denominated, the manner for determining such payments, including the time and manner of determining the exchange rate between the currency in which such securities are denominated and the currency in which such securities or any of them may be paid, and any additions to, modifications of or deletions from the terms of the debt securities to provide for or to facilitate the issuance of debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars;

the place or places where principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the debt securities will be payable and where debt securities that are in registered form can be presented for registration of transfer or exchange;

the denominations in which the debt securities will be issuable, if different from \$2,000 and multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof;

any provisions regarding our right to redeem or purchase debt securities or the right of holders to require us to redeem or purchase debt securities;

the right, if any, of holders of the debt securities to convert or exchange them into our common stock or other securities of any kind of us or another obligor, including any provisions intended to prevent dilution of the conversion rights and, if so, the terms and conditions upon which such securities will be so convertible or

exchangeable, including the initial conversion or exchange price or rate or the method of calculation, how and when the conversion price or exchange ratio may be adjusted, whether conversion or exchange is mandatory, at the option of the holder or at our option, the conversion or exchange period, and any other provision in relation thereto;

any provisions requiring or permitting us to make payments to a sinking fund to be used to redeem debt securities or a purchase fund to be used to purchase debt securities;

the terms, if any, upon which debt securities may be senior or subordinated to our other indebtedness;

any additions to, modifications of or deletions from the terms of the debt securities with respect to events of default or covenants or other provisions set forth in the indenture for the series to which the supplemental indenture or authorizing resolution relates;

whether and upon what terms the debt securities of such series may be defeased or discharged, if different from the provisions set forth in the indenture for the series to which the supplemental indenture or authorizing resolution relates;

whether the debt securities will be issued in registered or bearer form and the terms of these forms;

whether the debt securities will be issued in whole or in part in the form of a global security and, if applicable, the identity of the depositary for such global security;

any provision for electronic issuance of the debt securities or issuance of the debt securities in uncertificated form; and

any other material terms of the debt securities, which may be different from the terms set forth in this prospectus. The applicable prospectus supplement will also describe any material covenants to which a series of debt securities will be subject and the applicability of those covenants to any of our subsidiaries to be restricted thereby, which are referred to herein as restricted subsidiaries. The applicable prospectus supplement will also describe provisions for restricted subsidiaries to cease to be restricted by those covenants.

#### Guarantees

Each prospectus supplement will describe, as to the debt securities to which it relates, any guarantees by our direct or indirect subsidiaries that may guarantee the debt securities, including the identity of the subsidiaries that will be the initial guarantors of the series and the terms of subordination, if any, of any such guarantee. Unless otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the guarantees will be full and unconditional and joint and several.

The indenture will provide that, in the event that any guarantee of a guarantor subsidiary constitutes a fraudulent transfer or conveyance, the guarantee shall be limited to the maximum amount as will, after giving effect to all other contingent and fixed liabilities of the applicable guarantor, result in the obligations of such guarantor under its guarantee not constituting such fraudulent transfer or conveyance.

Unless otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement, any guarantor subsidiary will be released as a guarantor upon (i) certain sales of the capital stock or substantially all of the assets of such guarantor, (ii) the merger or consolidation of such guarantor with another person (other than with us or another of our guarantor subsidiaries), (iii) such guarantor ceasing to guarantee any of our indebtedness (as defined in the indenture), or (iv) the designation of such guarantor as an unrestricted subsidiary (as defined in the indenture); provided that such sale or other transaction is otherwise in compliance with the indenture.

#### **Events of Default and Remedies**

Unless otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement, an event of default with respect to any series of debt securities will be defined in the indenture or applicable supplemental indenture or authorizing resolution as being:

our failure to pay interest on any debt security of such series when the same becomes due and payable and the continuance of any such failure for a period of 30 days;

our failure to pay the principal or premium of any debt security of such series when the same becomes due and payable at maturity, upon acceleration, redemption or otherwise;

our failure or the failure of any restricted subsidiary to comply with any of its agreements or covenants in, or provisions of, the debt securities of such series, the guarantees (as they relate thereto) or the indenture (as they relate thereto) and such failure continues for a period of 60 days after our receipt of notice of the default from the trustee or from the holders of at least 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of that series (except in the case of a default with respect to the provisions of the indenture regarding the consolidation, merger, sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of us or any guarantor of the debt securities (or any other provision specified in the applicable supplemental indenture or authorizing resolution), which will constitute an event of default with notice but without passage of time);

default under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any indebtedness (other than non-recourse indebtedness, as defined in the indenture) for money borrowed by us or any of our restricted subsidiaries (or the payment of which is guaranteed by us or any of our restricted subsidiaries), whether such indebtedness or guarantee now exists or is created after the date we issue debt securities, if that default:

(a) is caused by a failure to pay at final stated maturity the principal amount of such indebtedness prior to the expiration of the grace period provided in such indebtedness on the date of such default (a Payment Default ); or

(b) results in the acceleration of such indebtedness prior to its express maturity, and, in each case, the principal amount of any such indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$50 million or more;

our failure or the failure of any restricted subsidiary to pay final judgments that are non-appealable aggregating in excess of \$50 million, net of applicable insurance that has not been denied in writing by the insurer, which judgments are not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 days;

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occur with respect to us or any restricted subsidiary that is a significant subsidiary (as defined in the indenture); or

any guarantee of any guarantor subsidiary that is a significant subsidiary ceases to be in full force and effect (other than in accordance with the terms of such guarantee and the indenture) or is declared null and void and unenforceable or found to be invalid or any guarantor denies its liability under its guarantee (other than by reason of release of a guarantor from its guarantee in accordance with the terms of the indenture and the guarantee).

The indenture will provide that the trustee may withhold notice to the holders of any series of debt securities of any default, except a default in payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any, with respect to such series of debt securities, if the trustee considers it in the interest of the holders of such series of debt securities to do so.

The indenture will provide that if any event of default has occurred and is continuing with respect to any series of debt securities, the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of such series of debt securities then outstanding may declare the principal of all the debt securities of such series to be due and payable immediately. However, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of such series to be due and payable immediately. However, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding by notice to the trustee may waive any existing default and its consequences with respect to such series of debt securities, other than any event of default in payment of principal or interest. Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of any series may rescind an acceleration with respect to such series and its consequences, except an acceleration due to nonpayment of principal or interest on such series, if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing events of default with respect to such series have been cured or waived.

The holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of the debt securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceedings for any remedy available to the trustee with respect to such series, subject to limitations specified in the indenture.

#### Defeasance

The indenture will permit us and our guarantor subsidiaries to terminate all our respective obligations under the indenture as they relate to any particular series of debt securities, other than the obligation to pay interest, if any, on and the principal of the debt securities of such series and certain other obligations, at any time by:

depositing in trust with the trustee, under an irrevocable trust agreement, money or government obligations in an amount sufficient to pay principal of and interest, if any, on the debt securities of such series to their maturity or redemption; and

complying with other conditions, including delivery to the trustee of an opinion of counsel to the effect that holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of our exercise of such right and will be subject to federal

income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case otherwise. The indenture will also permit us and our guarantor subsidiaries to terminate all of our respective obligations under the indenture as they relate to any particular series of debt securities, including the obligations to pay interest, if any, on and the principal of the debt securities of such series and certain other obligations, at any time by:

depositing in trust with the trustee, under an irrevocable trust agreement, money or government obligations in an amount sufficient to pay principal of and interest, if any, on the debt securities of such series to their maturity or redemption; and

complying with other conditions, including delivery to the trustee of an opinion of counsel to the effect that (A) we have received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling, or (B) since the date such series of debt securities were originally issued, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion of counsel shall state that, holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of our exercise of such right and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case otherwise.

In addition, the indenture will permit us and our guarantor subsidiaries to terminate substantially all our respective obligations under the indenture as they relate to a particular series of debt securities by depositing with the trustee money or government obligations sufficient to pay all principal and interest on such series at its maturity or redemption date if the debt securities of such series will become due and payable at maturity within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year of the deposit.

#### **Transfer and Exchange**

A holder will be able to transfer or exchange debt securities only in accordance with the indenture. The registrar may require a holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents, and to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the indenture.

#### Amendment, Supplement and Waiver

Without notice to or the consent of any holder, we and the trustee may amend or supplement the indenture or the debt securities of a series to:

cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;

comply with the provisions of the indenture regarding the consolidation, merger, sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of us or any guarantor of the debt securities;

provide that specific provisions of the indenture shall not apply to a series of debt securities not previously issued or to make a change to specific provisions of the indenture that only applies to any series of debt securities not previously issued or to additional debt securities of a series not previously issued;

create a series and establish its terms;

provide for uncertificated debt securities in addition to or in place of certificated debt securities;

delete a guarantor subsidiary that, in accordance with the terms of the indenture, ceases to be liable on its guarantee of debt securities;

add a guarantor subsidiary in respect of any series of debt securities;

comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act; or

make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any holder. With the exceptions discussed below, we and the trustee may amend or supplement the indenture or the debt securities of a particular series with the written consent of the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding. In addition, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding may waive any existing default under, or compliance with, any provision of the debt securities of a particular series or of the indenture relating to a particular series of debt securities, other than any event of default in payment of interest or principal. These consents and waivers may be obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, debt securities.

Without the consent of each holder affected, we and the trustee may not:

reduce the amount of debt securities of such series whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;

reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest, including defaulted interest;

reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any debt security or alter the provisions with respect to redemptions or mandatory offers to repurchase debt securities;

make any change that adversely affects any right of a holder to convert or exchange any debt security into or for shares of our common stock or other securities, cash or other property in accordance with the terms of such security;

modify the ranking or priority of the debt securities or any guarantee;

release any guarantor from any of its obligations under its guarantee or the indenture except in accordance with the indenture;

make any change to any provision of the indenture relating to the waiver of existing defaults, the rights of holders to receive payment of principal and interest on the debt securities, or to the provisions regarding amending or supplementing the indenture or the debt securities of a particular series with the written consent of the holders of such series;

waive a continuing default or event of default in the payment of principal of or interest on the debt securities; or

make any debt security payable at a place or in money other than that stated in the debt security, or impair the right of any holder of a debt security to bring suit as permitted by the indenture.

The right of any holder to participate in any consent required or sought pursuant to any provision of the indenture, and our obligation to obtain any such consent otherwise required from such holder, may be subject to the requirement that such holder shall have been the holder of record of debt securities with respect to which such consent is required or sought as of a record date fixed by us in accordance with the indenture.

#### **Concerning the Trustee**

The indenture will contain limitations on the rights of the trustee, should it become our creditor, to obtain payment of claims in specified cases or to realize on property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise. The indenture will permit the trustee to engage in other transactions; however, if it acquires any conflicting interest, it must eliminate such conflict or resign.

The indenture will provide that in case an event of default occurs and is not cured, the trustee will be required, in the exercise of its power, to use the degree of care of a prudent person in similar circumstances in the conduct of such person s own affairs. The trustee may refuse to perform any duty or exercise any right or power under the indenture, unless it receives indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

#### **Governing Law**

The laws of the State of New York will govern the indenture, the debt securities and the guarantees of the debt securities.

#### DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK, PREFERRED STOCK AND DEPOSITARY SHARES

Our authorized capital stock consists of 35,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share. At March 30, 2013, 10,603,650 shares of common stock and no shares of preferred stock were outstanding.

#### **Common Stock**

Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders. The vote of the holders of a majority of the stock represented at a meeting at which a quorum is present is generally required to take stockholder action, unless a greater vote is required by law. The holders are not entitled to cumulative voting in the election of directors. Directors are elected by plurality vote.

Holders of common stock have no preemptive rights. They are entitled to such dividends as may be declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available for such purpose. The common stock is not entitled to any sinking fund, redemption or conversion provisions. On our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of common stock are entitled to share ratably in our net assets remaining after the payment of all creditors and liquidation preferences of preferred stock, if any. The outstanding shares of common stock are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. There will be a prospectus supplement relating to any offering of common stock offered by this prospectus.

The transfer agent and registrar for the common stock is BNY Mellon Shareowner Services.

The following provisions in our charter or bylaws may make a takeover of our company more difficult:

a provision in our charter that our Bylaws may not be amended by our stockholders except by the affirmative vote of at least 75% of the total voting power of all outstanding shares of our voting stock;

a provision in our charter that our board of directors will be a classified board pursuant to which one-third of our directors will be elected each year to serve for a three-year term;

a provision in our charter prohibiting stockholder action by written consent;

a provision in our charter requiring that any proposal for (i) the merger or consolidation of our company and another company that owns (together with its affiliates), directly or indirectly, 10% of more of our outstanding shares of common stock (a significant stockholder ), or (ii) our sale to a significant stockholder of substantially all of our assets or business, be approved by the affirmative vote of at least 75% of the total voting power of all outstanding shares of our stock, unless (a) our board of directors approved the merger, consolidation or sale prior to the other company s acquisition of 10% of our outstanding shares or (b) we own 50% or more of the other company;

a bylaw limiting the persons who may call special meetings of stockholders to our board of directors; and

by laws establishing an advance written notice procedure for stockholders seeking to nominate candidates for election to the board of directors or for proposing matters which can be acted upon at stockholders meetings.

These provisions may delay stockholder actions with respect to business combinations and the election of new members to our board of directors. As such, the provisions could discourage open market purchases of our common stock because a stockholder who desires to participate in a business combination or elect a new director may consider them disadvantageous. Additionally, the issuance of preferred stock could delay or prevent a change of control or other corporate action.

*Delaware Anti-Takeover Statute*. As a Delaware corporation, we are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. In general, Section 203 prevents an interested stockholder from engaging in a business combination with us for three years following the date that person became an interested stockholder, unless:

before that person became an interested stockholder, our board of directors approved the transaction in which the interested stockholder became an interested stockholder or approved the business combination;

upon completion of the transaction that resulted in the interested stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of our voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding stock held by persons who are both directors and officers of our corporation or by certain employee stock plans; or

on or following the date on which that person became an interested stockholder, the business combination is approved by our board of directors and authorized at a meeting of stockholders by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of our outstanding voting stock excluding shares held by the interested stockholder.

An interested stockholder is generally a person owning 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock. A business combination includes mergers, asset sales and other transactions resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder.

#### **Preferred Stock**

We may issue preferred stock in series with any rights and preferences that may be authorized by our board of directors. We will distribute a prospectus supplement with regard to each particular series of preferred stock. Each prospectus supplement will describe, as to the series of preferred stock to which it relates:

the title of the series of preferred stock;

any limit upon the number of shares of the series of preferred stock that may be issued;

the preference, if any, to which holders of the series of preferred stock will be entitled upon our liquidation;

the date or dates on which we will be required or permitted to redeem the preferred stock;

the terms, if any, on which we or holders of the preferred stock will have the option to cause the preferred stock to be redeemed or purchased;

the voting rights, if any, of the holders of the preferred stock;

the dividends, if any, that will be payable with regard to the series of preferred stock, which may be fixed dividends or participating dividends and may be cumulative or non-cumulative;

the right, if any, of holders of the preferred stock to convert it into another class of our stock or securities, including provisions intended to prevent dilution of those conversion rights;

any provisions by which we will be required or permitted to make payments to a sinking fund to be used to redeem preferred stock or a purchase fund to be used to purchase preferred stock; and

any other material terms of the preferred stock. Holders of shares of preferred stock will not have preemptive rights.

#### **Depositary Shares**

We may, at our option, elect to offer fractional shares of preferred stock, rather than full shares of preferred stock. If we exercise this option, we will issue to the public receipts for depositary shares, and each of these depositary shares will represent a fraction (to be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement) of a share of a particular series of preferred stock.

The shares of any series of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares will be deposited under a deposit agreement between us and a bank or trust company selected by us. The depositary will have its principal office in the United States and a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. Subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, each owner of a depositary share will be entitled, in proportion to the applicable fraction of a share of preferred stock underlying that depositary share, to all the rights and preferences of the preferred stock underlying that depositary share. Those rights may include dividend, voting, redemption and liquidation rights.

The depositary shares will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued pursuant to the deposit agreement. Depositary receipts will be distributed to those persons purchasing the fractional shares of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares, in accordance with the terms of the offering. Copies of the forms of deposit agreement and depositary receipt will be filed as exhibits to current or other reports we file with the SEC. The following summary of the deposit agreement, the depositary shares and the depositary receipts is not complete. You should refer to the forms of the deposit agreement and depositary receipts that will be filed with the SEC in connection with the offering of the specific depositary shares.

Pending the preparation of definitive depositary receipts, the depositary may, upon our written order, issue temporary depositary receipts substantially identical to the definitive depositary receipts but not in definitive form. These temporary depositary receipts entitle their holders to all the rights of definitive depositary receipts that are to be prepared without unreasonable delay. Temporary depositary receipts will then be exchangeable for definitive depositary receipts at our expense.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS**

We may issue warrants for the purchase of common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt securities or units of two or more of these types of securities. Each series of warrants will be issued under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and a bank or trust company, as warrant agent. The warrant agent will act solely as our agent in connection with the warrants and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any registered holders of warrants or beneficial owners of warrants. A copy of the warrant agreement will be filed with the SEC in connection with any offering of warrants.

We will distribute a prospectus supplement with regard to each issue of warrants. Each prospectus supplement will describe:

the title of the warrants;

the offering price for the warrants, if any;

the aggregate number of warrants offered;

the designation, number and terms of the common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt securities or other securities that may be purchased upon exercise of the warrants and procedures by which the number of these securities may be adjusted;

the exercise price of the warrants;

the period during which you may exercise the warrants;

any minimum or maximum amount of warrants that may be exercised at any one time;

any provision adjusting the securities that may be purchased on exercise of the warrants, and the exercise price of the warrants, to prevent dilution or otherwise;

if the exercise price is not payable in U.S. dollars, the foreign currency, currency unit or composite currency in which the exercise price is denominated;

any terms relating to the modification of the warrants;

information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;

any terms, procedures and limitations relating to the transferability, exchange or exercise of the warrants; and

any other material terms of the warrants.

Prior to the exercise of any warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt securities or other securities, holders of the warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt securities or other securities purchasable upon exercise, including:

in the case of warrants for the purchase of common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares, the right to vote or to receive any payments of dividends on the common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares purchasable upon exercise; or

in the case of warrants for the purchase of debt securities, the right to receive payments of principal of, any premium or interest on the debt securities purchasable upon exercise or to enforce covenants in the applicable indenture.

#### DESCRIPTION OF STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS

#### AND STOCK PURCHASE UNITS

We may issue stock purchase contracts, including contracts obligating holders to purchase from us, and obligating us to sell to the holders, a fixed or varying number of shares of common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares at a future date or dates. The consideration per share of common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares may be fixed at the time stock purchase contracts are issued or may be determined by reference to a specific formula set forth in the stock purchase contracts and may be subject to adjustment under anti-dilution formulas. The stock purchase contracts may be issued separately, or as part of stock purchase units consisting of a stock purchase contract and debt securities, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. treasury securities, any other securities described in the applicable prospectus supplement, or any combination of the foregoing, in each case securing the holders obligations to purchase the common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares under the stock purchase contracts. The stock purchase contracts may require us to make periodic payments to the holders of the stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units, as the case may be, or vice versa, and such payments may be unsecured or prefunded on some basis and may be paid on a current or on a deferred basis. The stock purchase contracts may require holders to secure their obligations thereunder in a specified manner and in certain circumstances we may deliver newly issued prepaid stock purchase contracts upon release to a holder of any collateral securing that holder s obligations under the original stock purchase contract. Any one or more of the above securities, common stock or the stock purchase contracts or other collateral may be pledged as security for the holders obligations to purchase or sell, as the case may be, the common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares under the stock purchase contracts. The stock purchase contracts may also allow the holders, under certain circumstances, to obtain the release of the security for their obligations under such contracts by depositing with the collateral agent as substitute collateral U.S. government securities with a principal amount at maturity equal to the collateral so released or the maximum number of shares deliverable by such holders under stock purchase contracts requiring the holders to sell common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares to us.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units and, if applicable, prepaid stock purchase contracts. The description in the prospectus supplement will not necessarily be complete, and reference will be made to the stock purchase contract, and, if applicable, collateral or depositary arrangements, relating to such stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units. Material United States federal income tax considerations applicable to the stock purchase units and the stock purchase contracts will be discussed in the related prospectus supplement.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF UNITS**

As specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, units will consist of one or more stock purchase contracts, warrants, debt securities, debt securities guarantees, preferred stock, common stock, depositary shares or any combination thereof. You should refer to the applicable prospectus supplement for:

all terms of the units and of the stock purchase contracts, warrants, debt securities, debt securities guarantees, shares of preferred stock, shares of common stock, depositary shares or any combination thereof comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances the securities comprising the units may or may not be traded separately;

a description of the terms of any unit agreement governing the units; and

a description of the provisions for the payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Any of the securities being offered by this prospectus may be sold:

through agents;

to or through underwriters;

through dealers;

through brokers;

directly by us to purchasers; or

through a combination of any such methods of sale.

The securities may be sold at a fixed price or prices that may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices or varying prices determined at the time of sale. The distribution of securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions by means of one or more of the following transactions, which may include cross or block trades:

transactions on the New York Stock Exchange or any other organized market where the securities may be traded;

in the over-the-counter market;

in negotiated transactions;

through put or call option transactions relating to the securities;

under delayed delivery contracts or other contractual commitments; or

a combination of such methods of sale.

Agents designated by us from time to time may solicit offers to purchase the securities. We will name any such agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities and set forth any commissions payable by us to such agent in the prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, any such agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment. Any such agent may be deemed to be an underwriter, as that term is defined in the Securities.

If underwriters are used in the sale of securities, securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions. Securities may be offered to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more firms acting as underwriters. If an underwriter or underwriters are used in the sale of

securities, we will execute an underwriting agreement with such underwriter or underwriters at the time an agreement for such sale is reached. We will set forth in the prospectus supplement the names of the specific managing underwriter or underwriters, as well as any other underwriters, and the terms of the transactions, including compensation of the underwriters and dealers. Such compensation may be in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. Underwriters and others participating in any offering of securities may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of such securities. We will describe any such activities in the prospectus supplement. We may elect to list any class or series of securities on any exchange, but we are not currently obligated to do so. It is possible that one or more underwriters, if any, may make a market in a class or series of securities, but the underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. We cannot give any assurance as to the liquidity of the trading market for any of the securities we may offer.

In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA, the maximum compensation or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker dealer may not exceed 8 percent of the offering proceeds from the securities offered pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement.

If a dealer is used in the sale of the securities, we or an underwriter will sell such securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell such securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by such dealer at the time of resale. The prospectus supplement may set forth the name of the dealer and the terms of the transactions.

If a broker is used in the sale of the securities, the broker will not acquire the securities, and we will sell the securities directly to the purchasers in the applicable market. These will be conducted as at the market offerings within the meaning of the Securities Act. The prospectus supplement will set forth the terms of our arrangement with the broker.

We may directly solicit offers to purchase the securities, and we may sell directly to institutional investors or others. These persons may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any resale of the securities. The prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any such sales, including the terms of any bidding, auction or other process, if utilized.

Agents, underwriters and dealers may be entitled under agreements that may be entered into with us to indemnification by us against specified liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution by us to payments they may be required to make in respect of such liabilities. The prospectus supplement will describe the terms and conditions of such indemnification or contribution. Some of the agents, underwriters or dealers, or their affiliates may be customers of ours, or engage in transactions with or perform services for us and our subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP has rendered an opinion with respect to the validity of the securities being offered by this prospectus. As to certain specific matters, Balch & Bingham LLP has rendered an opinion with respect thereto under Alabama law, Kutak Rock LLP has rendered an opinion with respect thereto under Arizona law and Armstrong Teasdale LLP has rendered an opinion with respect thereto under Missouri law. We have filed these opinions as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. If counsel for any underwriters passes on legal matters in connection with an offering made by this prospectus, we will name that counsel in the prospectus supplement relating to that offering.

#### EXPERTS

The financial statements and management s assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Ducommun Incorporated files annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. You may read and copy this information at the Public Reference Room of the SEC, 100 F Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (800) SEC-0330.

The SEC also maintains an internet world wide website that contains reports, proxy statements and other information about issuers, like us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is *www.sec.gov*. Unless specifically listed under Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference below, the information contained on the SEC website is not intended to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus and you should not consider that information a part of this prospectus.

You can also inspect reports, proxy statements and other information about us at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

We and our subsidiaries who may be guarantors have filed jointly with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 that registers the securities we are offering. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits, contains additional relevant information about us, any guarantor subsidiaries and the securities offered. The rules and regulations of the SEC allow us to omit certain information included in the registration statement from this prospectus.

#### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, except for any information that is superseded by information that is included directly in this document.

This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below that we have filed with the SEC but have not been included or delivered with this prospectus. These documents contain important information about us and our business, prospects and financial condition.

Filing Annual Report on Form 10-K **Period or Date Filed** Year ended December 31, 2012

Quarterly Report on Form 10-QQuarter ended March 30, 2013Current Reports on Form 8-KFebruary 12, 2013, March 22, 2013, March 28, 2013, May 3, 2013 and July 3, 2013The description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed October 30, 1996.

The information set forth under the captions Election of Directors, Committees of the Board of Directors, Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance, Code of Ethics, Compensation of Executive Officers, Compensation of Directors, Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation, Compensation Committee Report, Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Principal Accountant Fees and Services contained in our Proxy Statement relating to our May 1, 2013 annual meeting of stockholders and incorporated into our annual report on Form 10-K.

We also incorporate by reference any future filings we make with the SEC under sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, on or after the date of this registration statement and prior to effectiveness of the registration statement and on or after to the date of this prospectus and prior to the closing of each offering. These additional documents include periodic reports, such as annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K (other than information furnished and not filed by us under any item of any current report on Form 8-K, including the related exhibits, which is deemed not to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus), as well as proxy statements (other than information identified in them as not incorporated by reference). You should review these filings as they may disclose changes in our business, prospects, financial condition or other affairs after the date of this prospectus. The information that we file later with the SEC under sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and before the closing of each offering will automatically update and supersede previous information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

You can obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus from us without charge, excluding any exhibits to those documents unless the exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You can obtain documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus by requesting them in writing or by telephone from us at the following address:

Investor Relations

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Carson, California 90745-6209

(310) 513-7200

# **DUCOMMUN INCORPORATED**

**Debt Securities** 

**Preferred Stock** 

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PROSPECTUS

, 2013

#### PART II

#### INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

#### Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

| Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee | \$ 34,100 | )* |
|---|-----------|----|
| Printing and engraving fees and expenses            |           | ** |
| Trustees fees and expenses                          |           | ** |
| Accountants fees and expenses                       |           | ** |
| Legal fees and expenses                             |           | ** |
| Miscellaneous                                       |           | ** |
|   |           |    |
| Total   | \$        | ** |

- \* Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act, the registration fee of \$17,825 previously paid by the registrant in connection with \$250,000,000 of the \$500,000,000 of securities registered hereunder continues to be applied to those securities and is carried forward from the Prior Registration Statement. The \$34,100 registration fee included above relates to the additional \$250,000,000 of securities being registered hereunder.
- \*\* These fees are not presently known and cannot be estimated at this time, as they will be based upon, among other things, the amount and type of security being offered as well as the number of offerings.

#### Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Ducommun Incorporated s restated certificate of incorporation, as amended, eliminates the personal liability of its directors to the full extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law currently or hereafter in effect. Ducommun Incorporated s Bylaws as amended, provide that Ducommun Incorporated shall, to the full extent permitted by the law, indemnify each person who is or was a director or officer of Ducommun Incorporated, and each person who is or was serving at the request of Ducommun Incorporated as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise. Ducommun Incorporated has entered into an indemnification agreement with each of its directors and executive officers.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law permits a corporation to indemnify its directors and officers against expenses (including attorney s fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with any action, suit or proceeding brought by third parties, if such directors or officers acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful. In a derivative action, i.e., one by or in the right of the corporation, indemnification may be made only for expenses actually and reasonably incurred by directors and officers in connection with the defense or settlement of an action or suit, and only with respect to a matter as to which they shall have acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation shall be made if such person shall have been adjudged liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his respective duties to the corporation, although the court in which the action or suit was brought may determine upon application that the defendant officers or directors are fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses despite such adjudication of liability.

Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides that a corporation may eliminate or limit the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such provisions shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (1) for any breach of the director s duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (3) under section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or (4) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. No such provision shall eliminate or limit the liability of a director for any act or omission occurring before the date when such provision becomes effective. Ducommun Incorporated s certificate of incorporation provides for such limitations on liability.

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In addition to indemnification by Ducommun Incorporated pursuant to its certificate of incorporation, the, directors and officers of the co-registrants are generally also entitled to indemnification and exculpation for certain monetary damages to the extent provided in the co-registrants organizational documents or under the statutes under which the co-registrants are organized.

Any underwriting agreement, which will be filed as Exhibit 1.1 by amendment hereto or pursuant to a current report on Form 8-K to be incorporated herein by reference, will provide that the underwriters named therein will indemnify and hold harmless Ducommun Incorporated, the co-registrants and each director, officer who signs this registration statement or controlling person of Ducommun Incorporated and the co-registrants from and against specific liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

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Ducommun Incorporated also has obtained directors and officers liability insurance that provides insurance coverage for certain liabilities which may be incurred by directors and officers of Ducommun Incorporated and the co-registrants in their capacity as such.

#### Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Schedules.

A list of exhibits included as part of this registration statement is set forth in the Exhibit Index, which is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 17. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

- (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*Provided, however*, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrants pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

- (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrants pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
- (ii)

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Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the

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securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrants under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrants undertake that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrants pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrants will be sellers to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrants relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrants or used or referred to by the undersigned registrants;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrants or their securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrants; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrants to the purchaser.
 (b) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of Ducommun Incorporated s annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan s annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrants pursuant to the foregoing provisions described in Item 15, or otherwise, the registrants have been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrants of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of any registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, each appropriate registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(d) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Carson, State of California, on July 3, 2013.

#### **DUCOMMUN INCORPORATED**

By: /s/ Joseph P. Bellino Joseph P. Bellino

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature              | Title                                      | Date         |
|------------------------|--|--------------|
| /s/ Anthony J. Reardon | Chairman of the Board,                     | July 3, 2013 |
| Anthony J. Reardon     | Chief Executive Officer and President      |              |
|                        | (Principal Executive Officer)              |              |
| /s/ Joseph P. Bellino  | Vice President and Chief Financial Officer | July 3, 2013 |
| Joseph P. Bellino      | (Principal Financial Officer)              |              |
| *                      | Vice President and Controller              | July 3, 2013 |
| Douglas L. Groves      | (Principal Accounting Officer)             |              |
|                        | Director                                   | July 3, 2013 |
| Richard A. Baldridge   |  |              |
| *                      | Director                                   | July 3, 2013 |
| Joseph C. Berenato     |  |              |
| *                      | Director                                   | July 3, 2013 |
| Gregory S. Churchill   |  |              |
| *                      | Director                                   | July 3, 2013 |
| Robert C. Ducommun     |  |              |
| *                      | Director                                   | July 3, 2013 |
| Dean M. Flatt          |  |              |

| *                   | Director | July 3, 2013 |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Jay L. Haberland    |          |              |
| *                   | Director | July 3, 2013 |
| Robert D. Paulson   |          |              |
| /s/ James S. Heiser |          |              |

\*By:

James S. Heiser Attorney-in-fact

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#### CMP DISPLAY SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ Anthony J. Reardon Anthony J. Reardon

President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature              | Title  | Date         |
|------------------------|--|--------------|
| /s/ Anthony J. Reardon | President and Director                           | July 3, 2013 |
| Anthony J. Reardon     | (Principal Executive Officer)                    |              |
| /s/ Joseph P. Bellino  | Director and Vice President (Principal Financial | July 3, 2013 |
| Joseph P. Bellino      | Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)        |              |
| /s/ James S. Heiser    | Director   | July 3, 2013 |
| James S. Heiser        |  |              |

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#### SIGNATURES

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#### DUCOMMUN AEROSTRUCTURES, INC.

By: /s/ Anthony J. Reardon Anthony J. Reardon

Anthony J. Reardon President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature                                  | Title  | Date         |
|--|--|--------------|
| /s/ Anthony J. Reardon                     | President and Director                           | July 3, 2013 |
| Anthony J. Reardon                         | (Principal Executive Officer)                    |              |
|  | Director and Vice President (Principal Financial |              |
| /s/ Joseph P. Bellino<br>Joseph P. Bellino | Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)        | July 3, 2013 |
| /s/ James S. Heiser                        | Director   | July 3, 2013 |
| James S. Heiser                            |  |              |

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#### SIGNATURES

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**Jan E. Koe,** 63, has served as a member of our board of directors since May 14, 2012. Mr. Koe has a 30-year track record of success in consulting, asset management, real estate and public company governance, and has represented major insurance firms, national retailers and Fortune 500 companies. He is President of GoStar, which is the manager of Real Solutions Opportunity Fund 2005-I and Real Solutions Fund Management LLC and Real Solutions Investment LLC. He is also Principal of Method K Partners, Inc., a commercial real estate firm, which he founded in 1988. He has served on the Board of Directors of ONE Bio, Corp. where he was Chair of the Compensation Committee and a member of the Financial Audit Committee. He holds a degree in Business Administration and Psychology from Luther College.

**Kelly M. McMasters, M.D., Ph.D.,** 53, has served as a member of our board of directors since June 9, 2008. Additionally, Dr. McMasters serves as chairman of our scientific advisory board. Dr. McMasters received his undergraduate training at Colgate University prior to completing the MD/PhD program at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Rutgers University. He then completed the residency program in General Surgery at the University of Louisville, and a fellowship in Surgical Oncology at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. He is currently the Sam and Lolita Weakley Professor of Surgical Oncology at the University of Louisville in Kentucky, a position he has held since 1996. Since 2005, he has chaired the Department of

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Surgery at the University of Louisville and also has been Chief of Surgery at University of Louisville Hospital. Since 2000, he has also been Director of the Multidisciplinary Melanoma Clinic of the James Graham Brown Cancer Center at the University of Louisville. His is an active member of the surgery staff at the University of Louisville Hospital, Norton Hospital and Jewish Hospital in Louisville. He is on the editorial boards of the Annals of Surgical Oncology, Cancer Therapy and the Journal of Clinical Oncology as well as an ad hoc reviewer for 9 other publications. He holds several honors, chief among them is Physician of the Year awarded by the Kentucky Chapter of the American Cancer Society. He is the author and principal investigator (PI) of the Sunbelt Melanoma Trial, a multi-institutional study involving 3500 patients from 79 institutions across North America and one of the largest prospective melanoma studies ever performed. He has been a PI, Co-PI or local PI in over thirty clinical trials ranging from Phase 1 to Phase 3. For the past 12 years he has also directed a basic and translational science laboratory studying adenovirus-mediated cancer gene therapy funded by the American Cancer Society and the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Alfred E. Smith, IV, 62, has served as a member of our board of directors since July 12, 2011. Mr. Smith is CEO of AE Smith Associates, a firm he founded in 2009. In December 2006, Mr. Smith retired from his position as Managing Director of Bear Wagner Specialists LLC, a specialist and member firm of the New York Stock Exchange, after 35 successful years on Wall Street. Mr. Smith also sits on the Boards of The Tony Blair Faith Foundation, Mutual of America, and Genco Shipping and Trading. He is a Senior Advisor for K2 Intelligence and Kroll Bond Rating Agency. Smith also served as Chairman of the Board of Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers in New York.

## Experience, Qualifications, Attributes and Skills of Our Director Nominees

Each of our directors brings a strong and unique set of experience, qualifications, attributes and skills in a variety of areas. Set forth below are the specific experience, qualifications, attributes and skills of our directors that led to the conclusion that each director should serve as a member of our Board of Directors.

H. Craig Dees is has extensive experience researching, developing, and testing potential pharmaceutical products, including our products. He holds a Ph.D. in Molecular Virology, which we believe provides us with specialized knowledge in that field.

Timothy C. Scott also has extensive experience researching, developing, and testing potential pharmaceutical products, including our products. He holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering, which we believe provides us with specialized knowledge in that field.

Kelly M. McMasters, M.D., Ph.D., has clinical expertise in treating skin cancer, including melanoma, and surgical oncology. He has served as principal investigator, co-principal investigator or local investigator in over 30 clinical trials, including serving as principal investigator in a multi-institutional study involving 3,500 patients. We believe Dr. McMasters expertise in treating skin cancer and melanoma and experience with clinical trials provide our Board of Directors valuable insight into the testing of our pharmaceutical products.

Alfred E. Smith, IV is CEO of AE Smith Associates, a firm he founded in 2009. In December 2006, Mr. Smith retired from his position as Managing Director of Bear Wagner Specialists LLC, a specialist and member firm of the New York Stock Exchange, after 35 successful years on Wall Street. Mr. Smith also sits on the Boards of The Tony Blair Faith Foundation, Mutual of America, and Genco Shipping and Trading. He is a Senior Advisor for K2 Intelligence and Kroll Bond Rating Agency. Smith also served as Chairman of the Board of Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers in New York. He is active with various organizations to bring greater visibility and awareness to the fight against cancer.

Jan Koe brings significant chief executive experience to our Board of Directors from his position as President of GoStar. In addition, Mr. Koe also has board committee experience stemming from his service as chairman of the compensation committee and a member of the audit committee of ONE Bio Corp.

## **Transactions with Director Nominees**

We paid Dr. McMasters \$54,000 for consulting services performed in 2013 in connection with scientific and technical issues in clinical development and overseeing our compassionate use program. We paid \$75,000 to each of Mr. Smith and Mr. Koe for consulting services performed in 2013 with respect to investor relations.

#### OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR EACH OF THE NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS NAMED ABOVE.

Each proxy solicited on behalf of our Board of Directors will be voted *FOR* each of the nominees for election to our Board of Directors unless the stockholder instructs otherwise in the proxy.

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## PROPOSAL 2

## APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO OUR CERTIFICATE OF

## INCORPORATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED SHARES OF OUR

## **COMMON STOCK**

#### **Description of the Amendment**

Our Board of Directors has unanimously adopted a resolution to amend our Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of shares of common stock, par value \$.001 per share, that we are authorized to issue from 250,000,000 to 300,000,000 shares and has directed that the proposed amendment be submitted to our stockholders for their approval and adoption. The amendment will not change the number of shares of preferred stock that are authorized, and the total authorized shares of capital stock will be increased from 275,000,000 to 325,000,000. The amendment will replace Article IV, Section A of our current Certificate of Incorporation with the following language:

The total number of shares which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 325,000,000 shares of capital stock, of which 300,000,000 shares shall be designated Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share ( Common Stock ), and 25,000,000 shall be designated Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value per share ( Preferred Stock ).

#### Background

We may issue shares of capital stock to the extent such shares have been authorized under our Certificate of Incorporation. Our Certificate of Incorporation currently authorizes us to issue up to 250,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.001 per share, and 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share.

As of March 31, 2014, the total shares of common stock issued and outstanding and reserved for issuance pursuant to outstanding warrants and options totaled 245,099,806. No shares of common stock are held in treasury. The aggregate amount of common stock issued and reserved for issuance consisted of the following amounts as of March 31, 2014:

173,125,972 shares of common stock issued and outstanding;

58,080,500 shares of common stock reserved for issuance pursuant to warrants to purchase common stock outstanding; and

13,893,334 shares of common stock reserved for issuance pursuant to options to purchase common stock outstanding.

## **Reasons for the Proposed Amendment**

The total number of shares of common stock (i) issued and outstanding, (ii) reserved for issuance pursuant to warrants to purchase common stock, and (iii) reserved for issuance pursuant to options to purchase common stock granted under our 2002 Stock Plan and our 2012 Stock Plan is 245,099,806. As a result, as of March 31, 2014, we have only 4,900,194 unreserved shares of common stock available for issuance.

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Our Board of Directors believes that this amount is insufficient for our future financing needs because it is likely that the sale of shares of common stock or securities convertible into shares of common stock will be the principal means by which we will raise additional capital until such time as we

are able to generate earnings sufficient to finance our operations. Shares of common stock may be used for various purposes without further stockholder approval. These purposes may include: raising capital, providing equity incentives to employees, directors and consultants, establishing strategic relationships with other companies, the acquisition of any business, assets or technology, and other purposes. Although our Board of Directors has no current plan, arrangement or commitment to issue additional shares of common stock, our Board of Directors believes that it is in the best interest of us and our stockholders to have a sufficient number of authorized but unissued shares of common stock available for issuance in the future for such purposes.

## Possible Anti-Takeover Effects of the Amendment

The proposed amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation is not being recommended in response to any specific effort of which our Board of Directors is aware to obtain control of the Company, and our Board of Directors does not intend or view the proposed increase of authorized common stock as an anti-takeover measure. However, the ability of our Board of Directors to authorize the issuance of the additional shares of common stock that would be available if the proposed amendment is approved and adopted could have the effect of discouraging or preventing a hostile takeover.

## **No Preemptive Rights**

Under Section 102(b)(3) of the Delaware General Corporation Law and our Certificate of Incorporation, the holders of common stock do not have preemptive rights to acquire unissued shares of common stock.

#### **Vote Required**

The approval and adoption of the amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation requires the affirmative vote of stockholders who hold a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote in person or by proxy. If the amendment is approved and adopted, it will become effective upon filing a Certificate of Amendment with the Delaware Secretary of State. After filing the Certificate of Amendment, the additional shares of common stock may be issued from time to time by action of our Board of Directors on such terms and for such purposes as our Board of Directors may consider appropriate. In the event that the proposed amendment is not approved and adopted by our stockholders at the annual meeting, the current Certificate of Incorporation will remain in effect.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL 2 TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO OUR CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK THAT WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE FROM 250,000,000 TO 300,000,000 SHARES. Each proxy solicited on behalf of our Board of Directors will be voted *FOR* the approval and adoption of the amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation unless the stockholder instructs otherwise in the proxy.

## **PROPOSAL 3**

#### APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF

#### THE PROVECTUS BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 2014 EQUITY

#### **COMPENSATION PLAN**

Effective April 16, 2013, subject to approval of our stockholders, the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the compensation committee, unanimously approved and adopted the Provectus Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. 2014 Equity Compensation Plan (the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan ) for the benefit of eligible employees and directors of Provectus. If our stockholders approve the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan at the 2014 annual meeting, our Board of Directors will terminate the Provectus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 2012 Stock Plan (the Prior Plan ) and cease issuing any awards under the Prior Plan. The principal provisions of the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan are summarized below. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan, which is set forth in Appendix A to this proxy statement.

#### General

The 2014 Equity Compensation Plan authorizes our Board to grant the following types of equity-based awards: (i) options that qualify as incentive stock options (ISOs) within the meaning of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code), and (ii) options that do not qualify as ISOs under the Code (non-qualified stock options or NQSOs, and collectively with ISOs, Options).

#### Purpose

The purpose of the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan is to promote the interests of the Company, its subsidiaries and its stockholders by (i) attracting and retaining key officers, employees, and directors of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates; (ii) motivating such individuals by means of performance-related incentives to achieve long-range performance goals; (iii) enabling such individuals to participate in the long-term growth and financial success of the Company; (iv) encouraging ownership of stock in the Company by such individuals; and (v) linking their compensation to the long-term interests of the Company and its stockholders.

#### **Eligible Persons**

Subject to stockholder approval, seven of our employees and directors are eligible to participate in the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan (the Participants ). Under the terms of the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan, incentive stock options may be granted only to employees, including those who serve as officers and directors.

#### Shares Available for Issuance

Subject to stockholder approval, we will be authorized to grant Options under the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan for up to 20,000,000 shares of common stock. If any Options granted under the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan are forfeited or terminated for any reason, the shares of common stock that were subject to the Options will again be available for future distribution under the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan.

#### Administration

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The 2014 Equity Compensation Plan may be administered by our Board, or a committee established by the Board (the Administrator ). The Administrator has the authority to (i) determine the individuals to whom Options shall be granted under the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan, (ii) determine

the type (or types) and the terms of the Options to be granted to each such individual, (iii) determine the time when the Options will be granted and (iv) deal with any other matters arising under the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan.

## **Types of Options**

Options are rights to purchase a specified number of shares of common stock at a price fixed by the Administrator. Each option must be represented by an award agreement that identifies the option as either an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code or non-qualified option, which does not satisfy the conditions of Section 422 of the Code. The award agreement also must specify the number of shares of common stock that may be issued upon exercise of the options and set forth the exercise price of the options. The exercise price for options that qualify as incentive stock options may not be less than 100% of the fair market value of the common stock as of the date of grant. The option exercise price may be satisfied in cash, by check, by exchanging shares of common stock owned by the Participant, delivery of a properly executed exercise notice along with sale or loan proceeds, other consideration permitted by applicable laws or by a combination of these methods. The Administrator will establish the term of each option, which in no case may exceed a period of 10 years from the date of grant (or five years in the case of ISOs granted to individuals who own more than 10% of our common stock). To date, Provectus has not issued any Options under the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan. The Administrator may determine to include additional terms in the award agreements.

## Adjustments upon Change of Capitalization or Change of Control

<u>Changes in Capitalization</u>. Subject to any required action by our stockholders, the number of shares of common stock covered by outstanding Options and the number of shares of common stock which have been authorized for issuance under the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan but as to which no award has been granted or which have been returned to the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan upon cancellation or expiration of an Option, as well as the price per share of common stock covered by each such outstanding Option, will be proportionately adjusted for any increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of common stock, or any other increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of common stock, or any other increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of common stock effected without receipt of consideration by us.

<u>Change in Control</u>. In the event of a change in control (as defined in the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan) of Provectus, unless the Administrator determines otherwise, all outstanding Options shall automatically accelerate and become fully exercisable.

## Transferability

Unless otherwise provided by the Administrator, Options may not be sold, pledged, assigned, hypothecated, transferred or disposed of in any manner other than by will or by the laws of descent or distribution and may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Participant, only by the Participant.

## **Amendment and Termination**

The Administrator may amend, alter, suspend or terminate the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan at any time. Any amendment to the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan must be approved by the stockholders to the extent such approval is required by the terms of the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan, the rules and regulations of the SEC, or the rules and regulations of any exchange upon which Provectus stock is listed, if any. However, no amendment, alteration, suspension or termination of the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan may impair the rights of any Participant, unless

mutually agreed in writing by the Participant and the Administrator.

## **Federal Income Tax Consequences**

The following is a summary of the material anticipated United States federal income tax consequences of the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan to Provectus and the Participants. The summary is based on current federal income tax law, which is subject to change, and does not address state, local, or foreign tax consequences or considerations.

The grant of a stock option that does not have a readily ascertainable value will not result in taxable income at the time of the grant for either Provectus or the Participant. Upon exercising an incentive stock option, the Participant will have no taxable income (except that the alternative minimum tax may apply) and Provectus will receive no deduction. Upon exercising a nonqualified stock option, the Participant will recognize ordinary income in the amount by which the fair market value of common stock at the time of exercise exceeds the option exercise price, and Provectus will be entitled to a deduction for the same amount. The Participant s income is subject to withholding tax as wages.

The tax treatment of the Participant upon a disposition of shares of common stock acquired through the exercise of an option is dependent upon the length of time that the shares have been held and on whether such shares were acquired by exercising an incentive stock option or a nonqualified stock option. If an employee exercises an incentive stock option and holds the shares for at least two years from the date of grant and at least one year after exercise, then any gain or loss realized based on the exercise price of the option will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss. Gain from the sale of shares obtained upon exercise of an incentive stock option that are sold without satisfying these holding periods will be taxed at ordinary income tax rates. Generally, upon the sale of shares obtained by exercising a nonqualified stock option, the Participant will treat the gain realized on the sale as a short or long-term capital gain. Generally, there will be no tax consequence to Provectus in connection with the disposition of shares of common stock acquired under a stock option, except that Provectus may be entitled to a deduction in the case of a disposition of shares acquired upon exercise of an incentive stock option before the applicable holding periods have been satisfied.

## **New Plan Benefits**

Because the awards to Participants may vary from year to year at the Administrator s discretion, the amount payable to eligible Participants under the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan for any calendar year during which the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan is in effect cannot be determined.

## **Award Grants**

The grant of Options under the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan is at the discretion of the Administrator. The Administrator has not yet determined any additional awards that will be granted under the 2014 Equity Compensation Plan to Participants. See EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION Summary Compensation Table and DIRECTOR COMPENSATION Director Compensation Table for 2013 for information regarding the stock options granted in 2013 to our named executive officers and directors.

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL 3 TO ADOPT OUR 2014 EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN.** Each proxy solicited on behalf of our Board of Directors will be voted *FOR* the approval of our 2014 Equity Compensation Plan unless the stockholder instructs otherwise in the proxy.

## **PROPOSAL 4**

#### ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF OUR

#### NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

As required pursuant to Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act, we are submitting for stockholder advisory vote a resolution to approve the compensation paid to our named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC, including the compensation tables and related compensation discussion and analysis contained in this Proxy Statement.

At our 2011 annual meeting of stockholders, we provided our stockholders with the opportunity to cast an advisory vote to indicate if we should hold an advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers every one, two or three years, with our Board of Directors recommending an annual advisory vote. Because our Board of Directors views an annual vote as a good corporate governance practice and because more than 93% of the votes cast on the proposal at the 2011 annual meeting were in favor of an annual advisory vote, we are again asking our stockholders to approve the compensation of our named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC, including the compensation tables and related compensation discussion and analysis contained in this Proxy Statement.

Accordingly, the following resolution will be submitted for stockholder approval at the annual meeting:

RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to the Company s named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the compensation tables and related compensation discussion and analysis contained in this Proxy Statement, is hereby APPROVED.

The advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers is non-binding. The approval or disapproval of the resolution approving our executive compensation by our stockholders will not require our Board of Directors to take any action regarding our executive compensation practices. The final decision on the compensation and benefits of our named executive officers and whether, and if so, how, to address stockholder disapproval remains with our Board of Directors.

Our Board of Directors believes that it is in the best position to consider the extensive information and factors necessary to make independent, objective, and competitive compensation recommendations and decisions that are in our best interest and the best interest of our stockholders.

Our Board of Directors values the opinions of our stockholders as expressed through their votes and other communications. Although the resolution is non-binding, our Board of Directors will carefully consider the outcome of the advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers and those opinions when making future compensation decisions.

The next advisory vote on the compensation of our executive officers will occur at the 2015 annual meeting of stockholders.

## OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS. Each proxy solicited

on behalf of our Board of Directors will be voted *FOR* the approval of the compensation of our named executive officers unless the stockholder instructs otherwise in the proxy.

## PROPOSAL 5

#### **RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

#### General

Our Board of Directors has selected BDO USA, LLP as the independent auditor to perform the audit of our consolidated financial statements for 2014. BDO USA, LLP has audited our consolidated financial statements since 2002. BDO USA, LLP is a registered public accounting firm.

Our Board of Directors is asking the stockholders to ratify the selection of BDO USA, LLP as our independent auditor for 2014. Although not required by law or our bylaws, our Board of Directors is submitting the selection of BDO USA, LLP to the stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. Even if the selection is ratified, our Board of Directors, in its discretion, may select a different registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of us and our stockholders.

Representatives of BDO USA, LLP are expected to be present at the annual meeting. They will have an opportunity to make a statement if they desire and will be available to respond to appropriate questions from our stockholders.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF BDO USA, LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR 2014. Each proxy solicited on behalf of our Board of Directors will be voted *FOR* the ratification of the selection of BDO USA, LLP as our independent auditor for 2014 unless the stockholder instructs otherwise in the proxy. If the stockholders do not ratify the selection, the matter will be reconsidered by our Board of Directors.

#### Audit and Non-Audit Services

Our Board of Directors is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, and oversight of our independent auditor. It is the policy of our Board of Directors to pre-approve all audit and non-audit services provided by our independent registered public accountants. Our Board of Directors has considered whether the provision by BDO USA, LLP of services of the varieties described below is compatible with maintaining the independence of BDO USA, LLP. In view of the fact that BDO USA, LLP provides no services to us other than audit services, our Board of Directors believes that such services do not jeopardize the independence of BDO USA, LLP.

The table below sets forth the aggregate fees we paid to BDO USA, LLP for audit and non-audit services provided to us in 2013 and 2012.

| Fees               | 2013       | 2012      |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| Audit Fees         | \$ 190,000 | \$203,000 |
| Audit-Related Fees |            |           |
| Tax Fees:          |            |           |
| All Other Fees     |            |           |
| Total              | \$190,000  | \$203,000 |

In the above table, in accordance with the SEC s definitions and rules, audit fees are fees for professional services for the audit of a company s financial statements included in the annual report on

Form 10-K, for the review of a company s financial statements included in the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and for services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements; audit-related fees are fees for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of a company s financial statements; tax fees are fees for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning; and all other fees are fees for any services not included in the first three categories.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Until July 2, 2012, our entire Board of Directors served as our audit committee. Effective July 2, 2012, our Board of Directors established the audit committee of our Board of Directors (the audit committee ) and appointed Jan E. Koe, Kelly M. McMasters and Alfred E. Smith, IV to serve on the audit committee. The audit committee oversees our financial accounting and reporting processes and the audits of our financial statements. Beginning July 2, 2012, all members of the audit committee satisfy the definition of an independent director set forth in the listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market. The Board of Directors adopted a written charter for the audit committee, a copy of which is available on our website at www.pvct.com. The information contained or connected to our website is not incorporated by reference into this proxy statement and should not be considered a part of this or any other report that we file or furnish to the SEC.

The audit committee reviews our financial reporting process. In this context, the audit committee:

has reviewed and discussed with management the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013;

has discussed with BDO USA, LLP (BDO USA), our independent registered public accountants, the matters required to be discussed by Auditing Standard No. 16, Communications with Audit Committees, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; and

has received the written disclosures and the letter from BDO USA required by PCAOB Rule 3526 (Independence Discussions with Audit Committees), as modified or supplemented, and has discussed with BDO USA the independent accountant s independence.

Based on this review and the discussions referred to above, the audit committee recommended that our Board of Directors include the audited financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, for filing with the SEC. The audit committee has also recommended the reappointment, subject to stockholder ratification, of BDO USA as our independent registered public accountants for 2014.

This report is submitted on behalf of the members of the audit committee and shall not be deemed soliciting material or to be filed with the SEC, nor shall it be incorporated by any general statement incorporating by reference this Proxy Statement into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate this information by reference and shall not otherwise be deemed filed under these Acts:

Jan E. Koe

Kelly M. McMasters

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## Alfred E. Smith, IV (Chairman)

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## OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING MANAGEMENT

#### **Executive Officers**

Drs. Dees and Scott serve as our Chief Executive Officer and President, respectively. Information about their business experience is set forth above under the heading, PROPOSAL 1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS Director Nominees.

In addition, Eric A. Wachter, Ph.D., 51, serves as our Chief Technology Officer since May 14, 2012 and prior to that served as Executive Vice President Pharmaceuticals and as a member of our board of directors since we acquired PPI on April 23, 2002 until May 14, 2012. Prior to joining us, from 1997 to 2002 he was a senior member of the management team of Photogen, including serving as Secretary and a director of Photogen since 1997 and as Vice President and Secretary and a director of Photogen since 1999. Prior to joining Photogen, Dr. Wachter served as a senior research staff member with Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He earned a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin Madison in 1988.

Peter R. Culpepper, 54, serves as our Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer and was appointed in February 2004. Previously, Mr. Culpepper served as Chief Financial Officer for Felix Culpepper International, Inc. from 2001 to 2004; was a Registered Representative with AXA Advisors, LLC from 2002 to 2003; has served as Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Controller for Neptec, Inc. from 2000 to 2001; has served in various Senior Director positions with Metromedia Affiliated Companies from 1998 to 2000; has served in various Senior Director and other financial positions with Paging Network, Inc. from 1993 to 1998; and has served in a variety of financial roles in public accounting and industry from 1982 to 1993. He earned a Masters in Business Administration in Finance from the University of Maryland College Park in 1992. He earned an AAS in Accounting from the Northern Virginia Community College Annandale, Virginia in 1985. He earned a BA in Philosophy from the College of William and Mary Williamsburg, Virginia in 1982. He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in both Tennessee and Maryland.

## **Code of Ethics**

Our Board of Directors has adopted a code of ethics that applies to our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions. The code of ethics contains written standards that are reasonably designed to deter wrongdoing and to promote: (1) honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships; (2) full, fair, accurate, timely, and understandable disclosure in reports and documents that we file with, or submit to, the SEC and in other public communications made by us; (3) compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations; (4) the prompt internal reporting of violations of the code to an appropriate person or persons identified in the code; and (5) accountability for adherence to the code. The code of ethics is available without charge upon request from our Secretary, Provectus Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., 7327 Oak Ridge Highway, Knoxville, TN 37931.

## Legal Matters

On January 2, 2013, Glenn Kleba (the Plaintiff ) derivatively on behalf of the Company, filed a shareholder derivative complaint in the Circuit Court for the State of Tennessee, Knox County (the Court ), against H. Craig Dees, Timothy C. Scott, Eric A. Wachter, and Peter R. Culpepper (collectively, the Executives ), Stuart Fuchs, Kelly M. McMasters, and Alfred E. Smith, IV (collectively, together with the Executives, the Individual Defendants ), and against the Company as a nominal defendant (the Shareholder Derivative Lawsuit ). The Shareholder Derivative Lawsuit alleges (i) breach of fiduciary

duties, (ii) waste of corporate assets, and (iii) unjust enrichment, all three claims based on the Plaintiff s allegations that the defendants authorized and/or accepted stock option awards in violation of the terms of the Company s 2002 Stock Plan (the Plan ) by issuing stock options in excess of the amounts authorized under the Plan and delegated to defendant H. Craig Dees the sole authority to grant himself and the other Executives cash bonuses that the Plaintiff alleges to be excessive.

In April 2013, the Company s Board of Directors appointed a special litigation committee to investigate the allegations of the Shareholder Derivative Complaint and make a determination as to how the matter should be resolved. The special litigation committee conducted its investigation, and proceedings in the case were stayed pending the conclusion of the committee s investigation. The Company has established a reserve of \$100,000 for potential liabilities because such is the amount of the self-insured retention of its insurance policy.

On March 6, 2014, the Company filed a Joint Notice of Settlement (the Settlement ) in the Shareholder Derivative Lawsuit. In addition to the Company, the parties to the Settlement are the Plaintiff and the Individual Defendants. By entering into the Settlement, the settling parties have resolved the derivative claims to their mutual satisfaction. The Individual Defendants have not admitted the validity of any claims or allegations and the Plaintiff has not admitted that any claims or allegations lack merit or foundation. By the terms of the Settlement, (i) the Executives each agreed (A) to re-pay to the Company \$2.24 Million of the cash bonuses they received in 2010 and 2011, which amount equals 70% of such bonuses or an estimate of the after-tax net proceeds to each Executive; provided, however, that subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in the term sheet, which sets forth the terms and conditions of the Settlement (the Term Sheet ), the Executives are entitled to a 2:1 credit such that total actual repayment may be \$1.12 Million each; (B) to reimburse the Company for 25% of the actual costs, net of recovery from any other source, incurred by the Company as a result of the Shareholder Derivative Lawsuit; and (C) to grant to the Company a first priority security interest in 1,000,000 shares of the Company s common stock owned by each such Executive to serve as collateral for the amounts due to the Company under the Term Sheet; (ii) Drs. Dees and Scott and Mr. Culpepper agreed to retain incentive stock options for 100,000 shares but shall forfeit 50% of the nonqualified stock options granted to each such Executive in both 2010 and 2011. The Term Sheet also requires that each of the Executives enter into new employment agreements with the Company and that the Company adhere to certain corporate governance principles and processes in the future. Under the Settlement, Messrs. Fuchs and Smith and Dr. McMasters have the option to either (A) pay the Company \$25,000 cash or (B) forfeit options to purchase 50,000 shares of the Company s common stock. The Company, the Plaintiff and the Individual Defendants will release each other from any and all claims related to the Shareholder Derivative Lawsuit, as well as dismiss the Shareholder Derivative Lawsuit with prejudice upon the Company and the Individual Defendants entering into a formal settlement agreement. Formal settlement agreements and related documentation will be prepared and executed as necessary.

The Settlement remains subject to approval by the Court after such notice as is approved by the Court and such hearing as may be required by the Court. The court will determine (1) if the terms and conditions of the Settlement are fair, reasonable and adequate and in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders, (2) if the judgment, as provided for in the Settlement, should be entered, and (3) if the request of Plaintiff s counsel for an award of attorneys fees and reimbursement of expenses should be granted and, if so, in what amount.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

As of the date hereof, our Board of Directors knows of no business that will be presented at the meeting other than the proposals described in this Proxy Statement. If any other proposal properly comes before the stockholders for a vote at the meeting, the proxy holders will vote the shares of common stock represented by proxies that are submitted to us in accordance with their best judgment.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### **Solicitation of Proxies**

We will solicit proxies on behalf of our Board of Directors by mail, telephone, facsimile, or other electronic means or in person. We have retained Morrow & Co., LLC to assist us in the solicitation of proxies for the annual meeting. Morrow & Co., LLC will receive a base fee of \$8,000, plus reasonable expenses and fees, for these services. We will pay the proxy solicitation costs. We will supply copies of the proxy solicitation materials to brokerage firms, banks, and other nominees for the purpose of soliciting proxies from the beneficial owners of the shares of common stock held of record by such nominees. We request that such brokerage firms, banks, and other nominees forward the proxy solicitation materials to the beneficial owners, and we will reimburse them for their reasonable expenses.

#### **Mailing Address of Principal Executive Office**

The mailing address of our principal executive office is Provectus Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., 7327 Oak Ridge Highway, Knoxville, Tennessee 37931.

#### Stockholder Proposals for Including in Proxy Statement for 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

To be considered for inclusion in our proxy statement for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, a stockholder proposal must be received by us no later than the close of business on December 31, 2014. Stockholder proposals must be sent to Secretary, Provectus Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., 7327 Oak Ridge Highway, Knoxville, Tennessee 37931. We will not be required to include in our proxy statement any stockholder proposal that does not meet all the requirements for such inclusion established by the SEC s proxy rules and Delaware corporate law.

#### Other Stockholder Proposals for Presentation at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

In addition to the above, our bylaws contain an advance notice provision requiring that, if a stockholder s proposal is to be brought before and considered at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, such stockholder must provide timely written notice thereof to our Secretary. In order to be timely, the notice must be delivered to or mailed and received by our Secretary at our principal executive offices not earlier than the close of business on December 31, 2014 and not later than the close of business on January 30, 2015; provided, however, that in the event the date of the 2015 Annual Meeting is more than 30 days before or more than 30 days after the anniversary of the 2014 Annual Meeting, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so delivered not earlier than the close of business on the 90th day prior to the date of such 2015 Annual Meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 60th day prior to the date of such 2015 Annual Meeting or the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such annual meeting is first made by us. In the event a stockholder proposal intended to be presented for action at the 2015 Annual Meeting is not received timely, then the persons designated as proxies in the proxies solicited by the Board in connection with the 2015 Annual Meeting will be permitted to use their discretionary voting authority with respect to the proposal, whether or not the proposal is discussed in the Proxy Statement for the 2015 Annual Meeting.

#### By Order of our Board of Directors

**PETER R. CULPEPPER** Secretary

Knoxville, Tennessee April 30, 2014

## APPENDIX A

#### **PROVECTUS BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

#### 2014 EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN

#### 1. PURPOSE

This plan shall be known as the Provectus Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. 2014 Equity Compensation Plan (the Plan). The purpose of the Plan is to promote the interests of Provectus Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the

Company ), its Subsidiaries and its stockholders by (i) attracting and retaining key officers, employees, and directors of the Company and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates; (ii) motivating such individuals by means of performance-related incentives to achieve long-range performance goals; (iii) enabling such individuals to participate in the long-term growth and financial success of the Company; (iv) encouraging ownership of stock in the Company by such individuals; and (v) linking their compensation to the long-term interests of the Company and its stockholders.

#### 2. **DEFINITIONS**

As used in the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

**Affiliate** of any Person means a Person that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the first mentioned Person. A Person shall be deemed to control another Person if such first Person possesses directly or indirectly the power to direct, or cause the direction of, the management and policies of the second Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

Code means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

**Common Stock** means shares of common stock, par value \$.001, of the Company.

**Director** means a member of the Board.

**Disability** means a Grantee s becoming disabled within the meaning of Section 22(e)(3) of the Code.

**Employed by the Company** means employed by the Company or a Subsidiary as an employee and reflected as such on the Company s or the Subsidiary s payroll records (so that, for purposes of exercising Options, a Grantee shall not be considered to have terminated employment until the Grantee ceases to be an Employee).

**Employee** means a current or prospective officer or employee (including employees who are also Directors) of the Company or of any Subsidiary or Affiliate.

**Fair Market Value** means, (i) if the Outstanding Common Stock is publicly traded, (x) if the principal trading market for the Company s Outstanding Common Stock is a national securities exchange or the Nasdaq National Market, the last reported sale price thereof on the relevant date

or, if there were no trades on that date, the latest preceding date upon which a sale was reported, or (y) if the Company s Outstanding Common Stock is not principally traded on such exchange or market, the mean between the last reported bid and asked prices of the Outstanding Common Stock on the relevant date, as reported on Nasdaq or, if not so reported, as reported by the National Daily Quotation Bureau, Inc. or as reported in a customary financial reporting service, as applicable and as the Committee determines; or (ii) if the Company s Outstanding Common Stock is not publicly traded or, if publicly traded, not subject to reported transactions or bid or asked quotations as set forth above, the Fair Market Value of an Option shall be as determined in good faith by the Committee consistent with the requirements of Treas. Reg. Section 1.409A-1(b)(5)(iv)(B).

**Incentive Stock Option** means an option to purchase shares of Common Stock that is granted und<u>er Section</u> 7 of the Plan and that is intended to meet the requirements of Section 422 of the Code or any successor provision thereto.

**Non-Qualified Stock Option** means an option to purchase shares of Common Stock from the Company that is granted under <u>Sections 7</u> or <u>8</u> of the Plan and is not intended to be an Incentive Stock Option.

**Non-Employee Director** means a member of the Board who is not an officer or employee of the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate.

**Option** means an Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Qualified Stock Option.

**Person** means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or political subdivision thereof or other entity.

**Subsidiary** means any Person (other than the Company) of which a majority of its voting power or its equity securities or equity interest is owned directly or indirectly by the Company.

**Termination for Cause** means a finding by the Committee that (i) Grantee committed a material breach of his or her employment agreement and failed to cure that breach, or to discontinue the activity that breached his or her employment agreement, within 30 days after being notified by the Company that failure to cure the breach or to discontinue the breaching activity would result in termination for Cause, or (ii) Grantee was convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, including such acts as fraud or dishonesty, or (iii) Grantee committed a felony, or (iv) Grantee willfully or recklessly refused to perform the material duties reasonably assigned to him or her by the Company s Board or the Grantee s supervisor when such willful or reckless refusal did not result from a Disability, or (v) Grantee s willful or gross malfeasance or nonfeasance of the material duties reasonably assigned to him or her by the Company s Board or the Grantee s supervisor that are consistent with the provisions of his or her employment agreement (or if there is no employment agreement, with his or her assigned responsibilities), when such malfeasance or nonfeasance did not result from a Disability.

# 3. ADMINISTRATION

- (a) The Plan will be administered by the Board of Directors of the Company (the Board ) or a committee established by the Board (the Board acting in such capacity or such committee, if and as established by the Board, hereinafter referred to as the Committee ). The Plan shall be administered by the Board unless and until the Board delegates administration to the Committee. If administration is delegated to a Committee, the Committee shall have, in connection with the administration of the Plan, the powers theretofore possessed by the Board, subject, however, to such resolutions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as may be adopted from time to time by the Board. The Board may abolish the Committee at any time and revest in the Board the administration of the Plan. Whether or not the Board has delegated administration, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Board shall have the final power to determine all questions of policy and expediency that may arise in the administration of the Plan.
- (b) The Committee shall have the sole authority to (i) determine the individuals to whom options shall be granted under the Plan, (ii) determine the type (or types) and the terms of the options to be granted to each such individual, (iii) determine the time when the options will be granted and (iv) deal with any other matters arising under the Plan. All matters determined by the Committee shall require a majority vote of the Committee.
- (c) The Committee shall have full power and authority to administer and interpret the Plan, to make factual determinations and to adopt or amend such rules, regulations, agreements and instruments for implementing the Plan and for the conduct of its business as it deems necessary or advisable, in its sole discretion. The Committee s interpretations of the Plan and all determinations made by the Committee pursuant to the powers vested in it hereunder shall be conclusive and binding on all Persons having any interest in the Plan or in any awards granted hereunder. All powers of the Committee shall be executed in its sole discretion, in the best interest of the Company, not as a fiduciary, and in keeping with the objectives of the Plan and need not be uniform as to similarly situated individuals.
- (d) No member of the Committee or the Board shall be liable for any action or determination made in good faith, and all members of the Committee or the Board shall, in addition to their rights as directors, be fully protected by the Company with respect to any such action, determination or interpretation.
- (e) All decisions made by the Committee or the Board pursuant to the provisions hereof shall be final and binding on all Persons.
- (f) If no Committee is established by the Board, then all rights, duties and responsibilities designated under this Plan to the Committee shall remain with the Board and all references in this document to the Committee shall be deemed to be the Board .

# 4. OPTIONS; GRANT INSTRUMENTS

- (a) Each Option granted under the Plan shall be classified as a Non-Qualified Stock Option or an Incentive Stock Option. All Options shall be subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and to such other terms and conditions consistent with the Plan as the Committee deems appropriate and as are specified in a written agreement, contract or other instrument or document evidencing any Option (the Grant Instrument ), or an amendment to a Grant Instrument. The Committee shall approve the form and provisions of each Grant Instrument.
- (b) The granting of any Option shall be subject to and conditioned upon the recipient s execution of the Grant Instrument and any other agreements or instruments required by the Committee. Except as otherwise provided in a Grant Instrument, all capitalized terms used in the Grant Instrument shall have the same meaning as in the Plan, and the Grant Instrument shall be subject to all of the terms of the Plan.
- (c) Each Grant Instrument shall contain such provisions as the Committee shall determine, in its sole discretion, to be necessary, desirable and appropriate for the Options granted which may include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following: (i) description of the type of Option, the Option s duration, its transferability, the exercise price, the exercise period and vesting schedule, the effect upon the Option of the Employee s death, disability, change in duties or termination of employment; (ii) the Option s conditions; (iii) when, if and how any Option may be forfeited, converted into another Option, modified, exchanged for another Option, or replaced; and (iv) the restrictions on any Common Stock purchased or granted under the Plan.
- (d) In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the Plan and any Grant Instrument, the provisions of the Plan shall govern.

# 5. OPTIONS SUBJECT TO THE PLAN

The aggregate number of Options that may be issued under the Plan shall be equal to 20 Million, which number of Options represents percent (%) of the issued and outstanding Common Stock as of the Effective Date of this Plan (the Outstanding Common Stock). Any Common Stock delivered pursuant to the exercise of an Option may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized but unissued Common Stock or reacquired Common Stock. If and to the extent Options granted under the Plan terminate, expire, or are canceled, forfeited, exchanged or surrendered, the Options shall again be available for purposes of the Plan.

# 6. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

(a) Any Employee or Director shall be eligible to participate in the Plan; provided, however, that Non-Employee Directors shall only be eligible to receive Non-Qualified Stock Options granted consistent with <u>Section 8</u>.

(b) The Committee shall select the Employees and Directors to receive the Options (Grantees) and shall determine the number of the Options subject to a particular grant in such manner as the Committee determines.

# 7. GRANTING OF OPTIONS

(a) <u>Number of Options</u>. The Committee shall determine the number of Options that will be subject to each grant of Options to Grantees.

# (b) <u>Type of Option and Price</u>.

- (i) <u>Type of Options</u>. The Committee shall have the authority to grant Non-Qualified Stock Options and Incentive Stock Options. In the case of Incentive Stock Options, the terms and conditions of such grants shall be subject to and comply with such rules as may be prescribed by Section 422 of the Code, as from time to time amended, and any regulations implementing such statute. A person who has been granted an Option under this Plan may be granted additional Options under the Plan if the Committee shall so determine; provided, however, that to the extent the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined at the time the Incentive Stock Option is granted) of the shares of Common Stock with respect to which all Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by an Employee during any calendar year (under all plans described in subsection (d) of Section 422 of the Code of the Employee s employer corporation and its parent and Subsidiaries) exceeds \$100,000, such Options shall be treated as Non-Qualified Stock Options.
- (ii) <u>Exercise Price</u>. The purchase price (the Exercise Price ) of the shares issuable on exercise of an Option shall be as set forth in the Grantee s Grant Instrument. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Exercise Price be less than the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock determined as of the date of grant.
- (c) <u>Option Term</u>. Subject to <u>Section 7(g)</u>, the Committee shall determine the term of each Option. The term of any Option shall not exceed ten years from the date of grant.
- (d) <u>Exercisability of Options</u>. Options shall become exercisable in accordance with such terms and conditions, consistent with the Plan, as may be determined by the Committee and specified in the Grant Instrument or an amendment to the Grant Instrument. The Committee may accelerate the exercisability of any or all outstanding Options at any time for any reason. The exercise of any Option granted hereunder shall be effective only at such time as the sale of Common Stock pursuant to such exercise will not violate any state or federal securities or other laws.

- (e) <u>Termination of Employment, Disability or Death</u>.
  - (i) Except for options to purchase shares of Common Stock from the Company that are granted under Section 8 and as otherwise provided below, an Option may only be exercised while the Grantee is Employed by the Company as an Employee. In the event that a Grantee ceases to be employed by, or provide service to, the Company for any reason other than Disability, death, or Termination for Cause, any Option which is otherwise exercisable by the Grantee shall terminate unless exercised within 90 days of the date on which the Grantee ceases to be Employed by the Company (or, for Non-Qualified Stock Options, within such other period of time as may be specified by the Committee), but in any event no later than the date of expiration of the Option term. Unless otherwise specified by the Committee, any of the Grantee short otherwise exercisable as of the date on which the Grantee short otherwise exercisable as of the date on which the Grantee short term.
  - (ii) In the event the Grantee ceases to be Employed by the Company on account of a Termination for Cause by the Company, any Option held by the Grantee shall terminate as of the date the Grantee ceases to be Employed by the Company.
  - (iii) In the event the Grantee ceases to be employed by, or provide service to, the Company because the Grantee is Disabled, any Option which is otherwise exercisable by the Grantee shall terminate unless exercised within one year after the date on which the Grantee ceases to be Employed by the Company (or, for Non-Qualified Stock Options, within such other period of time as may be specified by the Committee), but in any event no later than the date of expiration of the Option term. Any of the Grantee s Options which are not otherwise exercisable as of the date on which the Grantee ceases to be Employed by the Company shall terminate as of such date.
  - (iv) If the Grantee dies while Employed by the Company, any Option that is otherwise exercisable by the Grantee shall terminate unless exercised within one year after the date on which the Grantee dies (or within such other period of time as may be specified by the Committee), but in any event no later than the date of expiration of the Option term. Any of the Grantee s Options that are not otherwise exercisable as of the date on which the Grantee dies shall terminate as of such date.
- (f) <u>Exercise of Options</u>. A Grantee may exercise an Option that has become exercisable at such times and subject to such terms and conditions as specified in the applicable Grant Instrument, in whole or in part, by delivering a notice of exercise to the Company with payment of the Exercise Price. The Grantee shall pay the Exercise Price for an Option (i) in cash or cash equivalents, (ii) by delivering Common Stock owned by the Grantee (including Common Stock)

acquired in connection with the exercise of an Option, subject to such restrictions as the Committee deems appropriate) and having a Fair Market Value on the date of exercise (or next succeeding trading date, if the date of exercise is not a trading date) equal to the Exercise Price, together with any applicable withholding taxes, or (iii) by such other method as the Committee may approve, including payment through a broker in accordance with procedures permitted by Regulation T of the Federal Reserve Board. Common Stock used to exercise an Option shall have been held by the Grantee for the requisite period of time to avoid adverse accounting consequences to the Company with respect to the Option. The Grantee shall pay the Exercise Price and the amount of any withholding tax due (pursuant to <u>Section 9</u>) at the time of exercise. Options shall not be issued upon exercise of an Option until the Exercise Price is fully paid and any required withholding is made.

(g) <u>Ten Percent Stock Rule</u>. Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Plan, if at the time an Option is otherwise to be granted pursuant to the Plan, the Grantee owns directly or indirectly (within the meaning of Section 424(d) of the Code) shares of Common Stock possessing more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of capital stock of the Company or its parent or Subsidiary or Affiliate corporations (within the meaning of Section 422(b)(6) of the Code), then any Incentive Stock Option to be granted to such Grantee pursuant to the Plan shall satisfy the requirement of Section 422(c)(5) of the Code, and the Exercise Price shall be not less than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the Fair Market Value of the shares of Common Stock, and such Option by its terms shall not be exercisable after the expiration of five (5) years from the date such Option is granted.

#### 8. NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR OPTIONS

The Board may provide that all or a portion of a Non-Employee Director s annual retainer, meeting fees and/or other awards or compensation as determined by the Board, be payable (either automatically or at the election of a Non-Employee Director) in the form of Non-Qualified Stock Options. The Board shall determine the terms and conditions of any such Options, including the terms and conditions which shall apply upon a termination of the Non-Employee Director s service as a Director, and shall have full power and authority in its discretion to administer such Options, subject to the terms of the Plan and applicable law.

# 9. WITHHOLDING OF TAXES

(a) <u>Required Withholding</u>. All Options under the Plan shall be granted subject to any applicable federal (including applicable FICA), state and local tax withholding requirements. The Company shall have the right to deduct from wages paid to the Grantee any federal, state or local taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to Options, or the Company may require the Grantee or other Person receiving such awards to pay to the Company the amount of any such taxes that the Company is required to withhold.

(b) <u>Election to Withhold Options</u>. If the Committee so permits, a Grantee may elect to satisfy the Company s income tax withholding obligation with respect to Options by having Common Stock purchased by exercise of such Options withheld, based on their Fair Market Value when they are withheld, up to an amount that does not exceed the Grantee s maximum marginal tax rate for federal (including FICA), state and local tax liabilities. The election must be in a form and manner prescribed by the Committee and shall be subject to the prior approval of the Committee.

# 10. CHANGE OF CONTROL OF THE COMPANY

- (a) As used herein, a Change of Control shall be deemed to have occurred if:
  - (i) After the Effective Date, any person (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act )) becomes a beneficial owner (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing a majority of the voting power of the then outstanding securities of the Company entitled to vote generally with respect to the election of the Board;
  - (ii) as a result of or in connection with a tender or exchange offer or contest for election of directors, individual board members of the Company (identified as of the date of commencement of such tender or exchange offer, or the commencement of such election contest, as the case may be) cease to constitute at least a majority of the Board; or
  - (iii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation or reorganization with or into the Company or the sale of substantially all of the Company s assets, unless (x) the stockholders of the Company immediately before such transaction beneficially own, directly or indirectly, immediately following such transaction, securities representing a majority of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities entitled to vote generally with respect to the election of the Board (or its successor) and (y) individual board members of the Company (identified as of the date that a binding agreement providing for such transaction is signed) constitute at least a majority of the Board (or its successor) (a transaction to which clauses (x) and (y) apply, a Non-Control Transaction ).
- (b) Upon a Change of Control, unless the Committee determines otherwise, (i) the Company shall provide each Grantee with outstanding Options written notice of such Change of Control and (ii) all outstanding Options shall automatically accelerate and become fully exercisable.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, in the event of a Change of Control, the Committee shall not have the right to take any actions described in the Plan that would make the Change of Control ineligible for desired tax

treatment if, in the absence of such right, the Change of Control would qualify for such treatment and the Company intends to use such treatment with respect to the Change of Control.

#### 11. ADJUSTMENTS UPON CHANGE OF CAPITALIZATION

Subject to any required action by our stockholders, the number of shares of Common Stock covered by outstanding Options, and the number of shares of Common Stock which have been authorized for issuance under the Plan but as to which no Option has been granted or which have been returned to the Plan upon cancellation or expiration of an Option, as well as the Exercise Price, will be proportionately adjusted for any increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of Common Stock resulting from a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of the Common Stock, or any other increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of Common Stock resulting by us.

# 12. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF THE PLAN

- (a) <u>Amendment</u>. The Committee may amend or terminate the Plan at any time, provided however, that the Committee cannot increase the number of Options that may be issued under the Plan without the majority vote of the Board and by a majority vote of the stockholders of the Company.
- (b) <u>Termination of Plan</u>. The Plan shall terminate on the day immediately preceding the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date unless terminated earlier or extended by the majority vote of the Board and approval by a majority vote of the stockholders of the Company.
- (c) <u>Termination and Amendment of Outstanding Options</u>. A termination or amendment of the Plan that occurs after an Option is granted shall not materially impair the rights of a Grantee unless the Grantee consents or unless the Committee acts under <u>Section 18(a)</u> of the Plan. The termination of the Plan shall not impair the power and authority of the Committee with respect to an outstanding Option. Whether or not the Plan has terminated, an outstanding Option may be terminated or modified under <u>Section 18(a)</u> of the Plan or may be amended by agreement of the Company and the Grantee consistent with the Plan.
- (d) <u>Governing Document</u>. The Plan shall be the controlling document. No other statements, representations, explanatory materials or examples, oral or written, may amend the Plan in any manner. The Plan shall be binding upon and enforceable against the Company and its successors and assigns.

#### 13. FUNDING OF THE PLAN

This Plan shall be unfunded. The Company shall not be required to establish any special or separate fund or to make any other segregation of assets to assure the payment of any Options under this Plan. In no event shall interest be paid or accrued on any Options.

# 14. RIGHTS OF PARTICIPANTS

Nothing in this Plan shall entitle any Grantee to any claim or right to be granted an Option under this Plan. Neither this Plan nor any action taken hereunder shall be construed as giving any individual any rights to be retained by or in the employ of the Company or any other employment rights.

# **15. REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF OPTIONS**

No Options shall be issued or transferred hereunder unless and until all legal requirements applicable to the issuance or transfer of such Options have been complied with to the satisfaction of the Committee. The Committee shall have the right to condition any Options granted to any Grantee hereunder, or the issuance of shares on exercise of any Options, on such Grantee s undertaking in writing to comply with such restrictions on his or her subsequent disposition of such Options or shares as the Committee shall deem necessary or advisable as a result of any applicable law, regulation or official interpretation thereof and certificates representing such shares may be legended to reflect any such restrictions.

# **16. HEADINGS**

Section headings are for reference only. In the event of a conflict between a title and the content of a Section, the content of the Section shall control.

#### 17. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PLAN

This Plan shall be effective on , 2014 (the Effective Date ).

# **18. MISCELLANEOUS**

- (a) <u>Compliance with Law</u>. The Plan, the grant of Options, and the obligations of the Company to issue or transfer shares shall be subject to all applicable laws and to approvals by any governmental or regulatory agency as may be required. The Committee may revoke any grant of an Option if it is contrary to law or modify a grant of an Option to bring it into compliance with any valid and mandatory government regulation. The Committee may also adopt rules regarding the withholding of taxes on payments to Grantees. The Committee may, in its sole discretion, agree to limit its authority under this Section.
- (b) <u>Governing Law</u>. The validity, construction, interpretation and effect of the Plan and Grant Instruments issued under the Plan shall exclusively be governed by and determined in accordance with the law of the State of Delaware.
- (c) <u>No Rights as Stockholder</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan and the applicable Grant Instrument, no Grantee or holder or beneficiary of any Option shall have any rights as a stockholder with respect to any

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Common Stock to be distributed under the Plan until such Person has become a holder of such Common Stock.

(d) <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of the Plan or any Option is, or becomes, or is deemed to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction or as to any Grantee or Option, or would disqualify the Plan or any Option under any law deemed applicable by the Committee, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to the applicable laws, or if it cannot be construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Committee, materially altering the intent of the Plan or the Option, such provision shall be stricken as to such jurisdiction, Grantee or Option and the remainder of the Plan and any such Option shall remain in full force and effect.

# 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

#### TO BE HELD ON JUNE 16, 2014

# THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Provectus Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company ), will be held at the offices of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, the Company s counsel, located at 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 600, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, on Monday, June 16, 2014, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time. The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the combined Notice of 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement dated April 30, 2014, accompanying this proxy, to which reference is hereby made for further information regarding the meeting and the matters to be considered and voted on by the stockholders at the meeting.

The undersigned hereby appoints Peter R. Culpepper and H. Craig Dees, and each of them, attorneys as agents, with full power of substitution, to vote as proxy all shares of common stock of the Company owned of record by the undersigned as of the record date and otherwise to act on behalf of the undersigned at the meeting and any postponement or adjournment thereof, in accordance with the instructions set forth herein and with discretionary authority with respect to any other business, not known or determined at the time of the solicitation of this proxy, that properly comes before such meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof.

The undersigned hereby revokes any proxy heretofore given and directs said attorneys and agents to vote or act as indicated on the reverse side hereof. If no instruction is given, this proxy will be voted FOR each of Proposals 1 through 5.

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7327 Oak Ridge Highway

Knoxville, TN 37931

phone 865/769-4011

*fax* 865/769-4013 April 30, 2014

Dear Stockholder:

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It is a great pleasure to have this opportunity to provide you with our 2013 Annual Report and the Proxy Statement for our 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Annual Report discusses our performance in fiscal 2013 as well as our business strategy for the future. The Proxy Statement provides you with information relating to the business to be conducted at our annual meeting on June 16, 2014.

# YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

You can vote by completing, signing, dating, and returning your proxy card in the accompanying envelope.

Thank you for your continued interest in, and ownership of, Provectus Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.

Sincerely,

/s/ H. Craig Dees H. Craig Dees, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer

This proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company and will be voted in accordance with the undersigned s instructions set forth herein. If no instruction is given, this proxy will be voted FOR each of Proposals 1 through 5.

# OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE *FOR* EACH OF PROPOSALS 1 THROUGH 5.

**PROPOSAL 1** To elect five directors to serve on our Board of Directors for a one-year term:

" FOR all nominees listed below:

H. Craig Dees, Ph.D.

Timothy C. Scott, Ph.D.

Jan E. Koe

Kelly M. McMasters, M.D., Ph.D.

Alfred E. Smith, IV

#### " WITHHOLD AUTHORITY for all nominees

Instruction: To withhold authority to vote for any director nominee, mark this box and draw a line through the name of the nominee in the list above. "

**PROPOSAL 2** To approve and adopt an amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of shares of common stock, par value \$.001 per share, that we are authorized to issue from 250,000,000 to 300,000,000 shares;

|  | FOR |  | AGAINST |  | ABSTAIN |
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| <b>PROPOSAL 3</b> To approve and adopt the Provectus Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. 2014 Equity Compensation Plan; |     |  |         |  |         |
|  | FOR |  | AGAINST |  | ABSTAIN |
| <b>PROPOSAL 4</b> - To approve on an advisory basis the compensation of our named executive officers; and    |     |  |         |  |         |
|  | FOR |  | AGAINST |  | ABSTAIN |
| <b>PROPOSAL 5</b> - To ratify the selection of BDO USA, LLP as our independent auditor for 2014.             |     |  |         |  |         |
|  | FOR |  | AGAINST |  | ABSTAIN |

With respect to any other item of business that properly comes before the meeting, the proxy holders are authorized to vote the undersigned s shares in accordance with their best judgment.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_

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in this example.

Signature of stockholder

Signature of stockholder, if held jointly

Please sign your name as it appears on this proxy. Joint owners each should sign. When signing as trustee, administrator, executor, attorney, etc., please indicate your full title as such. Corporations should sign in full corporate name by President or other authorized officer. Partnerships should sign in full partnership name by authorized partner.

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#### Vote by Mail

Mark, sign, and date your proxy card and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

# THANK YOU FOR VOTING.