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Dear Stockholder,

We cordially invite you to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Protalix BioTherapeutics, Inc. to be held at 1:00 p.m. on May 30, 2019 at the offices of our Israeli counsel, Horn & Co., Law Offices, Amot Investments Tower, 2 Weizmann Street, 24th Floor, Tel Aviv 6423902, Israel.

The attached notice of annual meeting and proxy statement describe the business we will conduct at the meeting and provide information about us that you should consider when you vote your shares. As set forth in the attached proxy statement, the meeting will be held to:

- consider the election of directors;
- approve an advisory vote on executive compensation; and
- ratify the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

Please take the time to carefully read each of the proposals stockholders are being asked to consider and vote on. Please promptly vote your shares either via the Internet, by telephone or by marking, signing, dating and returning the proxy card in the enclosed envelope. Your vote is important, whether or not you attend the meeting in person. We encourage you to vote by proxy so that your shares will be represented and voted at the meeting. If you decide to attend the meeting and vote in person, your proxy may be revoked at your request.

We appreciate your support and look forward to your attending the meeting.

Sincerely,

Yossi Maimon

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

2 Snunit Street, Science Park P.O.B. 455, Carmiel 20100, Israel

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NOTICE OF 2019 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
TO BE HELD ON MAY 30, 2019

To the Stockholders of Protalix BioTherapeutics, Inc.:

The 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Protalix BioTherapeutics, Inc. will be held at the following time, date and place for the following purposes:

TIME:

1:00 p.m., Israel time

DATE:

May 30, 2019

PLACE:

Horn & Co., Law Offices, Amot Investments Tower, 2 Weizmann Street, 24th Floor, Tel Aviv 6423902, Israel

PURPOSES:

1.

To elect six members to the Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year or until their respective successors have been duly elected.

2.

To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in the proxy statement that accompanies this notice.

3.

To ratify the appointment of Kesselman & Kesselman, Certified Public Accountant (Isr.), a member of PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited, as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

4.

To transact such other business that is properly presented at the meeting or any adjournment.

All of these proposals are more fully described in the proxy statement that follows. You may vote at the meeting and any adjournments if you were the record owner of our common stock at the close of business on April 12, 2019. A list of stockholders of record will be available at the meeting and, during the 10 days prior to the meeting, at the office of our Corporate Secretary at the above address.

Please sign, date and promptly return the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed envelope, or vote by telephone or Internet (instructions are on your proxy card), so that your shares will be represented whether or not you attend the annual meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carmiel, Israel
April 12, 2019

Yossi Maimon
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary

Protalix BioTherapeutics, Inc.
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POB 455
Carmiel 20100, Israel
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PROXY STATEMENT FOR PROTALIX BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.
2019 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
TO BE HELD ON MAY 30, 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Why Did You Send Me this Proxy Statement?

We sent you this proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card because the Board of Directors of Protalix BioTherapeutics, Inc. is soliciting your proxy to vote at the 2019 annual meeting of stockholders and any adjournments of the meeting to be held at 1:00 p.m., Israel time, on May 30, 2019 at the offices of our Israeli counsel, Horn & Co., Law Offices, Amot Investments Tower, 2 Weizmann Street, 24th Floor Tel Aviv 6423902, Israel. This proxy statement, along with the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, summarizes the purposes of the meeting and the information you need to know to vote at the annual meeting.

We anticipate that on or about April 26, 2019, we will begin sending this proxy statement, the attached Notice of Annual Meeting and the form of proxy enclosed to all stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting. Although not part of this proxy statement, we are also sending along with this proxy statement our Annual Report on Form 10-K which includes financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. You can also find a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 on the Internet through the electronic data system called EDGAR provided by the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, at <http://www.sec.gov> or through the Investor Relations section of our website at <http://www.protalix.com>. In addition, since we are also listed on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, we submit copies of all our filings with the SEC to the Israeli Securities Authority and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Such copies can be retrieved electronically through the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's Internet messaging system (www.maya.tase.co.il) and through the MAGNA distribution site of the Israeli Securities Authority (www.magna.isc.gov.il). Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 and information on the website other than the proxy statement are not part of our proxy soliciting materials. Additional copies of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 are available upon request.

Who Can Vote?

Only holders of record of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, on April 12, 2019, the record date, are entitled to vote at the annual meeting. On the record date, there were 148,382,299 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote. The common stock is currently our only outstanding class of voting stock. You do not need to attend the annual meeting to vote your shares. Shares represented by valid proxies, received in time for the meeting and not revoked prior to the meeting, will be voted at the meeting.

How Many Votes Do I Have?

Each share of common stock that you own entitles you to one vote.

How Do I Vote?

Whether you plan to attend the annual meeting or not, we urge you to vote by proxy. Voting by proxy will not affect your right to attend the annual meeting. If your shares are registered directly in your name through our stock transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, or you have stock certificates, you may vote:

- By mail. Complete, date, sign and mail the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed postage prepaid envelope. Your proxy will be voted in accordance with your instructions. If you sign the proxy card but do not specify how you want your shares voted, they will be voted as recommended by our Board of Directors.

- By Internet or by telephone. Follow the instructions attached to the proxy card to vote by Internet or telephone.

- In person at the meeting. If you attend the meeting, you may deliver your completed proxy card in person or you may vote by completing a ballot, which will be available at the meeting.

If your shares are held in “street name” (held in the name of a bank, broker or other nominee), but not including shares held through a Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Clearing House Ltd. (“TASE”) member, you must provide the bank, broker or other nominee with instructions on how to vote your shares and can generally do so as follows:

- By mail. You will receive instructions from your broker or other nominee explaining how to vote your shares.

- By Internet or by telephone. Follow the instructions you receive from your broker to vote by Internet or telephone.

- In person at the meeting. Contact the broker or other nominee who holds your shares to obtain a broker’s proxy card and bring it with you to the meeting. You will not be able to vote at the meeting unless you have a proxy card from your broker.

If you own shares that are traded through the TASE, you may vote your shares in one of the following two ways:

- By mail. Complete, sign and date the proxy card and attach to it an ownership certificate from the TASE Clearing House member through which your shares are registered (i.e., your broker, bank or other nominee) indicating that you were the beneficial owner of the shares on April 12, 2019, the record date for voting, and return the proxy card or voting instruction form, along with the ownership certificate, to our designated address for that purpose in Israel, 2 Snunit Street, Science Park, P.O. Box 455, Carmiel 20100, Israel. If the TASE member holding your shares is not a TASE Clearing House member, please make sure to include an ownership certificate from the TASE Clearing House member in which name your shares are registered.

- In person at the meeting. Attend the meeting, where ballots will be provided. If you choose to vote in person at the meeting, you need to bring an ownership certificate from the TASE Clearing House member through which your shares are registered (i.e., your broker, bank or other nominee) indicating that you were the beneficial owner of the shares on April 12, 2019, the record date for voting. If the TASE member holding your shares is not a TASE Clearing House member, please make sure to include an ownership certificate from the TASE Clearing House member in which name your shares are registered.

If you need assistance in voting by telephone or over the Internet or completing your proxy card or have questions regarding the meeting, please contact our proxy advisor:

Alliance Advisors, LLC
200 Broadacres Drive, 3rd Floor
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
+1 (844) 876-6184 (toll free in the United States)

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What am I Voting On?

You are voting on:

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The election of six members to our Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year or until their respective successors have been duly elected (Shlomo Yanai, Moshe Manor, Amos Bar Shalev, Zeev Bronfeld, David Granot and Aharon Schwartz, Ph.D.).

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To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement.

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The ratification of the appointment of Kesselman and Kesselman, Certified Public Accountant (Isr.), a member of PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited, as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

How does the Board of Directors Recommend that I Vote at the Meeting?

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote as follows:

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“FOR” the re-election of all director nominees named in the “Proposal 1: Election of Directors” section in this proxy statement.

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“FOR” the approval, on a non-binding advisory basis, of our executive compensation as disclosed in the proxy statement that accompanies this notice and as described in “Proposal 2: Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation” section in this proxy statement.

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“FOR” the ratification of Kesselman and Kesselman as our independent registered public accounting firm for the 2019 fiscal year, as named in “Proposal 3: Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm” section in this proxy statement.

If any other matter is properly presented at the meeting or any adjournment, the proxy card provides that your shares will be voted by the proxy holder listed on the proxy card in accordance with his or her best judgment. At the time this proxy statement was printed, we knew of no matters that needed to be acted on at the annual meeting, other than those discussed in this proxy statement.

What Constitutes a Quorum for the Meeting?

Of the 148,382,299 shares of common stock outstanding as of the record date, the holders of at least one-third (1/3) of those shares, or at least 49,460,767 shares, must be present at the meeting in person or represented by proxy to hold the meeting and conduct business. Once a quorum is established at a meeting, it shall not be broken by the withdrawal of enough votes to leave less than a quorum. Shares held by stockholders of record who are present at the meeting in person or by proxy are counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists. Abstentions and “broker non-votes” are also counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists. If a quorum is not present, the meeting will be adjourned until a quorum is obtained.

What are the Voting Requirements to Approve a Proposal?

Election of directors

Assuming a quorum is present, nominees for director will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the shares of common stock voting in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting. This means that the nominees who receive the most votes will be elected to the Board of Directors. In voting to elect nominees to the Board of Directors, stockholders may vote in favor of all the nominees or any individual nominee or withhold their votes as to all the

nominees or any individual nominee. Shares not present at the annual meeting have no effect on the election of directors.

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Approval of non-binding advisory resolution on executive compensation

You may vote “FOR,” “AGAINST” or “ABSTAIN” on the advisory vote on executive compensation. If a quorum is present, approval requires the affirmative vote of the majority of shares present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the resolution. The outcome of this vote is not binding; however, the Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee will consider the outcome of the vote when developing and reviewing the future executive compensation plans. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect.

Ratification of the selection of Kesselman & Kesselman as our independent auditor

You may vote “FOR,” “AGAINST” or “ABSTAIN” on the ratification of the selection of Kesselman & Kesselman to serve as our principal independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. If a quorum is present, ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm requires the affirmative vote of the majority of shares present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect.

How are My Votes Cast when I Sign and Return a Proxy Card?

When you sign the proxy card or submit your proxy by telephone or over the Internet, you appoint Moshe Manor, our president and chief executive officer, and Yossi Maimon, our vice president and chief financial officer, as your representatives at the meeting. Either Moshe Manor or Yossi Maimon will vote your shares at the meeting as you have instructed them on the proxy card. Each of such persons may appoint a substitute for himself.

Even if you plan to attend the meeting, it is a good idea to complete, sign and return your proxy card or submit your proxy by telephone or over the Internet in advance of the meeting in case your plans change. This way, your shares will be voted by you whether or not you actually attend the meeting.

May I Revoke My Proxy?

If you give us your proxy, you may revoke it at any time before it is voted at the meeting. There will be no double counting of votes. You may revoke your proxy in any one of the following ways:

- entering a new vote or by granting a new proxy card or new voting instruction bearing a later date (which automatically revokes the earlier instructions);
- if your shares are held in street name, re-voting by Internet or by telephone as instructed above (only your latest Internet or telephone vote will be counted);
- notifying our Corporate Secretary, Yossi Maimon, in writing before the annual meeting that you have revoked your proxy; or
- attending the meeting in person and voting in person. Attending the meeting in person will not in and of itself revoke a previously submitted proxy unless you specifically request it.

Can my broker vote my shares for me?

A broker “non-vote” occurs when a broker or nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular matter because the matter is not routine and such broker or nominee does not have the discretionary voting authority to vote the shares for which it is the holder of record with respect to a particular matter at the annual meeting and such broker or nominee has not received instructions from the beneficial owner. Broker “non-votes,” and shares as to which proxy authority has been withheld with respect to any matter, are generally not deemed to be entitled to vote for purposes of determining whether stockholders’ approval of that matter has been obtained. Pursuant to New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) Rule 452, the uncontested election of directors (Proposal No. 1) and the approval of a non-binding advisory resolution on executive compensation (Proposal No. 2) are non-routine matters and, therefore, may not be voted upon by brokers without instruction from beneficial owners. Consequently, proxies submitted by

brokers for shares beneficially owned by other persons may not, in the absence of specific instructions from such beneficial owners, vote the shares in favor of or withhold votes from such proposals at the brokers' discretion. Proposal 3 is a routine matter. Please complete your proxy and return it as instructed so your vote can be counted.

What if I Receive More than One Proxy Card?

You may receive more than one proxy card or voting instruction form if you hold shares of our common stock in more than one account, which may be in registered form or held in street name. Please vote in the manner described under "How Do I Vote?" for each account to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

What if I do not Vote for Some of the Matters Listed on My Proxy Card?

If you return your proxy card without indicating your vote, your shares will be voted for the nominees listed on the card; for the approval, on an advisory basis, of the executive compensation; and for the ratification of the appointment of Kesselman & Kesselman.

Will My Shares be Voted if I do not Return My Proxy Card and do not Attend the Annual Meeting?

If your shares are registered in your name or if you have stock certificates, they will not be voted if you do not return your proxy card by mail or vote at the meeting as described above under "How Do I Vote?".

If your shares are held in street name and you do not provide voting instructions to the bank, broker or other nominee that holds your shares as described above under "How Do I Vote?," the bank, broker or other nominee has the authority to vote your shares on certain routine matters scheduled to come before the meeting even if it does not receive instructions from you. We encourage you to provide voting instructions. This ensures your shares will be voted at the meeting in the manner you desire.

Is Voting Confidential?

Yes. Only the inspector of elections and our employees that have been assigned the responsibility for overseeing the legal aspects of the annual meeting will have access to your proxy card. The inspector of elections will tabulate and certify the vote. Any comments written on the proxy card will remain confidential unless you ask that your name be disclosed.

What are the Costs of Soliciting these Proxies?

We will pay all of the costs of soliciting these proxies. Our officers, directors and employees may solicit proxies in person or by telephone, fax or email. We will pay these officers, employees and directors no additional compensation for these services. We will ask banks, brokers and other institutions, nominees and fiduciaries to forward these proxy materials to their principals and to obtain authority to execute proxies. We will then reimburse them for their expenses. We have engaged Alliance Advisors LLC to assist us in soliciting proxies for the annual meeting. We will pay Alliance Advisors a base fee of \$8,000, plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, plus an additional fee based upon the number of contacts with stockholders made and work performed. We estimate the total amount payable to Alliance Advisors will be approximately \$40,000.

Could other Matters be Decided at the Annual Meeting?

We do not know of any other matters that will be considered at the annual meeting. If any other matters arise at the annual meeting at or by the direction of the board of directors, the proxies will be voted at the discretion of the proxy holders.

What Happens if the Annual Meeting is Postponed or Adjourned?

Your proxy will still be valid and may be voted at the postponed or adjourned meeting. You will still be able to change or revoke your proxy until it is voted.

Do I Need a Ticket to Attend the Annual Meeting?

Yes, you will need an admission ticket or proof of ownership of common stock to enter the annual meeting. If you are a stockholder of record, your admission ticket is the bottom half of the proxy card sent to you. If you plan to attend the annual meeting, please so indicate when you vote and bring the ticket with you to the annual meeting. If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other holder of record, your admission ticket is the left side of your voting information form. If you do not bring your admission ticket, you will need proof of ownership to be admitted to the annual meeting. A recent brokerage statement or letter from a bank or broker is an example of proof of ownership. If you arrive at the annual meeting without an admission ticket, we will admit you only if we are able to verify that you are a stockholder of our Company.

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SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth information, as of April 1, 2019, regarding beneficial ownership of our common stock:

- each person who is known by us to own beneficially more than 5% of our common stock;
- each director;
- each of our Chief Executive Officer, our Executive Vice President, Research and Development, our Senior Vice President, Product Development, our Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and our Senior Vice President, Operations; and
- all of our directors and executive officers collectively.

Unless otherwise noted, we believe that all persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of our common stock beneficially owned by each of them. For purposes of this table, a person is deemed to be the beneficial owner of securities that can be acquired by such person within 60 days from April 1, 2019 upon exercise of options, warrants and convertible securities. Each beneficial owner's percentage ownership is determined by assuming that options, warrants and convertible securities that are held by such person (but not those held by any other person) and that are exercisable within such 60 days from such date have been exercised. The information set forth below is based upon information obtained from the beneficial owners, upon information in our possession regarding their respective holdings and upon information filed by the holders with the SEC.

The percentages of beneficial ownership are based on 148,382,299 shares of our common stock outstanding as of April 1, 2019.

The address for all of our directors and officers is c/o Protalix BioTherapeutics, Inc., 2 Snunit Street, Science Park, P.O. Box 455, Carmiel, Israel, 20100.

| Name and Address of Beneficial Owner | Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership | Percentage of Class (%) |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| Board of Directors and Executive Officers | | |
| Shlomo Yanai(1) | 150,000 | * |
| Moshe Manor(2) | 1,112,500 | * |
| Amos Bar Shalev | 1,680 | * |
| Zeev Bronfeld(3) | 2,162,481 | 1.5 |
| David Granot | — | — |
| Aharon Schwartz, Ph.D. | — | — |
| Einat Brill Almon, Ph.D.(4) | 652,500 | * |
| Yossi Maimon(5) | 662,500 | * |
| Yaron Naos(6) | 439,563 | * |
| Yoseph Shaaltiel, Ph.D.(7) | 1,303,416 | * |
| All executive officers and directors as a group (10 persons)(8) | 6,484,640 | 4.3 |
| 5% Holders | | |
| Highbridge Capital Management LLC(9) | 16,468,605 | 9.99 |

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| UBS O'Connor LLC(10) | 9,411,764 | 6.0 |
| Citigroup Global Markets Inc.(11) | 9,214,117 | 5.8 |

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less than 1%.

(1)

Consists of 150,000 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of April 1, 2019.

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(2)

Consists of 50,000 outstanding shares of our common stock and 1,062,500 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of April 1, 2019. Does not include 1,137,500 shares of our common stock underlying options that will not vest within 60 days of April 1, 2019.

(3)

Consists of shares of our common stock held by EBC Holdings Ltd., an investment company wholly-owned by Mr. Bronfeld.

(4)

Consists of 185,000 outstanding shares of our common stock and 467,500 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of April 1, 2019. Does not include 612,500 shares of our common stock underlying options that will not vest within 60 days of April 1, 2019.

(5)

Consists of 195,000 outstanding shares of our common stock and 467,500 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of April 1, 2019. Does not include 612,500 shares of our common stock underlying options that will not vest within 60 days of April 1, 2019.

(6)

Consists of 199,563 outstanding shares of our common stock held and 240,000 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of April 1, 2019. Does not include 525,000 shares of our common stock underlying options that will not vest within 60 days of April 1, 2019.

(7)

Consists of 795,916 outstanding shares of our common stock and 507,500 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of April 1, 2019. Does not include 612,500 shares of our common stock underlying options that will not vest within 60 days of April 1, 2019.

(8)

Consists of 3,589,640 outstanding shares of our common stock and 2,895,000 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of April 1, 2019. Does not include 3,500,000 shares of our common stock underlying options that will not vest within 60 days of April 1, 2019.

(9)

The principal business office of Highbridge Capital Management LLC, or Highbridge is 40 West 57th Street, 32nd Floor, New York, New York 10019. Holdings are based on a Form 13F-HR filed by Highbridge on February 14, 2019 for December 31, 2018. Consists of 16,468,605 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of convertible notes held by funds managed by Highbridge. Each such note is subject to a blocker provision of such notes pursuant to which the holder of each such note does not have the right to convert the note to the extent that such conversion would result in beneficial ownership by the holder thereof, together with any persons whose beneficial ownership of the common stock would be aggregated with such holder's for purposes of Section 13(d) or Section 16 of the Exchange Act, for more than 9.99% of the common stock, and, accordingly, the disclosed amounts do not include shares that exceed the blocker provision.

(10)

The address of UBS O'Connor LLC, or UBS O'Connor, is One North Wacker Drive, 32nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed on February 12, 2019 for December 31, 2018 by UBS O'Connor, Kevin Russell, or Mr. Russell, and Andrew Martin, or Mr. Martin, and on a Schedule 13F-HR filed by UBS O'Connor on February 15, 2019 for December 31, 2018. UBS O'Connor serves as the investment manager to Nineteen77 Global

Multi-Strategy Alpha Master Limited, or GLEA. In such capacity, UBS O'Connor exercises voting and investment power over the shares of common stock held for the account of GLEA. Mr. Russell is the Chief Investment Officer of UBS O'Connor and Mr. Martin is a Portfolio Manager for O'Connor, and each also exercises voting and investment power over the shares of common stock held for the account of GLEA. As a result, each of UBS O'Connor, Mr. Russell and Mr. Martin may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock held for the account of GLEA. Includes 9,411,764 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of a convertible note held by GLEA.

(11)
Based solely on a Schedule 13G/A on February 8, 2019 for December 31, 2018 by Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Citigroup Financial Products Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. and Citigroup Inc., or collectively, Citigroup, and on a Schedule 13F-HR filed by Citigroup Inc. on February 12, 2019 for December 31, 2018. Consists of 9,214,177 shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of a convertible note. The address for Citigroup is 388 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10013.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors, executive officers and holders of more than 10% of our common stock to file with the SEC reports regarding their ownership and changes in ownership of our equity securities. We believe that all Section 16 filings requirements were met by our officers and directors during 2018. In making this statement, we have relied solely upon examination of the copies of Forms 3, 4 and 5, Schedule 13s and written representations of our former and current directors, officers and 10% stockholders.

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PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At the annual meeting, our stockholders will be asked to elect six directors for a one-year term expiring at the next annual meeting of stockholders. Each director will hold office until his or her successor has been elected and qualified or until the director's earlier resignation or removal.

Our Board of Directors recommends that the persons named below be elected as directors of our Company and it is intended that the accompanying proxy will be voted for their election as directors, unless the proxy contains contrary instructions. Shares of common stock represented by all proxies received by the Board of Directors and not so marked as to withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee or for all nominees will be voted (unless one or more nominees are unable to serve) for the election of the nominees named below. The Board of Directors knows of no reason why any such nominee should be unable or unwilling to serve, but if such should be the case, proxies will be voted for the election of some other person or the size of the Board of Directors will be fixed at a lower number. Each of the nominees currently serves as a member of our Board of Directors. The directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the stockholders present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

Nominees for Election to the Board of Directors

The names of the nominees for election to the Board of Directors and certain information about such nominees are set forth below. For information concerning the number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by each nominee, see "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" above.

| Name | Age | Position |
|------------------------|-----|---|
| Shlomo Yanai | 66 | Chairman of the Board |
| Moshe Manor | 62 | President and Chief Executive Officer, Director |
| Amos Bar Shalev | 66 | Director |
| Zeev Bronfeld | 67 | Director |
| David Granot | 72 | Director |
| Aharon Schwartz, Ph.D. | 76 | Director |

Shlomo Yanai. Mr. Yanai has served as the Chairman of our Board of Directors since July 2014. Mr. Yanai is currently the Chairman of the Board of Cambrex Corporation (NYSE:CBM) and has served on its board of directors since November 2012. He has also served as a director of PDL BioPharma, Inc. (Nasdaq: PDLI) since June 2018. He serves as a non-employee member of the board of managers of Q Holdco LLC, and as a senior advisor to Moelis & Company. Mr. Yanai served as a director of Lumenis Ltd. from 2012 through 2015; of Sagent Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from April 2015 through August 2016; of Perrigo Co. plc (Nasdaq:PRGO) from November 2015 through January 2017; and of Quinpario Acquisition Corp. 2 (Nasdaq:QPACU) from November 2014 through July 2017. Mr. Yanai served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., or Teva (Nasdaq:TEVA, TASE:TEVA), from March 2007 until May 2012 and, prior to joining Teva, Mr. Yanai was President and Chief Executive Officer of Makhteshim-Agan Industries Ltd. from 2003 until 2006. Before that, he was a Major General in the Israel Defense Forces, where he served for 32 years in various positions, the last two positions being Commanding Officer of the Southern Command and Head of the Division of Strategic Planning. Mr. Yanai was the head of the Israeli security delegation to the peace talks at Camp David, Shepherdstown and Wye River. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Governors of the Technion — Israel Institute of Technology of Haifa, Israel, and of the Board of Trustees of Bar-Ilan University — Israel, as well as an honorary member of the Board of the Institute for Policy and Strategy of the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya, Israel. Mr. Yanai holds a bachelor's degree in political science and economics from Tel Aviv University, a master's degree in national resources management from George Washington University, and is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program of Harvard Business School and U.S. National War College (NDU). Mr. Yanai was the recipient of the Max Perlman Award for Excellence in Global Business Management from Tel Aviv University, Israel in 2005 and was awarded an

honorary doctorate by Bar-Ilan University, Israel in 2012. We believe Mr. Yanai's qualifications to serve as Chairman of our Board of Directors include his vast global operating experience in the life-science and pharmaceutical and agro-chemicals industry. He also brings a global perspective to the Board, incorporating his industry and Board leadership experience and his distinguished military service.

Moshe Manor. Mr. Manor has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer and as a director of our Company since November 2014. Mr. Manor served in a number of senior executive positions at Teva (Nasdaq:TEVA, TASE:TEVA) from 1984 through 2012. Most recently, he served as President, Teva Asia & Pacific where he led the strategy and development of a high growth region for Teva. Prior to that, he was Group Vice President, Global Branded Products, leading the Innovative Commercial and Research & Development franchises. From 2006 through 2008, Mr. Manor was Senior Vice President, Global Innovative Resources, and was responsible for generating over \$3 billion in sales with Copaxone® and Azilect®. Previously, he served as director of Teva Israel. Most recently, Mr. Manor serves on the Board of Directors of Coronis Partners, and as Chairman of the Board of Directors of a startup company, MEway Pharma. He holds a BA in Economics from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and an MBA from the Tel-Aviv University. We believe Mr. Manor's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include his extensive experience in the life-science and pharmaceutical industry on a global scale.

Amos Bar Shalev. Mr. Bar Shalev has served as our director since July 2008. Previously, Mr. Bar Shalev served as a director of Protalix Ltd. from 2005 through January 2008, and as our director from 2006 through 2008. Mr. Bar Shalev brings to us extensive experience in managing technology companies. Currently, Mr. Bar Shalev serves on the boards of directors of Aposense Ltd. (TASE: APOS), an Israeli publicly-traded company listed on the TASE, since 2011, as well as Twine Solutions Ltd., a privately-held technology company, since 2015, and of Steam CC Ltd., since 2017, both privately-held Israeli companies. From 2004 through 2012, Mr. Bar Shalev served as a director of Technorov Holdings (1993) Ltd. and managed its portfolio. In addition, he served on the board of directors of Highcon Systems Ltd., a privately-held Israeli company, from 2010 through 2012. From 1997 through 2004, he was a Managing Director of TDA Capital Partners, a management company of the TGF (Templeton Tadiran) Fund. From 2004 through 2007, he was the President of Win Buyer Ltd. He has served on the board of directors of a number of Israeli publicly traded and privately-held Israeli companies including, among others, Velox Ltd., NESS Ltd. (acquired by BioNess Inc.), Idanit (acquired by Scitex Corporation Ltd.), Objet Geometrix (merged with Stratasys, Inc. (Nasdaq:SSYS)), Verisity, Scitex Vision (acquired by Hewlett Packard), Golden Wings Investment Company Ltd., the venture capital fund of the Israeli Air Force Veterans Business Club, Win Buyer Ltd. and Sun Light Ltd. He received his B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from the Technion, Israel in 1978 and M.B.A. from the Tel Aviv University in 1981. He holds the highest award from the Israeli Air Force for technological achievements. We believe Mr. Bar Shalev's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include his years of experience in the management of Israeli businesses.

Zeev Bronfeld. Mr. Bronfeld has served as a director of Protalix Ltd. since 1996 and as our director since December 2006. Mr. Bronfeld brings to us vast experience in management and value building of biotechnology companies. He is an experienced businessman who is involved in a number of biotechnology companies. He was a co-founder of Bio-cell Ltd., a former Israeli publicly-traded holding company that specialized in biotechnology companies and served as its Chief Executive Officer from 1986 through 2015. Mr. Bronfeld currently serves as a director of Entera Bio Ltd. (Nasdaq: ENTX), as well as The Trendlines Group (SGX:42T), D.N.A. Biomedical Solutions Ltd. (TASE:DNA) and Electreon Wireless Ltd. (TASE:ELWS) (formerly, Biomedix Incubator Ltd.), all of which are public companies. Mr. Bronfeld is also a director of a number of privately-held companies, most of which are involved in the life sciences, such as Contipi Medical Ltd and TransBiodiesel Ltd. From 2008 through January 2017, Mr. Bronfeld served as a director of Macrocare Ltd., a Nasdaq-listed company that merged into Leap Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq:LPTX). Mr. Bronfeld received a B.A. in Economics from the Hebrew University in 1975. We believe Mr. Bronfeld's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include his years of experience in the management of private and public Israeli companies, including life science companies.

David Granot. Mr. Granot has served as our director since August 2018. Mr. Granot has served on the board of directors of Ormat Technologies, Inc. (NYSE:ORA, TASE:ORA) since May 2012, and of Bezeq Israeli Telecommunication, Co. Ltd. (TASE:BEZQ) since May 2012, where he served as temporary Acting Chairman from July 2017 through May 2018. He also serves on the board of directors of Alrov

Properties & Lodgings Ltd. (TASE:ALRPR); and Jerusalem Economy Ltd. (TASE:ECJM), each of which is an Israeli public company. He also serves on the board of directors of Tempo Beverages Ltd. and Geregu Power PLC, each of which is a privately-held company. From 2009 through 2017, he was a director of Harel Insurance Investments and Financial Ltd. and Chairman of the Nostro investment committee of Harel Insurance. In addition, from 2001 through 2007, he served as the Chief Executive Officer of the First International Bank of Israel Ltd, from 1998 through 2000 he served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Israel Discount Bank and from 1995 through 1998 he served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Israel Union Bank. He holds a B.A. in Economics and an MBA, both from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. We believe Mr. Granot's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include his extensive financial and banking knowledge, as well as vast management and business experience.

Aharon Schwartz, Ph.D. Dr. Schwartz has served as our director since November 2014. He retired from Teva in 2011 where he served in a number of positions from 1975 through 2011, the most recent being Vice President, Head of Teva Innovative Ventures from 2008. Dr. Schwartz is currently chairman of the board of directors of BiolineRx Ltd. (Nasdaq:BLRX, TASE:BLRX) and a member of the board of directors of Barcode Ltd and Foamix Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Nasdaq:FOMX). He also works as an independent consultant. From January 2013 through November 2017, he served as a member of the board of directors of Alcobra Ltd. (Nasdaq:ADHD), which is now called Arcturus Therapeutics Ltd. Dr. Schwartz received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry in 1978 from the Weizmann Institute of Science, his M.Sc. in organic chemistry from the Technion and a B.Sc. in chemistry and physics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Dr. Schwartz received a second Ph.D. in 2014 from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in the history and philosophy of science. We believe Dr. Schwartz's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include his years of experience in life science companies.

Corporate Governance

In compliance with the listing requirements of the NYSE American, we have adopted a comprehensive plan of corporate governance for the purpose of defining responsibilities, setting high standards of professional and personal conduct and assuring compliance with such responsibilities and standards. We regularly monitor developments in the area of corporate governance to ensure we are in compliance with the standards and regulations required by the NYSE American. A summary of our corporate governance measures follows.

We believe a majority of the members of our Board of Directors are independent from management. When