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FormFactor, Inc.
7005 Southfront Road
Livermore, California 94551
May 16, 2014, 3:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time
2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
To Our Stockholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of FormFactor, Inc., which will be held at our principal executive offices located at 7005 Southfront Road, Livermore, California 94551, on Friday, May 16, 2014 at 3:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting is described in detail in the attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the attached Proxy Statement. We urge you to carefully review the attached proxy materials. These proxy materials were first sent on or about April 4, 2014 to stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Your vote is important. Whether or not you are able to attend the Annual Meeting in person, we urge you to vote your shares through the Internet in accordance with the instructions in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials that you received in the mail, or by signing, dating, and returning a proxy card at your earliest convenience. We thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at our 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

With best regards, Thomas St. Dennis Chief Executive Officer

Livermore, California April 4, 2014

FormFactor, Inc. 7005 Southfront Road Livermore, California 94551

NOTICE OF 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held Friday, May 16, 2014

At 3:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time

To Our Stockholders:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of FormFactor, Inc. will be held at our principal executive offices located at 7005 Southfront Road, Livermore, California 94551, on Friday, May 16, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time, for the following purposes:

Election of two Class II directors to our Board of Directors, each to serve on our Board of Directors for a term of 1.three years or until his successor has been elected and qualified or until his earlier death, resignation or removal. The director nominees are:

Michael D. Slessor, and

Thomas St. Dennis;

- 2. Advisory approval of the company's executive compensation;
- Ratification of the selection of KPMG LLP as FormFactor's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2014; and
- 4. Action upon such other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders accompanying this Notice.

The record date for determining those stockholders of our company who will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting, and at any adjournment or postponement thereof, is March 21, 2014. A list of those stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for inspection by any of our stockholders for any purpose germane to the Annual Meeting during regular business hours at FormFactor's principal executive offices for ten days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you are able to attend the Annual Meeting in person, we urge you to vote your shares through the Internet in accordance with the instructions in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials that you received in the mail, or by signing, dating, and returning a proxy card at your earliest convenience.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, thank you for your participation in our 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stuart L. Merkadeau Secretary

Livermore, California April 4, 2014

INTERNET AVAILABILITY

We are taking advantage of the Securities and Exchange Commission rules that allow companies to furnish proxy materials to their stockholders through the Internet. This Proxy Statement and our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K are available at http://viewproxy.com/formfactor/2014/. We believe these rules allow us to provide you with the information you need while lowering the costs of delivery and reducing the environmental impact of the Annual Meeting. On or about April 4, 2014, we mailed to stockholders on the record date a Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice"). If you received a Notice by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials, unless you specifically request one. Instead, the Notice instructs you on how to access and review all of the important information contained in this Proxy Statement and in our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K (which we posted on the Internet on the same date), as well as how to submit your proxy over the Internet. If you received the Notice and would still like to receive a printed copy of our proxy materials, you may request a printed copy of the proxy materials by following the instructions on the Notice.

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The information in the Report of the Audit Committee and the Report of the Compensation Committee contained in this Proxy Statement shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate this information by reference into such filings. In addition, this information shall not otherwise be deemed to be "soliciting material" or to be filed under those Acts.

Please note that information on FormFactor's website is not incorporated by reference in this Proxy Statement.

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PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

GENERAL INFORMATION

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING PROXY MATERIALS

- Q: Why am I receiving FormFactor's proxy materials?
 - Our Board of Directors has made FormFactor's proxy materials available to you on the Internet on or about April 4, 2014 or, upon your request, has delivered a printed set of the proxy materials to you by mail in connection with the
- A: solicitation of proxies by our Board for our 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. FormFactor's proxy materials are available on the Internet at http://viewproxy.com/formfactor/2014/. We will hold the Annual Meeting at our principal executive offices located at 7005 Southfront Road, Livermore, California 94551, on Friday, May 16, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Savings Time.
- Q: What is included in the proxy materials?
- The proxy materials include our company's Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, Proxy Statement and the A:2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which includes our audited consolidated financial statements. If you requested a printed set of the proxy materials by mail, the proxy materials also included a proxy card for the Annual Meeting.
- Q: Why did I receive a notice in the mail regarding the Internet availability of the proxy materials?

 We mailed a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials to our stockholders of record and beneficial owners of our common stock on or about April 4, 2014 to notify you that you can access the proxy materials over the Internet. Instructions for accessing the proxy materials through the Internet are set forth in the Notice of Internet
- A: Availability of Proxy Materials. As we did last year for our 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, we sent the Notice instead of mailing a printed set of the proxy materials in accordance with the "Notice and Access" rules adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. If you wish to receive a printed set of the proxy materials, please follow the instructions set forth on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.
- O: How can I get electronic access to the proxy materials?
- The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials contains instructions on how to review our company's proxy A: materials on the Internet and instruct us to send future proxy materials to you by e-mail. Your election to receive future proxy materials by e-mail will remain in effect until you terminate it in writing.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING THE ANNUAL MEETING

Q: Where will the Annual Meeting be held?

A: We will hold the Annual Meeting at our principal executive offices located at 7005 Southfront Road, Livermore, California 94551, on Friday, May 16, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Savings Time.

From San Francisco, California, take I-80 East, merge onto I-580 East, take N. Greenville Road/Altamont Pass Road exit, turn right off the ramp onto Southfront Road and turn left into the company's principal executive offices. From San Jose, California, take I-880 North, merge onto Mission Boulevard/CA-262 East, merge onto I-680 North, merge onto I-580 East, take N. Greenville Road/Altamont Pass Road exit, turn right off the ramp onto Southfront Road and turn left into the company's principal executive offices.

Q: What specific proposals will be considered and acted upon at FormFactor's 2014 Annual Meeting?

A: The specific proposals to be considered and acted upon at the Annual Meeting are:

Proposal No. 1—Election of two Class II directors to our Board of Directors, each to serve on our Board for a term of three years or until his successor has been elected and qualified or until his earlier death, resignation or removal. The director nominees are: Michael D. Slessor and Thomas St. Dennis;

Proposal No. 2—Advisory approval of the company's executive compensation; and

Proposal No. 3—Ratification of the selection of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2014.

We will also consider any other matters that are properly presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting. As of April 4, 2014, we are not aware of any other matters to be submitted for consideration at the Annual Meeting. If any other matters are properly brought before the meeting, the persons named in the enclosed proxy card or voting instruction form will vote the shares they represent using their best judgment.

- Q: What do I need to bring with me to attend the Annual Meeting?
 - If you are a stockholder of record of shares of our common stock, please bring photo identification with you. If you are a beneficial owner of shares of our common stock held in "street name," please bring photo identification and
- A: the "legal proxy," which is described below under the question "If I am a beneficial owner of shares held in 'street name,' how do I vote?", or other evidence of stock ownership (e.g., most recent account statement) with you. If you do not provide photo identification or if applicable, evidence of stock ownership, you will not be admitted to the Annual Meeting.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING VOTING AND ANY PROXY SOLICITATION

- O: Who can vote at the Annual Meeting?
 - Only stockholders of record of our common stock at the close of business on March 21, 2014, which is the record date, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. If you own shares of FormFactor common stock
- A: as of the record date, then you can vote at the Annual Meeting. At the close of business on the record date, we had 55,383,795 shares of our common stock outstanding and entitled to vote, which were held by 231 stockholders of record
- Q: How many votes am I entitled per share of common stock?
- A: Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held as of the record date.
- Q: What is the difference between holding FormFactor shares as a stockholder of record and a beneficial owner? Most of our stockholders hold their shares of our common stock as a beneficial owner through a broker, bank or
- A: other nominee in "street name" rather than directly in their own name. As summarized below, there are some important distinctions between shares held of record and those owned beneficially in "street name."

Stockholder of Record: If your shares of our common stock are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., you are considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares, and we delivered the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials directly to you. As the stockholder of record, you have the right to vote your shares in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting.

Beneficial Owner: If your shares of our common stock are held in an account with a broker, bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of those shares held in "street name," and the broker, bank or other nominee holding your shares on your behalf delivered the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials to you. The nominee holding your shares is considered the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the Annual Meeting. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or other nominee how to vote your shares being held by them.

Q: If I am a stockholder of record of FormFactor shares, how do I vote?

Voting by Internet. You can vote through the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice of A: Internet Availability of Proxy Materials that you received. Go to http://viewproxy.com/formfactor/2014/, follow the instructions on the screen to log in, make your selections as instructed and vote.

Voting by Mail. You can vote by mail by requesting a printed set of the proxy materials, which will contain a proxy card, and then completing, dating, signing and returning the proxy card in the postage-paid envelope (to which no postage need be affixed if mailed in the United States) accompanying the proxy card.

Voting in Person. If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person, we will give you a proxy card at the Annual Meeting. Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we encourage you also to vote by Internet or mail as described above so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the Annual Meeting.

Q: If I am a beneficial owner of shares held in "street name," how do I vote?

Voting by Internet. You can vote through the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice of A: Internet Availability of Proxy Materials that you received. Go to http://viewproxy.com/formfactor/2014/, follow the instructions on the screen to log in, make your selections as instructed and vote.

Voting by Mail. You can vote by mail by requesting a printed set of the proxy materials, which will contain a voting instruction form, and by completing, dating, signing and returning the voting instruction form in the postage-paid envelope (to which no postage need be affixed if mailed in the United States) accompanying the voting instruction form.

Voting in Person. If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person, you must obtain a "legal proxy" giving you the right to vote the shares at the Annual Meeting from the broker, bank or other nominee that holds your shares. Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we recommend that you also vote by Internet or mail as described above so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the Annual Meeting.

- Q: What if I submit a proxy but I do not give specific voting instructions?
 - Stockholder of Record: If you are a stockholder of record of shares of our common stock and if you indicate when voting through the Internet that you wish to vote as recommended by our Board of Directors, or if you sign and return a proxy without giving specific voting instructions, then the proxy holders designated by our Board, who
- A: are officers of our company, will vote your shares FOR the Class II nominees for director, FOR advisory approval of the company's executive compensation, and FOR the ratification of the selection of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2014, all as recommended by our Board of Directors and as presented in this Proxy Statement.

Beneficial Owner: If you are a beneficial owner of shares of our common stock held in "street name" and do not present the broker, bank or other nominee that holds your shares with specific voting instructions, then the nominee may generally vote your shares on "routine" proposals but cannot vote on your behalf for "non-routine" proposals under the rules of various securities exchanges. If you do not provide specific voting instructions to the nominee that holds your shares with respect to a non-routine proposal, the nominee will not have the authority to vote your shares on that proposal. When a broker indicates on a proxy that it does not have authority to vote shares on a particular proposal, the missing votes are referred to as "broker non-votes."

- Q: Which ballot measures are considered "routine" or "non-routine"?
- A: The ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2014 (Proposal No. 3) is a matter considered routine under applicable rules. A broker or other nominee may generally vote on routine matters, and therefore no broker non-votes are expected to exist in connection with Proposal No. 3. The election of directors (Proposal No. 1) and the advisory approval of the company's executive compensation (Proposal No. 2) are matters considered non-routine under applicable rules. A bank, broker or other

vote without instructions on non-routine matters, and therefore there may be broker non-votes on Proposal Nos. 1 and 2.

- Q: What is the quorum requirement for the Annual Meeting?
 - A quorum is required for our stockholders to conduct business at the Annual Meeting. A majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock entitled to vote on the record date must be present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting in order to hold the meeting and conduct business. We will count your shares for
- A: purposes of determining whether there is a quorum if you are present in person at the Annual Meeting, if you have voted through the Internet, if you have voted by properly submitting a proxy card or if the nominee holding your shares submits a proxy card. We will also count broker non-votes for the purpose of determining if there is a quorum.
- Q: What is the voting requirement to approve each of the proposals?
- For Proposal No. 1, the two Class II directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of shares A: of our common stock entitled to vote who are present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting. You may not cumulate votes in the election of directors.

Approval of Proposal No. 2 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the holders of shares of our common stock entitled to vote that are present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting. Approval of Proposal No. 3 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the holders of shares of our common stock entitled to vote that are present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting. The effectiveness of any of the proposals is not conditioned upon the approval by our stockholders of any other proposal by our stockholders.

- Q: How are abstentions treated?
- A: Abstentions are counted for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions will not be counted either in favor of or against any of the proposals.
- Q: Can I change my vote or revoke my proxy after I have voted?
 - You may change your vote or revoke your proxy at any time before the final vote at the Annual Meeting. You may vote again on a later date (a) through the Internet (only your latest Internet proxy submitted prior to the Annual Meeting will be counted), (b) by signing and returning a new proxy card with a later date if you are a stockholder of
- A: record, or (c) by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person if you are a stockholder of record or if you are a beneficial owner and have obtained a proxy from the nominee holding your shares giving you the right to vote your shares. However, your attendance at the Annual Meeting will not automatically revoke your proxy unless you vote again at the Annual Meeting or specifically request in writing that your prior proxy be revoked.
- Q: What happens if there are insufficient votes in favor of the proposals?

 In the event that sufficient votes in favor of the proposals are not received by the date of the Annual Meeting, the proxy holders, who are officers of our company, may propose one or more adjournments of the Annual Meeting to permit further solicitations of proxies. Any such adjournment would require the affirmative vote of holders of the majority of the shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting.
- Q: What happens if additional matters are presented at the Annual Meeting?
 Other than Proposal Nos. 1, 2 and 3, we are not aware of any other matters to be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting. If you grant a proxy, the proxy holders, who are officers of our company, will have the authority in their A: discretion to vote your shares on any other matters that are properly presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting. If for any reason any of the Class II nominees are not available as a candidate for director, the proxy holders will vote

your proxy for such other candidate or candidates as may be recommended by our Board of Directors.

- Q: Is my vote confidential?
 - Proxy instructions, ballots and voting tabulations that identify individual stockholders are handled in a manner that protects your voting privacy. Your vote will not be disclosed either within our company or to third parties, except
- A:(a) as necessary to meet applicable legal requirements, (b) to allow for the tabulation and certification of votes, and (c) to facilitate a successful proxy solicitation. If stockholders provide written comments on their proxy cards, we may forward the proxy card(s) to our company's Corporate Secretary.
- Q: Who is paying for the cost of this proxy solicitation?
 - We will pay the entire cost for soliciting proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting. We will pay brokers, banks and other nominees representing beneficial owners of shares of our common stock held in "street name" certain fees associated with delivering the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, delivering printed proxy materials
- A: by mail to beneficial owners who request them and obtaining beneficial owners' voting instructions. In addition, our directors, officers and employees may also solicit proxies on our behalf by mail, telephone or in person. We will not pay any compensation to our directors, officers and employees for their proxy solicitation efforts, but we may reimburse them for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with any solicitation.

OUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING THE VOTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF FORMFACTOR'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND VOTING RESULTS

- Q: What are the voting recommendations of our Board of Directors?
- A: Our Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of Proposal Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Specifically, our Board recommends a vote:

FOR the election of Michael D. Slessor and Thomas St. Dennis to our Board of Directors as Class II directors;

FOR the advisory approval of the company's executive compensation; and

FOR the ratification of the selection of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2014.

- Q: Where can I find the voting results of the Annual Meeting?
- We intend to announce the voting results at the Annual Meeting and to report the results on a Form 8-K that we file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

PROPOSAL NO. 1

ELECTION OF CLASS II DIRECTORS

The first proposal is to elect two Class II directors to our Board of Directors. The Class II nominees are Michael D. Slessor and Thomas St. Dennis, who are both current directors of FormFactor. These nominees have been duly nominated by our Board of Directors, and have agreed to stand for re-election. The proxy holders intend to vote all proxies received for Messrs. Slessor and St. Dennis, unless otherwise instructed. Proxies may not be voted for more than two directors. Stockholders may not cumulate votes in the election of directors. In the event any nominee is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxies may be voted for a nominee designated by our Board of Directors to fill the vacancy. As of the date of this Proxy Statement, our Board of Directors is not aware that any nominee is unable or will decline to serve as a director of our company.

Our Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the election to our Board of Directors of Michael D. Slessor and Thomas St. Dennis as Class II directors.

Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors currently consists of seven members and is divided into three classes, which we have designated as Classes I, II and III. Each director is elected for a three-year term of office, with one class of directors being elected at each annual meeting of stockholders. The Class II directors will be elected at this year's Annual Meeting, the Class III directors will be elected at our 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the Class I directors will be elected at our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Each director holds office until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal.

Information regarding our Class II and other current directors as of the record date of this Proxy Statement, including their names and positions with our company is set forth below.

Name of Director Age Class Position with FormFactor Director Since Richard DeLateur(2) 56 III Director May 2011
G. Carl Everett, Jr.(1)(2)(4)