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SOCKET MOBILE, INC.

NOTICE OF 2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS To Be Held April 27, 2011

Dear Stockholders:

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Mills President and Chief Executive Officer

Newark, California March 11, 2011

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.
IN ORDER TO ENSURE YOUR REPRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,
YOU ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE, SIGN AND DATE THE ENCLOSED PROXY
AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE AND RETURN IT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

SOCKET MOBILE, INC.

PROXY STATEMENT FOR 2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING

GENERAL

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS

RECORD DATE AND PRINCIPAL SHARE OWNERSHIP

REVOCABILITY OF PROXIES

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VOTING AND SOLICITATION

QUORUM; VOTE REQUIRED; ABSTENTIONS; BROKER NON-VOTES

abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against a proposal.

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DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COMPANY'S PROXY MATERIALS

2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders in April 2012 and to mail proxy statements relating to such meeting in March 2012. Proposals of stockholders of the Company that are intended to be presented by such stockholders at the 2012 Annual Meeting must be received by the Company no later than November 21, 2012, and must otherwise be in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, in order to be considered for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement and proxy card relating to that meeting. In addition, stockholders must comply with the procedural requirements in the Company's bylaws. Under the Company's bylaws, notice of any stockholder nomination to the board or proposal of business must be delivered to or mailed and received by the Secretary of the Company not less than ninety (90) days prior to the meeting; provided, however, that in the event that less than one-hundred (100) days notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the meeting is given or made to stockholders, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the day on which such notice of the date of the meeting is mailed or such public disclosure is made. To be in proper form, a stockholder's notice to the Secretary shall set forth: (i) the name and address of the stockholder who intends to make the nominations or propose the business and, as the case may be, of the person or persons to be nominated or of the business to be proposed; (ii) representations that the stockholder is a holder of record of stock of the Company entitled to vote at such meeting and, as applicable, that such stockholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice or propose such business; (iii) if applicable, a description of all arrangements or understandings between the stockholder and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by the stockholder; (iv) such other information regarding each nominee or each matter of business to be proposed by such stockholder as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to the proxy rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission had the nominee been nominated, or intended to be nominated, or the matter been proposed, or intended to be proposed by the Board of Directors; and (v) if applicable, the consent of each nominee to serve as director of the Company if so elected. The chairman of the meeting shall refuse to acknowledge the nomination of any person or the proposal of any business not made in compliance with the foregoing procedure. Stockholders can obtain a copy of the Company's bylaws from the Company upon request. The Company's bylaws are also on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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PROPOSAL ONE

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Name of Nominee	Age	Position(s) Currently Held With the Company	Director Since
Charlie Bass (1)(2)	69	Chairman of the Board	1992
Kevin J. Mills	50	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	2000
Charles C. Emery, Jr.(1)	64	Director	2010
Micheal L. Gifford	53	Executive Vice President and Director	1992
Leon Malmed (1)(2)	73	Director	2000
Thomas O. Miller(3)	59	Director	2008
Peter Sealey (3)	70	Director	2002

⁽¹⁾ Member of the Audit Committee.

⁽²⁾ Member of the Nominating Committee.

⁽³⁾ Member of the Compensation Committee.

with induction into the AIDC100 organization in 2004. Mr. Miller previously served on the board of directors and the audit and compensation committees of InfoLogix, Inc., an enterprise mobility automation company serving the healthcare industry, from October 2006 until January 18, 2011 when it was purchased by Stanley Works. Mr. Miller holds a Bachelor of Business and a Master of Business Administration degree from Western Illinois University.

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BOARD MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

and the independent accountants six times by telephone during the year ended December 31, 2010 to review quarterly and annual financial information and to discuss the results of quarterly review procedures performed by the independent accountants before quarterly and annual financial reports were issued. The Audit Committee is responsible for appointing, compensating and overseeing actions taken by the Company's independent accountants, and reviews the Company's internal financial controls and financial statements. In connection with the completion of the annual audit of the Company's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2010, the Audit Committee met in January 2011 and again in February and March 2011 with management and with the independent accountants, reviewed the financial statements and the annual audit results, including the independent accountants' assessment of the Company's internal controls and procedures, and discussed with the independent accountants the matters denoted as required communications by Statement of Auditing Standards 61 (SAS 61). The meetings also included a discussion and review of auditor independence, the pre-approval of the independent accountants' fees for 2011, and a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the issuance of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2010. The report of the Audit Committee for the year ended December 31, 2010 is included in this Proxy Statement. The Audit Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at http://www.mkr-group.com/SCKT/board_committee.html.

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COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

were entitled to participate in a stockholder approved stock option exchange on July 1, 2010 to exchange options granted prior to 2009 for new 10-year grants with vesting periods of two years at an exercise price of \$3.04 per share. Options exchanged were as shown in the chart below.

Name	New Options Granted in 2010	Options Exchanged in 2010	
Charlie Bass	10,000	40,250	
Charles C. Emery, Jr	 7,000	-	
Leon Malmed	 8,000	 34,250	
Thomas O. Miller	 5,000	 9,000	
Peter Sealey	 6,000	 25,000	

VOTE REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" ALL OF THE COMPANY'S NOMINEES FOR DIRECTORS.

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PROPOSAL TWO

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

FEES BILLED BY MOSS ADAMS LLP DURING FISCAL YEARS 2010 AND 2009

Audit Fees:

Audit-Related Fees:

Tax Fees:

All Other Fees:

Approval Procedures:

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VOTE REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD

appointment, the Audit Committee will reconsider its selection. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee at its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent accounting firm at any time during the year, if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MOSS ADAMS LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011.

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SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

Name of Beneficial Owner (1)	Number of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned (2)
5% Stockholders		
Hudson Bay Master Fund Ltd. (3)	666,666	 14.0%
Leviticus Partners, L.P. (4)	379,098	 9.2%
Roy L. Rogers (5)	346,136	 8.4%
AboCom Systems Inc. (6)	282,485	 6.9%
Directors and Executive Officers		
Charlie Bass (7)	268,318	 6.5%
Kevin J. Mills (8)	244,418	 5.9%
Micheal L. Gifford (9)	 53,181	 1.3%
David W. Dunlap (10)	 43,174	 1.0%
Leonard L. Ott (11)	 33,562	*
Leon Malmed (12)	 28,844	*
Tim I. Miller (13)	 28,277	*
Lee A. Baillif (14)	 22,827	*
Peter Sealey (12)	 20,375	*
Thomas O. Miller (15)	 15,937	*

Name of Beneficial Owner (1)	Number of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned (2)	
Charles C. Emery, Jr. (12) All Directors and Executive Officers as a	7,000	*	
group (11 persons) (16)	765,913	 17.4%	

^{*}Less than 1%

- (2) Percentage ownership is based on 4,084,431 shares of Common Stock outstanding, each of which is entitled to one vote, on the Record Date and any shares issuable pursuant to securities exercisable for shares of Common Stock by the person or group in question as of the Record Date or within 60 days thereafter.
- (3) Hudson Bay Master Fund Ltd. is managed by Hudson Bay Capital Management L.P. The address of both is 120 Broadway, Floor 40, New York, NY 10271-4099. Beneficial share ownership consists of convertible notes convertible into 666,666 shares of common stock at the option of the holder. Notes, if not converted, mature on May 19, 2012. Not included in the table above are 500,000 shares subject to warrants that are exercisable for five years commencing May 20, 2011.
- (4) AMH Equity LLC is the general partner of Leviticus Partners, L.P. The address of Leviticus Partners, L.P. is 60 East 42nd Street, Suite 901, New York, NY 10165. Includes 16,666 shares subject to warrants exercisable within 60 days of February 28, 2011.
- (5) Shares held by Roy L. Rogers as trustee for the Rogers Family Trust UTD 01-21-81 which holds 97,283 shares of Common Stock, and for the Roy and Ruth Rogers Unitrust, UTD 09-28-89 which holds 88,401 shares of Common Stock. Mr. Rogers'address is 3000 Sand Hill Road, Building 1, Suite 260, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Includes 28,000 shares subject to warrants exercisable within 60 days of February 28, 2011.
- (6) AboCom Systems Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of Taiwan with offices at 350 No. 77, Yu-Yih Road, Chu-Nan Chen, Miao-Lih Hsuan, Taiwan, R.O.C. and is a contract product supplier for the Company.
- (7) Includes 35,094 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of February 28, 2011.
- (8) Includes 55,049 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of February 28, 2011.
- (9) Includes 33,295 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of February 28, 2011.
- (10) Includes 34,726 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of February 28, 2011.
- (11) Includes 32,199 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of February 28, 2011.
- (12) Consists of shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of February 28, 2011.
- $(13)\ Includes\ 27,956\ shares\ of\ Common\ Stock\ subject\ to\ options\ exercisable\ within\ 60\ days\ of\ February\ 28,2011.$
- (14) Includes 20,289 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of February 28, 2011.
- (15) Includes 15,375 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of February 28, 2011.
- (16) Includes 310,202 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of February 28, 2011.

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SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

⁽¹⁾ To the Company's knowledge, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of Common Stock shown as beneficially owned by them, subject to community property laws where applicable and the information contained in the footnotes to this table.

MANAGEMENT

Name of Officer	Age	Position with the Company
Kevin J. Mills	50	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director
Micheal L. Gifford	53	Executive Vice President and Director
David W. Dunlap	68	Vice President of Finance and Administration, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
Leonard L. Ott	52	Vice President and Chief Technical Officer
Tim I. Miller	56	Vice President of Worldwide Operations and Engineering
Lee A. Baillif	50	Vice President and Controller

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Miller was an independent consultant from June 1991 to December 1992. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Miller was the Vice President of Worldwide Operations for Com21, a developer of broadband technology solutions, from August 1994 to May 2001. Mr. Miller holds a B.S. with an emphasis in Business Administration and Political Science from San Jose State University.

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Compensation of Non-Employee Directors

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$) (1)	Option Awards (\$)(2)	Total (\$)
Charlie Bass	\$	\$57,320(3)	\$57,320
Charles C. Emery, Jr	\$	\$15,120(4)	\$15,120
Leon Malmed	\$	\$54,460(5)	\$54,460
Thomas O. Miller	\$	\$14,825(6)	\$14,825
Peter Sealey	\$	\$37,310(7)	\$37,310

⁽¹⁾ Directors are paid a fee for attendance at four regularly scheduled board meetings at the rate of \$4,000 per meeting, totaling \$16,000 per year. In 2010, each director agreed to forego all \$16,000 in fees as a cost reduction measure.

⁽²⁾ Amounts shown are not intended to reflect value actually received by the directors. Instead, the amounts shown are the total fair value of option awards granted in fiscal 2010 for financial statement reporting purposes, as determined pursuant to Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, or ASC Topic 718 (formerly Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R). These values are amortized as equity compensation expense over the vesting period of the grants.

⁽³⁾ Mr. Bass was granted an option to purchase 10,000 shares on April 29, 2010 with a grant date fair value of \$16,700. Mr. Bass also exchanged 40,250 previously granted options on July 1, 2010 in a stockholder approved exchange program. The exchanged options had a grant date fair value of \$40,620. The aggregate equity awards held by Mr. Bass at December 31, 2010 were options to purchase 60,250 shares of Common Stock. The grant date valuation for these awards at such date, determined pursuant to ASC Topic 718, was \$78,920.

⁽⁴⁾ Mr. Emery joined the Board in 2010 and was granted an option to purchase 7,000 shares on April 29, 2010 with a grant date fair value of \$15,120.

- (5) Mr. Malmed was granted an option to purchase 8,000 shares on April 29, 2010 with a grant date fair value of \$17,280. Mr. Malmed also exchanged 34,250 previously granted options on July 1, 2010 in a stockholder approved exchange program. The exchanged options had a grant date fair value of \$37,180. The aggregate equity awards held by Mr. Malmed at December 31, 2010 were options to purchase 50,250 shares of Common Stock. The valuation for these awards at such date, determined pursuant to ASC Topic 718, was \$67,820.
- (6) Mr. Miller was granted an option to purchase 5,000 shares on April 29, 2010 with a grant fair value of \$10,800. Mr. Miller also exchanged 9,000 previously granted options on July 1, 2010 in a stockholder approved exchange program. The exchanged options had a grant date fair value of \$4,025. The aggregate equity awards held by Mr. Miller at December 31, 2010 were options to purchase 21,000 shares of Common Stock. The valuation for these awards at such date, determined pursuant to ASC Topic 718, was \$26,515
- (7) Mr. Sealey was granted an option to purchase 6,000 shares on April 29, 2010 with a grant date fair value, computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718, of \$12,960. Mr. Sealey also exchanged 25,000 previously granted options on July 1, 2010 in a stockholder approved exchange program. The exchanged options had a grant date fair value of \$24,350. The aggregate equity awards held by Mr. Sealey at December 31, 2010 were options to purchase 36,000 shares of Common Stock. The valuation for these awards at such date, determined pursuant to ASC Topic 718, was \$45,660.

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OVERVIEW

COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES

- ♦ attract, retain, motivate and reward talented executive officers and employees;
- ♦ provide executive officers and senior employees with performance-based cash bonus opportunities linked to achievement of financial objectives of revenue attainment and operating profitability; and

♦ align the financial interests of executive officers, directors and employees with those of stockholders by providing each through the stock option program with an equity stake in the Company.

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ELEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

- (i) base salary;
- (ii) variable performance based incentive awards; and
- (iii) long-term, equity-based incentive awards.

reflected in the 2011 Financial Plan ("2011 Financial Plan") of the Company, base salary reduction programs have been eliminated.

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Variable Performance Based Incentive Awards.

Named

Executive Officer	Position(s)	2010	2009	2008
Kevin J. Mills	(1) President and Chief Executive Officer and Director	Suspended	Suspended	85%
Micheal L. Gifford(2)	Executive Vice President and Director	Suspended	Suspended	85%
David W.	Vice President of Finance and	Suspended	Suspended	86%

Dunlap(3) Administration, Chief Financial
Officer and Secretary

Leonard L. Vice President and Chief Suspended Suspended 81%
Ott(4) Technical Officer

Tim I. Miller(5) Vice President of Worldwide Operations and Engineering

⁽¹⁾ Variable financial incentive compensation target for Mr. Mills was set at \$100,000 for each of the years 2008 through 2011.

⁽²⁾ Variable financial incentive compensation target for Mr. Gifford was set at \$50,000 for each of the years 2008 through 2011.

⁽³⁾ Variable financial incentive compensation target for Mr. Dunlap was set at \$50,000 for each of the years 2008 through 2011.

⁽⁴⁾ Variable financial incentive compensation target for Mr. Ott was set at \$35,000 for each of the years 2008 through 2011.

⁽⁵⁾ Variable financial incentive compensation target for Mr. Miller was set at \$35,000 for each of the

Named Executive

Officer Position(s) 2010 2009 2008

years 2008 through 2011.

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Long-Term, Equity-Based Incentive Awards.

by the Company more than ten years and have amassed a number of annual stock option grants (grants expire 10 years after the date of grant) with potential for substantial cumulative compensation if stock prices increase, thus aligning their interests with those of stockholders. The Company believes stock options are effective long term incentives because of the expectations of the management team that the Company's products and the markets they address provide opportunities for growth that may result in share price appreciation.

EQUITY INCENTIVE GRANT POLICIES

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period of 24 to 39 months.

ACCOUNTING AND TAX IMPLICATIONS

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Compensation of the Chief Executive Officer

compensation package with the interests of stockholders and to provide the Chief Executive Officer with a significant incentive to manage the Company from the perspective of an owner with an equity stake in the business, including attaining long-term growth and profitability.

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SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)(1)		Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(3)	Total (\$)
Kevin J. Mills (4)	2010	\$156,385	\$138,472	\$0	\$294,857
	2009	162,888	49,202	0	212,090
and Chief Executive Officer and Director	2008	189,604	31,500	84,756	305,860
Micheal L. Gifford (5)	2010	144,712	85,646	0	230,358
	2009	152,115	32,332	0	184,447
Vice President and Director	2008	175,000	27,300	42,473	244,773
David W. Dunlap (6)	2010	139,923	77,935	0	217,858
	2009	143,879	32,051	0	175,930
President of Finance and Administration,	2008	169,646	25,200	42,854	237,700
Leonard L. Ott (7)	2010	128,769	86,005	0	214,774
	2009	131,154	32,051	0	163,205
President and Chief Technical Officer	2008	155,000	21,000	27,504	203,504
Tim I. Miller (8)	2010	119,904	58,723	0	178,627
	2009	131,184	32,051	0	163,235
President of Worldwide Operations and Engineering	2008	154,677	21,000	28,143	203,820

⁽¹⁾ Represents base salary as described under Compensation Summary and Analysis - Elements of Executive Compensation.

⁽²⁾ Represents Long-term, Equity-Based Incentive Awards as described under Compensation Summary and Analysis - Elements of

Non-Equity
Option Incentive Plan
Salary Awards Compensation Total
Name and Principal Position
Year (\$)(1) (\$)(2) (\$)(3) (\$)

Executive Compensation. Amounts shown do not reflect compensation actually received by the executive officer. Instead, the amounts shown are the total grant date valuations of stock option grants awarded during the year as determined pursuant to ASC Topic 718. The valuations are expensed for financial reporting purposes over the vesting period of the grant.

- (3) Represents Variable Incentive Awards as described under *Compensation Summary and Analysis Elements of Executive Compensation*. All variable compensation programs for executives were suspended in 2009 as an expense reduction measure.
- (4) Mr. Mills' salary for 2009 included a temporary base salary reduction of 20% as an expense reduction measure.
- (5) Mr. Gifford's salary for 2009 included a temporary base salary reduction of 20% as an expense reduction measure.
- (6) Mr. Dunlap's salary for 2009 included a temporary base salary reduction of 20% as an expense reduction measure.
- (7) Mr. Miller's salary for 2009 included a temporary base salary reduction of 20% as an expense reduction measure.
- (8) Mr. Ott's salary for 2009 included a temporary base salary reduction of 20% as an expense reduction measure.

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GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010

Name	Grant Dates	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/share)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)(1)
Kevin J. Mills	. 6/1/2010 7/1/2010	10,000 88,700	\$2.74 \$3.04	\$18,900 119,572
Micheal L. Gifford	6/1/2010 7/1/2010	7,500 59,650	\$2.74 \$3.04	 14,175 71,471
David W. Dunlap	6/1/2010 7/1/2010	7,500 54,500	\$2.74 \$3.04	 14,175 63,760
Leonard L. Ott	6/1/2010 7/1/2010	7,500 54,600	\$2.74 \$3.04	14,175 71,830

Name	Grant Dates	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/share)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)(1)
Tim I.	6/1/2010	12,500	\$2.74	 23,625
Miller	 7/1/2010	 39,200	\$3.04	 35,098

⁽¹⁾ The value of option awards is based on the fair value as of the grant date of such award, determined pursuant to ASC Topic 718 (formerly Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R, which was \$1.89 per share for the grant dated June 1, 2010 and \$1.89 to \$1.95 for the option exchange grant dated July 1, 2010 less the fair market value of the exchange options which ranged from zero to \$1.47. The exercise price for all options granted to the Named Executive Officers is 100% of the fair market value of the shares based on the closing market price for the Company's Common Stock on the grant date. Regardless of whatever value is placed on a stock option on the grant date, the actual value of the option to the recipient will depend on the market value of the Company's Common Stock at such date in the future when the option is exercised.

OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS At Fiscal 2010 Year-End

Option Awards

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options - Exercisable (#)(1)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options - Unexercisable (#)(1)(2)	Option Exercise Price per Share (\$)(3)	Option Expiration Date(4)
Kevin J. Mills	9,433	12,127	1.96	2/23/2019
	8,625		3.45	6/1/2019
	1,250	8,750	2.74	6/1/2020
	18,089	70,611	3.04	7/1/2020
Micheal L. Gifford	3,079	8,314	1.96	2/23/2019
	5,313		3.45	6/1/2019
	938	6,562	2.74	6/1/2020

Option Awards

	12,089	47,561	3.04	7/1/2020
David W. Dunlap	6,423	8,257	1.96	2/23/2019
	5,250		3.45	6/1/2019
	938	6,562	2.74	6/1/2020
	11,042	43,458	3.04	7/1/2020
Leonard L. Ott	5,206	6,694	1.96	2/23/2019
	4,125		3.45	6/1/2019
	938	6,562	2.74	6/1/2020
	11,114	43,486	3.04	7/1/2020
Tim I. Miller	5,425	6,975	1.96	2/23/2019
	4,125		3.45	6/1/2019
	1,563	10,937	2.74	6/1/2020
	7,906	31,294	3.04	7/1/2020

⁽²⁾ Grant dates and vesting period information for all grants not fully vested as of December 31, 2010 are as follows:

Grant Date	Expiration Date	Vesting Start Date	Months to fully vest
2/23/2009	2/23/2019	3/1/2009	48
6/1/2010	6/1/2020	6/1/2010	48
7/1/2010	7/1/2020	7/1/2010	24 to 32

⁽³⁾ Exercise prices are set at the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant.

⁽¹⁾ Options were granted as described under Compensation Summary and Analysis - Elements of Executive Compensation - Long-Term, Equity-Based Incentive Awards and - Equity Incentive Grant Policies. The vesting period and vesting start date were established by the Compensation Committee. Shares unexercisable were not vested at December 31, 2010.

⁽⁴⁾ Options expire ten years from the date of grant, provided that the executive continues employment with the Company.

OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010

EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options

Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans

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consists of the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. Pursuant to an affirmative vote by security holders in June 2004, an annual increase in the number of shares authorized uncompany Incentive Plan is added on the first day of each fiscal year equal to the least of (a) 200,000 shares, (b) four percent of the total outstanding shares of the pany's Common Stock on that date, or (c) a lesser amount as determined by the Board of Directors. As a result, a total of 152,079 shares became available for grant uncompany 1, 2011, in addition to those set forth in the table above.

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COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Dated: March 11, 2011 Peter Sealey, Chairman Thomas O. Miller

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

POST EMPLOYMENT AND CHANGE-IN-CONTROL COMPENSATION

Change of Control and Severance Agreements

agreements, effective as of January 1, 2009, with Messrs. Kevin J. Mills, Lee A. Baillif, David W. Dunlap, Micheal L. Gifford, Tim I. Miller, and Leonard L. Ott for a period of three years expiring December 31, 2011. The agreements replaced agreements that expired on December 31, 2008. The agreements provide that if the Company terminates the executive's employment without cause, the Company will pay the executive: (i) three months' base salary plus one month's base salary for each two years of completed employment up to a maximum of six months; (ii) health insurance until the earlier of the date of the executive's eligibility for the health insurance benefits provided by another employer or the expiration of the continuation period for base salary; (iii) the full bonus amount to which he would have been entitled for the first quarter following termination and one-half of such bonus amount for the second quarter following termination; and (iv) certain other benefits, including the ability to purchase at book value certain items of the Company's property purchased by the Company for the executive's use, which may include a personal computer, a cellular phone and other similar items. The exercise period for any of the executive's vested stock options may also be extended up to a period not to exceed one year based on formulas in the employment agreements. Additionally, under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, the rights of all optionees, including executive officers, to exercise all their outstanding options become fully vested and immediately exercisable upon a change of control of the Company, unless the options are assumed by the acquiring entity.

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Payments to be made to each of the Named Executive Officers following severance are estimated as follows:

Compensation and	Voluntary	For	For Good	Involuntary	Involuntary or For	Due to
Benefits	Resignation	Cause (1)	Reason (2)	Without	Good Reason After	Death or
				Cause (2)	Change-in-Control	Disability
					(2)	(2)

Kevin J. Mills					
Base-	-	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$95,000
Salary (3)					
 Variable	-	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500
Incentive (4)					
 Stock	-	-	-	-	-
Options (5)					
 HealthCare	-	3,704	3,704	3,704	3,704
Benefits (6)					
 Other	-	-	-	-	-
Perquisites (7)					
Micheal L. Gifford					
 Base -	_	87,500	87,500	87,500	87,500
Salary (3)		,	,	/	/
 Variable	_	11,250	11,250	11,250	11,250
Incentive (4)		11,200	11,200	11,230	11,200
 Stock	_	_	_	-	-
Options (5)					
 HealthCare	_	3,653	3,053	3,053	3,053
Benefits (6)		3,033	3,033	3,033	3,033
 Other					
Perquisites (7)	-	-	-	-	-
David W. Dunlap					
 Base-		85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000
	-	83,000	85,000	83,000	83,000
Salary (3)		11.250	11.250	11 250	11.250
 Variable	-	11,250	11,250	11,250	11,250
Incentive (4)					
 Stock	-	-	-	-	-
Options (5)		2.540	2.540	2.540	2.540
 HealthCare	-	3,549	3,549	3,549	3,549
Benefits (6)					
 Other	-	-	-	-	-
Perquisites (7)					
Leonard L. Ott		77.500	77.500	77.500	77.500
 Base-	-	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500
Salary (3)		7.075	7.075	7.075	7.075
 Variable	-	7,875	7,875	7,875	7,875
Incentive (4)					
 Stock	-	-	-	-	-
Options (5)					
 HealthCare	-	3,602	3,602	3,602	3,602
Benefits (6)					
 Other	-	-	-	-	-
Perquisites (7)					
Timothy I. Miller					

liability and indemnification provisions in its Certificate of Incorporation and bylaws and the indemnification agreements with its directors and officers enhance its ability to continue to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve as directors and officers. There is no pending litigation or proceeding involving a director, officer or employee to which these provisions or agreements would apply. **Good Reason After Involuntary** Death or For For Good Without CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (2) **Change-in-Control Compensation and Voluntary Disability**

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committed to high standards of corporate governance as an important component in building and maintaining stockholder value. To this end, the Company regularly reviews its corporate governance policies and practices to ensure that its policies are consistent with such standards. The Company closely monitors guidance issued or proposed by the Securities Exchange Commission or the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the listing standards of the Nasdaq Stock Market the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Dodd-Frank Act and pending legislation. As a result of review of these matters, as well as the emerging best practices of other companies, the Company has implemented the following:

• Executive Compensation Authority; Compensation Committee

Resignation

indemnification or the advancement of expenses is discretionary under Delaware law.

- The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approves all compensation plans and amounts for the executive officers of the Company, following consultation with management.
- The Compensation Committee reviews and approves compensation programs for all other employees of the Company, upon the recommendation of management.
- The Compensation Committee approves all stock option grants, upon the recommendation of management, except director grants, which are approved by the full Board of Directors.
- The charter of the Compensation Committee, attached as Appendix A, makes explicit:
 - o the Committee's ability to retain independent consultants and experts as it sees fit, at Company expense;
- o the Compensation Committee's responsibilities to assess the risk associated with compensation programs

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Director Independence

Benefits

- The Board of Directors has confirmed that a majority of the Company's directors are independent, as defined by current SEC regulations and Nasdaq rules.
- The Company's independent directors hold formal meetings without the presence of management and chaired by an independent director.
- The Audit, Compensation and Nominating Committees consist solely of independent directors. Each Committee is tasked to establish goals, evaluate performance, review the adequacy of its Charter, and recommend changes to the Board of Directors.

Audit Committee

- All Audit Committee members possess the required level of financial literacy, as required by SEC regulations.
- Mr. Bass, a member of the Audit Committee, possesses the qualifications of an "audit committee financial expert," as required by SEC regulations.

- The Audit Committee's charter formalizes and makes explicit the following:
 - o The Audit Committee's ability to retain independent consultants and experts as it sees fit, at Company expense;
 - o The Audit Committee's authority to appoint, review and assess the performance of the Company's independent auditors;
 - o The Audit Committee's ability to hold regular executive sessions with the Company's independent auditors and with the Company's Chief Financial Officer, Controller and other Company officers directly, as it considers appropriate;
 - o The requirement that the Audit Committee review and approve in advance non-audit services by the Company's independent auditors, as well as related party transactions;
 - o The Audit Committee's duty to maintain a formal complaint monitoring procedure (a "whistleblower" policy) to enable confidential and anonymous reporting to the Audit Committee;
 - o The Audit Committee's authority over the independent auditors' rotation policy; and
 - o The Audit Committee's responsibilities to oversee the Company's risk management policies and practices.

Other Governance Matters

- The Company has a formal Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all officers, directors and employees.
- The Company has a requirement that any waiver or amendment to the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics involving a director or officer be reviewed by the Nominating Committee and disclosed to the Company's stockholders.
- Each of the Compensation Committee, Audit and Nominating Committees has a written charter.
- The Company has an Insider Trading Policy, including control procedures to comply with current SEC regulations and Nasdaq rules.
- The Company has a policy that the Board of Directors reviews its own performance on an annual basis.
- The Company prohibits loans to its officers and directors.

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Board Leadership

position of Chairman of the Board which is held by Mr. Bass, an independent director, who provides additional oversight to the management of the Company. Our Board believes that the current board leadership structure is best for the Company and its stockholders at this time as it allows the recommendations and decisions of the President and Chief Executive Officer, who views such recommendations and decisions from a management perspective, to be reviewed and discussed with the Chairman of the Board, who views such recommendations and decisions from the perspective of an independent director.

Risk Management

- The Company has designated its Chief Financial and Administrative Officer as its Risk Management Officer with responsibility for identifying, assessing, monitoring and reporting risks that could potentially impact the business.
- The Company summarizes the primary risks associated with the business in its quarterly and annual reports on Forms 10-Q and 10-K, respectively.
- The Audit Committee has primary responsibility for Board oversight of risk management. The Audit Committee meets as necessary, at least quarterly, and matters involving risk are included in the Audit Committee's agenda. The Chairman of the Audit Committee who is also Chairman of the Board and the President and Chief Executive Officer conduct a call at least weekly to review Company operations and such discussions include a review of risk matters as appropriate.

Compensation Risk Considerations

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Policy for Director Recommendations and Nominations

> Chairman of the Nominating Committee c/o Corporate Secretary Socket Mobile, Inc. 39700 Eureka Drive Newark, CA 94560

The notice must include:

- the candidate's name and home and business contact information;
- detailed biographical data and relevant qualifications;
- a signed letter from the candidate confirming his or her willingness to serve;
- information regarding any relationships between the candidate and the Company within the last three years; and
- evidence of the required ownership of Common Stock by the recommending stockholder(s).

- The current size and composition of the Board of Directors and the needs of the Board of Directors and its various committees.
- Such factors as judgment, independence, character and integrity, area of expertise, diversity of experience, length of service and potential conflicts of interest. The Nominating Committee recognizes that diversity in these areas brings value to the collective impact of the Board on the Company. The Company does not consider or make its recommendations based on race, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation or other matters the Committee deems not relevant to effective board service.

- The highest personal and professional ethics and integrity.
- Proven achievement and competence in the nominee's field, and the ability to exercise sound business judgment.
- Skills complementary to those of the existing members of the Board of Directors.
- The ability to assist and support management and make significant contributions to the Company's success.
- An understanding of the fiduciary responsibilities required of a member of the Board of Directors, and the commitment of time and energy necessary to carry out those responsibilities diligently.

officer or senior manager in ten companies over the past 35 years in the fields of networking, semiconductors and computing platforms. Mr. Miller has experience as the former President of Intermec, a public manufacturer of rugged bar code scanners and terminal solutions for the mobile computing marketplace, and has been Chairman of A.I.M., an international trade association representing Automatic Identification/Data Capture and mobility technology solution providers. He actively consults in these areas. Mr. Malmed has been a senior sales and marketing executive with technology based companies including SanDisk (memory products), Syquest, Maxtor and Quantum (electronic storage products). Mr. Sealey has well established credentials as a senior marketing executive and marketing consultant, and is a college professor of marketing. Messrs. Bass, Emery and Sealey hold doctorate degrees in their respective fields. Mr. Emery has a strong background working in the healthcare industry with an emphasis on healthcare management systems. Both Mr. Mills and Mr. Gifford have strong engineering backgrounds and a history of innovative leadership and understanding of the business mobility market. Mr. Mills has more than 17 years of experience with the Company, the last 11 years as President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Gifford co-founded the Company and has been a key part of its growth and development in serving the business mobility market since the Company's inception.

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Stockholder Communications to Directors

Director Independence

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Dated: March 11, 2011

Charlie Bass charles C. Emery, Jr. Leon Malmed

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OTHER MATTERS

Dated: March 11, 2011 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APPENDIX A

SOCKET MOBILE, INC.

CHARTER FOR THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS As Revised February 2011

MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

- Independence requirements of the listing standards of The Nasdaq National Market
- "Non-employee director" definition of Rule 16b-3 under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
- "Outside director" definition of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY

- Approve all special prerequisites, special cash payments and other special compensation and benefit arrangements for the executive officers.
- Review trends in management compensation, oversee the development of new compensation plans, and, when necessary, approve the revision of executive plans.
- Set specific corporate objectives relevant to executive compensation, and review executive officer performance in light of these objectives.
- Review and approve employment agreements, severance arrangements, and applicable change in control agreements/provisions for the executive officers.
- Interpret the Company's equity incentive plans and benefits programs, provided that such plans may be amended only with the consent of the Board of Directors.
- Produce a report on executive compensation for inclusion in the Company's annual proxy statement.

- Review and recommend director compensation for approval by the Board of Directors.
- Annually review the performance of the Committee.
- Assess the adequacy of this Charter annually and recommend changes to the Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION PROGRAMS

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COMPENSATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBCOMMITTEES AND ADVISORS

MEETINGS

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APPENDIX B

SOCKET MOBILE, INC.

FORM OF MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE VARIABLE COMPENSATION PLAN Effective January 1, 2011

General

Participants

Quarterly target compensation

Component earnings computation

Percentage Attainment Factor
Less than 80% Zero

80% to 200% Same as percentage Attainment (.8 to 2.0)

More than 200% 2.0

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Example #1 quarterly calculation (Amounts in thousands of \$):

Percentage attainment: Actual revenue of \$5,250 Vs. Plan of \$5,000 = 105.0% attainment

Revenue payout target: Annual pool target x Quarterly allocation x component factor

 $$400,000 \times 15\% \times 50\% = $30,000$

Earned payout: Target payout x percentage attainment factor = earned payout

 $$30,000 \times 105.0\% = $31,500$

Notes: earned payout is further subject to the payout limitation. Payouts are allocated proportionally to each individual's compensation target.

Example #2 annual calculation (Amounts in thousands of \$):

Percentage attainment: Actual revenue of \$18,000 Vs. Plan of \$20,000 = 90.0% attainment

Revenue payout target: Annual pool target x Annual allocation x component factor

 $$400,000 \times 40\% \times 50\% = $80,000$

Earned payout: Target payout x percentage attainment factor = earned payout

 $$80,000 \times 90\% = $72,000$

Note: earned payout is further subject to the payout limitation. Payouts are allocated proportionally to each individual's compensation target.

Percentage Attainment Factor
Less than 80% Zero

80% to 200% Same as percentage Attainment (.8 to 2.0)

More than 200% 2.0

Example 1 quarterly measurement (amounts in thousands of \$):

Percentage Attainment: Actual EBITDA of \$450 Vs. Plan of \$500 = 90% attainment

EBITDA target payout: Annual pool target x quarterly allocation % x component factor

 $$400,000 \times 15\% \times 50\% = $30,000$

EBITDA earned payout: Target payout x percentage attainment factor

\$30,000 x .9 = \$27,000

Note: earned payout is further subject to the payout limitation. Payouts are allocated proportionally to each individual's compensation target.

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Example 2 annual measurement (amounts in thousands of \$):

Annual: Actual EBITDA of \$1,000 Vs. Plan of \$900 = 111.1% attainment

EBITDA target payout: Annual target x Annual allocation % x component factor

 $$400,000 \times 40\% \times 50\% = $80,000$

EBITDA earned payout: *Target payout x percentage attainment factor*

\$80,000 x .9 = \$72,000

Note: earned payout is further subject to the payout limitation. Payouts are allocated proportionally to each individual's compensation target.

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APPENDIX A TO MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE VARIABLE COMPENSATION PLAN

PLAN PARTICIPANTS AND VARIABLE COMPENSATION TARGETS

Name	Title	Target Amount

Totals \$

Allocation of annual target:

Measurement Period	Percentage	Totals
Q1 201x	15%	\$
Q2 201x	15%	\$
Q3 201x	15%	\$
Q4 201x	15%	\$
Annual	<u>40%</u>	\$
Total	<u>100%</u>	\$

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This Proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of Socket Mobile, Inc.

2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

1. ELECTION OF SEVEN DIRECTORS.

// FOR all nominees listed // Withhold Authority to vote for ALL Nominees Listed

Nominees: Charlie Bass; Kevin J. Mills; Charles C. Emery, Jr.; Micheal L. Gifford; Leon Malmed; Thomas O. Miller; Peter Sealey

If you wish to withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, strike a line through that nominee's name in the list below:

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