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#### PROXY STATEMENT

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

May 23, 2014

To the Shareholders of Astrotech Corporation:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders for Astrotech Corporation (the "Company" or "Astrotech") to be held at 221 West 6th Street, 21st Floor, Austin, TX 78701 on June 26, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. (Central time). Information about the meeting, the nominees for directors, and the proposals to be considered are presented in this Notice of Annual Meeting and the proxy statement on the following pages. At the meeting you will be asked to consider and vote on the following matters:

(i)

- to elect six directors to the Company's Board of Directors;
- (ii)
- to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young as independent auditors for the Company;
- (iii)
- to consider a proposed amendment to the Astrotech Corporation 2011 Stock Incentive Plan to authorize 2,000,000 additional shares; and

(iv)

• to transact any other business properly brought before the meeting.

The Board of Directors has approved these proposals and the Company urges you to vote in favor of these proposals and such other matters as may be submitted to you for a vote at the meeting. The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on May 9, 2014 as the record date for determining shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting.

This proxy statement and accompanying proxy card are being mailed to our shareholders along with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, as amended by a Form 10-K/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 11, 2014, and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2014. Voting can be completed by returning the proxy card, by telephone at 1-888-457-2959 or online at www.proxyvoting.com/ASTC. Only your latest-dated proxy card will count, and any proxy may be revoked at any time prior to its exercise at the Annual Meeting as described in this Proxy Statement. Further detail can be found on the proxy card and in the "Voting of Proxies" section included below.

Important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials of the shareholder meeting to be held on June 26, 2014: the proxy statement, Form 10-K, Form 10-K/ A and Form 10-Q are available at

http://www.astrotech.com/investors/proxy-statements.

Thank you for your assistance in voting your shares promptly.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Eric Stober Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. WHETHER OR NOT YOU INTEND TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING, PLEASE MARK, SIGN, AND DATE THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AND RETURN IT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE TO ASSURE THAT YOUR SHARES ARE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING. IF YOU ATTEND THE MEETING, YOU MAY VOTE IN PERSON IF YOU WISH TO DO SO, EVEN IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED YOUR PROXY.

# PROXY STATEMENT

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of Astrotech Corporation (the "Company" or "Astrotech"), a Washington corporation, of proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on June 26, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. (Central time) at 221 West 6th Street, 21st Floor, Austin, Texas 78701 (the "Annual Meeting"). This proxy statement, the accompanying proxy card, the Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, as amended by a Form 10-K/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on April 11, 2014, and the Form 10-Q for the period ending March 31, 2014 are being distributed to shareholders on or about May 23, 2014.

At the meeting you will be asked to consider and vote on the following matters:

(i)

• to elect six directors to the Company's Board of Directors;

(ii)

• to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young as independent auditors for the Company;

(iii)

• to consider a proposed amendment to the Astrotech Corporation 2011 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2011 Stock Incentive Plan") to authorize 2,000,000 additional shares; and

(iv)

• to transact any other business properly brought before the meeting.

#### Internet Availability of Proxy Materials

In addition to mailing paper copies of the Company's proxy statement, annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, as amended by a Form 10-K/ A filed with the SEC on April 11, 2014, and quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ending March 31, 2014, Astrotech is making these materials available to its shareholders via the Internet. The proxy statement, annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, as amended by a Form 10-K/ A filed with the SEC on April 11, 2014 and quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ending March 31, 2014 are available free of charge at http://www.astrotech.com/investors/proxy-statements.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on May 9, 2014 as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. As of the record date, there were 19,508,727 shares of Astrotech's common stock, no par value, issued and outstanding, including 8,333 shares of restricted stock with voting rights. There were no shares outstanding of Astrotech's preferred stock, no par value. Holders of common stock and restricted stock with voting rights are entitled to notice of the Annual Meeting and to one vote per share of common stock owned and restricted stock with voting rights granted as of the record date at the Annual Meeting. No shareholder shall be allowed to cumulate votes.

#### **Proxies**

The Board of Directors is soliciting a proxy in the form accompanying this proxy statement for use at the Annual Meeting and will not vote the proxy at any other meeting. Mr. Thomas B. Pickens III is the person named as proxy on the proxy card accompanying this proxy statement and is who the Board of Directors has selected to serve in such capacity. Mr. Pickens is Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Astrotech. In the event that Mr. Pickens cannot serve in such capacity, Mr. Eric N. Stober will be named as proxy. Mr. Stober is Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary of the Company.

Revocation of Proxies

Each shareholder giving a proxy has the power to revoke it at any time before the shares represented by that proxy are voted. Revocation of a proxy is effective when the Secretary of the Company receives either (i) an instrument revoking the proxy or (ii) a duly executed proxy bearing a later date. Additionally, a shareholder may change or revoke a previously executed proxy by voting in person at the Annual Meeting.

#### Voting of Proxies

Because many Astrotech shareholders are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors solicits proxies to give each shareholder an opportunity to vote on all matters scheduled to come before the meeting as set forth in this proxy statement. Shareholders are urged to read carefully the material in this proxy statement and vote through one of the following methods:

1.

• Fully completing, signing, dating and timely mailing the proxy card;

2.

• Calling 1-888-457-2959 and following the instructions provided on the phone line; or

3.

• Accessing the internet voting site at www.proxyvoting.com/ASTC and following the instructions provided on the website.

Please keep your proxy card with you when voting via the telephone or internet. All votes via the telephone or internet must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on June 25, 2014 in order to be counted. Each proxy card that is (a) properly executed, (b) timely received by the Company before or at the Annual Meeting, and (c) not properly revoked by the shareholder pursuant to the instructions above will be voted in accordance with the directions specified on the proxy and otherwise in accordance with the judgment of the persons designated therein as proxies. If no choice is specified and the proxy is properly signed and returned, the shares will be voted by the Board appointed proxy in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors.

Vote Required for Quorum

The holders of at least a majority of all issued and outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, whether present in person or represented by proxy, will constitute a quorum.

Vote Required for Director Elections

The election of the six directors requires the vote of a plurality of the shares of common stock represented at the meeting. Abstentions will have no effect on the election of directors since only votes "For" or "Against" a nominee will be counted.

Vote Required for Auditor Ratification and for the Amendment to the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan
The vote of the majority of the outstanding shares of common stock, present (in person or by proxy) and entitled to
vote at the Annual Meeting is required to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young as independent auditors for the
Company (Proposal 2) and to approve the proposed amendment to the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan to authorize
additional shares (Proposal 3). Abstentions will be the equivalent of an "Against" vote for Proposal 2 and Proposal 3.
Method of Tabulation and Broker Voting

One or more inspectors of election appointed for the meeting will tabulate the votes cast in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting, and will determine whether or not a quorum is present. The inspectors of election will treat abstentions as shares that are present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum and for purposes of determining the approval of any matter submitted to the shareholders for a vote.

Many of the Company's shares of common stock are held in "street name," meaning that a depository, broker-dealer or other financial institution holds the shares in its name, but such shares are beneficially owned by another person. Generally, a street name holder must receive direction from the beneficial owner of the shares to vote on issues other than routine shareholder matters such as the ratification of auditors. If a broker indicates on a proxy that it does not have discretionary authority as to certain shares to vote on a particular matter, those shares will not be considered present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting for such matter. For Proposals 1 and 3, only votes "For" or "Against" such proposal will be counted, so broker non-votes will have no effect on determinations of plurality for that proposal. Proposal 2 is considered a "routine" matter, so brokers will be able to vote uninstructed shares on that proposal.

#### Form 10-K

Shareholders may obtain, without charge, a copy of the Company's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 as filed with the SEC on October 15, 2013, as amended by a Form 10-K/ A filed with the SEC on April 11, 2014. In addition, shareholders may obtain, without charge, a copy of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2014 as filed with the SEC on May 14, 2014. For copies, please contact Investor Relations at the address of the Company's principal executive office: Astrotech Corporation, 401 Congress Ave, Suite 1650, Austin, Texas 78701. The Form 10-K, Form 10-K/ A and Form 10-Q are also available through the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and through the Company's website at http://www.astrotech.com/investors/proxy-statements.

#### GOVERNANCE OF ASTROTECH

The Company's business affairs are managed under the direction of our Board of Directors in accordance with the Washington Business Corporation Act and the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Company. The role of the Board of Directors is to effectively govern the affairs of the Company for the benefit of the Company's shareholders and other constituencies and to ensure that Astrotech's activities are conducted in a responsible and ethical manner. The Board of Directors strives to ensure the success of the Company through the election and appointment of qualified management, which regularly keeps members of the Board of Directors informed regarding the Company's business and industry. The Board of Directors is committed to the maintenance of sound corporate governance principles.

The Company operates under corporate governance principles and practices that are reflected in a set of written Corporate Governance Policies which are available on the Company's website at www.astrotechcorp.com, "For Investors." These include the following:

- Code of Ethics and Business Conduct
- Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers
- Shareholder Communications with Directors Policy
- Complaint and Reporting Procedures for Accounting and Auditing Matters
- Audit Committee Charter
- Compensation Committee Charter
- Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee Charter

Code of Ethics and Business Conduct

The Company's Code of Ethics and Business Conduct applies to all directors, officers, and employees of Astrotech. The key principles of this code include acting legally and ethically, speaking up, getting advice, and dealing fairly with the Company's shareholders. The Code of Ethics and Business Conduct is available on the Company's website at www.astrotechcorp.com and is available to the Company's shareholders upon request. The Code of Ethics and Business Conduct meets the requirements for a "Code of Conduct" under NASDAQ rules. Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers

The Company's Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers applies to the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, and other designated senior financial professionals. The key principles of this Code include acting legally and ethically, promoting honest business conduct, and providing timely and meaningful financial disclosures to the Company's shareholders. The Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Professionals is available on the Company's website at www.astrotechcorp.com and is available to the Company's shareholders upon request. The Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Professionals meets the requirements of a "Code of Ethics" under SEC rules.

Shareholder Communications with Directors Policy

Complaint and Reporting Procedures for Accounting and Auditing Matters

The Company's Shareholder Communications with Directors Policy provides a medium for shareholders to communicate with the Board of Directors. Under this policy, shareholders may communicate with the Board of Directors or specific Board members by sending a letter to Astrotech Corporation, Shareholder Communications with the Board of Directors, Attn: Secretary, 401 Congress Ave, Suite 1650, Austin, Texas 78701. Such communications should specify the intended recipient or recipients. All such communications, other than unsolicited commercial solicitations, will be forwarded to the appropriate director, or directors, for review.

The Company's Complaint and Reporting Procedures for Accounting and Auditing Matters provide for the (i) receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints, reports, and concerns regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters and (ii) the confidential, anonymous submission of complaints, reports, and concerns by employees regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters. Complaints may be made to a toll-free independent "Integrity Helpline" telephone number and to a dedicated e-mail address. Complaints received are logged by the Company's external legal counsel, communicated to the Company's Audit Committee, and investigated under the direction of the Company's Audit Committee. In accordance with Section 806 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, these procedures prohibit the Company from taking adverse action against any person submitting a good faith complaint, report, or concern.

Board Leadership and Role in Risk Oversight

The Board has determined that the combined role of Chairman and CEO is appropriate for the Company as it promotes unified leadership and direction for the Company, allowing for a single, clear focus for management to execute the Company's strategy and business plans. This structure also avoids the added costs and inefficiencies that would result by mandating an independent Chairman. The Board believes that the governance structure allows the Board to effectively work with the combined role of Chairman and CEO.

The Board of Directors strives to balance the risk and return ratio for all Astrotech stakeholders. In doing so, management maintains regular communication with the Board of Directors, both on a formal and informal basis. This includes conversations on the state of the business, the industry and the overall economic environment with Astrotech management during formal Board of Directors meetings, formal Committee meetings and in more frequent informal conversations. Additionally, the Board of Directors utilizes its Committees to consider specific topics which require further focus, skill sets and/or independence. The Audit Committee coordinates the Board of Directors' oversight of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, disclosure controls and procedures and code of conduct. Management regularly reports to the Audit Committee on these areas. The Compensation Committee assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to the management of risks arising from our compensation policies and programs. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee assists the Board of Directors' organization, membership and structure, succession planning for our directors and corporate governance. Committees of the Board of Directors

During fiscal year 2013, the Board of Directors had three standing committees: an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. Each such committee currently consists of three persons and each member of the Audit, Compensation and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committees is required at the minimum to meet the independence requirements of the NASDAQ's Listing Rules.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee have adopted a charter that governs its authority, responsibilities and operation. The Company periodically reviews, both internally and with the Board of Directors, the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley

Act of 2002, and the rules of the SEC and NASDAQ regarding corporate governance policies, processes and listing standards. In conformity with the requirement of such rules and listing standards, we have adopted a written Audit Committee Charter, a Compensation Committee Charter, and a Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee Charter, each of which may be found on the Company's web site at www.astrotechcorp.com under "For Investors" or by writing to Astrotech Corporation, 401 Congress Avenue, Suite 1650, Austin, Texas 78701, Attention "Investor Relations" and requesting copies.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee was created by the Board of Directors. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is comprised solely of independent directors that meet the requirements of NASDAQ and SEC rules and operates under a written charter adopted by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The charter is available in the "For Investors" section of the Company's web site at www.astrotechcorp.com. The primary purpose of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is to provide oversight on the broad range of issues surrounding the composition and operation of the Board of Directors, including identifying individuals qualified to become Board of Directors members and recommending director nominees for the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders. As of the end of fiscal year 2013 the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee consisted of Mr. Adams (Chairman), Ms. Manning and Mr. Oliva. During fiscal year 2013, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee did not meet.

Astrotech's six director nominees were approved by the Board of Directors in March 2014 after considering the recommendation of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. The Company's Articles of Incorporation provide that, with respect to any vacancies or newly created directorships, the Board of Directors will nominate individuals who receive a majority vote of the then sitting directors.

Regarding nominations for directors, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee identifies nominees in various ways. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee considers the current directors that have expressed interest in, and that continue to satisfy, the criteria for serving on the Board of Directors. Other nominees may be proposed by current directors, members of management, or by shareholders. From time to time, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee may engage a professional firm to identify and evaluate potential director nominees. Regarding the skills of the director candidate, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee considers individuals with industry and professional experience that complements the Company's goals and strategic direction. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee has established certain criteria it considers as guidelines in considering nominations for the Board of Directors. The criteria include:

- the candidate's independence;
- the candidate's depth of business experience;
- the candidate's availability to serve;
- the candidate's integrity and personal and professional ethics;
- the diversity of experience and background relative to the Board of Directors as a whole; and

• the need for specific expertise on the Board of Directors.

The above criteria are not exhaustive and the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee may consider other qualifications and attributes which they believe are appropriate in evaluating the ability of an individual to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. In order to ensure that the Board of Directors consists of members with a variety of perspectives and skills, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee has not set any minimum qualifications and also considers candidates with appropriate non-business backgrounds. Other than ensuring that at least one member of the Board of Directors is a financial expert and a majority of the Board of Directors meet all applicable independence requirements, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee looks for how the candidate can adequately address

his or her fiduciary requirement and contribute to building shareholder value. With regards to diversity, the Company does not have a formal policy for the consideration of diversity in Board of Director candidates, but Company practice has historically considered this in director nominees and the Company expects to continue to in future nomination and review processes.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee will consider, for possible Board endorsement, director candidates recommended by stockholders. For purposes of the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the Governance and Nominating Committee will consider any nominations received by the Secretary from a shareholder of record on or before February 26, 2015 (the 120th calendar day before the one-year anniversary date of the release of these proxy materials to shareholders). Any such nomination must be made in writing, must be accompanied by all nominee information that is required under the federal securities laws and must include the nominee's written consent to be named in the Proxy Statement. The nominee must be willing to allow the Company to complete a background check. The nominating shareholder must submit their name and address, as well as that of the beneficial owner, if applicable, and the class and number of shares of Astrotech common stock that are owned beneficially and of record by such shareholder and such beneficial owner. Finally, the nominating shareholder must discuss the nominee's qualifications to serve as a director.

#### The Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is composed solely of independent directors that meet the requirements of NASDAQ and SEC rules and operates under a written charter adopted by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The charter is available on the Company's web site which is www.astrotechcorp.com. The Audit Committee is responsible for appointing and compensating a firm of independent auditors to audit the Company's financial statements, as well as oversight of the performance and review of the scope of the audit performed by the Company's independent auditors. The Audit Committee also reviews audit plans and procedures, changes in accounting policies, and the use of the independent auditors for non-audit services. As of the end of fiscal year 2013, the Audit Committee consisted of Mr. Oliva (Chairman), Mr. Russler, and Ms. Manning. During fiscal year 2013, the Audit Committee met seven times. The Board of Directors has determined that John A. Oliva, Daniel T. Russler, Jr. and Sha-Chelle Manning met the qualification guidelines as an "audit committee financial experts" as such term is defined in Item 407(d)(5)(ii) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC.

Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy and Procedures

The Audit Committee is responsible for appointing, setting compensation for, and overseeing the work of Ernst & Young, the Company's independent auditors. Audit Committee policy requires the pre-approval of all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided by independent auditors in order to assure that the provision of such services does not impair the auditors' independence. The policy, as amended, provides for the general pre-approval of specific types of services and gives detailed guidance to management as to the specific audit, audit-related, and tax services that are eligible for general pre-approval. For both audit and non-audit pre-approvals, the Audit Committee will consider whether such services are consistent with applicable law and SEC rules and regulations concerning auditor independence.

The policy delegates to the Chairman of the Audit Committee the authority to grant certain specific pre-approvals; provided, however, that the Chairman of the Audit Committee is required to report the granting of any pre-approvals to the Audit Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The policy prohibits the Audit Committee from delegating to management the Audit Committee's responsibility to pre-approve services performed by the independent auditors.

Requests for pre-approval of services must be detailed as to the particular services proposed to be provided and are to be submitted by the CFO. Each request generally must include a detailed description of the type and scope of services, a proposed staffing plan, a budget of the proposed fees for such services, and a general timetable for the performance of such services.

The Report of the Audit Committee can be found in this proxy statement following the Proposal 2 description.

#### The Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee is composed solely of independent directors that meet the requirements of NASDAQ and SEC rules and operates under a written charter adopted by the Compensation Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in May 2004, and amended in May 2005. The charter is available on the Company's web site, which is www.astrotechcorp.com. The Compensation Committee is responsible for determining the compensation and benefits of all executive officers of the Company and establishing general policies relating to compensation and benefits of employees of the Company. The Compensation Committee is delegated all authority of the Board of Directors as may be required or advisable to fulfill the purposes of the Compensation Committee. Meetings may, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee, include members of the Company's management, other members of the Board of Directors, consultants or advisors, and such other persons as the Compensation Committee or its chairperson may determine in an informational or advisory capacity.

The Board of Directors annually considers the performance of our Chief Executive Officer. Meetings to determine the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer must be held in executive session. Meetings to determine the compensation of any officer of the Company, other than the Chief Executive Officer, may be attended by the Chief Executive Officer, but the Chief Executive Officer may not vote on these matters.

The Compensation Committee also administers the Company's 2011 Stock Incentive Plan, 2008 Stock Incentive Plan, the 1994 Stock Incentive Plan, and the 1995 Directors' Stock Option Plan in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in those plans. As of the end of fiscal year 2013, the Compensation Committee consisted of Mr. Russler (Chairman), Mr. Readdy, and Mr. Oliva. During fiscal year 2013, the Compensation Committee met six times. Director Attendance at Annual Shareholders Meeting

The members of the Board of Directors are expected to attend the Annual Shareholders Meeting. All of the members of the Board of Directors who are standing for election attended last year's Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on April 26, 2013.

# **Legal Proceedings**

On January 10, 2013, a lawsuit was filed against Astrotech Corporation by John Porter, the former Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary of the Company. In the lawsuit, Mr. Porter alleged various breaches of contract claims in connection with his termination from the Company on August 3, 2012. On April 28, 2014, the Company reached a settlement agreement of all claims asserted by Mr. Porter in this lawsuit.

On February 20, 2013, a shareholder derivative lawsuit was filed in the District Court of Travis County, Texas against the current directors and chief executive officer of Astrotech Corporation and against the Company, as nominal defendant. The complaint alleged, among other things, that the directors and chief executive officer breached fiduciary duties to the Company in connection with certain corporate transactions, including loans to subsidiaries and purchases of outstanding shares of the Company's common stock. On February 25, 2014, the Texas Court of Appeals, Third District, dismissed this lawsuit.

Astrotech has been named as a party to a suit filed in the Circuit Court of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit for Brevard County, Florida. This is an action for foreclosure of certain real estate and for debt. The Company is named as a party because it holds an inferior lien against the property at issue and must be named in the foreclosure action. No monetary relief has been requested against Astrotech.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company's directors and executive officers and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of the Company's common stock to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC. Such directors, executive officers, and greater than 10% shareholders are required by SEC regulation to furnish to the Company copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Due dates for the reports are specified by those laws, and the Company is required to disclose in this document any failure in the past fiscal year to file by the required dates. Based solely on

written representations of the Company's directors and executive officers and on copies of the reports that they have filed with the SEC, the Company's belief is that all but one of Astrotech's directors and executive officers complied with all filing requirements applicable to them with respect to transactions in the Company's equity securities during fiscal year 2013.

On March 17, 2013, Don M. White, an executive officer with the Company, initiated an order to sell 2,000 shares of Astrotech stock held in a former employer's 401(k) plan as part of a required liquidation of all positions prior to transferring his 401(k) funds into his rollover IRA. Mr. White reported the transaction to Company management on March 17, 2013, but it was not disclosed on Form 4 until April 10, 2014 due to an administrative oversight.

#### PROPOSAL 1 — ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, which is comprised entirely of independent directors, has carefully considered all director nominees. Upon the recommendation of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, the Board of Directors has nominated Thomas B. Pickens III, Mark Adams, John A. Oliva, William F. Readdy, Sha-Chelle Manning and Daniel T. Russler, Jr. to the Board of Directors to serve as directors until the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Each nominee has agreed to serve if elected.

All members of the Board of Directors are expected to be elected at the Annual Meeting. All directors shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, or their earlier removal or resignation from office. The Company's articles of incorporation authorize the Board of Directors from time to time to determine the number of its members. Vacancies in unexpired terms and any additional director positions created by Board action may be filled by action of the existing Board of Directors at that time, and any director who is appointed in this fashion will serve until the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until a successor is duly elected and qualified, or their earlier removal or resignation from office.

Table of "Information About Directors, Nominees and Executive Officers") have no relationship that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director and are "independent directors" as defined by Rule 5605(a)(2) of the NASDAQ's Listing Rules. Not less than annually, the Board of Directors undertakes the review and approval of all related-party transactions. Related-party transactions include transactions valued at the lesser of \$120,000 or 1% of the average total assets of the Company at year end for the last two completed fiscal years between the Company and any of the Company's executive officers, directors, nominees for director, holders of greater than 5% of Astrotech's shares and any of such parties' immediate family members. The purpose of this review is to ensure that such transactions, if any, were approved in accordance with our Code of Ethics and Business Conduct and for the purpose of determining whether any of such transactions impacted the independence of such directors. There were no such transactions in fiscal year 2012. The Board has affirmatively determined that none of the independent directors is an officer or employee of the Company or any of Astrotech's subsidiaries and none of such persons have any relationships which, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. Ownership of a significant amount of our stock, by itself, does not constitute a material relationship.

The Board of Directors held five meetings during fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 and all directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board of Directors. The members of each committee and the chair of each committee are appointed annually by the Board of Directors.

Information about the number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by each director appears later in this proxy statement under the heading "Security Ownership of Directors, Executive Officers and Principal Shareholders." THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES:

Thomas B. Pickens III William F. Readdy John A. Oliva Sha-Chelle Manning Mark Adams Daniel T. Russler, Jr.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT DIRECTORS, NOMINEES AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table shows information as of March 31, 2014 regarding members of and nominees for the Company's Board of Directors:

Current & Nominee Directors	Principal Occupation	Age	Director Since
Thomas B. Pickens III	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Astrotech Corporation	57	2004
Mark Adams*	Founder, President and CEO, Advocate MD Financial Group, Inc.	52	2007
John A. Oliva*	Managing Principal, Capital City Advisors, Inc.	58	2008
William F. Readdy*	Founder, Discovery Partners, International LLC	62	2008
Sha-Chelle Manning*	Managing Director, Nanoholdings LLC	46	2009
Daniel T. Russler, Jr.*	Principal, Family Asset Management LLC	50	2011

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• Indicates an "independent director"

#### Current Directors Nominated for Re-election

#### Thomas B. Pickens III

Mr. Pickens was named Astrotech's Chief Executive Officer in January 2007 and Chairman in February 2008. In 1985, Mr. Pickens founded T.B. Pickens & Co., a company that provides consulting services to corporations, public institutions, and start-up organizations. Additionally, Mr. Pickens is the Managing Partner and Founder of Tactic Advisors, Inc., a company specializing in corporate turnarounds on behalf of creditors and investors that have aggregated to over \$20 billion in value. Since 1985, Mr. Pickens has served as President of T.B. Pickens & Co. From 1991 to 2002, Mr. Pickens was the Founder and Chairman of U.S. Utilities, Inc., a company which operated 114 water and sewer utilities on behalf of various companies affiliated with Mr. Pickens. From 1995 to 1999, Mr. Pickens directed over 20 direct investments in various venture capital investments and was Founder and Chairman of the Code Corporation. From 1988 to 1993, Mr. Pickens was the Chairman of Catalyst Energy Corporation and was Chairman of United Thermal Corporation (NYSE). Mr. Pickens was also the President of Golden Bear Corporation, Slate Creek Corporation, Eury Dam Corporation, Century Power Corporation, and Vidilia Hydroelectric Corporation. From 1982 to 1988, Mr. Pickens founded Beta Computer Systems, Inc., and Sumpter Partners, and was the General Partner of Grace Pickens Acquisition L.P.

Mr. Pickens has served as a director since 2004 and became CEO in 2007. He brings a historical understanding of Astrotech and serves a key leadership role on the Board of Directors, providing the Board of Directors with in-depth knowledge on Astrotech's and the industry's challenges and opportunities. Mr. Pickens was intimately involved with the transformation of the Company from the legacy SPACEHAB business to the current core business of Astrotech Space Operations, including the conversion of over \$50 million in debt to equity positions. Currently, Mr. Pickens communicates management's perspectives on company strategy, operations and financial results to the Board of Directors. Mr. Pickens' has extensive senior management experience, as well as experience as a member of multiple corporate boards.

## Mark Adams

Mr. Adams founded Advocate, MD Financial Group, Inc., a leading Texas-based medical liability insurance holding company, in July 2003. Since July 2003, Mr. Adams has served as its Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer. He is also a founding partner in several other companies including the Endowment Development Group, a Houston-based life insurance company specializing in placing large multimillion dollar life insurance policies throughout the U.S. market. Mr. Adams founded Murphy Adams Restaurant Group in 2007 which owns and operates Mama Fu's Asian House restaurants throughout the southeast United States. In 2008, Mr. Adams founded Small Business United, LLC, a non-profit organization that supports small businesses. Also in 2008, Mr. Adams co-founded

Trust Management Group), LLC. Additionally in 2008, Mr. Adams founded Sozo Global, LLC, a rapidly expanding, international network marketing functional beverage and nutritional products company. Mr. Adams is the winner of the 2008 Prestigious Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Central Texas. After his career with global public companies such as Xerox and Johnson & Johnson (1985-1988), beginning in 1988, Mr. Adams then spent the next 12 years at Bostik Adhesives where he served in senior management, sales and strategic business management roles for their worldwide markets in North America, Latin America, Asia, and Europe. In 1997, Mr. Adams then served as Global Sales Director for Bostik and General Manager of Bostik's J.V. Company Nitta-Findley based in Osaka, Japan and later purchased a minority interest in Ward Adhesives, Inc. and served as General Manager, and Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Mr. Adams is also an advisory board member for the McCoy College of Business at Texas State University. Additionally, Mr. Adams has served as a director of Murphy Adams Restaurant Group, LLC, Ex-Pel, Inc., KLD Energy Technologies, Inc., Powerstations, LLC, Belize Grocery, LLC and Sundance, LLC. He has also served as chief executive officer of ETMG (Employers Test Management Group), LLC, Sozo Global, LLC, Viva Chocolate, LLC.

Mr. Adams brings to our Board a wide range of experience in business, with a particular focus on entrepreneurism. He has brought his diversity of thought to the Board of Directors since 2007, which positions him as the longest tenured director other than Mr. Pickens. As stated above, Mr. Adams serves as a director for several public and private companies, including Astrotech, providing the Board with expertise in management and corporate governance. Mr. Adams serves as the Chairman of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee.

John A. Oliva

John A. Oliva has 32 years of experience in the private equity, investment banking, capital markets, branch management, and asset management sectors. Since 2002, Mr. Oliva has been the Managing Principal of Southeastern Capital Partners BD Inc., a FINRA registered broker/dealer and independent investment banking and advisory firm. Since 2002, Southeast Capital Partners has provided financial advisory services, including mergers/acquisitions, underwriting and raising expansion capital to select mid-tier companies. In addition, Mr. Oliva is the Managing Partner of Capital City Advisors Inc., which provides private merchant banking services to clients in Europe and Asia. Mr. Oliva holds various FINRA licenses including the Managing Principal and Financial Principal licenses. Prior to the formation of CCA and Southeastern Capital Partners, Mr. Oliva worked for Morgan Stanley & Co and served as an advisor to their Private Wealth Management group, developing, reviewing and implementing solutions for the firms' investment banking clients. He was also a group manager. Mr. Oliva was nationally recognized for achievements at Morgan Stanley & Co and Shearson/Lehman Brothers in the asset management and investment banking sector. Mr. Oliva performed similar roles at Interstate/Johnson Lane and The Robinson Humphrey Company. Mr. Oliva also worked on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr. Oliva has served on the Board of Directors since 2008 and provides expert advice to the Board of Directors on financial issues. Mr. Oliva plays a crucial role in risk management, providing advice and direction to management on a number of issues ranging from SEC filings, debt transactions and auditor independence. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Oliva meets the qualification guidelines as an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by the SEC rules. Mr. Oliva is Chairman of the Audit Committee and serves on the Compensation Committee and the Governance and Nominating Committee.

#### William F. Readdy

From 1974 to 2005, Mr. Readdy served the United States as a naval aviator, pilot astronaut, military officer, and civil service executive. Retiring from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration ("NASA") in September 2005, Mr. Readdy established Discovery Partners International LLC, a consulting firm providing strategic thinking and planning, risk management, safety and emerging technology solutions and decision support to aerospace and high-technology industries. Since its formation, Mr. Readdy has served as Managing Partner.

In addition, Mr. Readdy currently serves on the board of directors of American Pacific Corporation, a company that manufactures active pharmaceutical ingredients and registered intermediates, energetic

products used primarily in space flight and defense systems, clean fire- extinguishing agents and water treatment equipment. Mr. Readdy is also chairman of GeoMetWatch, Inc., a startup company offering commercial satellite weather products.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s he served as a naval test pilot. Mr. Readdy joined NASA in 1986 and in 1987 became a member of the astronaut corps, but continued his military service in the Naval Reserve, attaining the rank of captain in 2000. Mr. Readdy logged more than 672 hours in space on three shuttle missions. In 1996 he commanded the space shuttle "Atlantis" on a docking mission to the Russian "Mir" space station.

In 2001, Mr. Readdy was appointed NASA's Associate Administrator for Space Operations responsible for NASA's major programs, several field centers and an annual budget approaching \$7 billion. Following the loss of space shuttle "Columbia" in February 2003, Mr. Readdy chaired NASA's Space Flight Leadership Council, and oversaw the agency's recovery from the accident and the shuttle's successful return to flight in July 2005. Mr. Readdy was honored as a Presidential Meritorious Rank Executive in 2003 and in 2005 was awarded NASA's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Medal for the second time. In addition to the Distinguished Flying Cross he is the recipient of numerous national and international aviation and space awards, and has been recognized for his contributions to aerospace safety.

Mr. Readdy brings to the Company tremendous background and experience with NASA, the U.S. Department of Defense and with the aerospace industry in general, which are primary focuses of the Company. He also brings to the Company an extensive knowledge of public policy, program management and contracting matters involving military, civil and commercial space programs. Mr. Readdy serves on the Compensation Committee. Sha-Chelle Manning

Sha-Chelle Manning is a founding partner of Manti Ventures, a privately held advanced technology investment group. In September, 2013, Ms. Manning was appointed as a volunteer member of the Texas Emerging Technology Advisory Committee, which recommends proposals eligible for funding through the Texas Emerging Technology Fund. From September 1, 2008 to April 30, 2010, Sha-Chelle Manning has been Managing Director for Nanoholdings LLC, a company focused on oil and gas exploration through nano-enabled solutions. From January 2007 to December 31, 2008, Ms. Manning was a Vice President at Authentix, a Carlyle company that is a recognized leader in nano solutions for Fortune 500 companies and governments around the world for brand protection, excise tax recovery, and authentication of security documents and pharmaceutical drugs. From September 2005 to April 2007, Ms. Manning was a consultant to the Office of the Governor of Texas, Rick Perry, where she led the development of the Texas nanotechnology strategic plan.

Prior to these assignments, Ms. Manning was Director of Alliances at Zyvex Corporation from August 2002 to September 2005, where she was responsible for the commercialization of nanotechnology products introduced and sold into the marketplace in partnership with key government agencies and industry. Ms. Manning also served as Vice President for Winstar Communications New Media.

Ms. Manning brings to our Board a wide range of experience in management and executive strategic consulting positions for companies focusing on high-technology solutions or services. Additionally, her interaction with local, state and federal governments throughout her career provides significant experience with government affairs, particularly in the State of Texas. Ms. Manning serves on the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and the Audit Committee. The Board of Directors has determined that Ms. Manning meets the qualification guidelines as an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by the SEC rules.

Daniel T. Russler, Jr.

Daniel Russler has more than 20 years of capital markets, development, and entrepreneurial experiences, including an extensive background in sales and trading of a broad variety of equity, fixed income and private placement securities. Since 2003, Mr. Russler has been the Principal Partner of Family Asset Management, LLC, a multi-family office providing high net worth individuals and families with financial services. Mr. Russler has held portfolio and risk management positions at First Union Securities, Inc., J.C. Bradford & Co, William R. Hough & Co, New Japan Securities International and Bankers Trust Company. His background also includes experience in project and structured finance at U.S. Generating Company.

Mr. Russler received a master's in business administration from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University and a bachelor's degree in English and political science from the University of North Carolina. He currently serves as the Senior Warden Emeritus at St. Philips Church and on its finance committee. Dan is also active in Charleston's youth sports programs.

Mr. Russler has extensive knowledge of finance, entrepreneurship, investment allocation and capital raising matters that the Board of Directors feels will add value to the shareholders. Mr. Russler's qualifications and background were deemed to meet the Company's requirements of an independent director by the Board of Directors in February 2011. Mr. Russler is Chairman of the Compensation Committee and serves on the Audit Committee. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Russler meets the qualification guidelines as an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by the SEC rules.

Director Independence and Financial Experts

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee charters require that each member meet: (1) all applicable criteria defining "independence" that may be prescribed from time to time under NASDAQ Listing Rule 5605(a)(2), Rule 10A-(3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and other related rules and listing standards, (2) the criteria for a "non-employee director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and (3) the criteria for an "outside director" within the meaning of Section 162(m)(4)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Company's Board of Directors also annually makes an affirmative determination that all such "independence" standards have been and continue to be met by the independent directors and members of each of the three committees, that each director qualifying as independent is neither an officer nor an employee of Astrotech or any of its subsidiaries nor an individual that has any relationship with Astrotech or any of its subsidiaries, or with management (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an entity that has such a relationship) which, in the Board of Director's opinion, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. In addition, a director is presumptively considered not independent if:

- The director, at any time within the past three years, was employed by Astrotech or any of its subsidiaries;
- The director or a family member received payments from Astrotech or any of its subsidiaries in excess of the lesser of \$120,000 or 1% of the total assets of the Company over the last two completed fiscal years during any period of twelve consecutive months within the preceding three years (other than for Board or Committee service, form investments in the Company's securities or from certain other qualifying exceptions);

• The director is, or has a family member who is a partner in, an executive officer or controlling shareholder of any entity to which Astrotech made to or received from payments for property or services in the current or in any of the prior three years that exceed 5% of the recipient's consolidated gross revenues for that year, or \$200,000, whichever is more (other than, with other minor exceptions, payments arising solely from investments in the Company's securities);

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• The director is a family member of a person who is, or at any time during the three prior years was employed as an executive officer by Astrotech or any of its subsidiaries;

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• The director is, or has a family member who is employed as an executive officer of another entity where at any time within the prior three years any of Astrotech's officers served on the compensation committee of the other entity; or

• The director is, or has a family member who is a current partner of Astrotech Corporation's independent auditing firm, or was a partner or employee of that firm who worked on the Company's audit at any time during the prior three years.

The Board of Directors has determined each of the following directors and director nominees to be an "independent director" as such term is defined by Rule 5605(a)(2) of the NASDAQ Listing Rules: Mark Adams; John A. Oliva; William F. Readdy; Sha-Chelle Manning and Daniel T. Russler, Jr. In determining Sha-Chelle Manning's status as an "independent director," the Board of Directors specifically considered Ms. Manning's appointment in September 2012 as a volunteer member of the Texas Emerging Technology Advisory Committee. The Texas Emerging Technology Advisory Committee recommends proposals eligible for funding through the Texas Emerging Technology Fund. As previously disclosed, 1st Detect, a subsidiary of the Company, was the recipient of funding through the Texas Emerging Technology Fund in 2010.

The Board of Directors has also determined that each member of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee during the past fiscal year and the proposed nominees for the upcoming fiscal year meets the independence requirements applicable to those Committees prescribed by NASDAQ and SEC rules.

Executive Officers and Key Employees of the Company who are Not Nominees Set forth below is a summary of the background and business experience of the executive officers of the Company who are not also nominees of the Board of Directors as of March 31, 2014:

Name	Position(s)	Age	With Company Since
Eric N. Stober	Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary	36	2008
Don M. White	Senior Vice President, GM of Astrotech Space Operations	51	2005

Eric N. Stober

Eric N. Stober joined Astrotech in August 2008 and was promoted to the Company's Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary in November 2013. Prior to his promotion, Mr. Stober served in various roles at Astrotech including Vice President of Corporate Development from 2012 through his recent promotion. He is responsible for overall strategic planning, corporate development and finance. His primary areas of focus are utilizing financial management to support the core spacecraft payload processing business while efficiently advancing the Company's biotechnology initiatives in microgravity processing and commercializing advanced technologies that have been developed in and around the space industry.

Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Stober worked at the private equity firm Virtus Financial Group, analyzing prospective middle market private equity investments. Additionally, Mr. Stober founded or co-founded several companies, including a web advertising company, a small business tax and financial advisory firm, a sports-based

media and entertainment company, and a service provider sourcing company. He has helped numerous companies prepare business plans and raise start-up or growth capital. Mr. Stober began his professional career working for both The Ayco Company, a Goldman Sachs company, and Lehman Brothers, where he helped wealthy individuals and families manage their investments, taxes, insurance, estate plans, and compensation and benefits.

#### Don M. White

Don M. White has been instrumental in leading Astrotech's satellite processing operations since 2005. As Senior Vice President and General Manager of Astrotech Space Operations, Mr. White oversees a rigorous satellite payload processing schedule. He is also responsible for expanding business services, improving profitability, and managing current contracts. Additionally, Mr. White maintains ongoing negotiations with all customers, pledging that every mission contract process is streamlined with the utmost efficacy and safety.

Prior to joining the Astrotech team, Mr. White was employed at Lockheed Martin as their Payloads/Ordnance Chief Engineer. He was then promoted to Mission Support Manager, leading various aspects of the Atlas V Development Program. Mr. White's extensive aerospace experience also includes providing leadership to the Titan and Shuttle External Tank programs while at Martin Marietta Corporation.

# SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

The following table sets forth as of May 9, 2014, certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of the Company's outstanding common stock held by (i) each person known by the Company to be a beneficial owner of more than five percent of any outstanding class of the Company's capital stock, (ii) each of the Company's directors, (iii) the Company's Chief Executive Officer and two other most highly compensated executive officers at the end of the Company's last completed fiscal year and (iv) all directors and executive officers of the Company as a group. Unless otherwise described below, each of the persons listed in the table below has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares indicated as beneficially owned by such party.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owners	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership (#)	Shares Subject to Options (#)	Total (#)	Percentage of Class (1)	
Certain Beneficial Owners	,				
Huckleberry Investments LLP (2)	2,178,521	_	2,178,521	11.2%	
Bruce & Co., Inc. (3) Non-Employee Directors: (4)	1,070,073	_	1,070,073	5.5 %	
Mark Adams	450,019	106,000	556,019	2.8 %	
John A. Oliva	170,000	105,000	275,000	1.4 %	
William F. Readdy Sha-Chelle	150,000	105,000	255,000	1.3 %	
Devlin	135,000	60,000	195,000	1.0 %	
Manning Daniel T. Russler Named	25,000	60,000	85,000	*	
Executive Officers:					
Thomas B. Pickens III	3,733,746	212,500	3,946,246	20.0%	
Don M. White	85,900	132,700	218,600	1.1 %	
Carlisle Kirkpatrick (5) All Directors and Executive	_	_	_	*	
Officers as a Group (10 persons)	4,829,665	805,200	5,634,865	27.7%	

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• Mr. Kirkpatrick resigned on October 30, 2013.

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• Indicates beneficial ownership of less than 1% of the outstanding shares of common stock.
• Includes unvested restricted stock grants.
• Calculated pursuant to Rule 13d-3(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Under Rule 13d-3(d), shares not outstanding which are subject to options, warrants, rights or conversion privileges exercisable within 60 days are deemed outstanding for the purpose of calculating the number and percentage owned by a person, but not deemed outstanding for the purpose of calculating the number and percentage owned by any other person listed. As of May 9, 2014, we had 19,508,727 shares of common stock outstanding, including 8,333 of restricted stock with voting rights.
• Based on information obtained from a Schedule 13G filed by Huckleberry Investments LLP with the SEC on February 4, 2014. Huckleberry Investments LLP, is a fund manager based in the United Kingdom with its principle business conducted at 103 Mount Street, London, W1K 2TJ.
• Based on information obtained from a Form N-CSRS filed by Bruce Fund, Inc. with the SEC on March 6, 2014. Bruce & Co., Inc., is the investment manager for Bruce Fund, Inc., a Maryland registered investment company with its principle business conducted at 20 North Wacker Dr., Suite 2414, Chicago, IL 60606.
• The applicable address for all non-employee directors and named executive officers is c/o Astrotech Corporation, 401 Congress Ave., Suite 1650, Austin, TX 78701.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The Summary Compensation Table provides compensation information about Astrotech's principal executive officer and the two other most highly compensated executive officers.

**Summary Compensation Table** 

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$) (1)	Stock Awards (\$) (2)	Spacetech Incentive Awards (\$)	All Other ompensation (\$) (3)	Total (\$)
Thomas B.	2013	439,000	_			13,748	452,748
Pickens III;							
Chief Executive	2012	399,000	185,000	86,740		13,673	684,413
Officer							
Don M. White;	2013	247,000	100,000	_		9,491	356,491
Sr. VP, GM of							
Astrotech Space	2012	225,000	125,000	43,370		9,591	402,961
Operations							
Carlisle	2013	260,000	_			929	260,929
Kirkpatrick (4);							
Former Chief	2012						
Financial	2012						
Officer							

(1)

• See narrative on Short-term Cash Incentives: Bonus was awarded in September 2013 for performance in fiscal year 2013.

(2)

• See narrative on Long-term Incentive Non-cash Awards: Includes options granted on August 21, 2012, Mr. Pickens received 100,000 options and Mr. White received 50,000 options in Astrotech, these options vested upon a stock closing price of \$1.50 on October 21, 2013 and had a strike price of \$1.20. For a discussion of the assumptions we made in valuing the stock, see Note 2 ("Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: Share-Based Compensation") and Note 10 ("Common Stock Incentive, Stock Purchase Plans and Other Compensation Plans") in the Company's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

(3)

• The amounts in this column include the following: matching contributions under our 401(k) savings plan and supplemental disability insurance premiums for Messrs. Pickens, White and Kirkpatrick; and payments associated with a car allowance for Mr. Pickens.

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• Mr. Kirkpatrick resigned on October 30, 2013.

**Employment Agreements** 

During fiscal year 2013, the Company had employment agreements in place with Mr. Pickens and Mr. White. Each employment agreement sets forth, among other things, the NEO's minimum base salary, bonus opportunities and provisions with respect to certain payments and other benefits upon termination of employment under certain circumstances such as without "Cause," leaving employment for "Good Reason" or a "Change in Control." Please see Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control for a description of such provisions. The minimum base salary set in the employment agreement for Mr. Pickens is \$360,000 and for Mr. White is \$184,765. The NEOs are eligible for short-term cash incentives, as are all employees of the Company. All NEO's maximum bonus is 50%, subject to Compensation Committee discretion.

On January 19, 2010, an independent committee of the Board of Directors of 1st Detect, a subsidiary of the Company, approved a grant of 1,180 restricted stock shares and 1,820 stock purchase warrants to certain officers, directors and employees of 1st Detect. Additionally, on the same day, an independent committee of the Board of Directors of Astrogenetix, a subsidiary of the Company, approved a grant of 1,550 restricted stock shares and 2,050 stock purchase warrants to certain officers, directors and employees of Astrogenetix.

The Compensation Committee also awarded bonuses to directors, NEOs, and employees in September 2013, in recognition of the employee performance during fiscal year 2013.

Awards

Salary and Bonus in Proportion to Total Compensation

We believe that a substantial portion of each NEO's compensation should be in the form of performance based awards, particularly equity based awards which align the interests of management with that of the shareholders. Providing long-term compensation such as equity awards allows the Company to attract and incentivize qualified executives with less cash outlay, and to retain the executives over a longer period. There was no issuance of performance based awards for fiscal year 2013.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year 2013 End

The following table shows certain information about unexercised options and restricted stock as of June 30, 2013.

# Restricted Stock, Option Awards & Warrants

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable (1	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable (2	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Warrants (#) Exercisable (Spacetech)	Warrants/ Options	Restricte Stock		Expiration Date
Thomas	500	_	7.20			_	_	12/12/2013
B.		112,500	0.71					09/13/2021
D. Pickens		100,000 *	1.20					8/21/2022
III		_	_	1,680		_		01/19/2020
111	_	_	_		200	_		09/13/2021
Don M	1,200	_	11.50	_	_			08/09/2016
Don M. White	50,000	_	0.33				_	10/06/2018
	_	31,500	0.71		_		_	09/13/2021
Jr.	_	50,000 *	1.20				_	08/21/2022

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• Options were awarded in August 2012 for performance in fiscal year 2012.

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• Carlisle Kirkpatrick did not have any outstanding equity awards as of June 30, 2013.

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• All exercisable options will expire 90 days after the date of employee's termination.

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• Options granted on September 13, 2011 and August 21, 2012 vested upon the Company's stock achieving a closing price of \$1.50 on October 21, 2013. These options expire 10 years from grant date.

(3)

• Options granted on September 13, 2011 with an expiration date of September 13, 2021 vest upon certain benchmarks being achieved.

The following table provides information with respect to the vesting of each NEO's outstanding restricted stock, unexercisable options and warrants:

# Schedule of Vesting Astrotech Stock Option Grants Named Executive Officer

Dependent upon Astrotech Vesting Plan (1)

Thomas B. Pickens III Don M. White Jr.

Plan (1) 212,500 81,500

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• Options granted on September 13, 2011 & August 21, 2012, vested upon the Company's stock achieving a closing price of \$1.50 on October 21, 2013.

# Schedule of Vesting Spacetech Stock Option Grants Named Executive Officer

Dependent upon Spacetech Vesting Plan (1)

Thomas B. Pickens III

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• 1st Detect stock options vest upon the earlier of three performance-based criteria, as determined by the Compensation Committee.

# Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

As noted above, the Company has entered into employment agreements with Mr. Pickens and Mr. White that provide for payments and other benefits in connection with the officer's termination for a qualifying event or circumstance and for enhanced payments in connection with such termination after a Change in Control (as defined in the applicable agreement). A description of the terms with respect to each of these types of terminations follows.

Termination Other Than After a Change in Control

The employment agreements provide for payments of certain benefits upon the termination of the employment of the NEO. The NEO's rights upon termination of his or her employment depend upon the circumstances of the termination. Central to an understanding of the rights of each NEO under the employment agreements is an understanding of the definitions of "Cause" and "Good Reason" as those terms are used in those agreements. For purposes of the employment agreements, the Term of Employment may be terminated at any time by the Company upon any of the following:

- Death of the NEO;
- In the event of physical or mental disability where the NEO is unable to perform his/her duties;
- For Cause or Material Breach where Cause is defined as conviction of certain crimes and/or felonies, and Material Breach is defined to include certain specified failures to perform duties or uphold fiduciary responsibilities; or

• Otherwise at the discretion of the Company and subject to the termination obligations set forth in the employment agreement.

The NEO may terminate the Term of Employment at any time upon any of the following:

- Upon the death of the NEO;
- In the event of physical or mental disability where the NEO is unable to perform his/her duties;
- Upon the Company's material reduction in the NEO's authority, perquisites, position, title or responsibilities or other actions that would give the NEO the right to resign for "Good Reason;" or
- Otherwise at the discretion of the NEO and subject to the termination obligations set forth in the employment agreement.

The benefits to be provided to the NEO in each of these situations are described in the tables below, which assume that the termination had taken place in fiscal year 2013.

Termination after a Change in Control

A termination after a Change in Control is similar to the severance provisions described above, except that the NEO becomes entitled to benefits under these provisions only if his employment is terminated within twelve months following a Change in Control. A Change in Control for this purpose is defined to mean (i) the acquisition by any person or entity of the beneficial ownership of securities representing 50% or more of the outstanding securities of the Company having the right under ordinary circumstances to vote at an election of the Board of Directors of the Company; (ii) the date on which the majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Company consists of persons other than directors nominated by a majority of the directors on the Board of Directors at the time of their election; and (iii) the consummation of certain types of transactions, including mergers and the sale or other disposition of all, or substantially all, of the Company's assets.

As with the severance provisions described above, the rights to which the NEO is entitled under the Change in Control provisions upon a termination of employment are dependent on the circumstances of the termination. The definitions of Cause and other reasons for termination are the same in this termination scenario as in a termination other than after a Change in Control.

### DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

#### Overview

Astrotech's director compensation program consists of cash-based as well as equity-based compensation. The Board of Directors recognizes that cash compensation is an integral part of the compensation program and has instituted a fixed and variable fee structure to provide compensation relative to the required time commitment of each director. The equity component of Astrotech's director compensation program is designed to build an ownership stake in the Company while conveying an incentive to directors relative to the returns recognized by our Shareholders. Cash-Based Compensation

Company directors, other than the Chairman of the Audit Committee and Chairman of the Compensation Committee, receive an annual stipend of \$30,000 paid upon the annual election of each non-employee director or upon joining the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Audit Committee receives an annual stipend of \$40,000 and the Chairman of the Compensation Committee and the Governance and Nominated Committee receive an annual stipend of \$35,000, recognizing the additional duties and responsibilities of those roles. In addition, each non-employee director receives a meeting fee of \$3,000 for each meeting of the Board of Directors attended in person and \$1,000 for each such meeting attended by conference call.

Audit Committee members received \$750 for attendance to meetings in person or by conference call, while the Compensation Committee and the Governance and Nominating Committee members received \$500 for attendance to meetings in person or by conference call. All directors are reimbursed ordinary and reasonable expenses incurred in exercising their responsibilities in accordance with Travel and Entertainment Expense Reimbursement policy applicable to all employees of the Company.

# **Equity-Based Compensation**

Under provisions adopted by the Board of Directors, each non-employee director receives 25,000 shares of restricted common stock issued upon his first election to the Board of Directors, subject to board discretion. Restricted stock and stock options granted typically vest 25% annually, beginning after one year and terminate in 10 years. Already vested shares do not expire upon termination of the director's term on the Board of Directors.

#### Pension and Benefits

The non-employee directors are not eligible to participate in the Company's benefits plans, including the 401(k) plan. 20

#### **Indemnification Agreements**

The Company is party to indemnification agreements with each of its directors that require the Company to indemnify the directors to the fullest extent permitted by Washington state law. The Company's certificate of incorporation also requires the Company to indemnify both the directors and officers of the Company to the fullest extent permitted by Washington state law.

Fiscal Year 2013 Non-Employee Director Compensation Table

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Restricted Stock Awards (\$)	Stock Options (\$)	All other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Mark Adams	46,500		_	_	46,500
John A. Oliva	62,000	_	_	_	62,000
William F. Readdy	47,500	_	_	_	47,500
Sha-Chelle Manning	48,500	_	_	_	48,500
Daniel T. Russler,	59,250	_	_	_	59,250
Jr. Total	263,750	_	_	_	263,750

#### PROPOSAL 2 — APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

On January 17, 2014, the Astrotech Audit Committee engaged Ernst & Young, LLP as independent auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. With regards to this proposal, the Board of Directors is requesting the shareholders to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young, LLP as independent auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Ratification requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of common stock present at the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter.

#### Ratification Requirements and Governance

There is no requirement that the Company submit the appointment of independent auditors to shareholders for ratification or for the appointed auditors to be terminated if the ratification fails, but Astrotech believes that it is sound corporate governance to submit the matter to shareholder vote. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 states the Audit Committee is solely responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the independent auditor. As such, the Audit Committee may consider the appointment of other independent auditors if the shareholders choose not to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young, LLP. Additionally, the Audit Committee may terminate the appointment of Ernst & Young, LLP as the Company's independent auditors without the approval of the shareholders whenever the Audit Committee deems such termination appropriate.

#### Independence

In making its recommendation to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young, LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the Audit Committee has considered whether the provision of non-audit services by Ernst & Young, LLP is compatible with maintaining the independence of Ernst & Young, LLP. During fiscal year 2013, Ernst & Young, LLP did not provide any non-audit services to Astrotech.

#### **Annual Meeting Representation**

Representatives of Ernst & Young, LLP are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so. They are also expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions from the shareholders present.

#### Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy

The Audit Committee is responsible for appointing, setting compensation for, and overseeing the work of Ernst & Young, the Company's independent auditors. Audit Committee policy requires the pre-approval of all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided by independent auditors in order to assure that the provision of such services does not impair the auditors' independence. The policy, as amended, provides for the general pre-approval of specific types of services and gives detailed guidance to management as to the specific audit, audit-related, and tax services that are eligible for general pre-approval. For both audit and non-audit pre-approvals, the Audit Committee will consider whether such services are consistent with applicable law and SEC rules and regulations concerning auditor independence.

The policy delegates to the Chairman of the Audit Committee the authority to grant certain specific pre-approvals; provided, however, that the Chairman of the Audit Committee is required to report the granting of any pre-approvals to the Audit Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The policy prohibits the Audit Committee from delegating to management the Audit Committee's responsibility to pre-approve services performed by the independent auditors.

Requests for pre-approval of services must be detailed as to the particular services proposed to be provided and are to be submitted by the CFO. Each request generally must include a detailed description of the type and scope of services, a proposed staffing plan, a budget of the proposed fees for such services, and a general timetable for the performance of such services.

#### Audit Fees

The aggregate fees expensed for each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by Ernst & Young, LLP for the audit of the Company's annual financials and review of financials contained in the Company's quarterly reports were \$227,500 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 and \$203,097 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. Audit-Related Fees

There were no audit-related fees billed by or to be billed by Ernst & Young, LLP for fiscal years ended June 30, 2013 or 2012.

Tax Fees

Ernst & Young, LLP did not provided tax related services to the Company during fiscal years 2013 or 2012. All Other Fees

The Company paid no other fees to Ernst & Young, LLP during fiscal year 2013 or 2012. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG, LLP AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS OF THE COMPANY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014 23

#### Report of the Audit Committee

The Board of Directors has established an Audit Committee of independent directors which operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors. The charter was amended and restated in May 2004. Astrotech's management is responsible for establishing a system of internal controls and for preparing the Company's consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Astrotech's independent auditors are responsible for auditing the Company's consolidated financial statements in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and issuing their report based on that audit. Under the Audit Committee's charter, the primary function of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities as to (i) the integrity of the Company's financial statements, (ii) the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, (iii) the independent auditors' qualifications and independence, and (iv) the performance of the independent auditors. The Audit Committee is also directly responsible for selecting and evaluating the independent auditors; reviewing, with the independent auditors, the plans and scope of the audit engagement; and reviewing with the independent auditors their objectivity and independence.

The members of the Audit Committee are not professional accountants or auditors and, in performing their oversight role, rely without independent verification on the information and representations provided to them by management and Astrotech's independent auditors. Accordingly, the Audit Committee's oversight does not provide an independent basis to certify that the audit of the Company's financial statements has been carried out in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, that the financial statements are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or that Astrotech's independent auditors are in fact "independent" for fiscal year 2013. The Board of Directors has determined that for fiscal year 2013, John A. Oliva, Daniel T. Russler, Jr. and Sha-Chelle Manning were audit committee financial experts and such persons are independent as defined under the federal securities laws.

In connection with the preparation of the audited financial statements included in Astrotech's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2013:

- The Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with the independent auditors and management.
- The Audit Committee discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, Communications with Audit Committees, as amended. In general, these auditing standards require the auditors to communicate to the Audit Committee certain matters that are incidental to the audit, such as any initiation of, or changes to, significant accounting policies, management judgments, accounting estimates, and audit adjustments; disagreements with management; and the auditors' judgment about the quality of the Company's accounting principles.
- The Audit Committee received from the independent auditors written disclosures and the letter regarding their independence required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 Independence Discussions with Audit Committees as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3600T, and discussed with the auditors their independence. In general, Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 requires the auditors to disclose to the Audit Committee any relationship between the auditors and its related entities and Astrotech that in the auditors' professional judgment may reasonably be thought to bear on independence. The Audit Committee also considered whether the independent auditors' provision of non-audit services to Astrotech was compatible with maintaining their independence.

Based on the review and discussions noted above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2013 be included in Astrotech's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC.

This report is submitted by the members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors:

John A. Oliva (Chairman)

Daniel T. Russler, Jr.

**Sha-Chelle Manning** 

The foregoing Audit Committee Report shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any previous or future documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates the report by reference in any such document.

# PROPOSAL 3 — APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO ASTROTECH CORPORATION 2011 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED SHARES

Description of the Proposed Amendment

The Board of Directors, the Compensation Committee and Astrotech's management believe that the use of stock based compensation aligns the long-term interests of management and shareholders by providing incentives to employees who foster the innovation and entrepreneurial spirit which drives our business strategy and our execution. In 2011, the Board of Directors adopted and shareholders approved the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan. On May 22, 2014, the Board of Directors approved an amendment to the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan to increase the aggregate number of shares of our common stock available under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan by an additional 2,000,000 shares. If approved by the Company's shareholders, the amendment will be effective on June 26, 2014, the date of the annual meeting. Description of the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan

The principal features of the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan as of the date of this Proxy Statement are summarized below. This summary does not contain all the information that may be important to you. A copy of the proposed amendment to increase the number of shares is included as Annex A to this Proxy Statement and a copy of the complete text of the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan as in effective prior to the amendment is included as Annex B to this Proxy Statement. The following description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan, as it is proposed to be further amended. You are urged to read the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan in its entirety. Administration. The 2011 Stock Incentive Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Subject to the terms of the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan, the Compensation Committee has the power to select the persons eligible to receive awards under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan, the type and amount of incentive awards

Directors. Subject to the terms of the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan, the Compensation Committee has the power to select the persons eligible to receive awards under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan, the type and amount of incentive awards to be awarded, and the terms and conditions of such awards. The Compensation Committee may delegate its authority under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan described in the preceding sentence to officers of the Company, but may not delegate its authority to grant awards under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan or take any action in contravention of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or the performance-based compensation exception under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Compensation Committee also has the authority to interpret the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan, and to establish, amend or waive rules necessary or appropriate for the administration of the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan.

Eligibility. Any employee or consultant of the Company (or its subsidiary) or a director of the Company who, in the opinion of the Compensation Committee, is in a position to contribute to the growth, development or financial success of the Company, is eligible to participate in the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan. In any calendar year, no covered employee described in Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code may be granted (in the case of stock options and stock appreciation rights), or have vest (in the case of restricted stock or other stock-based awards), awards relating to more than 800,000 shares of common stock, and the maximum aggregate cash payout with respect to incentive awards paid in cash to such covered employees may not exceed \$5,000,000. Astrotech has not granted stock based compensation to employees, directors or NEO's since November 2009. As of the date of this proxy, no allocations of future awards have been made or considered by the Compensation Committee.

Shares Subject to the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan. The maximum number of shares of the Company's common stock, no par value, that may be delivered pursuant to awards granted under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan as proposed to be amended is 3,750,000 shares of common stock. Any shares subject to an award under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan that are forfeited or terminated, expire unexercised, lapse or are otherwise cancelled in a manner such that the shares of common stock covered by such award are not issued may again be used for awards under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan. A maximum of 1,875,000 shares of common stock may be issued upon exercise of incentive stock options. The maximum number of shares deliverable pursuant to awards granted under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan is subject to adjustment by the Compensation Committee in the event of certain dilutive changes in the number of outstanding shares. Under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan, the Company may issue authorized but unissued shares, treasury shares, or shares purchased by the Company on the open market or otherwise. In addition, the number of shares of common stock available for future awards is reduced by the net number of shares issued pursuant to an award.

Limited Transferability of Awards. Awards granted under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan may not be sold, transferred, pledged or assigned, except by will or the laws of descent and distribution or a qualified domestic relations order. However, the Compensation Committee may, in its discretion, authorize in the applicable award agreement the transfer, without consideration, of all or a portion of a nonstatutory stock option for the benefit of immediate family members.

Amendment of the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan. The Board of Directors has the power and authority to terminate or amend the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan at any time; provided, however, the Board may not, without the approval of shareholders: (i) other than as a result of a dilutive event, increase the maximum number of shares which may be issued under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan; (ii) amend the requirements as to the class of employees eligible to receive common stock under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan; (iii) extend the term of the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan; (iv) increase the maximum limits on awards to covered employees as set for compliance with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code; or (v) decrease the authority granted to the Compensation Committee under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan in contravention of Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

In addition, to the extent that the Compensation Committee determines that the listing requirements of any national securities exchange or quotation system on which the Company's common stock is then listed or quoted, or the Internal Revenue Code or regulations promulgated thereunder, require Shareholder approval in order to maintain compliance with such listing requirements or to maintain any favorable tax advantages, the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan will not be amended without approval of the Company's Shareholders. No amendment to the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan may adversely affect, in any material way, any rights of a holder of an outstanding award under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan without such holder's consent.

Change in Control. Unless provided otherwise in the applicable award agreement, in the event of a change in control, all outstanding awards shall become 100% vested, free of all restrictions, immediately and fully exercisable, and deemed earned in full and payable as of the day immediately preceding the change in control. A "change in control" generally means the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:

• The acquisition by any individual, entity or group of beneficial ownership of 50% or more of the Company's common stock or combined voting power;

• Individuals who constitute the Board of Directors of the Company as of the effective date of the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan, or successors to such members approved by the then Board of Directors, cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board of Directors;

• Approval by the Shareholders of the Company of a merger or the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company; or

• The adoption of any plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Award Agreements and Term. All awards under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan will be authorized by the Compensation Committee and evidenced by an award agreement setting forth the type of incentive being granted, the vesting schedule, and other terms and conditions of exercisability. No stock options may be exercisable for more than ten years from the date of grant, or, in the case of an incentive stock option granted to an employee who owns or is deemed to own more than ten percent of the Company's common stock, five years from the date of grant. In no event may awards be granted after the expiration of ten years from the effective date of the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan.

Stock Options. A grant of a stock option entitles a participant to purchase from the Company a specified number of shares of common stock at a specified price per share. In the discretion of the Compensation Committee, stock options may be granted as non-statutory stock options or incentive stock options, but incentive stock options may only be granted to employees. The exercise price of each stock option is set by the Compensation Committee, but all stock options granted under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan must have an exercise price that is equal to or greater than 100% of the market value as of the grant date of the shares covered by the option (except as described in this paragraph). The 2011 Stock Incentive Plan does not allow "discounted" stock options. Thus, an individual would be able to profit from an option only if the fair market value of the Company's common stock increases after the option is granted and 27

vests. An exception may be made only for options that the Company grants to substitute for options held by employees of companies that the Company acquires, in which case the exercise price preserves the economic value of the employee's cancelled stock option from his or her former employer.

An option cannot be exercised until it vests. The Compensation Committee establishes the vesting schedule at the time the option is granted. Vesting typically requires continued employment or service by the participant for a period of years. A vested option may be exercised only before it expires. In general, options expire ten years after grant date. The aggregate fair market value of the common stock with respect to which incentive stock options become first exercisable by any participant during any calendar year cannot exceed \$100,000. The purchase price per share of common stock which may be purchased under an incentive stock option must be at least equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock as of the grant date or, if the incentive stock option is granted to an employee who owns or is deemed to own more than 10% of the Company's common stock, 110% of the fair market value of the common stock on the grant date.

The exercise price for shares of common stock acquired on exercise of a stock option must be made in full at the time of the exercise. Payment may be paid in cash, or, if approved by the Compensation Committee, delivery of shares of the Company's common stock that have been held by the optionee with a fair market value equal to the exercise price of the stock option, the withholding of shares that would otherwise be issuable upon exercise, participation in a broker-assisted "cashless exercise" arrangement, or payment of any other form of consideration acceptable to the Compensation Committee.

Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs). SARs are awards that are subject to vesting and payment of an exercise price, which provide a participant the right to receive an amount of money equal to (1) the number of shares exercised, (2) times the amount by which the then-current value of the Company's common stock exceeds the exercise price. The exercise price cannot be less than 100% of the fair market value of the common stock on the grant date. Thus, an individual would be able to profit from an SAR only if the fair market value of the Company's common stock increases after the SAR is granted and vests. Each SAR is subject to a vesting schedule established by the Compensation Committee and expires under the same rules that apply to options.

Restricted Stock. A grant of restricted stock is an award of shares of the Company's common stock subject to restrictions or limitations set forth in the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan and in the related award agreement. The award agreement for restricted stock will specify the time period during which such award may be subject to forfeiture and any performance goals that must be met to remove any restrictions on such award. Except for limitations on transfer or other limitations set forth in the award agreement, holders of restricted stock have all of the rights of a Shareholder of the Company, including the right to vote the shares, and, if provided in the award agreement, the right to receive any dividends.

Other Awards. The Compensation Committee may grant to any participant other forms of awards payable in shares of the Company's common stock or cash. The terms and conditions of such other form of award will be specified in the award agreement. Such awards may be granted for no cash consideration other than services already rendered, or for such other consideration as may be specified by the award agreement.

Performance-Based Awards. Awards may be granted under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan that are subject to the attainment of pre-established performance goals over a specified performance period. Performance-based awards may be payable in stock or cash. Performance criteria include (but are not limited to) such measurements as profits, profit-related return ratios, return measures, cash flows, earnings, net sales growth, net earnings or income, gross, operating or net profit margins, productivity ratios, share price, turnover of assets, capital or inventory, expense targets, margins, measures of health, safety or environment, operating efficiency, customer service or satisfaction, market share, credit quality, debt ratios and working capital targets. Performance shares (also referred to as "restricted stock units" or "stock awards") and performance units result in a payment to the participant in shares or cash, as determined by the Compensation Committee, if the performance goals and/or other vesting criteria (for example, continued service with the Company) set by the Compensation Committee are satisfied. The award agreement for a performance-based award will specify the performance period, the performance goals to be

achieved during the performance period, and the maximum or minimum settlement values. Performance shares and performance units that are settled in shares are very similar to awards of restricted stock, except that in the case of performance shares and performance units, any vested shares are not issued until the payment date specified in the award. In the case of an award of restricted stock, the shares are issued promptly after the grant date but are subject to a vesting schedule.

Termination of Employment, Death, Disability and Retirement. Unless otherwise provided in an award agreement, upon the termination of a participant's employment the non-vested portions of all outstanding awards will terminate immediately. Subject to different provisions which may be specified in any particular award agreement, the period during which vested awards may be exercised following a termination of employment are described below. If a participant's employment is terminated for any reason other than as a result of death, disability, retirement or for cause, the vested portion of such award is exercisable for the lesser of the expiration date set forth in the applicable award agreement or 90 days after the date of termination of employment. In the event of the termination of participant's employment for cause, all vested awards immediately expire. Upon a participant's retirement, any vested award will expire on the earlier of the expiration date set forth in the award agreement for such award or six months after the date of retirement (three months in the case of incentive stock options). Upon the death or disability of a participant, any vested award will expire on the earlier of the expiration date set forth in the award agreement or the one year anniversary date of the participant's death or disability.

#### U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of 2011 Stock Incentive Plan

The following is a general summary, as of the date of this proxy statement, of the United States federal income tax consequences associated with the grant of awards under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan. The federal tax laws may change and the federal, state and local tax consequences for any participant will depend upon his or her individual circumstances, thus the tax consequences for any particular individual may be different. Also, this information may not be applicable to any employees of foreign subsidiaries or to participants who are not residents of the United States. Nonstatutory Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs). A participant receiving a nonstatutory stock option, or SAR that has been issued with an exercise price not less than the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the grant date, will not recognize income and the Company will not be allowed a deduction at the time such an option is granted. When a participant exercises a nonstatutory stock option or SAR, the difference between the exercise price and any higher market value of the stock on the date of exercise will be ordinary income to the participant and will be claimed as a deduction for federal income tax purposes by the Company. When a participant disposes of shares acquired by the exercise of the option or SAR, any additional gain or loss will be a capital gain or loss.

Incentive Stock Options. Incentive stock options granted under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan are intended to meet the requirements of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code. A participant receiving a grant of incentive stock options will not recognize taxable income and the Company will not be allowed a deduction at the time such an option is granted. When a participant exercises an incentive stock option while employed by the Company (or its subsidiary) or within the three-month (one year for disability) period after termination of employment, no ordinary income will be recognized by the participant at that time (and no deduction will be allowed to the Company) but the excess of the fair market value of the shares acquired by such exercise over the exercise price will be taken into account in determining the participant's alternative minimum taxable income for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax applicable to individuals. If the shares acquired upon exercise are not disposed of until more than two years after the grant date and one year after the date of transfer of the shares to the participant (i.e., the statutory holding periods), the excess of the sale proceeds over the aggregate option price of such shares will be long-term capital gain, and the Company will not be entitled to any federal income tax deduction. Except in the event of death, if the shares are disposed of prior to the expiration of the statutory holding periods (i.e., a "Disqualifying Disposition"), the excess of the fair market value of such shares at the time of exercise over the exercise price (but not more than the gain on the disposition if it is a transaction on which a loss, if sustained, would be recognized) will be ordinary income at the time of such Disqualifying Disposition (and the Company will be entitled to a federal tax deduction in a like amount), and the balance of any gain will be capital gain. To the extent that the aggregate fair market value of stock (determined on the grant date) with respect to which incentive stock options become exercisable for the first time during any calendar year exceeds \$100,000, such excess options will be treated as nonstatutory stock options.

Payment Using Shares. If a participant pays the exercise price of a nonstatutory or incentive stock option with previously-owned shares of the Company's common stock, and the transaction is not a Disqualifying Disposition of an incentive stock option, the shares received equal to the number of shares surrendered are treated as having been received in a tax-free exchange. The shares received in excess of the number surrendered will not be taxable if an incentive stock option is being exercised, but will be taxable as ordinary income to the extent of their fair market value if a nonstatutory stock option is being exercised. The participant does not recognize income and the Company receives no deduction as a result of the tax-free portion of the exchange transaction.

Restricted Stock, Performance Units and Performance Shares. A recipient of restricted stock, performance units or performance shares will not have taxable income upon grant. Instead, he or she will have ordinary income at the time of vesting equal to the fair market value on the vesting date of the shares (or cash) received minus any amount paid for the shares. For restricted stock only, a recipient may instead elect to be taxed at the time of grant by making an election under Section 83(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. When an award vests or otherwise ceases to be subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture, the excess of the fair market value of the award on the vesting date or the cessation of the substantial risk of forfeiture over the amount paid, if any, by the participant for the award will be ordinary income to the participant and deductible for federal income tax purposes by the Company. Upon disposition of the shares received, the gain or loss recognized by the participant will be treated as capital gain or loss.

Certain Limitations on Deductibility of Executive Compensation. With certain exceptions, Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code denies a deduction to a publicly held corporation for compensation paid to certain executive officers in excess of \$1 million per executive per taxable year (including any deduction with respect to the exercise of a nonstatutory stock option or stock appreciation right, or the disqualifying disposition of stock purchased pursuant to an incentive stock option). One such exception applies to certain performance-based compensation as described in Section 162(m), provided that such compensation has been approved by Shareholders and certain other requirements are met. If approved by our Shareholders, we believe that the nonstatutory stock options and other performance-based awards granted under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan should qualify for the performance-based compensation exception to Section 162(m).

Section 409A. Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code provides certain new requirements for non-qualified deferred compensation arrangements. These include new requirements with respect to an individual's election to defer compensation and the individual's selection of the timing and form of distribution of the deferred compensation. Section 409A also generally provides that distributions must be made on or after the occurrence of certain events (e.g., the individual's separation from service, a predetermined date, or the individual's death). Section 409A imposes restrictions on an individual's ability to change his or her distribution timing or form of distribution after the compensation has been deferred. For certain individuals who are officers, Section 409A requires that such individual's distribution commence no earlier than six months after such officer's separation from service.

Awards granted under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan with a deferral feature will be subject to the requirements of Section 409A. If an award is subject to and fails to satisfy the requirements of Section 409A, the recipient of that award may recognize ordinary income on the amounts deferred under the award, to the extent vested, which may be prior to when the compensation is actually or constructively received. Also, if an award that is subject to Section 409A fails to comply with Section 409A's provisions, Section 409A imposes an additional 20% federal income tax on compensation recognized as ordinary income, as well as interest on such deferred compensation.

#### **ERISA**

The Company believes that the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan is not subject to any provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The 2011 Stock Incentive Plan is not a qualified plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### Plan Benefits

Any future awards granted to directors, executive officers and non-executive officer employees under the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan are subject to the discretion of the Compensation Committee and, therefore, are not determinable at this time.

In lieu of the foregoing, the following table presents the number of shares of our common stock subject to stock options and the aggregate grant date fair value of such awards granted under the plan during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 to our chief executive officer, the other named executive officers, the current executive officers as a group, all non-executive officers and employees as a group and all non-employee directors as a group. As of May 20, 2014, the fair market value of a share of our common stock (as determined by the closing price quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market) was \$2.60.

Name and Title	Stock Options
	(#)
Thomas B. Pickens III	100,000
Don M. White, Jr.	50,000
Carlisle Kirkpatrick	_
All Current Executive Officers as a Group	160,000
All Non-Executive Officers and Employees as a Group	20,000
All Non-Employee Directors as a Group	150,000

The following table sets forth the number of shares subject to stock options previously granted under the plan through May 20, 2014. These share numbers do not take into account the effect of options that have been cancelled or that expired unexercised and do not reflect shares subject to other types of awards that may have been granted to participants under the plan.

	Stock
Name and Title	Options
	(#)
Thomas B. Pickens III	100,000
Don M. White, Jr.	50,000
Carlisle Kirkpatrick	<del></del>
All Current Executive Officers as a Group	174,000
All Non-Executive Officers and Employees as a Group	20,000
All Non-Employee Directors as a Group	300,000

Equity Compensation Plan Information The following table is as of June 30, 2013.

Plans Previously Approved by Security Holder	Options Authorized	(a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	exer ou	(b) chted-average rcise price of utstanding options, urrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available at June 30, 2013 For future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)
The 1994 Plan (1)	395,000	7,500	\$	14.53	_
Directors Stock Option Plan (2)	50,000	3,500	\$	6.40	41,500

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Plans Previously Approved by Security Holder	Options Authorized	(a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights  (b) Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights		(c) Number of securities remaining available at June 30, 2013 For future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)	
1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (3)	150,000	_		N/A	—
2008 Stock Incentive Plan (4)	5,500,000	470,150	\$	0.55	342,501
2011 Stock Incentive Plan (5)	1,750,000	664,000	\$	1.04	1,056,000
2011 1st Detect Stock Incentive Plan (6)	2,500	700	\$	212.00	1,800

(1)

• Under the terms of the 1994 Plan, the number and price of the options granted to employees is determined by the Board of Directors and such options vest, in most cases, incrementally over a period of four years and expire no more than ten years after the date of grant. As of October 2010, additional shares cannot be granted from the 1994 Plan.

(2)

• Options under the Directors' Plan vest after one year and expire seven years from the date of grant. No shares were granted from the Directors' Plan during fiscal year 2013.

(3)

• The Employee Stock Purchase plan allowed eligible employees to purchase shares of Common Stock of the Company at prices no less than 85% of the current market price. Company discontinued employee purchases of common stock under the plan in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007.

(4)

• The 2008 Stock Incentive Plan authorizes the award of stock grants, restricted stock and stock options. The number and price of the awards granted to employees is determined by the Board of Directors and such options vest, in most cases, incrementally over a period of four years and expire no more than ten years after the date of grant. As of June 30, 2013, 8,333 shares of unvested restricted stock were outstanding.

(5)

• The 2011 Stock Incentive Plan authorizes the award of incentive stock options, non-statutory stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance awards payable in cash or common stock, and other incentive awards. The number and price of the awards granted to employees is determined by the Board of Directors, and options expire no more than 10 years from the date of the grant.

(6)

• The 2011 1st Detect Stock Incentive Plan authorized the award of incentive stock options, non-statutory stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance awards payable in cash or common stock, and other incentive awards. The number and price of the awards granted to employees is determined by the Board of Directors, and options expire no more than 10 years from the date of the grant.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 STOCK PLAN TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED SHARES. PROXIES SOLICITED BY THE BOARD WILL BE SO VOTED UNLESS SHAREHOLDERS SPECIFY A CONTRARY CHOICE IN THEIR VOTING INSTRUCTIONS.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Proxy Solicitation Expense** 

For the Annual Meeting, the Company has engaged Morrow & Co., LLC, 470 West Ave., Stamford, Connecticut 06902, to assist in soliciting proxies. Morrow has been paid a fee of \$12,000 plus out-of-pocket expenses for this service. In addition to solicitation by mail, directors, officers, and employees of the Company, without receiving any additional compensation, may solicit proxies personally or by telephone or facsimile. Further, we retained Morrow & Co. to request brokerage houses, banks, and other custodians or nominees holding stock in their names for others to forward proxy materials to their customers or principals who are the beneficial owners of shares and will reimburse them for their expenses in doing so. The Company does not anticipate that the costs and expenses incurred in connection with this proxy solicitation will exceed those normally expended for a proxy solicitation for those matters to be voted on in the Annual Meeting.

Deadline for Submission of Shareholder Proposals for Next Year's Annual Meeting

The proxy rules adopted by the SEC provide that certain shareholder proposals must be included in the Proxy Statement for the Company's 2015 Annual Meeting. For a proposal to be considered for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials for the Company's 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, it must be received in writing by the Company on or before February 26, 2015 at its principal office, 401 Congress Ave, Suite 1650, Austin, Texas, 78701, Attention: Secretary. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Company changes the 2015 Annual Meeting more than 30 days from the date of this year's Annual Meeting, the Company will provide the deadline for submissions of shareholder proposals in an annual, quarterly or current report, so as to provide notice of such submission deadline to shareholders, which shall be a reasonable time before the Company begins to print and send its proxy materials. If a shareholder intends to submit a proposal that is not intended to be included in the Company's proxy statement, or a nomination for director for the Company's 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the shareholder must provide notice in writing to the Company at the address above in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Company's bylaws no later than April 27, 2015.

Discretionary Voting of Proxies on Other Matters

The Board of Directors for the Company knows of no matters to be presented at the Annual Meeting other than those described in this Proxy Statement. In the event that other business properly comes before the meeting, the persons named as proxies will have discretionary authority to vote the shares represented by the accompanying proxy in accordance with their own judgment.

Householding of Proxy Materials

Some banks, brokers and other nominee record holders may be participating in the practice of "householding" Proxy Statements and annual reports. This means that only one copy of this Proxy Statement may have been sent to multiple shareholders in your household. The Company will promptly deliver a separate copy of either document to you if you call or write us at the following address and telephone number: 401 Congress Ave, Suite 1650, Austin, Texas, 78701, Attention: Secretary; telephone: (512) 485-9530. If you want to receive separate copies of the Company's annual report and Proxy Statement in the future, or if you are receiving multiple copies and would like to receive only one copy for your household, you should contact your bank, broker or other nominee record holder, or you may contact the Company at the above address or telephone number.

Dissenters' Right of Appraisal

No action will be taken in connection with the proposals described in this Proxy Statement for which Washington law, the Company's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws provide a right of a shareholder to dissent and obtain appraisal of or payment for such shareholder's shares. Thus, there are no Dissenters' Rights involved.

#### Incorporation by Reference

A copy of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2014, including financial statements, accompanies this proxy statement. We are incorporating by reference from this Quarterly Report the financial statements and supplementary data, the management discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operation and quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk for the period discussed in the Quarterly Report. A copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, including financial statements, accompanies this proxy statement. We are also incorporating by reference from this Annual Report, the Company's financial statements, supplementary data, the management discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operation and quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk required pursuant to Item 13(a) of the SEC's proxy rules. The information that is incorporated by reference is available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's web site at http://www.sec.gov.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

We do not intend to bring any other matters before the Annual Meeting, nor are we aware of any other matters that are to be properly presented to the Annual Meeting by others. In the event that other matters do properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof, it is the intention of the persons named in the Proxy to vote such Proxy in accordance with their best judgment on such matters.

The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (as amended by a Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on April 11, 2014), including the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2013 and the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2014 are being distributed to all shareholders of record as of the record date.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Eric Stober Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary Austin, Texas

ANNEX A
AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
ASTROTECH CORPORATION

ASTROTECH CORPORATION 2011 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

The Board of Directors of Astrotech Corporation, a Washington corporation (the "Company"), having reserved the right under Section 7.7 of the Astrotech Corporation 2011 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") to amend the Plan, subject to approval of the shareholders of the Company, does hereby amend the Plan as follows:

- 1. The first paragraph Section 1.4 of the Plan shall be amended, effective as of June 26, 2014 or such other date as the shareholders of the Company approve this amendment, in its entirety to read as follows:
- "1.4 Shares of Common Stock Available for Incentive Awards

Subject to adjustment under Section 6.6, there shall be available for Incentive Awards that are granted wholly or partly in Common Stock (including rights or Stock Options that may be exercised for or settled in Common Stock) Three Million and Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand (3,750,000) Shares of Common Stock. Pursuant to Section 1.5, the number of Shares that are the subject of Incentive Awards under this Plan, which are forfeited or terminated, expire unexercised, are settled in cash in lieu of Common Stock or in a manner such that all or some of the Shares covered by an Incentive Award are not issued to a Grantee or are exchanged for Incentive Awards that do not involve Common Stock, shall again immediately become available for Incentive Awards hereunder. The aggregate number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of ISOs shall be One Million Eight Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand (1,875,000) of the Shares reserved pursuant to the first sentence of this paragraph. For purposes of counting Shares against the ISO maximum number of reserved Shares, the net number of Shares issued pursuant to the exercise of an ISO shall be counted. The Committee may from time to time adopt and observe such procedures concerning the counting of Shares against the Plan maximum as it may deem appropriate."

2. Except as set forth herein, the other terms and conditions of the Plan shall remain in full force and effect. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused these presents to be executed on this day of May, 2014, but effective as of the date specified herein.

ASTROTECH CORPORATION

By:

Thomas B. Pickens III
President and Chief Executive Officer

ANNEX B ASTROTECH CORPORATION 2011 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN (As Effective April 20, 2011)

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