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# SCOTT S LIQUID GOLD-INC.

4880 Havana Street

Denver, Colorado 80239

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF

# **SHAREHOLDERS**

To Be Held May 18, 2011

# TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS:

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Scott s Liquid Gold-Inc., a Colorado corporation (the Company), will be held at 9:00 a.m., Mountain Time, on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at the Company s offices, 4880 Havana Street, Denver, Colorado 80239 for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following:

- (1) The election of six directors:
- (2) An increase in the number of shares of common stock available under the Company s 2005 Stock Incentive Plan from 1,500,000 to 3,000,000 shares; and
- (3) Such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on March 29, 2011 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

Important notice regarding availability of proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 18, 2011 or any adjournment thereof: The Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting, the form of proxy and the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 are available at the Company s website at <a href="https://www.scottsliquidgold.com">www.scottsliquidgold.com</a> under the Company & Investor Relations tab.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Jeffrey R. Hinkle

Jeffrey R. Hinkle

Corporate Secretary

Denver, Colorado

April 20, 2011

THE FORM OF PROXY IS ENCLOSED. TO ASSURE THAT YOUR SHARES WILL BE VOTED AT THE MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN THE ENCLOSED PROXY AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED, POSTAGE PREPAID,

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#### 4880 Havana Street

Denver, Colorado 80239

#### PROXY STATEMENT

# ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To Be Held May 18, 2011

The enclosed proxy is solicited by and on behalf of the Board of Directors (the Board ) of Scott s Liquid Gold-Inc., a Colorado corporation (the Company ), for use at the Company s Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at 9:00 a.m., Mountain Time, on Wednesday May 18, 2011 at the Company s offices, 4880 Havana Street, Denver, Colorado 80239, or any adjournment thereof. This Proxy Statement, the accompanying form of proxy and a copy of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 are first being mailed or given to the shareholders of the Company on or about April 22, 2011.

Any shareholder signing and mailing the enclosed proxy may revoke it at any time before it is voted by giving written notice of the revocation to the Company s Corporate Secretary, by voting in person at the meeting or by filing at the meeting a later executed proxy.

# VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

All voting rights are vested exclusively in the holders of the Company s \$0.10 par value common stock. Each share of the Company s common stock is entitled to one vote. Cumulative voting in the election of directors is not permitted. Holders of a majority of shares entitled to vote at the meeting, when present in person or by proxy, constitute a quorum. On March 29, 2011, the record date for shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting, the Company had 10,898,500 shares of its \$0.10 par value common stock issued and outstanding.

When a quorum is present, in the election of directors, those six nominees having the highest number of votes cast in favor of their election will be elected to the Company s Board. Consequently, any shares not voted (whether by abstention, broker non-vote or otherwise) have no impact in the election of directors except to the extent the failure to vote for an individual results in another individual receiving a larger number of votes. With respect to any other matter, unless a greater number of votes is required by law, a matter is approved by the shareholders if the votes cast in favor of the matter exceed the votes cast in opposition. Any shares not voted (whether by abstention, broker non-vote or otherwise) have no impact on the vote for such other matters, if any, so long as a quorum is present.

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#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following persons are the only persons known to the Company who on March 31, 2011, owned beneficially more than 5% of the Company s common stock, its only class of outstanding voting securities:

#### Title of Class

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner		Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
Mark E. Goldstein	Common Stock	2,685,578(1)(2)	24.4%
4880 Havana Street			
Denver, Colorado 80239			
Scott s Liquid Gold-Inc.	Common Stock	$1,263,820^{(3)}$	11.6%
Employee Stock			
Ownership Plan			
4880 Havana Street			
Denver, Colorado 80239			
Yorktown Avenue Capital, LLC	Common Stock	1,461,530 <sup>(4)</sup>	13.4%
and Boston Avenue Capital, LLC			
415 South Boston, 9th Floor			
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103			
Timothy Stabosz	Common Stock	541,936 <sup>(5)</sup>	5%
1307 Monroe Street			
Laporte, IN 46350			

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes 2,126,473 shares held by the Goldstein Family Partnership, Ltd., a limited partnership of which the general partner is the Goldstein Family Corporation and whose limited partners include Mark E. Goldstein, his children, a sister, and certain other relatives. Mr. Goldstein is the sole director and sole executive officer of the Goldstein Family Corporation, and he owns 100% of the outstanding stock of the Goldstein Family Corporation. Mr. Goldstein has the sole voting and disposition powers with respect to these shares of the Company owned by the Goldstein Family Partnership, Ltd. Also includes 94,113 shares underlying stock options granted by the Company and exercisable within 60 days, and 86,670 shares held by Mr. Goldstein s minor children. Includes 52,600 shares held jointly by Mr. Goldstein and his spouse, and does not include 25,890 shares of the Company s common stock owned by Mr. Goldstein s spouse, and 500 shares underlying stock options granted on March 23, 2010 by the Company to Mr. Goldstein s spouse as an employee and which vest over 48 months, as to which Mr. Goldstein disclaims any beneficial ownership.

- (2) Does not include 140,808 shares held by the Company s Employee Stock Ownership Plan attributable to Mr. Goldstein s vested interest in the Plan as of December 31, 2010.
- (3) The five-person committee administering the Employee Stock Ownership Plan directs the voting of shares held under such Plan. The Company s four executive officers are members of this five-person committee.
- (4) Yorktown Avenue Capital, LLC and Boston Avenue Capital, LLC are limited liability companies managed by Value Fund Advisors, LLC. This information is based upon filings by Yorktown Avenue Capital, LLC and Boston Avenue Capital, LLC with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC).
- (5) This information is based upon a filing by Mr. Stabosz with the SEC.

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#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT

The following table shows as of March 31, 2011, the shares of the Company s common stock beneficially owned by each director and executive officer of the Company and the shares beneficially owned by all of the directors and executive officers as a group:

#### Title of Class

	Amount and Nature of Beneficial	Percent
Name of Beneficial Owner	Ownership (1)	of Class
Mark E. Goldstein	2,685,578(2)(3)(4)	24.4%
Jeffrey R. Hinkle	221,303(3)(4)(5)	2.0%
Dennis P. Passantino	153,082(3)(4)	1.4%
Brian L. Boberick	41,620 <sub>(3)(4)</sub>	0.4%
Carl A. Bellini	94,998(3)	0.9%
Dennis H. Field	142,823(3)	1.3%
Jeffry B. Johnson	207,664(3)(4)(6)	1.9%
Gerald J. Laber	58,126(3)	0.5%
All Directors and executive officers as a Group (eight persons)	$3,523,705^{(3)(4)}$	31.1%

- (1) Beneficial owners listed have sole voting and disposition power with respect to the shares shown unless otherwise indicated.
- (2) For information regarding Mr. Goldstein s beneficial ownership of shares, see footnote 1 under the table in Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners.
- (3) For each named person, includes the following number of shares underlying stock options granted by the Company and exercisable within 60 days: 94,113 for Mr. Goldstein; 99,425 for Mr. Hinkle; 103,082 for Mr. Passantino; 39,620 for Mr. Boberick; 88,698 for Mr. Bellini; 139,323 for Mr. Field; 89,175 for Mr. Johnson; 58,126 for Mr. Laber; and 711,562 for directors and executive officers as a group.
- (4) Does not include shares owned by the Company s Employee Stock Ownership Plan under which, at December 31, 2010, Mark E. Goldstein had a vested interest in 140,808 shares, Jeffrey R. Hinkle had a vested interest in 96,943 shares, Dennis P. Passantino had a vested interest in 77,081 shares, and Brian L. Boberick had a vested interest in 25,090 shares.
- (5) Of Mr. Hinkle s shares, 121,878 shares are held in a revocable trust of which Mr. Hinkle and his spouse are co-trustees.
- (6) Of Mr. Johnson s shares, 32,000 are held jointly by Mr. Johnson and his spouse.

There has been no change in control of the Company since the beginning of the last fiscal year, and there are no arrangements known to the Company, including any pledge of securities of the Company, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the Company.

Because of his beneficial ownership of the Company s stock and his positions as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Mark E. Goldstein may be considered a parent (i.e., a controlling person) of the Company.

# PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Company s Board currently consists of six directors. On April 15, 2011, Mr. Passantino resigned from the Board and the Board reduced the number of seats from seven to six following such resignation. Mr. Passantino will continue to serve as the Company s Vice President of Operations.

Unless authority to vote is withheld, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy will vote the shares represented by such proxy for the election of the six nominees for director named below. If, at the time of the meeting, any of these nominees shall have become unavailable for any reason to serve as a

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director, the persons entitled to vote the proxy will vote for such substitute nominee or nominees, if any, as they determine in their discretion. If elected, the nominees for director will hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are elected and qualified. The nominees for director, each of whom has consented to serve if elected, are as follows:

# **Principal Occupation for**

Name of Nominee and Position		Director	Y APP W
in the Company Mark E. Goldstein  (Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer)	<b>Age</b> 55	Since 1983	Last Five Years  Chairman of the Board of the Company since February 2000, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since August, 1990, Vice President-Marketing of the Company from 1982 to 1990. Employed by the Company since 1978. Mr. Goldstein was selected as a director for his extensive experience in management, marketing, sales, consumer products and other aspects of the Company s business.
Jeffrey R. Hinkle  (Vice President Marketing and Sales and Corporate Secretary)	57	2000	Vice President-Marketing and Sales of the Company since February 2000. Vice President of Marketing and Sales for the Company s subsidiaries from November 1992 to 2000. Employed by the Company since 1981. Mr. Hinkle was selected as a director for his in-depth knowledge of consumer products, the marketplace for the Company s products, the Company s sales force, international suppliers of distributed products and customers. Mr. Hinkle was selected as a director for his extensive experience in marketing, sales and management.
Carl A. Bellini	77	2000	Management Consultant since 1997. From 1987 to 1997, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Revco D.S., Inc. (a large drug store chain). Mr. Bellini was selected as a director for his extensive experience in management, retail sales, marketing and strategic planning.
Dennis H. Field	78	1991	Management Consultant since 1990. From 1984 to 1990, Executive Vice President/General Manager, Faberge USA, Inc. (mass market health and beauty aids). Mr. Field was selected as a director for his extensive experience in marketing and sales of consumer products, including cosmetic and skin care products, and strategic planning.
Jeffry B. Johnson	65	2000	Retired. Formerly Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company from November 2000 to January 2009. From 1981 to 2000, Controller of the Company. Employed by the Company since 1976. Mr. Johnson was selected as a director for his extensive knowledge of the Company s finances and experience in management and financial matters.
Gerald J. Laber, CPA	67	2004	President, The Catholic Foundation for the Roman Catholic Church in Northern Colorado since January

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2008. Investor and community volunteer since 2000. From 1980 to 2000 partner with Arthur Andersen L.L.P. Currently a director, chair of the audit committee and member of the finance, compensation and nominating and governance committee of Smart Balance, Inc. (a manufacturer and distributor of heart-healthy food products); currently a director, member of the compensation committee and chair of the audit committee of Allied Motion Technologies; currently a director of three companies (Centennial Specialty Foods Corporation, HealtheTech, Inc. and Qualmark Corporation) which were public reporting companies while Mr. Laber served as a director and which ceased being public reporting companies during the past five years. Formerly, during the past five years, a director and chair of the audit committee of Spectralink Corporation until it was acquired in March 2007 and a director and chair of audit committee of Applied Films Corporation until it was acquired in July 2007. Mr. Laber was selected as a director for his extensive experience in accounting, financial matters and strategic planning and his ability to serve as an audit committee financial expert.

All of the foregoing persons are currently directors of the Company. Their positions on standing committees of the Board are shown below under Directors Meetings and Committees.

There are no family relationships among the executive officers or directors of the Company. There are no arrangements or understandings pursuant to which any of these persons were elected as an executive officer or director.

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR EACH OF THE DIRECTOR NOMINEES.

# BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE AND ROLE IN RISK OVERSIGHT

The Board is actively involved in assessing and managing risks that could affect the Company. Part of the Board's role is to periodically assess the processes utilized by management with respect to risk assessment and risk management, including identification by management of the primary risks of the Company s business, and the implementation by management of appropriate systems to deal with such risks. The Board fulfills these responsibilities either directly, through delegation to committees of the Board, or, as appropriate, through delegation to individual directors. When the Board determines to delegate any risk management oversight responsibilities, typically such delegation is made to the standing committees of the Board.

Mr. Goldstein serves as both the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The Company believes this is appropriate in light of Mr. Goldstein s significant experience and leadership roles with the Company, and his in-depth knowledge of consumer products and the Company s management, marketplace, customers, marketing, sales and strategic vision.

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# **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The Company has four executive officers. They are Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Hinkle, Mr. Passantino and Brian L. Boberick. Information regarding Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Hinkle is stated above under Nominees. Information concerning Mr. Passantino and Mr. Boberick is as follows:

Mr. Passantino, 55, has been employed by the Company since 1981. He has been Vice President Operations of the Company since November 2002 and Corporate Secretary from 2002 until 2011. From 1991 to 2002, he served as Operations Manager of the Company.

Mr. Boberick, 55, a certified public accountant, has been the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company since his election to these positions by the Board on February 24, 2009. Mr. Boberick was formerly Controller/Credit Manager of the Company since October 2000. While Controller/Credit Manager, he was involved in, among other things, the daily operations of the finance department, preparation of annual and quarterly reports to the SEC, and the Company s relationships with lenders and others. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Boberick was a controller at a sports marketing company, held finance positions at two other companies and was a senior auditor at an accounting firm.

The officers of the Company are elected annually at the first meeting of the Company s Board held after each annual meeting of shareholders and serve at the pleasure of the Board.

# DIRECTORS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

During the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company had four Board meetings plus two actions by unanimous written consent. The Company s Board has both a Compensation Committee and an Audit Committee. The Company does not have a nominating committee. No member of the Board attended fewer than 75% of the meetings of the Board or of committees for which such member served during 2010.

# **Compensation Committee**

The primary responsibilities of the Compensation Committee include, without limitation, reviewing the development of a compensation philosophy for the Company, reviewing the compensation packages for executive officers and engaging and overseeing compensation consultants and advisers. The Compensation Committee may not delegate its authority. The Compensation Committee operates under resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors that may constitute a charter, a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Appendix B</u>. Current members of the Compensation Committee are Dennis H. Field (Chairperson), Carl A. Bellini, and Gerald J. Laber, each of whom is an independent director as defined under the NASDAQ rules. The Compensation Committee had one meeting during 2010.

In making decisions regarding executive compensation, the Compensation Committee requests the comments of the Chief Executive Officer and the other executive officers about their compensation and considers a number of factors. In determining the executive compensation in 2009 and 2010, the Committee considered, among other things, the following matters:

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# Overview The objectives of the Company s compensation program; What the compensation program is designed to reward; Each element of the compensation; How the Company determines the amount (and, where applicable, the formula) for each element; and How each compensation element and the Company s decisions regarding that element fit into the Company s overall compensation objectives and affect decisions regarding other elements. Specific Factors Services performed and time devoted to the Company by the executive; Amounts paid to executives in comparable companies; The size and complexities of the Company s business; Successes achieved by the executive; The executive sabilities; The executive s tenure; The Company s financial results; Prevailing economic conditions; Compensation paid to other employees of the Company; and

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The amount previously paid to the executive.

The Compensation Committee had previously determined that an outside consultant on compensation matters should be used periodically to provide information about the compensation paid to the Company s executive officers compared to compensation paid by other companies. Most recently, the Compensation Committee engaged The Hay Group in 2004 to provide this type of market analysis. The report from The Hay Group compared each element of the Company s base salary, total cash compensation and total direct compensation for the executive officers to The Hay Group s all company executive compensation survey and to a peer group of 14 companies in the consumer products and specialty chemical industries. This report showed, among other things, that the aggregate actual total direct compensation levels for the Company s executive officers fell between the 25th and 50th percentile levels of the peer group market, with the Chief Executive Officer s actual total direct compensation levels below the median of such market by approximately 20% to 25%. The Compensation Committee has engaged an independent compensation expert to assist the Compensation Committee in evaluating the Company s

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current compensation programs and policies. The Company anticipates having the results of this compensation analysis in the third quarter of the year. To the extent such evaluation leads to changes in compensation, the Company will make any required disclosures in current or periodic reports it files with the SEC.

The Compensation Committee also determines the fees paid to the non-employee directors. The fees for the non-employee directors result from discussions between the executive officers and each of the non-employee directors as to a reasonable amount.

#### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee s primary responsibilities include appointing the independent auditor for the Company, pre-approving all audit and non-audit services, and assisting the Board in monitoring the integrity of the financial statements of the Company, the independent auditor s qualifications, independence and performance and the Company s compliance with legal requirements. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board, a copy of which has been filed with the SEC and is available at the Company s website at www.scottsliquidgold.com. The current members of the Audit Committee are Gerald J. Laber (Chairperson), Carl A. Bellini and Dennis H. Field. Each member of the Audit Committee is an independent director as defined in the NASDAQ rules. Mr. Laber has the professional experience deemed necessary to qualify as an audit committee financial expert under rules of the SEC. The Audit Committee had four meetings during 2010.

# NOMINATION PROCESS

The Board of the Company does not have a nominating committee. The full Board performs the functions of a nominating committee. The Board believes that it does not need a separate nominating committee because the full Board is relatively small, has the time to perform the functions of selecting Board nominees and in the past has acted unanimously in regard to nominees.

In considering an incumbent director whose term of office is to expire, the Board reviews the director s overall service during the person s term, the number of meetings attended, level of participation and quality of performance. In the case of new directors, the directors on the Board are asked for suggestions as to potential candidates, discuss any candidates suggested by a shareholder of the Company and apply the criteria stated below. The Company may engage a professional search firm to locate nominees for the position of director of the Company. However, to date the Board has not engaged professional search firms for this purpose. A selection of a nominee by the Board requires a majority vote of the Company s directors. The Board consists of six members of which Carl A. Bellini, Dennis H. Field, and Gerald J. Laber are independent as defined under NASDAQ rules.

The Board seeks candidates for nomination to the position of director who have excellent decision-making ability, business experience, particularly those relevant to consumer products, personal integrity and a high reputation, diverse backgrounds and who meet such other criteria as may be set forth in a writing adopted by a majority vote of the Board.

During 2011, the Board is undertaking a search for a qualified, independent director. The Board s preference is to nominate a candidate who has experience and expertise in consumer products marketing, advertising, branding and sales. While it is not a requirement for the Company, the goal of the Board is to have a majority of its members meet the independence requirements under the NASDAQ rules in the near term.

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Pursuant to a policy adopted by the Board, the directors will take into consideration a director nominee submitted to the Company by a shareholder; provided that the shareholder submits the director nominee and reasonable supporting material concerning the nominee by the due date for a shareholder proposal to be included in the Company s Proxy Statement for the applicable annual meeting as set forth in rules of the SEC then in effect. See Shareholder Proposals below.

# DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT COMPANY ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Company does not have a policy regarding attendance by members of the Board at the Company s annual meeting of shareholders. The Company has always encouraged its directors to attend its annual meeting. In 2009, the year of our last annual meeting, all directors attended the Company s annual meeting of shareholders.

#### SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD

Historically, the Company has not had a formal process for shareholder communications with the Board. The Company does not believe a formal process for handling shareholder communications is necessary because the Board reviews and considers all material communications from shareholders.

# CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS

The Company has a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that reflects long-standing positions of the Company and contains additional provisions that address the Company s expectations relating to ethical business conduct. The Code applies to all employees, including executive officers, and to directors. The Code concerns, among other things, compliance with applicable law, the avoidance of conflicts of interest, trading restrictions imposed on persons who are aware of material non-public information, a prohibition on taking corporate opportunities, competing fairly and honestly, diversity as an asset, the Company s efforts to provide a safe and healthful work environment, recordkeeping, confidentiality, proper use of Company assets and payments to government personnel. A copy of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics may be obtained upon request to: Corporate Secretary, Scott s Liquid Gold Inc., 4880 Havana Street, Denver, Colorado 80239. The Code is also available at the Company s website.

# **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The following Summary Compensation Table shows the annual and other compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and all other executive officers of the Company at December 31, 2010, for services in all capacities provided to the Company and its subsidiaries for the past two years. The Company's compensation packages to the executive officers, as determined by the Compensation Committee, are designed to enable the Company to recruit, retain and motivate a talented and diverse group of people who contribute to the Company s success. The packages are also intended to synchronize executive compensation with the Company's performance, motivate executive officers to achieve the Company s business objectives, provide performance incentives and minimize undue risk to the Company. The Company's Chief Executive Officer provides input on determining and recommending compensation packages of the executive officers other than himself.

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#### SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and							Non-qualifi	ed	
Principal		G 1		Stock	Option	plan o	•	on All Other	T-4-1
Position (a)	Year (b)	Salary \$ <sup>(1)</sup> (c)	\$(2) (d)	Awards \$ (e)	\$(3) (f)	compensation \$ (g)	s (h)	Compensation (\$) <sup>(4)</sup> (i)	Total \$ (j)
Mark E. Goldstein	2010 2009	342,000 342,000			23,914			56,614 66,706	422,528 408,706
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer									
Jeffrey R. Hinkle	2010 2009	192,375 192,375			24,448			14,129 11,969	230,952 204,344
Vice President Marketing and Sales									
Dennis P. Passantino	2010 2009	165,375 165,375			17,563			25,029 25,640	207,967 191,015
Vice President Operations and Corporate Secretary									
Brian L. Boberick	2010 2009	135,000 130,708			3,804 3,511			27,494	166,298 157,807
Controller until February 2009; Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer commencing on February 24, 2009								23,588	

- (1) September 2008 through the date of this Proxy Statement, the Company, as a cost cutting measure, reduced the base salary of each of Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Hinkle, with their consents, by 5%. Prior to that, in September 2006, the base salary of each of Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Hinkle was reduced by 10%, for an aggregate reduction through the date of this Proxy Statement of 15%.
- (2) The Company had a bonus plan for its executive officers for the year 2010. The plan provided that an amount would be distributed to the Company's executive officers equal to 10% of the annual before tax profit exceeding \$1 million, excluding items that are infrequent, unusual, or extraordinary. Such amount for 2010 would have been divided among the Company's executive officers as follows: President, 31%, Vice President-Marketing and Sales, 25%, Treasurer, 22%, and Vice President Operations, 22%. In no event would a bonus have been paid unless pre-tax profits, excluding the above-mentioned items, exceeded \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year, nor would any bonus have been paid on the first \$1,000,000 of pre-tax earnings, excluding the above-mentioned items. After receiving the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, the Board has adopted substantially the same plan for 2011.
- (3) Amounts shown in the column Option Awards are the aggregate grant date fair value of stock options granted in 2010 and 2009, computed in accordance with ASC 718. For information on the valuation assumptions for the stock options, please refer to Note 1(n) of the Company s Financial Statements in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 as filed with the SEC on March 29, 2011, a copy of which accompanies this Proxy Statement. These amounts do not necessarily correspond to the actual value that may be recognized by the executive officers in the future.

(4) The dollar amount of All Other Compensation changes from year to year because of fluctuations in the costs of benefits and their timing. All Other Compensation in the table above for 2010 and 2009 is comprised of the following:

	Mark E. 2010	Goldstein 2009	Jeffrey I 2010	R. Hinkle 2009
Automobile lease/allowance (a)	\$ 9,081	\$ 12,961	\$	\$
Income taxes on automobile lease/allowance (a)	6,890	9,832		
Other automobile expenses	953	1,810	1,012	668
Memberships	16,884	16,882		
Life insurance	4,716	4,716	1,814	1,814
Income taxes on life insurance	3,578	3,578	1,280	1,280
Medical plan (b)	5,421	8,288	3,814	2,354
Disability insurance	4,672	4,672	4,987	4,987
ESOP (c)	1,545	1,094	1,222	866
Other	2,874	2,873		
Total other compensation	\$ 56,614	\$ 66,706	\$ 14,129	\$ 11,969

	Dennis P. 2010	Passantino 2009	Brian L. 2010	Boberick 2009
Automobile lease/allowance (a)	\$ 6,066	\$ 7,341	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,125
Income taxes on automobile lease/allowance (a)	4,274	5,165	4,225	3,608
Other automobile expenses	858	477	401	757
Memberships				
Life insurance	1,245	1,245	2,719	4,065
Income taxes on life insurance	876	875	1,915	2,862
Medical plan (b)	8,269	6,644	8,991	5,305
Disability insurance	2,365	3,127	2,314	1,228
ESOP (c)	1,076	766	929	638
Other				
Total other compensation	\$ 25,029	\$ 25,640	\$ 27,494	\$ 23,588

- (a) The Company provides funds needed, plus an amount to pay resulting income taxes, to each executive officer for the lease or allowance for the use of an automobile. In the case of Mr. Passantino, the amount shown for 2010 and 2009 represents the lease value, and income tax on that value, for his use in 2010 and 2009 of a vehicle leased by the Company. In the third quarter of 2009, under this policy, Mr. Goldstein leased a vehicle for use by Mr. Goldstein. Mr. Goldstein had previously not purchased or leased an automobile under this policy since 2000. In the case of Mr. Boberick, the amount shown for 2010 and 2009 represents an allowance for use of his personally-owned vehicle.
- (b) In addition to group life, health, hospitalization and medical reimbursement plans which generally are available to all employees, the Company has adopted a plan which provides for additional medical coverage of not more than \$50,000 per year to each of the Company's executive officers.
- (c) ESOP compensation for each of the executive officers consists of Company contributions under an Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust Agreement ("ESOP"). The Company may contribute annually to the ESOP cash or common stock which, in combination with any employer contribution made to the 401(k) Plan, cannot exceed 25% of all participants' total compensation (the maximum amount currently deductible under tax laws). The Board determines whether any contributions will be made for the year. Benefits are allocated to all eligible employees according to a formula based on compensation, except that any income earned on assets of the Trust is allocated to ESOP

participants based upon the value that each participant's account bears to the total value of Trust assets.

# STOCK PLANS

Executive officers and non-employee directors of the Company are eligible to receive stock awards under the Company s 2005 Stock Incentive Plan as amended, which expires on March 31, 2015. The number of shares available under the 2005 Plan is 1,500,000 shares of common stock; however, under Proposal 2 of this Proxy Statement, shareholders are being asked to approve of an increase in the number of available shares to a total of 3,000,000. The 2005 Plan provides for the issuance of stock awards consisting of incentive and non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock or

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restricted stock units. To date, the Company has only granted stock options under its plans. Eligible persons under the 2005 Plan are full-time and part-time employees, non-employee directors and consultants. Under the 2005 Plan, stock awards vest upon a change in control. All options granted in or prior to 2006 were 100% vested on the date of grant. Options granted after 2006 including those granted to date in 2011 vest <sup>1</sup>/48 of the shares subject to the options each month after the date of grant and upon a change in control. The Company s 1998 Stock Option Plan expired on November 8, 2008 and had covered 1,100,000 shares of common stock. Options under the 1998 Plan remain outstanding. The terms of the 1998 Plan are similar to those of the 2005 Plan.

Option Grants in 2009

On February 24, 2009, the Company s Board granted five-year options, effective February 26, 2009, for a total of 90,000 shares of common stock to an executive officer and certain non-employee directors at an exercise price of \$0.17 per share (the closing market price on February 26, 2009). The number of shares subject to these options were 30,000 for Mr. Laber, 30,000 for Mr. Boberick and 30,000 for Mr. Bellini. On August 11, 2009, the Company s Board granted a five-year option, effective on that date, for a total of 3,000 shares of common stock to Mr. Boberick at an exercise price of \$0.25 per share (the closing market price on August 11, 2009). These options vest at 1/48 per month from the date of grant or upon a change in control as indicated above.

Option Grants in 2010

On May 13, 2010, the Company s Board granted five-year options, effective on that date, for a total of 357,000 shares of common stock to the four executive officers and two non-employee directors at an exercise price of \$0.22 per share (the closing market price on May 13, 2010), except in the case of Mr. Goldstein whose options have an exercise price of \$0.24, representing 110% of the closing market price. The number of shares subject to these options were 80,000 each for Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Hinkle, Mr. Passantino and Mr. Johnson, 30,000 for Mr. Bellini and 7,000 for Mr. Boberick. On August 10, 2010, the Company s Board granted five-year options, effective on that date, for a total of 265,000 shares of common stock to three executive officers and the four non-employee directors at an exercise price of \$0.23 per share (the closing market price on August 10, 2010), except in the case of Mr. Goldstein whose options have an exercise price of \$0.25, representing 110% of the closing market price. The number of shares subject to these options were 50,000 each for Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Hinkle and Mr. Johnson, 5,000 for Mr. Passantino, 55,000 for Mr. Belini, 25,000 for Mr. Field and 30,000 for Mr. Laber. On November 10, 2010, the Company s Board granted five-year options, effective December 14, 2010, for a total of 122,000 shares of common stock to the four executive officers and two non-employee directors at an exercise price of \$0.20 per share (the closing market price on December 14, 2010), except in the case of Mr. Goldstein whose options have an exercise price of \$0.22, representing 110% of the closing market price. The number of shares subject to these options were 18,400 each for Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Hinkle, Mr. Passantino, Mr. Boberick and Mr. Johnson, and 30,000 for Mr. Laber. These options vest at 1/48 per month from the date of grant or upon a change in control as indicated above.

The following table summarizes information with respect to each person s outstanding stock options at December 31, 2010.

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OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT DECEMBER 31, 2010									
Option Awards						Stock Awards			
Nove	Number of securities underlying unexercised options	Number of securities underlying unexercised options #	Equity incentive plan awards: Number of securities underlying unexercised unearned options	Option exercise price	<b>Option expiration</b>	Number of shares or units of stock that have not	value of shares or units of stock that have not	Equity incentive plan awards: Number of unearned shares, units or other rights that have not	Equity incentive plan awards: Market or payout value of unearned shares, units or other rights that have not vested
Name	# Exercisable	# Unexercisable	options #	\$	date	vested #	vested \$	vested #	
(a)	(b)	(c)	# ( <b>d</b> )	(e)	(f)	# (g)	ֆ (h)	# (i)	\$ ( <b>j</b> )
Mark E. Goldstein	15,525 <sup>(1)</sup>	675	(u)	0.90	Feb. 26, 2012	(g)	(11)	(1)	(J)
Wark E. Goldstein	36,719 <sup>(4)</sup>	33,781		0.19	Nov. 27, 2013				
	$12,500^{(7)}$	67,500		0.24	May 12, 2015				
	4,688 <sup>(8)</sup>	45,312		0.25	Aug. 9, 2015				
	192 <sup>(9)</sup>	18,208		0.22	Dec. 13, 2015				
Jeffrey R. Hinkle	15,525(1)	675		0.82	Feb. 26, 2012				
3	$41,146^{(4)}$	37,854		0.17	Nov. 27, 2013				
	$12,500^{(7)}$	67,500		0.22	May 12, 2015				
	4,688(8)	45,312		0.23	Aug. 9, 2015				
	192(9)	18,208		0.20	Dec. 13, 2015				
Dennis P. Passantino	$25,108^{(1)}$	1,092		0.82	Feb. 26, 2012				
	$40,375^{(3)}$	16,625		0.55	Feb. 25, 2013				
	$4,167^{(4)}$	3,833		0.17	Nov. 27, 2013				
	$12,500^{(7)}$	67,500		0.22	May 12, 2015				
	469(8)	4,531		0.23	Aug. 9, 2015				
	192(9)	18,208		0.20	Dec. 13, 2015				
Brian L. Boberick	7,083(1)	2,917		0.82	Feb 26, 2012				
	$1,750^{(2)}$	1,250		0.82	Sep. 3, 2012				
	$2,292^{(3)}$	2,708		0.55	Feb. 25, 2013				
	$6,250^{(5)}$	23,750		0.17	Feb. 23, 2014				
	$250^{(6)}$	2,750		0.25	Aug. 10, 2014				
	1094 <sup>(7)</sup>	5,906		0.22	May 12, 2015				
	192(9)	18,208		0.20	Dec. 13, 2015				

<sup>(1)</sup> These options were granted on February 27, 2007 and vest <sup>1</sup>/48 per month from date of grant.

<sup>(2)</sup> These options were granted on September 4, 2007 and vest <sup>1</sup>/ 48 per month from date of grant.

 $<sup>^{(3)}</sup>$  These options were granted on February 26, 2008 and vest  $^{1}$ / 48 per month from date of grant.

- (4) These options were granted on November 28, 2008 and vest <sup>1</sup>/48 per month from date of grant.
- (5) These options were granted on February 24, 2009 and vest <sup>1</sup>/48 per month from date of grant.

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- (6) These options were granted on August 11, 2009 and vest <sup>1</sup>/48 per month from date of grant.
- (7) These options were granted on May 13, 2010 and vest <sup>1</sup>/48 per month from date of grant.
- (8) These options were granted on August 10, 2010 and vest <sup>1</sup>/48 per month from date of grant.
- (9) These options were granted on December 14, 2010 and vest <sup>1</sup>/48 per month from date of grant.

# COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

Three directors are full-time executive officers of the Company and receive no additional compensation for service as a director. Carl A. Bellini, Dennis H. Field, and Gerald J. Laber were in 2009 and are currently non-employee directors. Mr. Johnson was an executive officer until January 29, 2009 and is currently a non-employee director. The Company paid \$2,250 per month (through November 30, 2009) to each non-employee director for his services as director. Beginning December 2009, compensation paid per month to Messrs. Bellini, Field, and Johnson was reduced to \$1,125 per month, while Mr. Laber s compensation was reduced to \$1,250 per month. The following table shows the annual and other compensation of the non-employee directors at December 31, 2010 for services to the Company for 2010.

# **DIRECTOR COMPENSATION FOR 2010**

Non Qualified

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards	Option Awards	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Deferred Compensation Earnings	All Other Compensation	
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Total
(a)	<b>(b)</b>	(c)	$(d)^{(1)}$	(e)	<b>(f)</b>	<b>(g)</b>	( <b>\$</b> ) ( <b>j</b> )
Carl A. Bellini	13,500		13,763				27,263
Dennis H. Field	13,500		3,824				17,324
Gerald J. Laber	15,000		8,753				23,753
Jeffry B. Johnson	13,500		24,469				37,969

(1) Amounts shown in the column Option Awards are the aggregate grant date fair value of stock options granted in 2010, computed in accordance with ASC 718. For information on the valuation assumptions for the stock options, please refer to Note 1(n) of the Company s Financial Statements in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 29, 2011, a copy of which accompanies this Proxy Statement. These amounts do not necessarily correspond to the actual value that may be recognized by the directors in the future.

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The following table summarizes information with respect to each non-employee director s outstanding stock options at December 31, 2010:

	Outstanding Options at December 31, 2010				
	Number of Securities	Number of Securities			
	Underlying Unexercised	Underlying Unexercised	Option		
	Options	Options	Exercise	Option	
	#	#	Price	Expiration	
Name	Exercisable	Unexercisable	\$	Date	
Carl A. Bellini	47,917 <sup>(1)</sup>	2,083	0.82	Feb. 26, 2012	
	13,750 <sup>(4)</sup>	16,250	0.17	Feb. 23, 2014	
	4,688(5)	25,312	0.22	May 12, 2015	
	5,156(6)	49,844	0.23	Aug. 9, 2015	
Dennis H. Field	95,833(1)	4,167	0.82	Feb. 26, 2012	
	23,438(2)	21,562	0.17	Nov. 27, 2013	
	2,344 <sup>(6)</sup>	22,656	0.23	Aug. 9, 2015	
Gerald J. Laber	28,750(1)	1,250	0.82	Feb. 26, 2012	
	$13,750^{(4)}$	16,250	0.17	Feb. 23, 2014	
	2,813(6)	27,187	0.23	Aug. 9, 2015	
	313 <sup>(7)</sup>	29,687	0.20	Dec. 13, 2015	
Jeffry B. Johnson	15,525(1)	675	0.82	Feb. 26, 2011	
•	$29,750^{(3)}$	12,250	0.55	Feb. 25, 2013	
	$4,167^{(4)}$	3,833	0.17	Nov. 27, 2013	
	$12,500^{(5)}$	67,500	0.22	May 12, 2015	
	4,688(6)	45,312	0.23	Aug. 9, 2015	
	192(7)	18,208	0.20	Dec. 31, 2015	

- (1) These options were granted on February 27, 2007 and vest <sup>1</sup>/48 per month from the date of grant.
- (2) These options were granted on November 28, 2008 and vest <sup>1</sup>/48 per month from the date of grant.
- (3) These options were granted on February 26, 2008 and vest <sup>1</sup>/48 per month from the date of grant.
- (4) These options were granted on February 24, 2009 and vest <sup>1</sup>/48 per month from the date of grant.
- (5) These options were granted on May 13, 2010 and vest <sup>1</sup>/48 per month from the date of grant.
- (6) These options were granted on August 10, 2010 and vest <sup>1</sup>/48 per month from the date of grant.
- (7) These options were granted on December 14, 2010 and vest \(^{1}/48\) per month from the date of grant.

#### PROPOSAL 2: AMENDMENT TO STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

#### Amendment

The Company s Board amended on March 16, 2011, the Company s 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the 2005 Plan ) to increase the number of shares of common stock available under the 2005 Plan by 1,500,000 shares of common stock, for a total authorized number of 3,000,000 shares. The amendment increasing the number of shares under the 2005 Plan is subject to approval of the Company s shareholders and is included as <a href="#">Appendix A</a> hereto. The effective date of the amendment will be the date of shareholder approval.

Prior to the amendment, 1,500,000 shares have been available under the 2005 Plan. After the amendment, the total number of shares available under the 2005 Plan will be 3,000,000 shares. The reasons for the amendment to the 2005 Plan include:

The Company s Board believes that the Company must have available and grant options to employees in order to retain employees in a competitive environment, particularly employees who are subject to the Company s salary and wage freeze.

The 2005 Plan is the only stock plan of the Company s under which grants may be made.

The increase in options is intended in part to replace options which expire, without being exercised, under the Company s 1997 Stock Option Plan and 1998 Stock Option Plan. See Shares Under All Plans as of March 31, 2011 below. Stock options issued under the 1997 and 1998 Plans remain outstanding after the expiration of those Plans and continue for the term of the options, which has typically been five years from the date of grant. The amendment will subtract from the total number of shares available under the 2005 Plan the number of shares which are actually issued under the 1997 and 1998 Plans.

Options reward persons who have stayed with the Company.

Options provide an incentive on the part of officers and other employees, as well as directors, to improve the Company sperformance.

The grant of options aligns the goals of the optionees with those of the shareholders.

The options provide to directors and executive officers a meaningful stake in the Company.

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# Shares Under All Plans As of March 31, 2011

The Company currently has outstanding options under three stock option plans. They are the 1997 Stock Option Plan (for which the executive officers and directors are ineligible), the 1998 Stock Option Plan and the 2005 Plan. The number of shares available under the Plans are shown in the following table:

		2005 Plan <sup>(3)</sup>				
	1997 Plan	1998 Plan	With Amendment	Total		
Shares authorized for future issuances			3,000,000 (1)(2)	3,000,000 (1)(2)		
Shares subject to outstanding options	240,500	296,900	1,396,150	1,933,550		
Shares previously issued upon exercise of options		22,000	3,500	25,500		
Shares available for option grants			1,600,350	1,040,950 (2)		

- (1) Includes 1,500,000 shares added by the amendment being submitted to the shareholders for approval.
- (2) The number of shares under the 2005 Plan is decreased by options exercised under the 1997 and 1998 Plans after May 6, 2008.
- (3) Expires on March 31, 2015.

Significant features of the 2005 Plan are summarized below, as currently in effect and as the 2005 Plan will be in effect after the amendment which solely increases the number of shares available for awards. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the 2005 Plan which is available from the Company and is an exhibit to filings with the SEC.

# General

In March, 2005, the Company s Board adopted the 2005 Plan, subject to approval and ratification by shareholders. The shareholders approved the 2005 Plan in May 2005. The shareholders approved an amendment to increase the number of shares available under the 2005 Plan from 900,000 to 1,500,000 on May 6, 2008.

The 2005 Plan provides that the 2005 Plan administrator may issue stock awards consisting of incentive and non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock and restricted stock units. The 2005 Plan administrator may grant one or more of these types of awards. The Board will administer the 2005 Plan unless the Board delegates the administration of the 2005 Plan to a committee, which will be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board. The 2005 Plan administrator determines and designates from time to time (a) those eligible persons to whom awards are granted, (b) the size, form, terms (including vesting, if any) and conditions of awards under the 2005 Plan and (c) rules with respect to the administration of the 2005 Plan administrator may at any time cancel an award, whether vested or unvested, if the participant engages in conduct that the 2005 Plan administrator determines to be detrimental to the best interest of the Company, including failure to comply with policies or procedures of the Company.

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# Shares Subject to 2005 Plan; Limitations

The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued under awards granted pursuant to the 2005 Plan will be 3,000,000 shares of the Company s common stock, less the number of shares issued as a result of the exercise of options under the 1997 and 1998 Plans, after May 6, 2008. If there is a stock dividend, subdivision, reclassification, recapitalization, merger, consolidation, stock split, combination or exchange of stock, or other event described under the terms of the 2005 Plan, the administrator will make appropriate adjustments to the total number of shares available under the 2005 Plan and to outstanding awards. If an outstanding award expires or ceases to be exercisable, the shares that were subject to the award will continue to be available under the 2005 Plan.

During any single calendar year, no participant will be eligible to be granted awards exceeding 10% of the limit on shares under the 2005 Plan. From March, 2005 to the date on which the 2005 Plan terminates, no participant will be eligible to be granted awards exceeding 20% of the limit on shares.

#### Term of 2005 Plan

The 2005 Plan was effective as of March 31, 2005. The 2005 Plan will terminate on March 31, 2015, unless terminated earlier by the Board. Termination of the 2005 Plan will not affect grants made prior to termination.

# **Eligibility**

All full-time and part-time employees are eligible to receive any award under the 2005 Plan. Directors and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries, who are not employees, are eligible to receive any award, other than incentive stock options, under the 2005 Plan.

# Securities Issuable Under the 2005 Plan

#### Stock Options

The exercise price for an option granted under the 2005 Plan must not be less than 100% of the fair market value of the shares subject to the option at the date of grant. No option will be repriced. The term of each option may not be more than ten years from the date of grant. An option is fully vested unless otherwise provided by the 2005 Plan administrator in the option agreement. A participant may pay the exercise price and withholding taxes in cash or, upon approval of the 2005 Plan administrator, in common stock of the Company or another form of legal consideration. No incentive stock option may be granted to an employee who, at the time the incentive stock option is granted, owns stock (as determined in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code) representing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or of any parent or subsidiary, unless the option price of such incentive stock option is at least 110% of the fair market value of the stock subject to the incentive stock option and the incentive stock option by its terms is not exercisable more than five years from the date it is granted.

# Stock Appreciation Rights

A stock appreciate right, or SAR, is exercisable for the receipt of a number of shares of common stock having a fair market value equal to (1) the fair market value on the date of exercise of the number of shares as to which the SAR has been exercised over (2) the aggregate exercise price of the SAR for such number of shares. The exercise price for each SAR will be no less than the fair market value of the common stock at the time the SAR is granted. No SAR will be repriced. The term of any SAR may not

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