



**Notice of 2010
Annual Meeting
And
Proxy Statement**

Orchids Paper Products Company
4826 Hunt Street
Pryor, Oklahoma 74361

April 16, 2010

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting of stockholders of Orchids Paper Products Company to be held at the Ambassador Hotel located at 1324 South Main Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119 on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time.

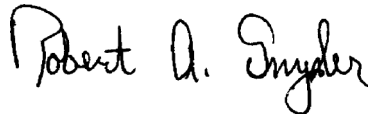
At the meeting you will be asked to elect seven directors, to ratify the appointment of HoganTaylor LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2010 and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The formal Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement accompanying this letter provide detailed information concerning matters to be considered and acted upon at the meeting.

Your vote is important. I urge you to vote as soon as possible, whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting. Regardless of whether you expect to attend the Annual Meeting, you may vote by completing, signing, dating and mailing the proxy card.

Thank you for your continued support of Orchids Paper Products Company.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Robert A. Snyder
President and Chief Executive Officer

ORCHIDS PAPER PRODUCTS COMPANY

4826 Hunt Street
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

May 19, 2010

The 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of **ORCHIDS PAPER PRODUCTS COMPANY**, a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), will be held at the Ambassador Hotel located at 1324 South Main Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119 on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time (the “meeting”) to consider and act upon the following matters:

1. to elect seven directors for one-year terms expiring at the conclusion of the Company’s annual meeting in 2011; and
2. to ratify the appointment of HoganTaylor LLP as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for 2010.

At the meeting, stockholders will also transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR Items 1 and 2 on the proxy card.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on April 5, 2010, are entitled to notice of and to vote in person or by proxy at the meeting. At least ten days prior to the meeting, a complete list of stockholders entitled to vote will be available for inspection by any stockholder for any purpose germane to the meeting, during ordinary business hours, at the office of the Secretary of the Company at 4826 Hunt Street, Pryor, Oklahoma 74361. As a stockholder of record, you are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person. Regardless of whether you expect to be present at the meeting, please complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy and mail it promptly in the enclosed envelope. Returning the enclosed proxy will not affect your right to vote in person if you attend the meeting.

The enclosed proxy solicitation material is being mailed to stockholders on or about April 16, 2010, with a copy of the Company’s Annual Report, which includes financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm’s report thereon.

By Order of the Board of Directors



Keith R. Schroeder
Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on May 19, 2010. The proxy statement and annual report to stockholders are available at <http://www.orchidspaper.com> by selecting “Investors” followed by “Proxy Statement” for the proxy statement and “Annual Reports” for the 2009 Annual Report.

Even though you may plan to attend the meeting in person, please execute the enclosed proxy card and mail it promptly. A return envelope (which requires no postage if mailed in the United States) is enclosed for your convenience. Should you attend the meeting in person, you may revoke your proxy and vote in person.

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**2010 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
PROXY STATEMENT**

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of Orchids Paper Products Company, a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), to be voted at the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company (the “annual meeting” or the “meeting”) and any adjournment or postponement of the meeting. The meeting will be held at the Ambassador Hotel located at 1324 South Main Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119 on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time, for the purposes contained in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and in this proxy statement. This proxy statement and the accompanying proxy will be first sent or given to stockholders on or about April 16, 2010.

ABOUT THE MEETING

Why Did I Receive This Proxy Statement?

Because you were a stockholder of the Company as of April 5, 2010 (the “Record Date”) and are entitled to vote at the annual meeting, the Board of Directors is soliciting your proxy to vote at the meeting.

This proxy statement summarizes the information you need to know to vote at the meeting. This proxy statement and form of proxy were first mailed to stockholders on or about April 16, 2010.

What Am I Voting On?

You are voting on two items:

1. Election of seven directors for one-year terms expiring at the conclusion of the annual meeting in 2011 (see page 6); and
2. Ratification of HoganTaylor LLP as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for 2010 (see page 32).

How Do I Vote?

Stockholders of Record: If you are a stockholder of record, there are two ways to vote:

- by completing and returning your proxy card; or
- by written ballot at the meeting.

Street Name Holders: Shares which are held in a brokerage account in the name of the broker are said to be held in “street name.” If your shares are held in street name, you should follow the voting instructions provided by your broker. You may complete and return a voting instruction card to your broker, or, in many cases, your broker may also allow you to vote via the telephone or internet. Check your proxy card for more information. If you hold your shares in street name and wish to vote at the meeting, you must obtain a legal proxy from your broker and bring that proxy to the meeting.

What Are the Voting Recommendations of the Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors recommends the following votes:

1. FOR each of the nominees as directors named in this proxy statement; and
2. FOR ratification of the appointment of HoganTaylor LLP as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for 2010.

Unless you give contrary instructions on your proxy card, the persons named as proxy holders will vote your shares in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors.

Will Any Other Matters Be Voted On?

We do not know of any other matters that will be brought before the stockholders for a vote at the annual meeting. If any other matter is properly brought before the meeting, your signed proxy card gives authority to Robert Snyder and Keith Schroeder to vote on such matters in their discretion.

Who Is Entitled to Vote at the Meeting?

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date are entitled to receive notice of and to participate in the annual meeting. If you were a stockholder of record on that date, you will be entitled to vote all of the shares that you held on that date at the meeting, or any postponements or adjournments of the meeting.

If you own shares in street name, you should ask your broker or bank for a legal proxy to bring with you to the meeting. If you do not receive the legal proxy in time, however, you will not be able to vote your shares at the meeting.

How Many Votes Do I Have?

You will have one vote for every share of Orchids Paper Products Company common stock you owned on the Record Date.

How Many Votes Can Be Cast by All Stockholders?

7,486,725 consisting of one vote for each share of Orchids Paper Products Company common stock outstanding on the Record Date. There is no cumulative voting.

How Many Votes Must Be Present to Hold the Meeting?

The holders of a majority of the aggregate voting power of Orchids Paper Products Company's common stock outstanding on the Record Date, or 3,743,363 votes, must be present in person, or by proxy, at the meeting in order to constitute a quorum necessary to conduct the meeting. If you vote, your shares will be part of the quorum. We urge you to vote by proxy even if you plan to attend the meeting so that we will know as soon as possible that a quorum has been achieved. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present. A "broker non-vote" occurs if you do not provide the record holder of your shares with voting instructions on a matter and the holder is not permitted to vote on the matter without instructions from you.

What if I Do Not Vote or Abstain? How Are Broker Non-Votes Counted?

An abstention will be counted for the purpose of determining the number of shares entitled to vote that are present in person or by proxy. Accordingly, an abstention will have the effect of a negative vote.

If your shares are held in "street name" through a broker, bank or other nominee and you do not provide voting instructions, your broker, bank or other nominee may vote your shares on your behalf under certain circumstances.

On certain "routine" matters, such as the ratification of the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm, brokerage firms may vote their customers' shares if their customers do not provide voting instructions. When a brokerage firm votes its customers' shares on a routine matter without receiving voting instructions, these shares are counted both for establishing a quorum to conduct business at the annual meeting and in determining the number of shares voted "For" or "Against" the routine matter.

On “non-routine” matters, such as the election of directors, if the brokerage firm has not received instructions from the stockholder, the brokerage firm cannot vote the shares on that proposal. This is called a “broker non-vote.” Broker non-votes are only counted for establishing a quorum and will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

We encourage you to provide instructions to your brokerage firm by voting your proxy. This action ensures your shares will be voted at the annual meeting

What Vote Is Required to Approve Each Proposal?

In the election of directors, the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting is required.

For the proposal to ratify the appointment of HoganTaylor LLP as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the proposal will be required for approval.

Can I Change My Vote?

Yes. Just send in a new proxy card with a later date or send a written notice of revocation to the Company’s Corporate Secretary at the address on the cover of this proxy statement. Also, if you attend the meeting and wish to vote in person, you may request that your previously submitted proxy not be used.

When Will There Be Discretionary Voting Authority?

If you return a proxy card without indicating your vote, your shares will be voted as follows: (i) for each of the nominees for director named in this proxy statement; (ii) for ratification of the appointment of HoganTaylor LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for 2010; and (iii) in accordance with the recommendation of management on any other matter that may properly be brought before the meeting and any adjournment of the meeting. Should a nominee for director become unavailable to serve, the shares will be voted for a substitute designated by the Board of Directors, or for fewer than seven nominees if, in the judgment of the proxy holders, such action is necessary or desirable.

How Can I Access Orchids Paper Products Company’s Proxy Materials and Annual Report Electronically?

This proxy statement and the 2009 annual report are available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company’s website, which can be accessed from the Company’s homepage at <http://www.orchidspaper.com> by selecting “Investors” followed by “Annual Reports” for the 2009 Annual Report and “Proxy Statement” for the proxy statement.

Who Will Bear the Cost of Soliciting Proxies?

The Company will bear the cost of making solicitations from our stockholders and will reimburse banks and brokerage firms for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with this solicitation. Proxies may be solicited by mail or in person by directors, officers, or employees of the Company.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

On the Record Date there were 7,486,725 outstanding shares of the Company’s Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the “Common Stock”). The following tables set forth certain information known to us with respect to beneficial ownership of the Company’s Common Stock as of March 31, 2010 by:

- each person known by us to own beneficially more than 5% of the Company’s outstanding Common Stock;
- each of the Company’s directors;

- each named executive officer; and
- all of the Company’s directors and executive officers as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and generally includes voting or investment power over securities. The tables below include the number of shares underlying options and warrants that are currently exercisable or are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2010. With respect to each person, beneficial ownership is therefore based on 7,486,725 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2010, plus the number of options or warrants held by such person which are currently exercisable or are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2010. Shares of Common Stock subject to options and warrants that are currently exercisable or are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2010 are considered outstanding and beneficially owned by the person holding the options or warrants for the purposes of computing beneficial ownership of that person and of the directors and executive officers as a group, but are not treated as outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. To our knowledge, except as set forth in the footnotes to this table and subject to applicable community property laws, each person named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares set forth opposite such person’s name. Except as otherwise indicated, the address of each of the persons in this table is as follows: c/o Orchids Paper Products Company, 4826 Hunt Street, Pryor, Oklahoma 74361.

Beneficial Owners of More Than Five Percent

<u>Name of Beneficial Owner</u>	<u>Number of Shares Beneficially Owned</u>	<u>Percent Beneficially Owned</u>
Robert F. Taglich 700 New York Avenue Huntington, New York 11743	418,254	5.6%
Michael N. Taglich 700 New York Avenue Huntington, New York 11743	436,153	5.8%
Edward H. Arnold(1) 815 Tudor Lane Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042	386,472	5.2%
Gilder, Gagnon, Howe & Co. LLC(2) 1775 Broadway, 26 th Floor New York, NY 10019	417,351	5.6%

(1) Mr. Arnold is the Managing Member of Arnold Holdings, LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company, which is the General Partner of Arnold Income Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, and Arnold Venture Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership. Arnold Income Fund, L.P. owns 57,634 shares of Common Stock and Arnold Venture Fund, LP owns 167,598 shares of Common Stock. The ownership of Arnold Income Fund, LP and Arnold Venture Fund, LP are included here, but such inclusion shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Arnold beneficially owns the securities for which he reports shared voting power and shared dispositive power.

(2) Includes 339,108 shares held in customer accounts over which partners and/or employees of Gilder, Gagnon, Howe & Co. LLC have discretionary authority to dispose of or direct the disposition of the shares, 14,786 shares held in accounts owned by the partners of Gilder, Gagnon, Howe & Co. LLC and their families, and 14,748 shares held in the account of the profit-sharing plan of Gilder, Gagnon, Howe & Co. LLC.

Beneficial Ownership of Directors, Director Nominees and Executive Officers

Name of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent Beneficially Owned
Robert Snyder(1)	138,600	1.9%
Keith R. Schroeder(2)	161,033	2.2%
Gary P. Arnold(3)	189,177	2.5%
Steven R. Berlin(4)	18,900	*
John C. Guttilla(5)	21,975	*
Douglas E. Hailey(6)	155,400	2.1%
Jeffrey S. Schoen(7)	15,000	*
Jay Shuster(8)	57,624	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (8 persons)	757,709	10.1%

* Indicates ownership of less than 1%.

- (1) Includes 135,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of stock options granted under the Stock Incentive Plan held by Mr. Snyder.
- (2) Includes 152,500 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of stock options granted under the Stock Incentive Plan held by Mr. Schroeder.
- (3) Includes 18,750 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of stock options granted under the Stock Incentive Plan held by Mr. Arnold. All of the shares are held in a margin account.
- (4) Includes 3,750 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of stock options granted under the Stock Incentive Plan held by Mr. Berlin.
- (5) Includes 16,250 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of stock options granted under the Stock Incentive Plan held by Mr. Guttilla.
- (6) Includes 11,250 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of stock options granted under the Stock Incentive Plan held by Mr. Hailey. Of the total shares, 60,000 are held in a margin account.
- (7) Includes 15,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of stock options granted under the Stock Incentive Plan held by Mr. Schoen.
- (8) Includes 33,750 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of stock options granted under the Stock Incentive Plan held by Mr. Shuster.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company's directors and executive officers, persons who beneficially own more than ten percent of a registered class of the Company's equity securities, and certain other persons to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership on Forms 3, 4 and 5 with the SEC, and to furnish the Company with copies of the forms. Based solely on its review of the forms it received, or written representations from reporting persons, the Company believes that all of its directors, executive officers and beneficial owners of greater than ten percent of the outstanding Common Stock complied with all such filing requirements during 2009.

PROPOSAL I.
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Company's Board of Directors presently has seven members with each member serving a one-year term.

All of the Company's directors hold office until the end of the next annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors has nominated each of the Company's current directors, Gary P. Arnold, Steven R. Berlin, John C. Guttilla, Douglas E. Hailey, Jeffrey S. Schoen, Jay Shuster and Robert A. Snyder, to be re-elected to serve until the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE
"FOR" THE NAMED NOMINEES**

Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than the number of nominees named below. Unless otherwise specified, all proxies will be voted in favor of the seven nominees listed above for election as directors of the Company.

The Board of Directors has no reason to expect that any of the nominees will be unable to stand for election on the date of the meeting or for good cause will not serve. If a vacancy occurs among the original nominees prior to the meeting, the proxies will be voted for a substitute nominee named by the Board of Directors and for the remaining nominees. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting.

The following information is furnished as of March 31, 2010, for each of the nominees for the Board of Directors:

Nominees for Election as Directors

Set forth below is the name, age, position and a brief account of the business experience of each of the Company's directors and nominees and the reason why the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has nominated each person for election to the Board of Directors.

Gary P. Arnold, 68, Director since 2005, Former Chief Executive Officer of Analogy, Inc.

Mr. Arnold has significant international and domestic experience in the electronics industry in the areas of finance, strategic planning and operations, and has been involved in numerous capital market transactions. He spearheaded the turnaround at Tektronix Corp., where he was Chief Financial Officer from 1990 to 1992, and later served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Analogy, Inc., a provider of design automation software used in the automotive industry, from 1993 to 2000. Since 2000, Mr. Arnold has been a private investor, and currently serves on the board of directors of National Semiconductor Corp. (NYSE: NSM), and Gulfstream International Group, Inc. (NYSE Amex: GIA). Mr. Arnold is a certified public accountant and holds a BS degree in accounting from East Tennessee State University and a JD degree from the University Of Tennessee School Of Law.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has nominated Mr. Arnold to serve on the Board of Directors because of his extensive leadership experience with public companies and his deep understanding of financial matters.

Steven R. Berlin, 65, Director since 2005, Former Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Kaiser-Francis Oil Company

Since January 2006, Mr. Berlin has been an independent financial consultant. Mr. Berlin was Vice President of Kaiser-Francis Oil Company from 2004 to January 2006, and the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Kaiser-Francis Oil Company from 1999 to 2004. He held the positions of Chief

Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer of PetroCorp Corporation from 1999 to 2004 and was a director of PetroCorp Corporation from 2001 to 2004. Mr. Berlin was on the faculty of the University of Tulsa, where he taught business and finance courses, from 1996 to 1999. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Tulsa, Mr. Berlin worked for CITGO Petroleum Corporation and its predecessors in various financial and management positions, including the last ten years as Chief Financial Officer. He is currently a member of the board of directors of North American Palladium Limited (NYSE Amex: PAL). Mr. Berlin received his BSBA degree from Duquesne University, his MBA from the University of Wisconsin and is a graduate of the Stanford Executive Program. He is a certified public accountant.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has nominated Mr. Berlin to serve on the Board of Directors because of his extensive leadership experience with public companies and his deep understanding of financial and accounting matters.

John C. Guttilla, 53, Director since 2005, Principal of Rotenberg Meril Solomon Bertiger & Guttilla, P.C.

Since 1988, Mr. Guttilla has been a principal and director in the financial services department of the public accounting firm of Rotenberg Meril Solomon Bertiger & Guttilla, P.C. Mr. Guttilla focuses on providing tax structuring and compliance advice in the area of real estate, entertainment, brokerage, manufacturing, printing, restaurant and construction. He is a certified public accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Guttilla holds a BS degree in accounting from Fordham University and a Masters degree in taxation from St. John's University.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has nominated Mr. Guttilla to serve on the Board of Directors because of his deep understanding of financial and accounting matters.

Douglas E. Hailey, 48, Director since 2005, Managing Director of Taglich Brothers, Inc.

Mr. Hailey is a Managing Director of the Investment Banking Division of Taglich Brothers, Inc., a New York-based full service brokerage firm that specializes in private equity placements for small public companies. Mr. Hailey joined Taglich Brothers in 1994. Mr. Hailey currently serves on the board of directors of Williams Controls, Inc. (NASDAQ: WMCO) and previously served on the board of directors of Gulfstream International Group, Inc. (NYSE Amex: GIA) from 2006 to 2009. Mr. Hailey received a BA degree in Business Administration from Eastern New Mexico University and an MBA from the University of Texas.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has nominated Mr. Hailey to serve on the Board of Directors because of his extensive experience serving on public company board of directors and his knowledge of the capital markets.

Jeffrey S. Schoen, 49, Director since 2007, Former Executive Vice President of Cumberland Swan, Inc.

From 2002 through 2006, Mr. Schoen served as Executive Vice President of Cumberland Swan, Inc., a private label manufacturer of personal care products. From 1999 through 2002, Mr. Schoen was employed by Paragon Trade Brands, a private label manufacturer of disposable diapers and training pants, last serving as Vice President of Operations. Mr. Schoen holds a BS degree in chemical engineering from the University of Wisconsin.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has nominated Mr. Schoen to serve on the Board of Directors because of his extensive leadership experience in manufacturing companies and the private label consumer goods industry.

Jay Shuster, 55, Director since 2006, Chairman of the Board of Orchids Paper Products Company and Former Chief Operating Officer of Rock-Tenn Company

For the past eight years Mr. Shuster has worked as an independent consultant. Mr. Shuster was employed by Rock-Tenn Company from 1979 through 2000 last serving as the company's Chief Operating Officer from 1991 through 2000. Prior to 1991, he held the positions of Executive Vice President Consumer

Packaging Group, Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Folding Carton Division and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Shuster served on the board of directors of Atlantis Plastics, Inc. (NASDAQ: ATPL) from 2001 to 2008. Mr. Shuster is a certified public accountant and holds a BS degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has nominated Mr. Shuster to serve on the Board of Directors because of his extensive leadership experience in manufacturing companies, his knowledge of the paper industry and his deep understanding of financial matters.

Robert A. Snyder, 61, Director since 2007, Chief Executive Officer and President of Orchids Paper Products Company

Mr. Snyder has been the Company's Chief Executive Officer and President since August 2007. He previously served as General Manager of KTG USA, an integrated paper manufacturer and a subsidiary of Kruger, Inc., responsible for a premium grade tissue mill from October 2005 to July 2007 and newsprint mill, timberlands and power company where he served as Vice-President and General Manager from October 2002 to October 2005. He was a Mill Manager for Great Northern Paper, Inc. from January 2002 to October 2002, and General Manager of the Paper Business unit for Alliance Forest Products U.S. Corporation from 1999 to 2001. Previously, Mr. Snyder was the Vice President and General Manager (1992-1999) and the Production Manager (1985-1992) for Bear Island Paper Co. and Bear Island Timber Co. Mr. Snyder received a BS degree in Paper Science and Engineering from the State University of New York at Syracuse University.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has nominated Mr. Snyder to serve on the Board of Directors because of his management leadership position, his understanding of the Company's operations and his knowledge of the paper industry.

Additional Director Information

Mr. Berlin served as Chief Financial Officer and as a director of Great Plains Airlines, a regional airline headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, from March 2001 to January 22, 2004. On January 23, 2004, Great Plains Airlines filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy laws. The company was liquidated under Chapter 7 of the federal bankruptcy laws.

Mr. Shuster served as a director of Atlantis Plastics, a manufacturer of injection modeled plastic products and plastic film headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, from 2001 to 2009. On August 10, 2008, Atlantis Plastics filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy laws. The company sold its assets in 2008 and a trustee is currently winding down the affairs of the company.

Board of Directors

Currently, we have a seven-member Board of Directors. All of the directors hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors are duly qualified.

The Board of Directors held nine meetings during the fiscal year which ended December 31, 2009. During 2009, each director attended at least 75% of the aggregate of the regular meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the committees of the Board on which he served. All of the directors attended the annual meeting of stockholders held on May 19, 2009. The directors discharge their responsibilities throughout the year, not only at such Board of Directors and committee meetings, but through personal meetings and other communications with members of management and others regarding matters of interest and concern to the Company.

Director Independence

The Company periodically reviews the independence of each director. Pursuant to this review, the directors and officers of the Company, on an annual basis, are required to complete and forward to the Corporate Secretary a detailed questionnaire to determine if there are any transactions or relationships

between any of the directors, officers and the Company (including immediate family and affiliates). If any transactions or relationships exist, the Company then considers whether such transactions or relationships are inconsistent with a determination that the director is independent in accordance with the applicable standards of the NYSE Amex and the SEC. Pursuant to this process, the Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Arnold, Mr. Berlin, Mr. Guttilla, Mr. Hailey, Mr. Schoen and Mr. Shuster qualify as independent directors.

Role of Board of Directors in Risk Management

The Board of Directors oversees the Company's approach to risk management as a whole. It is management's responsibility to keep the Board of Directors informed regarding the matters of the Company. The Board of Directors closely monitors the information it receives from management and provides oversight and guidance to the Company's management team concerning the assessment and management of risk. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to understand the information it receives and its context and assess and manage the various risks the Company faces. In exercising its oversight, the Board of Directors may allocate some areas of focus to its committees for evaluation, as more fully described below.

The Board of Directors has delegated oversight for matters involving certain specific areas of risk exposure to its three committees. Each committee reports to the Board of Directors at regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings, and more frequently if appropriate, with respect to the matters and risks for which the committee provides oversight.

The Audit Committee oversees the integrity of our financial statements, reporting process and internal controls, the internal audit function, the independent auditors' qualifications, independence and performance, and the Company's corporate finance matters including its capital structure. The Audit Committee reviews critical accounting policies and potential conflict of interest situations, including transactions with related parties. The Audit Committee also provides oversight with respect to the Company's risk management process, including, as required by the NYSE Amex, discussing with management the Company's significant financial risk exposures, steps management has taken to monitor, control and report such exposures and our policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management. Under the terms of the Company's Business Conduct Policy, the Audit Committee is charged with monitoring and enforcing compliance with laws and practices relating to accounting.

The Compensation Committee is responsible primarily for the design and oversight of the Company's executive compensation policies, plans and practices. A key objective of the Compensation Committee is to ensure that the Company's overall executive compensation program appropriately links pay to performance and aligns the interests of the Company's executives with its stockholders. In furtherance of this objective, the Compensation Committee evaluates the potential compensation payable under the Company's executive compensation plans, including bonuses, options and other benefits, based on alternative performance scenarios. The Compensation Committee also monitors the design and administration of the Company's overall incentive compensation programs to ensure that they include appropriate safeguards to avoid encouraging unnecessary or excessive risk taking by Company employees.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has a significant role in overseeing risk. It oversees compliance with most of the elements of the Company's Business Conduct Policy and, as such, conflicts of interest, corporate opportunities, confidential information, protection and use of Company assets and compliance with law. Monitoring and enforcing compliance with laws and practices relating to accounting is the Audit Committee's responsibility. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is also responsible for managing risks related to our corporate governance, including performance of the Board of Directors and individual directors, director succession and director education. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee recommends director nominees and changes to the full Board of Directors and also considers the Company's ethics, social and environmental responsibility.

Board Committees

The Board of Directors has three committees established in the Company's bylaws: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Each of the members of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is an independent director.

Audit Committee. The Company has an Audit Committee consisting of Mr. Berlin, who chairs the committee, and Messrs. Guttilla and Schoen. The Audit Committee is governed by a written charter, available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website which can be accessed from the Company's homepage at <http://www.orchidpaper.com> by selecting "Investors" and then "Corporate Governance," which must be reviewed, and amended if necessary, on an annual basis. Under the charter, the Audit Committee must meet at least four times a year and is responsible for reviewing the independence, qualifications and quality control procedures of the Company's independent auditors, and is responsible for recommending the initial or continued retention, or a change in, the Company's independent auditors. In addition, the Audit Committee is required to review and discuss with the Company's management and independent auditors the Company's financial statements and the Company's annual and quarterly reports, as well as the quality and effectiveness of the Company's internal control procedures and critical accounting policies. The Audit Committee Charter also requires the Audit Committee to review potential conflict of interest situations, including transactions with related parties, and to discuss with the Company's management other matters related to the Company's external and internal audit procedures. The Audit Committee has adopted a pre-approval policy for the provision of audit and non-audit services performed by the Company's independent auditors. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Berlin is an Audit Committee financial expert under the rules and regulations of the SEC. The Audit Committee held four meetings in 2009. A copy of the report of the Audit Committee is on page 13.

Compensation Committee. The Company has a Compensation Committee consisting of Mr. Arnold, who chairs the committee, and Messrs. Guttilla and Hailey. The Compensation Committee is governed by a written charter, available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website which can be accessed from the Company's homepage at <http://www.orchidpaper.com> by selecting "Investors" and then "Corporate Governance." The Compensation Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding compensation arrangements for the Company's executive officers, including annual bonus compensation, and consults with the Company's management regarding compensation policies and practices. The Compensation Committee also reviews and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding compensation of directors. The Compensation Committee also makes recommendations concerning the adoption of any compensation plans in which management is eligible to participate, including the granting of stock options or other benefits under those plans. The processes and procedures used for the consideration and determination of executive compensation are described in the section of the proxy captioned "Compensation Discussion and Analysis." The Compensation Committee held five meetings in 2009. A copy of the report of the Compensation Committee is on page 14.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Company has a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee consisting of Mr. Hailey, who chairs the committee, and Messrs. Berlin and Shuster. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is governed by a written charter, available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website which can be accessed from the Company's homepage at <http://www.orchidpaper.com> by selecting "Investors" and then "Corporate Governance." The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for submitting to the Board of Directors a proposed slate of directors for submission to the stockholders at the Company's annual meeting, recommending director candidates in view of pending additions, resignations or retirements, developing criteria for the selection of directors, reviewing suggested nominees received from stockholders and reviewing corporate governance policies and recommending changes to the full Board of Directors. As set forth above, the members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee qualify as "independent directors" under the NYSE Amex rules. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee held three meetings in 2009.

Selection of Nominees for the Board of Directors

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for identifying and recommending to the Board of Directors candidates to serve as members of the Board of Directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has not adopted specific, minimum qualifications that nominees must meet in order for the committee to recommend them to the Board of Directors, but rather each nominee is individually evaluated based on his or her individual merits, taking into account the needs of the Company and the composition of the Board of Directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not have a policy regarding the consideration of diversity in identifying nominees for director, however, it does actively seek to have a Board of Directors composed of individuals with a diverse set of expertise and business experiences. With respect to the selection of director nominees at the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee recommends the Board of Directors nominate each of the seven directors currently serving on the Board of Directors.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider candidates submitted from a variety of sources (including, without limit, incumbent directors, stockholders, Company management and third-party search firms) when reviewing candidates to fill vacancies and/or expand the Board of Directors. The committee will then evaluate each potential candidate's educational background, employment history, outside commitments and other relevant factors to determine whether he/she is potentially qualified to serve on the Board of Directors. The committee will seek to identify and recruit the best available candidates, and will endeavor to evaluate qualified stockholder nominees on the same basis as those submitted by members of the Board of Directors, third-party search firms or other sources.

After completing this process, the committee will determine whether one or more candidates are sufficiently qualified to warrant further investigation. If the process yields one or more desirable candidates, the committee will rank them by order of preference, depending on their respective qualifications and the Company's needs. The committee chair, or another director designated by the committee chair, will then contact the preferred candidate(s) to evaluate their potential interest and to set up interviews with the full committee. All such interviews will be held in person, to the extent possible, and will include only the candidate and the committee members. Based upon interview results and appropriate background checks, the committee will decide whether it will recommend the candidate's nomination to the full Board of Directors.

The committee may, in its discretion, choose to use additional resources (including independent third-party search firms) if it determines that such resources could enhance a particular director search.

Any stockholder wishing to submit a candidate for consideration should send the following information to the Corporate Secretary, Orchids Paper Products Company, 4826 Hunt Street, Pryor, Oklahoma 74361:

- Stockholder's name, number of shares owned, length of period held, and proof of ownership;
- Name, age and address of candidate;
- A detailed resume describing among other things the candidate's educational background, occupation, employment history, and material outside commitments (e.g., memberships on other boards and committees, charitable foundations, etc.);
- A supporting statement which describes the candidate's reasons for seeking election to the Board of Directors, and documents his/her ability to serve on the Board of Directors;
- Any information relating to the candidate that is required to be disclosed in the solicitation of proxies for election of directors;
- A description of any arrangements or understandings between the stockholder and the candidate;
- Any other information that would be useful to the committee in considering the candidate; and

- A signed statement from the candidate, confirming his/her willingness to serve on the Board.

The Corporate Secretary will forward such materials to the committee chair and the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Corporate Secretary will also maintain copies of such materials for future reference by the committee when filling Board of Directors positions.

Stockholders may submit potential director candidates at any time pursuant to these procedures. The committee will consider such candidates if a vacancy arises or if the Board of Directors decides to expand its membership, and at such other times as the committee deems necessary or appropriate. Separate procedures apply, as provided in the Bylaws, if a stockholder wishes to submit at an annual meeting a director candidate that is not approved by the committee or the Board of Directors. See “STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS.”

Communications with the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has adopted a policy to provide a process for holders of the Common Stock and other interested parties to send written communications to the Board of Directors. Any person wishing to send communications to the Board of Directors should send the written communication and the following information to the Company’s Corporate Secretary, Orchids Paper Products Company, 4826 Hunt Street, Pryor, Oklahoma 74361:

- name, age, business and residential address;
- if a stockholder, the number of shares of Common Stock owned, length of period held, and proof of ownership; and
- any individual director or committee to which the person would like to have the written statement and other information sent.

The Corporate Secretary, or his or her designee, will collect and organize all of such communications as he or she deems appropriate and, at least once each year, forward these materials to the Chairman of the Board, any committee chair or individual director. The Corporate Secretary may refuse to forward material which he determines in good faith to be scandalous, threatening or otherwise inappropriate for delivery. The Corporate Secretary will also maintain copies of such materials.

Leadership Roles

It is not required under the terms of the Company’s bylaws that the positions of Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer be separate. Further, the Board of Directors has no policy concerning the separation of the offices of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, but retains the flexibility to decide how the two positions should be filled based on the circumstances existing at any given time. Our offices of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer have been separate since before our initial public offering in 2005, with the Chairman of the Board overseeing strategic planning for the Company, and the Chief Executive Officer overseeing day-to-day operational matters. The Board of Directors believes that the separation of the two roles continues to provide the best balance of these important responsibilities. Having been a consultant to the Company for several years, Mr. Shuster not only brings leadership and financial acumen to the role of Chairman of the Board, but also a unique and extensive knowledge of the Company and its industry. Mr. Snyder’s leadership skills at the Company enhance his role as Chief Executive Officer and provides significant value for the Company and its shareholders.

Our bylaws provide the flexibility for our Board of Directors to modify our leadership structure in the future as appropriate. We believe that the Company has been well-served by this flexible leadership structure. As such, the Board of Directors intends to continue to exercise its discretion in combining or separating these positions as it deems appropriate in light of prevailing circumstances, rather than based on a policy or rule.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Orchids Paper Products Company (the “Committee”) is composed of three directors who, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, meet the independence requirements of the Company’s charter and the NYSE Amex rules. The Committee operates under a charter adopted by the Board of Directors. The primary function of the Committee is to assist the Board of Directors in its oversight of the Company’s financial reporting processes. Management is responsible for the Company’s financial statements and overall reporting process, including the system of internal controls. The independent auditors are responsible for conducting annual audits and quarterly reviews of the Company’s financial statements and expressing an opinion as to the conformity of the annual financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Committee submits the following report pursuant to the SEC rules:

- The Committee has reviewed and discussed with management and with HoganTaylor LLP, the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm, the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2009 (the “Financial Statements”).
- HoganTaylor LLP has advised the management of the Company and the Committee that it has discussed with them all the matters required to be discussed by Statement of Auditing Standards No. 61, as modified, which include among other items, matters related to the conduct of the audit of the Financial Statements.
- The Committee has received from HoganTaylor LLP the written disclosures and the letter required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding HoganTaylor LLP’s communications with the Committee concerning independence and has discussed HoganTaylor LLP’s independence with them.
- Based upon the aforementioned review, discussions and representations of HoganTaylor LLP, and the unqualified audit opinion presented by HoganTaylor LLP on the Financial Statements, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Financial Statements be included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Committee has reviewed the performance of services provided by HoganTaylor LLP in 2009 and the proposed audit plan for 2010 and, based upon those reviews and other considerations, recommends that HoganTaylor LLP be selected as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for fiscal 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven R. Berlin, Chairman
John C. Guttilla
Jeffrey S. Schoen

REPORT OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Orchids Paper Products Company is primarily responsible for reviewing, approving and overseeing Orchids' compensation plans and practices, and works with management and the committee's compensation consultant to establish Orchids' executive compensation philosophy and programs. The committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2009 with management and has recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary P. Arnold, Chairman
John C. Guttilla
Douglas E. Hailey

The Report of the Audit Committee and the Report of the Compensation Committee on Executive Compensation will not be deemed incorporated by reference by any general statement incorporating by reference this proxy statement or portions thereof into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates this information by reference, and will not otherwise be deemed filed under such Acts.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

The Compensation Committee is comprised of Gary P. Arnold, who chairs the committee, John C. Guttilla and Douglas E. Hailey, none of whom are employees or current or former officers of the Company, and none of whom had any relationship with the Company required to be disclosed under the section of the proxy captioned “CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS.” None of the Company’s Compensation Committee members and none of the Company’s executive officers have a relationship that would constitute an interlocking relationship with executive officers or directors of another entity or insider participation in compensation decisions.

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section provides information regarding the compensation for Mr. Snyder, our President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Schroeder, our Chief Financial Officer, whom we refer to collectively as the “named executive officers”. This section includes information regarding the overall objectives of our compensation programs, the means by which we make compensation decisions and each element of compensation that we provide.

The compensation of our named executive officers is composed principally of a base salary, a cash bonus and equity-based compensation in the form of stock options. In addition, our named executive officers are entitled to matching contributions to our 401(k) plan and certain perquisites.

Compensation decisions are made by the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors, with significant input from Mr. Shuster, the Chairman of our Board of Directors, and from Mr. Snyder for compensation of his direct reports.

Objectives of Compensation

In general, the objectives of our compensation programs are to:

- attract and retain key personnel by providing total compensation that is internally equitable and externally competitive;
- motivate key personnel by providing performance-based incentives to achieve our financial goals and long-term business plans; and
- align management’s and stockholders’ interests by granting stock options and other equity-linked compensation.

To achieve these goals, the Compensation Committee implements and maintains compensation plans that tie a substantial portion of our named executive officers’ overall compensation to productivity and profitability improvement, and thus improved stockholder value. Both of our named executive officers have entered into employment agreements and their base compensation is based on the contractual obligations under those agreements. In addition, the Compensation Committee evaluates compensation on an ongoing basis and makes adjustments as it believes are necessary to fairly compensate our executives and to retain their services.

Establishing Executive Compensation

Role of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee discharges the Board of Directors' responsibilities relating to compensation matters. Its role is to review the Company's compensation programs, policies and practices and to set the compensation for each named executive officer.

The Compensation Committee reviews the performance of each named executive officer, the financial and other performance of the Company and considers the appropriate level of compensation for each named executive officer. The Compensation Committee considers the total compensation for each named executive officer as well as the individual elements of their compensation, including base salary and potential cash bonus payments, vested and unvested stock options, perquisites and payments under various termination and change of control scenarios. In setting compensation, the committee's decisions are shaped by the Company's compensation objectives and the market for executive talent based on the committee members' personal experience, contacts in the paper industry, and publicly available information. In recent years, the Compensation Committee has also utilized the web-based Equilar database to evaluate base compensation for our Chief Financial Officer against the base compensation of chief financial officers of certain comparable public companies.

In January or February of each year, the Compensation Committee determines bonus payments for the named executive officers based on individual and Company performance against the targets set in the prior year's bonus program and determines whether any of the discretionary bonus pool available in the bonus plan should be paid to any of the named executive officers. In December of the preceding year or January of the current year, the Compensation Committee determines the metrics for the new year's bonus program, based, in part, on input received from the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer.

As part of this annual review, the Compensation Committee also considers the structure of the Company's compensation arrangements and how well that structure furthers the Company's compensation objectives. In 2007, the Compensation Committee decided to restructure the bonus program to be primarily driven by quantitative performance metrics that are critical to the Company's success. The annual review is conducted in consultation with Jay Shuster acting as a compensation consultant. The Company's Chief Executive Officer participates in the process for setting the compensation for Mr. Schroeder, and both Mr. Snyder and Mr. Schroeder have considerable input in determining the metrics used in the bonus program and in making compensation decisions for other employees.

Role of Compensation Consultants. The Chairman, Jay Shuster, serves as a consultant to the Compensation Committee to review the compensation package of our officers and to develop the metrics to be used in our bonus program. He was initially retained by the Compensation Committee in 2007 after interviewing and being approved by the Board of Directors. We compensate Mr. Shuster for these services as part of his consulting arrangement with the Company. Our named executive officers work with Mr. Shuster each year to define the metrics to be used for the Company's current year bonus program and prepare recommendations for the Compensation Committee.

Role of the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer assists the Compensation Committee in reaching compensation decisions by developing recommended compensation for the Company's other officers and management personnel. The Chief Executive Officer may also consult informally with the Compensation Committee and the Chairman prior to presenting his recommendations to the Compensation Committee for their review and discussion to ensure that his recommendations will best reflect our compensation objectives. The Chief Executive Officer also prepares recommendations for the metrics of the bonus plan each year, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Mr. Shuster, as consultant to the Company.

Role of Employment Agreements. We consider employment agreements to be an important part of recruiting and retaining qualified executive officers. All of the named executive officers have entered into employment agreements with us. Our employment agreements with the named executive officers establish the named executive officers' initial base compensation. In the case of our Chief Executive Officer, the

employment agreement also requires that his base salary be increased on an annual basis based on increases to the consumer price index for the Midwest Urban metropolitan area with a population between 50,000 and 1,500,000 people. Employment agreement terms also include provisions regarding severance, change-in-control, confidentiality, non-competition and non-solicitation. The Compensation Committee's judgment is that employment agreements are beneficial for us. These employment agreements are described in further detail under the section of this proxy captioned "AGREEMENTS WITH NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS."

Elements of Compensation

Our employment agreement with Mr. Snyder was entered into effective August 20, 2007 in connection with his appointment as President and Chief Executive Officer and our employment agreement with Mr. Schroeder was entered into effective March 1, 2009, corresponding to the expiration of his previous employment agreement. The terms of these employment agreements were individually developed based on a number of factors, including the particular executive's position, his scope of duties, his experience, his past performance, our compensation goals and the market for executive talent.

Our chief competitors for executive talent are other pulp and paper industry companies as well as other companies in our region. As such, when we consider whether our levels of compensation are externally competitive, we evaluate the market for executive talent based upon the knowledge and experience of the Compensation Committee members and Mr. Shuster and their contacts in the paper industry. Recently, the Compensation Committee has also evaluated the base compensation for our Chief Financial Officer against the base compensation of chief financial officers of forty Midwest-based small publicly traded manufacturing companies, excluding oil and gas companies. These companies had a mean revenue of \$125 million, and a mean asset level of \$119 million. Management and the Compensation Committee believe that these companies are representative of the kinds of companies with which we compete for executive talent. We generate these data through a database created by Equilar Inc., an independent executive compensation research firm that draws information from proxy statements and other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Most of our compensation elements fulfill one or more of our compensation objectives. The elements of total compensation for our named executive officers are:

- base compensation;
- cash bonus compensation;
- equity-based compensation;
- 401(k) plans; and
- perquisites.

Base compensation. In general, we seek to provide our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer with a competitive annual base compensation. Base compensation is set at a level that is competitive for the responsibilities of the position taking into account our industry and geographic location. In addition, the Compensation Committee considers adjustments to base compensation based on both Company and individual performance as well as internal equity within our pay scale. We do so in order to attract and retain a high caliber of talent for these positions, and to provide a fair base wage that is not subject to the Company's performance risk. For the named executive officers, the minimum base compensation is established in their employment agreements and, as such, is also subject to the outcome of the Company's negotiations with the executives. Increases to base compensation in subsequent years are made at the discretion of our Compensation Committee. In addition, our Chief Executive Officer is entitled to increases based upon increases in the applicable consumer price index.

In considering the competitiveness of our base compensation, the Compensation Committee relies upon the expertise of its members and the data from a survey of public company compensation generated through Equilar. In connection with the execution of the employment agreement with Mr. Schroeder and

again a year later, the Compensation Committee consulted a report of the base compensation for chief financial officers at 40 Midwest-based small publicly traded manufacturing companies which Management and the Compensation Committee believe are representative of the types of companies with which we compete for executive talent.

The Compensation Committee has not made similar comparisons for Mr. Snyder as yet. When the Company hired Mr. Snyder in 2007, it determined his base compensation by taking into account the base compensation requirements of the candidates, as well as Mr. Shuster's experience in the market and knowledge of the compensation levels of top operating managers at other pulp and paper mills. This information served as the market check for Mr. Snyder's base compensation, and the Compensation Committee determined that no further data were needed in setting Mr. Snyder's base compensation. Under the terms of his employment agreement, on each September 1, Mr. Snyder's base salary adjusts upward based on increases to the consumer price index for the Midwest Urban metropolitan area with a population between 50,000 and 1,500,000 people. Because Mr. Snyder's compensation is tied to changes in the consumer price index, the Compensation Committee has not reviewed Mr. Snyder's compensation against chief executive officers' compensation at similar companies in any subsequent years.

The following table lists the base compensation set by the Compensation Committee for each of the named executive officers during each of 2008 and 2009, along with the percentage change from year to year:

	2008	2009	Percentage Change
Robert A. Snyder(1)	\$266,250	\$266,250	0.0%
Keith R. Schroeder(2)	\$162,647	\$190,025	16.8%

(1) Mr. Snyder's base compensation is subject to increase on September 1 of each year.

(2) Mr. Schroeder's base compensation is subject to increase in the spring of each year.

In 2008, Mr. Snyder's base compensation was adjusted per the terms of his employment agreement, which requires that his base salary increase at the same rate as the consumer price index for Midwestern Urban metropolitan areas with a population between 50,000 and 1,500,000 people. In 2009, Mr. Snyder's base compensation did not increase in that year because there was no positive change in the relevant consumer price index. However, based on his performance, the Company gave Mr. Snyder the option of receiving a raise or a one-time bonus, and Mr. Snyder elected to receive a \$40,000 one-time bonus.

In 2008, in conjunction with Mr. Schroeder's new employment agreement, the Compensation Committee reviewed compensation for comparable positions at similar companies. Mr. Schroeder received a 16.8% increase in his base compensation in 2009 due to the results of the review, as well as Mr. Schroeder's performance, the performance of the Company, which has experienced substantial increases in profits and stock price during the past four years, and for internal equity purposes. This increase became effective with Mr. Schroeder's new employment agreement. In 2010, the Compensation Committee reviewed Mr. Schroeder's compensation, including the data in a Equilar report of base compensation for comparable positions at similar public companies, and determined that Mr. Schroeder's base compensation did not warrant an increase.

Cash bonus compensation. The Company has a performance bonus program based on formulas, including target metrics and potential bonus ranges based on the elements critical to the Company's financial results. Although the program allows for subjectively based awards, including awards from a discretionary bonus pool, as well as the formula-driven ones, the Compensation Committee believes that formula-driven awards provide fairer results for both the executives and the Company's stockholders.

The Company's principal financial metric is earnings before interest expense, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("EBITDA"). For purposes of the bonus calculation, we exclude estimated bonus accruals in the EBITDA calculation. For the manufacturing of parent rolls, we use a production metric based on tons

of paper produced per day. For our converting process, we use a production metric based on finished product cases per day. Cash bonuses for named executive officers are determined based on the Company's performance against predetermined targets for each of these three metrics for the fiscal year. In addition, the Compensation Committee may identify additional operational challenges for the Company and create specific bonus objectives linked to successfully addressing those challenges. The employment agreements for each of the Company's named executive officers provide that cash bonus compensation is capped at 100% of their respective base salary.

Late in the Company's fiscal year, the Compensation Committee begins working with our executive officers to establish performance goals for the next year. The bonus program is designed to provide additional compensation to those individuals whose performance has helped the Company meet or exceed its annual performance targets. In general, the program is designed such that those who can most affect the Company's performance have the largest portion of their total potential compensation at risk.

Our objective is to provide clear incentives to achieve the Company's goals for the next year and to position the Company to achieve higher levels of financial performance for future years. Accordingly, it is the expectation of the Compensation Committee that the Company should earn a minimum EBITDA level, and improve its productivity so that we achieve our goal of being a low cost producer of tissue products. Productivity improvements are expected in both paper and converting production. The range of target metrics and percentage payouts that correspond to the target metric range are established each year to provide a graduated payout scale.

Generally, named executive officers are first eligible to receive bonus payments when current year performance exceeds the prior year's performance in the operating metrics of EBITDA, papermaking production and converting production. These minimum targets reflected the committee's expectations for improvement in each of the operating metrics. Bonus levels increase on a graduated scale from the fixed minimums to the target levels, which represent the achievement of the operating metrics used in our annual budget. Based on our annual budgets, we set the target bonus for 2009 at 92% of executive's salaries and the target bonus for 2010 at 69% of executive's salaries for named executive officers. As a result, in 2010 our executive officers have significant financial incentive to exceed our budget.

The Company's Chief Financial Officer certifies the accuracy and consistency of the bonus calculation and presents the calculations to the Compensation Committee in the first quarter of each year and at other times as requested by the Compensation Committee.

The following table summarizes the bonus payments made to each of our named executive officers for 2008 and 2009 and the targeted bonus payments for 2010:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>	<u>Targeted 2010</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Robert A. Snyder	\$137,747	\$306,250(1)	122.3%	\$183,713	(40.0)%(2)
Keith R. Schroeder	\$ 85,364	\$190,025	122.6%	\$131,118	(31.0)%

- (1) Mr. Snyder was paid a one-time bonus of \$40,000, in lieu of a salary increase, in the fall of 2009 and a performance bonus payment of \$266,250 in the spring of 2010.
- (2) Based upon Mr. Snyder's target of \$266,250 for 2009, and excluding his one-time bonus in 2009, his target bonus for 2010 represents a 31.0% decrease from his actual bonus in 2009.

<u>Metric</u>	<u>Robert A. Snyder</u>			
	<u>2009 Bonus</u>	<u>2009 Payment</u>	<u>2010 Bonus</u>	<u>Targeted 2010 Payment</u>
EBITDA	80%	\$340,800	80%	\$149,100
Converting Production	10%	\$ 13,328	10%	\$ 15,975
Paper Making Production	10%	\$ —	10%	\$ 18,638
Total	100%	\$266,250(1)	100%	\$183,713

Metric	Keith R. Schroeder			
	2009 Bonus	2009 Payment	2010 Bonus	Targeted 2010 Payment
EBITDA	80%	\$243,232	80%	\$106,414
Converting Production	10%	\$ 9,513	10%	\$ 11,402
Paper Making Production	10%	\$ —	10%	\$ 13,302
Total	100%	\$190,025(1)	100%	\$131,118

(1) Although both Mr. Snyder and Mr. Schroeder accrued bonuses above their base salary based on the Company's performance, the maximum bonus payable under the plan in 2009 was 100% of base salary.

The Compensation Committee places great emphasis on EBITDA because it believes that the named executive officers should focus primarily on the Company's key financial metric and should be encouraged to consider all means for improving EBITDA, including converting production and paper making production as well as other operational and financial means for improving overall financial results.

The following table shows the Company's performance targets for EBITDA and the corresponding percentage of the bonus award tied to such metric that is payable if the Company meets such target:

EBITDA			
2009 Goals	Bonus(1)	2010 Goals	Bonus(1)
<\$11,351,000	0%	<\$19,600,000	0%
12,500,000	30%	21,200,000	30%
13,700,000	45%	22,800,000	45%
14,900,000	60%	24,400,000	60%
16,100,000	75%	26,000,000	65%
17,542,000	100%	27,700,000	70%
18,800,000	115%	29,000,000	85%
20,000,000	130%	30,000,000	100%
21,200,000	145%	31,000,000	125%
22,000,000	160%	32,000,000	150%

(1) Bonus percentages are calculated on a graduated scale between all target thresholds.

The established target range is intended to provide our named executive officers the opportunity to earn significant bonuses beyond the targeted bonus level if the Company achieves levels of EBITDA beyond the targeted level, thereby providing incentives to maximize the Company's financial performance. The target bonus for 2009 was set at 100% of the maximum bonus available for EBITDA and the target bonus for 2010 at 70% of the maximum bonus available for EBITDA. The EBITDA bonus goals for 2009 were established using the actual results from 2008 as a base. The EBITDA bonus goals for 2010 have been established using the actual results from 2009 as a base and adjusted downward in recognition of changes in market conditions, including increased competition, increased waste paper prices and other factors. The increases at the higher end of the 2010 EBITDA goals reflects the Compensation Committee's view that management should be incented to fully realize the opportunities created by the expansion project due to be completed in the third quarter of 2010. Achievement of the target bonus for 2010 will require an improvement of 41% in EBITDA over 2009 levels, as adjusted for market conditions as described above. The threshold for the maximum bonus is approximately 63% above the threshold for the minimum bonus, and approximately 16% above the threshold for the target bonus.

The following table shows the Company's performance targets for paper making and the corresponding percentage of the bonus award tied to such metric that is payable if the Company meets such target:

Paper Making Targets (tons/day)			
2009 Goals	Bonus(1)	2010 Goals	Bonus(1)
<153.3	0%	<151.9	0%
154.5	25%	154.5	25%
155.2	50%	155.2	50%
155.5	60%	155.5	60%
158.5	70%	158.5	70%
160.5	80%	160.5	80%
162.5	100%	162.5	100%

(1) Bonus percentages are calculated on a graduated scale between all target thresholds.

The performance targets for papermaking production for both 2009 and 2010 are designed to reward our named executive officers if the Company achieves levels of papermaking efficiencies beyond the prior year's performance. The papermaking production metric is based on the daily average tons of paper we produce. Based on our annual budgets, we set the target bonus for 2009 at 60% and the target bonus for 2010 at 70% and we expect that the Company will achieve the budget objectives. By setting the target bonus at these levels, the named executive officers have incentives to outperform the target levels. Achievement of the target bonus for 2010 will require an improvement of 4.6% in papermaking production over 2009 levels and the successful implementation of a capital project designed to increase production. The threshold for the maximum bonus is approximately 6.0% above the threshold for the minimum bonus, and approximately 4.5% above the threshold for the target bonus.

The following table shows the Company's performance targets for converting production and the corresponding percentage of the bonus award tied to such metric that is payable if the Company meets such target:

Converting Production Targets (finished product cases)			
2009 Goals	Bonus(1)	2010 Goals	Bonus(1)
<\$17,200	0%	<\$20,000	0%
18,250	10%	20,800	10%
18,500	15%	21,600	15%
19,000	25%	22,200	25%
19,500	35%	23,100	35%
20,000	50%	24,000	50%
20,500	60%	25,000	60%
21,000	70%	26,200	70%
21,500	80%	27,400	80%
22,000	100%	28,500	100%

(1) Bonus percentages are calculated on a graduated scale between all target thresholds.

The performance targets for converting production for both 2009 and 2010 are designed to reward our named executive officers if the Company achieves levels of converting production beyond the prior year's performance. The converting production metric is based on the daily average of finished product cases we produce. Based on our annual budgets, we set the target bonus for 2009 at 60% and the target bonus for 2010 at 60% and we expect that the Company will achieve the budget objectives. As with papermaking production, we expect that setting the target bonus at these levels provides the named executive officer with incentives to outperform the target levels. The target bonus level for 2010 includes the effects on

production levels from the start-up of the Company's expansion project. This project involves, among other things, purchasing and installing a new converting line that will provide incremental production capacity of approximately 50%. Achievement of the target bonus for 2010 will require an improvement of 25% in converting production over 2009 levels. The threshold for the maximum bonus is approximately 42.5% above the threshold for the minimum bonus, and approximately 14% above the threshold for the target bonus.

Historically, the Company has not granted significant subjectively determined bonuses under the performance bonus program and the Company does not expect this to change. However, the Compensation Committee believes it is important to have the flexibility to award both named executive officers and other employees for specific performance not covered in the performance metrics of the formula-driven bonus plan. The amount of the discretionary bonus pool is set each year by the Compensation Committee, after considering recommendations from the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and Mr. Shuster, as consultant. For 2009, the amount available in the discretionary bonus pool was \$75,000 and for 2010, the amount available in the discretionary bonus pool is \$125,000, an increase of 66.7%. While our named executive officers are eligible to receive payments from the discretionary bonus pool, it exists largely for bonuses for salaried employees who do not participate in the performance bonus program.

In September 2009, Mr. Snyder was granted a one-time bonus of \$40,000 due to the contributions Mr. Snyder made during the year, including the successful completion of the follow-on offering and the substantial improvements in operating efficiencies and product margins, and because Mr. Snyder did not receive an annual increase in base salary under the terms of his employment agreement.

Equity-based compensation. Orchids' Stock Incentive Plan's purpose is to provide the Company with a means to assist in recruiting, retaining, and rewarding certain employees, directors, and consultants and to motivate such individuals to exert their best efforts on behalf of the Company by providing incentives through the granting of awards. By granting awards to such individuals, the Company expects that the interests of the recipients will be better aligned with those of the Company.

The Company's Compensation Committee is the administrator of the Stock Incentive Plan. Subject to the express provisions of the plan, the committee has plenary authority, in its discretion, to determine the individuals to whom, and the time or times which, awards shall be granted and the number of shares, if applicable, to be subject to each award. In making such determinations, the committee may take into account the nature of services rendered by the respective individuals, as well as their present and potential contributions to the Company's success.

Stock option awards can be made at the commencement of employment. Additionally, grants can be made following a significant change in job responsibilities or to meet other special retention objectives. The Compensation Committee reviews and approves stock option awards to executive officers based upon a number of factors, including the number of shares vesting for each named executive officer in each year and the amount of equity held by each named executive officer in the aggregate, its assessment of individual performance, and retention considerations. Periodic stock option awards are made at the discretion of the Compensation Committee to eligible employees and, in appropriate circumstances, the Compensation Committee considers the recommendations of members of management.

In 2009, in connection with the vesting of the final portion of his existing stock option award, the Compensation Committee granted to Mr. Schroeder an option to purchase an additional 20,000 shares of common stock, vesting over two years. The Compensation Committee did so in recognition of the significant value Mr. Schroeder has helped to create for our stockholders, the importance of retaining his services and the desire to continue to reinforce his incentive to build long-term stockholder value.

The following table shows the vested equity for each named executive officer as of December 31, 2009, the number of shares vesting each year until the option is fully vested and the aggregate number of shares subject to the outstanding option grants:

	<u>Vested Year-end 2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Total Option Shares</u>
Robert R. Snyder(1)	135,000	45,000	45,000	—	225,000
Keith R. Schroeder(2)	142,500	10,000	10,000	—	162,500

- (1) Mr. Snyder’s option was awarded upon his commencement of service to the Company and was based on the number of shares issuable under options granted to our previous President and Chief Executive Officer.
- (2) Mr. Schroeder was awarded an option to purchase 20,000 shares of common stock in January 2009, vesting over two years.

401(k) plans. We have three 401(k) retirement saving plans. One covers all non-union employees, one covers the Company’s union employees in the paper mill, and one covers the Company’s union employees in the converting facility. Our executive officers are covered by the non-union plan. The Company may make matching or additional contributions to the plan, to be determined annually by the Compensation Committee, for the benefit of all participants. In 2010, the Company’s policy was changed to increase the matching contribution to 87.5% of a salaried employee’s deferrals up to 8% of wages paid, up from 75% in recent years, which deferrals are limited by the IRS prescribed maximum. The increase in the Company’s matching contribution percentage was made to encourage a higher level of retirement savings by our employees.

Perquisites. We offer a very limited array of perquisites to our named executive officers. All salaried employees of the Company receive a term life insurance benefit of one year’s base salary while employed by the Company, as well as short-term and long-term disability insurance coverage. In addition, the Compensation Committee agreed to reimburse each of the named executive officers up to \$3,500 for estate planning purposes. The Company reimbursed Mr. Snyder \$3,068 in 2009, and no reimbursement was paid to Mr. Schroeder in 2009. We also previously agreed to provide certain benefits associated with Mr. Snyder’s relocation to Tulsa. Certain of such payments were made to Mr. Snyder in 2008 and none were made to Mr. Snyder in 2009.

The Company believes that these certain limited perquisites are an important element of compensation for attracting and retaining high caliber executive officers, but that perquisites are not the most effective means of achieving the Company’s compensation objectives.

Severance, change in control, and other post-employment payments. The Company’s named executive officers have severance and change in control provisions as part of their employment agreements. The purpose of these provisions is to aid in retention and recruitment. In addition, by providing for change of control payments, we are able to encourage continued attention and dedication to assigned duties during periods involving a possible change in control of the Company and protect the earned benefits of the officer against adverse changes resulting from a change in control. The level of payments provided under these provisions is consistent with what the Compensation Committee views as common industry practices. These arrangements are described in greater detail in the section of the proxy captioned “EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION - Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control.”

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following table sets forth certain information concerning the compensation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. In 2009, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer were the Company's only executive officers and, therefore, there were no other executive officers whose aggregate cash compensation exceeded \$100,000 during the year. We refer to these persons as the "named executive officers" elsewhere in this proxy statement.

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus(1)	Option Awards(2)	All Other Compensation	Total
Robert A. Snyder President and Chief Executive Officer	2009	\$266,250	\$306,250(3)	\$141,396	\$19,568(4)	\$733,464
	2008	\$256,156	\$137,747	\$141,396	\$59,818(5)	\$595,117
	2007	\$ 91,346(6)	\$ 54,650	\$192,783	\$17,003(7)	\$355,782
Keith R. Schroeder Chief Financial Officer	2009	\$185,698(8)	\$190,025	\$ 56,087(9)	\$ 9,900(10)	\$441,710
	2008	\$162,647	\$ 85,364	\$ 46,590	\$13,472(5)	\$308,073
	2007	\$152,385	\$ 58,000	\$ 68,134	\$11,625(10)	\$290,144

- (1) These are amounts earned in the year reported, but are paid in the year following.
- (2) The amounts in this column represent the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to fiscal 2009 for the fair value of stock options granted to each named executive officer in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. Pursuant to SEC rules, the amounts shown exclude the impact of estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. The amounts in this column reflect our accounting expense for these awards and do not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by each named executive officer. For the relevant assumptions used in determining the fair value of stock option awards, refer to "Stock Option Expense" in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 12, 2010.
- (3) Includes a one-time bonus of \$40,000 paid in the fall of 2009 and a performance bonus of \$266,250 paid in the spring of 2010.
- (4) Consists of personal travel and temporary housing allowance, estate planning reimbursement and matching contributions to the Company's 401(k) plan.
- (5) Consists of matching Company contributions to the Company's 401(k) plan and pay in lieu of accrued vacation time.
- (6) Mr. Snyder joined the Company on August 20, 2007.
- (7) Consists of personal travel and temporary housing allowance, and matching contributions to the Company's 401(k) plan.
- (8) From January 1, 2009 until February 28, 2009, Mr. Schroeder was paid at a rate of \$162,647 per year. Beginning on March 1, 2009, Mr. Schroeder's new employment agreement became effective and Mr. Schroeder was paid at a rate of \$190,025 for the remainder of 2009.
- (9) Mr. Schroeder received a stock option to purchase 20,000 shares of common stock on January 20, 2009, subject to vesting over two years.
- (10) Consists of matching Company contributions to the Company's 401(k) plan.

Stock Option Grants in 2009

The Company's Stock Incentive Plan provides for grants of stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance-based awards, as well as other stock based awards and cash based awards. With respect to

executive officers and directors, the Company makes equity awards under the Stock Incentive Plan to encourage them to focus on long-term Company performance.

Mr. Schroeder received a stock option to purchase 20,000 shares of common stock on January 20, 2009, subject to vesting over two years. No other stock option grants were made to our executive officers during the year ended December 31, 2009.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards

Name	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Options	Exercise Price of Option Awards	Grant Date Fair Value of Option Awards(1)
Keith R. Schroeder	January 20, 2009(2)	20,000(3)	\$10.205	\$44,238

(1) The amounts in this column represent the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to fiscal 2009 for the fair value of stock options granted to each named executive officer in fiscal 2009, as well as prior fiscal years, in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. Pursuant to SEC rules, the amounts shown exclude the impact of estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. The amounts in this column reflect our accounting expense for these awards and do not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by each named executive officer. For the relevant assumptions used in determining the fair value of stock option awards, refer to “Stock Option Expense” in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 12, 2010.

- (2) The expiration date of the option occurs ten years after its date of grant.
- (3) Options vest and become exercisable as follows: 50% on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 50% on the second anniversary of the date of grant.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table sets forth information on the holdings of stock options by the named executive officers as of December 31, 2009.

	Options Awards			
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date(1)
Robert A. Snyder	135,000	90,000(2)	\$ 6.81	August 20, 2017
Keith R. Schroeder (options fully vested in 2009)	142,500	—	\$ 5.33	April 14, 2015
Keith R. Schroeder (new options granted in 2009)	—	20,000(3)	\$10.205	January 20, 2019

- (1) The expiration date of each option occurs ten years after its date of grant.
- (2) Options vest and become exercisable in increments of 20% each on the date of grant and the anniversary thereof over the next four years.
- (3) Options vest and become exercisable as follows: 50% on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 50% on the second anniversary of the date of grant.

The table below provides the grant date for each outstanding equity award at the end of fiscal 2009 and the respective vesting schedule:

Officer	Grant Date(1)	Number Of Stock Options Granted	Vesting Period					
			Prior to 2009	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Robert A. Snyder	August 20, 2007	225,000	90,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	—	—
Keith R. Schroeder	April 14, 2005	142,500	114,000	28,500	—	—	—	—
	January 20, 2010	20,000	—	—	10,000	10,000	—	—

(1) The expiration date of each option occurs ten years after the date of grant of each option.

Option Exercises in Last Fiscal Year

None of our named executive officers exercised options during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

	Termination With Cause	Termination Due To Death, Disability, Injury Or Illness	Termination Within 12 Months of Change In Control(1)	Termination After 12 Months from Change In Control	Termination Without Cause	Termination By Employee After Material Change	Termination By Employee
Robert A. Snyder	\$ —	\$ —	\$768,154(2)	\$266,250	\$266,250	\$266,250	\$ —
Keith R. Schroeder	\$ —	\$ —	\$429,766(3)	\$190,025	\$190,025	\$190,025	\$ —

(1) The payments upon a change in control include the value of the executive's unvested stock options which would vest upon such an event. The value of such options in this column represent the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to fiscal 2009 for the fair value of stock options granted to each named executive officer in fiscal 2009, as well as prior fiscal years, in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. Pursuant to SEC rules, the amounts shown exclude the impact of estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. The amounts in this column reflect our accounting expense for these awards and do not correspond to the actual value that will be realized by each named executive officer. For the relevant assumptions used in determining the fair value of stock option awards, refer to "Stock Option Expense" in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 12, 2010.

- (2) Includes two years worth of salary, plus \$141,396 for 2010 and \$94,264 for 2011 for the value of unvested stock options which would vest upon such event as described in footnote (1) above.
- (3) Includes two years worth of salary, plus \$46,752 for 2010 and \$2,514 for 2011 for the value of unvested stock options which would vest upon such event as described in footnote (1) above.

The Company has agreed, in their respective employment agreements, to provide the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and the Company's Chief Financial Officer with certain payments in connection with their severance from employment. These employment agreements were designed to provide a competitive compensation package to the named executive officers, encourage continued attention and dedication to assigned duties during periods involving a possible change in control of the Company and to protect the earned benefits of the officer against adverse changes resulting from a change in control. Severance payments would not be made in the event the named executive officer is terminated for cause. Cause is defined in the Company's employment agreements as:

- the employee engages in willful misconduct which is materially injurious to the Company;
- the employee is convicted, or enters a plea of *nolo contendere* with respect to a felony;
- the employee engages in fraud or dishonesty in connection with the business of the Company;

- the employee's abuse of or dependency on alcohol or drugs (illicit or otherwise);
- the employee breaches their contractual agreement; or
- the employee fails to perform lawful directives, including, without limitation, any failure to regularly report to the office.

If either executive is terminated for cause, no severance is provided. If an executive is terminated without cause, severance payments equal one year's salary and are paid over the course of the year. If an executive is terminated within 12 months of a change in control, severance payments equal two year's salary and are paid in a lump sum on the date that is 90 days after the termination. In addition, upon a change in control, all stock options under the Stock Incentive Plan vest immediately. Change in control is defined in the Company's 2005 Stock Incentive Plan to mean:

(i) the purchase or other acquisition (other than from the Company) by any person, entity or group of persons, within the meaning of Section 13(d) or 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (excluding, for this purpose, the Company or its subsidiaries or any employee benefit plan of the Company or its subsidiaries), of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) of 20% or more of either the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the Company or the combined voting power of the Company's then-outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors; or

(ii) individuals who, as of the date of the plan, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board, provided that any person who becomes a director subsequent to the date hereof whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board (other than an individual whose initial assumption of office is in connection with an actual or threatened election contest relating to the election of directors of the Company, as such terms are used in Rule 14a-11 of Regulation 14A promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) shall be, for purposes of this section, considered as though such person were a member of the Incumbent Board; or

(iii) approval by the stockholders of the Company of a reorganization, merger or consolidation, in each case with respect to which persons who were the stockholders of the Company immediately prior to such reorganization, merger or consolidation do not, immediately thereafter, own more than 50% of, respectively, the common stock and the combined voting power entitled to vote generally in the election of directors of the reorganized, merged or consolidated corporation's then-outstanding voting securities, or of a liquidation or dissolution of the Company or of the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company.

DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION

The Company reimburses members of the Board of Directors for travel expenditures related to their services to the Company. In May 2009, the Board approved a resolution to compensate members for their service at Board meetings and committee meetings. The chart below sets forth the fees paid to directors.

<u>Type of Fee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Non-employee Director (other than Chairman)	\$20,000
Chairman of the Board of Directors	\$50,000(1)
Chairman of the Audit Committee	\$10,000
Member of the Audit Committee	\$ 5,000
Chairman of the Compensation Committee	\$ 5,000
Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee	\$ 5,000
Board Meeting Attended by Director:	
Attended in person	\$ 1,200
Attended by telephone	\$ 600
Audit, Compensation or Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Meetings:	
Attended in person if it is not in conjunction with a full Board meeting	\$ 1,200
Attended by telephone	\$ 600
Special Committees	\$ 5,000

(1) The fee paid to Chairman of the Board was changed from \$50,000 per year to \$60,000 per year effective January 1, 2010.

The committee believes directors' incentives should be to improve the long-term value of the Company and promote stockholder returns. Accordingly, they are also compensated with awards under the Stock Incentive Plan. It has been the Company's practice to award options covering 3,750 shares of Common Stock upon a new non-employee director's election to the Board of Directors. The Company also awarded options covering 3,750 shares of stock in connection with the ongoing non-employee members of the board's re-election at the 2009 annual meetings of Stockholders, and options covering an additional 6,250 were awarded to the Chairman of the Board in 2009.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)</u>	<u>Option Awards (\$)(1)</u>	<u>All Other Compensation (\$)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gary P. Arnold	\$30,400	\$31,050	—	\$ 61,450
Steven R. Berlin	\$44,800	\$31,050	—	\$ 75,850
John C. Guttilla	\$39,800	\$31,050	—	\$ 70,850
Douglas E. Hailey	\$34,800	\$31,050	—	\$ 65,850
Jeffrey S. Schoen	\$29,800	\$31,050	—	\$ 60,850
Jay Shuster	\$59,200	\$82,800	—	\$142,000

(1) The amounts in this column represent the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to fiscal 2009 for the fair value of stock options granted to each named executive officer in fiscal 2009, as well as prior fiscal years, in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. Pursuant to SEC rules, the amounts shown exclude the impact of estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. The amounts in this column reflect our accounting expense for these awards and do not correspond to the actual value that will be realized by each named executive officer. For the relevant assumptions used in determining the fair value of stock option awards, refer to "Stock Option Expense" in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 12, 2010.

Limitation of Liability and Indemnification

The Company's amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that we may indemnify the Company's directors, officers, employees and other agents, to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. The Company maintains a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy that insures such persons against the costs of defense, settlement or payment of a judgment under certain circumstances. We believe that these indemnification and liability provisions are essential to attracting and retaining qualified persons as officers and directors.

In addition, the Company's amended and restated certificate of incorporation limits the personal liability of the Company's directors to the Company and its stockholders for monetary damages to the fullest extent permissible under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. This provision in the Company's amended and restated certificate of incorporation does not eliminate a director's duty of care, and, in appropriate circumstances, equitable remedies such as an injunction or other forms of non-monetary relief remain available. Each director will continue to be subject to liability for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us, for acts or omissions not in good faith or involving intentional misconduct or knowing violations of law, for acts or omissions that the director believes to be contrary to the best interests of the Company or its stockholders, for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit, for improper transactions between the director and the Company, and for improper distributions to stockholders and loans to directors and officers. This provision also does not affect a director's responsibilities under any other laws, such as the federal securities laws or state or federal environmental laws.

The Company has entered into separate indemnification agreements with each of the Company's directors and officers which are broader than the specific indemnification provision contained in the Delaware General Corporation Law. Under these agreements, the Company is required to indemnify them against all expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any actual, or any threatened, proceeding if any of them may be made a party because he or she is or was one of the Company's directors or officers. The Company is obligated to pay these amounts only if the officer or director acted in good faith and in a manner that he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the Company's best interests. With respect to any criminal proceeding, the Company is obligated to pay these amounts only if the officer or director had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful. The indemnification agreements also set forth procedures that will apply in the event of a claim for indemnification under such agreements.

Employee Benefit Plans

Stock Incentive Plan. The Company's Stock Incentive Plan was adopted by the Company's Board of Directors and approved by the stockholders in April 2005. In May 2008, an amendment to increase the shares issuable under the Stock Incentive Plan to 897,500 was adopted by the Board and approved by the stockholders. The plan provides for the granting of incentive stock options to employees and for the granting of non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights and other cash or stock-based awards to employees, directors and consultants selected by the Company's Compensation Committee.

401(k) Plan. The Company established three 401(k) retirement savings plans in 1998. One plan covers all salaried employees, one covers the Company's union employees in the paper mill and one covers the Company's union employees in the converting facility. Each of the Company's participating employees may contribute to the 401(k) plan, through payroll deductions, not less than 1% nor more than 25% of his or her compensation. The Company may make matching or additional contributions to the 401(k) plan in amounts to be determined annually by the Company's Board of Directors in the case of the Company's 401(k) plan for salaried employees, and by the respective union contracts in the case of the 401(k) plans for union employees. Employees may elect to invest their contributions in various established mutual funds. All amounts contributed by employee participants are fully vested at all times. Under the two union plans, employer matching contributions are fully vested at all times. Under the salaried employees' plan, the employer matching contributions vest ratably over the first four years of employment. For the years ended

December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009, administrative expenses paid to the third-party provider related to the 401(k) plans were \$8,000, \$676 and \$2,075 respectively.

AGREEMENTS WITH NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Company has employment agreements with Robert Snyder, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, and Keith R. Schroeder, the Company's Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Snyder's agreement has an initial term ending on December 31, 2011 and is automatically renewed for one-year terms thereafter unless terminated by either party upon 60 days notice prior to the end of the then-current term. The agreement may be terminated by us prior to the end of the term upon Mr. Snyder's death, disability or for cause (as defined in the agreement). As compensation for his services, Mr. Snyder receives a base salary, currently \$266,250, subject to annual adjustments to reflect any increase from the previous year in the consumer price index for Midwestern Urban metropolitan areas with a population between 50,000 and 1,500,000 people. In 2009, the consumer price index decreased and so the Company voted to award Mr. Snyder a one-time bonus of \$40,000 in lieu of an increase in his base salary. Mr. Snyder is entitled to an annual bonus targeted at 60% of his annual salary. Mr. Snyder is entitled to a severance payment of one year's salary if the Company terminates him without cause or if he terminates his employment for good reason, and no severance payment if he is terminated for cause or if he terminates his employment other than for good reason. If the Company terminates Mr. Snyder without cause or if he terminates his employment for good reason within the 12 months following a change of control, he is entitled to a severance payment of two year's salary.

Mr. Schroeder's current employment agreement became effective on March 1, 2009. Mr. Schroeder's agreement has an initial term ending on December 31, 2011 and is automatically renewed for one-year terms thereafter unless terminated by either party upon 60 days notice prior to the end of the then-current term. The agreement may be terminated by the Company prior to the end of the term upon Mr. Schroeder's death, disability or for cause (as defined in the agreement). As compensation for his services, Mr. Schroeder receives an annual base salary of \$190,025, subject to annual adjustments at the discretion of the Board. Mr. Schroeder is entitled to an annual bonus targeted at 60% of his annual salary. Mr. Schroeder is entitled to a severance payment of one year's salary if the Company terminates him without cause or if he terminates his employment for good reason, and no severance payment if he is terminated for cause or if he terminates his employment other than for good reason. If the Company terminates Mr. Schroeder without cause or if he terminates his employment for good reason within the 12 months following a change of control, he is entitled to a severance payment of two year's salary.

REVIEW, APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION OF TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PERSONS

We review all transactions and relationships in which the Company and any of our Directors, nominees for Director or executive officers, or any of their immediate family members, are participants, so as to determine whether any of these individuals have a direct or indirect material interest in any such transaction. We have developed and implemented processes and controls to obtain information from the Directors and executive officers about related person transactions, and for then determining, based on the facts and circumstances, whether a related person has a direct or indirect material interest in any such transaction. Transactions that are determined to be directly or indirectly material to a related person are disclosed in the Company's proxy statement.

Pursuant to these processes, all Directors and executive officers annually complete, sign and submit a Directors' and Officers' Questionnaire that is designed to identify related person transactions and both actual and potential conflicts of interest. We also make appropriate inquiries as to the nature and extent of business that the Company conducts with other companies for whom any of our Directors or executive officers also serve as directors or executive officers.

Under the Company's Business Conduct Policy, any direct or indirect conflict of interest is prohibited, unless specifically consented to by the Company. A conflict of interest exists if, in the course of employment, the officer's or director's judgment and discretion is or may be influenced by considerations

of personal gain, either for one's self or a third party. Any conflict or potential conflict of interest is required to be reported to the Company's Chief Financial Officer or the Chairman of the nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. A waiver of a conflict of interest with respect to executive offices and directors may only be granted by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

Since the beginning of 2009, there has not been, nor is there currently planned, any transaction or series of similar transactions to which the Company was or is a party in which the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and in which any director, executive officer or holder of more than 5% of the Company's common stock or any member of such persons' immediate families had or will have a direct or indirect material interest other than agreements which are described in this proxy under the section captioned "AGREEMENTS WITH NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS" and the transactions described below.

Indemnification and Employment Agreements

As permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, we have adopted provisions in the Company's amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws that authorize and require us to indemnify the Company's officers and directors to the full extent permitted under Delaware law, subject to limited exceptions. The Company's amended and restated bylaws provide that the Company will indemnify the Company's directors and officers, and may indemnify the Company's employees and other agents, to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. The Company currently has a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy that insures such persons against the costs of defense, settlement or payment of a judgment under certain circumstances. We believe that these indemnification and liability provisions are essential to attracting and retaining qualified persons as officers and directors. The Company has also entered into employment agreements with the Company's named executive officers. See "AGREEMENTS WITH NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS."

The Company has entered into indemnification agreements with the Company's directors and executive officers. Under these agreements, the Company is required to indemnify them against all expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any actual, or any threatened, proceeding if any of them may be made a party because he or she is or was one of the Company's directors or officers. The Company is obligated to pay these amounts only if the officer or director acted in good faith and in a manner that he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the Company's best interests. With respect to any criminal proceeding, the Company is obligated to pay these amounts only if the officer or director had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful. The indemnification agreements also set forth procedures that will apply in the event of a claim for indemnification under such agreements.

In addition, the Company's amended and restated certificate of incorporation limits the personal liability of the Company's directors to the Company and its stockholders for monetary damages to the fullest extent permissible under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. This provision in the Company's amended and restated certificate of incorporation does not eliminate a director's duty of care, and, in appropriate circumstances, equitable remedies such as an injunction or other forms of non-monetary relief would remain available. Each director will continue to be subject to liability for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us, for acts or omissions not in good faith or involving intentional misconduct or knowing violations of law, for acts or omissions that the director believes to be contrary to the best interests of the Company or the Company's stockholders, for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit, for improper transactions between the director and the Company, and for improper distributions to stockholders and loans to directors and officers. This provision also does not affect a director's responsibilities under any other laws, such as the federal securities laws or state or federal environmental laws.

PROPOSAL II.
RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT
REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The firm of HoganTaylor LLP (formerly Tullius Taylor Sartain & Sartain LLP) served as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the year ended December 31, 2009. The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has appointed HoganTaylor LLP to act in that capacity for the year ending December 31, 2010. A representative of HoganTaylor LLP is expected to be present at the annual meeting with the opportunity to make a statement if he or she desires to do so and to be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders.

Although the Company is not required to submit this appointment to a vote of the stockholders, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors continues to believe it appropriate as a matter of policy to request that the stockholders ratify the appointment of HoganTaylor LLP as independent registered public accounting firm. If the stockholders do not ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee will investigate the reasons for stockholder rejection and consider whether to retain HoganTaylor LLP or appoint another independent registered public accounting firm. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR” THE RATIFICATION OF HOGANTAYLOR LLP AS THE COMPANY’S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010.

Fees Paid to Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Audit Fees. The aggregate fees for professional services rendered by HoganTaylor LLP for the audit of the Company’s financial statements included in the Company’s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, for the internal control audit required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and for the review of the Company’s financial statements included in the Company’s quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2009, June 30, 2009 and September 30, 2009 were approximately \$115,000. Of this total, fees attributable to the internal control audit amounted to \$19,000 for the year ended December 31, 2009. Comparable fees for the 2008 audit and three quarterly reviews amounted to \$123,000.

Audit-Related Fees. The aggregate fees billed for audit-related services rendered by HoganTaylor LLP were approximately \$9,500 and \$9,500 in 2009 and 2008, respectively. These fees primarily relate to audits of the Company’s defined contribution pension plans in each year.

Tax Fees. The aggregate fees paid to HoganTaylor LLP for tax compliance and tax consulting amounted to approximately \$10,000 and \$11,000 in 2009 and 2008, respectively. These fees primarily relate to the filing of the Company’s taxes each year.

All Other Fees. We paid fees of \$19,600 to HoganTaylor LLP related to our stock offering in 2009. No other fees were paid in 2008.

The following table sets forth fees paid to HoganTaylor LLP:

	<u>Audit Fees</u>	<u>Audit-Related Fees</u>	<u>Tax Fees</u>	<u>All Other Fees</u>
2009	\$115,000	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$19,600
2008	\$123,000	\$9,500	\$11,000	\$ —

Policy Regarding Pre-Approval of Services Provided by the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Audit Committee Charter requires the committee's pre-approval of all services, both audit and permitted non-audit, to be performed for the Company by the independent registered public accounting firm.

Prior to engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm for the next year's audit, management will submit a schedule of all proposed services expected to be rendered during that year for each of four categories of services to the Audit Committee for approval. The Audit Committee pre-approves these services by category of service. In determining whether proposed services are permissible, the committee considers whether the provision of such services is compatible with maintaining auditor independence. As part of its consideration of proposed services, the committee may (i) consult with management as part of the decision making process, but may not delegate this authority to management, and (ii) delegate, from time to time, its authority to pre-approve such services to one or more committee members, provided that any such approvals are presented to the full committee at the next scheduled Audit Committee meeting.

The fees are budgeted and the Audit Committee requires the independent registered public accounting firm and management to report actual fees versus the budget periodically by category of service. During the year, circumstances may arise when it may become necessary to engage the independent registered public accounting firm for additional services not contemplated in the original pre-approval. In those instances, the Audit Committee requires specific pre-approval before engaging the independent registered public accounting firm. All services provided to the Company by HoganTaylor in 2008 and 2009 were pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

The percentage of hours expended on the principal accountant's engagement to audit the Company's financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 that were attributable to work performed by persons other than the principal accountant's full-time, permanent employees was less than 50%.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

The Company's amended and restated bylaws provide that stockholders seeking to bring business before an annual meeting of stockholders, or to nominate candidates for election as directors at an annual meeting of stockholders, must provide timely notice in writing. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at the Company's principal executive offices not more than 120 days or less than 90 days before the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders, or between January 17, 2011 and February 16, 2011 in the case of the 2011 annual meeting. However, if no annual meeting was held in the previous year or if the annual meeting is called for a date that is not within 30 days before or after the anniversary date, notice by the stockholder must be received before the close of business on the 10th day after the date on which notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed to stockholders or made public, whichever first occurs. The Company's amended and restated bylaws specify the requirements for the form and content of a stockholder's notice. These provisions may preclude stockholders from bringing matters before an annual meeting of stockholders or from making nominations for directors at an annual meeting of stockholders.

Stockholder proposals intended to be presented at the 2011 annual meeting must be received at the Company's principal executive office no later than February 16, 2011, in order to be included in the Company's proxy statement and proxy relating to that meeting. The Company will determine whether to include such proposal in accordance with regulations governing the solicitation of proxies.

CODE OF ETHICS

The Company has a Business Conduct Policy ("Code of Ethics") that applies to all of its directors, officers, and employees, including its senior financial officers. A copy of the Code of Ethics is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website, which can be accessed from the homepage at

<http://www.orchidspaper.com> by selecting “Investors” followed by “Corporate Governance.” We will post any amendments to the Code of Ethics in the same section of the Company’s website.

OTHER MATTERS

Management intends to bring before the meeting only the matters specifically described above and knows of no other matters to come before the meeting. If any other matters or motions properly come before the meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote such proxy in accordance with the recommendation of management on such matters or motions, including any matters dealing with the conduct of the meeting.

SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

The Company will bear the cost of the solicitation of proxies for the meeting. The Company is requesting that brokerage houses, banks, custodians, nominees and fiduciaries forward the proxy material to beneficial owners and their reasonable expenses of forwarding will be reimbursed by us. Solicitation will be made by mail and also may be made personally or by telephone, facsimile or other means by the Company’s officers, directors and employees, without special compensation for the solicitation.

By Order of the Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith R. Schroeder', written in a cursive style.

Keith R. Schroeder
Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

April 16, 2010