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REGULUS THERAPEUTICS INC.

10614 Science Center Drive

San Diego, California 92121

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held On June 1, 2018

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Regulus Therapeutics Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company). The meeting will be held on Friday, June 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. local time at the Company s principal executive offices located at 10614 Science Center Drive, San Diego, CA 92121 for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect the seven nominees for director named herein to serve until the next annual meeting and their successors are duly elected and qualified.
- **2.** To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company s named executive officers, as disclosed in the Proxy Statement accompanying this notice;
- **3.** To indicate, on an advisory basis, the preferred frequency of stockholder advisory votes on the compensation of the Company s named executive officers;
- 4. To ratify the selection by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for its fiscal year ending 2018; and

5. To conduct any other business properly brought before the meeting. These items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this notice.

The record date for the annual meeting is April 6, 2018. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on that date may vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholders Meeting to Be Held on June 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. local time at the Company s offices located at 10614 Science Center Drive, San Diego, CA 92121.

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

By Order of the Board of Directors

Christopher Aker

Corporate Secretary

San Diego, California

April 20, 2018

You are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person. Whether or not you expect to attend the meeting, please complete, date, sign and return the proxy mailed to you or vote by telephone or through the internet as instructed in these materials, 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.

REGULUS THERAPEUTICS INC.

10614 Science Center Drive

San Diego, California 92121

PROXY STATEMENT

FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To be held on June 1, 2018

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THESE PROXY MATERIALS AND VOTING

Why did I receive a notice regarding the availability of proxy materials on the internet, rather than a full set of proxy materials?

Pursuant to rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), we have elected to provide access to our proxy materials over the internet. Accordingly, we have sent you a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (a Notice) because the Board of Directors (sometimes referred to as the Board) of Regulus Therapeutics Inc. (sometimes referred to as we, us, the Company or Regulus) is soliciting your proxy to vote at our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, including at any adjournments or postponements of the meeting. 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.

The Notice is expected to first be mailed to our stockholders of record entitled to vote at the annual meeting on April 20, 2018.

Will I receive any other proxy materials by mail?

We may send you a proxy card, along with a second Notice, on or after April 30, 2018.

How do I attend the annual meeting?

The meeting will be held on Friday, June 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. local time at 10614 Science Center Drive, San Diego, California 92121. Directions to the annual meeting may be found at www.regulusrx.com. Information on how to vote in person at the annual meeting is discussed below.

Who can vote at the annual meeting?

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on April 6, 2018 will be entitled to vote at the annual meeting. On this record date, there were 104,319,552 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote.

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If on April 6, 2018 your shares were registered directly in your name with the Company 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 meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy to ensure your vote is counted.

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

If on April 6, 2018 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 received a Notice from 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 regarding how to vote the shares in your account. You are also invited to attend the annual meeting. However, since you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote your shares in person at the meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your broker or other agent.

What am I voting on?

There are four matters scheduled for a vote:

Election of the seven nominees for director named herein;

To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company s named executive officers, as disclosed in this Proxy Statement;

To indicate, on an advisory basis, the preferred frequency of stockholder advisory votes on the compensation of the Company s named executive officers; and

Ratification of the selection by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for its fiscal year ending 2018. What if another matter is properly brought before the 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 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?

You may either vote For all the nominees to the Board of Directors or you may Withhold your vote for any nominee you specify. With regard to your advisory vote on how frequently we should solicit stockholder advisory approval of executive compensation, you may vote for any one of the following: one year, two years or three years, or you may abstain from voting on that matter. For all other matters, you may vote For or Against or abstain from voting.

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, by proxy over the telephone, by proxy through the internet, or by proxy using a proxy card that you may request. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy to ensure your vote is counted. You may still attend the meeting and vote in person even if you have already voted by proxy.

To vote using a proxy card that may be delivered to you at a later time, simply complete, sign and date the proxy card and return it promptly in the envelope provided. If you return your signed proxy card to us before

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the annual meeting, we will vote your shares as you direct.

To vote over the telephone, dial toll-free 1-800-652-8683 using a touch-tone phone and follow the recorded instructions. You will be asked to provide the company number and control number from the Notice. Your vote must be received by 1:00 a.m. Pacific Time on June 1, 2018 to be counted.

To vote through the internet, go to www.investorvote.com/RGLS to complete an electronic proxy card. You will be asked to provide the company number and control number from the Notice. Your vote must be received by 1:00 a.m. Pacific Time on June 1, 2018 to be counted.

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

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 Regulus. Simply follow the instructions in the Notice to ensure that your vote is counted. 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 these proxy materials, 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 April 6, 2018.

What happens if I do not vote?

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If you are a stockholder of record and do not vote by completing a proxy card, or by telephone, through the internet, or in person at the annual meeting, your shares will not be voted.

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

If you are a beneficial owner and do not instruct your broker, bank, or other agent how to vote your shares, the question of whether your broker or nominee will still be able to vote your shares depends on whether the particular proposal is considered to be a routine matter under applicable rules. Brokers and nominees can use their discretion to vote uninstructed shares with respect to matters that are considered to be routine under applicable rules, but not with respect to non-routine matters. Under applicable rules and interpretations, non-routine matters are matters that may substantially affect the rights or privileges of stockholders, such as mergers, stockholder proposals, elections of directors (even if not contested), executive compensation (including any advisory stockholder votes on executive compensation and on the frequency of stockholder votes on executive compensation), and certain corporate governance proposals, even if management-supported. Accordingly, your broker or nominee may not vote your shares on Proposals 1, 2 or 3 without your instructions, but may vote your shares on Proposal 4.

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

If you return a signed and dated proxy card or otherwise vote without marking voting selections, your shares will be voted, as applicable, For the election of all seven nominees for director, For the approval of the stockholder advisory vote on the compensation of our Named Executive Officers as described in Proposal 2, for One Year as the preferred frequency for soliciting advisory stockholder approval of the compensation of our Named Executive Officers as described in Proposal 3, and For ratification of the selection by the Audit Committee of the Board of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for its fiscal year ending 2018. If any other matter is properly presented at the meeting, your proxyholder (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 and Computershare 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, but Computershare will be paid its customary fee of approximately \$10,000.00 plus out-of-pocket expenses if it solicits proxies. We may 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 set of proxy materials?

If you receive more than one set of proxy materials, your shares may be registered in more than one name or in different accounts. Please follow the voting instructions on the proxy cards in the proxy materials to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

Can I change my vote after submitting my proxy?

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

Yes. You can revoke your proxy at any time before the final vote at the meeting. If you are the record holder of your shares, you may revoke your proxy in any one of the following ways:

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

You may grant a subsequent proxy by telephone or through the internet

You may send a timely written notice that you are revoking your proxy to Regulus Therapeutics Inc. s Secretary at its principal executive offices located at 10614 Science Center Drive, San Diego, California 92121.

You may attend the annual meeting and vote in person. Simply attending the meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy.

Your most current proxy card or telephone or internet proxy is the one that is counted.

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

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.

When are stockholder proposals and director nominations due for next year s annual meeting?

To be considered for inclusion in the Company s proxy materials for next year s annual meeting of stockholders, your proposal must be submitted in writing by December 21, 2018 to the attention of the Secretary of Regulus Therapeutics Inc. at 10614 Science Center Drive, San Diego, California 92121. If you wish to submit a proposal (including a director nomination) at the meeting that is not to be included in the Company s proxy materials for next year s annual meeting, your written request must be received by the Secretary for Regulus Therapeutics Inc. at 10614 Science Center Drive, San Diego, California 92121 between February 1, 2019 and March 3, 2019. You are also advised to review the Company s Bylaws, which contain additional requirements about advance notice of stockholder proposals and director nominations.

How are votes counted?

Votes will be counted by the inspector of election appointed for the meeting, who will separately count, for the proposal to elect directors, votes For, Withhold and broker non-votes; with respect to the proposal regarding

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frequency of stockholder advisory votes to approve executive compensation, votes for frequencies of one year, two years or three years, abstentions and broker non-votes, and with respect to the other proposals, votes For and Against, abstentions and, if applicable, broker non-votes. Abstentions will be counted towards the vote total for Proposals 2 and 4 and will have the same effect as Against votes. For Proposal 3, abstentions will be counted towards the vote total, and will have the same effect as votes Against each of the proposed voting frequencies. Broker non-votes will have no effect and will not be counted towards the vote total for any proposal.

What are broker non-votes ?

As discussed above, 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 to be non-routine under applicable rules, the broker or nominee may not vote the shares. These unvoted shares are counted as broker non-votes.

How many votes are needed to approve each proposal?

For Proposal 1, regarding the election of directors, the seven nominees receiving the most For votes from the holders of shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the election of directors will be elected. Only votes For will affect the outcome. However, if the number of votes For any of the seven nominees does not exceed a majority of the total number of votes cast (excluding abstentions and broker non-votes) with respect to such nominee s election (from the holders of votes of shares either present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote), such nominee will promptly tender his or her resignation as a director, and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board will make a recommendation to the Board as to whether to accept or reject such director s resignation.

To be approved, Proposal 2, regarding the approval on an advisory basis of the compensation paid to the Company s named executive officers, must receive For votes from the holders of a majority of shares present and entitled to vote either in person or represented by proxy. If you mark your proxy to Abstain from voting, it will have the same effect as an Against vote.

For Proposal 3, regarding the advisory vote on the preferred frequency voting on the compensation paid to the Company s named executive officers, the frequency receiving the highest number of affirmative votes of the shares represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the item will be considered the frequency preferred by the stockholders. If you mark your proxy to Abstain from voting, it will only be counted for the purposes of determining the number of shares represented in person or by proxy at the annual meeting.

To be approved, Proposal 4, regarding the ratification of the selection by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for its fiscal year ending 2018, must receive For votes from the holders of a majority of shares present and entitled to vote either in person or represented by proxy. If you mark your proxy to Abstain from voting, it will have the same effect as an Against vote

What is the quorum requirement?

A quorum of stockholders is necessary to hold a valid meeting. A quorum will be present if stockholders holding at least a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote are present at the meeting in person or represented by proxy. On the record date, there were 104,319,552 shares outstanding and entitled to vote. Thus, the holders of 52,159,777 shares must be present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting 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 meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement. If there is no quorum, the holders of a majority of shares present at the meeting in person or represented by proxy 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. In addition, final voting results will be published in a current report on Form 8-K that we expect to file within four business days after the annual meeting. If final voting results are not available to us in time to file a Form 8-K within four business days after the meeting, 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.

What proxy materials are available on the internet?

The letter to stockholders, proxy statement, Form 10-K and annual report to stockholders are available at www.regulusrx.com.

PROPOSAL 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directors currently consists of eight directors. There are seven nominees for director this year, consisting of our incumbent directors other than Mark Foletta, who we did not nominate for reelection at the annual meeting as a result of his preference to retire from the Board at the end of his current term. We intend to reduce the authorized size of our Board of Directors from eight to seven directors on or shortly following the date of the annual meeting. Each director to be elected and qualified will hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until his or her successor is elected, or, if sooner, until the director s death, resignation or removal. Each of the nominees listed below is currently a director of the Company who was previously elected by the stockholders, other than Ms. Collier who was appointed as a director by the Board in April 2018. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes of the holders of shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the election of directors. The seven nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative votes will be elected. Pursuant to the Company s Corporate Governance Principles, if the number of votes For any of the seven nominees does not exceed a majority of the total number of votes cast (excluding abstentions and broker non-votes) with respect to such nominee s election (from the holders of votes of shares either present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote), such nominee will promptly tender his or her resignation as a director, and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board will make a recommendation to the Board as to whether to accept or reject such director s resignation. The Board may accept or reject the resignation in its discretion. 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 Regulus. Each person nominated for election has agreed to serve if elected. The Company s management has no reason to believe that any nominee will be unable to serve.

It is the Company s policy to invite nominees for directors to attend the annual meeting. None of our current directors attended our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, except for Mr. Hagan.

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 the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee to recommend that person as a nominee for director, as of the date of this proxy statement.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks to assemble a Board that, as a whole, possesses the appropriate balance of professional and industry knowledge, financial expertise and high-level management experience necessary to oversee and direct the Company s business. To that end, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has identified and evaluated nominees in the broader context of the Board s overall composition, with the goal of recruiting members who complement and strengthen the skills of other members and who also exhibit integrity, collegiality, sound business judgment and other qualities that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee views as critical to effective functioning of the Board. The brief biographies below include information, as of the date of this proxy statement, regarding the specific and particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills of each director or nominee that led the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee to recommend that person as a nominee. However, each of the members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may have a variety of reasons why he or she believes a particular person would be an appropriate nominee for the Board, and these views may differ from the views of other members.

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Name	Age	Position Held With the Company
Dr. Stelios Papadopoulos	69	Chairman of the Board of Directors
Kathryn J. Collier	50	Director
Dr. David Baltimore	80	Director
Mr. Joseph P. Hagan	49	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer
Dr. William H. Rastetter	70	Director
Dr. Hugh Rosen	59	Director
Ms. Pascale Witz, MBA, MSc	51	Director

Stelios Papadopoulos, Ph.D. Chairman of the Board, has served on our Board of Directors since our conversion to a corporation in January 2009 and as our Chairman since June 2013, and prior to that was a director of Regulus Therapeutics LLC since July 2008. Since 1994, Dr. Papadopoulos has served as a director and, since 1998, as Chairman of the Board for Exelixis, Inc., a publicly held biotechnology company, which he co-founded. Since July 2008, Dr. Papadopoulos has served as a member of the board of directors of Biogen Inc. (formerly Biogen Idec Inc.), a publicly held biopharmaceutical company, and has served as its chairman of the board of directors since June 2014. Since 2003, Dr. Papadopoulos has served as a member of the board of directors of BG Medicine, Inc., a publicly held life sciences company. From 2000 to 2006, Dr. Papadopoulos served as Vice Chairman with Cowen and Co., LLC, an investment banking firm. From 1987 to 2000, Dr. Papadopoulos served in several positions with PaineWebber, Incorporated, most recently as Chairman of PaineWebber Development Corp., a PaineWebber subsidiary focusing on biotechnology. Dr. Papadopoulos holds an M.S. in Physics, a Ph.D. in Biophysics and an MBA in Finance from New York University. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes that Dr. Papadopoulos is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors due to his knowledge and expertise regarding the biotechnology and healthcare industries, his broad leadership experience on various boards and his experience with financial matters.

David Baltimore, Ph.D. has served on our Board of Directors since our conversion to a corporation in January 2009, and prior to that was a director of Regulus Therapeutics LLC since November 2007. Since 2006, Dr. Baltimore has served as President Emeritus and Robert Andrews Millikan Professor of Biology at the California Institute of Technology, and before that from 1997 to 2006, Dr. Baltimore served as President of the California Institute of Technology. From 1968 to 1972, Dr. Baltimore served as an associate professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and from 1972 to 1997 was a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and professor at The Rockefeller University where he also served as the President from July 1990 to December 1991. Since 1997, Dr. Baltimore has served as a director of Amgen Inc., a publicly held biotechnology company, and also serves as a director of Immune Design Corp., a publicly held biotechnology company. In 1975, Dr. Baltimore received the Nobel Prize in Medicine as a co-recipient. Dr. Baltimore holds a Ph.D. in Biology from The Rockefeller University and a B.A. with High Honors in Chemistry from Swarthmore College. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes that Dr. Baltimore is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors due to the many years Dr. Baltimore has spent in scientific academia, which has provided him with a deep understanding of our industry and our activities.

Kathryn J. Collier has served on our Board of Directors since April 2018. Ms. Collier presently serves as the Vice President and Treasurer for Sempra Energy, a publicly-traded energy services holding company whose subsidiaries provide electricity, natural gas and value-added products and services. In this position, Ms. Collier oversees the treasury function at Sempra Energy, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate and project financing, cash management, pension and trust investments, rating agency relationships, as well as major project control activities. Prior to joining Sempra Energy in 2012, Ms. Collier held several executive positions within global corporate and investment banking at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Ms. Collier currently serves on the boards of two Sempra electric utility subsidiaries: Luz del Sur, based in Lima, Peru, and Chilquinta Energia, based in Valparaiso, Chile. Ms. Collier holds a bachelor s degree in accounting from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes that Ms. Collier is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors due to her extensive financial and operational experience, her experience in investment banking and her corporate governance experience with various boards.

Joseph Jay Hagan has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer and principal executive officer since May 2017. Mr. Hagan previously served as our Chief Operating Officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer from January 2016 to May 2017. From June 2011 through December 2015, Mr. Hagan served as the Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Business Officer of Orexigen Therapeutics, Inc. From May 2009 to June 2011, Mr. Hagan served as Orexigen s Senior Vice President, Corporate Development, Strategy and Communications. From September 1998 to April 2008, Mr. Hagan served as Managing Director of Amgen Ventures. Prior to starting the Amgen Ventures Fund, Mr. Hagan served as Head of corporate development for Amgen Inc. Before joining Amgen, Mr. Hagan spent five years in the bioengineering labs at Genzyme and Advanced Tissue Sciences. Mr. Hagan has served on the board of directors of Zosano Pharma, a publicly traded biotechnology company, since May 2015. He received an M.B.A. from Northeastern University and a B.S. in Physiology and Neuroscience from the University of California, San Diego. Our Nominating and Governance Committee believes that Mr. Hagan s expertise in business development, commercialization and financing of public companies quality him to serve on our Board of Directors.

William H. Rastetter, Ph.D. has served on our Board of Directors since April 2013. From 2006 to February 2013, Dr. Rastetter served as a partner in the venture capital firm, Venrock. He served as Chief Executive Officer of IDEC Pharmaceuticals from December 1986 through November 2003, and as Chairman from May 1996 to November 2003. Upon the merger of IDEC Pharmaceuticals and Biogen in November 2003, Dr. Rastetter served as Executive Chairman of Biogen Idec until the end of 2005. Dr. Rastetter served as chairman of the board of Illumina, Inc., a publicly held biotechnology company, from 2005 to January 2016 and served on its board of directors from 1998 to January 2016. He was a founder of Receptos, Inc. in 2009 and served as its chairman until the sale of the publicly held company to Celgene in 2015. Currently, he has served as the chairman of the board of directors of Fate Therapeutics, Inc., a publicly held biotechnology company, since November 2011; chairman of the board of directors of Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc., a publicly held biotechnology company, since May 2011 and on its board of directors since February 2010; on the board of directors of Grail, Inc., a privately-held company, since January 2016, and as its chairman since August 2017. Dr. Rastetter served on the board of directors of Cerulean Pharma Inc., a publicly held biotechnology company since January 2014, as its lead independent director from April 2014 to June 2016, and as its chairman from June 2016 until July 2017 when Cerulean and Daré Bioscience Inc. completed a reverse merger and he currently serves on the board of the surviving company, Daré Bioscience Inc., a publicly-traded company. In addition, he serves as an advisor to Leerink Partners, a healthcare-focused investment bank, and as an advisor to Illumina Ventures, and on the board of trustees of Caltech. He is the author of numerous scientific papers and patent applications in the fields of organic and bioorganic chemistry, protein and enzyme engineering, and biotechnology. Dr. Rastetter holds an S.B. in Chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received his M.A. and Ph.D. in Chemistry from Harvard University. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes that Dr. Rastetter s knowledge and expertise regarding the biotechnology industry and his leadership experience on various biotechnology company boards of directors qualifies him to serve on our Board of Directors.

Hugh Rosen, M.D., Ph.D. has served on our Board of Directors since June 2016. Since April 2017, Dr. Rosen has served as the President and Chairman of the Board of Activx Biosciences, Inc., a wholly owned biopharmaceutical subsidiary of Kyorin Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. From 2002 until March 2017, Dr. Rosen served as a Professor of Chemical Physiology at The Scripps Research Institute (TSRI) in La Jolla, California where he focused on pursuing his primary interests in lymphocyte trafficking and barrier regulation by signaling lipids, and contributing towards the development of translational infrastructure at TSRI. He also served as Chairman of the Committee for Advanced Human Therapeutics of TSRI. Prior to joining The Scripps Research Institute, Dr. Rosen served in various capacities with Merck Research Laboratories most recently serving as Executive Director in Immunology, Rheumatology and Infectious Diseases and Chair of the Worldwide Business Strategy Team for Antibacterials and Antifungals, reporting to the Management Committee. Dr. Rosen was a scientific founder of Receptos, Inc., now a wholly owned biopharmaceutical subsidiary of Celgene Corporation, and currently serves on the Receptos Scientific Advisory Board. He received his M.D. from the University of Cape Town, South Africa and his Ph.D. in Physiological Sciences from Oxford. Our Nominating and Corporate

Governance Committee believes that Dr. Rosen is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors due to the many years Dr. Rosen has spent in scientific academia as well as the biopharmaceutical industry, which has provided him with a deep understanding of our industry and our activities.

Pascale Witz, MBA, MSc has served on our Board of Directors since June 2017. From September 2015 through May 2016, Ms. Witz served as the Executive Vice President, Diabetes & Cardiovascular for Sanofi, S.A. Prior to that position, Ms. Witz served as the Executive Vice President, Global Divisions and Strategic Development, commencing in July 2013. Commencing in 1996, Ms. Witz was employed in positions of increasing responsibility with GE Healthcare, most recently serving as the President and CEO of Medical Diagnostics from March, 2009 through June, 2013. Ms. Witz has served on the board of Perkin Elmer, a publicly-held global scientific technology and life science research company, since October 2017; Horizon Pharma, a publicly-held pharmaceutical company, since August 2017; Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. KGaA, a publicly-held world leader dialysis company, since May of 2016 and previously served on the board of Savencia SA, from April 2016 to April 2018. Ms. Witz received her MSc in Life Sciences & Engineering from the Institut National des Sciences Appliquées de Lyon, France and an MBA from INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France. She was also a Ph.D. student in Molecular Biology at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Strasbourg, France. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes that Ms. Witz is qualified to serve on our Board of Directors due to the many years she has spent in the biopharmaceutical industry, which has provided her with a deep understanding of our industry and our activities.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS

A VOTE FOR EACH NAMED NOMINEE

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. The Board consults with the Company s counsel to ensure that the Board s determinations are consistent with 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 from time to time.

Consistent with these considerations, after review of all relevant identified transactions or relationships between each director, or any of his family members, and the Company, its senior management and its independent auditors, the Board has affirmatively determined that the following six directors are independent directors within the meaning of the applicable Nasdaq listing standards: Dr. Baltimore, Ms. Collier, Dr. Papadopoulos, Dr. Rastetter, Dr. Rosen and Ms. Witz. In making this determination, the Board found that none of these directors or nominees for director had a material or other disqualifying relationship with the Company.

BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Our Board of Directors is currently chaired by Stelios Papadopoulos, Ph.D. As a general policy, our Board of Directors believes that separation of the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer reinforces the independence of the Board of Directors from management, creates an environment that encourages objective oversight of management s performance and enhances the effectiveness of the Board of Directors as a whole. As such, Mr. Hagan serves as our President and Chief Executive Officer while Dr. Papadopoulos serves as our Chairman of the Board of Directors but is not an officer. We expect and intend the positions of Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer to continue to be held by separate individuals in the future.

ROLE OF THE BOARD IN RISK OVERSIGHT

One of the key functions of our Board of Directors is informed oversight of our 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 of Directors as a whole, as well as through various standing committees of our Board of Directors that address risks inherent in their respective areas of oversight. In particular, our Board of Directors is responsible for monitoring and assessing strategic risk exposure, and 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. The Audit Committee also monitors compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee monitors the effectiveness of our corporate governance practices, including whether they are successful in preventing illegal or improper liability-creating conduct. Our Compensation Committee assesses and monitors whether any of our compensation policies and programs has the potential to encourage excessive risk-taking.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met nine times during the last fiscal year and four times in executive session. All directors who served in 2017 attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and of the committees on which they served, held during the portion of the last fiscal year for which they were directors or committee members, respectively.

INFORMATION REGARDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board maintains an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The following table provides membership and meeting information for the year ended December 31, 2017 for each of the Board committees:

Name	Audit	Compensation	Nominating and Corporate Governance
Dr. David Baltimore	1	X	X*
Mr. Mark G. Foletta $^{(1)}$	X*		X
Dr. Stelios Papadopoulos ⁽²⁾	Х	Х	
Dr. William H. Rastetter	Х	X*	
Dr. Hugh Rosen		Х	Х
Ms. Pascale $Witz^{(3)}$	Х		Х
Total meetings in 2017	4	8	2

- * Committee Chairperson
- (1) In connection with Mr. Foletta s retirement from the Board at the annual meeting, Mr. Foletta will resign from all committees of the Board on which he serves. Concurrently with her appointment to the Board in April 2018, Ms. Collier was appointed as a member of the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.
- (2) Dr. Papadopoulos joined the Compensation Committee in June 2017.
- (3) Ms. Witz joined the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in June 2017.

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

exercise of independent judgment with regard to the Company.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of our Board of Directors was established by our Board of Directors in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), to oversee

the Company s corporate accounting and financial reporting processes and audits of its financial statements. For this purpose, our Audit Committee performs several functions. Our Audit Committee evaluates the performance of and assesses the qualifications of the independent auditors; determines and approves the engagement of the independent auditors; determines whether to retain or terminate the existing independent auditors to perform any proposed permissible non-audit services; monitors the rotation of partners of the independent auditors on the Company s audit engagement team as required by law; reviews and approves or rejects transactions between the Company and any related persons; confers with management and the independent auditors regarding the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting; establishes procedures, as required under applicable law, for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; and meets to review the Company s annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements with management and the independent auditor, including a review of the Company s disclosures under Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Our Audit Committee is currently composed of five directors: Ms. Collier, Mr. Foletta, Dr. Papadopoulos, Dr. Rastetter and Ms. Witz. Mr. Foletta will resign from the Audit Committee concurrently with his retirement from the Board at the annual meeting. The Audit Committee met four times during the last fiscal year. Our Board of Directors has adopted a written charter of the Audit Committee that is available to stockholders on the Company s website at www.regulusrx.com. Our Board of Directors reviews the Nasdaq listing standards definition of independence for Audit Committee members on an annual basis and has determined that all members of our Audit Committee are independent (as independence is currently defined in Rule 5605(c)(2)(A) of the Nasdaq listing standards). Our Board of Directors has determined that each member of our Audit Committee meets the requirements for independence under the Nasdaq listing standards.

Our Board of Directors has determined that each of Ms. Collier and Mr. Foletta qualify as an audit committee financial expert, as defined in applicable SEC rules. In addition to the Audit Committee, Mr. Foletta also serves on the audit committee of AMN Healthcare Services, DexCom, Inc. and is currently the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Tocagen, Inc. Our Board of Directors has made a qualitative assessment of Ms. Collier s level of knowledge and experience based on a number of factors, including her formal education, her experience in the investment banking industry and as the treasurer of a major publicly-traded energy services holding company.

Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors*

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 with management of the Company. The Audit Committee has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) and the SEC. The Audit Committee has also received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent registered public accounting firm required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent accountants communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the accounting firm s independence. Based on the foregoing, the Audit Committee has recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

Mr. Mark G. Foletta (Chair)

- Dr. Stelios Papadopoulos
- Dr. William H. Rastetter

Ms. Pascale Witz

* This material is not soliciting material, is not deemed filed with the SEC and is not to be incorporated by reference in any filing of the Company under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any such filing. **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee is currently composed of four directors: Dr. Baltimore, Dr. Papadopoulos, Dr. Rastetter and Dr. Rosen. The Board of Directors reviews the Nasdaq listing standards definition of independence for Compensation Committee members on an annual basis and has determined that all members of the Company s Compensation Committee are independent (as independence is currently defined in Rule 5605(d)(2)(A of the Nasdaq listing standards). The Compensation Committee met eight times during the last fiscal year. The Compensation Committee has adopted a written charter that is available to stockholders on the Company s website at www.regulusrx.com.

The Compensation Committee acts on behalf of the Board to review, adopt and/or recommend for adoption and oversee the Company s compensation strategy, policies, plans and programs. The functions of the Compensation Committee include, among other things:

reviewing, modifying and approving (or if it deems appropriate, making recommendations to the full Board of Directors regarding) our overall compensation strategy and policies;

reviewing and recommending to our Board of Directors the compensation and other terms of employment of our executive officers;

reviewing and recommending to our Board of Directors the performance goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of our executive officers and assessing their performance against these goals and objectives;

reviewing and approving (or if it deems it appropriate, making recommendations to the full Board of Directors regarding) the equity incentive plans, compensation plans and similar programs advisable for us, as well as modifying, amending or terminating existing plans and programs;

evaluating risks associated with our compensation policies and practices and assessing whether risks arising from our compensation policies and practices for our employees are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us;

reviewing and approving (or if it deems it appropriate, making recommendations to the full Board of Directors regarding) the type and amount of compensation to be paid or awarded to our non-employee board members;

establishing policies for allocating between long-term and currently paid out compensation, between cash and non-cash compensation and the factors used in deciding between the various forms of compensation;

establishing policies with respect to votes by our stockholders to approve executive compensation as required by Section 14A of the Exchange Act and determining our recommendations regarding the frequency of advisory votes on executive compensation;

reviewing and assessing the independence of compensation consultants, legal counsel and other advisors as required by Section 10C of the Exchange Act;

establishing elements of corporate performance for purposes of increasing or decreasing compensation;

administering our equity incentive plans;

establishing policies with respect to equity compensation arrangements;

reviewing regional and industry-wide compensation practices and trends to assess the competitiveness of our executive compensation programs and evaluating the effectiveness of our compensation policy and strategy in achieving expected benefits to us;

reviewing the adequacy of its charter on a periodic basis;

reviewing with management and approving our disclosures under the caption Compensation Discussion and Analysis in our periodic reports or proxy statements to be filed with the SEC; and

preparing the compensation committee report required by SEC rules. Compensation Committee Processes and Procedures

Typically, the Compensation Committee meets at least twice annually and with greater frequency if necessary. The agenda for each meeting is usually developed by the Chair of the Compensation Committee, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer. The Compensation Committee meets regularly in executive session. However, from time to time, various members of management and other employees as well as outside advisors or consultants may be invited by the Compensation Committee to make presentations, to provide financial or other background information or advice or to otherwise participate in Compensation Committee meetings. The Chief Executive Officer may not participate in, or be present during, any deliberations or determinations of the Compensation Committee regarding his compensation. The charter of the Compensation Committee grants the Compensation Committee full access to all books, records, facilities and personnel of the Company, as well as authority to obtain, at the expense of the Company, advice and assistance from internal and external legal, accounting or other advisors and consultants and other external resources that the Compensation Committee has the sole authority to retain compensation consultants to assist in its evaluation of executive and director compensation, including the authority to approve the consultant s reasonable fees and other retention terms.

During the past fiscal year, the Compensation Committee engaged Aon/Radford as a compensation consultant. The Committee engaged Aon/Radford to provide a competitive assessment of the Company s executive compensation program compared to executive compensation paid to executives at selected publicly traded peer companies. Following a gap analysis of the peer companies, Aon/Radford made certain recommendations to the Compensation Committee to make modest increases in the level of equity grants to the Company s executive team and to increase annual cash compensation for certain Company executives and Board Committee members who were paid below the median compared to the peer companies. The Compensation Committee analyzed whether the work of Aon/Radford as a compensation consultant raised any conflict of interest, taking into consideration the following factors: (i) the provision of other services to the Company by the compensation consultant; (ii) the amount of fees from the Company paid to the compensation consultant as a percentage of the firm s total revenue; (iii) the policies and procedures of the compensation consultant that are designed to prevent conflicts of interest; (iv) any business or personal relationship of the compensation consultant or the individual compensation advisors employed by this firm with an executive officer of the Company; (v) any business or personal relationship of the individual compensation advisors with any member of the Compensation Committee; and (vi) any stock of the Company owned by the compensation consultant or the individual compensation advisors employed by this firm. The Compensation Committee concluded, based on its analysis of the above factors, that the work of Aon/Radford and the individual compensation advisors employed by this firm as a compensation consultant to the Company has not created any conflict of interest.

Under its charter, the Compensation Committee may form, and delegate authority to, subcommittees as appropriate. In 2012, the Compensation Committee formed a Non-Management Stock Option Committee, currently composed of

Mr. Hagan, to which it delegated authority to grant, without any further action required by the Compensation Committee, stock options to employees who are not officers of the Company. The purpose of this delegation of authority is to enhance the flexibility of option administration within the Company and to facilitate the timely grant of options to non-management employees, particularly new employees, within

specified limits approved by the Compensation Committee. In particular, the subcommittee may grant options only within pre-approved guidelines and not to any employee who will have a vice president title or higher. Typically, as part of its oversight function, the Committee will review on a regular basis the list of grants made by the subcommittee. During fiscal year 2017, the subcommittee exercised its authority to grant options to purchase an aggregate of 1,549,391 shares of the Company s common stock to non-officer employees.

Historically, the Compensation Committee has made most of the significant adjustments to annual compensation, determined bonus and equity awards and established new performance objectives at one or more meetings held during the last quarter of the year. However, the Compensation Committee also considers matters related to individual compensation, such as compensation for new executive hires, as well as high-level strategic issues, such as the efficacy of the Company s compensation strategy, potential modifications to that strategy and new trends, plans or approaches to compensation, at various meetings throughout the year. Generally, the Compensation Committee s process comprises two related elements: the determination of compensation levels and the establishment of performance objectives for the current year. For executives other than the Chief Executive Officer, the Compensation Committee solicits and considers evaluations and recommendations submitted to the Committee by the Chief Executive Officer. In the case of the Chief Executive Officer, the evaluation of his performance is conducted by the Compensation Committee, which determines any adjustments to his compensation as well as awards to be granted. For all executives and directors as part of its deliberations, the Compensation Committee may review and consider, as appropriate, materials such as financial reports and projections, operational data, tax and accounting information, tally sheets that set forth the total compensation that may become payable to executives in various hypothetical scenarios, executive and director stock ownership information, company stock performance data, analyses of historical executive compensation levels and current Company-wide compensation levels and recommendations of the Company s Vice President, Legal Affairs, including analyses of executive and director compensation paid at other companies identified by the Company s Vice President, Legal Affairs.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for identifying, reviewing and evaluating candidates to serve as directors of the Company (consistent with criteria approved by the Board), reviewing and evaluating incumbent directors, recommending to the Board for selection candidates for election to the Board of Directors, making recommendations to the Board regarding the membership of the committees of the Board, assessing the performance of the Board, and monitoring the Company s adherence to its Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is composed of five directors: Dr. Baltimore, Ms. Collier, Mr. Foletta, Dr. Rosen and Ms. Witz All members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are independent (as independence is currently defined in Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Nasdaq listing standards). The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met twice during 2017. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has adopted a written charter that is available to stockholders on the Company s website and www.regulusrx.com.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes that candidates for director, both individually and collectively, can and do provide the integrity, experience, judgment, commitment (including having sufficient time to devote to the Company and level of participation), skills, diversity and expertise appropriate for the Company. In assessing the directors, both individually and collectively, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may consider the current needs of the Board and the Company to maintain a balance of knowledge, experience and capability in various areas. However, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee retains the right to modify these qualifications from time to time. Candidates for director nominees are reviewed in the context of the current composition of the Board, the operating requirements of the Company and the long-term interests of stockholders. In conducting this assessment, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee typically

considers diversity, age, skills and such other factors as it deems

appropriate given the current needs of the Board and the Company, to maintain a balance of knowledge, experience and capability. In the case of incumbent directors whose terms of office are set to expire, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews these directors overall service to the Company during their terms, including the number of meetings attended, level of participation, quality of performance and any other relationships and transactions that might impair the directors independence. In the case of new director candidates, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also determines whether the nominee is 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 then 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 the candidates qualifications and then selects a nominee for recommendation to the Board by majority vote.

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 or not the candidate was recommended by a stockholder. Stockholders who wish to recommend individuals for consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee to become nominees for election to the Board may do so by delivering a written recommendation to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee at the Company s principal executive offices, Attn: Secretary, no later than the 90th day and no earlier than the 120th day prior to the one year anniversary of the preceding year s annual meeting. Submissions must include (1) the name and address of the Company stockholder on whose behalf the submission is made; (2) the number of Company shares that are owned beneficially by such stockholder as of the date of the submission; (3) the full name of the proposed candidate; (4) a description of the proposed candidate s business experience for at least the previous five years; (5) the complete biographical information for the proposed candidate; (6) a description of the proposed candidate s qualifications as a director; and (7) any other information required by the Company Bylaws. The Company may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as it may reasonably require to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as an independent director of the Company or that could be material to a reasonable stockholder s understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such proposed nominee.

Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors

The Company s Board 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 may do so by sending written communications addressed to the Secretary of Regulus Therapeutics Inc. at the Company s principal executive offices. Each communication must set forth: the name and address of the Company stockholder on whose behalf the communication is sent; and the number of Company shares that are owned beneficially by such stockholder as of the date of the communication. Each communication will be reviewed by the Company s Secretary to determine whether it is appropriate for presentation to the Board or relevant directors.

Communications determined by the Company s Secretary to be appropriate for presentation to the Board or any relevant directors are submitted to the Board or relevant directors on a periodic basis.

Code of Ethics

The Company has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all directors, officers (including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer) and employees. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on the Company s website at www.regulusrx.com under the Corporate Governance section of our Investor Relations page. If the Company

makes any substantive amendments to the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, controller or persons performing similar functions, or grants any waiver from a provision of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics to any of these specified individuals that is required to be disclosed pursuant to SEC rules and regulations, the Company will promptly disclose the nature of the amendment or waiver on its website.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company s directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of the Company s equity securities, to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of common stock and other equity securities of the Company. Officers, directors and greater than ten percent stockholders are required by SEC regulation to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

To the Company s knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of such reports furnished to the Company and written representations that no other reports were required, during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicab