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**BOTTOMLINE TECHNOLOGIES (de), INC.**

**325 Corporate Drive**

**Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801**

**Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

**To be held on November 15, 2007**

To the stockholders of Bottomline Technologies (de), Inc.:

The annual meeting of stockholders of Bottomline Technologies (de), Inc., a Delaware corporation, will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 3:00 p.m., local time, at the corporate offices of Bottomline Technologies (de), Inc., at 325 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801, for the purpose of considering and voting upon the following matters:

1. To elect three Class III directors for the ensuing three years;
2. To ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our registered public accounting firm for the current fiscal year; and
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting, including any postponements or adjournments thereof.

Our board of directors has no knowledge of any other business to be transacted at the annual meeting.

We are enclosing a copy of our annual report to stockholders for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 with the proxy statement that accompanies this notice of meeting. The annual report contains consolidated financial statements and other information of interest to you.

Holders of record of our common stock at the close of business on September 28, 2007 are entitled to receive this notice and to vote at the annual meeting.

*We encourage you to attend the annual meeting in person. However, in order to make sure that you are represented at the annual meeting, we urge you to complete, sign and return the enclosed proxy card as promptly as possible in the enclosed postage-prepaid envelope.*

By order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ JOSEPH L. MULLEN  
**Joseph L. Mullen**

**Chairman of the Board of Directors**

October 15, 2007

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

**BOTTOMLINE TECHNOLOGIES (de), INC.**

**325 Corporate Drive**

**Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801**

**Proxy Statement**

*For the Annual Meeting of Stockholders*

*To be held on November 15, 2007*

This proxy statement is furnished to you in connection with the solicitation of proxies by our board of directors for the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 3:00 p.m., local time, at the corporate offices of Bottomline Technologies (de), Inc., at 325 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801, including any postponements or adjournments thereof.

The notice of the annual meeting, this proxy statement, our annual report to stockholders for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, which we sometimes refer to as fiscal 2007, and the enclosed proxy are first being mailed to stockholders on or about October 15, 2007.

**Voting of Proxies**

All shares held by stockholders who are entitled to vote and who are represented at the annual meeting by properly executed proxies received prior to or at the annual meeting will be voted in accordance with the instructions indicated on the proxy card, unless it is revoked prior to the vote. If a proxy card does not specify how the proxy is to be voted with respect to a particular matter, the shares will be voted FOR approval of the matter.

A proxy may be revoked before it is used to cast a vote. To revoke a proxy, a stockholder must:

file with the corporate secretary of the company, at or before the taking of the vote, a written notice of revocation bearing a later date than the proxy;

duly execute a later dated proxy relating to the same shares and deliver it to the corporate secretary of the company before the taking of the vote; or

attend the annual meeting and vote in person. Attendance at the annual meeting, if a stockholder does not vote, will not be sufficient to revoke a proxy.

Any written notice of revocation or subsequent proxy should be sent to us at the following address: Bottomline Technologies (de), Inc., 325 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

**Stockholders Entitled to Vote**

Our board of directors has fixed September 28, 2007 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting. Only holders of record of our common stock at the close of business on the record date are entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting. On September 28, 2007, there were 24,621,041 shares of our common stock outstanding and entitled to vote. Each share of common stock will have one vote for each matter to be voted upon at the annual meeting.

**Votes Required**

The holders of at least a majority of the shares of our common stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the annual meeting will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the annual meeting. Shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy, including shares which abstain or do not vote with



respect to one or more of the matters presented for stockholder approval, will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the annual meeting.

If a broker does not have discretionary voting authority to vote shares for which it is the holder of record with respect to a particular matter at the annual meeting, the shares cannot be voted by the broker, although they will be counted in determining whether a quorum is present. Accordingly, broker non-votes and abstentions would have no effect on the voting on a matter that requires the affirmative vote of a certain percentage of votes cast or shares voting on that matter.

The affirmative vote of the holders of shares representing at least a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of our common stock entitled to vote at the annual meeting is required for the election of the Class III directors. The affirmative vote of the holders of shares representing at least a majority of the stock present or represented and voting on the matter is required for the ratification of our registered public accounting firm.

**Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management**

The following table sets forth information, as of August 31, 2007, regarding the beneficial ownership of shares of our common stock by (a) each person or entity known by us to own beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding shares of our common stock, (b) each of the named executive officers, as described in the Summary Compensation Table below, (c) each director of the company, and (d) the directors and executive officers of the company as a group. The address of each of our directors and named executive officers is c/o Bottomline Technologies (de), Inc., 325 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we sometimes refer to as the SEC, and generally includes voting power and/or investment power with respect to securities. Shares of common stock subject to options and/or warrants currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of August 31, 2007 are deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage beneficially owned by the person or entity holding the options and/or warrants, but are not deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage beneficially owned by any other person or entity. Except as indicated by footnote, we believe that the persons and entities named in this table, based on information provided by them, have sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of common stock indicated.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Shares Beneficially Owned		Options and/or Warrants Included in Shares Beneficially Owned
	Number	Percent	Number
<i>5% Stockholders</i>			
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	2,840,000(1)	11.54%	
100 E. Pratt Street			
Baltimore, MD 21202			
BlackRock, Inc.	2,749,077(2)	11.17%	
40 East 52nd Street			
New York, NY 10022			
Royce & Associates, LLC	1,446,001(3)	5.87%	
1414 Avenue of the Americas			
New York, NY 10019			
<i>Executive Officers and Directors</i>			
Robert A. Eberle	616,973(4)	2.47%	358,462
Peter S. Fortune	261,830(5)	1.06%	85,225
Kevin M. Donovan	184,301(6)	*	136,782
Joseph L. Barry, Jr.	221,175(7)	*	60,000
Michael J. Curran	8,000(8)	*	
Jeffrey C. Leathe	10,500(9)	*	7,500
James L. Loomis	514,250(10)	2.09%	37,500
Daniel M. McGurl	334,783(11)	1.35%	98,005
Joseph L. Mullen	756,549(12)	3.01%	501,250
Garen K. Staglin	8,000(13)	*	
James W. Zilinski	85,000(14)	*	60,000
All executive officers and directors as a group (11 persons)	3,001,361	11.56%	1,344,724

\* Represents less than 1% of the outstanding shares of common stock.

- (1) T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. holds sole voting power over 538,400 of the shares and sole dispositive power over all 2,840,000 shares. This information is based on an Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G filed by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. with the SEC on February 13, 2007.



- (2) BlackRock, Inc. shares voting and dispositive power with Master Value Opportunities Trust with respect to these shares. This information is based on an Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G filed by BlackRock, Inc. with the SEC on February 13, 2007.

- (3) Royce & Associates, LLC has sole voting and dispositive power over these shares. This information is based on an Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13G filed by Royce & Associates, LLC with the SEC on January 18, 2007.
- (4) Includes prior awards of restricted stock, of which 140,250 are unvested as of August 31, 2007.
- (5) Includes prior awards of restricted stock, of which 113,250 are unvested as of August 31, 2007.
- (6) Includes prior awards of restricted stock, of which 17,500 are unvested as of August 31, 2007.
- (7) Includes prior awards of restricted stock, of which 3,000 are unvested as of August 31, 2007.
- (8) Includes prior awards of restricted stock, of which 8,000 are unvested as of August 31, 2007.
- (9) Includes prior awards of restricted stock, of which 3,000 are unvested as of August 31, 2007.
- (10) Includes prior awards of restricted stock, of which 3,000 are unvested as of August 31, 2007.
- (11) Includes prior awards of restricted stock, of which 3,000 are unvested as of August 31, 2007. In addition, 230,778 of the shares are held by the McGurl Family Limited Partnership. Mr. McGurl shares voting and dispositive power over the shares held by the McGurl Family Limited Partnership. Mr. McGurl disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (12) Includes prior awards of restricted stock, of which 121,312 are unvested as of August 31, 2007.
- (13) Includes prior awards of restricted stock, of which 8,000 are unvested as of August 31, 2007.
- (14) Includes prior awards of restricted stock, of which 3,000 are unvested as of August 31, 2007.

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**PROPOSAL I ELECTION OF CLASS III DIRECTORS**

We have three classes of directors, currently consisting of three Class I directors, three Class II directors and three Class III directors. At each annual meeting, directors are elected for a full term of three years to succeed those whose terms are expiring. The terms of the three classes are staggered in a manner so that only one class is elected by stockholders annually. Mr. Daniel M. McGurl, Mr. James L. Loomis and Mr. Garen K. Staglin are currently serving as Class III directors. The Class III directors elected this year will serve as members of our board of directors until the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders, or until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Proxies can not be voted cumulatively.

The persons named in the enclosed proxy will vote to re-elect Mr. McGurl, Mr. Loomis and Mr. Staglin as Class III directors unless the proxy is marked otherwise. Mr. McGurl, Mr. Loomis and Mr. Staglin have indicated their willingness to serve on our board of directors, if elected; however, if any nominee should be unable to serve, the person acting under the proxy may vote the proxy for a substitute nominee designated by our board of directors. Our board of directors has no reason to believe that Mr. McGurl, Mr. Loomis or Mr. Staglin would be unable to serve if elected.

Set forth below for each director, including the Class III director nominees, is information as of August 31, 2007 with respect to his (a) name and age, (b) positions and offices at the company, (c) principal occupation and business experience during at least the past five years, (d) directorships, if any, of other publicly held companies and (e) the year such person became a director of the company.

Name	Age	Director Since	Principal Occupation, Other Business Experience During the Past Five Years and Other Directorships
<b>Class III directors (terms expiring in 2007)</b>			
Daniel M. McGurl	71	1989	Mr. McGurl co-founded Bottomline in May 1989, and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bottomline from May 1989 to May 2007. From May 1989 to August 2002, Mr. McGurl also served as Chief Executive Officer of Bottomline, and from May 1989 to September 2000, Mr. McGurl also served as President of Bottomline.
James L. Loomis	57	1989	Mr. Loomis co-founded Bottomline in May 1989. From August 1998 until his retirement in September 2000, Mr. Loomis served as Senior Executive Advisor of Bottomline.
Garen K. Staglin	62	2007	Mr. Staglin was Chief Executive Officer of eONE Global LP, an emerging payments company, from 2001 to 2004. Mr. Staglin serves as a director of Global Document Solutions, Inc., a digital printing, imaging and customer relationship management outsourcing company, Solera, Inc., a consulting, outsourced services and technology provider focused on auto claims solutions, and EXL, a provider of offshore business process outsourcing solutions. Mr. Staglin is also a senior advisor for FTVentures and a member of the Advisory Board of the Cambridge University Business School in the United Kingdom.

Name	Age	Director Since	Principal Occupation, Other Business Experience During the Past Five Years and Other Directorships
<b>Class I directors (terms expiring in 2008)</b>			
Joseph L. Barry, Jr.	74	1990	Mr. Barry has served as President of Hallmark Mechanical Corp., a machinery service company, since 1990, and as President of Hallamore Corp., a transportation and rigging company, since 1956. Since 1975, Mr. Barry has served as Chairman of Northeast Concrete Products, and since 1978, as co-chairman of New England Teamsters Pension Fund. Mr. Barry is also a director of Heritage Property Investment Trust, Inc., a real estate investment trust. *#
Robert A. Eberle	46	2000	Mr. Eberle has served as Chief Executive Officer of Bottomline since November 2006 and as President since August 2004. Mr. Eberle served as Chief Operating Officer of Bottomline from April 2001 to November 2006. From September 1998 to August 2004, Mr. Eberle served as Chief Financial Officer of Bottomline.
Jeffrey C. Leathe	51	2005	Mr. Leathe has served as a Principal of Leathe & Associates, LLC, a private investment advisory firm since November 2004. From November 2005 to September 2007, Mr. Leathe served as the President of Pelican Life Sciences, a biotechnology company. From July 2003 to October 2004, Mr. Leathe served as Senior Vice President of Harvest Capital Management, a private investment advisory firm. From 1990 to 2003, Mr. Leathe served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Apogent Technologies, a manufacturer of healthcare and life sciences research products. *
<b>Class II directors (terms expiring in 2009)</b>			
Joseph L. Mullen	55	1996	Mr. Mullen served as Chief Executive Officer of Bottomline from August 2002 to November 2006. From September 2000 to August 2004, Mr. Mullen served as President of Bottomline, and from September 2000 to April 2001, Mr. Mullen also served as Chief Operating Officer of Bottomline.
James W. Zilinski	63	1994	From July 1995 until his retirement in December 2004, Mr. Zilinski served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Berkshire Life Insurance Company of America and as a director of its subsidiary, Berkshire Securities Corp. *#
Michael J. Curran	52	2006	Mr. Curran has served as Executive Vice President, Global Solutions Group of Sovereign Bank since June 2007. From March 1995 to April 2006, Mr. Curran served as Executive Vice President Global Treasury Services of Bank of America.

Member of compensation committee.

# Member of nominations and corporate governance committee.

\* Member of audit committee.

### Director Compensation

Compensation for our directors is reviewed from time to time by our chief executive officer and compensation committee, and any determinations with respect to board compensation are made by our board of directors.

Each of our non-employee directors receives a restricted stock award of 3,000 shares of our common stock on the date of each annual meeting of stockholders (other than a director initially elected to the board of directors at the annual meeting or at any time after the prior year's annual meeting). The awards vest as to 100% of the shares underlying the awards on the earlier of the first anniversary of the grant date or the next annual meeting of stockholders. In fiscal 2007, Mr. Barry, Mr. Leathe, Mr. Loomis, Mr. McGurl and Mr. Zilinski each received a restricted stock award for 3,000 shares of our common stock. The awards are granted under our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

Upon his or her initial election to the board of directors, a non-employee director receives a restricted stock award for 8,000 shares of our common stock. The restricted stock award vests over a period of four years from the date of grant, with 25% of the shares vesting on the first anniversary of the date of grant and an additional 6.25% of the shares vesting each quarter thereafter. In fiscal 2007, Mr. Curran and Mr. Staglin each received a restricted stock award for 8,000 shares of our common stock. The awards are granted under our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

We reimburse our directors for expenses incurred to attend board of directors and committee meetings. In fiscal 2007, each non-employee director received an annual fee of \$17,500, payable quarterly in arrears, and a fee of \$1,250 for each meeting of the board of directors that the non-employee director attended. Each non-employee director who served as a member of the audit committee, other than the chairperson of such committee, received an annual fee of \$3,500. Each non-employee director who served as a member of the compensation committee and each non-employee director who served as a member of the nominations and corporate governance committee, other than the respective chairpersons of such committees, received an annual fee of \$1,000. The chairman of the audit committee received an annual fee of \$15,000 and the chairman of the compensation committee and the nominations and corporate governance committee each received an annual fee of \$2,000. In fiscal 2007, the chairman of our board of directors received an annual fee of \$65,000.

The following table sets forth information concerning the compensation of our directors for fiscal 2007. The compensation information for Mr. Mullen and Mr. Eberle is included in the Summary Compensation Table.

### Fiscal 2007 Director Compensation

Name	Fees			All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
	Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(1)(2)	Option Awards (\$)(1)(2)		
Joseph L. Barry	\$ 29,000	\$ 34,638			\$ 63,638
John W. Barter	\$ 10,000	\$ 14,372	\$ 6,524		\$ 30,896
Michael J. Curran	\$ 11,500	\$ 13,510			\$ 25,010
William O. Grabe	\$ 12,250	\$ 14,372			\$ 26,622
Jeffrey C. Leathe	\$ 36,250	\$ 20,266	\$ 41,138		\$ 97,654
James L. Loomis	\$ 22,500	\$ 34,638			\$ 57,138
Daniel M. McGurl	\$ 65,000	\$ 34,638			\$ 99,638
Garen K. Staglin		\$ 2,477			\$ 2,477
James W. Zilinski	\$ 29,000	\$ 34,638			\$ 63,638

- (1) The amounts in this column reflect the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes for fiscal 2007, in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R, Share-Based Payment, or SFAS 123R, of equity awards under our equity plans and include amounts for equity awards granted in and prior to fiscal 2007. These amounts do not reflect estimates of forfeiture related to service-based vesting conditions. There can be no assurance that the SFAS 123R amounts will ever be realized. The assumptions we used to calculate these amounts are included in Note 9 to our audited financial statements for fiscal 2007, included in our annual report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2007 filed on September 12, 2007.
  
- (2) As of June 30, 2007, our non-employee directors had the following aggregate number of stock option awards outstanding: Joseph L. Barry, 60,000; John W. Barter, 30,000; William O. Grabe, 30,000; Jeffrey C. Leathe, 15,000; James L. Loomis, 37,500; Daniel M. McGurl, 98,005; James W. Zilinski, 60,000. As of June 30, 2007, our non-employee directors had the following aggregate number unvested of restricted stock awards outstanding: Joseph L. Barry, 3,000; Michael J. Curran, 8,000; Jeffrey C. Leathe, 3,000; James L. Loomis, 3,000; Daniel M. McGurl, 3,000; Garen K. Staglin, 8,000; James W. Zilinski, 3,000. The grant date fair value of equity awards made to our non-employee directors during fiscal 2007 consisted of the following; Mr. Staglin was awarded 8,000 shares of restricted stock on May 24, 2007, with a grant date fair value of \$98,000. Mr. Curran was awarded 8,000 shares of restricted stock on November 16, 2006 with a grant date fair value of \$87,280. Mr. Barry, Mr. Leathe, Mr. Loomis, Mr. McGurl and Mr. Zilinski were each awarded 3,000 shares of restricted stock on November 16, 2006, each with a grant date fair value of \$32,730.

### **Executive Compensation**

#### *Compensation Discussion and Analysis*

The compensation committee of our board of directors oversees, reviews and approves annually all compensation decisions relating to our named executive officers. In the discussion that follows, executives refers to Messrs. Mullen, Eberle, Fortune and Donovan.

The compensation committee has implemented an annual performance and compensation review program for our executives. Annual performance goals are proposed by our chief executive officer and approved by the compensation committee at the end of each fiscal year for the upcoming fiscal year. These corporate goals relate to specific operational and financial milestones and performance against these milestones is considered when determining annual salary increases, annual bonuses, and annual stock option grants and restricted stock awards to our named executive officers.

#### *Objectives and Philosophy of Our Executive Compensation Program*

The primary objectives of the compensation committee with respect to executive compensation are to:

enable us to attract, retain and motivate the best possible executive talent,

ensure executive compensation is aligned with our corporate strategies and business objectives,

promote the achievement of key strategic and financial performance measures by linking short- and long-term cash and equity incentives to the achievement of measurable corporate and individual performance goals, and

align executives incentives with the creation of stockholder value.

To achieve these objectives, the compensation committee evaluates our executive compensation program with the goal of setting compensation at levels the committee believes are competitive with those of other companies of a similar size within our industry. In addition, our executive compensation program ties a portion

of each executive's overall compensation to key strategic, financial and operational goals such as establishment and maintenance of key strategic relationships, product development initiatives, customer service execution, employee retention, as well as our financial and operational performance, such as metrics related to revenue, orders and profitability. The compensation committee may also assess overall compensation based on the individual performance of the executive. We also provide a portion of our executive compensation in the form of stock options and restricted stock awards that vest over time, which we believe promotes the retention of our executives and aligns their interests with those of our stockholders by allowing them to participate in the long-term success of our company as reflected in stock price appreciation.

In making compensation decisions, the compensation committee compares our executive compensation against that of a peer group of publicly traded companies. This peer group, which is periodically reviewed and updated, consists of companies generally comparable to our company. The companies included in this peer group for fiscal 2007 compensation comparisons were: Art Technology Group, Inc., Blackbaud, Inc., Carreker Corporation, Chordiant Software, Inc., Cogent Communications, Inc., Concur Technologies, Inc., Docucorp International, Inc., Interwoven, Inc., Open Solutions, Inc., Netmanage, Inc., Pervasive Software Inc., The SCO Group, Inc., Selectica, Inc., Stellant, Inc., and The Ultimate Software Group, Inc.

#### *Components of our Executive Compensation Program*

The primary elements of our executive compensation program are:

base salary,

cash bonuses,

stock option and restricted stock awards,

insurance, retirement and other employee benefits, and

severance and change of control benefits.

We do not have any formal or informal policy or target for allocating compensation between long-term and short-term compensation, between cash and non-cash compensation or among the different forms of non-cash compensation. Instead, the compensation committee determines what it believes to be the appropriate level and mix of the various compensation components based on recommendations from our chief executive officer, company performance against stated objectives, individual performance and overall comparisons to the aforementioned peer group.

#### *Base Salary*

Base salary is used to recognize the experience, skills, knowledge and responsibilities required of all our employees, including our executives. When establishing base salaries for fiscal 2007, the compensation committee considered the survey data of compensation in the peer group, as well as a variety of other factors, including the executive's scope of responsibility, performance, prior employment experience and salary history, and our financial performance, including increases in revenue and profits.

Base salaries are reviewed at least annually by our compensation committee, and may be adjusted from time to time to realign salaries with market levels after taking into account individual responsibilities, company and individual performance and experience. During fiscal 2007, the base salaries of Messrs. Eberle and Fortune were adjusted commensurate with their new roles as chief executive officer and chief operating officer, respectively. Mr. Donovan received a base salary increase that on average was consistent with the percentage salary increases received by other employees during fiscal 2007. Mr. Mullen's base salary was not adjusted during fiscal 2007 from fiscal 2006 levels.

*Cash Bonuses*

The compensation committee approves payment of quarterly cash bonuses as part of the overall compensation packages of Bottomline's executive officers. Certain specified levels of company financial and operational performance must be achieved before any bonuses can be paid. In general, the compensation committee has tied potential bonus compensation to performance factors, including the executive officer's individual efforts and contributions towards obtaining Bottomline's stated performance objectives. In determining the aggregate amounts of cash bonuses to be paid to executive officers in fiscal 2007 under our Executive Officer Bonus Plan, the compensation committee established specific revenue and profit targets. Each quarter, our chief executive officer prepares a summary of Bottomline's actual corporate performance against the established performance objectives, and submits his recommendation to the compensation committee in respect of bonuses, if any, that should be paid to our executives for that quarter. Cash bonus opportunities are based on a percentage of base compensation and are intended to be measured and paid quarterly, with an opportunity for review of the overall bonus at year end. Mr. Donovan's bonus is recommended by our chief executive officer based on both corporate and individual performance, and approved by the compensation committee. Determination regarding the ultimate payment of bonuses, in respect of both timing and amount, is at the discretion of the compensation committee.

During fiscal 2007, cash bonuses in the amount of \$187,750, \$153,917 and \$51,000 were paid to Messrs. Eberle, Fortune and Donovan, respectively, which represented 61%, 55% and 68% of their total bonus opportunity for the fiscal year. A cash bonus of \$83,400 was paid to Mr. Mullen during fiscal 2007, consisting of the bonuses earned for that portion of fiscal 2007 during which he served as our chief executive officer and representing 67% of his bonus opportunity during the period in which he served as chief executive officer.

For fiscal 2007 for Messrs. Eberle and Fortune, payment at 54% of their respective bonus opportunity would have occurred only in the event that Bottomline and the executive achieved 100% of the stated performance objectives. We would characterize the 54% level of achievement as attainable based on the performance measures in place for fiscal 2007. Payouts above the 54% threshold would have occurred only upon Bottomline and the executive exceeding performance requirements and we would characterize this level of achievement as difficult. For fiscal 2008, the compensation committee, based on recommendations from our chief executive officer, adjusted our Executive Officer Bonus Plan thresholds such that a 75% payout would occur upon the achievement of 100% of the stated performance objectives. In the past our executives have, in certain instances, declined some or all of the bonus amounts they had earned so that these amounts could be allocated to specific corporate initiatives or strategic investments.

*Stock Option and Restricted Stock Awards*

Our equity award program is the primary vehicle for offering long-term incentives to our executives. We believe that equity grants provide a strong link to Bottomline's long-term performance, create an ownership culture and help to align the interests of our executives and our stockholders. In addition, the vesting feature of our equity grants should further our goal of executive retention because this feature provides an incentive to remain in our employ during the vesting period. In determining the size of equity grants to our executives, including for fiscal 2007, our compensation committee considers the following factors:

an evaluation of the executive's past performance,

the total compensation being paid to the executive,

the anticipated value of the executive's contribution to Bottomline's future performance,

the executive's scope of responsibility,

the executive's current position with Bottomline,

the number and size of equity awards to the executive officer during previous fiscal years and



comparability with equity awards made by a peer group of publicly traded companies.

We typically make an initial equity award of stock options or restricted stock when a new executive is hired, after which annual equity awards are granted as part of the overall executive compensation program. All equity awards to our executives are approved by the compensation committee. When restricted stock awards are granted, they are typically granted at no cost to the executive. Since awards of restricted stock have a built-in value at the time the awards are made, we generally grant fewer shares of restricted stock than the number of stock options that might have been granted for a similar purpose, thus reducing dilution to our stockholders. To maximize the long-term incentives for our executives and to minimize the dilutive effect on existing stockholders, we consider it more likely that future equity awards to our executives will be in the form of restricted stock rather than stock options.

Typically, the equity awards we grant to our executives vest at a rate of 25% after the first year and 6.25% at the end of each quarter thereafter. Except in the case of death or disability and certain severance and change-in-control situations, vesting typically ceases on the date of termination of employment and exercise rights (in the case of stock options) cease shortly thereafter. Prior to the exercise of an option, the holder has no rights as a stockholder with respect to the shares subject to such option, including voting rights and the right to receive dividends or dividend equivalents. However, restricted stock awards entitle the recipient to full rights as a stockholder at the time of the award, regardless of any vesting provisions.

We do not have any equity ownership guidelines for our executives.

Stock awards to our executives are typically granted annually in conjunction with the review of their individual performance and the financial and operational performance of the company. This review typically takes place at the regularly scheduled meeting of the compensation committee held in the first fiscal quarter of each year. The exercise price of option grants is equal to the closing price of our common stock on NASDAQ Global Market on the date of grant.

In fiscal 2007, the compensation committee approved equity awards of 93,000 and 75,000 shares of restricted stock to Messrs. Eberle and Fortune, respectively, and 10,000 shares of restricted stock and an option to purchase 5,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$9.61 per share to Mr. Donovan. These awards were comparable to the level of awards granted to the executives who occupied these roles in fiscal 2006.

Historically, the compensation committee has fixed an aggregate annual level of equity awards for all employees, including our executives, on an annual basis. In fiscal 2007, management proposed to the compensation committee that our ability to attract, retain, motivate and incent the best possible talent would be best achieved with a program that provided greater certainty regarding the level of such awards over time. Management therefore proposed that the annual percentage increase or decrease in the equity pool be tied to levels of stock performance, net income (as reported on a non-GAAP basis) and corporate revenues for the previous fiscal year. The compensation committee considered these recommendations and approved a formal equity compensation policy providing that the annual equity pool be adjusted upwards or downwards depending upon Bottomline's stock price (based on a 30-day trailing average as of July first of each year), non-GAAP income and revenues for the preceding year. The percentage change in each metric would be multiplied by one-third (weighting each equally), and the net percentage divided by two. The equity pool for the prior fiscal year would then be adjusted upwards or downwards by a percentage equal to the resulting amount, to determine the equity pool for the coming year. The compensation committee anticipates that this policy will remain in place for fiscal years 2009 through 2011.

#### *Benefits and Other Compensation*

We maintain broad-based benefits that are provided to all employees, including health and dental insurance, life and disability insurance, an employee stock purchase plan and a 401(k) plan. Executives are eligible to participate in all of our employee benefit plans, in each case on the same basis as other employees.

During fiscal 2007, we provided supplemental executive long-term disability insurance to Mr. Mullen, Mr. Eberle and Mr. Fortune. In addition, we paid a portion of premiums for private medical insurance and provided an automobile allowance to Mr. Fortune.

#### *Severance and Change of Control Benefits*

Pursuant to employment and retention agreements we have entered into with our executives, the terms of our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan and certain resolutions of our board of directors in connection with our equity programs, our executives are entitled to specified benefits in the event of the termination of their employment under specified circumstances, including termination following a change of control of our company. We have provided more detailed information about these benefits, along with estimates of their value under various circumstances, under the caption Employment and Other Agreements and Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control below.

#### *Tax Considerations*

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, generally disallows a tax deduction to public companies for certain compensation over \$1,000,000 paid to its chief executive officer and its three other most highly compensated executive officers. Qualifying performance-based compensation is not subject to the deduction limitation if certain requirements are met. Based on the compensation awarded to our chief executive officer and our three other most highly compensated executive officers, it does not appear Section 162(m) will limit the deductibility of compensation paid by Bottomline in the near term. However, the compensation committee reserves the right to use its judgment to authorize compensation payments that may be subject to the Section 162(m) limitation when it believes that such payments are appropriate and in the best interests of Bottomline and its stockholders, after taking into account changing business conditions or the officer's performance. Although the compensation committee considers the impact of Section 162(m) when administering Bottomline's long-term compensation plans, it does not make decisions regarding executive compensation based solely on the expected tax treatment of such compensation. As a result, the compensation committee may deem it appropriate at times to forego qualified performance based compensation under Section 162(m) in favor of awards that may not be fully tax-deductible.

#### *Summary Compensation*

The following table sets forth certain information concerning the compensation for the individuals who served as our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer during fiscal 2007 and our only other executive officer, who we collectively refer to as our named executive officers.

**Fiscal 2007 Summary Compensation Table**

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards	Option Awards	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	All Other Compensation	Total
		(\$)		(\$)(1)	(\$)(1)	(\$)(2)	(\$)(3)	(\$)
Joseph L. Mullen, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> (4)	2007	\$ 300,000		\$ 499,179	\$ 502,943	\$ 83,400	\$ 41,170	\$ 1,426,692
Robert A. Eberle, <i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i> (5)	2007	\$ 296,875		\$ 500,830	\$ 424,494	\$ 187,750	\$ 12,098	\$ 1,422,047
Kevin M. Donovan, <i>Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer</i>	2007	\$ 175,750		\$ 58,841	\$ 140,355	\$ 51,000	\$ 5,606	\$ 431,552
Peter S. Fortune, <i>Chief Operating Officer and President of Bottomline Europe</i> (6)	2007	\$ 302,104		\$ 370,611	\$ 322,281	\$ 153,917	\$ 43,041	\$ 1,191,954

- (1) The amounts in this column reflect the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes (excluding estimates of forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions) for fiscal 2007, in accordance with SFAS 123R, of equity awards under our equity plans and include amounts for equity awards granted in and prior to fiscal 2007. There can be no assurance that the SFAS 123R amounts will ever be realized. The assumptions we used to calculate these amounts are included in Note 9 to our audited financial statements for fiscal 2007, included in our annual report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2007.
- (2) The amounts in this column reflect cash bonus awards paid to our named executive officers for performance in fiscal 2007 under our fiscal 2007 executive incentive compensation program. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Components of our Executive Compensation Program Cash Bonuses above for a description of this program.
- (3) These amounts consist of the following:

Name	Retirement Plan Contributions(a)	Life and Long-Term Disability Insurance		Other	Total
		Premiums(b)			
Joseph L. Mullen	\$ 4,925	\$ 9,245		\$ 27,000(c)	\$ 41,170
Robert A. Eberle	\$ 6,218	\$ 5,880			\$ 12,098
Kevin M. Donovan	\$ 5,606				\$ 5,606
Peter S. Fortune	\$ 15,528	\$ 2,169		\$ 25,344(d)	\$ 43,041

- (a) These amounts represent our matching contributions to the named executive officer's retirement savings plan account.
- (b) These amounts consist of the portions of premiums paid by us for supplemental executive long-term disability insurance for Mr. Mullen, Mr. Eberle and Mr. Fortune.
- (c) This amount consists of cash paid to Mr. Mullen in lieu of a paid vacation.
- (d) This amount consists of an automobile allowance of \$23,196 and private medical insurance of \$2,148 for Mr. Fortune.
- (4) Mr. Mullen served as Chief Executive Officer until November 2006.
- (5) Mr. Eberle served as President and Chief Operating Officer until November 2006, when he became President and Chief Executive Officer.
- (6) Mr. Fortune served as Chief Marketing Officer and President of Bottomline Europe until November 2006, when he became Chief Operating Officer and President of Bottomline Europe. Mr. Fortune was paid in British Pounds Sterling, which were converted to US Dollars at an exchange rate of 1.933 US Dollars per British Pound Sterling for purposes of this presentation.

**Grants of Plan-Based Awards**

The following table sets forth information concerning each grant of an award made to a named executive officer during fiscal 2007 under any plan, contract, authorization or arrangement pursuant to which cash, securities, similar instruments or other property may be received. Non-equity incentive plan awards were made pursuant to our Executive Officer Bonus Plan described in our Compensation Discussion and Analysis under the caption "Cash Bonuses".

**Fiscal 2007 Grants of Plan-Based Awards**

Name	Grant Date	Action Date(1)	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards (2)			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#) (6)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#) (7)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Options Awards(8)
			Threshold (\$)(3)	Target (\$)(4)	Maximum (\$)(5)				
Joseph L. Mullen	08/24/2006	8/24/2006				69,000		\$ 623,070	
Robert A. Eberle			\$ 62,000	\$ 232,500	\$ 310,000				
	08/24/2006	8/24/2006				63,000		\$ 568,890	
	11/16/2006	11/16/2006				30,000		\$ 327,300	
Kevin M. Donovan			\$ 15,000	\$ 56,250	\$ 75,000				
	08/24/2006	09/02/2006				10,000		\$ 96,100	
	08/24/2006	09/02/2006					5,000	\$ 9.61	\$ 25,400
Peter S. Fortune			\$ 56,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 280,000				
	08/24/2006	8/24/2006				51,000		\$ 460,530	
	11/16/2006	11/16/2006				24,000		\$ 261,840	

- (1) Consists of the date that the compensation committee or the executive officer to whom the compensation committee had delegated such authority took action to grant the applicable award.
- (2) Reflects the threshold, target and maximum cash award amounts under our fiscal 2008 Executive Officer Bonus Plan.
- (3) Reflects the total minimum amount that could be earned if the minimum targets for all of the quarterly and annual metrics are achieved. In the past our executives have, in certain instances, declined some or all of the bonus amounts earned so that the amounts could be allocated to specific corporate initiatives or strategic investments.
- (4) Reflects the total amount that could be earned if the targeted quarterly and annual metrics are achieved.
- (5) Reflects the total maximum amount that could be earned if the maximum targets for all of the quarterly and annual metrics are achieved.
- (6) These shares vest as to 25% of the shares on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 6.25% of the shares each quarter thereafter. In addition, as described below under "Employment and Other Agreements and Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control", the vesting of these shares may be accelerated following employment termination under certain circumstances.

- (7) These options vest as to 25% of the shares subject to the option on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 6.25% of the shares each quarter thereafter. Each option has a term of ten years, and typically expires shortly following the termination of the executive's employment. In addition, as described below under Employment and Other Agreements and Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control, the vesting may be accelerated and exercisability of these options may be extended following employment termination under certain circumstances.
- (8) The amounts reported in this column are computed in accordance with SFAS 123R.

**Equity Awards and Holdings**

The following table sets forth information concerning options that had not been exercised and unvested restricted stock awards for each of the named executive officers as of June 30, 2007.

**Fiscal 2007 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End**

Name	Option Grant Date	Option Awards		Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Stock Award Grant Date	Share Awards	
		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable (1)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable (1)				Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested(2)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested(3)
Joseph A. Mullen	02/24/2005	61,875	48,125	\$ 11.93	02/24/2015	8/24/2006	69,000	\$ 852,150
	03/29/2004	81,250	18,750	\$ 9.54	03/29/2014	8/25/2005	52,312	\$ 646,053
	05/13/2003	90,000		\$ 5.87	05/13/2013			
	02/21/2002	100,000		\$ 8.19	02/21/2012			
	02/20/2001	75,000		\$ 13.00	02/20/2011			
	02/24/2000	20,000		\$ 39.81	02/24/2010			
	08/26/1999	30,000		\$ 31.50	08/26/2009			
	04/23/1998	30,000		\$ 8.00	04/23/2008			
Robert A. Eberle	02/24/2005	56,250	43,750	\$ 11.93	02/24/2015	11/16/2006	30,000	\$ 370,500
	03/29/2004	65,000	15,000	\$ 9.54	03/29/2014	08/24/2006	63,000	\$ 778,050
	05/13/2003	13,954		\$ 5.87	05/13/2013	8/25/2005	47,250	\$ 583,538

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02/21/2002 47,046 \$ 8.19 02/21/2012

02/20/2001 40,000 \$ 13.00 02/20/2011

02/24/2000 20,000 \$ 39.81 02/24/2010

08/26/1999 30,000 \$ 31.50 08/26/2009

09/30/1998 76,351 \$ 10.00 09/30/2008

Kevin M. Donovan

09/02/2006 5,000 \$ 9.61 09/02/2016 09/02/2006 10,000 123,500

02/24/2005 14,063 10,937 \$ 11.93 02/24/2015 12/02/2005 7,500 92,625

01/13/2005 5,625 4,375 \$ 14.00 01/13/2015

03/29/2004 16,250 3,750 \$ 9.54 03/29/2014

01/12/2004 2,844 656 \$ 9.23 01/12/2014

02/28/2003 20,000 \$ 5.31 02/28/2013

02/21/2002 12,000 \$ 8.19 02/21/2012

01/16/2002 2,500 \$ 9.58 01/16/2012

06/29/2001 10,000 \$ 5.40 06/29/2011

04/19/2001 10,000 \$ 3.30 04/19/2011



	02/20/2001	10,000		\$ 13.00	02/20/2011				
	02/24/2000	7,500		\$ 39.81	02/24/2010				
	02/11/1999	20,250		\$ 13.00	02/11/2009				
Peter S. Fortune	02/24/2005	45,000	35,000	\$ 11.93	02/24/2015	11/16/2006	24,000	\$	296,400
	03/29/2004	28,975	9,375	\$ 9.54	03/29/2014	08/24/2006	51,000	\$	629,850
	05/13/2003	3,125		\$ 5.87	05/13/2013	12/02/2005	38,250	\$	472,388

- (1) These options typically vest as to 25% of the shares subject to the option on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 6.25% of the shares each quarter thereafter. Each option has a term of ten years, and generally expires shortly following the termination of the executive's employment. In addition, as described below

under Employment and Other Agreements and Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control, the vesting and exercisability of these options may be extended following employment termination or a change of control under certain circumstances.

- (2) These shares typically vest as to 25% of the shares on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 6.25% of the shares each quarter thereafter. In addition, as described below under Employment and Other Agreements and Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control, the vesting of these shares may be accelerated following employment termination or a change of control under certain circumstances.
- (3) Calculated by multiplying the number of unvested shares by \$12.35, the closing price per share of our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Market on June 29, 2007.

#### ***Option Exercises and Stock Vested in 2007***

The following table sets forth information regarding options exercised by the named executive officers and vesting of restricted stock held by the named executive officers during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

Amounts shown under the column Value Realized on Exercise for option awards represent the difference between the option exercise price and the closing sale price of our common stock on the date of exercise multiplied by the number of shares subject to the option and for stock awards represent the number of shares of restricted stock multiplied by the closing price of our common stock on the vesting date.

#### **Fiscal 2007 Option Exercises and Stock Vesting**

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)
Joseph L. Mullen			40,688	\$ 420,830
Robert A. Eberle	38,651	\$ 147,583	36,750	\$ 380,100
Kevin M. Donovan			4,500	\$ 49,665
Peter S. Fortune	33,525	\$ 170,645	29,750	\$ 307,700

#### ***Employment and Other Agreements and Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in-Control***

##### *Employment Agreements*

We entered into a letter agreement with Mr. Mullen on November 16, 2006 pursuant to which we agreed to retain Mr. Mullen's services as an employee for a salary of \$300,000 per year beginning November 16, 2006 and ending on November 16, 2007, and a salary of \$150,000 per year beginning on November 17, 2007 and ending on November 16, 2008. The letter agreement provides that if a change of control of Bottomline occurs prior to November 21, 2008, Mr. Mullen's options and restricted stock will vest in full. In addition, if Mr. Mullen's employment is terminated as a result of death or disability, as a result of involuntary termination or without cause, he will be entitled to be paid the full amount of salary that would otherwise be payable to him under the agreement from the date of his termination through November 21, 2008, and his options, other than options granted prior to June 1, 2001 with an exercise price of less than \$6.76 per share, will be exercisable for a period of two years (or the remainder of the option term if less than two years) following termination. The letter agreement also provides that, in the event of a change of control occurring before November 21, 2008, we would pay any excise tax for which Mr. Mullen would be liable under Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code as a result of having received change of control benefits as provided in the agreement, as well as the amount necessary to pay all additional taxes imposed on Mr. Mullen as a result of our payment of the excise tax. Except as provided in the letter agreement, the letter agreement supersedes and replaces the employment agreement we

entered into with Mr. Mullen as of December 3, 1998, as amended as of June 1, 2001, amended and restated as of November 21, 2002 and amended as of September 30, 2005. A change in control of Bottomline would occur under the same circumstances noted below for Mr. Eberle.

We entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Eberle as of September 30, 1998, which was amended as of June 1, 2001, amended and restated as of November 21, 2002, amended as of September 30, 2005 and amended on November 16, 2006. The term of the employment agreement is until the later of November 21, 2008, as renewed, or three years after we experience a change in control; provided, however, that the employment agreement automatically renews for successive three-year periods unless the agreement is not renewed by either us or Mr. Eberle pursuant to written notice, or is sooner terminated in accordance with its terms.

Under the employment agreement, a change in control of Bottomline would occur if:

any person becomes the beneficial owner of more than 50% of the voting power of our outstanding securities,

we are acquired through a merger,

we are liquidated or

all or substantially all of our assets are sold.

If Mr. Eberle's employment is terminated either by Mr. Eberle as a result of an involuntary termination or by us without cause prior to a potential change in control (each as described below) or if we do not renew Mr. Eberle's agreement as provided above, then all outstanding options held by Mr. Eberle would become immediately exercisable in full, all shares of restricted stock would vest in full, and Mr. Eberle would be entitled to receive continuation of benefits for a period of 24 months, a lump sum payment and equal to two times the sum of his then annual salary plus the maximum amount of bonus Mr. Eberle was eligible to earn in the then current year.

In addition, in the event of a change of control, Mr. Eberle's options and restricted stock will vest in full.

An involuntary termination would occur if Mr. Eberle's duties were changed in a manner such that it resulted in a significant diminution in his position, duties or responsibilities, his base compensation were reduced or he were relocated or if the company was in material breach of the employment agreement.

Cause means, prior to a change in control of Bottomline, the discharge of Mr. Eberle resulting from:

a felony conviction,

willful and persistent failure to attend to material duties or obligations,

the breach of confidentiality, non-competition or similar material obligations by Mr. Eberle or

an act or omission which would constitute a crime involving Bottomline's property.

The second and third items specified above would not constitute cause after a change in control of Bottomline.

If Mr. Eberle's employment is terminated upon or after a potential change in control either by Mr. Eberle as a result of an involuntary termination or by us without cause, then all outstanding options held by Mr. Eberle would become immediately exercisable in full, all shares of restricted stock would vest in full, and Mr. Eberle would be entitled to receive continuation of benefits for a period of 24 months, a lump sum payment equal to three times the sum of Mr. Eberle's then annual salary plus the amount of any bonus Mr. Eberle had earned but had not yet been paid

prior to the termination.

A potential change in control of Bottomline would occur if:

we enter into an agreement that would cause a change in control,

any person publicly announces an intention to take any action which, if consummated, would constitute a change in control or

our board of directors adopts a resolution to the effect that, for purposes of the employment agreement, a potential change in control has occurred.

The employment agreement also provides that, in the event of a change in control, we would pay any excise tax for which Mr. Eberle would be liable under Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code as a result of having received the severance benefits, as well as the amount necessary to pay all additional taxes imposed on Mr. Eberle as a result of our payment of the excise tax.

In addition, following termination of employment by us other than for cause, options and restricted stock held by Mr. Eberle would automatically vest in full and would be exercisable for a period of two years (or the remainder of the option term if less than two years) after the date of termination. However, this extended exercise period would not apply to any options granted prior to June 1, 2001 with an exercise price of less than \$6.76 per share. In the event of Mr. Eberle's termination for death or disability, he would be entitled to the vesting acceleration and extended exercise period described above, as well as the maximum bonus he was eligible to earn in the then current fiscal year. If Mr. Eberle resigns by giving 90 days written notice to Bottomline, he will be entitled to receive vesting acceleration and an extended exercise period for options granted to him prior to July 1, 2005 (except that the extended exercise period would not apply to any options granted to him prior to June 1, 2001 with an exercise price of less than \$6.76 per share.)

Pursuant to his employment agreement, in fiscal 2007, Mr. Eberle was paid an annual base salary of \$296,875. Based upon the recommendations of the compensation committee, and as more fully described above in the section of this proxy statement entitled "Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis", in fiscal 2007, Mr. Eberle received a bonus of \$187,750.

#### *Service Agreement*

We are party to a service agreement with Mr. Fortune dated as of March 11, 1999, which we assumed in connection with our acquisition of Checkpoint Holdings, Ltd., which is now our wholly owned subsidiary, Bottomline Technologies Limited (Bottomline Europe). The service agreement remains in effect, absent incapacity or our termination for cause, until terminated by at least 12 months' written notice by us or Mr. Fortune. We also have the right to terminate the agreement on less than 12 months' written notice, but we are required to pay Mr. Fortune his salary and other contractual benefits under the service agreement for the duration of the period for which notice was not given. If the agreement is terminated for incapacity or cause, we are not required to pay Mr. Fortune any compensation other than accrued compensation.

For purposes of Mr. Fortune's service agreement, cause means the discharge of the employee resulting from, among other things:

material breach of the terms of the agreement,

conviction of a criminal offense which in the reasonable opinion of our board of directors materially or adversely affects Mr. Fortune's ability to continue as an employee or

deliberate discrimination or harassment on grounds on race, sex or disability.

Pursuant to the service agreement, Mr. Fortune was paid an annual base salary of \$302,104 in fiscal 2007. In accordance with a bonus plan setting forth certain financial and operational goals, Mr. Fortune received a bonus

of \$153,917 in fiscal 2007, as more fully described Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis .

Pursuant to the service agreement, Mr. Fortune has agreed not to compete with Bottomline for a period of 12 months after the termination of his employment in any business within the United Kingdom which is competitive with our business and with which Mr. Fortune had been involved with during the 12 months immediately preceding termination. In addition, Mr. Fortune also agreed that during this 12-month period, he will not solicit our customers, potential customers or employees with whom he had dealings during the 12 months immediately preceding termination.

#### *Retention Agreements*

We have entered into a retention agreement with Mr. Fortune effective as of October 10, 2005, and amended on November 16, 2007, providing that if Mr. Fortune's employment is terminated by us without cause after a change in control, then all outstanding options and restricted stock granted after October 10, 2005 held by Mr. Fortune would become immediately vested and exercisable in full. Additionally, Mr. Fortune would be entitled to receive an amount equal to his then annual base salary and bonus, continuation of benefits for an additional 12 months and the payments and benefits under his service agreement with us.

If Mr. Fortune's employment is terminated by Mr. Fortune for good reason within 12 months following a change in control, or if Mr. Fortune's employment is terminated by us without cause prior to a change in control, then all outstanding options and restricted stock granted after October 10, 2005 held by Mr. Fortune would become immediately vested and exercisable in full and Mr. Fortune would be entitled to the payments and benefits under his service agreement with us. A change in control of Bottomline would occur under the same circumstances noted above for Mr. Eberle.

On November 16, 2006, we entered into an executive retention agreement with Mr. Donovan. Under the agreement, if Mr. Donovan's employment is terminated without cause or by Mr. Donovan for good reason within 12 months following a change in control, then all options and restricted stock held by Mr. Donovan will vest in full and the options will be exercisable for a period of two years following the termination, other than options with an exercise price less than the closing price of our common stock on November 15, 2001, which will be exercisable for the period set forth in the original option agreement. In addition, Mr. Donovan will be entitled to, among other things, an amount equal to his base salary for 12 months prior to the date of termination and 100% of his annual bonus opportunity for the most recently completed fiscal year, a prorated portion of the annual bonus paid or payable to Mr. Donovan for the most recently completed fiscal year through the date of termination and the continuation of benefits for a period of 12 months after the date of termination.

A change in control of Bottomline would occur under the same circumstances noted above for Mr. Fortune.

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The table below shows the benefits potentially payable to each of our named executive officers if he were terminated or a change of control occurred. These amounts are calculated on the assumption that the employment termination or change of control took place on June 30, 2007.

Name	Base Salary	Target Bonus	Accelerated Vesting of Options	Accelerated Vesting of Restricted Stock	Benefits	280(g) Gross Up Payment	Total
	\$	\$			\$		\$
Joseph L. Mullen							
change in control			72,900	1,498,203			1,571,103
termination as a result of death or disability or involuntary termination, or termination without cause	262,500		72,900	1,498,203			1,833,603
Robert A. Eberle							
termination at the election of the employee, other than as a result of an involuntary termination, upon 90 days prior written notice to the board			60,525				60,525
change in control			60,525	1,732,088			1,792,613
involuntary termination or termination without cause prior to a potential change in control	620,000	620,000	60,525	1,732,088	62,568	(1)	3,095,181
non-renewal of employment agreement by company	620,000	620,000	60,525	1,732,088	62,568		3,095,181
involuntary termination or termination without cause upon or after a potential change in control	930,000	930,000	60,525	1,732,088	62,568	1,173,008	4,888,189
termination as a result of death or disability		310,000(3)	60,525	1,732,088			2,102,613
Kevin M. Donovan							
termination without cause or for good reason within 12 months following a change in control	178,000	75,000	30,878	216,125	25,404		525,407
Peter S. Fortune(2)							
termination other than for cause or incapacity	312,566	280,000	41,044	1,398,638	27,513		2,059,761
termination without cause following a change in control	312,566	280,000	41,044	1,398,638	27,513		2,059,761
termination for good reason within 12 months following a change in control or termination without cause prior to a change in control	312,566	280,000	41,044	1,398,638	27,513		2,059,761

(1) Assumes no change of control takes place.

(2) Mr. Fortune is paid in British Pounds Sterling, which were converted to US Dollars at an exchange rate of 1.933 US Dollars per British Pound Sterling for purposes of this presentation.

(3) This amount would be reduced by any amounts previously paid to Mr. Eberle for fiscal 2007.

**Compensation Committee Report**

The compensation committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K with Bottomline's management. Based on this review and discussion, the compensation committee recommended to the board of directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

By the compensation committee of the board of directors of Bottomline Technologies (de), Inc.

Joseph L. Barry, Jr., Chairman  
Michael J. Curran  
James W. Zilinski

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table provides information about the securities authorized for issuance under our equity compensation plans as of June 30, 2007:

Plan Category	(a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights(1)	(b) Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(c) Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders(2)	4,379,979(3)	\$ 12.21	3,393,518(3)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders			
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,379,979</b>	<b>\$ 12.21</b>	<b>3,393,518</b>

- (1) This table excludes 6,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding options assumed by us in connection with our acquisition of Flashpoint, Inc. in August 2000. The weighted average exercise price of the excluded options as of June 30, 2007 was \$26.84.
- (2) Consists of the following equity compensation plans: the Amended and Restated 1989 Stock Incentive Plan, the Amended and Restated 1997 Stock Incentive Plan, the 1998 Director Plan, the 1998 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, or the 1998 ESPP, the 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended, or the 2000 ESPP, and the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. Shares of common stock are available for issuance only under the 1998 Director Plan, the 1998 ESPP, the 2000 ESPP and the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (3) Consists of 52,500 shares issuable under the 1998 Director Plan, 625,717 shares issuable under the 1997 Stock Incentive Plan, 796,891 shares issuable under the 2000 ESPP in connection with current and future offering periods under such plan and 1,918,410 shares currently issuable under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. In addition, under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, the number of shares issuable is automatically increased every July 1 by an amount equal to the lesser of (i) five million shares of common stock, (ii) a number of shares of common stock which, when added to the shares that remain available for grant under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, is equal to 12% of the outstanding shares on such date, and (iii) an amount determined by our board of directors. The 2000 Stock Incentive Plan provides for the issuance of incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options and restricted stock to our employees, officers, directors, consultants and advisors.



### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

During fiscal 2007, the members of the compensation committee of our board of directors were Mr. Barry, Mr. Curran (beginning November 16, 2006), Mr. Grabe (until November 16, 2006) and Mr. Zilinski. During fiscal 2007, no executive officer of Bottomline served as a director or member of the compensation committee (or other committee serving an equivalent function) of any other entity whose executive officer served as a director or member of our compensation committee. None of the members of the compensation committee is a current or former officer or employee of Bottomline.

### **Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

Bottomline employs D. Michael McGurl, the son of Daniel M. McGurl, a member of our board of directors, as Vice President, Business Development. For fiscal 2007, D. Michael McGurl received a base salary of \$103,125, commissions of \$14,928 and a bonus of \$6,000. Bottomline employs Robert Mullen, the brother of Joseph L. Mullen, our former Chief Executive Officer and a member of our board of directors, as Director, Legal Solutions. For fiscal 2007, Robert Mullen received a base salary of \$112,083, commissions of \$10,146 and a bonus of \$19,250. During fiscal 2007, both D. Michael McGurl and Robert Mullen also received other employment benefits that are standard for Bottomline's employees.

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

Our board of directors has adopted written policies and procedures for the review of any transaction, arrangement or relationship in which Bottomline is a participant, the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and one of our executive officers, directors, director nominees or 5% stockholders (or their immediate family members), each of whom we refer to as a related person, has a direct or indirect material interest.

If a related person proposes to enter into such a transaction, arrangement or relationship, which we refer to as a related person transaction, the related person must report the proposed related person transaction to our chief financial officer. The policy calls for the proposed related person transaction to be reviewed and, if deemed appropriate, approved by the audit committee. Whenever practicable, the reporting, review and approval will occur prior to entry into the transaction. If advance review and approval is not practicable, the audit committee will review, and, in its discretion, may ratify the related person transaction. The policy also permits the chairman of the audit committee to review and, if deemed appropriate, approve proposed related person transactions that may arise between audit committee meetings, subject to ratification by the full audit committee at its next meeting. Any related person transactions that are ongoing in nature will be reviewed annually.

A related person transaction reviewed under the policy will be considered approved or ratified if it is authorized by the audit committee after full disclosure of the related person's interest in the transaction. The audit committee will review and consider such information regarding the related person transaction as it deems appropriate under the circumstances.

The audit committee may approve or ratify the transaction only if it determines that, under all of the circumstances, the transaction is in Bottomline's best interests. The audit committee may impose any conditions on the related person transaction that it deems appropriate.

In addition to the transactions that are excluded by the instructions to the SEC's related person transaction disclosure rule, the board has determined that the following transactions do not create a material direct or indirect interest on behalf of related persons and, therefore, are not related person transactions for purposes of this policy:

interests arising solely from the related person's position as an executive officer of another entity (whether or not the person is also a director of such entity), that is a participant in the transaction, where (a) the related person and all other related persons own in the aggregate less than a 10% equity interest in such entity, (b) the related person and his or her immediate family members are not involved in the negotiation of the terms of the transaction and do not receive any special benefits as a result of the

transaction, and (c) the amount involved in the transaction equals less than the greater of \$200,000 or 25% of the annual consolidated gross revenues of the other entity that is a party to the transaction; and

a transaction that is specifically contemplated by provisions of Bottomline's charter or bylaws.

The policy provides that transactions involving compensation of executive officers shall be reviewed and approved by the compensation committee in the manner specified in its charter.

Our employment of D. Michael McGurl, son of Dan McGurl, and Robert Mullen, brother of Joseph Mullen, which are described above in Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, predated our adoption of our current policies and procedures for related person transactions.

## **Corporate Governance**

Our board of directors believes that good corporate governance is important to ensure that Bottomline is managed for the long-term benefit of stockholders. This section describes key corporate governance practices that we have adopted. Complete copies of the committee charters and code of conduct described below are available on our website at [www.bottomline.com](http://www.bottomline.com). Alternatively, you can request a copy of any of these documents by writing to Bottomline Technologies (de), Inc., 325 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

### *Board Determination of Independence*

Under applicable NASDAQ rules, a director of Bottomline will only qualify as an independent director if, in the opinion of our board of directors, that person does not have a relationship which would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. Our board of directors has determined that none of Joseph L. Barry, Jr., Michael J. Curran, Jeffrey C. Leathe, James L. Loomis, Garen K. Staglin or James W. Zilinski, or our former directors John W. Barter or William O. Grabe, has a relationship (or, in the case of Messrs. Barter and Grabe, had a relationship during the time each served as director) which would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director and that each of these directors is an independent director as defined under Rule 4200(a)(15) of The NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. Marketplace Rules.

### *Director Attendance at Annual Meeting of Stockholders*

We do not have a written policy with respect to director attendance at annual meetings; however, we encourage our directors to attend all of our meetings of stockholders. Eight of the nine individuals serving on our board at the time attended the 2006 annual meeting of stockholders.

### *Board and Committee Meetings*

Our board of directors held 4 meetings, including by telephone conference, during fiscal 2007. The compensation committee of our board of directors held 3 meetings, including by telephone conference, during fiscal 2007. The audit committee of our board of directors held 13 meetings, including by telephone conference, during fiscal 2007. The nominations and corporate governance committee of our board of directors met as part of our regularly scheduled quarterly board meetings, and had one additional meeting, during fiscal 2007. All directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of our board of directors and the committees on which they served, if any, during the period that they served on our board of directors or any such committees.

### *Board Committees*

Our board of directors has established three standing committees—audit, compensation, and nominations and corporate governance—each of which operates under a charter that has been approved by our board. Current copies of each committee's charter are posted on the Corporate Governance section of our website, [www.bottomline.com](http://www.bottomline.com).

Our board of directors has determined that all of the members of each of the board's three standing committees are independent as defined under the rules of The NASDAQ Stock Market, including, in the case of all members of the audit committee, the independence requirements contemplated by Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

*Audit Committee*

The audit committee's responsibilities include:

appointing, approving the compensation of, and assessing the independence of our registered public accounting firm,

overseeing the work of our registered public accounting firm, including through the receipt and consideration of certain reports from the registered public accounting firm,

reviewing and discussing with management and our registered public accounting firm our annual and quarterly financial statements and related disclosures,

monitoring our internal control over financial reporting, disclosure controls and procedures and code of business conduct and ethics,

establishing procedures for the receipt and retention of accounting related complaints and concerns,

meeting independently with our registered public accounting firm and management and

preparing the audit committee report required by SEC rules which is included in this proxy statement.

Our board of directors has determined that Jeffrey C. Leathe is an audit committee financial expert as defined in Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K.

*Compensation Committee*

The compensation committee's responsibilities include:

annually reviewing and approving corporate goals and objectives relevant to CEO compensation,

determining the CEO's compensation,

reviewing and approving, or making recommendations to the board with respect to, the compensation of our other executive officers,

making recommendations to the board with respect to incentive compensation and equity-based plans,

overseeing and administering our incentive compensation and equity-based plans and

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reviewing and making recommendations to the board with respect to director compensation.

Annually, the compensation committee reviews and approves the aggregate level of restricted stock and stock option awards that can be granted for that fiscal year, based on recommendations from our chief executive officer. For fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2008, after the aggregate pool had been authorized, the compensation committee delegated to Joseph L. Mullen and Robert A. Eberle the authority to make grants of restricted stock from the authorized pool under our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan and delegated to Robert A. Eberle and Kevin M. Donovan the authority to make stock option grants from the authorized pool under our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan other than, in each case, awards to executive officers which awards must be made by the compensation committee. The compensation committee also retains the authority to make additional equity awards in its discretion.

The compensation committee also has the authority to retain compensation consultants and other outside advisors to assist in the evaluation of executive officer compensation, but to date has not done so.

*Nominations and Corporate Governance Committee*

The nominations and corporate governance committee's responsibilities include:

identifying individuals qualified to become board members,

recommending to the board the persons to be nominated for election as directors and to each of the board's committees,

developing and recommending to the board corporate governance principles and

overseeing the evaluation of the board.

*Director Candidates*

The process followed by the nominations and corporate governance committee to identify and evaluate director candidates includes requests to board members and others for recommendations, meetings from time to time to evaluate biographical information and background material relating to potential candidates and interviews of selected candidates by members of the committee and the board.

In considering whether to recommend any particular candidate for inclusion in the board's slate of recommended director nominees, the nominations and corporate governance committee will apply the criteria attached to the committee's charter. These criteria include the candidate's integrity, business acumen, commitment to our business and industry, experience, conflicts of interest and the ability to act in the interests of all stockholders. The committee does not assign specific weights to particular criteria and no one particular criterion is a prerequisite for a prospective nominee. We believe that the backgrounds and qualifications of our directors, considered as a group, should provide a composite mix of experience, knowledge and abilities that will allow the board to fulfill its responsibilities.

During fiscal 2007, Mr. Staglin was elected to our board of directors after being identified by Messrs. Mullen and Eberle, each of whom was acquainted with Mr. Staglin as a result of his involvement with technology companies operating within the same industry space as Bottomline. The nominations and corporate governance committee considered the background, experience and qualifications of Mr. Staglin in reaching its decision to recommend to our board of directors that he be elected as a Class III director.

Stockholders may recommend individuals to the nominations and corporate governance committee for consideration as potential director candidates by submitting their names, together with appropriate biographical information and background materials and a statement as to whether the stockholder or group of stockholders making the recommendation has beneficially owned more than 5% of our common stock for at least a year as of the date such recommendation is made, to nominations and corporate governance committee, c/o Corporate Secretary, Bottomline Technologies (de), Inc., 325 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801. Assuming that appropriate biographical and background material has been provided on a timely basis, the committee will evaluate stockholder-recommended candidates by following substantially the same process, and applying substantially the same criteria, as it follows for candidates submitted by others.

Stockholders also have the right under our bylaws to directly nominate director candidates, without any action or recommendation on the part of the committee or the board, by following the procedures set forth under Stockholder Proposals for 2008 Annual Meeting.

*Communicating with the Directors*

The board will give appropriate attention to written communications that are submitted by stockholders and will respond if and as appropriate. The chairman of the board is primarily responsible for monitoring communications from stockholders and for providing copies or summaries to the other directors as he or she considers appropriate.

Communications are forwarded to all directors if they relate to important substantive matters and include suggestions or comments that the chairman of the board considers to be important for the directors to know. In general, communications relating to corporate governance and long-term corporate strategy are more likely to be forwarded than communications relating to ordinary business affairs, personal grievances and matters as to which we tend to receive repetitive or duplicative communications.

Stockholders who wish to send communications on any topic to the board should address such communications to our board of directors c/o Corporate Secretary, Bottomline Technologies (de), Inc., 325 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801.

#### *Code of Business Conduct and Ethics*

We have adopted a written code of business conduct and ethics that applies to our directors, officers and employees, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. We have posted a current copy of the code on our website, which is located at [www.bottomline.com](http://www.bottomline.com). In addition, we intend to post on our website all disclosures that are required by law or NASDAQ stock market listing standards concerning any amendments to, or waivers from, any provision of the code.

#### **Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Based solely on our review of copies of reports filed by reporting persons pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, or written representations from reporting persons that no Form 5 filing was required for such persons, we believe that, except for one Form 4 for each of Mr. Barry and Mr. Staglin which were not timely filed, all filings required to be made by our reporting persons were timely made in accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Act.

#### **Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors**

The audit committee oversees Bottomline's financial reporting process on behalf of the board of directors. Management has the primary responsibility for the preparation of Bottomline's financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, for assessing the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, and for maintaining an appropriate reporting process, including adequate systems of internal controls. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Committee reviewed and discussed Bottomline's audited financial statements and schedule for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 with management, including the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant judgments, and the clarity of disclosures contained in the financial statements.

The Committee reviewed with Bottomline's independent registered public accounting firm (Ernst & Young LLP), which is responsible for expressing an opinion as to the conformity of Bottomline's audited financial statements and schedule with generally accepted accounting principles, the judgments of Ernst & Young as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of Bottomline's accounting principles and discussed such other matters as are required to be discussed with Ernst & Young under generally accepted auditing standards, including Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended, other standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other applicable regulations. In addition, the committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from Ernst & Young required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 (Independence Discussions with Audit Committees) and has discussed with Ernst & Young its independence from management and Bottomline, including the compatibility of non-audit services with its independence.

The Committee also reviewed management's report on its assessment of the effectiveness of Bottomline's internal control over financial reporting and the independent registered public accounting firm's report on the effectiveness of Bottomline's internal control over financial reporting.

The Committee discussed with Ernst & Young the overall scope and plans for its audits. The Committee meets with Ernst & Young, with and without management present, to discuss the results of its examinations, its evaluations of Bottomline's internal control over financial reporting, and the overall quality of Bottomline's financial reporting. The Committee held 13 meetings, including by telephone conference, during fiscal year 2007.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Committee recommended to the board of directors that the audited financial statements and schedule be included in Bottomline's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Committee and the board of directors have also recommended, subject to stockholder ratification, the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as Bottomline's registered independent public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

By the audit committee of the board of directors of Bottomline Technologies (de), Inc.

Jeffrey C. Leathe, Chairman

Joseph L. Barry, Jr.

James W. Zilinski

### Principal Accounting Fees and Services

The following table discloses the fees that Ernst & Young LLP billed us for professional services rendered in each of the last two fiscal years. For fiscal 2007, audit fees include an estimate of amounts not yet billed.

Type of Fee	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006
Audit Fees(1)	\$ 956,250	\$ 766,289
Audit-Related Fees(2)	\$ 246,504	\$ 219,823
Tax Fees(3)	\$ 210,000	\$ 148,293
All Other Fees(4)	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500

- (1) Represents fees for professional services rendered in connection with the audit of our financial statements and the audit of management's report on internal control for the fiscal year indicated, reviews of the financial statements included in each of our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q during the fiscal year indicated, and services performed in connection with certain registration statements we filed.
- (2) Represents fees for assurance advisory services related to implementation of accounting standards, financial due diligence, audit services related to the financial statements of businesses we acquired and the audit of our 401(k) plan.
- (3) Represents fees for services related to tax compliance, including the preparation or review of domestic and international tax returns, and domestic and international tax planning.
- (4) Represents annual fee for access to accounting and financial reporting research tool.

### Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The audit committee has adopted policies and procedures relating to the approval of all audit and non-audit services that are to be performed by our registered public accounting firm. This policy generally provides that we will not engage our registered public accounting firm to render audit or non-audit services unless the service is specifically approved in advance by the audit committee or the engagement is entered into pursuant to one of the pre-approval procedures described below.

From time to time, the audit committee may pre-approve specified types of services that are expected to be provided to us by our registered public accounting firm during the next 12 months. Any such pre-approval is





detailed as to the particular service or type of services to be provided and is also generally subject to a maximum dollar amount.

The audit committee has also delegated to the chairman of the audit committee the authority to approve any audit or non-audit services to be provided to us by our registered public accounting firm. Any approval of services by the chairman of the audit committee pursuant to this delegated authority is reported to the full audit committee at its next quarterly meeting.

All of the audit-related services, tax services and other services shown in the table above were approved by the audit committee in accordance with these pre-approval policies and procedures.

## **PROPOSAL II RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The audit committee of our board of directors has selected Ernst & Young LLP as our registered public accounting firm for the current fiscal year, subject to ratification by our stockholders at the annual meeting. If our stockholders do not ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP, our audit committee will reconsider the matter. A representative of Ernst & Young LLP, which served as our registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2007, is expected to be present at the annual meeting to respond to appropriate questions and to make a statement if he or she so desires. Even if the selection of Ernst & Young LLP is ratified, our audit committee may, in its discretion, select a different registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it is determined that such a change would be in the best interest of Bottomline and our stockholders.

## **STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2008 ANNUAL MEETING**

Any proposal that a stockholder intends to present at the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders must be submitted to our principal executive offices at 325 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801, Attention: Corporate Secretary, no later than June 17, 2008 in order to be considered for inclusion in the proxy statement and proxy card relating to the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders. However, if the date of our 2008 annual meeting is prior to October 16, 2008 or after December 15, 2008, the deadline is 10 business days before we begin to print and mail our proxy materials for the 2008 annual meeting.

If a stockholder wishes to present a proposal at the 2008 annual meeting but has not complied with the requirements for inclusion of the proposal in our proxy materials pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act, the stockholder must also give notice of the proposal to our corporate secretary at our principal executive offices. Our amended and restated bylaws, as amended, require that we be given advance written notice of stockholder nominations regarding election to our board of directors and certain other matters which stockholders wish to present for action at an annual meeting of stockholders (other than matters included in our proxy discussed above). We must receive this notice at least 60 days, but not more than 90 days, prior to the date of the 2008 annual meeting, which is expected to be November 20, 2008. Our bylaws also specify requirements relating to the content of the notice which stockholders must provide, including for stockholder nominations for director, in order for such proposals or nominations to be properly presented at a stockholder meeting.

## **HOUSEHOLDING OF PROXY STATEMENT**

Some banks, brokers and other nominee record holders may be participating in the practice of "householding" proxy statements and annual reports. This means that only one copy of our proxy statement or annual report may have been sent to multiple stockholders in your household. We will promptly deliver a separate copy of our annual report and/or proxy statement to you if you call or write us at the following address or phone number: Bottomline Technologies (de), Inc., 325 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801, Attention: Corporate Secretary, (603) 436-0700. If you would like to receive separate copies of the annual report and proxy statement in the future, or if you are receiving multiple copies and would like to receive only one copy for your household, you should contact your bank, broker, or other nominee record holder, or you may contact us at the above address and phone number.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

Our board of directors knows of no other business that will be presented for consideration at the annual meeting other than that described above. Under our bylaws, the deadline for stockholders to notify us of any proposals or director nominations to be presented at the annual meeting has passed. However, if any other

business should come before the annual meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed proxy to vote, or otherwise act, in accordance with their best judgment on such matters.

We will bear the costs of soliciting proxies. In addition to solicitations by mail, our directors, officers and regular employees may, without additional remuneration, solicit proxies by telephone, telegraph, facsimile and personal interviews. We will also request brokerage houses, custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward copies of the proxy material to those persons for whom they hold shares and request instructions for voting the proxies. We will reimburse brokerage houses and other persons for their reasonable expenses in connection with this distribution.

*We encourage you to attend the annual meeting in person. However, in order to make sure that you are represented at the annual meeting, we urge you to complete, sign and return the enclosed proxy card as promptly as possible in the enclosed postage-prepaid envelope. Stockholders who attend the meeting may vote their stock personally even though they have sent in their proxies.*

By order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ JOSEPH L. MULLEN  
**Joseph L. Mullen**

**Chairman of the Board of Directors**

October 15, 2007

Portsmouth, New Hampshire



