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RESONANT INC.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Dear Stockholders:

The 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Resonant Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Resonant"), will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time, at Resonant's headquarters, located at 110 Castilian Drive, Suite 100, Goleta, California 93117, for the following purposes as more fully described in the accompanying proxy statement:

To elect eight directors to serve until the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified;

To approve an amendment of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation to provide that special meetings 2. of stockholders of Resonant shall be called by our secretary upon the written request of one or more stockholders holding shares in the aggregate entitled to cast not less than 25% of the votes at the special meeting;

To approve an amendment of the Resonant Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan to

- 3. increase the maximum number of shares of common stock that may be issued pursuant to awards granted thereunder from 1,400,000 to 2,700,000 shares;
- 4. To ratify the appointment of Crowe Horwath LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016; and
- 5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

The board of directors of Resonant has fixed the close of business on April 11, 2016 as the record date for the Annual Meeting. Only stockholders of record on the record date are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. Further information regarding voting rights and the matters to be voted upon is presented in the accompanying proxy statement.

We appreciate your continued support of Resonant and look forward to either greeting you personally at the meeting or receiving your proxy. All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please vote by telephone or the Internet by following the voting procedures described in the Proxy Materials. If you received printed proxy materials and wish to vote by mail, promptly complete, date and sign the enclosed proxy card and return it in the accompanying envelope.

By order of the Board of Directors, /s/ Terry Lingren Terry Lingren Chief Executive Officer

Goleta, California April 25, 2016

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RESONANT INC.
PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE
2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

INFORMATION CONCERNING VOTING AND SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

Our board of directors solicits your proxy for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting"), and for any postponement or adjournment of the Annual Meeting, for the purposes described in the "Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders." The table below shows some important details about the Annual Meeting and voting. Additional information is available in the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the proxy statement immediately below the table. We use the terms "Resonant," "the company," "we," "our" and "us" in this proxy statement to refer to Resonant Inc., a Delaware corporation.

The Notice of Annual Meeting, proxy statement, proxy card and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 (the "2015 Annual Report") are first being mailed to our stockholders on or about May 5, 2016. Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the 2016 Annual Meeting This proxy statement and the 2015 Annual Report are available for viewing, printing and downloading at www.proxyvote.com and on the "Investors" section of our website at ir.resonant.com. Certain documents referenced in the proxy statement are available on our website. However, we are not including the information contained on our website, or any information that may be accessed by links on our website, as part of, or incorporating it by reference

Meeting Details

June 7, 2016, 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time, at the offices of Resonant Inc., 110 Castilian

Drive, Suite 100, Goleta, California 93117

Record Date April 11, 2016

into, this proxy statement.

Shares Outstanding

There were 7,407,097 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote as of the

Record Date.

Holders of our common stock at the close of business on the Record Date are entitled to Eligibility to Vote notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote for

each share held as of the Record Date.

A majority of the shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote, in person or Quorum by proxy, as of the Record Date constitutes a quorum. A quorum is required to transact

by proxy, as of the Record Date constitutes a quorum. A quorum is required to transact business at the Annual Meeting.

Stockholders whose shares are registered in their names with Computershare, our

transfer agent (referred to as "Stockholders of Record") may vote by proxy via the Internet, phone, or mail by following the instructions on the accompanying proxy card. Stockholders of Record may also vote in person at the Annual Meeting by attending the Annual Meeting and casting a ballot. Stockholders whose shares are held in "street name" by a broker, bank or other nominee (referred to as "Beneficial Owners") must follow the voting instructions provided by their brokers or other nominees. See "What is the difference between holding shares as a Stockholder of Record and as a Beneficial Owner?" and "How do I vote and what are the voting deadlines?" below for additional

information.

We have appointed John McIlvery, our corporate counsel, as Inspector of Elections to determine whether a quorum is present, and to tabulate the votes cast by proxy or in

person at the Annual Meeting.

Voting Methods

Inspector of Elections

Voting Results

We will announce preliminary results at the Annual Meeting. We will report final results on a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and post results at ir.resonant.com as soon as practicable after the Annual Meeting.

Proxy Solicitation Costs

We will bear the costs of soliciting proxies from our stockholders. These costs include preparing, assembling, printing, mailing and distributing notices, proxy statements, proxy cards and Annual Reports. Our directors, officers and other employees may solicit proxies personally or by telephone, e-mail or other means of communication, and we will reimburse them for any related expenses. We will also reimburse brokers and other nominees for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for forwarding proxy materials to the Beneficial Owners of the shares that the nominees hold in their names.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What matters am I voting on?

You will be voting on:

The election of eight directors to hold office until the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified;

A proposal to approve an amendment of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation to provide that special meetings of stockholders of Resonant shall be called by our secretary upon the written request of one or more stockholders holding shares in the aggregate entitled to cast not less than 25% of the votes at the special meeting; A proposal to approve an amendment of the Resonant Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan to increase the maximum number of shares of common stock that may be issued pursuant to awards granted thereunder from 1,400,000 to 2,700,000 shares;

A proposal to ratify the appointment of Crowe Horwath LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016; and

Any other business that may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

How does our board of directors recommend that I vote?

Our board of directors recommends that you vote:

FOR the election of the eight directors nominated by our board of directors and named in this proxy statement as directors to serve for one-year terms;

FOR the approval of an amendment of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation to provide that special meetings of stockholders of Resonant shall be called by our secretary upon the written request of one or more stockholders holding shares in the aggregate entitled to cast not less than 25% of the votes at the special meeting; FOR the approval of an amendment of the Resonant Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan to increase the maximum number of shares of common stock that may be issued pursuant to awards granted thereunder from 1,400,000 to 2,700,000 shares; and

FOR the ratification of the appointment of Crowe Horwath LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

Will there be any other items of business on the agenda?

If any other items of business or other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, your proxy gives discretionary authority to the persons named on the proxy card with respect to those items of business or other matters. The persons named on the proxy card intend to vote the proxy in accordance with their best judgment. Our board of directors does not intend to bring any other matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, and we are not currently aware of any matters that may be properly presented by others for action at the Annual Meeting. Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

Holders 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. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote for each share of our common stock held as of the Record Date. Cumulative voting is not permitted with respect to the election of directors.

A complete list of the stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available at our headquarters, located at 110 Castilian Drive, Suite 100, Goleta, California 93117, during regular business hours for the ten days prior to the Annual Meeting. This list will also be available during the Annual Meeting at the meeting location. Stockholders may examine the list for any legally valid purpose related to the Annual Meeting.

What is the difference between holding shares as a Stockholder of Record and as a Beneficial Owner? Stockholders of Record. If, at the close of business on the Record Date, your shares are registered directly in your name with Computershare, our transfer agent, you are considered the Stockholder of Record with respect to those shares. As the Stockholder of Record, you have the right to grant your voting proxy directly to the individuals listed on the proxy card or to vote in person at the Annual Meeting.

Beneficial Owners. If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee on your behalf, you are considered the Beneficial Owner of shares held in "street name." As the Beneficial Owner, you have the right to direct your broker or nominee how to vote your shares by following the voting instructions your broker or other nominee provides. In general, if you do not provide your broker or nominee with instructions on how to vote your shares, your broker or nominee may, in its discretion, vote your shares with respect to routine matters (e.g., the ratification of the appointment of our independent auditor), but may not vote your shares with respect to any non-routine matters (e.g., the election of directors). Please see "What if I do not specify how my shares are to be voted?" for additional information.

Do I have to do anything in advance if I plan to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person? Stockholders of Record. If you are a Stockholder of Record, you do not need to do anything in advance to attend and/or vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting, but you may be asked to present government-issued photo identification for entrance into the Annual Meeting.

Beneficial Owners. If you are a Beneficial Owner, you may not vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting unless you obtain a "legal proxy" from your broker or other nominee, who is the Stockholder of Record with respect to your shares. You may still attend the Annual Meeting even if you do not have a legal proxy. You may be asked to present government-issued photo identification for entrance into the Annual Meeting. You will also be asked to provide proof of Beneficial Ownership as of the Record Date, such as the voting instructions you received from your broker or other nominee, or your brokerage statement reflecting ownership of shares as of the Record Date. How do I vote and what are the voting deadlines?

Stockholders of Record. If you are a Stockholder of Record, then you can vote in one of the following ways: You may vote via the Internet or by telephone. To vote via the Internet or by telephone, follow the instructions provided in the proxy card that accompanies this proxy statement. If you vote via the Internet or by telephone, you do not need to return a proxy card by mail. Internet and telephone voting

are available 24 hours a day. Votes submitted through the Internet or by telephone must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 6, 2016.

You may vote by mail. If you would like to vote by mail, you need to complete, date and sign the proxy card that accompanies this proxy statement and promptly mail it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope so that it is received no later than June 6, 2016. You do not need to put a stamp on the enclosed envelope if you mail it from within the United States. The persons named on the proxy card will vote the shares you own in accordance with your instructions on the proxy card you mail. If you return the proxy card, but do not give any instructions on a particular matter to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, the persons named on the proxy card will vote the shares you own in accordance with the recommendations of our board of directors. Our board of directors recommends that you vote FOR each of Proposals No. One, Two, Three and Four.

You may vote in person. If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, you may vote by delivering your completed proxy card in person or by completing and submitting a ballot, which will be provided at the Annual Meeting.

Beneficial Owners. If you are the Beneficial Owner of shares held of record by a broker or other nominee, you will receive voting instructions from your broker or other nominee. You must follow the voting instructions provided by your broker or other nominee in order to instruct your broker or other nominee how to vote your shares. The availability of telephone and Internet voting options will depend on the voting process of your broker or other nominee. As discussed above, if you are a Beneficial Owner, you may not vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting unless you obtain a legal proxy from your broker or other nominee.

May I change my vote or revoke my proxy?

Stockholders of Record. If you are a Stockholder of Record, you may revoke your proxy or change your proxy instructions at any time before your proxy is voted at the Annual Meeting by:

entering a new vote by Internet or telephone;

signing and returning a new proxy card with a later date;

delivering a written revocation to our Secretary at the address listed on the front page of this proxy statement; or attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person.

Beneficial Owners. If you are the beneficial owner of your shares, you must contact the broker or other nominee holding your shares and follow their instructions to change your vote or revoke your proxy

What is the effect of giving a proxy?

Proxies are solicited by and on behalf of our board of directors. The persons named on the proxy card have been designated as proxy holders by our board of directors. When a proxy is properly dated, executed and returned, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the instruction of the stockholder. If no specific instructions are given, however, the shares will be voted in accordance with the recommendations of our board of directors (as shown on the first page of the proxy statement). If any matters not described in the proxy statement are properly presented at the Annual Meeting, the proxy holders will use their own judgment to determine how to vote your shares. If the Annual Meeting is postponed or adjourned, the proxy holders can vote your shares on the new meeting date, unless you have properly revoked your proxy, as described above. What if I do not specify how my shares are to be voted?

Stockholders of Record. If you are a Stockholder of Record and you submit a proxy but you do not provide voting instructions, your shares will be voted:

FOR the election of the eight directors nominated by our board of directors and named in this proxy statement as directors to serve for one-year terms (Proposal No. One);

FOR the approval of an amendment of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation to provide that special meetings of stockholders of Resonant shall be called by our secretary upon the written request of one or more stockholders holding shares in the aggregate entitled to cast not less than 25% of the votes at the special meeting (Proposal No. Two);

FOR the approval of an amendment of the Resonant Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan to increase the maximum number of shares of common stock that may be issued pursuant to awards granted thereunder from 1,400,000 to 2,700,000 shares (Proposal No. Three);

FOR the ratification of the appointment of Crowe Horwath LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 (Proposal No. Four); and In the discretion of the named proxy holders regarding any other matters properly presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting.

Beneficial Owners. If you are a Beneficial Owner and you do not provide your broker or other nominee that holds your shares with voting instructions, your broker or other nominee will determine if it has discretion to vote on each matter. In general, brokers and other nominees do not have discretion to vote on non-routine matters. Each of Proposal No. One (election of directors), Proposal No. Two (amendment of certificate of incorporation) and Proposal No. Three (amendment of incentive plan) is a non-routine matter, while Proposal No. Four (ratification of appointment of independent registered public accounting firm) is a routine matter. As a result, if you do not provide voting instructions to your broker or other nominee, your broker or other nominee cannot vote your shares with respect to Proposal Nos. One, Two and Three, which would result in a "broker non-vote," but may, in its discretion, vote your shares with respect to Proposal No. Four. For additional information regarding broker non-votes, see "What are the effects of abstentions and broker non-votes?" below.

What is a quorum?

A quorum is the minimum number of shares required to be present at the Annual Meeting for the meeting to be properly held under our bylaws and Delaware law. A majority of the shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote, in person or by proxy, constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. As noted above, as of the Record Date, there were at total of 7,407,097 shares of common stock outstanding, which means that 3,703,549 shares of common stock must be represented in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting to have a quorum. If there is no quorum, a majority of the shares present at the Annual Meeting may adjourn the meeting to a later date.

What are the effects of abstentions and broker non-votes?

An abstention represents a stockholder's affirmative choice to decline to vote on a proposal. Under Delaware law, abstentions are considered present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. As a result, abstentions will be counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum and will also count as votes against a proposal in cases where approval of the proposal requires the affirmative vote of a specified number of our outstanding shares (Proposal No. Two) or a majority of the shares present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting (Proposal Nos. Three and Four). However, because the outcome of Proposal No. One (election of directors) will be determined by a plurality of the voting power of the shares present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, abstentions will have no impact on the outcome of the proposal as long as a quorum exists.

A broker non-vote occurs when a broker or other nominee holding shares for a Beneficial Owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the broker or other nominee does not have discretionary voting power with respect to such proposal and has not received voting instructions from the Beneficial Owner of the shares. Broker non-votes will be counted for purposes of calculating whether a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting, but will not be counted for purposes of determining the number of votes cast. Therefore, a broker non-vote will make a quorum more readily attainable but will not affect the outcome of the vote on Proposal Nos. Three or Four.

Because approval of the amendment of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation (Proposal No. Two) requires the affirmative vote of at least 66 2/3% of our outstanding shares, broker non-votes and abstentions do not count as affirmative votes and thus will have the same effect as a vote AGAINST the proposal, which could prevent the approval of Proposal No. Two.

How many votes are needed for approval of each proposal?

Proposal	Vote Required	Broker Discretionary Voting Allowed?
Proposal No. OneElection of directors	Plurality of voting power of shares present and entitled to vote	No
Proposal No. TwoAmendment of amended and restated certificate of incorporation	Supermajority vote of 66 2/3% of outstanding shares	No
Proposal No. Three Amendment of amended and restated 2014 omnibus incentive plan	Majority of voting power of shares present and entitled to vote	No
Proposal No. FourRatification of the appointment of independent registered public accounting firm	Majority of voting power of shares present and entitled to vote	Yes

With respect to Proposal No. One, you may vote (i) FOR all nominees, (ii) WITHHOLD your vote as to all nominees, or (iii) vote FOR all nominees except for those specific nominees from whom you WITHHOLD your vote. The eight nominees receiving the most FOR votes will be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted with respect to the election of directors. If you WITHHOLD your vote as to all nominees, your vote will be treated as if you had ABSTAINED from voting on Proposal No. One, and your abstention will have no effect on the outcome of the vote. With respect to Proposal Nos. Two, Three and Four, you may vote FOR, AGAINST or ABSTAIN. If you ABSTAIN from voting on any of these proposals, the abstention will have the same effect as a vote AGAINST the proposal. How are proxies solicited for the Annual Meeting and who is paying for the solicitation?

The board of directors is soliciting proxies for use at the Annual Meeting by means of this proxy statement. We will bear the entire cost of proxy solicitation, including the preparation, assembly, printing, mailing and distribution of the proxy materials. Copies of solicitation materials will also be made available upon request to brokers and other nominees to forward to the Beneficial Owners of the shares held of record by the brokers or other nominees. We will reimburse brokers or other nominees for reasonable expenses that they incur in sending these proxy materials to Beneficial Owners.

This solicitation of proxies may be supplemented by solicitation by telephone, electronic communication, or other means by our directors, officers, employees or agents. No additional compensation will be paid to these individuals for any such services, although we may reimburse such individuals for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with such solicitation. We do not plan to retain a proxy solicitor to assist in the solicitation of proxies. Is my vote confidential?

Proxy instructions, ballots, and voting tabulations that identify individual stockholders are handled in a manner that protects your voting privacy. Your vote will not be disclosed either within Resonant or to third parties, except as necessary to meet applicable legal requirements, to allow for the tabulation of votes and certification of the vote, or to facilitate a successful proxy solicitation.

Will members of the board of directors attend the Annual Meeting?

We encourage our board members to attend the Annual Meeting. Those who do attend will be available to answer appropriate questions from stockholders.

I share an address with another stockholder, and we received only one paper copy of the proxy materials. How may I obtain an additional copy of the proxy materials?

We have adopted an SEC-approved procedure called "householding," under which we can deliver a single copy of the proxy materials to multiple stockholders who share the same address unless we received contrary instructions from one or more of the stockholders. This procedure reduces our printing and mailing costs. Stockholders of Record who participate in householding will be able to access and receive separate proxy cards. Upon written or oral request, we will promptly deliver a separate copy of the proxy materials to any stockholder at a shared address to which we delivered a single copy of these documents. To receive a separate copy, or, if you are receiving multiple copies, to request that Resonant only send a single copy of the next year's proxy materials, you may contact us as follows:

Resonant Inc. Attention: Secretary 110 Castilian Drive, Suite 100 Goleta, California 93117 (805) 308-9803

Stockholders who hold shares in street name may contact their brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer or other nominee to request information about householding.

PROPOSAL NO. ONE

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our business affairs are managed under the direction of our board of directors, which is currently composed of eight members. Five of our directors are independent according to the independent director requirements of The NASDAQ Stock Market ("NASDAQ"). Our directors serve for one-year terms. See "Board of Directors and Corporate Governance" below for more details about our board.

At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will be asked to elect eight directors, Ms. Janet Cooper, Mr. Michael Fox, Mr. George Holmes, Dr. Robert Hammond, Dr. Thomas Joseph, Mr. Richard Kornfeld, Mr. Terry Lingren and Mr. John Major, to serve until the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The following table sets forth the names and certain other information as of March 31, 2016 for each of the nominees for election as a director, all of whom currently serve on the board of directors.

Nominee	Age	Position
Janet Cooper ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	62	Director
Michael Fox	38	Director
George Holmes	53	President, Chief Commercial Officer and Director
Robert Hammond	68	Chief Technology Officer and Director
Thomas Joseph ⁽²⁾	66	Director
Richard Kornfeld ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	55	Director
Terry Lingren	59	Chief Executive Officer and Director
John Major ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	70	Chairman of the Board
