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1831 Lefthand Circle, Suite C

Longmont, CO 80501

April 20, 2016

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

The 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the **Annual Meeting**) of Lightwave Logic, Inc. (the **Company**) will be held at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Hotel Boulderado, 2115 Thirteenth Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302. I hope you will be able to attend.

The attached Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement describe the matters that we expect to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting. Management will be available to answer any questions you may have immediately after the Annual Meeting.

Please sign, date and return the enclosed Proxy without delay in the enclosed envelope, via telephone or via e-mail. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (including audited financial statements) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 accompanies the Proxy Statement. The proxy materials and Annual Report included in this package are also available on the internet under the **Investors** page of the Company's website at www.lightwavelogic.com.

All shares represented by Proxies will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the specifications marked thereon, or if no specifications are made, (i) as to Proposal 1, the Proxy confers authority to vote **FOR** all of the three (3) persons listed as candidates for a position on the Board of Directors; (ii) as to Proposal 2 the Proxy confers authority to vote **FOR** the approval of the Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan; (iii) as to Proposal 3, the Proxy

confers authority to vote FOR the ratification of Morison Cogen LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016; and (iv) as to any other business which comes before the Annual Meeting, the Proxy confers authority to vote in the Proxy holder's discretion.

The Company's Board of Directors believes that a favorable vote for each candidate for a position on the Board of Directors and for all other matters described in the attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders and recommends a vote FOR all candidates and all other matters. Accordingly, we urge you to review the accompanying material carefully and to return the enclosed Proxy promptly.

Your vote is important and we encourage you to vote promptly. For record holders, whether or not you are able to attend the Annual Meeting in person, please follow the instructions contained in the Notice on how to vote via the Internet, by phone, or request a paper proxy card to complete, sign and return by mail so that your shares may be voted. If your shares are held in the name of a broker, bank or other holder of record, follow the voting instructions you receive from the holder of record to vote your shares.

Thank you for your investment and continued interest in Lightwave Logic, Inc.

Sincerely,

/s/ Thomas E. Zelibor

Thomas E. Zelibor

Chief Executive Officer

LIGHTWAVE LOGIC, INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016

To our Shareholders:

Notice is hereby given that the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the **Annual Meeting**) of Lightwave Logic, Inc. (the **Company**) will be held at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Hotel Boulderado, 2115 Thirteenth Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302, for the following purposes:

1. To elect three (3) Directors to the Board of Directors to serve until the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and qualified;
2. To approve the Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan;
3. To ratify the appointment of Morison Cogen LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016; and
4. To consider and take action upon such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on April 20, 2016, as the Record Date for determining the shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

For a period of 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting, a shareholders list will be kept at the Company's office and shall be available for inspection by shareholders during usual business hours. A shareholders list will also be available for inspection at the Annual Meeting.

Your attention is directed to the accompanying Proxy Statement for further information regarding each proposal to be made.

SHAREHOLDERS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON ARE URGED TO COMPLETE, DATE AND SIGN THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY AND MAIL IT IN THE ENCLOSED STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU SIGN AND RETURN YOUR PROXY WITHOUT SPECIFYING YOUR CHOICES IT WILL BE UNDERSTOOD THAT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR SHARES VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIRECTORS' RECOMMENDATIONS. IF YOU ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, YOU MAY, IF YOU DESIRE, REVOKE YOUR PROXY AND VOTE IN PERSON.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ Thomas E. Zelibor

Thomas E. Zelibor

Chief Executive Officer

April 20, 2016

PROXY STATEMENT

2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by and on behalf of the Board of Directors (the **Board of Directors** or **Board**) of Lightwave Logic, Inc. of proxies to be voted at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the **Annual Meeting**) that will be held at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Hotel Boulderado, 2115 Thirteenth Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302 and at any adjournments thereof (the **Annual Meeting**). In this Proxy Statement, Lightwave Logic, Inc. is referred to as **we**, **us**, **our**, **Company** or **Lightwave Logic** unless the context indicates otherwise. The Annual Meeting has been called to consider and take action on the following proposals: (i) to elect three (3) Directors to the Board of Directors; (ii) to approve the Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan; (iii) to ratify the appointment of Morison Cogen LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016; and (iv) to consider and take action upon such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters to be presented for action at the Annual Meeting. However, if any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the proxy will vote on such other matters and/or for other nominees in accordance with their best judgment. **The Company's Board of Directors recommends that the shareholders vote in favor of each of the Director Nominees and each of the proposals.** Only holders of record of Common Stock of the Company at the close of business on April 20, 2016 (the **Record Date**) will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

The principal executive offices of our Company are located at 1831 Lefthand Circle, Suite C, Longmont, CO 80501, and our telephone number is 720-340-4949. The approximate date on which this Proxy Statement, the proxy card and other accompanying materials are first being sent or given to shareholders is April 20, 2016. A copy of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 (**Annual Report**) is enclosed with these materials, but should not be considered proxy solicitation material. Additionally, the proxy materials and Annual Report included in this package are also available on the internet under the **Investors** page of the Company's website

at www.lightwavelogic.com.

INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING

Why did I receive this Proxy Statement?

Our Board of Directors is soliciting your proxy to vote at the Annual Meeting because you were a shareholder of record at the close of business on April 20, 2016 (the **Record Date**), and are entitled to vote at the meeting. The Company has delivered to you by mail beginning on or about April 20, 2016, the Proxy Statement and the Annual Report, along with either a proxy card or a voting instruction card. This Proxy Statement summarizes the information you need to know to vote at the Annual Meeting. You do not need to attend the Annual Meeting to vote your shares.

Who is entitled to vote?

Shareholders as of the close of business on the Record Date are entitled to vote. Each shareholder is entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held on the Record Date. Shareholders are not entitled to cumulative voting.

Who can attend the Annual Meeting?

All shareholders as of the Record Date, or their duly appointed proxies, may attend.

What do I need to be admitted to the Annual Meeting?

In order to be admitted to the Annual Meeting, a shareholder must present proof of ownership of Lightwave Logic stock on the Record Date. Any holder of a proxy from a shareholder must present the proxy card, properly executed. If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other holder of record, you must present proof of your ownership, such as a bank or brokerage account statement, to be admitted to the meeting. All shareholders must also present a form of personal identification in order to be admitted to the meeting.

What am I being asked to vote on at the meeting?

We are asking our shareholders to elect directors, approve the Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan, and ratify the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm.

How many votes are needed for approval of each item?

Proposal Number 1. Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast in person or by proxy, meaning the three nominees receiving the most votes will be elected as directors. Shareholders are not entitled to cumulative voting with respect to the election of directors.

Proposal Number 2. The Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan will be approved if a majority of the votes present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter vote in favor of the proposal.

Proposal Number 3. The appointment of Morison Cogen LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm will be ratified if a majority of the votes present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter vote in favor of the proposal.

Abstentions and broker non-votes will be treated as shares that are present, or represented and entitled to vote for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions will not be counted in determining the number of votes cast in connection with any matter presented at the Annual Meeting. Broker non-votes will not be counted as a vote cast on any matter presented at the Annual Meeting.

What constitutes a quorum?

As of the Record Date, 65,598,161 shares of our common stock were issued and outstanding. The presence, either in person or by proxy, of the holders of thirty-three and one-third percent (33.3%) of these outstanding shares is necessary to constitute a quorum for the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum.

How do I vote?

Record Holders: Shareholders may vote in person at the Annual Meeting, or by proxy via the proxy card, or via telephone or internet as instructed on the proxy card. If you will be returning your vote by use of the proxy card, indicate your voting preferences on the proxy card, sign and date it, and return it in the prepaid envelope provided with this Proxy Statement. If you return a signed proxy card but do not indicate your voting preferences, the proxies named in your proxy card will vote FOR all proposals on your behalf. You have the right to revoke your proxy any time before the meeting by (1) notifying the Company's Secretary, or (2) returning a later-dated proxy. You may also revoke your proxy by voting in person at the meeting.

If you hold your shares in street name : Your broker, bank or other nominee will ask for your instructions, generally by means of a voting instruction form. If you do not provide voting instructions to your broker or other nominee, your shares will not be voted on any proposal on which your broker or other nominee does not have discretionary authority to vote.

If your shares are held in the name of a bank or brokerage firm, you must obtain a proxy, executed in your favor, from the bank or broker, to be able to vote at the meeting.

What is the difference between being a record holder and holding shares in street name?

Most shareholders of the Company hold their shares in a stock brokerage account or through a nominee rather than directly in their own name. As summarized below, there are some distinctions between shares held of record and those owned beneficially.

Record Holders: If your shares are registered directly in your name with our Company's transfer agent, Broadridge, you are considered the shareholder of record with respect to those shares, and these proxy materials are being sent directly to you by the Company. As the shareholder of record, you have the right to grant your voting proxy directly to us or to vote in person at the Annual Meeting. We have enclosed a proxy card for you to use.

If you hold your shares in street name : If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of the shares which are held in street name and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by your nominee, who is considered the shareholder of record with respect to these shares. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your nominee on how to vote and are also invited to attend the Annual

Meeting. However, since you are not the shareholder of record, you may not vote these shares in person at the Annual Meeting unless you request, complete and deliver a legal proxy from your nominee. Your nominee has enclosed a voting instruction card for you to use in directing the nominee how to vote your shares.

What happens if I return my signed proxy card but forget to indicate how I want my shares of common stock voted?

If you sign, date and return your proxy and do not mark how you want to vote, your proxy will be counted as a vote FOR all of the nominees for directors and FOR all of the other proposals.

What happens if I do not instruct my broker how to vote or if I mark abstain or withhold authority on the proxy?

If you mark your proxy abstain or withhold authority, your vote will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal or the election of the applicable director. If you do not instruct your broker how to vote, your broker may vote for you on routine proposals but not on non-routine proposals. The ratification of our auditor is considered routine, but the election of directors and the proposal to approve the Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan are non-routine. Therefore, if you do not vote on the election of directors or provide voting instructions on other proposals, your broker will not be allowed to vote your shares. Broker non-votes with respect to a matter will not be considered as present and entitled to vote with respect to that matter and thus will have no effect on the vote for that matter.

Can I change my voting instructions before the meeting?

Proxies given by shareholders of record for use at the Annual Meeting may be revoked at any time prior to the exercise of the powers conferred. In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, shareholders of record giving a proxy may revoke the proxy by an instrument in writing, executed by the shareholder or his or her attorney authorized in writing or, if the shareholder is a corporation, by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized, and deposited either at the corporate headquarters of the Company at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Annual Meeting, or any adjournments thereof, at which the proxy is to be used, or with the chairman of the Annual Meeting on the day of the Annual Meeting or adjournments thereof, and upon either of such deposits the proxy is revoked. If your shares are held in the name of a bank or brokerage firm, you must obtain a proxy, executed in your favor, from the bank or broker, to be able to vote at the meeting.

Method of Counting Votes

Unless a contrary choice is indicated, all duly executed proxies will be voted in accordance with the instructions set forth on the proxy card. A broker non-vote occurs when a broker holding shares registered in street name is permitted to vote, in the broker's discretion, on routine matters without receiving instructions from the client, but is not permitted to vote without instructions on non-routine matters, and the broker returns a proxy card with no vote (the non-vote) on the non-routine matter. Under the rules and regulations of the primary trading markets applicable to most brokers, the ratification of the appointment of auditors is a routine matter on which a broker has the discretion to vote if instructions are not received from the client in a timely manner, and election of directors and the other remaining proposals are non-routine matters which requires the broker's client to provide the broker with voting instructions. Abstentions will be counted as present for purposes of determining a quorum but will not be counted for or against the election of directors or any other proposals.

As to Item 1, the Proxy confers authority to vote for all of the three persons listed as candidates for a position on the Board of Directors even though the block in Item 1 is not marked unless For All Except is marked and the number(s) of the nominee(s) are written on the line below. The Proxy will be voted FOR Items 2 and 3 unless AGAINST or ABSTAIN is indicated. If any other business is presented at the meeting, the Proxy shall be voted in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors.

Who will count the vote?

A Broadridge representative will tabulate the votes and act as inspector of election at the Annual Meeting.

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

We intend to publish the final results in a current report on Form 8-K within four business days after the end of the Annual Meeting.

What does it mean if I get more than one proxy card?

It means that you hold shares registered in more than one account. You must return all proxies to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

How many copies of the Proxy Statement or Annual Report to Shareholders will I receive if I share my mailing address with another security holder?

Unless we have been instructed otherwise, we are delivering only one Proxy Statement or Annual Report to Shareholders to multiple security holders sharing the same address. This is commonly referred to as householding. We will however, deliver promptly a separate copy of the Proxy Statement or Annual Report to Shareholders to a security holder at a shared address to which a single copy of such documents was delivered, on written or oral request. Requests for copies of the Proxy Statement or Annual Report to Shareholders or requests to cease householding in the future should be directed to Andrew Ashton, Secretary, Lightwave Logic, Inc., 1831 Lefthand Circle, Suite C, Longmont, CO 80501. Telephone 720-340-4949. If you share an address with another shareholder and wish to receive a single copy of these documents, instead of multiple copies, you may direct this request to us at the address or telephone number listed above. Shareholders who hold shares in street name may contact their brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer or other similar organization to request information about householding.

How can I obtain additional proxy materials or other Company materials?

The proxy materials and Annual Report included in this package, along with the Company's other SEC filings, are available on the internet under the **Investors** page of the Company's website at www.lightwavelogic.com. Any shareholder desiring additional proxy materials, a copy of any other document incorporated by reference in this Proxy Statement, or a copy of the Company's bylaws should contact the Company's Secretary. Requests should be directed to Andrew Ashton, Secretary, Lightwave Logic, Inc., 1831 Lefthand Circle, Suite C, Longmont, CO 80501. Telephone 720-340-4949.

Who pays for the cost of this proxy solicitation?

The Company pays for the cost of soliciting proxies on behalf of the Board of Directors. We have retained Morrow & Co., LLC, 470 West Ave., Stamford, Connecticut 06902, to aid in the solicitation of proxy materials for the estimated fee of \$7,500 plus expenses. The Company also will reimburse brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their reasonable expenses in forwarding proxy material to beneficial owners. Proxies may be solicited by mail, telephone, other electronic means or in person. Directors, officers and regular, full-time employees of the Company, none of whom will receive any additional compensation for their services, may solicit proxies.

Who are the largest principal shareholders?

See *Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners* elsewhere in this Proxy Statement for a table setting forth each owner of greater than 5% of the Company's common stock as of the Record Date.

What percentages of stock do the directors and officers own?

Together, they own approximately 12.1% of our Company common stock as of the Record Date. For information regarding the ownership of our common stock by management, see the section entitled *Security Ownership of Management* elsewhere in this Proxy Statement.

Do I have dissenters' rights of appraisal?

Under Nevada Revised Statutes, our shareholders are not entitled to appraisal rights with respect to any of the items proposed to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

Where can I find general information about the Company?

General information about us can be found on our website at www.lightwavelogic.com. The information on our website is for informational purposes only and should not be relied upon for investment purposes. The information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement and should not be considered part of this or any other report that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (**SEC**). We make available free of charge, either by direct access on our website or a link to the SEC's website, our Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the **Exchange Act**), as soon as reasonably practicable after such reports are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. Our reports filed with, or furnished to, the SEC are also available directly at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

ALL PROXIES RECEIVED WILL BE VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHOICES SPECIFIED ON SUCH PROXIES. PROXIES WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR OF EACH DIRECTOR NOMINEE AND FOR A PROPOSAL IF NO CONTRARY SPECIFICATION IS MADE. ALL VALID PROXIES OBTAINED WILL BE VOTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PERSONS NAMED IN THE PROXY WITH RESPECT TO ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING.

INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE

OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our bylaws provide that the number of directors who constitute our Board of Directors is determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, but the total number of directors constituting the entire Board of Directors shall not be less than three or more than nine. Our Board of Directors currently consists of nine directors. On July 25, 2013, certain provisions of our bylaws were amended, including provisions relating to: (i) Classes of Directors, whereby the Board of Directors is divided into three classes, as nearly equal in number as possible, designated: Class I, Class II and Class III. Prior to the amendment, there was only one class of directors; and (ii) Terms of Office, whereby provisions were created for staggered terms with each director serving for a term ending on the date of the third annual meeting following the annual meeting at which such director was elected; provided, that each director initially appointed to Class I shall serve for an initial term expiring at the first annual meeting of shareholders following the effectiveness of this provision; each director initially appointed to Class II shall serve for an initial term expiring at the second annual meeting of shareholders following the effectiveness of this provision; and each director initially appointed to Class III shall serve for an initial term expiring at the third annual meeting of shareholders following the effectiveness of this provision; provided further, that the term of each director shall continue until the election and qualification of a successor and be subject to such director's earlier death, resignation or removal. Prior to the amendment, there were no staggered terms and each director served for a term of one (1) year.

The names of our directors, including the three nominees to be elected at the Annual Meeting, and certain information about each of them are set forth below.

Identity of directors

Name	Age	Position	Year First Elected Director
Thomas E. Zelibor	62	Chair of the Board of Directors; Chief Executive Officer	2008
James S. Marcelli	68	Director; President; Chief Operating Officer	2008
Andrew J. Ashton	42	Director; Senior Vice President; Secretary	2004
William C. Pickett, III	72	Director	2008

Joseph A. Miller, Jr.	74	Director	2011
Ronald A Bucchi	61	Director	2012
Siraj Nour El-Ahmadi	51	Director	2013
George L. Lauro	57	Director	2014
Michael S. Lebbby	54	Director	2015

Business Experience of Directors

Thomas E. Zelibor, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret). RADM Zelibor has served as our Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Board of Directors (executive) since May 2012. RADM Zelibor previously served as Non-Executive Chair of the Board of Directors of our Company since October 2011, and has served as a director of our Company since July 2008. He also previously served on our Operation Committee. RADM Zelibor is in charge of the overall general management of the Company and supervision of Company policies, setting the Company's strategies, formulating and overseeing the Company's business plan, raising capital, expanding the Company's management team and the general promotion of the Company. RADM Zelibor has over twenty years of strategic planning and senior leadership experience. Since April 2011 Mr. Zelibor served as the Chief Executive Officer and President of Zelibor & Associates, LLC, a management-consulting firm. From July 2008 to April 2011, Mr. Zelibor served as the Chief Executive Officer and President of Flatirons Solutions Corp., a professional services firm that provides consulting, systems integration, systems & software engineering, and program management expertise to corporate and government clients. Prior to that time, RADM Zelibor served in the U.S. Navy in a number of positions, including as the Dean of the College of Operational and Strategic Leadership at the United States Naval War College where he was responsible for the adoption of a corporate approach to leadership development; Director of Global Operations, United States Strategic Command; Director, Space, Information Warfare, Command and Control on the Navy staff; Department of the Navy, Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO), Navy; Commander, Carrier Group Three and Commander, Naval Space Command.

Mr. James S. Marcelli. Mr. Marcelli has served as an officer and director of our Company since August 2008. Since May 2012 Mr. Marcelli has served as our Company's President and Chief Operating Officer. Previously, from August 2008 to April 2012, Mr. Marcelli served as our President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Marcelli is in charge of the day-to-day operations of our Company and its movement to a fully functioning commercial corporation, and also serves as our Company's principal financial officer. Since 2000, Mr. Marcelli has served as the president and chief executive officer of Marcelli Associates, a consulting company that offers senior management consulting, mentoring, and business development services to start-up and growth companies. Business segments Mr. Marcelli has worked with included an Internet networking gaming center, high-speed custom gaming computers, high tech manufacturing businesses and business service companies.

Mr. Andrew J. Ashton. Mr. Ashton has served as an officer and director of our Company since July 2004. Mr. Ashton has served as our Senior Vice president since April 2009. Since 2004, his assistance in the creation of the synthetic chemistry of our novel molecular architecture has been fundamental to our Company's success. His current duties include the development of chemical synthesis, providing extensive analytical support and assisting with our Company's management goals. Mr. Ashton is a skilled computer scientist and organic chemist who began his career in 1998 at the Army Research Laboratory on the Aberdeen Proving Grounds where he helped to design and implement computer interfaces for fiberglass composite analysis.

Mr. William C. Pickett. Mr. Pickett has served as a director of our Company since January 2008. Mr. Pickett enjoyed a 32 year career with E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., where he worked in numerous financial leadership positions, including serving from February 2002 to April 2004 as Chief Financial Officer of Invista, DuPont's \$7 billion man-made fibers company, which was ultimately sold to Koch Industries, Inc. From 2005 through 2011, Mr. Pickett served on the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware. He also served as Treasurer, was a member of the Executive Committee, and chaired the Finance Committee. From 2004 through 2015, Mr. Pickett served on the Board of Trustees of Operation Warm, a not-for-profit organization, and chaired their Audit Committee. Mr. Pickett received his MBA from the Harvard Business School and a BA from Trinity College.

Dr. Joseph A. Miller, Jr. Dr. Miller has served as a director of our Company since May 10, 2011. From 2002 to May 2012, Dr. Miller served as Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of Corning Incorporated, having joined Corning Incorporated in 2001 as Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer. Prior to joining Corning Incorporated, Dr. Miller was with E.I. DuPont de Nemours, Inc., where he served as Chief Technology Officer and Senior Vice President for Research and Development since 1994. Dr. Miller began his career with DuPont in 1966. Dr. Miller is a director and Non-executive Chairman of Nuvectra Corp. He holds a doctorate degree in Chemistry from Penn State University.

Mr. Ronald A. Bucchi. Mr. Bucchi has served as a director of our Company since June 11, 2012. Mr. Bucchi is currently a self employed C.P.A. with a specialized practice that concentrates in CEO consulting, strategic planning, mergers, acquisitions, business sales and tax. He works with domestic and international companies. Mr. Bucchi is currently a member of the board of directors of First Connecticut Bancorp, Inc. (Farmington Bank) (FBNK:NASDAQ

GM), serving on Asset Liability Committee, the Governance and Loan committees in addition to chairing the Audit committee. He is currently the Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of the Petit Family Foundation, Inc. He has served on numerous other community boards and is past Chairman of the Wheeler Clinic and the Wheeler YMCA. He is a member of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the National Association of Corporate Directors. Mr. Bucchi is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Executive Education program with completed course studies in general board governance, audit and compensation and a graduate of Central Connecticut State University where he received his B.S. in Accounting.

Mr. Siraj Nour El-Ahmadi. Mr. El-Ahmadi has served as a director of our Company since October 2, 2013. Since 2004, Mr. El-Ahmadi has served as Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Menara Networks, a developer of innovative products and solutions that simplify layered optical transport networks. Mr. El-Ahmadi has over 17 years of experience in optical transmission in particular and the telecom industry in general. Prior to founding Menara, Mr. El-Ahmadi served as Vice President-Marketing & Product Management at Nortel where he was responsible for the OPTera LH 4000 ULR product (acquired from Qtera) that achieved over \$200M in revenues in its first two years. Prior to that, Mr. El-Ahmadi was the Product Architect & Vice President of Product Management at Qtera Corporation, a successful technology start-up acquired by Nortel in 2000 for \$3.25 billion. Mr. El-Ahmadi also held a Senior Manager position at Bell Northern Research and worked as a Transmission Engineer at WiTel (WorldCom) where he evaluated and deployed the world first bidirectional EDFA and bi-directional WDM transmission. Mr. El-Ahmadi holds a BS and MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma, is a member of Eta Kappa Nu and is the inventor of 11 patents, issued or pending, in the area of optical communications. He has authored a number of publications and is a frequent speaker at telecom and optical networking events and conferences.

Mr. George L. Lauro. Mr. Lauro has served as a director of our Company since May 12, 2014. Since 2009, Mr. Lauro has served as Founder/Partner of Alteon Capital Partners, a Venture Capital Advisory firm. Mr. Lauro has 25 years of experience as a technology entrepreneur, operating executive and venture capitalist. He was a Managing Director at Wasserstein Perella, and head of West Coast technology investing. He has led and syndicated 18 private equity financing rounds and control deals, raising over \$100M equity financing for portfolio companies and completed over \$1 billion in M&A transactions. Mr. Lauro began his career in the hi-tech industry holding positions primarily focused on the commercialization of emerging technologies. He served as the Director of Technology Commercialization at IBM where he was responsible for transitioning technologies from research labs to the market. Also, he was the Director of New Business Development for Motorola. Mr. Lauro has previously served on numerous corporate boards of both public and private technology companies. Mr. Lauro holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Brown University, a MBA from Wharton School University of Pennsylvania, and he participated in aeronautical engineering graduate studies at MIT.

Dr. Michael S. Leppy. Dr. Leppy has served as a director of our Company since August 26, 2016. From June 2013 to present, Dr. Leppy served as President and CEO of OneChip Photonics, Inc., a privately held company headquartered in Ottawa, Canada, that is a leading provider of low-cost, small-footprint, high-performance indium phosphide (InP)-based photonic integrated circuits (PICs) and PIC-based optical sub-assemblies (OSAs) for the Data Center markets. Also, Dr. Leppy presently serves as part-time full professor, and chair of optoelectronics at Glyndwr University in Wales, UK, and as a consultant to bring forward advanced materials, device, and integrated photonics technologies that will generate high margin value as products. Since 2015, Dr. Leppy has been focusing on InP-based photonic integrated circuits (PICs) and optoelectronic integrated circuits (OEICs) for the datacenter segment and has been instrumental in assembling California's proposal (via USC) to the Federal Government for an integrated photonics manufacturing institute. Dr. Leppy holds a Doctor of Engineering, a Ph.D., a MBA and a Bachelors degree, all from the University of Bradford, United Kingdom.

The Board of Directors believes that each of the Directors named above has the necessary qualifications to be a member of the Board of Directors. Each Director has exhibited during his prior service as a director the ability to operate cohesively with the other members of the Board of Directors. Moreover, the Board of Directors believes that each director brings a strong background and skill set to the Board of Directors, giving the Board of Directors as a whole competence and experience in diverse areas, including corporate governance and board service, finance, management and industry experience.

Transactions with Related Persons

No related party transaction was required to be reported herein.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires that our executive officers and directors, and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of our equity securities, file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC. Executive officers, directors and greater-than-ten percent shareholders are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with all Section 16(a) forms they file. To the best of our knowledge, based solely upon a review of Forms 3 and 4 and amendments thereto furnished to our Company during its most recent fiscal year and Forms 5 and amendments thereto furnished to our Company with respect to its most recent fiscal year, and any written representation referred to in paragraph (b)(1) of Item 405 of Regulation S-K, all of our executive officers, directors and greater-than-ten percent shareholders complied with all Section 16(a) filing requirements with the following exception: Mr. George Lauro filed one late Form 4 to report shares he acquired directly from the Company in connection with his Operations Committee work.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Code of Ethics

Our Company has adopted a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct that applies to all of the Company's employees, including its principal executive officer and principal accounting officer. A copy of our Code of Ethics and Business Conduct is available for review on the Investors page of our Company's website www.lightwavelogic.com. The Company intends to disclose any changes in or waivers from its Code of Ethics and Business Conduct by posting such information on its website.

Audit Committee

Our Company has in place a separately designated standing audit committee in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Our audit committee is governed by an audit committee charter, a current copy of which is available to security holders on our web site located at www.lightwavelogic.com.

Our audit committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management and has discussed with its independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by the statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended (AICPA, Professional Standards, Vol. 1, AU section 380) as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T. The audit committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from its independent accountant required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent accountant's communications with the audit committee concerning independence, and has discussed with its independent accountant its independent accountant's independence. Based on the review and discussions described above, the audit committee recommended that the audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the last fiscal year for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Our audit committee is comprised of Ronald A. Bucchi, William C. Pickett, III and George L. Lauro. Mr. Bucchi serves as our audit committee financial expert as that term is defined by the rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Mr. Bucchi is an independent director, as defined below in Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

Compensation Committee

Our Board of Directors does not have a standing compensation committee or committee performing similar functions. This is due to our development stage, the small number of executive officers involved with our Company, and the fact that we operate with few employees. Our full Board of Directors currently participates in the consideration of executive officer and director compensation. We do not have a Compensation Committee charter. Our Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing, recommending and approving our compensation policies and benefits, including the compensation of all of our executive officers and directors. Our Board of Directors also has the principal responsibility for the administration of our employee stock plan. Our Board of Directors will continue to evaluate, from time to time, whether it should appoint a standing compensation committee.

Executive officers who are also directors participate in determining or recommending the amount or form of executive and director compensation, but the independent directors determine the ultimate determination of executive compensation. Neither the Board of Directors nor management utilizes compensation consultants in determining or recommending the amount or form of executive and director compensation.

Nominating Committee

Our Board of Directors does not have a nominating committee. This is due to our being a development stage company. Instead of having such a committee, our Board of Directors historically has searched for and evaluated qualified individuals to become nominees for membership on our Board of Directors. The directors recommend candidates for nomination for election or reelection for each annual meeting of shareholders and, as necessary, to fill vacancies and newly created directorships.

All of our director nominees have expressed their willingness to continue to serve as our directors. When new candidates for our Board of Directors are sought, all of our directors evaluate each candidate for nomination as director within the context of the needs and the composition of the board as a whole. The Board of Directors conducts any appropriate and necessary inquiries into the backgrounds and qualifications of candidates. When evaluating director nominees, our Board of Directors generally seeks to identify individuals with diverse, yet complementary backgrounds. Our directors consider both the personal characteristics and experience of director nominees, including each nominee's independence, diversity, age, skills, expertise, time availability and industry background in the context of the needs of the Board of Directors and the Company. The Board of Directors believes that director nominees should exhibit proven leadership capabilities and experience at a high level of responsibility within their chosen fields, and have the experience and ability to analyze business and/or scientific issues facing our Company. In addition to business expertise, the Board of Directors requires that director nominees have the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values and, above all, are committed to representing the long-term interests of our shareholders and other stakeholders. To date, all new candidates have been identified by members of our Board of Directors, and we have not paid any fee to a third party to assist in the process of identifying or evaluating director candidates.

Our directors will consider candidates for nomination as director who are recommended by a shareholder and will not evaluate any candidate for nomination for director differently because the candidate was recommended by a shareholder. To date, we have not received or rejected any suggestions for a director candidate recommended by any shareholder or group of shareholders owning more than 5% of our common stock.

When submitting candidates for nomination to be elected at our annual meeting of shareholders, shareholders should follow the following notice procedures and comply with applicable provisions of our bylaws. To consider a candidate recommended by a shareholder for nomination at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the recommendation must be delivered or mailed to and received by our Secretary within the time periods discussed elsewhere in this Proxy Statement under the heading Shareholder Proposals for 2017 Annual Meeting. The recommendation must include the information specified in our bylaws for shareholder nominees to be considered at an annual meeting, along with the following:

- The shareholder's name and address and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is proposed;
- The shareholder's reason for making the nomination at the annual meeting, and the signed consent of the nominee to serve if elected;
- The number of shares owned by, and any material interest of, the record owner and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the record owner is proposing the nominee;
- A description of any arrangements or understandings between the shareholder, the nominee and any other person regarding the nomination; and
- Information regarding the nominee that would be required to be included in our Proxy Statement by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the nominee's age, business experience for the past five years and any other directorships held by the nominee.

The information listed above is not a complete list of requisite information. The secretary will forward any timely recommendations containing the required information to our independent directors for consideration.

No material changes to the procedures by which our shareholders may recommend nominees to our Board of Directors has occurred since we last provided disclosure regarding these procedures in our Definitive Schedule 14A filed on April 7, 2015.

Operations Committee

Our Board of Directors has established an Operations Committee in order to utilize the talent of its members of the Board of Directors on a temporary basis for various short term Company projects. Our Board of Directors is charged with affirmatively determining that any director appointed to the Operations Committee does not have a relationship that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out his responsibilities as a director. Presently, Dr. Michael S. Lebbly is serving on the Company's Operations Committee. The Operations Committee Charter is available to shareholders on our website at www.lightwavelogic.com.

Director Independence

Although we are currently traded on the Over-the-Counter Markets, our Board has reviewed each of the directors relationships with the Company in conjunction with Section 121 of the listing standards of the NYSE Amex and has affirmatively determined that six of our directors, William C. Pickett, III, Joseph A. Miller, Jr., Ronald A. Bucchi, Siraj Nour El-Ahmadi, George Lauro and Michael S. Leby are independent directors in that they are independent of management and free of any relationship that would interfere with their independent judgment as members of our Board of Directors. Our Company does not have a separately designated nominating or compensation committee or committee performing similar functions; therefore, our full Board of Directors currently serves in these capacities. Three members of our Board of Directors, Thomas E. Zelibor, James S. Marcelli and Andrew J. Ashton, are not independent directors pursuant to the standards described above. Mr. Bucchi serves as our audit committee financial expert as that term is defined by the rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Policies and Procedures for Related-Party Transactions

Our Company does not have any formal written policies or procedures for related party transactions, however in practice, our board of directors reviews and approves all related party transactions and other matters pertaining to the integrity of management, including potential conflicts of interest, trading in our securities, or adherence to standards of business conduct.

Board Leadership Structure

Our bylaws provide the Board of Directors with flexibility to combine or separate the positions of Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with its determination that utilizing one or the other structure is in the best interests of our Company. Our current structure is that one person, Thomas Zelibor, serves as our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Zelibor is responsible for the day-to-day leadership of the Company. He also performs a variety of functions related to our corporate governance, including coordinating board activities with our lead independent director, setting relevant items on the agenda and ensuring adequate communication between the Board of Directors and management, which he does in conjunction with the other independent directors, including our lead independent director. Our Company's lead independent director is William C. Pickett, III. Mr. Pickett's duties include, among other things, serving as the chair of the independent directors, serving as the principal liaison between the independent directors and the chairman of the Board of Directors, advising and coordinating with the Chairman of the Board of Directors on various board matters, and leading the Board's review of our Chief Executive Officer. Our Board of Directors has determined that maintaining the independence of a majority of our directors helps maintain its independent oversight of management. Further, our Board of Directors has determined that this leadership structure is appropriate for the size of our Company.

Risk Oversight

The Board of Directors is actively involved in the oversight of risks, including strategic, operational and other risks, which could affect our business. The Board of Directors does not have a standing risk management committee, but administers this oversight function directly through the Board of Directors as a whole, which oversee risks relevant to their respective functions. The Board of Directors considers strategic risks and opportunities and administers its respective risk oversight function by evaluating management's monitoring, assessment and management of risks, including steps taken to limit our exposure to known risks, through regular interaction with our senior management and in Board and committee deliberations that are closed to members of management. The interaction with management occurs not only at formal Board and committee meetings but also through periodic and other written and oral communications.

Shareholder Communications with the Board

Shareholders who desire to communicate with the Board of Directors, or a specific director, may do so by sending the communication addressed to either the Board of Directors or any director, c/o Lightwave Logic, Inc., 1831 Lefthand Circle, Suite C, Longmont, CO 80501. These communications will be delivered to the Board, or any individual director, as specified.

Meetings of the Board and Committees

During 2015, there were five meetings of the Board of Directors. Each current director attended at least 75% of the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors held in 2015. The Board of Directors also acted at times by unanimous written consent, as authorized by our bylaws and the Nevada Revised Statutes.

We have no policy regarding the attendance of the members of our Board of Directors at our annual meetings of security holders. Six of the eight members of our Board of Directors attended our 2015 annual meeting.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Identity of Executive Officers and Significant Employees

Name	Age	Position
Thomas E. Zelibor	62	Chmn. of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer
James S. Marcelli	68	Director, President, Chief Operating Officer
Andrew J. Ashton	42	Director, Senior Vice President, Secretary
Terry Turpin	73	Optical Computing Expert(1)

1. Our Optical Computing and signal-processing expert is not an executive officer position, but our Company anticipates that Mr. Turpin's expertise in optical computing and his respect in the optical computing community will significantly contribute to the development of our Company.

Business Experience of Executive Officers and Significant Employees

The business experience of Messrs. Zelibor, Marcelli and Ashton is described above under the caption Business Experience of Directors.

Mr. Terry Turpin. Mr. Turpin has served as our Optical Computing Expert since March 2008. Since October 2006, Mr. Turpin has been a member of the UMBC College of Natural Science and Mathematics Advisory Board. Until January 2007, when Northrop Grumman Space & Mission Systems Corp. acquired Essex Corporation, Mr. Turpin was a director of Essex Corporation. Mr. Turpin remained Senior Vice President and Chief Scientist for Essex Corporation after its acquisition until April 2007. Mr. Turpin was appointed as a director of Essex Corporation in January 1997 and became its Senior Vice President and Chief Scientist in 1996. He joined Essex Corporation through a merger with SEDC where he was Vice President and Chief Scientist from September 1984 through June 1989. From December 1983 to September 1984 he was an independent consultant. From 1963 through December 1983, the National Security Agency (NSA) employed Mr. Turpin. He was Chief of the Advanced Processing Technologies Division for ten years. He holds patents for optical computers and adaptive optical components. Mr. Turpin represented NSA on the Tri-Service Optical Processing Committee organized by the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Akron in 1966 and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. in 1970.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The table below summarizes all compensation awarded to, earned by, or paid to our named executive officers for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Stock	Option	All Other	Total
				Awards	Awards	Compensation	
		(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(i)	(j)
Thomas E. Zelibor	2015	352,440	0	0	188,402	0	540,842
CEO, Chmn. of the Board (1)	2014	301,834	0	0	78,979	0	380,813
James S. Marcelli	2015	221,317	0	0	522,716	0	744,033
President, COO, Director (2)	2014	217,160	0	0	20,425	0	237,585

(1)

Pursuant to an employment agreement, effective May 1, 2012, Mr. Zelibor received an option to purchase up to 500,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.30 per share. The options vest quarterly over one year in equal installments of 125,000 shares per quarter beginning May 1, 2012. The employment agreement was amended on August 29, 2013, and effective September 1, 2013, he receives a salary of \$18,750 per month. Pursuant to a new employment agreement dated March 3, 2014, Mr. Zelibor receives a salary of \$25,000 per month effective January 1, 2014, a salary of \$29,166.66 per month effective January 1, 2015 and an option to purchase up to 40,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$0.92 per share. The options vest quarterly over one year in equal installments of 10,000 beginning April 1, 2014. On July 11, 2008, Mr. Zelibor was awarded an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.75 per share. The option vests 25,000 shares immediately and the remaining annually over three years in equal annual installments of 25,000 shares per year beginning July 11, 2009. On November 9, 2012 the options were extended to July 10, 2015. On August 29, 2008, Mr. Zelibor was awarded an option to purchase up to 150,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.42 per share. The option vests 37,500 shares immediately and the remaining annually over three years in equal annual installments of 37,500 shares per year beginning August 29, 2009. On November 9, 2012 the options were extended to August 28, 2015. On December 13, 2010, Mr. Zelibor was awarded an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.00 per share. The option vests 25,000 shares immediately and the remaining annually over three

years in equal annual installments of 25,000 shares per year beginning November 4, 2011. On December 19, 2011, Mr. Zelibor was awarded an option to purchase up to 250,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.01 per share. The option vests 62,500 shares immediately and the remaining annually over three years in equal annual installments of 62,500 shares per year beginning December 19, 2011. On July 1, 2015, the options issued July 11, 2008, August 29, 2008 and December 2010 totaling 350,000 shares were cancelled, and on that same date, Mr. Zelibor was granted an option to purchase up to 350,000 shares of Company stock at an exercise price of \$.70 per share that vested immediately. On November 10, 2015, Mr. Zelibor was granted an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of Company stock at an exercise price of \$.86 per share. The option vests 12,500 shares on January 1, 2016 and the remaining vest quarterly in equal installments of 12,500 shares beginning April 1, 2016. The compensation includes the amount for services rendered to the Company in his capacity as both an officer and a director.

(2)

Effective August 1, 2013, Mr. Marcelli receives a salary of \$17,917 per month and an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.00 per share. The options vest in equal installments of 25,000 options with the first installment vesting on August 1, 2013 and the remaining installments vesting quarterly commencing on October 1, 2013. Pursuant to previous employment agreements, Mr. Marcelli received, among other things, (i) an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.50 per share. The options vest quarterly over two years in equal installments of 12,500 shares per quarter beginning August 1, 2010; and (ii) an option to purchase up to 1,050,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.75 per share. The options vest quarterly over three years in equal installments of 87,500 shares per quarter beginning November 1, 2008. On November 9, 2012 the options were extended to July 31, 2015. Additionally, in the event Mr. Marcelli's employment terminates upon his death and the key man life insurance is in place for Mr. Marcelli, our Company will continue to pay the base cash compensation described in Mr. Marcelli's employment agreement to his estate through the remainder of term of his employment agreement, or 90 days, whichever is longer. On July 1, 2015, the options issued August 1, 2010 and August 1, 2013 totaling 1,150,000 shares were cancelled, and on that same date, Mr. Marcelli received an option to purchase up to 1,150,000 shares of Company stock at an exercise price of \$.70 that vested immediately.

Pursuant to an employment agreement amendment, effective August 1, 2015, Mr. Marcelli receives a salary of \$18,750 per month and an option to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock. The options vest 12,500 immediately and the remainder in equal quarterly installments of 12,500 shares. The compensation includes the amount for services rendered to the Company in his capacity as both an officer and a director.

Other than as described above, at no time during the last fiscal year was any outstanding option otherwise modified or re-priced, and there was no tandem feature, reload feature, or tax-reimbursement feature associated with any of the stock options we granted to our executive officers or otherwise.

We grant stock awards and stock options to our executive officers based on their level of experience and contributions to our Company. The aggregate fair value of awards and options are computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718 and are reported in the Summary Compensation Table above in the columns (e) and (f).

The table below summarizes all of the outstanding equity awards for our named executive officers as of December 31, 2015, our latest fiscal year end.

Outstanding Equity Awards At Fiscal Year-End