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Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Intevac, Inc., a Delaware corporation, which will be held Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 4:30 p.m., local time, at our principal executive offices located at 3560 Bassett Street, Santa Clara, California 95054. The accompanying notice of Annual Meeting, proxy statement and form of proxy card are being distributed to you on or about April 3, 2009.

Details regarding admission to the Annual Meeting and the business to be conducted are described in the accompanying proxy materials. Also included is a copy of our 2008 Annual Report. We encourage you to read this information carefully.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we hope you will vote as soon as possible. You may vote over the Internet, by telephone or by mailing a proxy card. Voting over the Internet, by telephone or by written proxy will ensure your representation at the Annual Meeting regardless of whether or not you attend in person. Please review the instructions on the proxy card regarding each of these voting options.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Intevac. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting. Please notify Joanne Diener at (408) 496-2242 if you plan to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Kevin Fairbairn President and Chief Executive Officer

INTEVAC, INC. 3560 Bassett Street Santa Clara, California 95054

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Time and Date:	Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., Pacific daylight time.
Place:	Intevac s principal executive offices, located at: 3560 Bassett Street, Santa Clara, California 95054.
Items of Business:	 To elect directors to serve for the ensuing year or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. To approve an amendment to the Intevac 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan to increase the number of shares reserved for issuance thereunder by 600,000 shares. To ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as Intevac s independent public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.
Adjournments and Postponements:	Any action on the items of business described above may be considered at the Annual Meeting at the time and on the date specified above or at any time and date to which the Annual Meeting may be properly adjourned or postponed.
Record Date:	You are entitled to vote if you were a stockholder of record as of the close of business on March 25, 2009.
Voting:	Your vote is very important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we encourage you to read the proxy statement and submit your proxy card or vote on the Internet or by telephone as soon as possible. For specific instructions on how to vote your shares, please refer to the section entitled Questions and Answers About Procedural Matters and the instructions on the enclosed proxy card.

All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting in person.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JEFFREY ANDRESON

Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary This notice of Annual Meeting, proxy statement and accompanying form of proxy card are being distributed on or about April 3, 2009.

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PROXY STATEMENT FOR 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Annual Meeting

Q: Why am I receiving these proxy materials?

A: The Board of Directors of Intevac, Inc. is providing these proxy materials to you in connection with the solicitation of proxies for use at the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) to be held Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., Pacific daylight time, or at any adjournment or postponement thereof for the purpose of considering and acting upon the matters set forth herein. The notice of Annual Meeting, this proxy statement and accompanying form of proxy card are being distributed to you on or about April 3, 2009.

Q: Where is the Annual Meeting?

A: The Annual Meeting will be held at Intevac s principal executive offices, located at 3560 Bassett Street, Santa Clara, California 95054. The telephone number at that location is 408-986-9888.

Q: Can I attend the Annual Meeting?

A: You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting if you were a stockholder of record or a beneficial owner as of March 25, 2009. You should bring photo identification for entrance to the Annual Meeting. The meeting will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m., Pacific daylight time.

Stock Ownership

Q: What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?

A: *Stockholders of record* If your shares are registered directly in your name with Intevac s transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., you are considered, with respect to those shares, the stockholder of record. These proxy materials have been sent directly to you by Intevac.

Beneficial owners Many Intevac stockholders hold their shares through a broker, trustee or other nominee, rather than directly in their own name. If your shares are held in a brokerage account or by a bank or another nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in street name. The proxy materials have been forwarded to you by your broker, trustee or nominee, who is considered, with respect to those shares, the stockholder of record.

As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, trustee or other nominee on how to vote your shares. For directions on how to vote shares beneficially held in street name, please refer to the voting instruction

card provided by your broker, trustee or nominee. Since a beneficial owner is not the stockholder of record, you may not vote these shares in person at the Annual Meeting unless you obtain a legal proxy from the broker, trustee or nominee that holds your shares, giving you the right to vote those shares at the Annual Meeting.

Quorum and Voting

Q: How many shares must be present or represented to conduct business at the Annual Meeting?

A: The presence of the holders of a majority of the shares of Common Stock entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting is necessary to constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Such stockholders are counted as present at the meeting if they (1) are present in person at the Annual Meeting or (2) have properly submitted a proxy.

Under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present and entitled to vote and are, therefore, included for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting.

A broker non-vote occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that item and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner.

Q: Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

A: Holders of record of Intevac s common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the Common Stock) at the close of business on March 25, 2009 (the Record Date) are entitled to receive notice of and to vote their shares at the Annual Meeting. Such stockholders are entitled to cast one vote for each share of Common Stock held as of the Record Date.

At the Record Date, we had 21,925,526 shares of our Common Stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, held by 128 stockholders of record. We believe that approximately 4,800 beneficial owners hold shares through brokers, fiduciaries and nominees. No shares of Intevac s preferred stock were outstanding.

Q: How can I vote my shares in person at the Annual Meeting?

A: Shares held in your name as the stockholder of record may be voted in person at the Annual Meeting. Shares held beneficially in street name may be voted in person at the Annual Meeting only if you obtain a legal proxy from the broker, trustee or other nominee that holds your shares giving you the right to vote the shares. Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we recommend that you also submit your proxy card or voting instructions as described below, so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the meeting.

Q: How can I vote my shares without attending the Annual Meeting?

A: Whether you hold shares directly as the stockholder of record or beneficially in street name, you may direct how your shares are voted without attending the Annual Meeting. If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote by submitting a proxy. If you hold shares beneficially in street name, you may vote by submitting voting instructions to your broker, trustee or nominee. For instructions on how to vote, please refer to the instructions below and those included on your proxy card or, for shares held beneficially in street name, the voting instructions provided to you by your broker, trustee or nominee.

By mail Stockholders of record of Intevac Common Stock may submit proxies by completing, signing and dating their proxy cards and mailing them in the accompanying pre-addressed envelopes. Proxy cards submitted by mail must be received by the time of the meeting in order for your shares to be voted. Intevac stockholders who hold

shares beneficially in street name may vote by mail by completing, signing and dating the voting instructions provided by their brokers, trustees or nominees and mailing them in the accompanying pre-addressed envelopes.

By Internet Stockholders of record of Intevac Common Stock with Internet access may submit proxies by following the Vote by Internet instructions on their proxy cards until 11:00 p.m., Pacific daylight time, on May 13, 2009. Most Intevac stockholders who hold shares beneficially in street name may vote by accessing the web site specified in the voting instructions provided by their brokers, trustees or nominees. Please check the voting instructions for Internet voting availability.

By telephone Stockholders of record of Intevac Common Stock who live in the United States, Puerto Rico or Canada may submit proxies by following the Vote by Phone instructions on their proxy cards until 11:00 p.m., Pacific daylight time, on May 13, 2009. Most Intevac stockholders who hold shares beneficially in street name

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may vote by phone by calling the number specified in the voting instructions provided by their brokers, trustees or nominees. Please check the voting instructions for telephone voting availability.

Q: What proposals will be voted on at the Annual Meeting?

A: At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will be asked to vote on:

(1) The election of six directors to serve for the ensuing year or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified;

(2) An amendment to the Intevac 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan to increase the number of shares reserved for issuance thereunder by 600,000 shares; and

(3) The ratification of the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as independent public accountants of Intevac for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009.

Q: What is the voting requirement to approve each of the proposals?

A: *Proposal One* A plurality of the votes cast is required for the election of directors. You may vote FOR or WITHHOLD on each of the six nominees for election as director. The six nominees for director receiving the highest number of affirmative votes will be elected as directors of Intevac to serve for a term of one year or until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualified. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not affect the outcome of the election.

Proposal Two The affirmative vote of a majority of votes represented and voting at the Annual Meeting, or votes cast, is required for approval of the amendment to add an additional 600,000 shares to the Intevac 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. You may vote FOR, AGAINST or ABSTAIN on this proposal. Abstentions are deemed to be votes cast and have the same effect as a vote against this proposal. However, broker non-votes are not deemed to be votes cast and, therefore, are not included in the tabulation of the voting results on this proposal.

Proposal Three The affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast is required to ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as Intevac s independent public accountants. You may vote FOR, AGAINST or ABSTAIN on this proposal. **Abstentions are deemed to be votes cast and have the same effect as a vote against this proposal**. However, broker non-votes are not deemed to be votes cast and, therefore, are not included in the tabulation of the voting results on this proposal.

Stockholder ratification of the selection of Grant Thornton LLP as Intevac s independent public accountants is not required by our Bylaws or other applicable legal requirements. However, the Board is submitting the selection of Grant Thornton LLP to the stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. If the stockholders fail to ratify the selection, the Audit Committee will reconsider whether or not to retain that firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent accounting firm at any time during the year, if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of Intevac and its stockholders.

Q: How does the Board of Directors recommend that I vote?

- A: The Board of Directors recommends that you vote your shares:
 - FOR the election of all of the nominees as director listed in Proposal One;

FOR the adoption of the amendment to add an additional 600,000 shares to the Intevac 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan; and

FOR the proposal to ratify the selection of Grant Thornton LLP as Intevac s independent public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009.

Q: If I sign a proxy, how will it be voted?

A: All shares entitled to vote and represented by properly executed proxy cards received prior to the applicable deadlines described above (and not revoked) will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the

instructions indicated on those proxy cards. If no instructions are indicated on a properly executed proxy card, the shares represented by that proxy card will be voted as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Q: What happens if additional matters are presented at the Annual Meeting?

A: If any other matters are properly presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting, including, among other things, consideration of a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting to another time or place (including, without limitation, for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies), the persons named in the enclosed proxy card and acting thereunder will have discretion to vote on those matters in accordance with their best judgment. Intevac does not currently anticipate that any other matters will be raised at the Annual Meeting.

Q: Can I change or revoke my vote?

A: Subject to any rules and deadlines your broker, trustee or nominee may have, you may change your proxy instructions at any time before your proxy is voted at the Annual Meeting.

If you are a stockholder of record, you may change your vote by (1) filing with Intevac s Secretary, prior to your shares being voted at the Annual Meeting, a written notice of revocation or a duly executed proxy card, in either case dated later than the prior proxy card relating to the same shares, or (2) by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person (although attendance at the Annual Meeting will not, by itself, revoke a proxy). A stockholder of record that has voted on the Internet or by telephone may also change his or her vote by making a timely and valid later Internet or telephone vote.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name, you may change your vote (1) by submitting new voting instructions to your broker, trustee or other nominee or (2) if you have obtained a legal proxy from the broker, trustee or other nominee that holds your shares giving you the right to vote the shares, by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person.

Any written notice of revocation or subsequent proxy card must be received by Intevac s Secretary prior to the taking of the vote at the Annual Meeting. Such written notice of revocation or subsequent proxy card should be hand delivered to Intevac s Secretary or should be sent so as to be delivered to Intevac s principal executive offices, Attention: Secretary.

Q: Who will bear the cost of soliciting votes for the Annual Meeting?

A: Intevac will bear all expenses of this solicitation, including the cost of preparing and mailing these proxy materials. Intevac may reimburse brokerage firms, custodians, nominees, fiduciaries and other persons representing beneficial owners of Common Stock for their reasonable expenses in forwarding solicitation material to such beneficial owners. Directors, officers and employees of Intevac may also solicit proxies in person or by other means of communication. Such directors, officers and employees will not be additionally compensated but may be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with such solicitation. Intevac may engage the services of a professional proxy solicitation firm to aid in the solicitation of proxies from certain brokers, bank nominees and other institutional owners. Our costs for such services, if retained, will not be significant.

Q: Where can I find the voting results of the Annual Meeting?

A: We intend to announce preliminary voting results at the Annual Meeting and will publish final results in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the second quarter of fiscal 2009.

Stockholder Proposals and Director Nominations

- **Q:** What is the deadline to propose actions for consideration at next year s annual meeting of stockholders or to nominate individuals to serve as directors?
- A: You may submit proposals, including director nominations, for consideration at future stockholder meetings.

Requirements for stockholder proposals to be considered for inclusion in Intevac s proxy materials Stockholders may present proper proposals for inclusion in Intevac s proxy statement and for consideration at the next annual meeting of its stockholders by submitting their proposals in writing to Intevac s Secretary in a timely

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manner. In order to be included in the proxy statement for the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders, stockholder proposals must be received by Intevac s Secretary no later than December 4, 2009, and must otherwise comply with the requirements of Rule 14a-8 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act).

Requirements for stockholder proposals to be brought before an annual meeting In addition, Intevac s bylaws establish an advance notice procedure for stockholders who wish to present certain matters before an annual meeting of stockholders. In general, nominations for the election of directors may be made by (1) the Board of Directors, (2) the Nominating and Governance Committee or (3) any stockholder entitled to vote who has delivered written notice to Intevac s Secretary no later than the Notice Deadline (as defined below), which notice must contain specified information concerning the nominees and concerning the stockholder proposing such nominations.

Intevac s bylaws also provide that the only business that may be conducted at an annual meeting is business that is (1) specified in the notice of meeting given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, (2) properly brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (3) properly brought before the meeting by a stockholder who has delivered written notice to the Secretary of Intevac no later than the Notice Deadline (as defined below).

The Notice Deadline is defined as that date which is 120 days prior to the one year anniversary of the date on which Intevac first mailed its proxy materials to stockholders for the previous year s annual meeting of stockholders. As a result, the Notice Deadline for the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders is December 4, 2009.

If a stockholder who has notified Intevac of his or her intention to present a proposal at an annual meeting does not appear to present his or her proposal at such meeting, Intevac need not present the proposal for vote at such meeting.

If a stockholder intends to raise a proposal at our 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders that is not eligible for inclusion in the proxy statement relating to the meeting and the stockholder has failed to give us notice in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Securities Exchange Act by February 19, 2009 and the bylaw notice requirements set forth above are inapplicable or waived, the proxy holders will be allowed to use their discretionary authority when and if the proposal is raised at our 2009 Annual Meeting.

Q: How may I obtain a copy of the bylaw provisions regarding stockholder proposals and director nominations?

A: A copy of the full text of the bylaw provisions discussed above may be obtained by writing to the Secretary of Intevac. All notices of proposals by stockholders, whether or not included in Intevac s proxy materials, should be sent to Intevac s principal executive offices, Attention: Secretary.

Additional Information about the Proxy Materials

Q: What should I do if I receive more than one set of proxy materials?

A: You may receive more than one set of proxy materials, including multiple copies of this proxy statement and multiple proxy cards or voting instruction cards. For example, if you hold your shares in more than one brokerage account, you may receive a separate voting instruction card for each brokerage account in which you hold shares. If you are a stockholder of record and your shares are registered in more than one name, you will receive more than one proxy card. Please complete, sign, date and return each Intevac proxy card or voting instruction card that you receive to ensure that all your shares are voted.

Q: How may I obtain a separate set of proxy materials or the 2008 Annual Report?

A: If you share an address with another stockholder, each stockholder may not receive a separate copy of the proxy materials and 2008 Annual Report.

Stockholders who do not receive a separate copy of the proxy materials and 2008 Annual Report may request to receive a separate copy of the proxy materials and 2008 Annual Report by calling 408-986-9888 or by writing to Investor Relations at Intevac s principal executive offices. Alternatively, stockholders who share an address and receive multiple copies of our proxy materials and 2008 Annual Report can request to receive a single copy by

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following the instructions above, although each stockholder of record or beneficial owner must still submit a separate proxy card.

Q: What is the mailing address for Intevac s principal executive offices?

A: Intevac s principal executive offices are located at 3560 Bassett Street, Santa Clara, California 95054.

Any written requests for additional information, additional copies of the proxy materials and 2008 Annual Report, notices of stockholder proposals, recommendations for candidates to the Board of Directors, communications to the Board of Directors or any other communications should be sent to this address.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING, TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2009.

The proxy statement and the 2008 Annual Report are available at www.intevac.com

PROPOSAL ONE

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At the Annual Meeting, six directors (constituting the entire board) are to be elected to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until a successor for any such director is elected and qualified, or until the death, resignation or removal of such director. The six candidates receiving the highest number of the affirmative votes of the shares entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be elected directors of Intevac.

It is intended that the proxies will be voted for the six nominees named below unless authority to vote for any such nominee is withheld. All six nominees are currently directors of Intevac, and all were elected to the Board by the stockholders at the last Annual Meeting. Each person nominated for election has agreed to serve if elected, and the Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any nominee will be unavailable or will decline to serve. In the event, however, that any nominee is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for any other person who is designated by the current Board of Directors to fill the vacancy. The proxies solicited by this Proxy Statement may not be voted for more than six nominees.

Nominees

Set forth below is information regarding the nominees to the Board of Directors.

Name of Nominee	Position(s) with Intevac	
Norman H. Pond	Chairman of the Board	70
Kevin Fairbairn	President and Chief Executive Officer	55
David S. Dury	Director	60
Stanley J. Hill	Director	67
Robert Lemos	Director	66
Ping Yang	Director	56

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all the nominees listed above.

Business Experience of Nominees for Election as Directors

Mr. Pond is a founder of Intevac and has served as Chairman of the Board since February 1991. Mr. Pond served as President and Chief Executive Officer from February 1991 until July 2000 and again from September 2001 through January 2002. Mr. Pond holds a BS in physics from the University of Missouri at Rolla and an MS in physics from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Mr. Fairbairn joined Intevac as President and Chief Executive Officer in January 2002 and was appointed a director in February 2002. Before joining Intevac, Mr. Fairbairn was employed by Applied Materials from July 1985 to January 2002, most recently as Vice-President and General Manager of the Conductor Etch Organization with responsibility for the Silicon and Metal Etch Divisions. From 1996 to 1999, Mr. Fairbairn

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was General Manager of Applied s Plasma Enhanced Chemical Vapor Deposition Business Unit and from 1993 to 1996, he was General Manager of Applied s Plasma Silane CVD Product Business Unit. Mr. Fairbairn holds an MA in engineering sciences from Cambridge University.

Mr. Dury has served as a director of Intevac since July 2002. Mr. Dury is a co-founder of Mentor Capital Group, a venture capital firm formed in July 2000. From 1996 to 2000, Mr. Dury served as Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Aspect Development, a software development firm. Mr. Dury holds a BA in psychology from Duke University and an MBA from Cornell University.

Mr. Hill was appointed as a director of Intevac in March 2004. Mr. Hill joined Kaiser Aerospace and Electronics Corporation, a privately held manufacturer of electronics and electro-optical systems, in 1969 and served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of both Kaiser and K Systems, Inc., Kaiser s parent company, from 1997 until his retirement in 2000. Prior to his appointment as Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Hill served in a number of executive positions at Kaiser. Mr. Hill holds a BS in mechanical engineering from the University of Maine an MS in engineering from the University of Connecticut and has completed post-graduate studies at the University of Santa Clara business school. He is also a director of First Aviation Services, Inc.

Mr. Lemos has served as a director of Intevac since August 2002. Mr. Lemos retired from Varian Associates, Inc. in 1999 after 23 years, including serving as Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer from 1988 to 1999. Mr. Lemos has a BS in business from the University of San Francisco, a JD in law from Hastings College and an LLM in law from New York University.

Dr. Yang was appointed as a director of Intevac in March 2006. Dr. Yang was employed by Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company beginning in 1997 and served as Vice-President of Research and Development from 1999 until 2005. Prior to joining TSMC, Dr. Yang worked at Texas Instruments from 1980 to 1997 where he was Director of Device and Design Flow. Dr. Yang is currently an independent consultant. Dr. Yang holds a BS in physics from National Taiwan University, and an MS and a PhD in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois. He is also a director of Credence and Apache Design Solutions.

PROPOSAL TWO

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTEVAC 2003 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SHARES RESERVED THEREUNDER BY 600,000 SHARES

The Intevac 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the 2003 ESPP) was adopted by our Board of Directors and approved by our stockholders in 2003. Employees have participated in the 2003 ESPP or its predecessor plan, the 1995 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, since 1995.

Our Board of Directors has determined that it is in our best interests and the best interests of our stockholders to make an additional 600,000 shares available for purchase under the 2003 ESPP. As such, the Board of Directors has put forth for approval of our stockholders an amendment to the 2003 ESPP to increase the number of shares reserved thereunder by 600,000 shares. If our stockholders approve the adoption of the amendment, the total number of shares available to be issued under such plan will be 732,000 shares.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the amendment to the 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan to increase the number of shares reserved for issuance thereunder by 600,000 shares.

Summary of the 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan

The following paragraphs provide a summary of the principal features of the 2003 ESPP and its operation. The following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the 2003 ESPP.

General

The 2003 ESPP was adopted by our Board of Directors in January 2003 and approved by our stockholders in May 2003. The purpose of the 2003 ESPP is to provide employees with an opportunity to purchase our Common Stock through payroll deductions.

Administration

Our Board of Directors or a committee appointed by the Board administers the 2003 ESPP. All questions of interpretation or application of the 2003 ESPP are determined by the Board or the committee, and its decisions are final, conclusive and binding upon all participants.

Eligibility

Each of our employees, or the employees of our designated subsidiaries, whose customary employment is for more than twenty hours per week and more than five months per year is eligible to participate in the 2003 ESPP; except that no employee may be granted a purchase right under the 2003 ESPP (i) to the extent that, immediately after the grant, such employee would own our stock or the stock of any of our subsidiaries and/or hold outstanding options to purchase stock possessing 5% or more of the total voting power or total value of all classes of our stock or any of our subsidiaries, or (ii) to the extent that his or her rights to purchase stock under all of our employee stock purchase plans or those of our subsidiaries accrues at a rate which exceeds \$25,000 worth of stock (determined at the fair market value of the shares at the time such purchase right is granted) for each calendar year. Eligible employees have the opportunity to elect to participate in the 2003 ESPP approximately twice per year.

Offering Period

Shares of our Common Stock are offered for purchase under the 2003 ESPP through a series of successive offering periods, each with a maximum duration of twenty-four (24) months. Each offering period is of a duration determined by the plan administrator prior to the start date and is comprised of a series of one or more successive purchase intervals. Purchase intervals within each offering period last approximately six (6) months and run from the first trading day in February to the last trading day in July each year and from the first trading day in August each year to the last trading day in January of the following year. Should the fair market value of our Common Stock on any semi-annual purchase date within an offering period be less than the fair market value per share on the start date of that offering period, then that offering period automatically terminates immediately after the purchase date. The plan administrator may shorten the duration of such new offering period within five (5) trading days following the start date of such new offering period.

Purchase Price

The purchase price of our Common Stock acquired under the 2003 ESPP is equal to eighty-five percent (85%) of the lower of (i) the fair market value per share of our Common Stock on the first day of the offering period (or, if higher, on the participant s entry date into the offering period) or (ii) the fair market value on the semi-annual purchase date. The fair market value of our Common Stock on any relevant date will be the closing sales price per share as reported on the Nasdaq National Market (or the closing bid, if no sales were reported), or the mean of the closing bid and asked prices if our common stock is regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer but selling prices are not reported, as quoted on such exchange or reported in the Wall Street Journal.

Payment of Purchase Price; Payroll Deductions

Each participant s purchase price of the shares is accumulated by payroll deductions throughout each purchase interval. A participant may elect to have up to 10% of his or her compensation deducted each payroll period. The number of shares of our Common Stock a participant may purchase in each purchase interval during an offering period is determined by dividing the total amount of payroll deductions withheld from the participant s compensation during that purchase interval by the purchase price; provided, however, that a participant may not purchase more than

750 shares each purchase interval.

Withdrawal

Generally, a participant may withdraw from an offering period at any time by written notice without affecting his or her eligibility to participate in future offering periods. However, once a participant withdraws from a

particular offering period, that participant may not participate again in the same offering period, and to participate in a subsequent offering period, the participant must deliver to us a new subscription agreement.

Termination of Employment

Upon termination of a participant s employment for any reason, including disability or death, his or her participation in the 2003 ESPP will immediately cease. The payroll deductions credited to the participant s account, but not used to make a purchase will be returned to him or her or, in the case of death, to the person or persons entitled thereto as provided pursuant to the 2003 ESPP.

Adjustments; Merger or Change in Control

In the event of any stock split, stock dividend or other change in our capital structure, appropriate adjustments will be made in the number and kind and of shares available for purchase under the 2003 ESPP (including purchase interval limitations) and the purchase price and number of shares covered by each purchase right under the 2003 ESPP as determined by the plan administrator in its sole discretion.

In the event of any merger or change of control, as defined in the 2003 ESPP, the successor corporation or a parent or subsidiary of such successor corporation shall assume or substitute an equivalent purchase right for each outstanding purchase right. In the event the successor corporation refuses to do so, the Board of Directors shall shorten the purchase interval and offering period then in progress by setting a new purchase date before the merger or change of control, and the current purchase interval and offering period shall end on the new purchase date. The plan administrator shall notify each participant of the new purchase date at least 10 business days prior to such date, and the participant s purchase right shall be exercised on such new purchase date, unless the participant withdraws prior to such date.

Certain Federal Income Tax Information

The following brief summary of the effect of federal income taxation upon the participant and Intevac with respect to the shares purchased under the 2003 ESPP does not purport to be complete, and does not discuss the tax consequences of a participant s death or the income tax laws of any state or foreign country in which the participant may reside.

The 2003 ESPP, and the right of participants to make purchases thereunder, is intended to qualify under the provisions of Sections 421 and 423 of the Internal Revenue Code. Under these provisions, no income will be taxable to a participant until the shares purchased under the 2003 ESPP are sold or otherwise disposed of. Upon the sale or other disposition of the shares, the participant will generally be subject to tax in an amount that depends upon the holding period. If the shares are sold or otherwise disposed of more than (1) two years from the first day of the applicable offering period (or, if later, the first day the participant entered the offering period) and (2) one year from the applicable date of purchase, the participant will recognize ordinary income measured as the lesser of (a) the excess of the fair market value of the shares at the time of such sale or disposition over the purchase price, or (b) an amount equal to 15% of the fair market value of the shares as of the first day the participant will recognize ordinary income generally measured as the excess of the fair market value of the shares on the date the shares are sold or otherwise disposed of before the expiration of these holding periods, the participant will recognize ordinary income generally measured as the excess of the fair market value of the shares on the date the shares were purchased over the purchase price. Any additional gain or loss on such sale or disposition will be long-term or short-term capital gain or loss, depending on how long the shares have been held from the date of purchase.

Intevac generally is not entitled to a deduction for amounts taxed as ordinary income or capital gain to a participant, except to the extent of ordinary income recognized by participants upon a sale or disposition of shares prior to the

expiration of the holding periods described above.

Amendment and Termination of the Plan

Our Board of Directors may at any time terminate or amend the 2003 ESPP. No amendment shall be effective unless it is approved by the stockholders, if such amendment would require shareholder approval in order to comply with Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Purchase Plan Transactions for Certain Individuals and Groups

Given that the number of shares that may be purchased under the 2003 ESPP is determined, in part, on our Common Stock s value on the enrollment date of each participant and the last day of the purchase interval and given that participation in the 2003 ESPP is voluntary on part of employees, the actual number of shares that may be purchased by an individual is not determinable.

The table below shows, as to each of Intevac s executive officers named in the 2008 Summary Compensation Table and the various indicated groups, the number of shares of Common Stock purchased under the 2003 ESPP during the last fiscal year, together with the weighted average purchase price paid per share.

Name of Individual or Group	Number of Purchased Shares	Weighted Average Purchase Price
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Kevin Fairbairn	1,001	\$ 9.15
Jeffrey Andreson	1,500	9.16
Michael Barnes	1,445	9.15
Luke Marusiak(1)	1,400	9.15
Joseph Pietras		
Ralph Kerns	1,086	9.12
All executive officers, as a group	7,435	9.14
All employees who are not executive officers, as a group	158,158	9.15

(1) Mr. Marusiak resigned from the Company on October 17, 2008

#### **Required Vote**

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares represented and voting at the Annual Meeting (provided that that vote also constitutes the affirmative vote of a majority of the required quorum) will be required for approval of the amendment to add an additional 600,000 shares to the Intevac 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

#### Summary

We believe strongly that approval of the amendment to the Intevac 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan is essential to our continued success. Awards such as those provided under the 2003 ESPP constitute an important incentive for our employees and help us to attract, retain and motivate people whose skills and performance are critical to our success. Our employees are our most valuable assets. We strongly believe that the 2003 ESPP is essential for us to compete for

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talent in the labor markets in which we operate.

The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR the adoption of the amendment to the Intevac 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan to increase the number of shares reserved for issuance thereunder by 600,000 shares.

## **PROPOSAL THREE**

## RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has selected Grant Thornton LLP as our independent public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009. Grant Thornton LLP began auditing our financial statements in 2000. Its representatives are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting, will have an opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

# The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR ratification of the selection of Grant Thornton LLP as Intevac s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009.

#### **Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

The following table presents fees billed for professional audit services and other services rendered to us by Grant Thornton LLP for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007.

	2008	2007
Audit Fees(1) Audit-Related Fees(2)	\$ 1,286,330	\$ 996,645
Tax Fees(3) All Other Fees(4)	214,631	192,039
Total Fees	\$ 1,500,961	\$ 1,188,684

- (1) Audit fees consist of fees billed for professional services rendered for the audit of our annual consolidated financial statements and review of the interim consolidated financial statements included in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and fees for services that are normally provided by Grant Thornton LLP in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements. In addition, audit fees include those fees related to Grant Thornton s audit of the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. This category also includes advice on accounting matters that arose during, or as a result of, the audit or the review of the interim consolidated financial statements.
- (2) Audit related fees consist of assurance and related services provided by Grant Thornton LLP that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of our consolidated financial statements and are not reported under Audit Fees . There were no services provided under this category in fiscal 2007 or fiscal 2008.
- (3) Tax fees consist of fees billed for tax compliance, consultation and planning services, and include fees associated with a research and development tax credit study.
- (4) All other fees consist of fees for other corporate related services. There were no services provided under this category in fiscal 2007 or fiscal 2008.

In making its recommendation to ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009, the Audit Committee has considered whether services other than audit and audit-related services provided by Grant Thornton LLP are compatible with maintaining the independence of Grant Thornton LLP and has determined that such services are compatible.

## Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services

Our Audit Committee approves in advance all engagements with Grant Thornton LLP, including the audit of our annual financial statements, the review of the financial statements included in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and tax compliance services. Fees billed by Grant Thornton LLP are reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis.

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## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

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

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all of our employees, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, and persons performing similar functions. We have also adopted a Director Code of Ethics that applies to all of our directors. You can find both our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and our Director Code of Ethics on our website at www.intevac.com. We post any amendments to the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and the Director Code of Ethics, as well as any waivers, which are required to be disclosed by the rules of either the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or The NASDAQ Global Select Market (Nasdaq) on our website.

## **Independence of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors has determined that, with the exception of Mr. Pond and Mr. Fairbairn, all of its members are independent directors as that term is defined in the listing standards of Nasdaq.

## **Board Meetings and Committees**

During 2008, the Board of Directors held a total of six meetings (including regularly scheduled and special meetings) and also took certain actions by written consent. All members of the Board of Directors during fiscal 2008 attended at least seventy-five percent of the aggregate of the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors held during the fiscal year and the total number of meetings held by all committees of the Board on which each such director served (based on the time that each member served on the Board of Directors and the committees). The Board of Directors has an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Governance Committee.

## Audit Committee

The Audit Committee, which has been established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act, currently consists of Mr. Dury, Mr. Hill and Mr. Lemos, each of whom is independent as such term is defined for audit committee members by the Nasdaq listing standards. Mr. Dury is the chairman of the Audit Committee. The Board of Directors has determined that each member of the committee is an audit committee financial expert as defined under the rules of the SEC. The Audit Committee met eight times during 2008.

The Audit Committee is responsible for:

Overseeing our accounting and financial reporting processes and audits of our financial statements;

Assisting the Board in overseeing and monitoring (i) the integrity of our financial statements, (ii) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements related to financial affairs and reporting, (iii) our independent auditor s qualifications, independence and performance, and (iv) our internal accounting and financial controls;

Preparing the report that the rules of the SEC require be included in this proxy statement;

Periodically providing the Board with the results of its monitoring and recommendations derived therefrom; and

Providing to the Board additional information and materials as it deems necessary to make the Board aware of significant financial matters that require the attention of the Board.

The Audit Committee has adopted a written charter approved by the Board of Directors, which is available on Intevac s website at www.intevac.com under Company Governance.

The Audit Committee Report is included in this proxy statement on page 33.

## **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee currently consists of Mr. Lemos and Dr. Yang, each of whom is independent as such term is defined by the Nasdaq listing standards. Mr. Lemos is the chairman of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee met four times during 2008.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for:

Overseeing the entirety of our compensation and benefit policies, plans and programs;

Overseeing the annual report on executive compensation for inclusion in our proxy statement; and

Overseeing executive succession planning.

See Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis and Executive Compensation Compensation of Directors below for a description of Intevac s processes and procedures for the consideration and determination of executive and director compensation.

The Compensation Committee has adopted a written charter approved by the Board of Directors, a copy of which is available on Intevac s website at www.intevac.com under Company Governance.

The Compensation Committee Report is included in this proxy statement on page 23.

## Nominating and Governance Committee

The Nominating and Governance Committee currently consists of Mr. Hill and Dr. Yang, each of whom is independent as such term is defined by the Nasdaq listing standards. Mr. Hill is the chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee. The Nominating and Governance Committee met three times during 2008.

The primary focus of the Nominating and Governance Committee is on the broad range of issues surrounding the composition and operation of the Board of Directors. The Nominating and Governance Committee provides assistance to the Board, the Chairman and the CEO in the areas of membership selection, committee selection and rotation practices, evaluation of the overall effectiveness of the Board, and review and consideration of developments in corporate governance practices. The Nominating and Governance Committee s goal is to assure that the composition, practices, and operation of the Board contribute to value creation and effective representation of Intevac stockholders.

The Nominating and Governance Committee will consider recommendations of candidates for the Board of Directors submitted by the stockholders of Intevac; for more information, see Process for Recommending Candidates for Election to the Board of Directors below.

The Nominating and Governance Committee has adopted a written charter approved by the Board of Directors, a copy of which is available on Intevac s website at www.intevac.com under Company Governance.

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

Mr. Lemos and Dr. Yang served as members of the Compensation Committee during fiscal 2008. No interlocking relationship exists between any member of Intevac s Board of Directors or Compensation Committee and any member of the board of directors or compensation committee of any other company, nor has any such interlocking relationship existed in the past. No member of the Compensation Committee is or was formerly an officer or an employee of

Intevac.

## Attendance at Annual Stockholder Meetings by the Board of Directors

Intevac encourages members of the Board of Directors to attend the annual meeting of stockholders, but does not have a policy requiring attendance. All six of the Company s directors, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Pond, Mr. Dury, Mr. Lemos, Mr. Hill and Dr. Yang attended Intevac s 2008 annual meeting of stockholders.

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## Lead Director

Mr. David Dury serves as Lead Director and liaison between management and the other non-employee directors. The Lead Director schedules and chairs meetings of the independent directors. The independent directors (including the Lead Director) hold a closed session at each regularly scheduled Board meeting.

#### **Policy Regarding Board Nominees**

It is the policy of the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Company to consider recommendations for candidates to the Board of Directors from stockholders. Stockholder recommendations of candidates for election to the Board should be directed in writing to: Intevac, Inc., 3560 Bassett Street, Santa Clara, California, 95054, and must include the candidate s name, home and business contact information, detailed biographical data and qualifications, information regarding any relationships between the candidate and the Company within the last three years, and evidence of the nominating person s ownership of Company stock. Stockholder nominations to the Board must also meet the requirements set forth in the Company s bylaws.

The Nominating and Governance Committee s criteria and process for identifying and evaluating the candidates that it selects, or recommends to the full Board for selection, as director nominees are as follows:

The Nominating and Governance Committee periodically reviews the current composition, size and effectiveness of the Board.

In its evaluation of director candidates, including the members of the Board of Directors eligible for re-election, the Committee seeks to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capability on the Board and considers (1) the current size and composition of the Board and the needs of the Board and the respective committees of the Board, (2) such factors as issues of character, judgment, diversity, age, expertise, business experience, length of service, independence, other commitments and the like, (3) the relevance of the candidate s skills and experience to our businesses and (4) such other factors as the Nominating and Governance Committee may consider appropriate.

While the Nominating and Governance Committee has not established specific minimum qualifications for director candidates, the Nominating and Governance Committee believes that candidates and nominees must reflect a Board that is comprised of directors who (1) are predominantly independent, (2) are of high integrity, (3) have broad, business-related knowledge and experience at the policy-making level in business, government or technology, including an understanding of our industry and our business in particular, (4) have qualifications that will increase overall Board effectiveness and (5) meet other requirements that may be required by applicable laws and regulations, such as financial literacy or financial expertise with respect to audit committee members.

With regard to candidates who are properly recommended by stockholders or by other means, the Nominating and Governance Committee will review the qualifications of any such candidate, which review may, in the Nominating and Governance Committee s discretion, include interviewing references for the candidate, direct interviews with the candidate, or other actions that the Committee deems necessary or proper.

In evaluating and identifying candidates, the Nominating and Governance Committee has the authority to retain or terminate any third party search firm that is used to identify director candidates, and has the authority to approve the fees and retention terms of any search firm.

The Nominating and Governance Committee will apply these same principles when evaluating Board candidates who may be elected initially by the full Board either to fill vacancies or to add additional directors prior to the Annual Meeting of Stockholders at which directors are elected.

After completing its review and evaluation of director candidates, the Nominating and Governance Committee selects, or recommends to the full Board of Directors for selection, the director nominees.

## **Contacting the Board of Directors**

Any stockholder who desires to contact our Chairman of the Board or the other members of our Board of Directors may do so by writing to: Board of Directors, c/o Stanley J. Hill, Chairman, Nominating and Governance Committee, Intevac, Inc., 3560 Bassett Street, Santa Clara, California, 95054. Communications received by Mr. Hill will also be communicated to the Lead Director, the Chairman of the Board or the other members of the Board as appropriate depending on the facts and circumstances outlined in the communication received.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND RELATED INFORMATION

#### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

The following is a discussion of our executive compensation program and the compensation decisions made for the fiscal year 2008 with respect to Kevin Fairbairn, our Chief Executive Officer, and the other executive officers named in the 2008 Summary Compensation Table on page 24 (the Named Executive Officers).

## **Executive Summary**

Intevac s businesses are characterized by rapidly changing technology and customer requirements; intense competition; cyclical revenues; and significant competition for management talent. The Compensation Committee believes that compensation programs for our executive officers need to be designed to attract, retain and motivate high-caliber executives. More specifically, the objectives of our executive compensation program are to:

Provide a significant portion of total compensation as a performance-based annual cash bonus based on Intevac s overall financial performance relative to its annual financial plan and each executive s performance relative to predetermined goals;

Directly tie total performance-based annual cash bonus expense to profitability, so that bonuses increase with increasing profits, decrease with decreasing profits and are not paid when profitability is not achieved;

Provide equity-based, long-term incentives to further align the financial interests of the executive officers with those of our stockholders; and

Offer a total compensation package that takes into consideration the practices of other companies with which Intevac competes for executive talent.

Each executive s compensation consists of base salary, a performance-based annual cash bonus, periodic grants of stock options and the benefit packages offered all our employees.

In the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, Intevac s revenues were \$110 million, down 49% from the prior year, and net income decreased 156% to a \$15 million loss. The decline in our performance, relative to 2007, led to significantly reduced total compensation to our Named Executive Officers in 2008, as no performance-based annual cash bonus payments were made.

The specific compensation principles, components and decisions designed to achieve these objectives during 2008 are discussed in more detail below.

## **Executive Compensation Philosophy**

The majority of our operations are located in Santa Clara, California, where numerous high tech companies are located, served by a highly skilled and mobile workforce. Our compensation structure is designed to attract, retain and motivate high-performing executives in this very competitive labor environment. The guiding principles of our executive compensation plan are as follows:

Provide a total compensation package that is competitive with our peer group, but that also takes into account the need to compete for talent with large equipment companies such as Applied Materials and LAM Research.

Align compensation with the Company s performance by:

Providing a significant portion of total compensation in the form of a performance-based annual cash bonus dependent on the Company s profitability and each executive s performance relative to predetermined business objectives and target financial results set at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Providing another significant portion of total compensation in the form of stock options, which focus each executive on creating stockholder value over the vesting period of the options.

Paying executive compensation that will generally be above peer company executive compensation when Intevac s financial performance is above peer company financial performance and below peer company executive compensation when Intevac s financial performance is below that of peer companies.

Increase the portion of total compensation based on performance-based annual cash bonuses and stock options relative to base salary with increasing executive responsibility level.

Align each executive s goals with those of other executives to encourage a team approach to problem solving.

Provide clear guidelines for each compensation element (base salary, performance-based annual cash bonus and stock options), while allowing the Compensation Committee flexibility to make final decisions based on management recommendations (other than decisions for the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, which are made by the independent members of the Board of Directors), and other factors such as experience, contribution to business success and retention needs.

Provide similar benefits to Named Executive Officers as provided to other employees.

In general, executives do not receive compensation, benefits or non-compensation, non-equity special perquisites other than those offered to all of Intevac s employees.

### **Competitive Market Data**

The Compensation Committee retained Farient Advisors (Farient) to assist it in evaluating 2008 compensation programs. The instructions provided to Farient included assessing target compensation levels for our executives relative to market practices and evaluating the overall design of our executive compensation program. The consultant was also engaged by the Committee to update the assessment of the competiveness of compensation for our Board of Directors. Executive compensation data was drawn from the Radford Executive Benchmark Survey and from publicly available proxy filings for the Peer Companies. The market compensation levels for comparable positions were examined by Farient and the Compensation Committee as part of the process to determine overall program design, base salary, target incentives and annual stock option grants.

The Peer Companies we used to evaluate market compensation positioning for executives in making 2008 compensation decisions were selected from technology companies with annual revenues of \$200 to \$700 million which were comparable to Intevac based on factors such as lines of business, profitability, and technical sophistication. We added additional imaging companies such as FLIR Systems, Inc. and Newport Corporation to the 2008 Peer Group as a result of the increasing percentage of revenues that we expected our Intevac Photonics business to achieve. The 2008 Peer Companies we selected are as follows:

II-VI Inc. Axcelis Technologies, Inc. Cohu, Inc. Electro Scientific Industries, Inc. FLIR Systems, Inc. GSI Group, Inc. Newport Corporation Rudolph Technologies, Inc. Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. Brooks Automation, Inc. Cymer, Inc FEI Company Formfactor, Inc. Mattson Technology, Inc. Rofin Sinar Technologies, Inc. Veeco Instruments, Inc.

The base salary, total cash compensation (base salary plus performance-based annual cash bonus) and total compensation (including stock options) for each of Intevac s eleven most senior executives were compared to their respective Peer Group medians for executives with similar levels of responsibility. The Compensation Committee concluded that Intevac s executive compensation:

Was generally above peer company executive compensation when Intevac s financial performance was above peer company financial performance and below peer company executive compensation when Intevac s financial performance was below that of peer companies; and

Was more variable as a function of performance than the Peer Group average and that it continued to provide strong incentive to management to optimize Intevac s financial performance.

As a result of these factors the Compensation Committee noted that the cyclical downturn in our Equipment business led to reduced profitability in 2008, and no performance-based annual cash bonuses were paid to our Named Executive Officers in 2008.

### **Compensation Components**

The components of executive compensation are:

Base salary;

Performance-based annual cash bonus targeted as a percentage of base salary ( Target Bonus Percentage ); and

Periodic grants of long-term, equity-based incentives, currently stock options with four-year annual vesting.

We also provide our executives the same benefits and perquisites that we offer our other employees. These standard employee benefits include participation in our 401(k) plan and employee stock purchase plan, and medical, dental and life insurance benefits, each with the same terms and conditions available to employees. We do not provide any benefits or perquisites to our Named Executive Officers that are not available to the majority of employees.

### Base Salary:

Prior to making an offer of employment to an executive officer, the Compensation Committee approves the executive officer s base salary, Target Bonus Percentage, the initial stock option grant and any hiring incentives. In setting the executive officer s base salary, a number of factors are taken into account, in the Committee s discretion, including the executive s compensation with his previous employer, the compensation of other Intevac executives, the competitive labor market for similar executives, and how difficult it is to recruit and retain executive officers with similar skills and experience. None of these factors is specifically weighted and the evaluation includes subjective evaluation of skills, experience and responsibilities in the Committee s judgment.

Once an executive has joined Intevac, the Compensation Committee approves changes to his or her base salary and Target Bonus Percentage during its annual review of the Executive Incentive Plan. The data from the Peer Group analysis is used, in addition to each executive s responsibilities and performance against objectives, to determine annual changes to base salary and the Target Bonus Percentage. As with new hires, these factors are evaluated at the Committee s discretion and in the Committee s judgment. Annual adjustments to base salary also proportionately affect the executive s Target Bonus (equal to base salary multiplied by the applicable Target Bonus Percentage).

*Base Salary:* 2008 base salary levels, effective as of February 8, 2008, for the Named Executive Officers were approved by the Compensation Committee (with the exception of Mr. Fairbairn, whose base salary was approved by the independent members of the Board of Directors). Salaries for Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Andreson, Dr. Barnes and Dr. Kerns were increased by 4.0%, 4.0%, 4.0% and 3.5%, respectively, or amounts roughly equal to the average raise given Intevac employees. Mr. Marusiak s base salary was increased by 10.0% as a result of the significant increase in gross margin that the Equipment business achieved during a period of significantly reduced sales and to better align his base salary with the 2008 Peer Group. Dr. Pietras base salary was increased by 5.7% as a

result of the significant increase in revenues and gross margin that the Intevac Photonics business achieved during 2007, and to better align his base salary with the 2008 Peer Group.

As a result of these increases, annual base salaries for the CEO and other Named Executive Officers in 2007 and 2008 were as follows:

Executive	2007 Base Salary	2008 Base Salary	2008 Base Salary Increase as a % of 2007 Base Salary
Kevin Fairbairn,	\$ 450,008	\$ 468,021	4.0%
President and Chief Executive Officer			
Jeffrey Andreson,	\$ 250,016	\$ 260,021	4.0%
Chief Financial Officer, Principal Accounting Officer			
Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Vice President of			
Finance and Administration			
Luke Marusiak,	\$ 245,814	\$ 270,400	10.0%
Chief Operating Officer(1)			
Michael Barnes,	\$ 260,021	\$ 270,442	4.0%
Executive Vice President and Chief Technical Officer			
Joseph Pietras,	\$ 241,322	\$ 255,091	5.7%
Executive Vice President and General Manager,			
Intevac Photonics			
Ralph Kerns	\$ 207,833	\$ 215,113	3.5%
Vice President of Business Development			

(1) Mr. Marusiak resigned from the Company on October 17, 2008.

### Performance-based annual cash bonus:

We provide performance-based annual cash bonuses to our Named Executive Officers and other vice-president and director level employees under our Executive Incentive Plan. The total amount payable under the Executive Incentive Plan is determined based on Intevac s financial performance. The objective of the Executive Incentive Plan is to align our executive compensation with actual short-term business performance and with non-financial business objectives.

The components to determine the performance-based cash bonus include:

Target Bonus;

Bonus Pool; and

Management by Objectives

Each of these components and the resulting calculation of the annual bonus payments are described in more detail below.

*Target Bonus:* Named Executive Officers are assigned an annual Target Bonus, computed by multiplying each executive s base salary times his or her Target Bonus Percentage. Target Bonus Percentages are determined based on competitive market data, internal equity considerations, and the degree of difficulty associated with achieving plan performance levels. Each factor is evaluated by the Committee based on data and input provided by management and the independent consultant. No change was made to the Target Bonus Percentages in 2008 for Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Andreson, Mr. Marusiak, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Pietras and Dr. Kerns which were considered by the Committee as in line with market data based on the review of Peer Company compensation practices.

Target Bonus Percentages for the CEO and other Named Executive Officers during 2007 and 2008 were as follows:

Executive	2007 Target Bonus as a Percent of Base Salary	2008 Target Bonus as a Percent of Base Salary	
Kevin Fairbairn	200%	200%	
Jeffrey Andreson	75%	75%	
Luke Marusiak	75%	75%	
Michael Barnes	75%	75%	
Joseph Pietras	75%	75%	
Ralph Kerns	75%	75%	

*Bonus Pool:* The total amount of Executive Incentive Plan bonuses paid (the Executive Incentive Plan Bonus Pool or Bonus Pool ) to all Executive Incentive Plan participants (which includes the Named Executive Officers as well as all Intevac vice presidents and functional directors) is calculated by multiplying the Bonus Pool Percentage times Proforma Annual Income before Income Taxes, which is equal to the sum of income before income taxes, Bonus Pool expense, employee profit sharing expense and stock-based compensation expense. The Compensation Committee set the Bonus Pool Percentage at 10% at the beginning of 2008 after taking into consideration our projected Proforma Annual Income before Income Taxes and the total amount required to pay Executive Incentive Plan bonuses at the target level. This Bonus Pool Percentage was insufficient to pay bonuses at the 2008 target levels.

The Compensation Committee approved a new policy for 2008 that capped the performance-based annual cash bonuses that any Executive Incentive Plan participant could receive to a maximum of two times the target bonus.

Because of the tight linking of the Executive Incentive Plan Bonus Pool to profitability, executives do not receive performance-based annual cash bonuses in years when Proforma Annual Income before Income Taxes is zero or negative. The Compensation Committee reserves the right to exclude amounts, such as extraordinary or unusual items, gains or losses when determining Proforma Annual Income Before Income Taxes, but did not make any adjustments to the formula during 2008.

*Management by Objectives:* A comprehensive set of Management by Objective Goals (MBO Goals) was established for each business unit or functional organization and approved by the Compensation Committee at the beginning of 2008. The MBO Goals covered four areas:

*Business Results:* Goals included achievements with respect to metrics such as orders, revenues, profitability, cash management, quality, cycle-time and other finance related metrics that were targeted for improvement.

*Market Development:* Goals included achievements with respect to metrics such as market share, new customers gained for particular products, and completion of comprehensive marketing and sales plans for gaining additional business and higher gross margins.

*Product Excellence:* Goals included achievements with respect to metrics such as target completion dates for new products or improved products, material cost and reliability goals for new products, product yield improvements, field product performance and other measures as appropriate to encourage product excellence.

*Strategic Initiatives:* Goals included achievements with respect to metrics such as business process improvements, employee reviews, employee development, safety goals and other measures needed to support Intevac s growth.

Some of the MBO Goals are assigned to more than one of the Named Executive Officers to reinforce the teamwork required to achieve results. The relative importance of the each of the areas of MBO Goals was weighted differently for each Named Executive Officer according to his or her area of responsibility. For example, Mr. Marusiak s objectives were more heavily weighted towards Equipment MBO Goals, Dr. Pietras objectives were more heavily weighted towards Intevac Photonics MBO Goals, Dr. Barnes and Dr. Kerns objectives were

more heavily weighted towards Equipment product excellence MBO Goals and Mr. Fairbairn s and Mr. Andreson s objectives were more heavily weighted towards company-wide performance. Performance against MBO Goals was evaluated and numerically graded at the end of the year by management. This numerical grading is used to formulaically adjust the allocation of individual bonuses from the pool, with higher graded executives receiving a larger allocation and lower graded executives receiving a smaller allocation. The performance and evaluation was then reviewed and approved by the Compensation Committee. Mr. Fairbairn s performance was evaluated by the independent members of the Board of Directors.

*Actual Bonus Payments:* No bonus payments were made to the Named Executive Officers in 2008 as Proforma Annual Income before Income Taxes was a loss. The 2008 target bonuses of the CEO and other Named Executive Officers and the actual 2007 bonuses are shown in the following table:

		2007		2008	2008 Actual
Executive	Act	ual Bonus	Tar	get Bonus	Bonus
Kevin Fairbairn	\$	677,465	\$	936,042	\$
Jeffrey Andreson	\$	100,000	\$	195,016	\$
Luke Marusiak	\$	150,645	\$	202,800	\$
Michael Barnes	\$	145,463	\$	202,800	\$
Joseph Pietras	\$	136,239	\$	191,318	\$
Ralph Kerns	\$	115,220	\$	161,335	\$

### Stock Options:

We grant stock options to our Named Executive Officers to align their interests with the long-term interests of our stockholders and to provide our executives with incentive to manage Intevac from the perspective of an owner with an equity stake in the business.

*Stock Option Terms:* Stock options enable our executives to acquire shares of our Common Stock at a fixed price per share (the closing market price on the grant date). The options have a 10-year term, subject to earlier termination following the executive s cessation of service with Intevac in accordance with our 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. Options granted to executives generally vest in four equal annual installments, as measured from the option grant date.

*Stock Option Grants:* The Compensation Committee grants options to Named Executive Officers shortly after their start date in accordance with our 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. Guidelines for the number of options granted are reviewed annually and changes are made based on peer group data. The Compensation Committee typically grants additional stock options annually to Named Executive Officers as discussed below.

In order to determine the overall level of stock option grants to each Named Executive Officer, the Compensation Committee took into account factors such as each executive s recent performance, level of responsibility, job assignment, the competitive climate, market data, outstanding stock options, the number of shares in the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan available to grant, stock option overhang as a percent of Common Stock outstanding, the total number of shares granted as a percentage of shares outstanding, and projected compensation expense related to employee stock options. Each of these factors was considered by the Committee, in its judgment, and no formal weighting of these factors was used.

Annual renewal grants to Named Executive Officers, except for Mr. Fairbairn, were proposed by management and reviewed at a Compensation Committee meeting. The amount of the grants depended on business conditions, company performance, the competitive climate, market data, expense of the grants and other appropriate factors as determined by the Compensation Committee. Annual renewal grants are made only on days when our insider trading window is open. The Company s insider trading window opens the third business day after quarterly earnings have been released, and closes at the end of the last day of the second month of each quarter. Our policy is not to make stock option grants during such times as management and/or the Compensation Committee may be in possession of material, non-public information. For 2008, renewal grants for Named Executive Officers were made on August 21, 2008.

The number of shares granted to the Named Executive Officers in 2007 and 2008 are shown in the table below. The stock option grant to Mr. Andreson in 2007 was his initial stock option grant when he joined Intevac. The 2007 grants to Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Marusiak, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Pietras and Dr. Kerns and the 2008 grants to Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Andreson, Mr. Marusiak, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Pietras and Dr. Kerns were annual renewal grants.

Executive	2007 Option Grants	2008 Option Grants
Kevin Fairbairn	75,000	75,000
Jeffrey Andreson	50,000	25,000
Luke Marusiak	25,000	25,000
Michael Barnes	25,000	25,000
Joseph Pietras	25,000	25,000
Ralph Kerns	15,000	10,000

#### **2009 Executive Compensation**

#### Competitive Market Data

The Compensation Committee retained Farient to assist it in evaluating 2009 compensation programs. The instructions provided to Farient were consistent with past instructions provided and included assessing target compensation levels for our executives relative to market practices and evaluating the overall design of our executive compensation program. The consultant was also engaged by the Committee to update the assessment of the competiveness of compensation for our Board of Directors. Executive compensation data was drawn from the Radford Executive Benchmark Survey and from publicly available proxy filings for the Peer Companies. The market compensation levels for comparable positions were examined by Farient and the Compensation Committee as part of the process to determine overall program design, base salary, target incentives and annual stock option grants.

The Peer Companies we used to evaluate market compensation positioning for executives in making 2009 compensation decisions were selected based on the same criteria used for 2008. As a result, the only change was to remove FLIR Systems, Inc. due to the increased revenue size of the company which was over the top end of the targeted range of \$700 million.

The base salary, total cash compensation (base salary plus performance-based annual cash bonus) and total compensation (including stock options) for each of Intevac s twelve most senior executives were compared to their respective 2009 Peer Group averages for executives with similar levels of responsibility.

*Base Salary:* 2009 base salary levels, effective as of January 27, 2009, for the Named Executive Officers were approved by the Compensation Committee (with the exception of Mr. Fairbairn, whose base salary was approved by the independent members of the Board of Directors). There were no base salary increases for the Named Executive Officers in 2009. 2008 and 2009 base salaries for our Named Executive Officers are as follows:

% Increase/ (Decrease) in 2009 Base

2008 Base Salary			2009 se Salary	Salary vs. 2008 Base Salary	
\$	468,021	\$	468,021	%	
\$	260,021	\$	260,021	%	
\$	270,442	\$	270,442	%	
\$	255,091	\$	255,091	%	
\$	215,113	\$	215,113	%	
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*Target Bonus Percentages:* The Compensation Committee also approved 2009 Target Bonus Percentages for the Named Executive Officers, with the exception of Mr. Fairbairn, whose 2009 Target Bonus Percentage was approved by the independent members of the Board of Directors. No changes were made to the 2009 Target Bonus Percentages from their 2008 levels.

*Target Bonus:* As a result of the base salaries and target bonus Percentages set by the Compensation Committee, target bonuses for each of our Named Executive Officers are as follows:

Executive	Targe	2008 Target Bonus(1)		
Kevin Fairbairn	\$	936,042	\$	936,042
Jeffrey Andreson	\$	195,016	\$	195,016
Michael Barnes	\$	202,800	\$	202,800
Joseph Pietras	\$	191,318	\$	191,318
Ralph Kerns	\$	161,335	\$	161,335

(1) No bonus payments were made to the Named Executive Officers in 2008 as Proforma Annual Income before Income Taxes was a loss.

*Bonus Pool:* The Compensation Committee met in early 2009 to establish 2009 compensation targets for our Named Executive Officers. The Committee did not change the 10% Bonus Pool Percentage for the Executive Incentive Plan. This Bonus Pool Percentage will be insufficient to pay bonuses at the 2009 target levels unless we are able to significantly exceed forecasted financial performance. In order to pay bonuses at target levels the Company would need to achieve financial performance in 2009 similar to 2007 levels.

Although the Compensation Committee projected that the Bonus P