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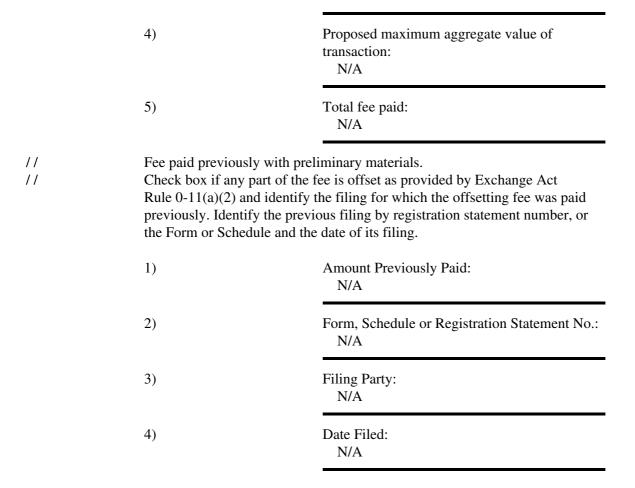
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# SOCKET MOBILE, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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#### SOCKET MOBILE, INC.

# NOTICE OF 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS To Be Held April 29, 2009

#### Dear Stockholders:

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Mills President and Chief Executive Officer

Newark, California March 12, 2009

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.
IN ORDER TO ENSURE YOUR REPRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,
YOU ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE, SIGN AND DATE THE ENCLOSED PROXY
AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE AND RETURN IT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

#### SOCKET MOBILE, INC.

# PROXY STATEMENT FOR 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

### INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING

#### **GENERAL**

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to be Held on April 29, 2009. The Proxy Statement and Annual Report are available at <a href="http://www.mkr-group.com/SCKT/stockholder\_info.html">http://www.mkr-group.com/SCKT/stockholder\_info.html</a>. Stockholders may access the Proxy Statement, Notice of Annual Meeting, Annual Report on Form 10-K and Proxy Card at this site.

#### RECORD DATE AND PRINCIPAL SHARE OWNERSHIP

#### REVOCABILITY OF PROXIES

#### VOTING AND SOLICITATION

Company, and all related costs will be borne by the Company. In addition, the Company may reimburse brokerage firms and other persons representing beneficial owners of stock for their expenses in forwarding solicitation material to such beneficial owners. Proxies may also be solicited by the Company's directors, officers and regular employees, without additional compensation, personally or by telephone, email or facsimile.

# QUORUM; VOTE REQUIRED; ABSTENTIONS; BROKER NON-VOTES

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# DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COMPANY'S PROXY MATERIALS

statement and proxy card relating to that meeting. In addition, stockholders must comply with the procedural requirements in the Company's bylaws. Under the Company's bylaws, notice of any stockholder nomination to the board or proposal of business must be delivered to or mailed and received by the Secretary of the Company not less than ninety (90) days prior to the meeting; provided, however, that in the event that less than one-hundred (100) days notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the meeting is given or made to stockholders, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the day on which such notice of the date of the meeting is mailed or such public disclosure is made. To be in proper form, a stockholder's notice to the Secretary shall set forth: (i) the name and address of the stockholder who intends to make the nominations or propose the business and, as the case may be, of the person or persons to be nominated or of the business to be proposed; (ii) a representation that the stockholder is a holder of record of stock of the Company entitled to vote at such meeting and, if applicable, intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice; (iii) if applicable, a description of all arrangements or understandings between the stockholder and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by the stockholder; (iv) such other information regarding each nominee or each matter of business to be proposed by such stockholder as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to the proxy rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission had the nominee been nominated, or intended to be nominated, or the matter been proposed, or intended to be proposed by the Board of Directors; and (v) if applicable, the consent of each nominee to serve as director of the Company if so elected. The chairman of the meeting shall refuse to acknowledge the nomination of any person or the proposal of any business not made in compliance with the foregoing procedure. Stockholders can obtain a copy of the Company's bylaws from the Company upon request. The Company's bylaws are also on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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#### **PROPOSAL ONE**

#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

for election, which is not currently anticipated, the proxy holders may vote in accordance with their judgment for the election of substitute nominees designated by the Board of Directors.

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Name of Nominee Age Position(s) Currently Held With the Compan		Position(s) Currently Held With the Company	Director Since
Charlie Bass (1)(2)	67	Chairman of the Board	1992
Kevin J. Mills	48	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	2000
Micheal L. Gifford	51	Executive Vice President and Director	1992
Leon Malmed (2)(3)	71	Director	2000
Thomas O. Miller(1)	57	Director, Chairman of the Technology Advisory Board	2008
Peter Sealey (3)	68	Director	2002
Enzo Torresi (3)	64	Director	2000

<sup>(1)</sup> Member of the Audit Committee. Gianluca Rattazzi, who is retiring from the Board, is also a member of this committee.

<sup>(2)</sup> Member of the Nominating Committee.

<sup>(3)</sup> Member of the Compensation Committee.

Dr. Torresi holds a Doctorate in Electronics Engineering from the Polytechnic Institute in Torino, Italy.

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#### **BOARD MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES**

of the independent accountants' fees, and a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the issuance of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008. The report of the Audit Committee for the year ended December 31, 2008 is included in this Proxy Statement.

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#### **COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS**

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Shares Granted
5,000
3,000
3,500
3,500
2,500
3,000

#### VOTE REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" ALL OF THE COMPANY'S NOMINEES FOR DIRECTORS.

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#### PROPOSAL TWO

#### RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

### FEES BILLED BY MOSS ADAMS LLP DURING FISCAL YEARS 2008 AND 2007

Moss Adams LLP during the Company's 2008 and 2007 fiscal years totaled \$3,000 and \$10,555, respectively. Audit-related fees were primarily related to meetings with the Audit Committee, attendance at the annual stockholder meeting, the issuance of a consent related to the filing of a Form S-8 registration statement and accounting advice.

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# VOTE REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MOSS ADAMS LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009.

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#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

Name of Beneficial Owner (1)	Number of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned (2)
5% Stockholders	185,684	5.7%
Roy L. Rogers (3)	172,228	5.3
Leviticus Partners, L.P. (4)		
Directors and Executive Officers		
Charlie Bass (5)	215,474	6.6%
Kevin J. Mills (6)	98,250	3.0
Micheal L. Gifford (7)	79,604	2.4
David W. Dunlap (8)	67,483	2.1
Leonard L. Ott (9)	50,536	1.5
Enzo Torresi (10)	34,517	1.1
Leon Malmed (11)	34,250	1.0
Gianluca Rattazzi (11)	33,833	1.0
Tim I. Miller (12)	32,172	1.0
Lee A. Baillif (13)	25,835	*
Peter Sealey (11)	25,000	*
Robert C. Zink (11)	17,303	*
Thomas O. Miller (14)	9,562	*
Thomas L. Noggle (11)	8,229	*
All Directors and Executive Officers as a		
group (14 persons) (15)	732,048	19.6%

<sup>\*</sup>Less than 1%

<sup>(1)</sup> To the Company's knowledge, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of Common Stock shown as beneficially owned by them, subject to community property laws where applicable and the information contained in the

footnotes to this table.

- (2) Percentage ownership is based on 3,229,916 shares of Common Stock outstanding, each of which is entitled to one vote, on the Record Date and any shares issuable pursuant to securities exercisable for shares of Common Stock by the person or group in question as of the Record Date or within 60 days thereafter.
- (3) Shares held by Roy L. Rogers as trustee for the Rogers Family Trust UTD 01-21-81 which holds 97,283 shares of Common Stock, and the Roy and Ruth Rogers Unitrust, UTD 09-28-89 which holds 88,401 shares of Common Stock. Mr. Rogers'address is 3000 Sand Hill Road, Building 1, Suite 260, Menlo Park, CA 94025.
- (4) AMH Equity LLC is the general partner of Leviticus Partners, L.P. The address of Leviticus Partners, L.P. is 60 East 42nd Street, Suite 901, New York, NY 10165.
- (5) Includes 41,250 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of March 2, 2009.
- (6) Includes 85,240 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of March 2, 2009.
- (7) Includes 54,384 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of March 2, 2009.
- (8) Includes 58,937 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of March 2, 2009.
- (8) Includes 38,937 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of March 2, 2009.
- (10) Includes 31,125 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of March 2, 2009.
- (11) Consists of shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of March 2, 2009.
- (12) Includes 31,717 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of March 2, 2009.
- (13) Includes 23,177 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of March 2, 2009.
- (14) Includes 9,000 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of March 2, 2009.
- (15) Includes 502,541 shares of Common Stock subject to options exercisable within 60 days of March 2, 2009.

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# SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

#### **MANAGEMENT**

Name of Officer	Age	Position with the Company
Kevin J. Mills	48	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director
David W. Dunlap	66	Vice President of Finance and Administration, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
Micheal L. Gifford	51	Executive Vice President and Director

Name of Officer	Age	Position with the Company
Lee A. Baillif	48	Vice President and Controller
Tim I. Miller	54	Vice President of Worldwide Operations
Thomas L. Noggle	60	Vice President of Engineering
Leonard L. Ott	50	Vice President and Chief Technical Officer
Robert C. Zink	51	Sr. Vice President of Worldwide Sales and Marketing

developing new and advanced electronic products with an emphasis on chip design and imaging devices. From September 1999 through February 2001 he was President and CEO of Viznetix, an engineering management consulting company he founded. Mr. Noggle has received various patents and awards for products that he has developed, including a U.S. patent assigned to Logitech for manipulating area imaging devices and a Technical Academy Award for work completed as a senior design engineer at Lucasfilm, Ltd. Mr. Noggle holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences from the University of Illinois.

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#### **DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

#### **Compensation of Non-Employee Directors**

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Option Awards (\$)(1)	Total (\$)
Charlie Bass	\$12,000	\$19,834(2)	\$31,834
Leon Malmed	\$12,000	\$13,665(3)	\$25,665
Thomas O. Miller (appointed Feb			
17, 2008)	\$9,000	\$17,699(4)	\$26,699
Gianluca Rattazzi	\$12,000	\$13,884(5)	\$37,884
Peter Sealey	\$12,000	\$9,916(6)	\$21,916

Enzo Torresi

\$12,000 \$11,900(7) \$23,900

- (1) Amounts shown are not intended to reflect value actually received by the directors. Instead, the amounts shown are the compensation costs recognized for option awards vesting in fiscal 2008 for financial statement reporting purposes, as determined pursuant to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R), or FAS 123R. (2) Mr. Bass was granted an option to purchase 5,000 shares on April 23, 2008 with a grant date fair value, computed in accordance with FAS 123R, of \$16,500. The aggregate equity awards held by Mr. Bass at December 31, 2008 were options to purchase 41,250 shares of Common Stock. The valuation for these awards at such date, determined pursuant to FAS 123R, was \$457,050.
- (3) Mr. Malmed was granted an option to purchase 3,000 shares on April 23, 2008 with a grant date fair value, computed in accordance with FAS 123R, of \$9,900. The aggregate equity awards held by Mr. Malmed at December 31, 2008 were options to purchase 34,250 shares of Common Stock. The valuation for these awards at such date, determined pursuant to FAS 123R, was \$416,750.
- (4) Mr. Miller was granted a fully vested option to purchase 2,500 shares on February 17, 2008 in connection with his appointment as a director on that date. The grant date fair value, computed in accordance with FAS 123R, was \$10,000. Mr. Miller was also granted an option to purchase 3,500 shares on April 23, 2008 with a grant fair value, computed in accordance with FAS 123R of \$11,550. The aggregate equity awards held by Mr. Miller at December 31, 2008 were options to purchase 9,000 shares of Common Stock. The valuation for these awards at such date, determined pursuant to FAS 123R, was \$39,550.
- (5) Mr. Rattazzi was granted an option to purchase 3,500 shares on April 23, 2008 with a grant date fair value, computed in accordance with FAS 123R, of \$18,550. The aggregate equity awards held by Mr. Rattazzi at December 31, 2007 were options to purchase 33,833 shares of Common Stock. The valuation for these awards at such date, determined pursuant to FAS 123R, was \$411,653.
- (6) Mr. Sealey was granted an option to purchase 2,500 shares on April 23,2008 with a grant date fair value, computed in accordance with FAS 123R, of \$8,250. The aggregate equity awards held by Mr. Sealey at December 31, 2008 were options to purchase 25,000 shares of Common Stock. The valuation for these awards at such date, determined pursuant to FAS 123R, was \$227,000.
- (7) Mr. Torresi was granted an option to purchase 3,000 shares on April 23, 2008 with a grant date fair value, computed in accordance with FAS 123R, of \$9,900. The aggregate equity awards held by Mr. Torresi at December 31, 2008 were options to purchase 31,125 shares of Common Stock. The valuation for these awards at such date, determined pursuant to FAS 123R, was \$398,075.

market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant. See also Proposal One - Compensation of Directors.

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#### COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### Overview

Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

- attract, retain and motivate talented executive officers;
- provide executive officers with cash bonus opportunities linked to achievement of business objectives and individual performance goals; and
- align the financial interests of executive officers with those of stockholders by providing executive officers with an equity stake in the Company.

Elements of Executive Compensation.

below the rate of expense increases over the past two years. As a result, and with the concurrence of the Company's management team, the Compensation Committee has been judicious about increasing salaries until the Company is able to improve both its net income results and its cash position.

- Quarterly Company revenue compared to a Board-approved "Financial Plan";
- Quarterly Company gross margins compared to the Financial Plan;
- Company expenses compared to the Financial Plan; and
- Achievement of individual quarterly management objectives.

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compensation for such results. On the upside, the variable quantitative profitability-based portions of the awards (revenue, gross margins and expense) can result in an individual earning up to 200% of the individual's target, providing strong financial incentives to meet or exceed Financial Plan objectives.

Named Executive Officer	Position(s)	2008	2007	2006
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Kevin J. Mills	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director	85%	81%	70%
Micheal L. Gifford	Executive Vice President and Director	85%	82%	64%
Robert C. Zink (1)	Sr. Vice President Worldwide Sales and Marketing	83%	100%	-
David W. Dunlap	Vice President of Finance and Administration, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary	86%	82%	70%
Thomas L. Noggle (2)	Vice President of Engineering	80%	100%	-

Note 1: Mr. Zink commenced employment on April 2, 2007 and his variable target attainment was guaranteed for 2007 as part of his employment offer.

Note 2: Mr. Noggle commenced employment on November 1, 2007 and his variable target attainment was guaranteed for 2007 as part of his employment offer

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#### Equity Incentive Grant Policies.

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responsibilities of the employee and as agreed to in the employee's employment offer. Grants for executive officers are approved by the Compensation Committee in advance of offers being made. Grants to rank-and-file employees are made within general guidelines reviewed and approved by the Compensation Committee, and the actual grant requires the approval of the Compensation Committee at the time of grant. Initial grants generally vest 25% on the one year anniversary of employment and 1/48th per month thereafter for a total vesting period of 48 months. The delay in initial vesting for the first twelve months of employment provides an incentive for employee retention and ensures that the employee is familiar with the Company and its goals and objectives prior to options vesting. During 2008, the Company granted options to purchase a total of 33,780 shares to 16 new employees, representing 19 percent of all shares subject to stock options granted during the year.

# Accounting and Tax Implications

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# Compensation of the Chief Executive Officer

# **SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE** For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary · (\$)(1)	Awards	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(3)	Total (\$)
Kevin J. Mills		\$ 189,604 190,000 180,000	\$ 43,145 68,844 72,227	\$ 84,756 80,588 69,974	\$ 317,505 339,432 322,201
Robert C. Zink (4)		174,635 131,250	,	95,863 118,250	310,876 279,313
Micheal L. Gifford	2007	175,000 175,000 165,000	63,547	42,473 40,768 31,963	256,428 279,315 260,193
David W. Dunlap	2007 2006	169,646 170,000 160,000	60,411	42,854 40,962 34,906	249,413 271,373 255,580
Thomas L. Noggle (5)	2008 2007	160,000 26,667	30,075 3,915	31,850 8,000	221,925 38,582

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents base salary as described under Compensation Summary and Analysis - Elements of Executive Compensation.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents Long-Term, Equity-Based Incentive Awards as described under Compensation Summary and Analysis - Elements of Executive Compensation. Amounts shown do not reflect compensation actually received by the executive officer. Instead, the amounts shown are the compensation costs recognized for option awards vesting during the fiscal year for financial statement reporting purposes, as determined pursuant to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R).

<sup>(3)</sup> Represents Variable Incentive Awards as described under Compensation Summary and Analysis - Elements of Executive Compensation.

<sup>(4)</sup> Mr. Zink commenced employment on April 2, 2007. His non-equity incentive plan compensation included \$66,250 in 2007 to defray moving, relocation and other costs associated with commencement of his employment.

<sup>(5)</sup> Mr. Noggle commenced employment on November 1, 2007.

# GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

Name	Grant Date	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/share)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)(1)
Kevin J. Mills	2/14/2008	7,500	\$7.20	\$27,750
Robert C. Zink	2/14/2008	5,000	7.20	18,500
Micheal L. Gifford	2/14/2008	6,500	7.20	24,050
David W. Dunlap Thomas L. Noggle	2/14/2008 2/14/2008	6,000 2,500	7.20 7.20	22,200 9,250

<sup>(1)</sup> The value of option awards is based on the fair value as of the grant date of such award, determined pursuant to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R), which was \$3.70 per share. The exercise price for all options granted to the Named Executive Officers is 100% of the fair market value of the shares based on the closing market price for the Company's Common Stock on the grant date. Regardless of whatever value is placed on a stock option on the grant date, the actual value of the option to the recipient will depend on the market value of the Company's Common Stock at such date in the future when the option is exercised.

# OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS At Fiscal 2008 Year-End

#### **Option Awards**

# **Option Awards**

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options - Exercisable (#)(1)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options - Unexercisable (#)(1)(2)	Option Exercise Price per Share (\$)(3)	Option Expiration Date(4)
Kevin J. Mills	6,767	-	\$5.625	6/16/2009
	30,000	-	33.75	12/20/2010
	9,000	-	10.60	9/27/2011
	6,700	-	12.90	4/3/2012
	5,000	-	7.60	11/27/2012
	4,500	-	7.30	3/21/2013
	5,000	-	32.00	2/3/2014
	8,375	1,625	15.00	1/28/2015
	2,635	2,865	11.70	2/17/2016
	2,406	3,094	10.00	2/26/2017
	1,406	6,094	7.20	2/14/2018
Robert C. Zink (5)	12,500	17,500	9.30	4/2/2017
	938	4,062	7.20	2/14/2018
Micheal L. Gifford	3,997	_	5.625	6/16/2009
Michell E. Giller	10,000	_	33.75	12/20/2010
	7,500	-	10.60	9/27/2011
	5,000	_	12.90	4/3/2012
	3,400	_	7.60	11/27/2012
	3,500	-	7.30	3/21/2013
	4,750	-	32.00	2/3/2014
	7,538	1,462	15.00	1/28/2015
	2,396	2,604	11.70	2/17/2016
	2,188	2,812	10.00	2/26/2017
	1,219	5,281	7.20	2/14/2018

# **Option Awards**

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options - Exercisable (#)(1)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options - Unexercisable (#)(1)(2)	Option Exercise Price per Share (\$)(3)	Option Expiration Date(4)
David W. Dunlap	13,125	-	\$5.625	6/16/2009
-	7,500	-	33.75	12/20/2010
	6,500	-	10.60	9/27/2011
	5,000	-	12.90	4/3/2012
	3,400	-	7.60	11/27/2012
	3,500	-	7.30	3/21/2013
	4,500	-	32.00	2/3/2014
	7,119	1,381	15.00	1/28/2015
	2,300	2,500	11.70	2/17/2016
	2,100	2,700	10.00	2/26/2017
	1,125	4,875	7.20	2/14/2018
Thomas L. Noggle (6)	5,417	14,583	8.30	11/1/2017
	469	2,031	7.20	2/14/2018

<sup>(1)</sup> Options were granted as described under *Compensation Summary and Analysis - Elements of Executive Compensation - Long-Term, Equity-Based Incentive Awards* and *- Equity Incentive Grant Policies*. The vesting period and vesting start date were established by the Compensation Committee. Shares unexercisable were not vested as December 31, 2008. (2) Grant dates and vesting period information for all grants not fully vested as of December 31, 2008 are as follows:

<b>Grant Date</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Vesting Start Date</b>	Months to fully vest
1/28/2005	1/28/2015	1/1/2006	48
2/17/2006	2/17/2016	1/1/2007	48
2/26/2007	2/26/2017	3/1/2007	48
4/2/2007	4/2/2017	4/2/2007	48
11/1/2007	11/1/2017	11/1/2007	48
2/14/2008	2/14/2018	3/1/2008	48

<sup>(3)</sup> Exercise prices are set at the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant.

<sup>(4)</sup> Options expire ten years from the date of grant, provided that the executive continues employment with the Company.

<sup>(5)</sup> Mr. Zink commenced employment on April 2, 2007.

<sup>(6)</sup> Mr. Noggle commenced employment on November 1, 2007.

# OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED For Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Option Awards		
Name	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Realized on	
Kevin J. Mills Robert C. Zink Micheal L. Gifford David W. Dunlap Thomas L. Noggle	2,500 - 833 4,250	\$813 - 437 6,763	

<sup>(1)</sup> The value realized equals the difference between the option exercise price and the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date of exercise, multiplied by the number of shares for which the option was exercised.

# **EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION**

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders (1) Equity compensation plans not approved by	921,229	\$13.68	175,377
security holders (2) Total	106,275 1,027,504	\$28.02 \$15.16	22,065 197,442

		Number of
		securities
Number of		remaining available
securities to be		for
issued upon	Weighted-average	future issuance
exercise of	exercise price of	under
outstanding	outstanding	equity
options	options	compensation plans

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes the 1995 Stock Plan and its successor, the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. Pursuant to an affirmative vote by security holders in June 2004, an annual increase in the number of shares authorized under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan is added on the first day of each fiscal year equal to the lesser of (a) 200,000 shares, (b) four percent of the total outstanding shares of the Company's Common Stock on that date, or (c) a lesser amount as determined by the Board of Directors. As a result, a total of 129,196 shares became available for grant under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan on January 1, 2009, in addition to those set forth in the table above.

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#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Dated: March 12, 2009 Enzo Torresi, Chairman Leon Malmed Peter Sealey

# COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

<sup>(2)</sup> Consists of the 1999 Stock Plan. The Board does not plan to issue any new grants from the 1999 Plan.

#### POST EMPLOYMENT AND CHANGE-IN-CONTROL COMPENSATION

#### **Change of Control and Severance Agreements**

agreements, effective as of December 31, 2008, with Messrs, Kevin J. Mills, Lee A. Baillif, David W. Dunlap, Micheal L. Gifford, Tim I. Miller, Thomas L. Noggle, Leonard L. Ott and Robert C. Zink for a period of three years expiring December 31, 2011. The agreements replaced agreements that expired on December 31, 2008. The agreements provide that if the Company terminates the executive's employment without cause, the Company will pay the executive: (i) three months' base salary plus one months base salary for each two years of completed employment up to a maximum of six months; (ii) health insurance until the earlier of the date of the executive's eligibility for the health insurance benefits provided by another employer or the expiration of the continuation period for base salary; (iii) the full bonus amount to which he would have been entitled for the first quarter following termination and one-half of such bonus amount for the second quarter following termination; and (iv) certain other benefits, including the ability to purchase at book value certain items of the Company's property purchased by the Company for the executive's use, which may include a personal computer, a cellular phone and other similar items. The exercise period for any of the executive's vested stock options may also be extended up to a period not to exceed one year based on formulas in the employment agreements. Additionally, under the 1999 Stock Plan and the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, the rights of all optionees, including executive officers, to exercise all their outstanding options become fully vested and immediately exercisable upon a change of control of the Company, unless the options are assumed by the acquiring entity.

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Compensation and Benefits	Voluntary Resignation	For Cause (1)	For Good Reason (2)	Involuntary Without Cause (2)	Involuntary or For Good Reason After Change-in-Control (2)	Due to Death or Disability (2)
Kevin J. Mills						
&nl	bspBase -	-	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$95,000
Salary (3)						
&nl	<i>bsp</i> Variable	-	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500
Incentive (4)						
&nl	bspStock	-	-	-	-	-

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Compensation and Benefits	Voluntary Resignation	For Cause (1)	For Good Reason (2)	Involuntary Without Cause (2)	Involuntary or For Good Reason After Change-in-Control (2)	Due to Death or Disability (2)
Options (5)						
&nb Benefits (6)	spHealthCare	-	3,428	3,428	3,428	3,428
&nb Perquisites (7)	ospOther	-	-	-	-	-
Micheal L. Gifford						
&nb Salary (3)	ospBase -	-	87,500	87,500	87,500	87,500
&nb Incentive (4)	<i>sp</i> Variable	-	18,750	18,750	18,750	18,750
&nb Options (5)	pspStock	-	-	-	-	-
&nb	spHealthCare	-	2,720	2,720	2,720	2,720
Benefits (6) & nbsp &nb	osnOther	_	_	_	_	_
Perquisites (7)	sp Giner					
Robert C. Zink						
&nb	spBase -	-	58,333	58,333	58,333	58,333
Salary (3)			42.125	12.125	42.125	12.125
&nbspVariable Incentive (4)		-	43,125	43,125	43,125	43,125
&nbspStock		_	_	_	_	_
Options (5)		_	_	_	_	_
&nbspHealthCare		_	2,224	2,224	2,224	2,224
Benefits (6)			,	,	,	,
&nbspOther		-	-	-	-	-
Perquisites (7)						
David W. Dunlap	D		05.000	05.000	05.000	05.000
&nb Salary (3)	spBase-	-	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000
&nb	s <i>n</i> Variable	_	18,750	18,750	18,750	18,750
Incentive (4)	sp variable		10,750	10,750	10,720	10,720
&nb	spStock-	-	-	-	-	-
Options (5)						
&nb Benefits (6)	spHealthCare	-	2,716	2,716	2,716	2,716
&nb	ospOther	-	-	-	-	-
Perquisites (7) 						
Timothy I. Miller						
&nb	spBase -	-	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500
Salary (3)						

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Compensation and Benefits	Voluntary Resignation	For Cause (1)	For Good Reason (2)	Involuntary Without Cause (2)	Involuntary or For Good Reason After Change-in-Control (2)	Due to Death or Disability (2)
&nb Incentive (4)	<i>bsp</i> Variable	-	13,125	13,125	13,125	13,125
&nbspStock		-	-	-	-	-
Options (5)    &nb Benefits (6)	bspHealthCare	-	3,818	3,818	3,818	3,818
&nb Perquisites (7)	bspOther	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>(1)</sup> Cause is defined in each executive's employment agreement as gross misconduct or fraud, misappropriation of the Company's proprietary information, or willful and continuing breach of duties following notice and a cure period.

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### LIMITATION OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION MATTERS

<sup>(2)</sup> All reasons for termination except voluntary resignation or termination by the Company for cause are covered under the terms of the employment agreement as either resignation by the executive for good reason or involuntary termination by the Company without cause.

<sup>(3)</sup> Except in the case of voluntary resignation or termination for cause, base salary is continued from the date of termination for three months plus one month for each two years of completed service up to a maximum of six months.

<sup>(4)</sup> Except in the cases of voluntary resignation or termination for cause, scheduled variable incentive payments are paid which equal 100% of the bonus to which the executive would have otherwise been entitled for the quarter of termination and 50% of such bonus entitlement for the following quarter.

<sup>(5)</sup> Except in the cases of voluntary resignation or termination for cause, stock options vested as of the date of termination may be exercised for a period of up to one year based on formulas in the executive's employment agreement. In the event of a change in control where stock options are not assumed by the acquiring entity, all options granted and outstanding become vested and fully exercisable. In the event of termination for cause or voluntary resignation, stock options vested as of the date of termination may be exercised for a period of 90 days following the termination date

<sup>(6)</sup> Except in the cases of voluntary resignation or termination for cause, healthcare benefits are continued up to the earlier of the expiration of the base salary continuation period (see note 3) or the executive securing other employment that includes such benefits.

<sup>(7)</sup> There are no perquisites in the compensation packages of any of the executive officers.

agreements with its directors and officers enhance its ability to continue to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve as directors and officers. There is no pending litigation or proceeding involving a director, officer or employee to which these provisions or agreements would apply.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

#### **Executive Compensation Authority**

- The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approves all compensation plans and amounts for the executive officers of the Company, following consultation with management.
- The Compensation Committee reviews and approves annual salary increases for all other employees of the Company, upon the recommendation of management.
- The Compensation Committee approves all stock option grants, upon the recommendation of management, except director grants, which are approved by the full Board of Directors.

#### Director Independence

- The Board of Directors has confirmed that a majority of the Company's directors are independent, as defined by current SEC regulations and Nasdaq rules.
- The Company's independent directors hold formal meetings without the presence of management and chaired by an independent director.
- The Audit, Compensation and Nominating Committees consist solely of independent directors.

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#### Audit Committee

• All Audit Committee members possess the required level of financial literacy, as required by SEC regulations.

- Mr. Bass, a member of the Audit Committee, possesses the qualifications of an "audit committee financial expert," as required by SEC regulations.
- The Audit Committee's charter formalizes and makes explicit the following:
  - The Audit Committee's ability to retain independent consultants and experts as it sees fit, at Company expense;
  - The Audit Committee's authority to appoint, review and assess the performance of the Company's independent auditors;
  - The Audit Committee's ability to hold regular executive sessions with the Company's independent auditors and with the Company's Chief Financial Officer, Controller and other Company officers directly, as it considers appropriate;
  - The requirement that the Audit Committee review and approve in advance non-audit services by the Company's independent auditors, as well as related party transactions;
  - The Audit Committee's duty to maintain a formal complaint monitoring procedure (a "whistleblower" policy) to enable confidential and anonymous reporting to the Audit Committee; and
  - The Audit Committee's authority over the independent auditors' rotation policy.

#### Other Governance Matters

- The Company has a formal Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all officers, directors and employees.
- The Company has a requirement that any waiver or amendment to the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics involving a director or officer be reviewed by the Nominating Committee and disclosed to the Company's stockholders.
- Each of the Compensation Committee and Nominating Committee has a written charter.
- The Company has an Insider Trading Policy, including control procedures to comply with current SEC regulations and Nasdaq rules.
- The Company has a policy that the Board of Directors reviews its own performance on an annual basis.
- The Company prohibits loans to its officers and directors.

More details on the Company's corporate governance initiatives, including copies of its Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and each of the Committee charters can be found in the "Corporate Governance" section of the Company's web site at http://www.mkr-group.com/SCKT/board\_committee.html.

### Policy for Director Recommendations and Nominations

> Chairman of the Nominating Committee c/o Corporate Secretary Socket Mobile, Inc. 39700 Eureka Drive Newark, CA 94560

#### The notice must include:

- the candidate's name, home and business contact information;
- detailed biographical data and relevant qualifications;
- a signed letter from the candidate confirming his or her willingness to serve;
- information regarding any relationships between the candidate and the Company within the last three years; and
- evidence of the required ownership of Common Stock by the recommending stockholder.

nomination, engagement of an outside search firm to gather additional information, or reliance on the knowledge of the members of the committee, the Board of Directors or management. In its evaluation of director candidates, including the members of the Board of Directors eligible for re-election, the Nominating Committee considers a number of factors, including the following:

- The current size and composition of the Board of Directors and the needs of the Board of Directors and its various committees.
- Such factors as judgment, independence, character and integrity, area of expertise, diversity of experience, length of service and potential conflicts of interest.
- Such other factors as the Nominating Committee may consider appropriate.

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- The highest personal and professional ethics and integrity.
- Proven achievement and competence in the nominee's field, and the ability to exercise sound business judgment.
- Skills complementary to those of the existing members of the Board of Directors.
- The ability to assist and support management and make significant contributions to the Company's success.
- An understanding of the fiduciary responsibilities required of a member of the Board of Directors, and the commitment of time and energy necessary to carry out those responsibilities diligently.

Stockholder Communications to Directors

to be urgent and to require the immediate attention of the Board. Where the nature of a communication warrants, Mr. Bass, Chairman of the Board, may decide to obtain the more immediate attention of the appropriate committee of the Board of Directors or a non-management director, or the Company's management or independent advisors, as appropriate. Mr. Bass also determines whether any response to a stockholder communication is necessary or warranted and whether further action is required.

#### Director Independence

#### Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

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#### REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

standards, including Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61. In addition, the Audit Committee discussed with the independent auditors the auditors' independence from management and the Company, including the matters in the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by the Independence Standards Board, Standard No. 1.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE** 

Dated: March 12, 2009

Charlie Bass Thomas O. Miller Gianluca Rattazzi

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#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

interest require the prior approval of the Audit Committee or, in the case of an interest of a director, the full Board of Directors. There were no such related party transactions during fiscal year 2008.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Dated: March 12, 2009 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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This Proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of Socket Mobile, Inc.

#### 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

#### 1. ELECTION OF SEVEN DIRECTORS.

// FOR all nominees listed // Withhold Authority to vote for ALL Nominees Listed

Nominees: Charlie Bass; Kevin J. Mills; Micheal L. Gifford; Leon Malmed; Thomas O. Miller; Peter Sealey; Enzo Torresi

If you wish to withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, strike a line through that nominee's name in the list below:

Charlie Bass; Kevin J. Mills; Micheal L. Gifford; Leon Malmed; Thomas O. Miller; Peter Sealey; Enzo Torresi

		ADAMS LLP AS INDEPENDENT PUB YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009.	
// <b>FOR</b> In their discretion, the Proxi or any adjournments thereof	•	// ABSTAIN r matters as may properly come before the	e meeting
WILL BE VOTED FOR TADAMS LLP AS INDEPE	HE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS INDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT	O CONTRARY DIRECTION IS INDIC , FOR THE RATIFICATION OF MOS S AND AS THE PROXIES DEEM PERLY COME BEFORE THE MEET	SS
Signature	Signature		
and returned promptly in the	•	er(s) exactly as his or her name appears he in a fiduciary capacity should so indicate.	