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Form 10-K/A
(Mark One)
ANNUAL REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014
TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from to
Commission File Number 333-139298
Bridgeline Digital, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
Delaware 52-2263942 State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation IRS Employer Identification No.
80 Blanchard Road Burlington, Massachusetts 01803 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(781) 376-5555

(Registrant's telephone number)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class  Name of exchange on which registered  Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share  The NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
None
Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No
Indicate by check mark if the registrant in not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).
Yes No
Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.
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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 definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Non-accelerated filer

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$19,525,963 based on the closing price of \$1.01 of the issuer's common stock, par value \$.001 per share, as reported by the NASDAQ Stock Market on March 31, 2014.

On January 23, 2015, there were 21,974,529 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Bridgeline Digital Inc. ("we", "our", and "us") is filing this Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A to amend its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2014 which was filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on December 29, 2014 ("Original Filing"). The purpose of this Amendment No.1 is to include information required in Part III (Items 10,11,12,13 and 14), which was incorporated by reference to our definitive proxy statement in the Original Filing. As we will not be filing a definitive proxy statement within 120 days after the end of our 2014 fiscal year end, we are filing this Form 10-K/A to include the required information pursuant to Regulation 14A of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

This Form 10-K/A is not intended to amend or otherwise update other information in the Original Filing but for those items expressly identified above. Accordingly, the Form 10-K/A should be read in conjunction with the Original Filing and with our filings made with the SEC subsequent to the filing of the Original Filing. Lastly, as required by Rule12b-15 under the Exchange Act, new certifications by our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer as filed as exhibits to the Form 10-K/A under Item 15 of Part IV hereof.

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#### **PART III**

#### Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

The following table sets forth information regarding our directors and executive officers:

Name	Ag	e Position	<b>Director since</b>
Thomas Massie	53	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President	2000
Kenneth Galaznik	c 63	Director (1)(2)(4)	2006
Joni Kahn	59	Director $(1)(2)(3)(4)$	2012
Scott Landers	44	Director(1)(2)(3)(4)	2010
Michael Taglich	59	Director	2013
Michael Prinn	41	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	
Brett Zucker	42	Executive Vice President and Chief Technical Officer	

<sup>(1)</sup> Member of the Audit Committee.

<sup>(2)</sup> Member of the Compensation Committee.

<sup>(3)</sup> Member of the Nominating and Governance Committee.

<sup>(4)</sup> Independent director.

All directors hold office for a three year term following their election at the annual meeting and/or until their successors are elected and qualified. Information with respect to the business experience and affiliation of our directors is set forth below:

Thomas Massie has served as our Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer since our inception. From 1991 to 2000, Mr. Massie was the founder, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Focus Enhancements, a publicly-held developer of proprietary video conversion ASIC chip technology that had technology alliances with companies such as Intel, Microsoft, Apple Computer, Thompson, Philips, SONY, Nokia, and Zenith. Mr. Massie led Focus Enhancements from concept to a public market capitalization of \$230 million. From 1986 to 1991, Mr. Massie was the founder and Chairman of the Board of Mass Microsystems, a publicly-held developer of proprietary multimedia products. Mr. Massie led Mass Microsystems from inception to a public market capitalization of \$75 million. From 2002 to 2007, Mr. Massie was a member of the Board of Directors of MapInfo Corporation, a publicly-held developer of location intelligence software. Mr. Massie was the Chairman of MapInfo's Corporate Governance Committee and a member of its Audit and Compensation Committees. In April 2007, MapInfo was acquired by Pitney-Bowes for \$480 million. In addition, Mr. Massie is a member of the National Association of Directors and was a non-Commissioned Officer in the United States Army, 101st Airborne Division. As our President and Chief Executive Officer, and as former chief executive officer of two other technology companies, Mr. Massie brings to our Board strategic vision, leadership and operational experience.

Kenneth Galaznik has been a member of our Board of Directors since 2006. Mr. Galaznik is the Chairman of the Company's Audit Committee and a member of the Compensation Committee. Since 2005, Mr. Galaznik has been the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of American Science and Engineering, Inc., a publicly held supplier of X-ray inspection and screening systems with a public market cap of over \$370 million. From August 2002 to February 2005, Mr. Galaznik was Vice President of Finance of American Science and Engineering, Inc. From November 2001 to August 2002, Mr. Galaznik was self-employed as a consultant. From March 1999 to September 2001, he served as Vice President of Finance at Spectro Analytical Instruments, Inc. and has more than 35 years of experience in accounting and finance positions. Mr. Galaznik holds a B.B.A. degree in accounting from The University of Houston. Mr. Galaznik brings extensive experience to our Board and our Audit Committee as an experienced senior executive, a financial expert, and as chief financial officer of a publicly-held company.

Joni Kahn has been a member of our Board of Directors since April 2012. Ms. Kahn is the Chairperson of the Compensation Committee and a member of the Audit and the Nominating and Governance Committees. Her experience spans SaaS and On Premise software companies and global system integration firms, which enables a differentiated view into today's market. Since early 2013, Ms. Kahn has been the Senior Vice President of Global Services for Big Machines, Inc., which was acquired by Oracle in October 2013. From 2007 to 2012, Ms. Kahn was Vice President of Services for HP's Enterprise Security Software group. From 2005 to 2007, Ms. Kahn was the Executive Vice President at BearingPoint where she managed a team of over 3,000 professionals and was responsible for North American delivery of enterprise applications, systems integration and managed services solutions. Ms. Kahn also oversaw global development centers in India, China and the U.S. From 2002 to 2005, Ms. Kahn was the Senior Group Vice President for worldwide professional services for Business Objects, a business intelligence software maker based in San Jose, where she led the applications and services division that supported that company's transformation from a products company to an enterprise solutions company. Business Objects was acquired by SAP

in 2007. From 2000 to 2007, Ms. Kahn was a Member of the Board of Directors for MapInfo, a global location intelligence solutions company. She was a member of MapInfo's Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee. MapInfo was acquired by Pitney Bowes in 2007. From 1993 to 2000, Ms. Kahn was an Executive Vice President and Partner of KPMG Consulting, where she helped grow the firm's consulting business from \$700 million to \$2.5 billion. Ms. Kahn received her B.B.A in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Scott Landers has been a member of our Board of Directors since 2010. Mr. Landers is the Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee and a member of the Audit and the Compensation Committees. Since July 2008, Mr. Landers has been the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for Monotype Imaging Holdings Inc., a leading provider of typefaces, technology and expertise that enable the best user experiences and sure brand integrity. Monotype is a publicly-held company with a market cap of over \$1 billion. Prior to joining Monotype, from September 2007 until July 2008, Mr. Landers was the Vice President of Global Finance at Pitney Bowes Software, a \$450 million division of Pitney Bowes, a leading global provider of location intelligence solutions. From 1997 until September 2007, Mr. Landers held several senior finance positions, including Vice President of Finance and Administration, at MapInfo, a publicly-held company which was acquired by Pitney Bowes in April 2007. Earlier in his career, Mr. Landers was a Business Assurance Manager with Coopers & Lybrand. Mr. Landers is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. and a master's degree in business administration from The College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y. Mr. Landers brings extensive experience to our Board and our Audit Committee as an experienced senior executive, a financial expert, and as chief financial officer of a publicly-held company.

Michael Taglich joined the Board of Directors in 2013. He is the Chairman and President of Taglich Brothers, Inc., a New York City based securities firm which he co-founded in 1992. Taglich Brother's Inc. focuses on public and private micro-cap companies in a wide variety of industries. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of each Air Industries Group Inc., a publicly traded aerospace and defense company (NYSE AIRI), and BioVentrix, Inc., a privately held medical device company whose products are directed at heart failure treatment. He also serves as a director of a number of other private companies, and is a director of Caldera Pharmaceuticals Inc, a drug screening company. Michael Taglich brings extensive professional experience which spans various aspects of senior management, including finance, operations and strategic planning. Mr. Taglich has more than 27 years of financial industry experience, and served on his first public board over 20 years ago.

Brett Zucker has been a senior executive at Bridgeline Digital since 2002. Since 2006, Mr. Zucker has been our Executive Vice President and Chief Technical Officer. From 2002 to 2006, Mr. Zucker was a senior executive of the Company's New York business unit. Prior to joining Bridgeline Digital, Mr. Zucker was the Director of Development and Delivery for Lead Dog Digital, Inc., a custom Web application development company Bridgeline Digital acquired in 2002. Prior to joining Lead Dog Digital in September 2000, Mr. Zucker served in management positions with AppNet and Agency.com. Mr. Zucker is a member of the Board of Directors of Content Management Professionals, an independent national organization with over 25,000 members. Mr. Zucker holds a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University and an M.B.A. degree from Harvard Business School.

Michael D. Prinn has been our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since October 2012. Mr. Prinn joined Bridgeline Digital in August 2010 as our Vice President of Finance as was subsequently promoted to the position of Chief Accounting Officer and Executive Vice President of Finance. Prior to joining Bridgeline Digital, from 2006 to 2010, Mr. Prinn was a Senior Manager and Controller at Sapient, a \$1.4 billion publicly-held global integrated marketing and technology services company. From 2003 to 2006 Mr. Prinn was the Corporate Controller for SensAble Technologies, a developer of 3D touch-enabled digital solutions. Prior to joining SensAble Technologies, Mr. Prinn was an Audit Manager in Arthur Andersen's High Tech Audit Practice. Mr. Prinn received his B.S. in Accounting from Boston College and is a Certified Public Accountant.

#### COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Company has an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee assists the Board in the oversight of the audit of our consolidated financial statements and the quality and integrity of our accounting, auditing and financial reporting processes. The Audit Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board concerning the selection and engagement of independent registered public accountants and for reviewing the scope of the annual audit, audit fees, results of the audit and auditor independence. The Audit Committee also reviews and discusses with management and the Board such matters as accounting policies, internal accounting controls and procedures for preparation of financial statements. Our Audit Committee is comprised of Mr. Galaznik (Chair), Ms. Kahn and Mr. Landers. Our Board has determined that each of the members of the Audit Committee meet the criteria for independence under the standards provided by the Nasdaq Stock Market. The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee. A copy of such charter is available on the Company's website, <a href="www.bridgeline.com">www.bridgeline.com</a>. During Fiscal 2014, the Audit Committee met four times. Each member of the Audit Committee attended each such meeting. The Chairman of the Audit Committee was present at all meetings.

Audit Committee Financial Expert. Our Board has also determined that each of Mr. Galaznik and Mr. Landers qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" as defined under Item 407(d) (5) of Regulation S-K and as an independent director as defined by the Nasdaq listing standards.

#### **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee evaluates the performance of our senior executives, considers the design and competitiveness of our compensation plans, including the review of independent research and data regarding compensation paid to executives of public companies of similar size and geographic location, reviews and approves senior executive compensation and administers our equity compensation plans. In addition, the Committee also conducts reviews of executive compensation to ensure compliance with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Our Compensation Committee is comprised of Ms. Kahn (Chair), Mr. Galaznik and Mr. Landers, all of whom are independent directors. The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Compensation Committee. A copy of such charter is available on the Company's website, <a href="https://www.bridgeline.com">www.bridgeline.com</a>. During Fiscal 2014, the Compensation Committee acted eleven times by unanimous written consent.

#### **Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee**

The Nominating and Governance Committee identifies candidates for future Board membership and proposes criteria for Board candidates and candidates to fill Board vacancies, as well as a slate of directors for election by the shareholders at each annual meeting. The Nominating and Governance Committee also annually assesses and reports to the Board on Board and Board Committee performance and effectiveness and reviews and makes recommendations to the Board concerning the composition, size and structure of the Board and its committees. A copy of such charter is available on the Company's website, <a href="https://www.bridgeline.com">www.bridgeline.com</a>. Our Nominating and Governance Committee is comprised of Mr. Landers (Chair) and Ms. Kahn, each of whom are independent directors. During Fiscal 2014, the Nominating and Governance Committee met four times.

#### SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") requires the Company's executive officers, directors and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of a registered class of the Company's equity securities (collectively, the "Reporting Persons") to file certain reports regarding ownership of, and transactions in, the Company's securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). These officers, directors and stockholders are also required by SEC rules to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) reports that they file with the SEC. Based solely on review of the copies of such forms received by the Company with respect to 2014, the Company believes that all of the filing obligations of officers, directors and 10% stockholders under section 16(a) during 2014 have been fulfilled.

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#### **Code of Conduct and Ethics**

The Company's Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Ethics within the meaning of Item 406(b) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act that applies to all of the Company's officers and employees, including its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. The Code of Ethics codifies the business and ethical principles that govern the Company's business. A copy of the Code of Ethics is available on the Company's website <a href="www.bridgeline.com">www.bridgeline.com</a>. The Company intends to post amendments to or waivers from its Code of Ethics (to the extent applicable to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer) on its website.

#### **Item 11. Executive Compensation.**

The following Summary Compensation Table sets forth the total compensation paid or accrued for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2013 for our principal executive officer and our other two most highly compensated executive officers who were serving as executive officers on September 30, 2014. We refer to these officers as our named executive officers.

	Fiscal			Option		
Name and					All Other	
	Year	Salary	Bonus	Awards		Total
<b>Principal Position</b>					Compensation	
	End			<b>(1)</b>		
Thomas Massie						
	2014	\$375,000	\$20,834	\$83,000	_	\$478,834
President and Chief	f					
<b>Executive Officer</b>	2012	\$375,000	¢74 906		¢ 22.221 (2)	¢ 470 117
and Director	2013	\$373,000	\$ 74,890	_	\$ 22,221 (2)	\$472,117
Michael Prinn						
	2014	\$210,417	\$25,000	\$57,750	_	\$293,167
Executive Vice						
President and Chief	2012	<b>#200 000</b>	фаа <b>225</b>	ΦΩΩ <b>25</b> Ω		Ф212 <i>47</i> 5
Financial Officer	2013	\$200,000	\$33,225	\$80,250	_	\$313,475
Brett Zucker						
	2014	\$310,000	\$143,625(3)	\$57,750		\$511,375
Executive Vice						
President and Chief	f	<b>***</b>	<b></b>			<b>***</b>
Technology Officer	2013	\$244,581	\$37,503			\$282,084

Represents the aggregate grant date fair value of the entire stock option awards for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 ("ASC 718"), excluding the impact of estimated forfeitures of stock options. None of the stock option awards listed above were exercised in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the amounts set forth above do not represent amounts actually received by the executives.

(2) Represents amounts paid by the Company for life insurance premiums.

Included in Mr. Zucker's bonus awards for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 is a one-time bonus award of (3)\$128,000. If Mr. Zucker terminates his employment prior to June 1, 2015, he is required to remit half of the award back to the Company.

#### **Employment Agreements**

Thomas Massie

We have entered into an employment agreement with Thomas Massie, our President and Chief Executive Officer, to provide executive management services. The agreement had an initial term of three years commencing on October 1, 2001 and was renewed in each of 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2013 each for three-year terms. The term of the agreement is automatically extended so that it always has an effective period of three years. Both the annual salary and bonus are subject to periodic review and adjustment by our Board of Directors. The agreement may be terminated by (i) us, in the event of Mr. Massie's death, resignation, retirement or disability, or for or without cause, or (ii) Mr. Massie for good reason. In the event that Mr. Massie is terminated by us without cause or Mr. Massie resigns for good reason, he is entitled to receive severance payments equal to three times his total annual compensation.

#### Michael Prinn

We have entered into an employment agreement with Michael Prinn, our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, to provide executive management services. The agreement has an initial term of one year beginning October 1, 2013 and renews for successive periods of one year if the Company provides written notice of renewal not less than 60 days prior to the end of the initial term. Mr. Prinn's employment agreement was renewed for the successive period beginning October, 2014. The agreement may be terminated by (i) us, in the event of Mr. Prinn's death, resignation, retirement or disability, or for or without cause, or (ii) Mr. Prinn for good reason. In the event that Mr. Prinn is terminated by us without cause or Mr. Prinn resigns for good reason, he is entitled to receive severance payments equal to six months of salary and bonus. In addition, any stock option awards that are not exercisable will be immediately vested and exercisable.

#### Brett Zucker

We have entered into an employment agreement with Brett Zucker, our Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, to provide executive management services The agreement has an initial term of one year beginning October 1, 2013 and renews for successive periods of one year if the Company provides written notice of renewal not less than 60 days prior to the end of the initial term. Mr. Zucker's employment agreement was renewed for the successive period beginning October 1, 2014. The agreement may be terminated by (i) us, in the event of Mr. Zucker's death, resignation, retirement or disability, or for or without cause, or (ii) Mr. Zucker for good reason. In the event that Mr. Zucker is terminated by us without cause or Mr. Zucker resigns for good reason, he is entitled to receive severance payments equal to six months of salary and bonus. In addition, any stock option awards that are not exercisable will be immediately vested and exercisable.

#### **Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal 2014 Year-End**

The following table sets forth information concerning outstanding stock options for each named executive officer as of September 30, 2014.

Name	<b>Grant Date</b>	Number of Securities	Number of	Exercise price	e Option
			Securities	(\$/sh)	Expiration
		Underlying	Underlying		Date
		Unexercised Options	Unexercised		

#### **Excercisable Options** (1)(2)

#### Unexercisable

			<b>(1)(2)</b>		
Thomas Massie (1)	) 10/09/2008	128,333	-	\$ 0.90	10/09/2018
	10/28/2011	200,000	100,000	\$ 0.67	10/28/2021
	11/30/2011	100,000	50,000	\$ 0.59	11/30/2021
	02/16/2012	66,666	33,334	\$ 0.79	02/16/2022
	01/22/2014	-	100,000	\$ 1.29	01/22/2024
		494,999	283,334		
Michael Prinn (1)	10/28/2011	40,000	20,000	\$ 0.67	10/28/2021
	11/29/2011	33,333	16,667	\$ 0.65	11/29/2021
	10/19/2012	25,000	50,000	\$ 1.64	10/19/2022
	12/09/2013	-	75,000	\$ 1.12	12/09/2023
		98,333	161,667		
Brett Zucker (1)	10/09/2008	200,129	-	\$ 0.90	10/09/2018
	10/28/2011	50,000	25,000	\$ 0.67	10/28/2021
	11/29/2011	50,000	25,000	\$ 0.65	11/29/2021
	12/09/2013	-	75,000	\$ 1.12	12/09/2023
		300,129	125,000		

Stock option awards granted as part of October 28, 2011 repricing program, offered employees the opportunity to exchange and forfeit options previously granted for new options grants of the same amount with a) a grant exercise price of \$0.67, the fair market value on October 28, 2011 and b) a new three-year vesting schedule (2) beginning October 28, 2011. Mr. Massie exchanged 300,000 previously granted options for a new grant with an incremental grant date fair value of \$41,500. Mr. Prinn exchanged 60,000 previously granted options for a new

grant with an incremental grant date fair value of \$6,600. Mr. Zucker exchanged 75,000 previously granted

options for a new grant with an incremental grant date fair value of \$11,250.

<sup>(1)</sup> Shares vest in equal installments upon the anniversary date of the grant over three years.

#### **Director Compensation**

The following table sets forth information concerning the compensation of our Directors who are not named executive officers for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

	Fees Earned or	Option	All Other	
Name				Total
	Paid in Cash or Stock(1)	Awards (2	) Compensation	1
Kenneth Galaznik	\$28,000	\$15,600	_	\$43,600
Joni Kahn	\$21,000	\$15,600	_	\$36,600
Scott Landers	\$21,000	\$15,600	_	\$36,600
Michael Taglich	\$18,000	\$35,100		\$53,100

A portion

of the

fees paid

to the

Directors

were paid

in

common

stock.

During

fiscal

2014, a

total of

(1) 56,897

shares

were

issued

with a

fair

market

value at

the date

of grant

of

\$66,000,

as

follows:

Name Shares Issued Fair Market Value

Total	56,897	\$66,000
Michael Taglich	<u>11,638</u>	<u>\$13,500</u>
Scott Landers	13,578	\$15,750
Joni Kahn	13,578	\$15,750
Kenneth Galaznik	x 18,103	\$21,000

Two other

Directors

whose terms

expired in

fiscal 2014

received cash

compensation

in payment for

their fees. Mr.

John Cavalier

was paid

\$23,000 and

Mr. Robert

Hegarty was

paid \$23,000.

Their terms

expired on

August 15,

2014.

#### (2) Represents

aggregate

grant date fair

value of the

entire stock

option awards

for the fiscal

year ended

September 30,

2014 in

accordance

with Financial

Accounting

Standards

Board

Accounting

Standards

Codification

Topic 718

("ASC 718"),

excluding the

estimated

impact of

forfeitures of

stock option

grants. None of the stock option awards listed above were exercised in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, and the amounts set forth above do not represent amounts actually received by the Directors.

The following table sets forth the following aggregate number of shares under outstanding stock

outstanding
stock
options
plans held
by Directors
who are not
named
executive
officers as
of the fiscal
year ended
September
30, 2014.

#### **Number of Shares Underlying**

#### Name

#### **Outstanding Stock Options**

Kenneth Galaznik 130,000 Joni Kahn 65,000 Scott Landers 100,000 Michael Taglich 45,000

The non-employee members of the Company's Board of Directors are compensated as follows:

*Cash Compensation.* Each outside director receives an annual retainer of \$12,000 and is compensated \$1,500 for each meeting such director attends in person. Members of the Audit Committee receive additional annual compensation of \$3,000.

Option Grants. Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, outside directors each receive annual grants of options to purchase 10,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the shares on the date of grant. The options vest over three years in equal installments on the anniversary of grant. New directors receive options to purchase 25,000 shares of our common stock at the then current fair market value upon election to the Board. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, outside directors each received stock options to purchase 20,000 shares of common stock.

Committee Chair Bonus. The Chair of our Audit Committee receives an additional annual fee of \$10,000. The Chairs of our Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee each receive an additional annual fee of \$5,000. These fees are payable in lump sums in advance. Other directors who serve on our standing committees, other than the Audit Committee, do not receive additional compensation for their committee services.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person or a group and the percentage ownership of that person or group, shares of our common stock subject to options or warrants currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days after January 23, 2015 are deemed outstanding, but are not deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each individual named below is our address, 80 Blanchard Road, 2nd Floor, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803.

The following table sets forth as of January 23, 2015, the beneficial ownership of our common stock by (i) each person or group of persons known to us to beneficially own more than 5% of the outstanding shares of our common stock, (ii) each of our directors and named executive officers, and (iii) all of our executive officers and directors as a group. At the close of business on January 23, 2015 there were issued and outstanding 21,974,529 shares of our Common Stock entitled to cast 21,974,529 votes. On January 23, 2015 the closing price of our Common Stock as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market was \$0.48 per share.

Except as indicated in the footnotes to the table below, each shareholder named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares shown as beneficially owned by such shareholder.

This information is based upon information received from or on behalf of the individuals named herein.

Number of

Percent of Shares

Shares

**Outstanding** 

Owned

1,263,494(1) 5.66%

Name and Address

Michael Taglich

#### Robert Taglich

790 New York Avenue	2,238,847	(2) 9.64%
Huntington, NY 11743		
Thomas Massie	1,304,666	(3) 5.76%
Brett Zucker	454,632	(4) 2.03%
Michael D. Prinn	197,000	(5) *
Kenneth Galaznik	138,102	(6) *
Scott Landers	103,577	(7) *
Joni Kahn	75,177	(8) *
All current executive officers and directors as a group (7)	3,536,648	(9) 14.86%

<sup>\*</sup>less than 1%

Includes 76,923 shares issuable upon conversion of convertible notes, 336,065 shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants, and 14,999 shares of common stock subject to currently exercisable options includes options that will become exercisable within 60 days of January 23, 2015. Also includes 43,478 shares and 3,000 shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants owned by Mr. Taglich's spouse.

Includes 153,846 shares issuable upon conversion of convertible notes, 322,065 shares issuable upon the exercise (2) of warrants, and 769,230 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock.

(3) Includes 678,332 shares of common stock subject to currently exercisable options (includes options that will become exercisable within 60 days of January 23, 2015).

- (4) Includes 375,129 shares of common stock subject to currently exercisable options (includes options that will become exercisable within 60 days of January 23, 2015).
- (5) Includes 185,000 shares of common stock subject to currently exercisable options (includes options that will become exercisable within 60 days of January 23, 2015).
- (6) Includes 109,999 shares of common stock subject to currently exercisable options (includes options that will become exercisable within 60 days of January 23, 2015).
- Includes 79,999 shares of common stock subject to currently exercisable options (includes options that will become (7) exercisable within 60 days of January 23, 2015). Includes 10,000 shares of common stock owned by Mr. Landers' children.
- (8) Includes 44,999 shares of common stock subject to currently exercisable options (includes options that will become exercisable within 60 days of January 23, 2015).
- (9) Includes 1,488,457 shares of common stock subject to currently exercisable options (includes options that will become exercisable within 60 days of January 23, 2015).

#### **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

We maintain a number of equity compensation plans for employees, officers, directors and other entities and individuals whose efforts contribute to our success. The table below sets forth certain information as of our fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 regarding the shares of our common stock available for grant or granted under our equity compensation plans.

Plan category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in
			column a) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders (1)	3,535,640	\$ 0.98	1,181,700
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders (2)	1,508,700	\$ 1.25	-
Total	5,044,340	\$ 1.06	1,181,700

On April 12, 2012, the Company's stockholders approved and adopted the Bridgeline Digital, Inc. 2012 Employee (1) Stock Purchase Plan for a total of 300,000 shares and 26,548 shares were issued in fiscal 2014. The remaining shares are included in column (c).

(2) At September 30, 2014, there were 1,508,700 total Warrants outstanding.

On October 21, 2010, the Company issued 50,000 common stock warrants to purchase shares of the Company's common stock to a non-employee consultant as compensation for services rendered. The warrants vested over a one year period and expire on October 15, 2015. Of the warrants issued, 25,000 are exercisable at an exercise price of \$1.00 per share and 25,000 are exercisable at an exercise price of \$2.00 per share.

On May 31, 2012, the Company issued five year warrants to the placement agent in the Company's private placement. The warrants are exercisable to purchase 217,931 shares of the Company's common stock at a price equal to \$1.40 per share.

On June 19, 2013, the Company issued five year warrants to the investors and placement agent in the Company's private placement. The warrants are exercisable to purchase 460,000 and 230,000 shares, respectively, of the Company's common stock at a price equal to \$1.25 per share.

On September 30, 2013, the Company issued five year warrants to the placement agent in the Company's placement of subordinated convertible debt. The warrants are exercisable to purchase 153,846 of the Company's common stock at a price equal to \$1.30 per share. The warrants are first exercisable on March 30, 2014, provide the holders piggyback registration rights with respect to the shares of common stock underlying the warrants and contain a cashless exercise provision.

On November 1, 2013, the Company issued five year warrants to the placement agent in the Company's placement of subordinated convertible debt. The warrants are exercisable to purchase 76,923 shares of the Company's common stock at a price equal to \$1.30 per share. The warrants were first exercisable on May 6, 2014, provide the holders piggyback registration rights with respect to the shares of common stock underlying the warrants and contain a cashless exercise provision.

On March 28, 2014, the Company issued five year warrants to the investors and placement agent in the Company's private placement. The warrants are exercisable to purchase 320,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a price equal to \$1.05 per share.

As of September 30, 2014: (i) placement agent warrants to purchase 217,931, 230,000, 230,769, and 320,000 shares at an exercise price of \$1.40, \$1.25, \$1.30 and \$1.05, respectively are outstanding; (ii) investor warrants to purchase 460,000 shares at an exercise price of \$1.25; and (iii) warrants issued to a non-employee consultant to purchase 25,000 shares at an exercise price of \$1.00 and 25,000 shares at an exercise price of \$2.00 are outstanding.

#### Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

Item 404(d) of Regulation S-K requires the Company to disclose any transaction or proposed transaction which occurred since the beginning of the two most recently completed fiscal years in which the amount involved exceeds the lesser of \$120,000 or one percent (1%) of the average of the Company's total assets as of the end of the last two completed fiscal years in which the Company is a participant and in which any related person has or will have a direct or indirect material interest. A related person is any executive officer, director, nominee for director, or holder of 5% or more of the Company's common stock, or an immediate family member of any of those persons.

In accordance with our Audit Committee charter, our Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving the terms of any related party transactions. Therefore, any material financial transaction between the Company and any related person would need to be approved by our Audit Committee prior to the Company entering into such transaction.

On November 1, 2013, Mr. Michael Taglich joined our Board of Directors. Michael Taglich and Mr. Robert Taglich each currently own more than 5% of the Company's common stock. Each of Michael Taglich and Robert Taglich are executives of Taglich Brothers, Inc. a New York based securities firm. Taglich Brothers, Inc. was the agent for three private placements of Bridgeline Digital common stock in 2012, 2013, and 2014. Taglich Brothers, Inc. was also the agent for Bridgeline's convertible debt offerings of \$2 million and \$1 million in September and November 2013, respectively, and Bridgeline's convertible preferred stock offering in October 2014. The fees paid to Taglich Brothers, Inc. in connection with the 2012, 2013, and 2014 private placements of common stock were \$651,000 and Bridgeline

issued warrants to purchase a total of 767,931 shares of common stock to affiliates of Taglich Brothers, including Robert Taglich and Michael Taglich and Michael Taglich also participated in certain of these offerings as investors. Fees paid to Taglich Brothers, Inc. in connection with the 2013 convertible debt offerings were \$240,000 and Bridgeline issued warrants to purchase a total of 230,769 shares of common stock to affiliates of Taglich Brothers, including each of Robert Taglich and Michael Taglich. Robert Taglich also participated in this offering as an investor. Fees paid to Taglich Brothers, Inc. in connection with the October 2014 convertible preferred stock were \$160,000, and Bridgeline issued warrants to purchase a total of 307,692 shares of common stock to affiliates of Taglich Brothers, including each of Robert Taglich and Michael Taglich. Robert Taglich participated in this offering as an investor.

On January 7, 2015, Bridgeline issued a Term Note to Michael Taglich to document a loan by Michael Taglich to Bridgeline of \$500,000. The terms of the Note provide that Bridgeline will pay interest at a rate of 7% per annum and the note will mature on June 30, 2016. In consideration of the loan by Michael Taglich and a personal guaranty delivered by Michael Taglich to Bridge Bank, N.A. for the benefit of Bridgeline on December 19, 2014 (the "Guaranty"), on January 7, 2015 the Company issued Michael Taglich a warrant to purchase 300,000 shares of Common Stock of the Company at a price equal to \$0.80 per share. The warrant has a term of five years and is exercisable six months after the date of issuance. Bridgeline agreed to provide piggyback registration rights with respect to the shares of common stock underlying the warrant. On January 7, 2015, Bridgeline also entered into a side letter with Michael Taglich pursuant to which the Bridgeline agreed in the event the Guaranty remains outstanding for a period of more than 12 months, on each anniversary of the date of issuance of the Guaranty while the Guaranty remains outstanding Bridgeline will issue Michael Taglich a warrant to purchase 150,000 shares of common stock, which warrant shall contain the same terms as the warrant issued to Michael Taglich on January 7, 2015.

The Company also has an annual service contract for \$18,000 with Taglich Brothers, Inc to perform market research.

#### **Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services.**

The firm of Marcum LLP acts as our principal independent registered public accounting firm. They have served as our independent auditors since April 16, 2010. A representative of Marcum LLP is expected to attend this year's Annual Meeting, and he will have an opportunity to make a statement if he desires to do so. It is also expected that such representative will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

The table below shows the aggregate fees that the Company paid or accrued for the audit and other services provided by Marcum LLP for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and September 20, 2013. The Company did not engage its independent registered public accounting firm during either of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 or September 20, 2013 for any other non-audit services.

Type of Service Amount of Fee for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014 September 30, 2013

 Audit Fees
 \$ 197,409
 \$ 186,408

 Audit-Related Fees
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 —

 Tax Fees
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 —

 Total
 \$ 197,409
 \$ 186,408

Audit Fees. This category includes fees for the audits of the Company's annual financial statements, review of financial statements included in the Company's Form 10-Q Quarterly Reports and services that are normally provided by the independent auditors in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for the relevant fiscal years.

Audit-Related Fees. This category consists of audits performed in connection with certain acquisitions.

*Tax Fees.* This category consists of professional services rendered for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice. The services for the fees disclosed under this category include tax return preparation, research and technical tax advice.

There were no other fees paid or accrued to Marcum LLP in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 or September 30, 2013.

#### **Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures.**

Before an independent public accounting firm is engaged by the Company to render audit or non-audit services, the engagement is approved by the Audit Committee. Our Audit Committee has the sole authority to approve the scope of the audit and any audit-related services as well as all audit fees and terms. Our Audit Committee must pre-approve any audit and non-audit related services by our independent registered public accounting firm. During our fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, no services were provided to us by our independent registered public accounting firm other than in accordance with the pre-approval procedures described herein.

#### **PART IV**

#### Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

#### **Item Title**

- 31.1 CEO Certification, Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 CFO Certification, Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 CEO Certification, Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 CFO Certification, Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

#### BRIDGELINE DIGITAL, INC.

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Thomas Massie

Name: Thomas Massie

January 28, 2015

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Thomas Massie Thomas Massie	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	January 28, 2015
/s/ Michael Prinn Michael Prinn	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	January 28, 2015
/s/ Kenneth Galaznik Kenneth Galaznik	Director	January 28, 2015
/s/Joni Kahn Joni Kahn	Director	January 28, 2015

/s/ Scott Landers Director January 28, 2015 Scott Landers

/s/ Michael Taglich Director January 28, 2015 Michael Taglich

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