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Dear Stockholder:

I am pleased to invite you to attend the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of SemiLEDs Corporation. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 9 a.m. local time at the Sheraton Hsinchu Hotel, which is located at No. 265, Dong Sec 1, Guangming 6th Rd., Zhubei City, Hsinchu County, Taiwan.

We are furnishing our proxy materials to stockholders primarily over the Internet. This process expedites stockholders' receipt of proxy materials, while significantly lowering the costs of our annual meeting and conserving natural resources. On December 19, 2012, we mailed to our stockholders a notice containing instructions on how to access our Proxy Statement and 2012 Annual Report to Stockholders and to vote online. The notice also included instructions on how you can receive a paper copy of your annual meeting materials. If you received your annual meeting materials by mail, the Proxy Statement, 2012 Annual Report to Stockholders and proxy card were enclosed.

At this year's annual meeting, the agenda includes the following items:

| <b>Agenda Item</b>   | <b>Board Recommendation</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Election of directors  | <b>FOR</b>                  |
| Ratification of the appointment of KPMG (Taiwan) as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2013 | <b>FOR</b>                  |

Details regarding the meeting and the business to be conducted are more fully described in the accompanying Notice of 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement.

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Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, I hope you will vote as soon as possible. You may vote over the Internet or in person at the annual meeting or, if you receive your proxy materials by U.S. mail, you also may vote by mailing a proxy card or voting by telephone. Please review the instructions on the notice or on the proxy card regarding your voting options. Only stockholders showing proof of ownership on the record date will be allowed to attend the meeting in person.

Sincerely yours,

Trung T. Doan  
*Chairman of the Board and President and  
Chief Executive Officer*

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**NOTICE OF 2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**TIME AND DATE** 9 a.m. local time on Wednesday, February 6, 2013

**PLACE** Sheraton Hsinchu Hotel, No. 265, Dong Sec 1, Guangming 6th Rd., Zhubei City, Hsinchu County, Taiwan

**AGENDA**

- Elect the four director nominees named in the Proxy Statement
- Ratify the appointment of KPMG (Taiwan) as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2013
- Transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting (including adjournments and postponements)

**RECORD DATE** December 12, 2012

**VOTING**

Please vote as soon as possible to record your vote, even if you plan to attend the annual meeting. Your broker will NOT be able to vote your shares with respect to the election of directors and most of the other matters presented at the meeting, unless you have given your broker specific instructions to do so. We strongly encourage you to vote. You have three options for submitting your vote before the annual meeting:

- Internet
- Phone
- Mail

By Order of the Board of Directors,

David Young  
*Corporate Secretary*

Chu-Nan, Taiwan  
December 19, 2012



**INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS**

We are furnishing proxy materials to our stockholders primarily via the Internet. On December 19, 2012, we mailed most of our stockholders on the record date a Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials ( Notice of Internet Availability ) containing instructions on how to access and review all of the important information contained in our proxy materials, including our Proxy Statement and our 2012 Annual Report to Stockholders. The Notice of Internet Availability also instructs you on how to vote via the Internet. Other stockholders, in accordance with their prior requests, have been mailed paper copies of our proxy materials and a proxy card or voting form.

Internet distribution of our proxy materials is designed to expedite receipt by stockholders, lower the cost of the annual meeting, and conserve natural resources. However, if you would prefer to receive paper copies of proxy materials, please follow the instructions included in the Notice of Internet Availability.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on February 6, 2013:**

The Notice of the 2013 Annual Meeting, the Proxy Statement and the 2012 Annual Report to Stockholders are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING**

- Doors open at 8:30 a.m. local time
- Meeting starts at 9 a.m. local time
- Proof of SemiLEDs Corporation stock ownership and photo identification will be required to attend the annual meeting
- You do not need to attend the annual meeting to vote if you submitted your proxy in advance of the annual meeting

**QUESTIONS**

**For questions regarding**

Annual meeting

Stock ownership for registered holders

**Contact:**

Investor Relations  
[investor@semileds.com](mailto:investor@semileds.com)  
(212) 766-1800 Ext. #204

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC  
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Stock ownership for beneficial holders

Please contact your broker, bank, or other nominee

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**PROXY STATEMENT**

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Our Board of Directors (the Board) solicits your proxy for the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and any postponement or adjournment of the meeting for the matters set forth in Notice of 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The annual meeting will be held at 9 a.m. local time on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at the Sheraton Hsinchu Hotel, which is located at No. 265, Dong Sec 1, Guangming 6th Rd., Zhubei City, Hsinchu County, Taiwan. We made this Proxy Statement available to stockholders beginning on December 19, 2012.

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|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Record Date</b>           | December 12, 2012  |
| <b>Quorum</b>                | Holders of a majority of the voting power of all issued and outstanding shares on the record date must be present in person or represented by proxy  |
| <b>Shares Outstanding</b>    | 27,474,552 shares of common stock outstanding as of December 12, 2012  |
| <b>Voting by Proxy</b>       | Internet, telephone, or mail   |
| <b>Voting at the Meeting</b> | We encourage stockholders to vote in advance of the annual meeting, even if they plan to attend the meeting. In order to be counted, proxies submitted by Internet or telephone must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on February 4, 2013. Stockholders can vote in person during the meeting. Stockholders of record who attend the annual meeting in person may obtain a ballot. Beneficial holders who attend the annual meeting in person must obtain a proxy from their broker, bank, or other nominee prior to the date of the annual meeting and present it with their ballot. Voting in person by a stockholder during the meeting will replace any previous votes. |
| <b>Changing Your Vote</b>    | Stockholders of record may revoke their proxy at any time before the polls close by submitting a later-dated proxy card, by voting in person at the annual meeting, by delivering instructions to our Corporate Secretary before the annual meeting or by voting again using the Internet or telephone before the cut-off time. (Your latest Internet or telephone proxy is the one that will be counted.) If you hold shares through a broker, bank, or other nominee, you may revoke any prior voting instructions by contacting that firm.  |

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### **Votes Required to Adopt Proposals**

Each share of our common stock outstanding on the record date is entitled to one vote on each of the four director nominees and one vote on the ratification of the appointment of KPMG (Taiwan) as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2013. The election of directors is determined by the plurality of votes. The ratification of the appointment of KPMG (Taiwan) as our independent registered public accounting firm is determined by a majority of votes cast affirmatively or negatively.

### **Effect of Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes**

Shares voting withhold have no effect on the election of directors. In the ratification of the appointment of KPMG (Taiwan) as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2013, abstentions have the same effect as negative votes. Broker non-votes (shares held by brokers that

do not have discretionary authority to vote on a matter and have not received voting instructions from their clients) have no effect. If you are a beneficial holder and do not provide specific voting instructions to your broker, the organization that holds your shares will not be authorized to vote on the election of directors. Accordingly, we encourage you to vote promptly, even if you plan to attend the annual meeting.

**Voting Instructions**

If you complete and submit your proxy voting instructions, the persons named as proxies will follow your instructions. If you are a stockholder of record and you submit proxy voting instructions but do not direct how to vote on each proposal, the persons named as proxies will vote as the Board recommends on each proposal. The persons named as proxies will vote on any other matters properly presented at the annual meeting in accordance with their best judgment. Our Bylaws set forth requirements for advance notice of nominations and agenda items for the annual meeting, and we have not received timely notice of any such matters that may be properly presented for voting at the annual meeting, other than the items from the Board described in this Proxy Statement.

**Voting Results**

We will announce preliminary results at the annual meeting. We will report final results in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) on Form 8-K.

## PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Upon the recommendation of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, our Board has nominated the four persons listed below to serve as directors. Each director's term runs from the date of his election until our next annual stockholders' meeting, or until his successor is elected or appointed. If any director nominee is unable or unwilling to serve as a nominee at the time of the annual meeting, the persons named as proxies may vote for a substitute nominee chosen by the present Board to fill the vacancy. We have no reason to believe that any of the nominees will be unwilling or unable to serve if elected as a director.

### Board Composition

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is charged with identifying and evaluating individuals qualified to serve as members of the Board and recommending to the full Board nominees for election as directors. We seek directors with experience in areas relevant to the strategy and operations of the Company. We seek a Board that collectively has a range and diversity of skills, experience, age, industry knowledge and other factors in the context of the needs of the Board. The biographies of each of the nominees below contains information regarding the person's service as a director, business experience, director positions held currently or at any time during the last five years and the experiences, qualifications, attributes or skills that caused the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee to determine that the person should serve as a director of our Company. In addition to the information presented below regarding each director's specific experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Board to the conclusion that he should serve as a director, we also believe that each of our directors has a reputation for integrity, honesty and adherence to high ethical standards. Each of our directors has demonstrated business acumen and an ability to exercise sound judgment, as well as a commitment of service to our Company and our Board. Each of our director nominees is currently serving on the Board.

Our nominees for election as directors at the annual meeting include our President and Chief Executive Officer ( CEO ) and four independent directors, as defined in the applicable rules for companies traded on The NASDAQ Stock Market ( NASDAQ ), Dr. Edward Kuan Hsiung Hsieh, Dr. Jack Lau and Scott R. Simplot. See Corporate Governance Director Independence below.

**THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES.**

### Nominees

*Trung T. Doan*, 54, has served as a director, Chairman of our Board and as our CEO since January 2005, and as our President since August 2012. Prior to joining us, Mr. Doan served as Corporate Vice President of Applied Global Services (AGS) Product Group at Applied Materials, Inc. and also served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Jusung Engineering, Inc., a semiconductor/LCD equipment company in Korea. In addition, Mr. Doan served as Vice President of Process Development at Micron Technology Inc. Mr. Doan currently serves on the board of directors of Advanced Energy Industries, a publicly traded manufacturer of power conversion and control systems. Mr. Doan has also served as a director of Dolsoft Corporation, a privately held software company, within the past five years. Previously, Mr. Doan served as a director of Nu Tool Inc., a semiconductor technology company, and as a director of EMCO, a publicly traded manufacturer of advanced flow control devices and systems. Mr. Doan holds a bachelor of science degree in nuclear engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he graduated with honors, and a masters of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Our Board has determined that Mr. Doan should serve on our Board and as our Chairman based on his in-depth knowledge of our business and industry and his experience serving on the boards of directors of several major technology companies, as well as in management roles in the technology industry.

*Dr. Edward Kuan Hsiung Hsieh*, 60, has served as a director since February 2012. Dr. Hsieh has been Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Eton Intelligent Technologies, a media and publications company, since April 2000 and Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and a director of VR Networks, a VoIP and Internet networks company, since January 2000. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor at National Taiwan

University since February 2009. From February 2007 to February 2010, Dr. Hsieh was Chief Executive Officer of Asia Pacific Telecom, a 3G mobile and fixed line telecommunications company, as well as Executive Director of APOL, an Internet service provider. He also served as Chairman of International Christian Goodwill within the past five years. Dr. Hsieh holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from National Taiwan University, a master of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a doctor of philosophy degree in electrical engineering from Cornell University. He also studied accounting at the University of California, Los Angeles. Our Board has determined that Dr. Hsieh should serve as a director based on his experience teaching master of business administration classes at National Taiwan University, his service as an International Financial Adviser with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith and his management roles at several start-up companies.

**Dr. Jack Lau**, 45, has served as a director since October 2010. Dr. Lau has been Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and director of Perception Digital Holdings Limited, a company that provides multimedia technology solutions which he co-founded, since January 1999. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Prior to co-founding Perception, Dr. Lau was a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Integrated Systems at Stanford University from 1995 to 1996. From 1996 to 1998, he was an Assistant Professor at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in the Department of Electronic and Computer Engineering. Between 1988 and 1991, Dr. Lau worked at Hewlett-Packard Development Company L.P., Schlumberger Limited and Integrated Information Technology, Inc. Between 1997 and 2000, Dr. Lau served on the board of directors of Orient Power Holding Limited and Yue Fung Development Co., Ltd. in Hong Kong. Dr. Lau holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. He holds a doctor of philosophy degree and executive master of business administration degree from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Our Board has determined that Dr. Lau should serve as a director based on his engineering background and his experience serving on the boards of directors of various private and public companies.

**Scott R. Simplot**, 66, has served as a director since March 2005. Mr. Simplot has been Chairman of the board of directors and a director of J.R. Simplot Company since May 2001 and August 1970, respectively. Mr. Simplot holds a bachelor of science degree in business from the University of Idaho and a master of business administration degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Simplot became a director on our Board as part of his duties as the Chairman of the board of J.R. Simplot Company, the 100% owner of Simplot Taiwan, Inc., which was entitled to designate two members of our board of directors in connection with J.R. Simplot Company's investment in our Series A convertible preferred stock. Our Board has determined that Mr. Simplot should serve as a director based on the extensive knowledge and insight he brings to our Board from his experience serving as Chairman and holding a variety of management positions at a large private company and serving on the boards of directors of companies in a variety of industries.

## Executive Officers

In addition to Mr. Doan, our CEO, who also serves as a director, our executive officers as of December 1, 2012 consisted of the following:

**David Young**, 48, has served as our Chief Financial Officer ( CFO ) since March 2008 and as our Corporate Secretary since August 2012. Prior to joining us, Mr. Young served as Vice President, Sourcing Administration, of Payless ShoeSource International Ltd. from October 2005 to February 2008, co-founder and Executive Vice President of Tera Xtal Technology Corporation, Chief Financial Officer of Sparkice.com Inc. and Chief Financial Officer of Young Brothers Development Co., Ltd. from 1996 to 1999. Mr. Young also served as audit manager at Arthur Andersen from 1993 to 1995 and as audit manager and audit senior at Ernst & Young from 1987 to 1993. Mr. Young holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics and business from the University of California, Los Angeles.

**Ilkan Cokgor**, 44, has served as our Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing since August 2012. Prior to joining us, Dr. Cokgor served as Vice President of Global Marketing of Everlight Electronics Co., Ltd. from 2010 until August 2012. Dr. Cokgor also served as Director of Marketing and Business Development at Intematix Corporation from 2008 to 2010. Dr. Cokgor holds a doctor of philosophy degree in

optoelectronics from King's College, University of London.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### Board Responsibilities and Structure

The Board oversees, counsels, and directs management in the long-term interests of the Company and our stockholders. The Board's responsibilities include:

- selecting, evaluating the performance of, and determining the compensation of the CEO and other executive officers;
- overseeing the risks that the Company faces;
- reviewing and approving our major financial objectives and strategic and operating plans, and other significant actions;
- overseeing the conduct of our business and the assessment of our business and other enterprise risks to evaluate whether the business is being properly managed; and
- overseeing the processes for maintaining our integrity with regard to our financial statements and other public disclosures, and compliance with law and ethics.

The Board and its committees met throughout the year on a set schedule, held special meetings, and acted by written consent from time to time as appropriate. During fiscal year 2012, the Board held executive sessions for the independent directors to meet without Mr. Doan or Dr. Anh Chuong Tran, our former President and Chief Operating Officer ( COO ) and Board member until August 2012, present at the end of every Board meeting.

Our Bylaws do not dictate a particular Board structure and the Board is free to determine whether or not to have a Chairman and, if so, to select that Chairman and our CEO in the manner it considers our best interest. Currently, the Board has selected Mr. Doan to hold the position of both Chairman of the Board and CEO. Mr. Doan's experience at the Company has afforded him intimate knowledge of the issues, challenges and opportunities facing each of the Company's businesses. Accordingly, he is well positioned to focus the Board's attention on the most pressing issues facing the Company. The Board has not appointed a lead independent director. The Board believes its administration of its risk oversight function has not affected the Board's leadership structure.

### Director Independence



The published listing requirements of NASDAQ dictate that a majority of the Board be comprised of independent directors whom our Board has determined have no material relationship with our Company and who are otherwise independent directors under those listing requirements. Our current Board consists of the four persons listed above. The Board has determined that each of our current directors, other than Mr. Doan, our CEO, qualifies as an independent director, such that more than a majority of our directors are independent directors under the NASDAQ rules. The Board also determined that each of Richard P. Beck, Richard S. Hill and Mark Johnson, who served as directors during a portion of fiscal year 2012, were independent under the NASDAQ rules. Because Dr. Tran was simultaneously serving as COO during the portion of fiscal year 2012 that he served as a director, Dr. Tran did not qualify as an independent director during his service as a director.

The NASDAQ rules have objective tests and a subjective test for determining who is an independent director. Under the objective tests, a director cannot be considered independent if:

- the director is, or at any time during the past three years was, an employee of the company;
- the director or a family member of the director accepted any compensation from the company in excess of \$120,000 during any period of 12 consecutive months within the three years preceding the independence determination (subject to certain exclusions, including, among other things, compensation for board or board committee service);

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- a family member of the director is, or at any time during the past three years was, an executive officer of the company;
- the director or a family member of the director is a partner in, controlling stockholder of, or an executive officer of an entity to which the company made, or from which the company received, payments in the current or any of the past three fiscal years that exceeded 5% of the recipient's consolidated gross revenue for that year or \$200,000, whichever was greater (subject to certain exclusions);
- the director or a family member of the director is employed as an executive officer of an entity where, at any time during the past three years, any of the executive officers of the company served on the compensation committee of such other entity; or
- the director or a family member of the director is a current partner of the company's outside auditor, or at any time during the past three years was a partner or employee of the company's outside auditor, and who worked on the company's audit.

The subjective test states that an independent director must be a person who lacks a relationship that, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. The Board has not established categorical standards or guidelines to make these subjective determinations but considers all relevant facts and circumstances.

In addition to the Board-level standards for director independence, the NASDAQ rules provide that directors, of whom there must be three, who serve on the Audit Committee must each satisfy standards established by the SEC that require that members of audit committees must not be affiliated persons of the issuer and may not accept directly or indirectly any consulting, advisory, or other compensatory fee from the issuer other than their director compensation.

### *Transactions Considered in Independence Determinations*

In making its independence determinations, the Board considered transactions that occurred since the beginning of fiscal year 2010 between the Company and entities associated with the independent directors or members of their immediate family. All identified transactions that appeared to relate to the Company and a family member of, or entity with a known connection to, a director were presented to the Board for consideration.

None of the non-employee directors was disqualified from independent status under the objective tests. In making its subjective determination that each of our Company's non-employee director is independent, the Board reviewed and discussed additional information provided by the directors and the Company with regard to each director's business and personal activities as they may relate to the Company and the Company's management. The Board considered the transactions in the context of the NASDAQ objective standards, the special standards established by the SEC for members of audit committees, and the SEC and U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standards for compensation committee members. Based on all of the foregoing, as required by the NASDAQ rules, the Board made a subjective determination that, because of the nature of the director's relationship with the entity and/or the amount involved, no relationships exist that, in the opinion of the Board, would impair the director's independence. The independence determination included reviewing transactions between the Company and the J.R. Simplot Company of the purchase of an immaterial amount of lighting fixtures in fiscal year 2010, which purchases were determined to be not inconsistent with a determination that Mr. Simplot is independent.

*Additional Directors*

Management and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are seeking at least one qualified director candidate who meets the independence test under the NASDAQ rules and particularly one who also satisfies the standards set forth by the SEC to qualify as independent for purposes of the Audit Committee. As described above, the NASDAQ rules require that each listed company have an audit committee comprised of three directors, each of whom be independent under the NASDAQ rules and meet these additional SEC standards. Dr. Hsieh and Dr. Lau, who currently serve on the Audit Committee, meet these requirements. See Board Committees and Charters Audit Committee. However, there remains a vacancy on the Audit Committee, as a result of which the Company is not in compliance with NASDAQ Listing Rule 5605(c)(2)(A). The Listing Rules of NASDAQ provide

a cure period in which we must fill this vacancy, which is the earlier of the 2013 annual meeting or February 6, 2013. Although we have not identified a nominee to propose to our stockholders for election at the annual meeting, we are continuing to seek a candidate meeting the necessary criteria who can be appointed immediately after the annual meeting so that we may re-establish compliance with the Listing Rules within the cure period. If we do not regain compliance with the audit committee requirements prior to the earlier of the annual meeting of stockholders or February 6, 2013, NASDAQ will notify us that our common stock will be delisted. If our common stock is delisted by NASDAQ, stockholders may find it more difficult to sell, or to obtain accurate quotations, for our common stock, and our common stock would become substantially less attractive to certain purchasers, such as financial institutions, hedge funds and other similar investors. There is no assurance that an active trading market for our common stock would thereafter exist, which would materially and adversely impact the market value of our common stock.

### Board Committees and Charters

The Board delegates various responsibilities and authority to different Board committees. Committees regularly report on their activities and actions to the full Board. The Board currently has, and appoints the members of, a standing Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Each of the Board committees has a written charter approved by the Board, and we post each charter on our web site at <http://investors.semileds.com/governance.cfm>. Each committee can engage outside experts, advisors and counsel to assist the committee in its work. The following table identifies the current committee members.

| Name   | Audit | Compensation | Nominating and Corporate Governance |
|--|-------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dr. Edward Kuan Hsiung Hsieh                                 | Chair |              | ü                                   |
| Dr. Jack Lau   | ü     | ü            |                                     |
| Scott R. Simplot   |       | Chair        | Chair                               |
| <b>Number of Committee Meetings Held in Fiscal Year 2012</b> | 3     | 2            | 1                                   |

### Audit Committee

Our Audit Committee is responsible for, among other things:

- reviewing and approving the selection of our independent auditors, and approving the audit and non-audit services to be performed by our independent auditors;
- monitoring the integrity of our financial statements and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements as they relate to financial statements or accounting matters;
- reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of our internal control policies and procedures;

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- discussing the scope and results of the audit with the independent auditors and reviewing with management and the independent auditors our interim and year-end operating results; and
- preparing the Audit Committee Report that the SEC requires in our annual proxy statement.

The Board believes that each current member of our Audit Committee is an independent director under the NASDAQ rules and meets the additional SEC independence requirements for audit committee members. It has also determined that Dr. Hsieh meets the requirements of an audit committee financial expert, as defined in Regulation

S-K and that Dr. Lau meets the financial statement literacy requirements of the NASDAQ rules. As described above, there is currently a vacancy on the Audit Committee, as a result of which we are not in compliance with NASDAQ Listing Rule 5605(c)(2)(A). The vacancy must be filled by a qualifying director by the earlier of the 2013 annual meeting or February 6, 2013 if we are to avoid being delisted. See Board Responsibilities and Structure Additional Directors above.

### *Compensation Committee*

Our Compensation Committee is responsible for, among other things:

- overseeing our compensation policies, plans and benefit programs;
- reviewing and approving for our executive officers: the annual base salary, the annual incentive bonus, including the specific goals and amount, equity compensation, employment agreements, severance arrangements and change in control arrangements, and any other benefits, compensation or arrangements;
- preparing the compensation committee report that the SEC requires to be included in our annual proxy statement;
- reviewing and determining our equity-based compensation plans; and
- administering our equity-based compensation plans.

Although the Compensation Committee has the authority to determine the compensation paid to executive officers, other officers, employees, consultants and advisors, it can delegate its responsibility for setting compensation for individuals other than the CEO to a subcommittee, in the case of other officers, or to officers, in the case of employees and consultants. It may also delegate to officers the authority to grant options or other equity or equity-based awards to employees who are not executive officers or members of the Board. It may also generally take into account the recommendations of the CEO, other than with respect to his own compensation. As further described under Compensation of the Named Executive Officers and Directors Compensation Discussion and Analysis below, the Compensation Committee has engaged Mercer, an independent compensation consultant, to assist it in various respects. The Compensation Committee has assessed Mercer's independence pursuant to SEC rules and concluded that no conflict of interest exists that would prevent Mercer from independently representing the Compensation Committee.

### *Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee*

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Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for, among other things:

- identifying prospective director nominees and recommending nominees for each annual meeting of stockholders to the Board;
- reviewing developments in corporate governance practices and developing and recommending governance principles applicable to our Board;
- overseeing the evaluation of our Board and management; and
- recommending members for each Board committee to our Board.

As a relatively new public company, our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is refining its process in respect of director candidate identification. It has not established any minimum qualifications for directors although in assessing the skills and characteristics of individual members, it must give due regard for independence and financial literacy considerations dictated by the NASDAQ rules. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not at this time have a policy regarding its consideration of director candidates recommended by stockholders, as it has not yet received any such recommendations. It may adopt a policy if such recommendations are received.

***Attendance at Board, Committee and Annual Stockholders Meetings***

The Board held seven meetings in fiscal year 2012. We expect each director to attend every meeting of the Board and the committees on which he or she serves, and encourage them to attend the annual stockholders meeting. All directors attended at least 75% of the aggregate meetings of the Board and the committees on which they served in fiscal year 2012 and all continuing directors except Dr. Lau attended the 2012 annual meeting of stockholders.

**Risk Management**

The Board is involved in the oversight of risks that could affect the Company. This oversight is conducted primarily through the Audit Committee which, on behalf of the Board, is charged with overseeing the principal risk exposures we face and our mitigation efforts in respect of these risks. The Audit Committee is responsible for interfacing with management and discussing with management the Company's principal risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control risk exposures, including risk assessment and risk management policies. The Compensation Committee also plays a role in that it is charged, in overseeing the Company's overall compensation structure, with assessing whether that compensation structure creates risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us.

**Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all of our employees, officers and directors, including those officers responsible for financial reporting. These standards are designed to deter wrongdoing and to promote honest and ethical conduct. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available at our website at <http://investors.semileds.com/governance.cfm>. Any amendments to the Code, or any waivers of its requirements required to be disclosed pursuant to SEC or NASDAQ requirements, will be disclosed on the website.

**Communications from Stockholders and Other Interested Parties to Directors**

The Board recommends that stockholders and other interested parties initiate communications with the Board, any committee of the Board or any individual director in writing to the attention of our Corporate Secretary at our principal executive offices at 3F, No. 11 Ke Jung Rd., Chu-Nan Site, Hsinchu Science Park, Chu-Nan 350, Miao-Li County, Taiwan, R.O.C. This process will assist the Board in reviewing and responding to stockholder communications in an appropriate manner. The Board has instructed our Corporate Secretary to review such correspondence and, at his discretion, not to forward items if he deems them to be of a commercial or frivolous nature or otherwise inappropriate for the Board's consideration.

**Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

No interlocking relationship exists between our Board or Compensation Committee and the board of directors or compensation committee of any other entity, nor has any interlocking relationship existed in the past.





**PROPOSAL 2: RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013**

KPMG LLP, a Delaware limited liability partnership and the U.S. member firm of the independent member firm affiliated with KPMG International, a Swiss entity, was our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2010 and began fiscal year 2011 in that role. Subsequently, our Audit Committee replaced KPMG LLP with KPMG (Taiwan), which served as our independent registered public accounting firm for the balance of the fiscal year ended August 31, 2011 and the fiscal year ended August 31, 2012. The Audit Committee has once again selected KPMG (Taiwan) as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2013. As a matter of good corporate governance, the Audit Committee is submitting its appointment to our stockholders for ratification. If the appointment of KPMG (Taiwan) is not ratified by the majority of the shares of common stock present or represented at the annual meeting and entitled to vote on the proposal, the Audit Committee will review its future appointment of an independent registered public accounting firm in light of that vote result.

The Audit Committee pre-approves and reviews audit and non-audit services performed by our independent registered public accounting firm, as well as the fees charged for such services. In its pre-approval and review of non-audit service fees, the Audit Committee considers, among other factors, the possible effect of the performance of such services on the auditor's independence. For additional information concerning the Audit Committee and its activities with the independent registered public accounting firm, see Corporate Governance and Audit Committee Report in this Proxy Statement.

We expect that a representative of KPMG (Taiwan) will attend the annual meeting, and the representative will have an opportunity to make a statement if he or she so chooses. The representative will also be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders.

**Fees Billed by Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The following table shows the fees and related expenses for audit and other services provided by our independent registered public accounting firms billed for fiscal years 2012 and 2011. The services described in the following fee table performed after the date of our initial public offering were approved in conformity with the Audit Committee's pre-approval process.

|                        | <b>KPMG<br/>(Taiwan)<br/>2012 Fees</b> | <b>KPMG<br/>(Taiwan)<br/>2011 Fees</b> | <b>KPMG LLP<br/>2011 Fees</b> |
|------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Audit Services         | \$ 490,500                             | \$ 436,170                             | \$ 103,978                    |
| Audit-Related Services |  |  |                               |
| Tax Services           |  |  |                               |
| All Other Services     |  |  |                               |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$ 490,500</b>                      | <b>\$ 436,170</b>                      | <b>\$ 103,978</b>             |

*Audit Services.* This category includes the audit of our annual consolidated financial statements, review of our quarterly condensed consolidated financial statements and services that are normally provided by our independent auditors in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements. This category also includes statutory audits required by the Tax Bureau of Taiwan for certain of our subsidiaries in Taiwan.

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Neither KPMG LLP or KPMG (Taiwan) performed services other than audit services during fiscal years 2012 and 2011.

**THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG (TAIWAN) AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013.**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Audit Committee of the Board consists of the two directors whose names appear below.

The Audit Committee's general role is to assist the Board in monitoring the Company's financial reporting process and related matters. Its specific responsibilities are set forth in its charter.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the Company's financial statements for fiscal year 2012 and met with management, as well as with representatives of KPMG (Taiwan), the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, to discuss the financial statements. The Audit Committee also discussed with members of KPMG (Taiwan) the matters required to be discussed by the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended (AICPA *Performance Standards* Vol. 1. AU Section 380), as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T.

In addition, the Audit Committee received the written disclosures and the letter from KPMG (Taiwan) required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent accountant's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and discussed with members of KPMG (Taiwan) its independence.

Based on these discussions, the financial statement review and other matters it deemed relevant, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the Company's audited financial statements for fiscal year 2012 be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year 2012.

*Dr. Edward Kuan Hsiung Hsieh (Chairman)*  
*Dr. Jack Lau*

## COMPENSATION OF THE NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

### Compensation Committee Report

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis set forth in the Proxy Statement with management and, based on such review and discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the Proxy Statement and incorporated by reference into the Annual Report on Form 10-K of SemiLEDs Corporation.

*Scott R. Simplot (Chairman)*  
*Dr. Edward Kuan Hsiung Hsieh*

### Executive Compensation

This executive compensation section provides information about the material elements of the compensation awarded to or earned by our named executive officers during fiscal year 2012. Our named executive officers are the following:

- Trung T. Doan, our CEO;
- Dr. Anh Chuong Tran, our President and COO until August 28, 2012 and Chief Scientist thereafter until October 16, 2012;
- David Young, our CFO; and
- Yingku Adam Lin, our Vice President of Business Development and General Counsel until November 16, 2012.

This executive compensation discussion addresses and explains the compensation practices that were followed in fiscal year 2012 for our named executive officers and the numerical and related information in the Summary Compensation Table and the other tables presented below. We held our first non-binding advisory vote regarding compensation of our named executive officers at our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and expect to hold our next vote at our 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

*Compensation Philosophy and Objectives*

Our Compensation Committee has the responsibility for establishing, implementing and monitoring adherence to our compensation program. In determining compensation, we strive to reward our executive officers with compensation that is affordable and sufficient to retain such officers while concurrently aligning the officers' interests with the achievement of our financial and business goals, as well as the goals of our stockholders. Our philosophy in fiscal year 2012 was to hold the cash compensation of our named executive officers steady, because we believed that our financial results did not warrant any type of increase to such cash compensation. In addition, our Compensation Committee considered the results of the non-binding advisory vote regarding compensation of our named executive officers, which was conducted at our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. At the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, our stockholders approved the compensation of our named executive officers with approximately 95% of the stockholder votes cast in favor of our executive compensation program. Based on this strong stockholder support, the Compensation Committee determined that it would continue to apply the same philosophy and general approach to its fiscal year 2012 executive compensation program. We continued to work towards achieving our business and revenue goals and needed to focus on such objectives, instead of spending more time discussing compensation. Thus, we relied on the Mercer compensation surveys that were completed in fiscal year 2011 and updated in the first quarter of fiscal year 2012 and did not revise the base salary of our named executive officers and did not offer a cash bonus program. We reviewed the Mercer compensation survey to approve certain long-term equity compensation. Our current compensation programs continue to consist primarily of salary and long-term equity incentives for our executive officers. We do not currently provide our named executive

officers with any formal cash bonus plan or program. With respect to base salary, which is the fixed component of compensation, we compensated our CEO at a median rate of compensation and our COO at a higher rate, taking into account his historical compensation rate prior to founding our Company. We also approved for our named executive officers long-term equity compensation for fiscal year 2012 in order to focus their efforts on our long-term growth and development and provide compensation that is competitive with our peer group. As our needs evolve, we intend to continue to evaluate our philosophy and compensation programs as circumstances require, and at a minimum, we will review executive compensation annually.

#### ***Roles of Executives and Compensation Consultant***

To help us discharge our responsibilities, our Compensation Committee has the authority under its charter to engage the services of outside counsel, consultants, accountants and other advisors. In fiscal year 2011, the Compensation Committee hired Mercer, an independent compensation consultant, to assist it in generating a peer group of comparable companies, analyze the compensation of our CEO, COO and CFO relative to our peer group, advise us as to the recent trends in compensation and make recommendations regarding the structure and amount of compensation for each of these officers. The Compensation Committee continued to rely on this 2011 Mercer compensation evaluation, as updated in the first quarter of fiscal year 2012, in making its 2012 compensation decisions.

#### ***Benchmarking***

In fiscal year 2012, the Compensation Committee continued to rely on the list of 18 peer companies that Mercer determined in 2011 competed with us for customers, capital and, most importantly, executive talent. The Compensation Committee confirmed in fiscal year 2012 that for our founding CEO and founding COO, the appropriate compensation market is the United States. Prior to founding our Company, both of these officers worked and built their careers in the United States. The peer companies are U.S. publicly traded companies that first became publicly traded from 2007 to 2010, have similar revenue size and are in the semiconductor, computer storage and peripherals or electronic equipment and instruments industry. These industries recruit employees with similar skills and experience to our employees. Our peer group consists of: Fabrinet, Jinkosolar Holding Co., China Sunergy, Alpha and Omega Semiconductor, Spreadtrum Communications, Netezza, Daqo New Energy, Cavium Networks, Entropic Communications, ICX Technologies, Mellanox Technologies, Compellent Technologies, Comverge, China DigitalTV Holdings, Maxlinear, Rubicon Technology, Authentec and Memic.

#### ***Principal Elements of Executive Compensation***

The total compensation of our executive officers consists of the following elements:

- base salary;
- long-term incentive compensation, consisting of restricted stock units ( RSUs );

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- potential payments upon specified termination events and vesting acceleration for some of our officers;
- certain perquisites related to their ex-patriot status; and
- benefits that are generally available to our employees.

### *Base Salaries*

Base salary is the guaranteed compensation received by our executive officers for performing their regularly assigned duties. The following table sets forth information regarding the base salary for fiscal year 2011 and 2012 for our named executive officers:



| Named Executive Officer | Fiscal Year 2011 | Fiscal Year 2012 |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                         | Base Salary      | Base Salary(1)   |
| Trung T. Doan           | \$ 405,000       | \$ 405,000       |
| Dr. Anh Chuong Tran     | \$ 350,000       | \$ 350,000       |
| David Young             | \$ 180,000       | \$ 180,000       |
| Yingku Adam Lin         | \$ 180,000       | \$ 180,000       |

- (1) The base salary of each of our named executive officers in fiscal year 2012 remained exactly the same as it was in fiscal year 2011.

The actual salaries earned in fiscal year 2012 by each named executive officer are reflected in the Summary Compensation Table below.

### *Long-Term Incentive Compensation*

*Background.* We established our equity incentive plan to align the interests of our employees, including our named executive officers, with the interests of our stockholders and to provide our employees an incentive to support our long-term success and growth. We do not have any program or obligation that requires us to grant equity compensation to any executive officer on specified dates. Instead, our Compensation Committee exercises its judgment and discretion, with recommendations from Mercer and our CEO, as appropriate, to determine the amount and mix of equity awards to approve. When granting equity awards, our Compensation Committee also considers, among other factors, the role and responsibility of the named executive officer, motivation factors, retention incentives and the ownership percentage already held by the named executive officer.

In fiscal year 2012, we approved new RSU grants to our named executive officers, which awards vest annually over a four-year vesting schedule. Our Compensation Committee reviewed the updated Mercer compensation survey before determining the number of RSUs for each of our named executive officers, keeping in mind our aim to provide for compensation that is no greater than the fiftieth percentile for each position at our peer group companies. Our CEO received the greatest number of RSUs to reflect his position, role and responsibilities and the fact that he declined to receive any equity compensation in fiscal year 2011. Our former President and COO received approximately seventy percent (70%) of the number of RSUs received by our CEO to reflect his anticipated contributions to our business and the fact that he declined to receive any equity compensation in fiscal year 2011. For our CFO and our former Vice President of Business Development and General Counsel, we awarded exactly the same number of RSUs to continue to maintain parity between their compensation, given that we believed that they were making comparable contributions to our Company and were already paid the same base salary.

*Timing and Size of Option Grants and Restricted Stock Units.* Prior to our initial public offering, we had only granted options. We continue to grant options since they offer a powerful incentive for our employees, including our named executive officers, to increase the value of our shares, and we have supplemented the options and at times have replaced the options with RSUs for our annual grants. With options, the value of our stock has to appreciate in order for our executive officers to receive any gain from their options. We typically grant the largest stock option in the year that an executive officer commences employment. Generally, each option vests annually according to a four-year schedule. Thereafter, we make option grants at the discretion of our Compensation Committee. We anticipate that we will continue to grant options as a part of any long-term incentive compensation program that we establish for our named executive officers. In fiscal year 2012, our annual grants to our named executive officers consisted entirely of RSUs. The Compensation Committee determined that it was important to grant RSUs, in addition to options, to our employees in order to mitigate some of the risk of having underwater options during tough economic times, help retain our officers and create Company ownership and to be competitive with equity awards made by our peer group and other comparable technology companies with which we compete for talent. Since RSUs do not have an exercise price, we grant fewer RSUs than options, which enables us to save our share reserve for future grants to our current and new employees. At the same time, we believe that with RSUs, our named executive officers continue to have incentive to increase the value of our shares to the benefit of our stockholders because the initial total value of our RSUs remains relatively modest, considering that they are generally subject to an annual four-year vesting schedule, and can only

result in meaningful compensation to our named executive officers if the value of our shares increases.

*Restricted Shares and Stock Appreciation Rights.* We generally have not granted restricted stock awards or stock appreciation rights, but reserve the right in the future to approve these types of awards.

#### ***Stock Ownership Guidelines***

We currently do not require our directors or executive officers to own a specified amount of our common stock. We believe that the stock and option holdings of our directors and executive officers are sufficient at this time to provide incentives to perform for us and to align this group's interests with those of our stockholders.

#### ***Perquisites and Other Benefits***

We adopted a policy for our expatriate employees in which we will pay for one round-trip ticket for such employees to fly from Taiwan to visit their home country. In fiscal year 2012, we retained this policy for Mr. Doan and Dr. Tran under which we pay for the cost of one business class round trip airline ticket for each of Mr. Doan and Dr. Tran and their respective spouses and children. We also allow and recommend that our executive officers use one of the available Company owned or leased cars for business travel needs, recognizing that the vehicles can also be used for personal purposes.

Our executive officers are also eligible for the benefits generally available to our employees, including our labor insurance, national health insurance and certain group insurance (including life insurance, accidental death & dismemberment insurance, hospitalization and surgical benefits), with the labor insurance and national health insurance mandated by Taiwan law and all of this insurance available to all employees, regardless of nationality.

#### ***Severance and Change in Control Benefits***

Mr. Doan entered into an employment agreement in 2005, which provides that if he is terminated by us without cause or resigns due to a constructive termination, he will receive as severance an amount equal to six months of his then-current salary plus his current medical insurance for six months following his termination date. We offered such severance to motivate Mr. Doan to continue as our executive officer by providing severance protection in the event that he is terminated by us without having committed any egregious act constituting cause or if we adversely change his position such that he resigns. Cause is defined as (a) the conviction of a felony or of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude; (b) the repeated failure to satisfactorily perform duties reasonably required by us; (c) material breach of the proprietary information and invention agreement, our written policies established by our Board or any term of his employment agreement; or (d) misappropriation of our property or unlawful appropriation of our corporate opportunity or our business. If we determine cause exists, we will provide Mr. Doan with written notice alleging cause and his failure to remedy the alleged cause within 30 days may result in a termination for cause. Constructive termination is defined as one of the following events when we have not received Mr. Doan's written consent for such event: (a) a significant reduction of his duties, position or responsibilities relative to his duties, position or responsibilities in effect immediately prior to such reduction or his removal from such position, duties and responsibilities, provided that a reduction in duties, position or responsibilities solely by virtue of us being acquired and made part of a larger entity will not constitute a constructive termination; (b) a substantial reduction, without good business reasons, of the facilities and perquisites available to him immediately prior to such reduction; (c) a reduction of his base salary unless such reduction is a part of a Company-wide reduction for similarly situated persons; or (d) a material reduction in the kind or level of employee benefits to which he is entitled immediately prior to such reduction, with the result that his overall benefits package is significantly reduced, unless such reductions are part of a Company-wide reduction for similarly situated persons. We entered into a substantially identical agreement with Dr. Tran in 2005, which was still in effect at the time of his resignation in October 2012.

Certain of the equity granted to our named executive officers will fully vest upon a change in control. Specifically, Mr. Lin's employment agreement entered into in April 2011 provided that his options and RSUs granted in July 2011 would have fully vested if we had been subject to a change in control during the term of his employment. In addition, the RSUs granted to our named executive officers in fiscal year 2012 will fully vest if we are subject to a change in control while they remain employed.

Neither Dr. Tran nor Mr. Lin received any severance or vesting acceleration in connection with their voluntary resignations from employment with us.

For additional information, please see [Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control](#) below for more details.

### ***Financial Restatement Adjustment***

Our Compensation Committee has not adopted a policy that provides for retroactive adjustments to any cash or equity based incentive compensation paid to executive officers or other employees where the payment was predicated upon the achievement of financial results that were subsequently the subject of a restatement. However, once final rules contemplated by the Dodd Frank Act on this subject are issued, we intend to develop and implement a policy regarding such retroactive adjustments.

### ***Tax and Accounting Treatment of Compensation***

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (the [Code](#)) places a limit of \$1.0 million per person on the amount of compensation that we may deduct in any one year with respect to each of our named executive officers other than our CFO. Certain types of compensation, including compensation based on performance criteria that are approved in advance by stockholders and qualifying compensatory stock options, are excluded from the \$1.0 million limitation. In addition, under a special Code Section 162(m) exception, certain compensation paid pursuant to a compensation plan, such as our 2010 Equity Incentive Plan, that was in existence before the effective date of our initial public offering will not be subject to the \$1.0 million limitation until the earliest of: (i) the expiration of the compensation plan, (ii) a material modification of the compensation plan (as determined under Code Section 162(m)), (iii) the issuance of all the employer stock and other compensation allocated under the compensation plan, or (iv) the first meeting of stockholders at which directors are elected after the close of the third calendar year following the year in which the initial public offering occurs. To date, the compensation to our named executive officers has not exceeded the \$1.0 million limitation. Our Compensation Committee may approve compensation or changes to plans, programs or awards that may cause the compensation or awards to exceed the limitation under section 162(m) if it determines that such action is appropriate and in our best interests.

We account for equity compensation paid to our employees in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 ([ASC 718](#)), which requires us to estimate and record an expense for each award of equity compensation over the service period of the award. Accounting rules also require us to record cash compensation as an expense at the time the obligation is accrued. We have not tailored our executive compensation program to achieve particular accounting results.

### ***Risk Review of Compensation Plan***

Our Compensation Committee has assessed our compensation policies and practices for all employees, including our named executive officers and non-executive officers. Based on the results of this assessment, we do not believe that such policies and practices create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us. In making this determination, our Compensation Committee considered the fact that we have not established a bonus plan or program for our officers.

**Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth all of the compensation earned by our named executive officers for the fiscal years ended August 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

| <b>Name and Principal Position</b>  | <b>Fiscal Year</b> | <b>Salary (\$)</b> | <b>Bonus (\$)</b> | <b>Stock Awards (\$)(1)</b> | <b>Option Awards (\$)(2)</b> | <b>All Other Compensation (\$)</b> | <b>Total (\$)</b> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Trung T. Doan<br><i>Chief Executive Officer</i>   | 2012               | 405,000            |                   | 582,450                     |                              | 11,582(3)                          | 999,032           |
|   | 2011               | 286,000            |                   |                             |                              | 12,584                             | 298,584           |
|   | 2010               | 194,333            | 103,334           |                             |                              |                                    | 297,667           |
| David Young<br><i>Chief Financial Officer</i>   | 2012               | 180,000            |                   | 176,500                     |                              | 7,368(4)                           | 363,868           |
|   | 2011               | 140,333            |                   |                             |                              | 12,116                             | 152,449           |
|   | 2010               | 112,000            |                   |                             |                              |                                    | 112,000           |
| Dr. Anh Chuong Tran (5)<br><i>Former President and Chief Operating Officer</i>                  | 2012               | 350,000            |                   | 409,480                     |                              | 12,295(6)                          | 771,775           |
|   | 2011               | 260,167            |                   |                             |                              | 39,247                             | 299,414           |
|   | 2010               | 190,167            | 90,416            |                             |                              |                                    | 280,583           |
| Yingku Adam Lin (7)<br><i>Former Vice President of Business Development and General Counsel</i> | 2012               | 180,000            |                   | 176,500                     |                              | 6,083(8)                           | 362,583           |
|   | 2011               | 56,500             |                   | 42,560                      | 192,600                      | 10,027                             | 301,687           |

(1) The amounts reported in the Stock Awards column represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the RSUs granted to the named executive officers in the applicable fiscal year calculated in accordance with ASC 718. For RSUs, the grant date fair value is calculated by multiplying (x) the closing price of our common stock on the grant date by (y) the number of RSUs awarded. Note that the amounts reported in this column reflect the accounting cost for these stock awards, and do not correspond to the actual economic value that may be received by the named executive officers.

(2) The amounts reported in the Option Awards column represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the stock options granted to the named executive officers in the applicable fiscal year calculated in accordance with ASC 718. The assumptions used in calculating the grant date fair value of the stock options reported in the Option Awards column are set forth for each year in Note 10, Stock-based Compensation, of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2012, filed with the SEC on December 13, 2012. Note that the amounts reported in this column reflect the accounting cost for these stock options, and do not correspond to the actual economic values that may be received by the named executive officers from the options.

(3) Includes payments of \$8,684 for automobile lease, registration, auto insurance and related automobile expenses, and \$2,898 for airfare for family members to fly from Taiwan to the United States.

(4) Represents the depreciation cost for Mr. Young's use of one of our automobiles, registration, auto insurance and other related automobile expenses.

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(5) Dr. Tran served as President and Chief Operating Officer until August 28, 2012 and Chief Scientist thereafter until his resignation on October 16, 2012.

(6) Includes payments of \$8,942 for automobile lease, registration, auto insurance and related automobile expenses and \$3,353 for airfare for family members to fly from Taiwan to the United States.

(7) Mr. Lin commenced employment with us on May 9, 2011 and resigned on November 16, 2012.

(8) Represents the depreciation cost for Mr. Lin's use of one of our automobiles, registration, auto insurance and other related automobile expenses.

**Grants of Plan-Based Awards**

The following table sets forth the plan-based awards granted to our named executive officers during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2012.

| Name                | Grant Date | All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)(1) | All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#) | Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh) | Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)(2) |
|---------------------|------------|---|--|---|--|
| Trung T. Doan       | 2/20/2012  | 165,000   |  |   | 582,450  |
| David Young         | 2/20/2012  | 50,000  |  |   | 176,500  |
| Dr. Anh Chuong Tran | 2/20/2012  | 116,000   |  |   | 409,480  |
| Yingku Adam Lin     | 2/20/2012  | 50,000  |  |   | 176,500  |

(1) Awards represent RSUs that provided for vesting with respect to 25% of the shares subject to the award on each of February 20, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. The RSUs of Dr. Tran and Mr. Lin were forfeited on their respective resignations.

(2) Reflects the aggregate grant date fair value computed in accordance with ASC 718. See footnote 1 to the Summary Compensation Table for information regarding the grant date fair value of such RSU awards. These amounts do not necessarily correspond to the actual value that may be recognized by the named executive officers.

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

The following table presents certain information regarding outstanding equity awards held by each of our named executive officers as of the fiscal year ended August 31, 2012. Values in this table are calculated based on the closing price per share of our common stock on August 31, 2012, which was \$2.02.

| Name          | Option Awards Equity Incentive Plan Awards:                         |   |  | Option Exercise Price (\$/Sh) | Option Expiration Date | Stock Awards  |  |
|---------------|---|---|--|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
|               | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#) | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#) | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options (#) |                               |                        | Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#) | Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) |
| Trung T. Doan |   |   |  |                               |                        | 165,000(1)  | 333,300  |
| David Young   | 35,714  |   |  | 0.84                          | 3/03/17                |   |  |
|               | 35,714  | 17,857(2)   |  | 0.91                          | 3/01/18                |   |  |
|               |   |   |  |                               |                        | 50,000(1)   | 101,000  |



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|                     |        |           |      |         |            |         |
|---------------------|--------|-----------|------|---------|------------|---------|
| Dr. Anh Chuong Tran |        |           |      |         | 116,000(3) | 234,320 |
| Yingku Adam Lin     | 15,000 | 45,000(4) | 6.08 | 7/05/21 | 5,250(5)   | 10,605  |
|                     |        |           |      |         | 50,000(6)  | 101,000 |

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- (1) The RSUs will vest with respect to 25% of the shares subject to the award on each of February 20, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- (2) The option will vest on March 1, 2013.
- (3) This RSU provided for vesting with respect to 25% of the shares subject to the award on each of February 20, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 but was forfeited upon Dr. Tran's resignation in October 2012.

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(4) The option provided for vesting with respect to 15,000 shares subject to the award on each of May 9, 2013, 2014 and 2015 but was forfeited upon Mr. Lin's resignation in November 2012.

(5) The RSU provided for vesting with respect to 1,750 shares subject to the award on each of May 9, 2013, 2014 and 2015 but was forfeited upon Mr. Lin's resignation in November 2012.

(6) The RSU provided for vesting with respect to 25% of the shares subject to the award on each of February 20, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 but was forfeited upon Mr. Lin's resignation in November 2012.

### Option Exercises and Stock Vested in Fiscal Year 2012

The following table sets forth the number of shares acquired on vesting of RSUs by each of the named executive officers during fiscal year 2012. The table also presents the value realized upon such vesting, based on the closing price per share of our common stock on the vesting date. Amounts presented in the Value Realized on Vesting column do not necessarily mean that the named executive officer has actually sold the vested shares for cash.

| Name                | Stock Awards                             |                                |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------------|
|                     | Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#) | Value Realized on Vesting (\$) |
| Trung T. Doan       |  |                                |
| David Young         |  |                                |
| Dr. Anh Chuong Tran |  |                                |
| Yingku Adam Lin     | 1,750                                    | 5,898                          |

### Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

The table below reflects the potential payments and benefits to which certain of our named executive officers would be entitled under the individual employment agreements between these named executive officers and us, which are described in the section entitled, Compensation Discussion and Analysis, or under the form of RSU agreement used by us in fiscal year 2012. The amounts shown in the table below assume the termination of employment and/or change in control occurred on August 31, 2012 and that all eligibility requirements under the applicable agreement were met.

| Name              | Salary     | Termination Without Cause or Constructive Termination |            | Total         | Equity Acceleration Upon Change in Control |
|-------------------|------------|---|------------|---------------|--|
|                   |            | Medical Insurance                                     |            |               |  |
| Trung T. Doan (1) | \$ 202,500 | \$ 1,987  | \$ 204,487 | \$ 333,300(2) |  |
| David Young       |            |   |            | \$ 101,000(3) |  |

(1) If Mr. Doan is terminated by us without cause or resigns as a result of a constructive termination at any time, he is eligible to receive as severance an amount equal to six months of his then-current base salary and medical insurance for a six-month period following his employment termination date.

(2) If we had experienced a change in control on August 31, 2012, 165,000 RSUs held by Mr. Doan would have immediately vested upon such change in control. The amount indicated in the table is calculated based on the closing sales price of a share of our common stock on August 31, 2012 (\$2.02).

(3) If we had experienced a change in control on August 31, 2012, 50,000 RSUs held by Mr. Young would have immediately vested upon such change in control. The amount indicated in the table is calculated based on the closing sales price of a share of our common stock on August 31, 2012 (\$2.02).

### **Pension Benefits**

We do not maintain any defined benefit pension plans.

### **Nonqualified Deferred Compensation**

We do not maintain any nonqualified deferred compensation plans.

### **Employment Agreements**

We entered into employment agreements with each of our named executive officers which set forth the terms of their employment, including base salary and, to the extent applicable, bonus opportunities, stock options and severance benefits. Each named executive officer's current cash and equity compensation, including base salary, bonuses, options and severance, is discussed in greater detail in "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and the payments made in fiscal years 2010, 2011 and 2012 are set forth in the "Summary Compensation Table" above.

Mr. Doan entered into an employment agreement in 2005, which provides for the severance payments and benefits described under "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control" above. Dr. Tran had a similar agreement and received no severance payment when he resigned on October 16, 2012.

Mr. Lin's employment agreement entered into in 2011 provided for certain vesting acceleration benefits if we were subject to a change in control as described in the section entitled "Compensation Discussion and Analysis." Mr. Lin received no severance payments or benefits when he resigned on November 16, 2012.

### **Director Compensation**

Based on recommendations from Mercer, our Board has adopted a director compensation policy pursuant to which non-employee members of the Board will receive the following compensation for their board and committee services:

- an annual cash retainer for general Board service of \$50,000 paid in quarterly installments;
- no cash payments for attendance at general Board meetings;

- an annual cash retainer of \$15,000 for serving as chairman of the Audit Committee, \$15,000 for serving as the chairman of the Compensation Committee and \$7,500 for serving as the chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee, with each retainer paid in quarterly installments;
- an annual cash retainer of \$7,500 per non-chairman member serving on the Audit Committee, \$7,500 per non-chairman member serving on the Compensation Committee and \$4,000 per non-chairman member serving on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee; and
- each year shortly following the annual stockholder meeting an annual grant of RSUs with a value of \$50,000, which fully vests on the earlier of the next annual meeting or the one-year anniversary of the grant date, subject to continued service through the vesting date, provided that the RSUs will fully vest if we are subject to a change in control during their service.

The director compensation policy requires directors to attend at least 75% of the meetings each year in order to be renominated. The policy also includes an equity ownership guideline whereby our directors will be expected to own and hold shares of our common stock until retirement from their Board service. We also reimburse non-employee directors for travel, lodging and other expenses incurred in connection with their attendance at Board or committee meetings.

**Director Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth the total compensation for our non-employee directors for the year ended August 31, 2012:

| <b>Name</b>                      | <b>Fees Earned<br/>or Paid in<br/>Cash<br/>(\$)</b> | <b>Stock<br/>Awards<br/>\$(1)</b> | <b>All Other<br/>Compensation<br/>(\$)</b> | <b>Total<br/>(\$)</b> |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Richard P. Beck                  | 31,669  |                                   |  | 31,669                |
| Richard S. Hill                  | 31,669  |                                   |  | 31,669                |
| Dr. Edward Kuan Hsiung Hsieh (2) | 38,860  | 49,998                            |  | 88,858                |
| Mark Johnson                     | 30,141  |                                   |  | 30,141                |
| Dr. Jack Lau (2)                 | 63,471  | 49,998                            |  | 113,469               |
| Scott R. Simplot                 |   |                                   |  |                       |

(1) Amounts shown do not reflect compensation actually received by directors. Instead, the value reported above in the Stock Awards column represents the dollar amounts of the aggregate grant date fair value of RSUs granted to directors in fiscal year 2012, computed in accordance with ASC 718.

(2) Each of Dr. Hsieh and Dr. Lau owned 15,290 RSUs at August 31, 2012. The RSUs will fully vest at the earlier of February 6, 2013 or the date of the 2013 annual meeting.

**PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS**

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of December 1, 2012 with respect to:

- each person, or group of affiliated persons, who is known by us to own beneficially 5% or more of our common stock;
- each of our directors;
- each of our named executive officers; and
- all directors and executive officers as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC. All shares of our common stock subject to options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of December 1, 2012 and RSUs that will vest within 60 days of December 1, 2012, are deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of the person or group holding options and RSUs, but are not deemed to be outstanding for computing the percentage of ownership of any other person.

Unless otherwise indicated by the footnotes below, we believe, based on the information furnished to us, that each stockholder named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares beneficially owned, subject to applicable community property laws.

Percentage of ownership is based on 27,471,226 shares of common stock outstanding as of December 1, 2012.

Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes to the table, the address of each individual listed in the table is c/o SemiLEDs Corporation, 3F, No.11 Ke Jung Rd., Chu-Nan Site, Hsinchu Science Park, Chu-Nan 350, Miao-Li County, Taiwan, R.O.C.

| Name and Address of Beneficial Owner                                | Shares Beneficially Owned |         |
|---|---------------------------|---------|
|   | Number                    | Percent |
| <b>5% Stockholders:</b>   |                           |         |
| Simplot Taiwan, Inc.  | 9,899,344(1)              | 36.0%   |
| J.R. Simplot Company<br>999 Main Street, Suite 1300 Boise, ID 83702 |                           |         |
| RS Investment Management Co. LLC                                    | 2,025,690(2)              | 7.4%    |

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|   |                  |       |
|---|------------------|-------|
| The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America              |                  |       |
| Guardian Investor Services LLC                              |                  |       |
| Trung Tri Doan  | 3,265,983(3)     | 11.9% |
| Dr. Anh Chuong Tran   | 3,240,133(4)     | 11.8% |
| <b><i>Executive Officers and Directors:</i></b>             |                  |       |
| Trung Tri Doan  | 3,265,983(3)     | 11.9% |
| Dr. Edward Kuan Hsiung Hsieh                                |                  |       |
| Dr. Jack Lau  | 17,650           | *     |
| Scott R. Simplot  | 10,209,713(1)(5) | 37.2% |
| David Young   | 124,999(6)       | *     |
| All executive officers and directors as a group (6 persons) | 13,618,345(7)    | 49.4% |

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\* Indicates beneficial ownership of less than 1%.

(1) Based on a Schedule 13G filed February 10, 2011, Simplot Taiwan, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of J.R. Simplot Company, and J.R. Simplot Company share voting and investment power over all such shares. Scott Simplot is the Chairman of J.R. Simplot Company. Mr. Simplot may be deemed to have shared voting and investment power over the



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shares held by Simplot Taiwan, Inc. Mr. Simplot disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(2) Based on a Schedule 13G filed on February 9, 2012, each of the referenced entities has shared voting power over 1,902,667 shares and shared dispositive power over 2,025,690 shares. The Schedule 13G did not include the address of any of these entities.

(3) Includes 1,571,428 shares held by The Trung Tri Doan 2010 GRAT, of which Trung Tri Doan and Anh Chuong Tran are the trustees.

(4) Includes 1,571,428 shares held by The Anh Chuong Tran 2010 GRAT, of which Anh Chuong Tran and Hien Van Nguyen are the trustees.

(5) Includes 310,369 shares held by JRS Properties III L.P. JRS Management L.L.C. is the sole general partner of JRS Properties III L.P. Scott Simplot and Stephen A. Beebe are the managers of JRS Management L.L.C. As managers of JRS Management L.L.C., Mr. Simplot and Mr. Beebe share voting and investment power over the securities held by JRS Properties III L.P. Mr. Simplot may be deemed to have shared voting and investment power over the shares held by JRS Properties III L.P. Mr. Simplot disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(6) Includes options that are currently exercisable for 71,428 shares.

(7) Includes options that are currently exercisable for 71,428 shares.

### **CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Since September 1, 2011, there has not been any transaction or series of similar transactions to which we were or are a party in which the amount involved exceeded or exceeds \$120,000 and in which any of our directors or executive officers, any holder of more than 5% of any class of our voting securities or any member of the immediate family of any of the foregoing persons had or will have a direct or indirect material interest, other than the transactions described below, some of which represent continuing transactions from prior periods.

#### **Investors Rights Agreement**

We have entered into an investors rights agreement with certain holders of our common stock, including Trung T. Doan, The Trung Doan 2010 GRAT, Dr. Anh Chuong Tran, The Anh Chuong Tran 2010 GRAT, Simplot Taiwan, Inc. and JRS Properties III L.P., as well as WI Harper Inc. Fund VI Ltd. and Lite-On Technology USA, Inc., which were more than 5% stockholders at the time. This agreement provides for certain rights

relating to the registration of their shares of common stock.

***Demand Registration Rights***

The holders of at least 40% of the shares of our common stock subject to this agreement (originally 13,718,852 shares) can, on not more than three occasions, request that we register all or a portion of their shares if the aggregate price to the public of the shares offered would exceed \$7,500,000. Under these demand registration rights, we are required to cause the shares requested to be included in the registration statement as soon as practicable, subject to customary conditions and limitations.

***Piggyback Registration Rights***

In the event that we propose to register any of our securities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), either for our own account or for the account of other security holders, the parties to this agreement will be entitled to certain piggyback registration rights allowing the holder to include their shares in such registration, subject to certain marketing and other limitations. As a result, whenever we propose to file a registration statement under the Securities Act, other than with respect to a registration related to employee benefit plans, debt securities or corporate reorganizations, the holders of these shares are entitled to notice of the registration and have the right, subject to limitations that the underwriters may impose on the number of shares included in the registration, to include their shares in the registration.

***Form S-3 Registration Rights***

The parties are also entitled to certain Form S-3 registration rights. Holders of at least 30% of the shares subject to the agreement can make a written request that we register their shares on Form S-3 if we are eligible to file a registration statement on Form S-3 and if the aggregate price to the public of the shares offered is at least \$3,000,000. These stockholders may make an unlimited number of requests for registration on Form S-3. However, we will not be required to effect a registration on Form S-3 if we have effected two such registrations in a given 12-month period.

***Registration Expenses***

We will pay the registration expenses of the holders of the shares registered pursuant to the demand, piggyback and Form S-3 registrations described above. In an underwritten offering, the managing underwriter, if any, has the right, subject to specified conditions, to limit the number of shares such holders may include.

***Expiration of Registration Rights***

The demand, piggyback and Form S-3 registration rights described above will expire, with respect to any particular stockholder, when that stockholder can sell all of the shares that the stockholder proposes to sell under Rule 144 of the Securities Act or a similar exemption during any three-month period. In any event, all such registration rights shall expire in December 2015.

**Employment Agreements**

See Compensation of the Named Executive Officers and Directors Employment Agreements.

**Intellectual Property Cross-Licensing Arrangements with China SemiLEDs**

We have entered into a patent assignment and license agreement, a patent cross-license agreement and a trademark cross-license agreement with Xurui Guangdian Co., Ltd. ( China SemiLEDs ), a joint venture in which we own a 49% equity interest, and of which certain of our officers were also officers and directors during fiscal year 2012.

Under the patent assignment and license agreement, as amended on July 19, 2010, we agreed to assign 13 patents to China SemiLEDs. In return, China SemiLEDs agreed to pay us a one-time payment of \$600,000, which we received in March 2011, and agreed to grant us and our affiliates a royalty-free, transferable and exclusive (with respect to third parties other than China SemiLEDs) license to use the patents globally except in manufacturing LED epitaxial wafers and chips in China. China SemiLEDs agreed to not assign the patents to any third party without

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our written consent. We have agreed to indemnify China SemiLEDs from any damages arising out of any intellectual property infringement claims or proceedings with respect to any products manufactured by China SemiLEDs. The term of the agreement is 10 years.

Under the patent cross-license agreement entered into on May 7, 2010, we agreed to grant royalty-free, exclusive (with respect to third parties other than us) and non-transferable licenses to China SemiLEDs to use 47 of our patents, and patents that we may acquire in the future, for the manufacture of LED epitaxial wafers or chips within China. In addition, China SemiLEDs agreed to grant a royalty-free, exclusive and transferable license to us and our affiliates for use in manufacturing or selling LED chips or packages globally. China SemiLEDs has agreed to not transfer or sublicense any of the licenses without our consent. We are able to terminate the agreement under certain circumstances including, among others, where China SemiLEDs refuses or fails to perform its obligations under the agreement, China SemiLEDs declares bankruptcy or is wound down or put into receivership proceedings, or China SemiLEDs assigns or sells or dissolves its business. We also have the right to terminate the agreement in the event that the directors nominated by us no longer constitute a majority of the board of directors of China SemiLEDs, but only if such loss of a majority of directors occurs as a result of a material breach by China SemiLEDs of our right to appoint a majority of the board. This agreement is effective until the joint venture is dissolved or terminated.

Under the trademark cross-license agreement entered into on May 7, 2010, we agreed to grant China SemiLEDs an exclusive (with respect to third parties other than us) royalty-free license to use our SemiLEDs trademark within China, subject to certain conditions. In return, China SemiLEDs agreed to grant a royalty-free and exclusive (with respect to third parties other than China SemiLEDs) license to us and our affiliates to use globally, except in China, any trademark acquired by it. China SemiLEDs may not transfer or sublicense our SemiLEDs trademark, use our SemiLEDs trademark as part of the name for or trademark owned by any company owned or affiliated with China SemiLEDs, use any trademarks, names, logos or design patents similar to or incorporating our SemiLEDs trademark, or advertise or promote any services or products relating to any LED epitaxial wafers or chips using the trademark of any other company. This agreement is effective until the joint venture is dissolved or terminated.

We may terminate the trademark cross-license agreement if China SemiLEDs products fail to meet certain quality standards. We may also terminate this agreement if the directors nominated by us to the board of China SemiLEDs no longer constitute a majority of its board for reasons other than because China SemiLEDs is listed on a stock exchange, we transfer our shares in China SemiLEDs, or we decline to exercise our preemptive rights with respect to new issuances of shares of China SemiLEDs.

### **Commercial Arrangements and Loans**

In addition to the cross-licensing arrangements with China SemiLEDs, we engaged in additional transactions with China SemiLEDs.

During fiscal year 2012, we sold approximately \$148,000 of products to China SemiLEDs pursuant to standard purchase orders. In addition, we provided technical, engineering and operational support services to China SemiLEDs during fiscal year 2012 and received service fees of approximately \$260,000, which amount was determined by arm's-length negotiations. In addition, in September 2011, we sold equipment to China SemiLEDs for total consideration of approximately \$244,000, determined based on net book value of equipment; no gain or loss was recognized.

In July 2012, the Company, through a wholly owned subsidiary, entered into an unsecured Renminbi-denominated loan agreement to provide short-term lines of credit that permitted China SemiLEDs to borrow from us from time to time in an aggregate principal amount of up to RMB1.4 million (approximately \$0.2 million) for working capital purposes. Under the agreement, the term of each borrowing could not exceed three calendar months from the date of each drawdown. Interest is calculated on a variable basis based on the three-month lending rate published by the People's Bank of China multiplied by 1.1. China SemiLEDs has defaulted upon its obligation to repay the amounts advanced.

We have recorded bad debt expense of approximately \$1,405,000 in connection with China SemiLEDs accounts and notes receivable, which is reflected in our fiscal year 2012 results.

### **Policies and Procedures for Related Party Transactions**

Our Board has adopted a formal, written related party transactions policy pursuant to which, our executive officers, directors, beneficial owners of more than 5% of our common stock, and any member of the immediate family of and any firm, corporation or other entity at which any of the foregoing persons is employed or is a general partner or principal or in a similar position or in which such person has a 5% or greater beneficial interest, are not permitted to enter into a related party transaction with us without prior consent and approval of our Audit Committee. This

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policy covers any transaction, arrangement or relationship, or any series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships in which we are a participant, the aggregate amount involved will or may be expected to exceed \$120,000 in any year and a related person has or will have a direct or indirect material interest (other than solely as a result of being a director or a less than 10% beneficial owner of another entity), including, without limitation, purchases of goods or services by or from the related person or entities in which the related person has a material interest, indebtedness, guarantees of indebtedness or employment by us of a related person.

The Audit Committee has determined that a related person does not have a direct or indirect material interest in the following categories of transactions and that each will be deemed to be preapproved:

- any transaction with another company at which a related person's only relationship is as an employee (other than an executive officer), director, or beneficial owner of less than 10% of that company's shares, if the aggregate amount involved does not exceed the greater of \$1 million or 2% of that company's total annual revenue;

In fiscal year 2012, other than the commercial arrangements with China SemiLEDs, all the related person transactions represented the continuation of transactions entered into prior to our initial public offering and adoption of the policy. The commercial arrangements with China SemiLEDs and the loans were not approved pursuant to the policy because the only reason that they constitute related person transactions is by virtue of our having directed the appointment of certain of our officers as directors of China SemiLEDs.

### ADDITIONAL MEETING INFORMATION

*Meeting Admission.* You are entitled to attend the annual meeting only if you were a holder of our common stock as of the close of business on December 12, 2012 or hold a valid proxy for the annual meeting. If attending the physical meeting, you should be prepared to present photo identification for admittance. In addition, if you are a stockholder of record, meaning that you hold shares directly with American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC ( registered holders ), the inspector of elections will have your name on a list, and you will be able to gain entry with a form of photo identification. If you are not a stockholder of record but hold shares through a broker, bank, or nominee ( street name or beneficial holders), in order to gain entry you must provide proof of beneficial ownership as of the record date, such as an account statement or similar evidence of ownership, along with a form of photo identification. If you do not provide photo identification and comply with the other procedures outlined above for attending the annual meeting in person, you will not be admitted to attend the annual meeting in person.

*Proxy Solicitation.* We will bear the expense of soliciting proxies. Our directors, officers and other employees, without additional compensation, may also solicit proxies personally or in writing, by telephone, e-mail, facsimile or otherwise. We are required to request that brokers, banks, and other nominees who hold stock in their names furnish our proxy materials to the beneficial owners of the stock, and we must reimburse these brokers, banks, and other nominees for the expenses of doing so, in accordance with statutory fee schedules.

*Inspector of Elections.* Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. has been engaged as our independent inspector of elections to tabulate stockholder votes for the annual meeting.

*Stockholder List.* Our list of stockholders as of December 12, 2012 will be available for inspection at our principal executive office (3F, No. 11 Ke Jung Rd., Chu-Nan Site, Hsinchu Science Park, Chu-Nan 350, Miao-Li County, Taiwan, R.O.C.) for 10 days prior to the annual meeting. If you want to inspect the stockholder list, call our Finance Department at +886-37-586788 to schedule an appointment.

### OTHER MATTERS

*Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance.* Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors and executive officers, among others, to file with the SEC an initial report of ownership of our stock on Form 3 and reports of changes in ownership on Form 4 or Form 5. Persons subject to Section 16 are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms that they file. As a matter of practice, our administrative staff assists our executive officers and directors in preparing initial ownership reports and reporting ownership changes, and typically files those reports on their behalf. Based solely on a review of the copies of such forms in our possession and on written representations from reporting persons, we believe that during fiscal year 2012 all of our executive officers and directors filed the required reports on a timely basis under Section 16(a).

*2014 Stockholder Proposals or Nominations.* Pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act, some stockholder proposals may be eligible for inclusion in the proxy statement for our 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. These stockholder proposals must be submitted, along with proof of ownership of our stock in accordance with Rule 14a-8(b)(2), to our principal executive office (3F, No. 11 Ke Jung Rd., Chu-Nan Site, Hsinchu Science Park, Chu-Nan 350, Miao-Li County, Taiwan, R.O.C.) in care of our Corporate Secretary. Failure to deliver a proposal in accordance with this procedure may result in it not being deemed timely received. We must receive all submissions no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m. Taiwan Time) on August 20, 2013.



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In addition, under our Bylaws, any stockholder intending to nominate a candidate for election to the Board or to propose any business at our 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, other than precatory (non-binding) proposals presented under Rule 14a-8, must give notice to our Corporate Secretary between October 9, 2013 and November 8, 2013, unless the notice also is made pursuant to Rule 14a-8. The notice must include information specified in our Bylaws, including information concerning the nominee or proposal, as the case may be, and information about the stockholder's ownership of and agreements related to our stock. If the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is held more than 30 days from the anniversary of the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the stockholder must submit notice of any such nomination and of any such proposal that is not made pursuant to Rule 14a-8 by the later of the 90th day before the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or the 10th day following the day on which public

announcement of the date of such meeting is first made. We will not entertain any proposals or nominations at the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders that do not meet the requirements set forth in our Bylaws. If the stockholder does not also comply with the requirements of Rule 14a-4(c)(2) under the Exchange Act, we may exercise discretionary voting authority under proxies that we solicit to vote in accordance with our best judgment on any such stockholder proposal or nomination.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

David Young  
*Corporate Secretary*











