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MANNKIND CORPORATION

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held On Thursday, May 21, 2015

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of MannKind Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("MannKind"). The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern time at the office of MannKind at 40 Taylor Street, Danbury, Connecticut 06810 for the following purposes:

1. To elect the seven nominees named herein as directors to serve for the ensuing year and until their successors are elected;
2. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers of MannKind, as disclosed in MannKind's proxy statement for the Annual Meeting;
3. To ratify the selection by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of MannKind for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2015; and
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

These items of business are more fully described in the proxy statement accompanying this notice.

The record date for the Annual Meeting is March 22, 2015. Only stockholders of record on that date may vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of MannKind Corporation to be Held on May 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern time at the office of MannKind Corporation located at 40 Taylor Street, Danbury, Connecticut 06810.

The proxy statement and annual report to stockholders are available at www.mannkindcorp.com.

By Order of the Board of Directors

David Thomson

Corporate Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Valencia, California

April 11, 2015

You are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person. Whether or not you expect to attend the meeting, please vote by proxy pursuant to the instructions set forth herein as promptly as possible in order to ensure your representation at the meeting. Even if you have voted by proxy, you may still vote in person if you attend the meeting. Please note, however, that if your shares are held of record

by a broker, bank or other nominee and you wish to vote at the meeting, you must obtain a proxy issued in your name from that record holder.

MANNKIND CORPORATION

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PROXY STATEMENT

FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To be held on May 21, 2015

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THESE PROXY MATERIALS AND VOTING

Why did I receive these proxy materials or a notice regarding the availability of proxy materials on the internet?

We have sent you a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the *Notice*) because the Board of Directors (sometimes referred to as the *Board*) of MannKind Corporation (sometimes referred to as, *we*, *us*, the *Company* or *MannKind*) is soliciting your proxy to vote at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the *Annual Meeting*), including any adjournments or postponements of the Annual Meeting. Pursuant to rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the *SEC*), we are providing access to our proxy materials over the internet. Our stockholders of record have also received a printed set of the proxy materials along with the Notice. All stockholders will have the ability to access the proxy materials on the website referred to in the Notice or request to receive a printed set of the proxy materials. Instructions on how to access the proxy materials over the internet or to request a printed copy may be found in the Notice.

These proxy materials and the Notice were first mailed to our stockholders of record entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting on or about April 11, 2015.

Who can vote at the Annual Meeting?

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 22, 2015 will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. On this record date, there were 409,102,478 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote.

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If on March 22, 2015 your shares were registered directly in your name with MannKind's transfer agent, Computershare, then you are a stockholder of record. As a stockholder of record, you may vote in person at the meeting or vote by proxy. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy pursuant to the instructions set forth below to ensure your vote is counted.

Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of a Broker or Bank

If on March 22, 2015 your shares were held, not in your name, but rather in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, dealer, or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in *street name* and the Notice is being forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered to be the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the Annual Meeting. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker or other agent on how to vote the shares in your account. You are also invited to attend the Annual Meeting. However, because you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your broker or other agent.

What am I voting on?

Management is presenting three proposals for stockholder vote.

Proposal 1. Election of Seven Directors

The first proposal to be voted on is the election of the seven nominees named herein as directors for a one-year term. The Board has nominated these seven people as directors. You may find information about these nominees, as well as information about MannKind's Board of Directors and its committees, director compensation and other related matters beginning on page 6.

You may vote For all the nominees, Withhold your votes as to all nominees or Withhold your votes as to specific nominees.

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR all the director nominees named herein.

Proposal 2. Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation

The second proposal to be voted on is an advisory vote by the stockholders of MannKind regarding the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as described in this proxy statement, including the disclosures under Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and the narrative discussion following the compensation tables. The Company is seeking the stockholders' approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of the named executive officers. You may find information about this proposal beginning on page 15.

You may vote For or Against the proposal or Abstain from voting on the proposal.

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR Proposal 2.

Proposal 3. Ratification of Selection by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015

The third proposal to be voted on is to ratify the selection by the Audit Committee of the Board of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. It is expected that representatives of Deloitte & Touche LLP will attend the Annual Meeting and be available to make a statement or respond to appropriate questions. You may find information about this proposal beginning on page 17.

You may vote For or Against the proposal or Abstain from voting on the proposal.

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR Proposal 3.

What if another matter is properly brought before the Annual Meeting?

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters that will be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting. If any other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy to vote on those matters in accordance with their best judgment.

How do I vote?

The procedures for voting are fairly simple:

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote in person at the Annual Meeting or vote by proxy using the enclosed proxy card, vote by proxy over the telephone or vote by proxy through the internet. Whether or not you

plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy to ensure your vote is counted. You may still attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person if you have already voted by proxy.

To vote in person, come to the Annual Meeting and we will give you a ballot when you arrive.

To vote using the proxy card, simply complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy card and return it promptly in the envelope provided. Your signed proxy card must be received by 5:00 PM U.S. Eastern time on May 20, 2015 to be counted.

To vote over the telephone, dial toll-free (866) 437-3716 using a touch-tone phone and follow the recorded instructions. You will be asked to provide the control number from the Notice. Your vote must be received by 5:00 PM U.S. Eastern time on May 20, 2015 to be counted.

To vote through the internet, go to <http://www.proxypush.com/mnkd> to complete an electronic proxy card. You will be asked to provide the control number from the Notice. Your vote must be received by 5:00 PM U.S. Eastern time on May 20, 2015 to be counted.

We provide internet proxy voting to allow you to vote your shares online, with procedures designed to ensure the authenticity and correctness of your proxy vote instructions. However, please be aware that you must bear any costs associated with your internet access, such as usage charges from internet access providers and telephone companies.

Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of Broker or Bank

If you are a beneficial owner of shares registered in the name of your broker, bank, or other agent, you should have received a Notice containing voting instructions from that organization rather than from MannKind. Simply follow the voting instructions in the Notice to ensure that your vote is counted. Alternatively, you may be able to vote by telephone or over the internet as instructed by your broker or bank. To vote in person at the Annual Meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy from your broker, bank, or other agent. Follow the instructions from your broker or bank included with the Notice, or contact your broker or bank to request a proxy form.

How many votes do I have?

On each matter to be voted upon, you have one vote for each share of common stock you owned as of March 22, 2015.

What if I return a proxy card or otherwise vote by proxy but do not make specific choices?

If you voted by proxy without marking any voting selections, your shares will be voted For the election of each of the seven nominees for director listed in Proposal 1, For the advisory approval of the executive compensation of the Company's named executive officers as provided in Proposal 2 and For the ratification of the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 as provided in Proposal 3. If any other matter is properly presented at the Annual Meeting, your proxy (one of the individuals named on your proxy card) will vote your shares using his or her best judgment.

Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?

We will pay for the entire cost of soliciting proxies. In addition to these proxy materials, our directors and employees may also solicit proxies in person, by telephone, or by other means of communication. Directors and employees will not be paid any additional compensation for soliciting proxies. We will also reimburse brokerage firms, banks and other agents for the cost of forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners.

What does it mean if I receive more than one Notice or set of proxy materials?

If you receive more than one Notice or set of proxy materials, your shares are registered in more than one name or are registered in different accounts. Please follow the voting instructions with respect to **each** Notice to ensure that all of your shares are voted. Similarly, if you are a stockholder of record and you receive more than one set of proxy materials, your shares are registered in more than one name. If you intend to vote by proxy using the proxy cards you receive, please complete, sign and return **each** proxy card to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

Can I change my vote after submitting my proxy?

Yes. You can revoke your proxy at any time before the final vote at the Annual Meeting. If you are a stockholder of record, you may revoke your proxy in any one of the following ways:

You may send a written notice that you are revoking your proxy to MannKind's Corporate Secretary at 28903 North Avenue Paine, Valencia, CA 91355.

You may grant another proxy by telephone or through the internet.

You may submit another properly completed proxy card with a later date.

You may attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. Simply attending the Annual Meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy. Your most current proxy, whether submitted by proxy card, telephone or internet, is the one that is counted.

If your shares are held by your broker or bank as a nominee or agent, you should follow the instructions provided by your broker or bank.

How are votes counted?

Votes will be counted by the inspector of election appointed for the meeting, who will separately count, with respect to the proposal to elect directors, votes For, Withhold and broker non-votes; and with respect to other proposals, For and Against votes, abstentions and, if applicable, broker non-votes. Abstentions will be counted towards the vote total for each proposal, except with respect to the election of directors, and will have the same effect as Against votes. Broker non-votes will have no effect.

What are broker non-votes ?

Broker non-votes occur when a beneficial owner of shares held in street name does not give instructions to the broker or nominee holding the shares as to how to vote on matters deemed non-routine. Generally, if shares are held in street name (shares are held by your broker as your nominee), the beneficial owner of the shares is entitled to give voting instructions to the broker or nominee holding the shares. If you do not give instructions to your broker, your broker can vote your shares with respect to matters that are considered to be routine, but not with respect to non-routine matters. Under the rules and interpretations of the New York Stock Exchange, non-routine matters are generally those involving a matter that may substantially affect the rights or privileges of stockholders, such as mergers or stockholder proposals, election of directors (even if not contested) and executive compensation, including the stockholder advisory votes on executive compensation. Proposals 1 and 2 regarding the election of directors and the advisory vote regarding executive compensation are non-routine matters. Proposal 3 to ratify Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm is a routine matter.

How many votes are needed to approve each proposal?

For the election of directors, the seven nominees receiving the most For votes (among votes properly cast in person or by proxy) will be elected. Only votes For or Withhold will affect the outcome. Only the seven nominees named herein have been properly nominated for election as directors.

To be approved, Proposals 2 and 3 regarding, respectively, approval on an advisory basis of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers and ratification of the Audit Committee's selection of the independent registered public accounting firm must receive a For vote from the majority of shares present and entitled to vote either in person or by proxy. If you Abstain from voting, it will have the same effect as an Against vote. Broker non-votes will have no effect.

What is the quorum requirement?

A quorum of stockholders is necessary to hold a valid Annual Meeting. A quorum will be present if at least a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote are represented by stockholders present at the Annual Meeting or by proxy. On the record date, there were 409,102,478 shares outstanding and entitled to vote. Thus, 204,551,239 shares must be represented by stockholders present at the Annual Meeting or by proxy to have a quorum.

Your shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy (or one is submitted on your behalf by your broker, bank or other nominee) or if you vote in person at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement. If there is no quorum, the chairman of the Annual Meeting or a majority of the votes present at the Annual Meeting may adjourn the meeting to another date.

How can I find out the results of the voting at the Annual Meeting?

Preliminary voting results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Final voting results will be published in a current report on Form 8-K that we expect to file no later than four business days following the date of the Annual Meeting. If final voting results are not available to us in time to file a Form 8-K on or before such date, we intend to file a Form 8-K to publish preliminary results and, within four business days after the final results are known to us, file an additional Form 8-K to publish the final results.

When are stockholder proposals due for next year's annual meeting?

To be considered for inclusion in MannKind's proxy material for next year's annual meeting, your proposal must be submitted in writing by December 13, 2015 to Attn: Corporate Secretary, MannKind Corporation, 28903 North Avenue Paine, Valencia, CA 91355. If you wish to submit a proposal that is not to be included in MannKind's proxy materials or nominate a director, you must do so not later than February 21, 2016 and not earlier than January 22, 2016. You are also advised to review the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws, which contain additional requirements about advance notice of stockholder proposals and director nominations.

PROPOSAL 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

MannKind's Board of Directors consists of seven directors. There are seven nominees for director this year, all of whom were nominated by our Board of Directors. Each director to be elected will hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until his successor is elected, or until the director's earlier death, resignation or removal. All nominees listed below are currently our directors and were previously elected by our stockholders at the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. It is our policy that directors are invited and expected to attend annual meetings. All directors attended the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes properly cast in person or by proxy. The seven nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative votes will be elected. Shares represented by executed proxies will be voted, if authority to do so is not withheld, for the election of the seven nominees named below. If any nominee becomes unavailable for election as a result of an unexpected occurrence, your shares may be voted for the election of a substitute nominee proposed by our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Each person nominated for election has agreed to serve if elected. Our management has no reason to believe that any nominee will be unable to serve.

NOMINEES

The following is a brief biography of each nominee for director and a discussion of the specific experience, qualifications, attributes or skills of each nominee that led our Board of Directors to conclude that each nominee should serve as a member of the Board.

Name	Age	Position Held With the Company
Alfred E. Mann	89	Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors
Hakan S. Edstrom	65	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Ronald J. Consiglio(2)(3)	71	Director
Michael A. Friedman, M.D.(1)(2)	71	Director
Kent Kresa(1)(2)	77	Lead Independent Director
David H. MacCallum(3)	77	Director
Henry L. Nordhoff(1)(3)	73	Director

- (1) Member of the Compensation Committee.
- (2) Member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.
- (3) Member of the Audit Committee.

Alfred E. Mann has been one of our directors since April 1999, our Executive Chairman of the Board since January 2015 and, before that, our Chairman of the Board from December 2001 until January 2015 and our Chief Executive Officer from October 2003 until January 2015. He founded and formerly served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of MiniMed, Inc., a publicly traded company focused on diabetes therapy and microinfusion drug delivery that was acquired by Medtronic, Inc. in August 2001. Mr. Mann also founded and, from 1972 through 1992, served as Chief Executive Officer of Pacesetter Systems, Inc. and its successor, Siemens Pacesetter, Inc., a manufacturer of cardiac pacemakers, now the Cardiac Rhythm Management Division of St. Jude Medical Corporation. Mr. Mann founded and since 1993, has served as Chairman and until January 2008, as Co-Chief Executive Officer of Advanced Bionics Corporation, a medical device manufacturer focused on neurostimulation to restore hearing to the deaf and to treat chronic pain and other neural deficits, that was acquired by Boston Scientific Corporation in June 2004. In January 2008, the former stockholders of Advanced Bionics Corporation repurchased certain segments from Boston Scientific Corporation and formed Advanced Bionics LLC for cochlear implants and Infusion Systems LLC for infusion pumps. Mr. Mann was non-executive

Chairman of both entities. Advanced Bionics LLC was acquired by Sonova Holdings on December 30, 2009. Infusion Systems LLC was acquired by the Alfred E. Mann Foundation in February 2010. Mr. Mann has also founded and is non-executive Chairman of Second Sight Medical Products, Inc., which is developing a visual prosthesis for the blind; Bioness Inc., which is developing rehabilitation neurostimulation systems; Quallion LLC, which produces batteries for medical products and for the military and aerospace industries; and Stellar Microelectronics Inc., a supplier of electronic assemblies to the medical, military and aerospace industries. Mr. Mann also founded and is the managing member of PerQFlo, LLC, which is developing drug delivery systems. Mr. Mann is the managing member of the Alfred E. Mann Foundation and is also non-executive Chairman of Alfred Mann Institutes at the University of Southern California, AMI Purdue and AMI Technion, and the Alfred Mann Foundation for Biomedical Engineering, which is establishing additional institutes at other research universities. Mr. Mann holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Physics from the University of California at Los Angeles, honorary doctorates from Johns Hopkins University, the University of Southern California, Western University and the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology and is a member of the National Academy of Engineering. The Board believes that Mr. Mann's business experience, including his extensive experience as a founder, board member and executive officer of medical device companies, combined with his business acumen and judgment provide our Board with valuable scientific and operational expertise and leadership skills.

Hakan S. Edstrom has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer since January 2015, and, before that, as our President and Chief Operating Officer since 2001. He has served as one of our directors since December 2001. In February 2015, Mr. Edstrom was elected to the Board of Directors of Vaccinogen Inc., a leading cancer immunotherapy company where he will also chair the Compensation Committee and serve on their Audit Committee. Mr. Edstrom was with Bausch & Lomb, Inc., a health care product company, from January 1998 to April 2001, advancing to the position of Senior Corporate Vice President and President of Bausch & Lomb, Inc. Americas Region. From 1981 to 1997, Mr. Edstrom was with Pharmacia Corporation, where he held various executive positions, including President and Chief Executive Officer of Pharmacia Ophthalmics Inc. Mr. Edstrom was educated in Sweden and holds a master's degree in Business Administration from the Stockholm School of Economics. The Board believes that Mr. Edstrom's business experience, including his extensive experience as an executive officer of health care product companies, combined with his business acumen and judgment provide our Board with valuable operational expertise and leadership skills.

Ronald J. Consiglio has been one of our directors since October 2003. Since 1999, Mr. Consiglio has been the managing director of Synergy Trading, a securities-trading partnership. From 1999 to 2001, Mr. Consiglio was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Trading Edge, Inc., a national automated bond-trading firm. From January 1993 to 1998 Mr. Consiglio served as Chief Executive Officer of Angeles Mortgage Investment Trust, a publicly traded Real Estate Investment Trust. His prior experience includes serving as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and as a member of its board of directors. Mr. Consiglio has served as a member of the board of trustees for the Metropolitan West Funds since 2003. Mr. Consiglio is a certified public accountant and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from California State University at Northridge. The Board believes that Mr. Consiglio's knowledge and understanding of accounting and finance, his experience as a board member and executive officer at financial services firms, combined with his business acumen and judgment provide our Board with valuable accounting, financial and operational expertise and leadership skills.

Michael A. Friedman, M.D. has been one of our directors since December 2003. In 2014, Dr. Friedman completed a decade of service as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the City of Hope National Medical Center. Previously, from September 2001 until April 2003, Dr. Friedman held the position of Senior Vice President of Research and Development, Medical and Public Policy, for Pharmacia Corporation and, from July 1999 until September 2001, was a senior vice president of Searle, a subsidiary of Monsanto Company. From 1995 until June 1999, Dr. Friedman served as Deputy Commissioner for Operations for the Food and Drug Administration, and was Acting Commissioner and Lead Deputy Commissioner from 1997 to 1998. He joined the board of Celgene Corporation in February 2011 and the board of Smith & Nephew plc in April 2013.

Dr. Friedman received a bachelor of arts degree, magna cum laude, from Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, and a doctorate in medicine from the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School. The Board believes Dr. Friedman's business experience, including his experience as an executive officer at biopharmaceutical companies and a leading clinical and research center specializing in cancer and diabetes, and his service at the Food and Drug Administration, combined with his business acumen and judgment provide our Board with valuable scientific and operational expertise and leadership skills.

Kent Kresa has been one of our directors since June 2004. Mr. Kresa is Chairman Emeritus of Northrop Grumman Corporation, a defense company and from September 1990 until October 2003, he was also its Chairman. He also served as Chief Executive Officer of Northrop Grumman Corporation from January 1990 until March 2003 and as its President from 1987 until September 2001. From 2003 to August 2010, Mr. Kresa served as a director of General Motors Company (or its predecessor). From December 2005 to April 2010, Mr. Kresa served as a director of Avery Dennison Corporation. Mr. Kresa has been a member of the Caltech Board of Trustees since 1994. Mr. Kresa has served on the board of Fluor Corporation since 2003, and he also serves on the boards of several non-profit organizations and universities. As a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he received a B.S. in 1959, an M.S. in 1961, and an E.A.A. in 1966, all in aeronautics and astronautics. The Board believes that Mr. Kresa's business experience, including his experience as a director and executive officer of Northrop Grumman, and his service on other public company boards, combined with his business acumen and judgment provide our Board with valuable operational expertise and leadership skills.

David H. MacCallum has been one of our directors since June 2004. Since 2002, Mr. MacCallum has served as the Managing Partner of Outer Islands Capital, a hedge fund specializing in health care investments. From June 1999 until November 2001, he was Global Head of Health Care investment banking for Salomon Smith Barney, part of Citigroup, a financial institution. Prior to joining Salomon Smith Barney, he was Executive Vice President and Head of the Health Care group at ING Barings Furman Selz LLC, an investment banking firm and subsidiary of ING Group, a Dutch financial institution, from April 1998 to June 1999. Prior to that, Mr. MacCallum formed the Life Sciences group at UBS Securities, an investment banking firm, where he was Managing Director and Global Head of Life Sciences from May 1994 to April 1998. Before joining UBS Securities, he built the health care practice at Hambrecht & Quist, an investment banking firm, where he was Head of Health Care and Co-Head of Investment Banking. From 2005 to October 2010, Mr. MacCallum served as a director of Zymogenetics, Inc. From 2002 to 2008, he served as a director of Vital Signs, Inc. Mr. MacCallum received an A.B. degree from Brown University and an M.B.A. degree from New York University. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst. The Board believes that Mr. MacCallum's knowledge and understanding of accounting and finance, his business experience in the investment banking industry, combined with his business acumen and judgment provide our Board with valuable accounting, financial and operational expertise and leadership skills.

Henry L. Nordhoff has been one of our directors since March 2005. He has served as a director of BioTime, Inc. since June 2013 and as a director of Asterias Biotherapeutics, Inc. since October 2013. Mr. Nordhoff retired as Chairman of the Board of Gen-Probe Incorporated, a clinical diagnostic and blood screening company, at the end of 2011, after serving as its Chairman since September 2002. He also served as Chief Executive Officer and President of Gen-Probe from July 1994 until May 2009. Prior to joining Gen-Probe, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of TargeTech, Inc., a gene therapy company that was merged into Immune Response Corporation. Prior to that, Mr. Nordhoff was at Pfizer, Inc. in senior positions in Brussels, Seoul, Tokyo and New York. He received a B.A. in international relations and political economy from Johns Hopkins University and an M.B.A. from Columbia University. The Board believes that Mr. Nordhoff's business experience, including his experience as a director and executive officer at pharmaceutical and biotech companies, combined with his business acumen and judgment provide our Board with valuable operational expertise and leadership skills.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF ALL DIRECTOR NOMINEES NAMED ABOVE

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES AND BOARD AND COMMITTEE MATTERS

INDEPENDENCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As required under the Nasdaq Stock Market (Nasdaq) listing standards, a majority of the members of a listed company s board of directors must qualify as independent, as affirmatively determined by the board of directors. Our Board of Directors consults with the Company s counsel to ensure that the Board s determinations are consistent with all relevant securities and other laws and regulations regarding the definition of independent, including those set forth in pertinent listing standards of Nasdaq, as in effect time to time.

Consistent with these considerations, after review of all relevant transactions or relationships between each director or any of his family members and the Company, its senior management and its independent auditors, the Board of Directors affirmatively has determined that all of the Company s directors other than Mr. Mann and Mr. Edstrom are independent within the meaning of the applicable Nasdaq listing standards. In making this determination, the Board found that none of the directors has a material or other disqualifying relationship with the Company.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS COMMITTEES

We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of business conduct and ethics. Our Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and adheres to corporate governance guidelines to assure that the Board will have the necessary authority and practices in place to review and evaluate our business operations as needed and to make decisions that are independent of our management. The guidelines are also intended to align the interests of directors and management with those of our stockholders. The charters for various Board committees set forth the practices the Board will follow with respect to board composition and selection, board meetings and involvement of senior management, Chief Executive Officer performance evaluation and succession planning, and board committees and compensation. Our Board of Directors adopted these measures to, among other things, reflect changes to the Nasdaq listing standards and SEC rules adopted to implement provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended. Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, as well as the charters for each committee of the Board, may be viewed on our website at www.mannkindcorp.com.

BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Our Board of Directors is currently chaired by our Executive Chairman, Mr. Mann, who is also our largest stockholder. The Company believes that it is advantageous to have a Chairman of the Board with an extensive history with and knowledge of the Company and is seen by both our partners and investors as providing strong leadership to the Company (as is the case with Mr. Mann). In November 2011, our Board of Directors appointed Mr. Kresa as the lead independent director to help reinforce the independence of the Board as a whole. The position of lead independent director has been structured to serve as an effective balance to an Executive Chairman position. The lead independent director is empowered to, among other duties and responsibilities, approve agendas and meeting schedules for regular Board meetings, preside over Board meetings in the absence of the Chair, preside over and establish the agendas for meetings of the independent directors, act as liaison between the Chair and the independent directors, approve information sent to the Board, preside over any portions of Board meetings at which the evaluation or compensation of the Chief Executive Officer is presented or discussed and, as appropriate upon request, act as a liaison to stockholders. In addition, it is the responsibility of the lead independent director to coordinate between the Board and management with regard to the determination and implementation of responses to any problematic risk management issues. As a result, the Company believes that the lead independent director can help ensure the effective independent functioning of the Board in its oversight responsibilities. In addition, the Company believes that the lead independent director is better positioned to build a consensus among directors and to serve as a conduit between the other independent directors and the Chairman, for example, by facilitating the inclusion on meeting agendas of matters of concern to the independent directors.

ROLE OF THE BOARD IN RISK OVERSIGHT

One of the key functions of our Board of Directors is informed oversight of the Company's risk management process. The Board of Directors does not have a standing risk management committee, but rather administers this oversight function directly through the Board as a whole, as well as through various standing committees that address risks inherent in their respective areas of oversight. In particular, our Board is responsible for monitoring and assessing strategic risk exposure, including a determination of the nature and level of risk appropriate for the Company. Our Audit Committee has the responsibility to consider and discuss our major financial risk exposures and the steps our management has taken to monitor and control these exposures, including guidelines and policies to govern the process by which risk assessment and management is undertaken. Our Compensation Committee reviews and approves individual and corporate performance goals, advises the Board regarding the adoption, modification, or termination of compensation plans and policies and assesses and monitors whether any of our compensation policies and programs has the potential to encourage excessive risk-taking.

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors has three standing committees: an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee, and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. All three committees operate under written charters adopted by our Board, all of which are available on our website at www.mannkindcorp.com.

Each of the committees has authority to engage legal counsel or other experts or consultants, as it deems appropriate to carry out its responsibilities. The Board of Directors has determined that each member of each committee meets the applicable rules and regulations regarding independence and that each member is free of any relationship that would interfere with his or her individual exercise of independent judgment with regard to the Company. Below is a description of each committee.

Audit Committee

Our Audit Committee consists of Mr. Consiglio (chair), Mr. MacCallum and Mr. Nordhoff, each of whom is an independent member of our Board of Directors (as determined by our Board based on its annual review of the independence requirement of Audit Committee members provided in Rule 5605(c)(2)(A)(i) and (ii) of the Nasdaq listing standards). The functions of this committee include, among others:

evaluating the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications, independence and performance;

determining the engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm;

approving the retention of the independent registered public accounting firm to perform any proposed permissible non-audit services;

monitoring the rotation of partners of the independent registered public accounting firm on our engagement team as required by law;

reviewing our financial statements;

reviewing our critical accounting policies and estimates;

discussing with management and the independent registered public accounting firm the results of the annual audit and the review of our quarterly financial statements; and

reviewing and evaluating, at least annually, the performance of the Audit Committee and its members, including compliance of the Audit Committee with its charter.

The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Consiglio qualifies as an audit committee financial expert, as that term is defined in applicable SEC rules. In making such determinations, the Board of Directors made a qualitative assessment of Mr. Consiglio's level of knowledge and experience based on a number of factors, including his formal education and experience. Both our independent registered public accounting firm and internal financial personnel regularly meet privately with our Audit Committee and have unrestricted access to this committee. Our Audit Committee charter can be found on our corporate website at www.mannkindcorp.com. The Audit Committee met 11 times during 2014. The report of the Audit Committee is included herein on page 43.

Compensation Committee

Our Compensation Committee consists of Mr. Kresa (chair), Mr. Nordhoff, and Dr. Friedman, each of whom is an independent member of our Board of Directors (as independence is currently defined in Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Nasdaq listing standards). The functions of this committee include, among others:

reviewing and recommending policy relating to compensation and benefits of our officers and employees, including reviewing and approving corporate goals and objectives relevant to compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and other senior officers, evaluating the performance of these officers in light of those goals and objectives, and recommending compensation of these officers based on such evaluations;

administering our benefit plans and the issuance of stock options and other awards under our stock plans;

recommending the type and amount of compensation to be paid or awarded to members of our Board of Directors, including consulting, retainer, meeting, committee and committee chair fees and stock option grants or awards;

reviewing and approving the terms of any employment agreements, severance arrangements, change-of-control protections and any other compensatory arrangements for our executive officers; and

reviewing and evaluating, at least annually, the performance of the Compensation Committee and its members, including compliance of the Compensation Committee with its charter.

Typically, the Compensation Committee meets at least quarterly and with greater frequency if necessary. The Compensation Committee met four times during 2014.

The processes and procedures of the Compensation Committee with respect to executive compensation are described in greater detail in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement. Our Compensation Committee charter can be found on our corporate website at www.mannkindcorp.com. The report of the Compensation Committee is included herein on page 42.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee consists of Dr. Friedman (chair), Mr. Consiglio and Mr. Kresa, each of whom is an independent member of our Board of Directors (as independence is currently defined in Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Nasdaq listing standards). The functions of this committee include, among others:

planning for succession with respect to the position of Chief Executive Officer and other senior officers;

reviewing and recommending nominees for election as directors;

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assessing the performance of the Board of Directors and monitoring committee evaluations;

suggesting, as appropriate, ad-hoc committees of the Board of Directors;

developing guidelines for board composition; and

reviewing and evaluating, at least annually, the performance of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and its members, including compliance of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee with its charter.

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charter can be found on our corporate website at www.mannkindcorp.com. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee did not meet during 2014.

CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Director Qualifications

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes that candidates for director should have certain minimum qualifications, including being able to read and understand basic financial statements, being over 21 years of age and having the highest personal integrity and ethics. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also intends to consider such factors as possessing relevant expertise upon which to be able to offer advice and guidance to management, having sufficient time to devote to the affairs of the Company, demonstrated excellence in his or her field, having the ability to exercise sound business judgment and having the commitment to rigorously represent the long-term interests of the Company's stockholders. However, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee retains the discretion to modify these qualifications from time to time.

Evaluating Nominees for Director

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee review candidates for director nominees in the context of the current composition of the Board of Directors, the operating requirements of the Company and the long-term interests of the Company's stockholders. In conducting this assessment, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers age, skills, and such other factors as it deems appropriate given the current needs of the Board of Directors and the Company, to maintain a balance of knowledge, experience and capability. In the case of incumbent directors, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews such directors' overall service to the Company during their term, including the number of meetings attended, level of participation, quality of performance, and any other relationships and transactions that might impair such directors' independence. In the case of new director candidates, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also determines whether the nominee would be independent for Nasdaq purposes, which determination is based upon applicable Nasdaq listing standards, applicable SEC rules and regulations and the advice of counsel, if necessary. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also focuses on issues of diversity, such as diversity of gender, race and national origin, education, professional experience and differences in viewpoints and skills. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not have a formal policy with respect to diversity; however, the Board of Directors and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believe that it is important that directors represent diverse viewpoints.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee uses its network of contacts to compile a list of potential candidates, but may also engage, if it deems appropriate, a professional search firm. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee conducts any appropriate and necessary inquiries into the backgrounds and qualifications of possible candidates after considering the function and needs of the Board. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee meets to discuss and consider such candidates' qualifications and then selects a nominee for recommendation to the Board by majority vote. To date, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has not paid a fee to any third party to assist in the process of identifying or evaluating director candidates.

Stockholder Nominations

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider director candidates recommended by stockholders. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not intend to alter the manner in which it evaluates candidates, including the minimum criteria set forth above, based on whether a candidate was

recommended by a stockholder or not. Stockholders who wish to recommend individuals for consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee to become nominees for election to the Board of Directors must do so by delivering at least 120 days prior to the anniversary date of the mailing of MannKind's proxy statement for its last annual meeting of stockholders a written recommendation to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, c/o MannKind Corporation, 28903 North Avenue Paine, Valencia, California 91355, Attn: Corporate Secretary. Each submission must set forth:

the name and address of the MannKind stockholder on whose behalf the submission is made;

the number of MannKind shares that are owned beneficially by such stockholder as of the date of the submission;

the full name of the proposed candidate;

a description of the proposed candidate's business experience for at least the previous five years;

complete biographical information for the proposed candidate; and

a description of the proposed candidate's qualifications as a director.

Each submission must be accompanied by the written consent of the proposed candidate to be named as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected. To date, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has not received a timely nomination of a candidate for election as a director at any annual meeting from a stockholder or group of stockholders holding more than 5% of our voting stock.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met seven times during the last fiscal year. Each director attended 75% or more of the aggregate number of the meetings of the Board and of the committees on which he served, held during the period for which he was a director or committee member.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

As required under applicable Nasdaq listing standards, our independent directors meet in regularly scheduled executive sessions at which only independent directors are present.

STOCKHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Company's Board of Directors has adopted a formal process by which stockholders may communicate with the Board or any of its directors. Stockholders who wish to communicate with the Board or an individual director may send a written communication to the Board or such director c/o MannKind Corporation, 28903 North Avenue Paine, Valencia, California 91355, Attn: Corporate Secretary. Communications also may be sent by e-mail to the following address: board@mannkindcorp.com. Each communication must set forth the name and address of the MannKind stockholder on whose behalf the communication is sent. Each communication will be screened by MannKind's Corporate Secretary to determine whether it is appropriate for presentation to the Board of Directors or such director. Examples of inappropriate communications include junk mail, mass mailings, product complaints, product inquiries, new product suggestions, resumes, job inquiries, surveys, business solicitations and advertisements, as well as unduly hostile, threatening, illegal, unsuitable, frivolous, patently offensive or otherwise inappropriate material. Communications determined by the Corporate Secretary to be appropriate for presentation to the Board of Directors or such director will be submitted to the Board of Directors or such director on a periodic basis.

The screening procedures have been approved by a majority of the independent directors of the Board. All communications directed to the Audit Committee in accordance with the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that relate to questionable accounting or auditing matters involving the Company will be promptly and directly forwarded to the Audit Committee.

CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics Policy that applies to our directors and employees (including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer and controller), and have posted the text of the policy on our website (www.mannkindcorp.com) in connection with Investors materials. In addition, we intend to promptly disclose on our website (i) the nature of any amendment to the policy that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions and (ii) the nature of any waiver, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of the policy that is granted to one of these specified individuals, the name of such person who is granted the waiver and the date of the waiver.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, Messrs. Kresa and Nordhoff and Dr. Friedman served on our Compensation Committee. None of Messrs. Kresa or Nordhoff or Dr. Friedman has ever been one of our officers or employees. During 2014, none of our executive officers served as a member of the Board of Directors or Compensation Committee of any other entity that had one or more executive officers who served on our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee.

PROPOSAL 2

ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, or the Dodd-Frank Act, and Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) enables the Company's stockholders to vote to approve, on an advisory or non-binding basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement (commonly referred to as a say on pay proposal). This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our named executive officers and the philosophy, policies and practices described in this proxy statement.

The compensation of our named executive officers is disclosed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables, and the related narrative disclosure contained on pages 25 to 42 of this proxy statement. As discussed in those disclosures, the Company believes that its compensation policies and decisions are appropriately designed to attract and retain the individuals needed to support the Company's business strategy and to compete effectively with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies while aligning with the long-term interests of the Company's stockholders.

Applying these philosophies, the Board of Directors has set specific compensation goals designed to help the Company achieve our short and long-term business and performance goals. Our executive compensation program emphasizes pay-for-performance. The compensation package for our executive officers includes both cash and equity incentive plans that align our executives' compensation with our short-term and long-term performance goals and objectives.

The Board of Directors believes that the base salaries of our executive officers should be set at approximately the median base salary levels of executive officers in our competitive market. The annual cash incentive awards under our bonus plan are intended to compensate our executive officers for achieving our annual goals at the corporate level. The goals for the Company are established so that target attainment is not assured. The attainment of payment for performance at or above target levels requires significant effort on the part of our named executive officers. Our named executive officers' target annual cash incentive awards are expressed as a percentage of base salary and reflects what we believe are market competitive levels.

Long-term equity incentives are intended to reward executives for growth in stockholder value. In 2014, our long-term equity incentive awards to our named executive officers reflected the grant guidelines we adopted in 2007, and are based on our determination of appropriate and competitive annual award values. The guidelines for executive officers seek to deliver approximately 75% of the award value in stock options and 25% of the award value in restricted stock units. We believe this mix of equity aligns with the interests of stockholders and encourages both stock price growth and retention.

We have limited perquisite benefits (e.g. automobile allowances) for our named executive officers and we currently do not provide any deferred compensation programs or supplemental pensions to any of our named executive officers.

We believe that our pay practices are reasonable and in the best interests of our Company and our stockholders. To that end, we do not use tax gross-ups, guaranteed bonuses, single-trigger benefits payable upon a change in control without a corresponding separation from service, or similar pay practices.

At the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, our stockholders indicated their preference that the Company solicit a non-binding advisory vote on the compensation of the named executive officers every year. The Board has adopted a policy that is consistent with that preference. In accordance with that policy, this year, we are again

asking our stockholders to support the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as described in this proxy statement by casting a non-binding advisory vote FOR the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Company's stockholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the 2014 Summary Compensation Table and the other related tables and disclosure.

While this advisory vote on executive compensation is non-binding, the Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee, which is responsible for designing and administering the Company's executive compensation program, will review the voting results and consider the outcome of the vote when making future compensation decisions for named executive officers.

Unless the Board decides to modify its policy regarding the frequency of soliciting say-on-pay votes, the next scheduled say-on-pay vote will be at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

REQUIRED VOTE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDATION

Approval of Proposal 2 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions will be counted toward the tabulation of votes cast on the proposal and will have the same effect as Against votes. Broker non-votes are counted towards a quorum, but will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote in favor of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as described in this proxy statement, including the disclosures under Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and the narrative discussion following the compensation tables.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL 2

PROPOSAL 3

RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP AS INDEPENDENT

REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has selected Deloitte & Touche LLP, or Deloitte, as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 and has directed management to submit the selection of Deloitte for ratification by the stockholders at the Annual Meeting.

Deloitte has audited the Company's financial statements since the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000. Representatives of Deloitte are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting. They will have an opportunity to make a statement if they so desire and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Stockholder ratification of the selection of Deloitte as our independent registered public accounting firm is not required by our Amended and Restated Bylaws or otherwise. The Board of Directors is seeking such ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. If the stockholders fail to ratify the selection of Deloitte as our independent registered accounting firm, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors will consider whether to retain that firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.

A majority of the shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting is required for approval of this proposal.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL 3

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

The following table represents aggregate fees billed to the Company for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 by Deloitte, the Company's principal accounting firm.

	Fiscal Year Ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Audit Fees(1)		