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Optex Systems Holdings, Inc.

(Name of Company as Specified in Its Charter)

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Optex Systems Holdings, Inc.

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NOTICE OF ACTION BY WRITTEN CONSENT OF STOCKHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the holders of more than a majority of the outstanding common stock of Optex Systems Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company,” “we”, “us,” or “our”), have approved the following action without a meeting of stockholders in accordance with Section 228(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law:

To effect a reverse split of the Company’s issued and outstanding common stock in a ratio of not less than 1:2 nor more than 1:3 at the discretion of the Company’s Board of Directors.

The enclosed information statement contains information pertaining to the matters acted upon.

Pursuant to rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, you may access a copy of the information statement at www.optexsys.com.

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By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ Peter Benz
Peter Benz
Chairman of the Board

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INFORMATION STATEMENT

Action by Written Consent of Stockholders

GENERAL INFORMATION

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This information statement is being furnished in connection with the action by written consent of stockholders of Optex Systems Holdings, Inc. (the "Company," "we", "us," or "our") taken without a meeting of stockholders to approve the actions described in this information statement. We are mailing this information statement, along with our Annual Report on Form 10-K, to our stockholders on or about December 28, 2015 to shareholders of record as of December 24, 2015.

What action was taken by written consent?

To effect a reverse split of our outstanding Common Stock in a ratio of not less than 1:2 nor more than 1:3 and to elect four new directors to our Board of Directors.

How many shares of Common Stock were outstanding on December 15, 2015?

On December 15, 2015, the date we received the consent of the holders as described in the preceding question, there were 429,898 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

What vote was obtained to approve the proposals contained in this information statement?

As further described in this Information Statement, we obtained the approval of the holders of approximately 69% of our issued and outstanding Common Stock in favor of the reverse split of our issued and outstanding Common Stock described herein. We also obtained the approval of our Board of Directors.

Who is paying the cost of this information statement?

We will pay for preparing, printing and mailing this information statement. Our costs are estimated at approximately \$10,000.

APPROVAL 1: REVERSE STOCK SPLIT

General

Our board of directors and the shareholders holding a majority of our issued and outstanding Common Stock approved an amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, to effect a reverse stock split which combines the outstanding shares of our common stock into a lesser number of outstanding shares. Our board of directors will have the sole discretion to effect the amendment and reverse stock split at any time prior to June 30, 2016, and to fix the specific ratio for the combination, provided that the ratio would be not less than 1-for-2 and not more than 1-for-3. Our board of directors will also have discretion to abandon the amendment prior to its effectiveness. Our board of directors is hereby providing you with information regarding the reverse stock split as approved by our stockholders.

Our board of directors and majority shareholder have approved an additional reverse stock split in order to again provide for meeting minimum Nasdaq requirements for listing (such as a minimum stock price of \$4.00) in addition to the 1:1000 reverse split which we effected in October 2015, and the board and our majority shareholder have determined that it is in the best interests of our shareholders in general to provide our board with the flexibility to effect the reverse split if needed in a ratio of 1-for-2 to 1-for-3.

The reverse stock split proposal permits (but not require) our board of directors to effect a reverse stock split of our outstanding common stock at any time by a ratio of not less than 1-for-2 and not more than 1-for-3 with the specific ratio to be fixed within this range by our board of directors in its sole discretion. We believe that enabling our board of directors to fix the specific ratio of the reverse stock split within the stated range will provide us with the flexibility to implement it in a manner designed to maximize the anticipated benefits for our stockholders. In fixing the ratio, our board of directors may consider, among other things, factors such as: the historical trading price and trading volume of our common stock; the number of shares of our common stock outstanding; the then-prevailing trading price and trading volume of our common stock; the anticipated impact of the reverse stock split on the trading market for our common stock; and prevailing general market and economic conditions.

The reverse stock split, as approved by our stockholders, will become effective upon the filing of the amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, or at the later time set forth in the amendment. The filing may occur any time after 20 days from the date of completion of mailing of this Information Statement to our shareholders of record as of December 24, 2015. The exact timing of the amendment will be determined by our board of directors based on its evaluation as to if and when such action will be the most advantageous to our company and our stockholders. In addition, our board of directors reserves the right, notwithstanding stockholder approval and without further action by the stockholders, to abandon the amendment and the reverse stock split if, at any time prior to the effectiveness of the filing of the amendment with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, our board of directors, in its sole discretion, determines that it is no longer in our best interest and the best interests of our stockholders to proceed.

The proposed form of amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, to effect the reverse stock split is attached as Appendix A to this Information Statement. Any amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, to effect the reverse stock split will include the reverse stock split ratio fixed by our board of directors, within the range approved by our stockholders.

Reasons for Proposed Amendment

Our board of directors' primary reason for approving and recommending the reverse stock split is to increase the per share price of our common stock to meet the listing requirements of the NASDAQ Capital Market ("NASDAQ"). Our board of directors believes that attaining and maintaining the listing of our common stock on NASDAQ is in the best interests of our company and its stockholders. As of December 15, 2015, our common stock has traded on the OTC Market's electronic interdealer quotation QB system ("OTCQB") in a 52 week closing price range from \$2.00 to \$6.60 per share. NASDAQ requires a minimum closing price of \$3.00 per share in connection with the initial listing application. We are also required to meet additional conditions to list our common stock on NASDAQ and there is no guarantee that we will be able to meet those conditions. We will submit an application to list our common stock on NASDAQ at such time as determined prudent by our board of directors.

In addition, if our common stock were listed on NASDAQ, our board of directors believes that the liquidity in the trading of our common stock could be significantly enhanced, which could result in an increase in the trading price. However, despite approval of the reverse stock split by our stockholders and the implementation thereof by our board of directors, there is no assurance that our minimum bid price would be or remain following the reverse stock split over NASDAQ's minimum bid price requirement, and our common stock could fail to attain the minimum bid price requirement necessary to be listed on NASDAQ.

Our board of directors further believes that an increased stock price may encourage investor interest and improve the marketability of our common stock to a broader range of investors. We believe that the reverse stock split will make our common stock more attractive to a broader range of institutional and other investors, as we have been advised that the current market price of our common stock may affect its acceptability to certain institutional investors, professional investors and other members of the investing public. Many brokerage houses and institutional investors have internal policies and practices that either prohibit them from investing in low-priced stocks or tend to discourage individual brokers from recommending low-priced stocks to their customers. In addition, some of those policies and practices may function to make the processing of trades in low-priced stocks economically unattractive to brokers. Moreover, because brokers' commissions on low-priced stocks generally represent a higher percentage of the stock price than commissions on higher-priced stocks, the current average price per share of our common stock can result in individual stockholders paying transaction costs representing a higher percentage of their total share value than would be the case if the share price were substantially higher. We believe that the reverse stock split will make our common stock a more attractive and cost effective investment for many investors, which should enhance the liquidity available to the holders of our common stock. Accordingly, we believe that approval of the reverse stock split is in our company's and our stockholders' best interests.

Reducing the number of outstanding shares of our common stock through the reverse stock split is intended, absent other factors, to increase the per share market price of our common stock. However, other factors, such as our financial results, general market conditions and the market perception of our company, may adversely affect the market price of our common stock. As a result, there can be no assurance that the reverse stock split, if completed, will result in the intended benefits described above, that the market price of our common stock will increase following the reverse stock split or that the market price of our common stock will not decrease in the future. Additionally, we cannot assure you that the market price per share of our common stock after a reverse stock split will increase in proportion to the reduction in the number of shares of our common stock outstanding before the reverse stock split. Accordingly, the total market capitalization of our common stock after the reverse stock split may be lower than the total market capitalization before the reverse stock split.

The reverse stock split alone would have no effect on our authorized capital stock, and the total number of authorized shares (2,000,000,000) would remain the same as before the reverse stock split. This would have the effect of increasing the number of shares of our common stock available for issuance, which our board of directors believes is important to provide us with flexibility and as many alternatives as possible to obtain financing. We have no specific plans, arrangements or understandings, whether written or oral, to issue any of the shares that will be newly available following the reverse stock split. Our board of directors is also mindful about the potential dilutive effect on existing stockholders. For the reasons discussed in this proposal, our board of directors has approved and recommended a range of reverse stock split ratios to address NASDAQ's listing price requirement in a more targeted fashion.

Determination of Ratio

The ratio of the reverse stock split, if approved and implemented, will be a ratio of not less than 1-for-2 and not more than 1-for-3, as determined by our board of directors in its sole discretion. Our board of directors believes that stockholder approval of a range of potential exchange ratios, rather than a single exchange ratio, is in the best interests of our stockholders because it provides our board of directors with the flexibility to achieve the desired results of the reverse stock split and because it is not possible to predict market conditions at the time the reverse stock split would be implemented.

Our board of directors would carry out a reverse stock split only upon its determination that a reverse stock split would be in the best interests of our stockholders at that time. Our board of directors would then set the ratio for the reverse stock split in an amount it determines is advisable and in the best interests of the stockholders considering relevant market conditions at the time the reverse stock split is to be implemented. In determining the ratio, following receipt of stockholder approval, our board of directors may consider, among other things:

- the historical and projected performance of our common stock;
- prevailing market conditions;

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- general economic and other related conditions prevailing in our industry and in the marketplace;
- the projected impact of the selected reverse stock split ratio on trading liquidity in our common stock and our ability to list our common stock on NASDAQ;
- our capitalization (including the number of shares of our common stock issued and outstanding);
- the prevailing trading price for our common stock and the volume level thereof; and

The purpose of asking for authorization to implement the reverse stock split at a ratio to be determined by our board of directors, as opposed to a ratio fixed in advance, is to give our board of directors the flexibility to take into account then-current market conditions and changes in price of our common stock and to respond to other developments that may be deemed relevant when considering the appropriate ratio.

Potential Effects of Proposed Amendment

If our board of directors effects the reverse stock split, the reverse stock split will affect all holders of our common stock uniformly, other than those stockholders who receive special treatment upon consummation of the reverse stock split. Our board of directors and shareholders approved if our board deems it necessary, at or before the time we file our amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation, special treatment of stockholders holding less than a number of shares of our common stock equal to the product of 100 multiplied by the consequent term of the reverse stock split ratio, but at least 100 shares of our common stock, to prevent those stockholders from holding less than 100 shares after the reverse stock split. For example, if our board of directors determines to effectuate a reverse stock split at a ratio of 1-for-2, holders of fewer than 200 shares of our common stock but at least 100 shares of our common stock (as applicable, “Eligible Holders”) would receive 100 shares of our common stock after the reverse stock split. The special treatment would be afforded to preserve round lot stockholders (i.e., holders owning at least 100 shares).

The following table sets forth the effect of a 1-for-2 reverse stock split and the special treatment potentially being afforded to Eligible Holders (which will only be effected if our board of so directors so determines before we file our amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation):

| Number of Shares Held by Stockholder Prior to Reverse Stock Split | Number of Shares Held by Stockholder After Reverse Stock Split |
|--|---|
| Less than 100 shares | 1 share |
| 100 shares to 200 Shares | 100 shares |
| 201 shares | 101 shares |
| 400 shares | 200 shares |
| 2,000 shares | 1,000 shares |
| 4,000 shares | 2,000 shares |

The reverse stock split will not affect any stockholder’s percentage ownership interest in our company, except for a nominal increase in percentage ownership interest that will accrue to Eligible Holders (if our board determines to effect round lot treatment) and except that as described below in “Fractional Shares,” record holders of our common stock otherwise entitled to a fractional share as a result of the reverse stock split because they hold a number of shares not evenly divisible by the reverse stock split ratio will automatically be entitled to receive an additional fraction of a share of our common stock to round up to the next whole share. In addition, the reverse stock split will not affect any stockholder’s proportionate voting power except for a nominal increase that will accrue to Eligible Holders (if our board determines to effect round lot treatment) (subject to the treatment of fractional shares).

The reverse stock split will not change the terms of our common stock. After the reverse stock split, the shares of our common stock will have the same voting rights and rights to dividends and distributions and will be identical in all other respects to our common stock now authorized. Our common stock will remain fully paid and non-assessable.

After the effective time of the reverse stock split, we will continue to be subject to the periodic reporting and other requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). The reverse stock split is not intended as, and will not have the effect of, a “going private transaction” as described by Rule 13e-3 under the Exchange Act.

If we fail to meet the requirements specified in NASDAQ’s listing standards, our common stock will continue to be quoted on the OTCQB under the symbol “OPXS.”

After the effective time of a reverse stock split, the post-split market price of our common stock may be less than the pre-split price multiplied by the reverse stock split ratio. In addition, a reduction in number of shares of our common stock outstanding may impair the liquidity for our common stock, which may reduce the value of our common stock.

The availability of a substantial number of authorized but un-reserved shares of our common stock resulting from the reverse stock split, under various scenarios, may be construed as having an anti-takeover effect by permitting the issuance of shares of our common stock to purchasers who might oppose a hostile takeover bid or oppose any efforts to amend or repeal certain provisions in our Certificate of Incorporation or bylaws as then in effect. The proposal to effectuate the reverse stock split did not result from our knowledge of any specific effort to accumulate our securities or to obtain control of us by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy solicitation in opposition to management or otherwise, and our board of directors did not authorize the reverse stock split to increase the authorized shares of our common stock to enable us to frustrate any efforts by another party to acquire a controlling interest or to seek representation on our board of directors.

Beneficial Holders of Common Stock

Upon the implementation of the reverse stock split, we intend to treat shares held by stockholders through a bank, broker or other nominee in the same manner as registered stockholders whose shares are registered in their names. Banks, brokers or other nominees will be instructed to effect the reverse stock split for their beneficial holders holding our common stock in “street name.” However, these banks, brokers or other nominees may have different procedures than registered stockholders for processing the reverse stock split. Stockholders who hold shares of our common stock with a bank, broker or other nominee and who have any questions in this regard are encouraged to contact their banks, brokers or other nominees.

Registered “Book-Entry” Holders of Common Stock

Certain of the registered holders of our common stock may hold some or all of their shares electronically in book-entry form with our transfer agent. These stockholders do not have stock certificates evidencing their ownership of our common stock. They are, however, provided with statements reflecting the number of shares registered in their accounts. Stockholders who hold shares electronically in book-entry form with our transfer agent will not need to take action to receive evidence of their shares of post-reverse stock split common stock.

Holders of Certificated Shares of Common Stock

Stockholders holding shares of our common stock in certificated form will be sent a transmittal letter by our transfer agent after the effective time of the reverse stock split. The letter of transmittal will contain instructions on how a stockholder should surrender his, her or its certificate(s) representing shares of our common stock (the “Old Certificates”) to our transfer agent in exchange for certificates representing the appropriate number of shares of post-reverse stock split common stock (the “New Certificates”). No New Certificates will be issued to a stockholder

until such stockholder has surrendered all Old Certificates, together with a properly completed and executed letter of transmittal, to our transfer agent. No stockholder will be required to pay a transfer or other fee to exchange his, her or its Old Certificates. Stockholders will then receive a New Certificate(s) representing the number of shares of our common stock to which they are entitled as a result of the reverse stock split. Until surrendered, we will deem outstanding Old Certificates held by stockholders to be cancelled and only to represent the number of shares of post-reverse stock split Common Stock to which these stockholders are entitled. Any Old Certificates submitted for exchange, whether because of a sale, transfer or other disposition of stock, will automatically be exchanged for New Certificates. If an Old Certificate has a restrictive legend on its reverse side, the New Certificate will be issued with the same restrictive legend on its reverse side.

STOCKHOLDERS SHOULD NOT DESTROY ANY STOCK CERTIFICATE(S) AND SHOULD NOT SUBMIT ANY STOCK CERTIFICATE(S) UNTIL REQUESTED TO DO SO.

Fractional Shares

We will not issue fractional shares in connection with the reverse stock split. Instead, stockholders who otherwise would be entitled to receive fractional shares because they hold a number of shares not evenly divisible by the reverse stock split ratio will automatically be entitled to receive an additional fraction of a share of our common stock to round up to the next whole share.

Effect of the Reverse Stock Split on Outstanding Convertible Debt, Stock Options, Warrants, and Employee Plans

Based upon the reverse stock split ratio, proportionate adjustments are generally required to be made to the per share exercise or conversion price and the number of shares issuable upon the exercise or conversion of all outstanding options, warrants or convertible debt securities entitling the holders to acquire shares of our common stock. This would result in approximately the same aggregate price being required to be paid under such options, warrants or convertible debt securities upon exercise or conversion, as applicable, and approximately the same value of shares of our common stock being delivered upon such exercise or conversion immediately following the reverse stock split as was the case immediately preceding the reverse stock split. The number of shares reserved for issuance pursuant to these securities will be reduced proportionately based upon the reverse stock split ratio.

Accounting Matters

The proposed amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, will not affect the par value of our common stock. As a result, at the effective time of the reverse stock split, the stated capital on our balance sheet attributable to our common stock will be reduced in the same proportion as the reverse stock split ratio, and the additional paid-in capital account will be credited with the amount by which the stated capital is reduced. The per share net income or loss and net book value of our common stock will be reclassified for prior periods to conform to the post-reverse stock split presentation.

Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Reverse Stock Split

The following summary describes certain material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the reverse stock split to holders of our common stock. Unless otherwise specifically indicated herein, this summary addresses the U.S. federal income tax consequences only to a beneficial owner of our common stock that is a United states person as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or a U.S. holder. This summary does not address all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to any particular stockholder, including tax considerations that may apply to certain special classes of taxpayers under the Code.

As a result, stockholders should seek advice on the tax consequences of the reverse stock split based on their particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.

If a partnership (or other entity classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) is the beneficial owner of our common stock, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partnerships that hold our common stock, and partners in such partnerships, should consult their own tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the reverse stock split.

U.S. Holders

The reverse stock split is intended to qualify as a “reorganization” under Section 368 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). Assuming the reverse stock split qualifies as a reorganization, a U.S. holder generally will not recognize gain or loss upon the exchange (or deemed exchange) of shares pursuant to the reverse stock split. The aggregate tax basis of the new shares received in the reverse stock split will be the same as the aggregate tax basis in the old shares exchanged. The holding period for the new shares will include the period during which the old shares surrendered in the reverse stock split were held.

Non-U.S. Holders

A non-U.S. holder is a beneficial owner of our common stock that is not a U.S. holder. Generally, non-U.S. holders will not recognize any gain or loss upon the reverse stock split.

Dissenters' Rights

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, stockholders will not be entitled to dissenters' rights with respect to the proposed amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, to effect the reverse stock split, and we do not intend to independently provide stockholders with such rights.

Certain Relationships and Related Transactions ¹

Relationship between Optex Systems, Inc. (Texas), Irvine Sensors Corporation and Longview and Alpha

Longview and Alpha were owed certain debt by Irvine Sensors Corporation including debt evidenced by (i) a December 29, 2006 Term Loan and Security Agreement executed by Irvine Sensors Corporation and Longview and Alpha, and (ii) a series of secured promissory notes purchased by them and issued to them on December 29, 2006, July 19, 2007 and November 28, 2007. As of August 24, 2008, the total amount due under all of the described notes was approximately \$18.4 million. Optex Systems, Inc. (Texas), which was and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Irvine Sensors Corporation, was a guarantor of all of those notes, and pursuant to related security agreements Longview and Alpha had a validly perfected, fully enforceable security interest in all personal property of Optex Systems, Inc. (Texas). On September 19, 2008, pursuant to an Assignment and Stock/Note Issuance Agreement, Alpha and Longview transferred and assigned to Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) which assumed, \$15 million of their respective interests and rights in the aforesaid notes and obligations to Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) in exchange for \$9 million of equity and \$6 million of debt.

Acquisition of Assets of Optex Systems, Inc. (Texas) by Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) on October 14, 2008

On October 14, 2008, in a purchase transaction that was consummated via public auction, Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) purchased all of the assets of Optex Systems, Inc. (Texas) in exchange for \$15 million of Irvine Sensors Corporation debt owned by it and the assumption of approximately \$3.8 million of certain Optex Systems, Inc. (Texas) liabilities. The \$15 million of Irvine Sensors Corporation debt was contributed by Longview and Alpha to Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) in exchange for a \$6 million note payable from Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) and a \$9 million equity interest in Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware). Longview and Alpha owned Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) until February 20, 2009, when Longview sold 100% of its interests in Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) to Sileas, as discussed below. In referring to these transactions, Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) is considered to be the successor entity to Optex Systems, Inc. (Texas), the predecessor entity.

Secured Promissory Notes and Common Shares Issued in connection with Purchase by Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware)

In connection with the public sale of the Optex Systems, Inc. (Texas) assets to Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware), Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) delivered to each of Longview and Alpha a Secured Promissory Note due September 19, 2011 in the principal amounts of \$5,409,762 and \$540,976, respectively. Each Note bears simple interest at the rate of 6% per annum, and the interest rate upon an event of default increases to 8% per annum. After 180 days from the issue date, the principal amount of the Notes and accrued and unpaid interest thereon may be converted into Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) common stock at a conversion price of \$1.80 per share (pre-split and pre-reorganization price). The Notes may be redeemed prior to maturity at a price of 120% of the then outstanding principal amount plus all accrued and unpaid interest thereon. The obligations of Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) under the Notes are secured by a lien against all of the assets of Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) in favor of Longview and Alpha. In addition, Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) issued common stock to each of Longview and Alpha in the quantities of 45,081,350 and 4,918,650, respectively. On October 30, 2008, Alpha sold its Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) common stock to Arland Holding, Ltd. On February 20, 2009, Longview sold its Note to Sileas (see below).

¹ All share numbers in this section are stated in pre 1:1000 reverse split numbers as these are historical numbers.

Acquisition by Sileas of Longview's Interests in Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) on February 20, 2009

On February 20, 2009, Sileas purchased 100% of the equity and debt interest held by Longview, representing 90% of Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware), in a private transaction. The primary reason for the acquisition was to eliminate shareholder control of Optex Systems Holdings by Longview and to limit any perception of control over the day-to-day operations of Optex Systems Holdings, whether or not such control actually existed. While Longview makes investments in a variety of companies, it strives to invest passively and leave the day-to-day operations of the companies in its investment portfolio to the management teams of those companies. In addition, the acquisition allowed Optex Systems Holdings to avoid potential conflicts of interest or other related business issues that might have adversely affected Optex Systems Holdings' operations as a result of Longview's investments in other companies.

The purchase price for the acquisition was \$13,524,405. Sileas issued a purchase money note to Longview for the full amount of the purchase price in exchange for 45,081,350 shares of common stock of Optex Systems Holdings (representing 90% of the outstanding shares) and transfer to Sileas of a note dated December 2, 2008, issued by Optex Systems Holdings to Longview in the principal amount of \$5,409,762. No contingent consideration is due the seller in the transaction. The obligations of Sileas under the Note are secured by a security interest in Optex Systems Holdings' common and preferred stock owned by Sileas that was granted to Longview pursuant to a Stock Pledge Agreement delivered by Sileas to Longview and also by a lien on all of the assets of Sileas. On March 27, 2009, Sileas and Alpha (which owned the balance of the \$6,000,000 of the notes) exchanged the \$6,000,000 aggregate principal amount of notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, for 1,027 shares of Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) Series A preferred stock.

Sileas has no operations or business activities other than holding the stock and notes described above and has no revenues, and it holds no assets other than the stock and notes described above. The management of Sileas believes that the value of its common stock and preferred stock holdings in Optex Systems Holdings will increase over time. Sileas plans to repay Longview, no later than the maturity date, through some combination of a recapitalization of Sileas equity and debt and partial or full liquidation of its interests in Optex Systems Holdings. Sileas will be limited by the extent of the stock price of Optex Systems Holdings and limitations on ability to resell the stock it owns in Optex Systems Holdings.

Secured Promissory Note Due February 20, 2016/Longview Fund, LP

As a result of the transaction described above between Sileas and Longview on February 20, 2009, Sileas, the new majority owner of Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware), executed and delivered to Longview, a Secured Promissory Note due February 20, 2012 in the principal amount of \$13,524,405. The Note bears simple interest at the rate of 4% per annum, and the interest rate upon an event of default increases to 10% per annum. In the event that a Major Transaction occurs prior to the maturity date resulting in the Borrower receiving Net Consideration with a fair market

value in excess of the principal and interest due under the terms of this Secured Note, then in addition to paying the principal and interest due, Sileas shall also pay an amount equal to 90% of the consideration. "Major Transaction" refers to a transaction whereby Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) would consolidate or merge into or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to a third party entity for more than nominal consideration, and "Net Consideration" refers to the fair market value of the consideration received in connection with a Major Transaction less all outstanding liabilities of Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware).

On November 22, 2011 Sileas Corp and Longview Fund, LP entered into an amendment to the Secured Promissory Note that extended the maturity date for an additional two year period ending on February 20, 2014. In exchange for the extension, Sileas Corp agreed to pay Longview Fund an extension fee equal to 2% of the principal amount of this Secured Note. As a result of the agreement, the principal amount of the Note was increased \$270 thousand to \$13.8 million as of November 22, 2011.

On November 27, 2013 Sileas Corp. and the Longview Fund, LP entered into an amendment to the Secured Promissory Note that extended the maturity date for an additional two year period ending on February 20, 2016. In exchange for the extension, Sileas Corp. agreed to pay the Longview Fund an extension fee equal to 2% of the principal amount of this Secured Note. As a result of the amendment, the principal amount of the Note was increased by \$275 thousand to \$14.1 million as of November 27, 2013, 2013.

Alpha Capital Anstalt Stock Purchase and Preferred Shares Conversions

On February 22, 2012, Alpha Capital Anstalt bought 5,000,000 shares of Optex Systems Holdings restricted common stock at a purchase price of \$0.01 per share for a total purchase price of \$50,000. On August 22, 2012, Alpha Capital Anstalt converted 3.64 preferred shares at a stated value of \$6,860 into 2,500,000 shares of common stock at a conversion price of \$0.01 per share for a total converted value of \$25,000. The Common Stock was purchased or converted by Alpha in private transactions exempt from registration under Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1934 and is restricted from resale and the stock certificate issued bears the appropriate restrictive legend. On March 19, 2013, Alpha Capital Anstalt converted 7.29 shares of Series A preferred stock at a stated value of \$6,860 into 5,000,000 shares of its Common Stock at a conversion price of \$0.01 per share for a total converted value of \$50,000.

Reorganization/Share Exchange

On March 30, 2009, a reorganization occurred whereby the then existing shareholders of Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) exchanged their shares of common stock with the shares of common stock of Optex Systems Holdings as follows:1 (i) the outstanding 85,000,000 shares of Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) common stock were exchanged by Optex Systems Holdings for 113,333,282 shares of Optex Systems Holdings common stock, (ii) the outstanding 1,027 shares of Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) Series A preferred stock were exchanged by Optex Systems Holdings for 1,027 shares of Optex Systems Holdings Series A preferred stock and (iii) the 8,131,667 shares of Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) common stock purchased in the private placement, which also occurred on March 30, 2009, were exchanged by Optex Systems Holdings for 8,131,667 shares of Optex Systems Holdings common stock. The per share price in the private placement was \$0.15 per share of common stock, and the closing date was March 30, 2009. Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) remains a wholly-owned subsidiary of Optex Systems Holdings.

At the time of the reorganization, 25,000,000 shares owned by Andrey Oks, the former CEO of Optex Systems Holdings, were cancelled. Immediately prior to the closing, 17,449,991 shares of Optex Systems Holdings common stock were outstanding. The 17,449,991 shares derives from the 17,999,995 shares outstanding as of December 31, 2008 plus the 26,999,996 shares issued in conjunction with the 2.5:1 forward stock split authorized by the Sustut Board and shareholders and effected on February 27, 2009 less retirement of Andrey Oks' 25,000,000 shares and cancellation of 3,800,000 shares previously issued to Newbridge Securities Corporation, shares plus issuance of 1,250,000 shares in payment for two investor relations agreements. The total outstanding common shares of Optex Systems Holdings subsequent to the closing of the reorganization is as follows (1):

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Existing Sustut Shareholders | 17,449,991 |
| Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) shares exchanged | 113,333,282 |
| Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware) Private Placement shares exchanged | 8,131,667 |

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Total Shares after reorganization | 138,914,940 |
| Cancellation of shares - American Capital Ventures | (700,000) |
| Private placement - June 29, 2009 | 750,000 |
| Issuance of shares as consideration - ZA Consulting | 480,000 |
| Shares Outstanding on September 27, 2009 | 139,444,940 |

Rule 409(b) states: “(b) The registrant shall include a statement either showing that unreasonable effort or expense would be involved or indicating the absence of any affiliation with the person within whose knowledge the information rests and stating the result of a request made to such person for the information.”

We made requests of counsel representing Sustut’s directors and officers to obtain additional information into the principles behind their determination that the securities of the registrant issued in the March 30, 2009 share exchange represented “fair market value” to acquire the business operations of Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware), and they were not able to provide any information. We confirm that we have no affiliation with Sustut’s former counsel, Anslow & Jacklin, who was our only source of information regarding the prior history of Sustut and that the result of our request was that they stated they had no information and were not able to obtain further information. on this issue.

We have not been able to provide further background as to how the merger consideration was determined beyond the fact that it was determined by negotiation between Sustut and Optex Systems, Inc. (Delaware). Thus, we have invoked Rule 409(b) which states: “(b) The registrant shall include a statement either showing that unreasonable effort or expense would be involved or indicating the absence of any affiliation with the person within whose knowledge the information rests and stating the result of a request made to such person for the information.”

Transactions with Executive Management

See the “Executive Compensation” section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on December 15, 2015 for a discussion of the material elements of compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to our named executive officers. Other than as stated in this “Executive Compensation” section, we have not entered into any transactions with executive management.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, we are involved in lawsuits, claims, investigations and proceedings, including pending opposition proceedings involving patents that arise in the ordinary course of business. There are no matters pending that we expect to have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

On December 11, 2015, we had 429,898 shares of common stock, 1,001 shares of Series A preferred stock and 994 shares of Series B Preferred Stock issued and outstanding. The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the beneficial ownership of our securities as of December 11, 2015, for (i) each of our directors and executive officers; (ii) all of our directors and executive officers as a group (not noting our four new directors who have not yet been issued any stock or options which have vested); and (iii) each person who we know beneficially owns more than 5% of our common stock.

Beneficial ownership data in the table has been calculated based on Commission rules that require us to identify all securities that are exercisable or convertible into shares of our common stock within 60 days of September December 11, 2015 and treat the underlying stock as outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of ownership of the holder.

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Except as indicated by the footnotes following the table, and subject to applicable community property laws, each person identified in the table possesses sole voting and investment power with respect to all capital stock held by that person. The address of each named executive officer and director, unless indicated otherwise by footnote, is c/o our corporate headquarters.

Except as otherwise set forth below, the address of each of the persons listed below is our address.

| Title of Class | Name of Beneficial Owner | | Number of Shares | Preferred Conversion ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾ | Combined Ownership | Percentage of Outstanding Shares | |
|---|--------------------------|------------|------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 5% Holders | Alpha Capital | (2) | 10,026 | 457,795 | 467,821 | 12.1 | % |
| | Sileas Corporation | (1)(3)(4) | 102,185 | 2,541,070 | 2,643,255 | 68.4 | % |
| Directors and Officers: | Stanley Hirschman | (1)(3)(10) | 112,185 | 2,541,070 | 2,648,255 | 68.6 | % |
| | Danny Schoening | (1)(6)(8) | 118,600 | 2,541,070 | 2,654,669 | 68.8 | % |
| | Karen Hawkins | (9) | 7,750 | — | 5,250 | 0.2 | % |
| | Chuck Trego | (11) | 26,000 | — | 26,000 | 0.7 | % |
| | David Kittay | (11) | 26,000 | — | 26,000 | 0.7 | % |
| | Owen Naccarato | (11) | 26,000 | — | 26,000 | 0.7 | % |
| | Kerry Craven | (11) | 21,000 | — | 21,000 | 0.5 | % |
| Peter Benz (Longview Fund) | (7) | 1,350 | — | 1,350 | * | | |
| Directors and officers as a group (7 Individuals) | | | 236,700 | 2,541,071 | 2,777,770 | 71.8 | % |

As of April 3, 2015, Sileas has waived the right to convert its Series A preferred stock into Company common shares until such a time as a reverse stock split of our stock is effected in sufficient ratio to accommodate full conversion of both Series A and Series B preferred stock from authorized and unissued shares which occurred on October 7, 2015. In addition Sileas entered into a Blocker Agreement with us pursuant to which the Series A preferred stock shall not be convertible by Sileas into our common stock, and we shall not effect any conversion of the Series A Stock or otherwise issue any shares of our common stock pursuant hereto, to the extent (but only to the extent) that after giving effect to such conversion or other share issuance hereunder Sileas (together with its affiliates) would beneficially own in excess of 9.99% our common stock.

Represents shares held by Alpha Capital Anstalt, which is located at Pradafant 7, 9490 Furstentums, Vaduz, Lichtenstein. Before closing of the offering contemplated by this annual report, Alpha Capital Anstalt will enter into a blocker agreement with us pursuant to which it shall agree to not beneficially own 9.9% of our issued and outstanding common stock. Prior to this new blocker agreement, Alpha Capital Anstalt is subject to blocker provisions limiting it from converting its preferred stock into more than 4.9% of our issued and outstanding common stock.

Represents shares held by Sileas of which Stanley Hirschman, a Director/Officer Optex Systems Holdings, has a controlling interest (80%); therefore, under Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act, Mr. Hirschman is deemed to be the beneficial owner, along with Mr. Schoening.

Sileas' ownership interest in us has been pledged to Longview as security for a loan in connection with the acquisition of Longview's interests in Optex Delaware by Sileas. Investment decisions for Longview are made by its investment advisor, Viking Asset Management, LLC. Mr. Peter Benz is the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and a Managing Member of Viking Asset Management and may be deemed to control its business activities, including the investment activities of Longview. Mr. Merrick Okamoto who is a director of us is the President and a Managing Member of Viking Asset Management and may be deemed to control its business activities, including the investment activities of Longview. In the event of a default by Sileas on its debt obligation to Longview, the shares held by Sileas may be returned to Longview. Viking and Longview each may be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive authority over the shares of Our common stock if they are returned to Longview. In such an event, Mr. Benz and Mr. Okamoto, as control persons of Viking and/or Longview, may be deemed to beneficially own all such shares; however, they have stated that they would disclaim such beneficial ownership were this to occur.

Represents shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of preferred stock held by the stockholder. Sileas Corporation holds 926 of the preferred Series A shares which are convertible into 2,541,070 common shares. Alpha Capital Anstalt owns the remaining 75.5 preferred Series A shares convertible into 207,158 common shares and 384.61 shares of the preferred Series B shares which are convertible into 250,637 common shares.

Represents 102,185 shares held by Sileas of which Mr. Schoening, an Officer of us, has a controlling interest (15%); therefore, under Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act, Mr. Schoening is deemed to be the beneficial owner, along with Mr. Hirschman, of those shares.

Includes 1,350 shares of Common Stock held by Longview Fund, LP. Investment decisions for Longview are made by its investment advisor, Viking Asset Management, LLC. Mr. Peter Benz is the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and a Managing Member of Viking Asset Management and may be deemed to control its business activities, including the investment activities of Longview. Peter Benz, as a control person of Viking and/or Longview, may be deemed to beneficially own all such shares; however, he disclaims such beneficial ownership.

Includes options to purchase 16,415 shares of our common stock which have vested and are currently exercisable.

Represents options to purchase 7,750 shares of our common stock which have vested and are currently exercisable.

Includes options for Mr. Hirschman to purchase 10,000 shares each of our common stock which have vested and are currently exercisable

On November 5, 2015, pursuant to the Board of Directors resolution on July 14, 2015, Optex Systems issued 99,000 common shares to the independent board members. Each independent board member was issued 21,000 11 shares, with 7,000 shares immediately vested, and the remaining 14,000 shares to be vested over two years, at 50% per year on the grant date anniversary. Each committee chair member was granted an additional 5,000 shares, which were immediately vested on issuance.

ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE INFORMATION

We are subject to the information and reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and in accordance with such act we file periodic reports, documents and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to our business, financial statements and other matters. Such reports and other information may be inspected and are available for copying at the public reference facilities of the Securities and Exchange Commission at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington D.C. 20549 or may be accessed at www.sec.gov.

By Order of the Board of Directors
/s/ Peter Benz
Peter Benz
Chairman of the Board

December 28, 2015

EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF OPTEX SYSTEMS
HOLDINGS, INC.

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CERTIFICATE of INCORPORATION

OF

OPTEX SYSTEMS HOLDINGS, INC.

The corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware does hereby certify:

FIRST: That at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Optex Systems Holdings, Inc., (the “Corporation”) resolutions were duly adopted setting forth proposed amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation, declaring said amendment to be advisable and requesting consent of the stockholders of the Corporation to adopt said amendment. The resolution setting forth the proposed amendment is as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation be amended by changing Article thereof numbered ____ which is amended by:

AMENDMENT 1: adding the following paragraph at the end thereof:

“Upon the Effective Date of this Certificate of Amendment, each ____ shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on the Effective Date (the “Old Common Stock”) shall be converted into one (1) share of Common Stock,

respectively (the “New Common Stock”), subject to the treatment of fractional share interests as described below. A holder of _____ shares shall be entitled to receive, upon surrender of a stock certificate or stock certificates representing such Old Common Stock (the “Old Certificates,” whether one or more) to the Corporation for cancellation, a certificate or certificates (the “New Certificates,” whether one or more) representing the number of whole shares of the New Common Stock into which and for which the shares of the Old Common Stock formerly represented by such Old Certificates so surrendered are reclassified under the terms hereof. No certificates representing fractional share interests in New Common Stock will be issued, and no such fractional share interest will entitle the holder thereof to vote, or to any rights of a stockholder of the Corporation. In lieu of such fractional shares, each holder of Common Stock who or that would otherwise have been entitled to a fraction of a share of such common stock upon surrender of such holder’s Old Certificates will be entitled to receive one whole share of such common stock. If more than one Old Certificate shall be surrendered at one time for the account of the same stockholder, the number of full shares of New Common Stock for which New Certificates shall be issued shall be computed on the basis of the aggregate number of shares represented by the Old Certificates so surrendered. In the event that the Corporation determines that a holder of Old Certificates has not tendered all his or her certificates for exchange, the Corporation shall carry forward any fractional share until all certificates of that holder have been presented for exchange such that any stockholder will not be entitled to receive more than one share of New Common Stock in lieu of fractional shares. [In order to preserve all round lots, holders of 100 shares to ___ shares before the Reverse Split shall have 100 shares after the Reverse Split. From and after the Effective Date, the amount of capital represented by the shares of the New Common Stock into which and for which the shares of the Old Common Stock are reclassified under the terms hereof shall be the same as the amount of capital represented by the shares of Old Common Stock so reclassified, until thereafter reduced or increased in accordance with applicable law”.]

SECOND: That thereafter, pursuant to resolution of its Board of Directors, the Company received the requisite consent of its stockholders to adopt said amendment by written consent in lieu of a meeting.

THIRD: That said amendment was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 242 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate on the __ day of _____, 2015.

/s/ Danny Schoening
Danny Schoening, CEO