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STEMCELLS, INC.

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*** Exercise Your *Right* to Vote *** Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on June 30, 2011

STEMCELLS, INC. Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting For holders as of: May 11, 2011

Date: June 30, 2011 **Time:** 2:00 PM PDT

Location: 3155 Porter Drive

Palo Alto, California 94304

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at *www.proxyvote.com* or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

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Before You Vote

How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Notice & Proxy Statement 2. Form 10-K

How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow è XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

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1) *BY INTERNET:* www.proxyvote.com 2) *BY TELEPHONE*: 1-800-579-1639

3) BY E-MAIL*: sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before June 16, 2011 to facilitate timely delivery.

How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to *www.proxyvote.com*. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow è XXXX XXXX available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:

1. Election of Directors

Nominees

01 Ricardo Levy, Ph. D. 02 Irving

02 Irving Weissman, M.D.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3.

- **2** To ratify the selection of Grant Thornton LLP as independent public accountants of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.
- **3** Approval of a non-binding advisory vote of the compensation paid to Stemcells named executive officers.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote 3 YEARS on the following proposal:

4 Recommend, by non-binding vote, the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal:

5 To approve amendments to the company s certificate of incorporation, as described in the accompanying proxy statement, to effect a reverse stock split of the company s issued and outstanding common stock and decrease the number of authorized shares of common stock to 75,000,000 and to authorize the Board of Directors to effect these amendments to the certificate of incorporation, within the Board s discretion, at any time within four months after the date stockholder approval for the reverse stock split is obtained.

NOTE: In their discretion, upon such other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any postponements or adjournments thereof.

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