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#### OPNET TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

## 7255 WOODMONT AVENUE

## **BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20814**

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

# TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of OPNET Technologies, Inc. (the Company) will be held at the principal executive offices of the Company, 7255 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., local time, for the purpose of considering and voting upon the following matters:

- 1. To elect two Class III directors for a three-year term extending until the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders;
- 2. To ratify the appointment by the Audit Committee of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company s independent auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007; and
- 3. To transact such other business, if any, as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof. The Board of Directors has no knowledge of any other business to be transacted at the Annual Meeting.

Holders of record of the Company s Common Stock at the close of business on July 25, 2006 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and at any adjournments thereof. A list of the Company s stockholders is open for examination to any stockholder at the principal executive offices of the Company, 7255 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 and will be available at the Annual Meeting.

A copy of the Company's Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2006, which contains financial statements and other information of interest to stockholders, accompanies this Notice and the enclosed Proxy Statement.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ Marc A. Cohen

Marc A. Cohen

Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary

Bethesda, Maryland

July 28, 2006

WHETHER OR NOT YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE AND SIGN THE ENCLOSED PROXY AND MAIL IT PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE IN ORDER TO ENSURE REPRESENTATION OF YOUR SHARES. NO POSTAGE NEED BE AFFIXED IF THE PROXY IS MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES.

#### OPNET TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

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## **BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20814**

#### PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

# TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of OPNET Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company ), of proxies for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held at the principal executive offices of the Company, 7255 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, on September 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and at any adjournments thereof (the Annual Meeting ).

All executed proxies will be voted in accordance with the stockholders instructions, and if no choice is specified, executed proxies will be voted in favor of the matters set forth in the accompanying Notice of Meeting. Any proxy may be revoked by a stockholder at any time before its exercise by delivery of written revocation or a subsequently dated proxy to the Secretary of the Company or by voting in person at the Annual Meeting. Attendance at the Annual Meeting will not itself be deemed to revoke a proxy unless the stockholder gives affirmative notice at the Annual Meeting that the stockholder intends to revoke the proxy and vote in person.

The Board of Directors has fixed July 25, 2006 as the record date (the Record Date ) for determining holders of the Company s Common Stock, \$.001 par value per share (the Common Stock ), who are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. At the close of business on the Record Date, there were outstanding and entitled to vote an aggregate of 20,311,115 shares of Common Stock. Each share of Common Stock entitles the record holder thereof to one vote on each of the matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

The Notice of Meeting, this Proxy Statement, the enclosed Proxy Card and the Company s Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2006 (fiscal 2006) are first being sent or given to stockholders on or about August 18, 2006.

# **Householding of Proxy Materials**

Some banks, brokers and other nominee record holders may be participating in the practice of householding proxy statements and annual reports. This means that only one copy of this Proxy Statement or the Company s Annual Report may have been sent to multiple stockholders in your household. The Company will promptly deliver a separate copy of either document to you if you call or write the Company at the following address or telephone number: OPNET Technologies, Inc., 7255 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland, telephone: (240) 497-3000, Attention: Investor Relations. If you want to receive separate copies of the Company s Annual Report and Proxy Statement in the future, or if you are receiving multiple copies and would like to receive only one copy for your household, you should contact your bank, broker or other nominee record holder, or you may contact the Company at the above address and phone number.

# **Votes Required**

The holders of a majority of the shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. Shares of Common Stock present in person or represented by proxy (including shares which abstain or do not vote with respect to one or more of the matters presented for stockholder approval) will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists at the Annual Meeting.

The affirmative vote of the holders of shares of Common Stock representing a plurality of the votes cast on the matter is required for the election of the Class III directors. The affirmative vote of the holders of shares of Common Stock representing a majority of the votes cast on the matter is required to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company s independent auditors for the current fiscal year.

Shares which abstain from voting as to a particular matter, and shares held in street name by brokers or nominees who indicate on their proxies that they do not have discretionary authority to vote such shares as to a particular matter, will not be counted as votes in favor of such matter, and will also not be counted as shares voting on such matter. Accordingly, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the voting on matters (such as the ratification of the appointment of the auditors) that require the affirmative vote of a certain percentage of the votes cast or the shares voting on the matter.

# Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of the Company s Common Stock as of July 25, 2006 by:

each person known to the Company to beneficially own more than 5% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock;

each director and nominee for director of the Company;

each of the executive officers of the Company; and

all executive officers, directors and nominees for director of the Company as a group.

Except as set forth herein, the business address of the named beneficial owner is c/o OPNET Technologies, Inc., 7255 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 and each person or entity named in the table has sole voting power and investment power (or shares such power with his spouse) with respect to all shares of Common Stock as owned by such person or entity.

## **Number of Shares Beneficially**

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Owned (1)	Percent of Class
Wasatch Advisors, Inc.		
150 Social Hall Avenue		
Salt Lake City, UT 84111(2)	1,708,536	8.41%
William Blair & Company, L.L.C.		
222 West Adams Street		
Chicago, IL 60606 (3)	1,137,893	5.6%
Kern Capital Management, L.L.C.		
114 West 47th Street, Suite 1926		
New York, NY 10036 (4)	1,063,800	5.2%
Marc A. Cohen (5)	2,868,457	14.1%
Alain J. Cohen (6)	4,699,353	23.1%
Mel F. Wesley (7)	5,000	*
Steven G. Finn, PhD (8)	100,000	*
Ronald W. Kaiser (9)	35,000	*
William F. Stasior (10)	87,500	*
All executive officers, directors and the nominee for director,		
as a group (6 persons) (11)	7,795,310	38.4%

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%.

- (1) The number of shares beneficially owned by each director, nominee for director, executive officer and stockholder is determined under rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose. Under such rules, beneficial ownership includes any shares as to which the individual has sole or shared voting power or investment power and also any shares which the individual has the right to acquire within 60 days after July 25, 2006 through the exercise of any stock option or other right. The inclusion herein of such shares, however, does not constitute an admission that the named stockholder is a direct or indirect beneficial owner of such shares.
- (2) The address and number or shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Wasatch Advisors, Inc. is based solely on Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 14, 2006, which reports sole power to vote and dispose of all shares stated in the table above.

- (3) The address and number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by William Blair & Company, L.L.C. is based solely on Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 13, 2006, which reports sole power to vote and dispose of all shares stated in the table above.
- (4) The address and number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Kern Capital Management, L.L.C. is based solely on Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2006.
- (5) Includes 273,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days after July 25, 2006.

- (6) Includes 75,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days after July 25, 2006.
- (7) Includes 5,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days after July 25, 2006.
- (8) Includes 80,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days after July 25, 2006.
- (9) Includes 35,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days after July 25, 2006.
- (10) Includes 87,500 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days after July 25, 2006.
- (11) Includes 555,500 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days after July 25, 2006.

#### PROPOSAL 1 - ELECTION OF CLASS III DIRECTORS

The Company has a classified Board of Directors currently consisting of one Class I director, two Class II directors and two Class III directors. The Class I, Class II and Class III directors will serve until the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2007, 2008 and 2006, respectively, and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. At each annual meeting of stockholders, directors are elected for a full term of three years to succeed those directors whose terms are expiring.

The persons named in the enclosed proxy will vote to elect Marc A. Cohen and William F. Stasior as the Class III directors, unless authority to vote for Mr. Cohen or Mr. Stasior is withheld by marking the proxy to that effect. The Class III directors will be elected to hold office until the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders (subject to the election and qualification of his successor and to their earlier death, resignation or removal).

Mr. Cohen and Mr. Stasior have indicated their willingness to serve, if elected, but if either should be unable to serve, the person acting under the proxy may vote the proxy for a substitute nominee designated by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has no reason to believe that Mr. Cohen or Mr. Stasior will be unable to serve if elected.

For each member of the Board of Directors whose term of office as a director continues after the Annual Meeting, including Mr. Cohen and Mr. Stasior, there follows information given by that director concerning his principal occupation and business experience for at least the past five years, the names of other publicly held companies of which he serves as a director and his age and length of service as a director of the Company. There are no family relationships among any of the directors, nominees for director and executive officers of the Company, except that Marc A. Cohen and Alain J. Cohen are brothers. Information with respect to the number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by each director and the nominee for director, directly or indirectly, as of July 25, 2006 appears under the heading Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.

# **Directors Whose Terms Expire in 2006 (Class III Directors)**

Marc A. Cohen, one of the Company s founders, is 43 years old and has served as the Chairman of the Board since the Company s inception in 1986 and as the Company s Chief Executive Officer since 1994. From 1986 to 1992, Mr. Cohen was also a consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. (Booz Allen), an international management and consulting company. Mr. Cohen received a bachelor s degree in engineering science from Harvard University and a master s degree in electrical engineering from Stanford University. Mr. Cohen also serves as a Trustee and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, Massachusetts.

*William F. Stasior* is 65 years old and has served as a member of the Board of Directors since March 1998. Since October 1999, he has served as senior chairman of Booz Allen. From 1991 to 1999, he served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Booz Allen. Mr. Stasior currently serves on the Board of Directors of SkyTerra Communications, Inc., a telecommunications service provider.

#### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR NOMINEES LISTED ABOVE.

## **Director Whose Term Expires in 2007 (Class I Director)**

Ronald W. Kaiser is 52 years old and has served as a member of the Board of Directors since October 2003. Since March 2005, Mr. Kaiser has served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of PharmAthene, Inc, a privately held bio-defense company. Mr. Kaiser served as Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary of Air Cargo, Inc., a privately held provider of United States and European cargo transportation logistics from February 2003 through March 2005. Air Cargo filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on December 7, 2004. Mr. Kaiser served as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of OTG Software, Inc. (OTG) from June 1998 until the sale of OTG to Legato Systems, Inc. in May 2002. OTG was a publicly traded corporation that provided online data storage and data access software solutions for business applications, email management and related services. From April 1998 to June 1998, Mr. Kaiser was an employee of Network Associates, Inc., an internet security company, following the acquisition of Trusted Information Systems, Inc. by Network Associates, Inc. From May 1996 to April 1998, Mr. Kaiser served as the Chief Financial Officer of Trusted Information Systems, Inc., an information security company.

# Nominees for Terms Expiring in 2008 (Class II Directors)

**Alain J. Cohen**, one of the Company s founders, is 39 years old and has served as the Company s President and Chief Technology Officer and as a member of the Board of Directors since the Company s inception in 1986. Mr. Cohen received a bachelor s degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.).

*Dr. Steven G. Finn* is 60 years old and has served as a member of the Board of Directors since March 1998. Dr. Finn has been a principal research scientist and lecturer at M.I.T. since 1991. Dr. Finn has also served as a consultant with Matrix Partners, a venture capital firm, since 1991.

#### **Board Determination of Independence**

Under NASDAQ rules, a director of the Company will only qualify as an independent director if, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, that person does not have a relationship which would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. The Board of Directors has determined that none of Dr. Finn, Mr. Kaiser or Mr. Stasior has a relationship which would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director and that each of these directors is an independent director as defined under Rule 4200(a)(15) of the NASDAQ National Market, Inc. Marketplace Rules.

# **Board Meetings and Attendance**

The Board of Directors met five times (including by teleconference) during fiscal 2006. Each director attended at least 100% of the aggregate of the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors and the total number of meetings of the committees on which he then served.

# **Director Attendance at the Annual Meeting**

The Board of Directors does not have a policy with regard to attendance by directors at annual meetings. Two of the directors attended the 2005 annual meeting of stockholders.

# **Board Committees**

The Board of Directors has established three standing committees Audit, Compensation, and Nominating each of which operates under a charter that has been approved by the Board.

The Board of Directors has determined that all of the members of each of the Board s three standing committees are independent as defined under the rules of the NASDAQ National Market including, in the case of all members of the Audit Committee, the independence requirements contemplated by Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act. In addition, all of the members of the Audit Committee satisfy all other NASDAQ s eligibility requirements for Audit Committee membership.

The Audit Committee is currently composed of Dr. Finn and Messrs. Kaiser and Stasior. The Board has determined that Mr. Kaiser is an audit committee financial expert as defined in Item 401(h) of Regulation S-K. The Audit Committee met five times (including by teleconference) during fiscal 2006. The functions of the Audit Committee include:

appointment of the Company s independent auditors;

reviewing the independence of the independent auditors;

reviewing the annual audit plan of the independent auditors, the results of the independent audit, and the report and recommendations of the independent auditors;

evaluating the adequacy of the Company s internal financial and accounting processes and controls; and

reviewing with management and the independent auditors the annual and interim financial statements of the Company. The Compensation Committee, which is currently composed of Dr. Finn and Mr. Stasior, reviews executive salaries, administers the Company s bonus, incentive compensation and stock plans and approves the salaries and other benefits of the Company s executive officers. In addition, the Compensation Committee consults with the Company s management regarding the Company s benefit plans and compensation policies and practices. The Compensation Committee met once during fiscal 2006.

The Nominating Committee is currently composed of Dr. Finn and Messrs. Kaiser and Stasior. The Nominating Committee did not meet during fiscal 2006. The function of the Nominating Committee is to recommend to the Board of Directors the persons to be nominated for elections as directors at any meeting of stockholders.

# **Director Candidates**

The Board of Directors created a standing nominating committee and adopted a Nominating Committee Charter on September 13, 2004. The Nominating Committee consists entirely of directors who are independent as defined in the rules of the NASDAQ National Market. The criteria for selecting all director nominees are specified in the charter of the Nominating Committee. In selecting director nominees for recommendation to the Board of Directors the Committee considers: i) the nominee s reputation for integrity, honesty, and adherence to high ethical standards, ii) the nominee s demonstrated business acumen, financial literacy, experience and ability to exercise sound judgments in matters that relate to the current and long-term objectives of the Company, and iii) whether the nominee is willing and able to contribute positively to the decision-making process of the Company. A copy of the charter of the Nominating Committee is available on the Investor Relations section of the Company s website at www.opnet.com.

Except where the Company is legally required to provide third parties the right to nominate directors, the Nominating Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board of Directors all nominees for election as directors at any meeting of stockholders and the persons to be elected by the Board of Directors to fill any vacancies on the Board. Stockholders have the right under the Company s Bylaws to directly nominate director candidates, without any action or recommendation on the part of the Board, by following the procedures set forth under Stockholder Proposals for 2007 Annual Meeting. Candidates nominated by stockholders in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Bylaws will not be included in the Company s proxy card for the next annual meeting.

## Communications with the Board

Shareholders may communicate with the Board or any of the directors by sending written communications addressed to the Board or any of the directors, c/o Corporate Secretary, OPNET Technologies, Inc., 7255 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814. The Chairman of the Board, with the assistance of the Company s Corporate Counsel, is primarily responsible for monitoring communications from stockholders and for providing copies or summaries to the other directors.

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

The Company has adopted a code of business conduct and ethics that applies to all Company directors, officers and employees, including the Company s principal executive officer, principal financial officer, and principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. A copy of the code of business conduct and ethics is posted on the Investor Relations section

of the Company s website at www.opnet.com. The Company intends to satisfy the disclosure requirements under Item 10 of Form 8-K regarding amendments to, or waivers from, the code of business conduct and ethics by either providing such information on a Form 8-K filed with the SEC or by posting such information on the Investor Relations section of the Company s website at www.opnet.com. Information contained on the website is not part of this proxy statement.

#### **Compensation of Directors**

Directors are reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending Board and committee meetings. Prior to July 2004 non-employee directors did not receive cash compensation for serving as directors. Effective July 2004, the Company began paying non-employee directors an annual retainer of \$15,000 and a fee of \$1,000 per day for attending Board or Board Committee meetings in person or by telephone. On April 27, 2006, the Company increased the annual retainer for independent directors who are serving on the board to \$20,000. This change will be effective with the retainer payment to be made following the next annual stockholders meeting. No director who is an employee of the Company receives separate compensation for services rendered as a director.

The Company s non-employee directors receive automatic annual grants of stock options pursuant to the Company s 2000 Director Stock Option Plan. Each non-employee director will be granted an option to purchase 10,000 shares of Common Stock on the date of each annual meeting of stockholders, provided that he or she is serving as a director immediately following such annual meeting of stockholders. In addition, each person who becomes a non-employee director other than pursuant to election at an annual meeting of stockholders will be granted an option on the date of his or her election to the Board of Directors to purchase a number of shares of Common Stock calculated by multiplying 833 by the number of full calendar months remaining from the date of his or her initial election to the Board of Directors until the first anniversary of the prior year s annual meeting of stockholders.

These options will have an exercise price equal to the closing price of the Common Stock on the NASDAQ National Market on the date of grant. These options will vest and become exercisable in full at the time of the next annual meeting of stockholders following their grant and will terminate on the earliest to occur of (i) the seventh anniversary of the date of grant or (ii) 30 days after the date on which the recipient ceases to serve as a director.

# **Compensation of Executive Officers**

# **Summary Compensation Table**

The table below sets forth, for the years ended March 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, the total compensation earned by the Company s Chief Executive Officer and its other executive officers.

				Long-Term		
				Compensation		
	1	Annual Compensa	tion	Awards Shares		
	Fiscal			Underlying	Al	l Other
Name And Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Options	Comp	ensation (1)
Marc A. Cohen	2006	\$ 250,000	\$	5,340	\$	3,000
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	2005	250,000	23,000			3,000
	2004	220,000		48,000		3,500
Alain J. Cohen	2006	250,000		5,340		
President and Chief Technology Officer	2005	250,000	23,000			1,750
	2004	220,000				3,500
Mel. F. Wesley (2)	2006	145,000		8,657		1,083
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2005	101,500(2)	10,000	10,000		4,625

 $<sup>(1) \</sup>quad \text{Represents amounts contributed by the Company under its } 401(k) \text{ plan}.$ 

(2) Mr. Wesley was appointed as acting Chief Financial Officer on December 6, 2004 and as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer on July 1, 2005.

# **Option Grants in Last Fiscal Year**

The following table sets forth each grant of stock options during the year ended March 31, 2006 to the executive officers. All of these options were granted with an exercise price equal to or exceeding the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant.

		Individual Percent Of	Grants			
		Total				
	Number of	Options			Potential	Realizable
	Shares	Granted to			Value at	Assumed
	Underlying	Employees	Exercise		Annual Ra	tes of Stock
	Options	in Fiscal	Price Per	Expiration	Price Appr	eciation For
Name	Granted	Year	Share	Date	Option 7	Term (1) 10%
Marc A. Cohen	5,340	12.29%		2/6/2010	\$ 10,806	\$ 23,271
Alain J. Cohen	5,340	12.29		2/6/2010	10,806	23,271
Mel F. Wesley	8,657	19.92		2/6/2010	17,518	37,726

(1) Amounts reported in these columns represent amounts that may be realized upon exercise of the options immediately prior to the expiration of their term assuming the specified compound rates of appreciation (5% and 10%) on the market value of the Common Stock on the date of option grant over the term of the options. These numbers are calculated based on rules promulgated by the SEC and do not reflect the Company s estimate of future stock price growth. Actual gains, if any, on stock option exercises and Common Stock holdings are dependent on the timing of such exercise and the future performance of the Common Stock. There can be no assurance that the rates of appreciation assumed in this table can be achieved or that the amounts reflected will be received by the option holder.

# **Aggregated Fiscal Year-End Option Values**

The table below sets forth information concerning the number and value of unexercised stock options held by each of the executive officers on March 31, 2006. None of the executive officers exercised stock options during the year ended March 31, 2006.

	Number	r of Shares	Value of Unexercised		
	Underlying	Underlying Unexercised		oney Options	
Name	Options at F Exercisable	iscal Year-End Unexercisable	at Fiscal Year-End (1) Exercisable Unexercisable		
Marc A. Cohen	260,500	17,840	\$ 195,625	\$ 118,120	
Alain J. Cohen	75,000	5,340	Í	57,245	
Mel F. Wesley	2,500	16,157		92,803	

<sup>(1)</sup> The value of unexercised in-the-money options is based upon the difference between the last sales price of the Common Stock on March 31, 2006 (\$10.72), as reported on the NASDAQ National Market, less the exercise price per share of \$10.59, \$5.85 and \$0.00.
Agreements with Executives

Marc Cohen and Alain Cohen each entered into a non-compete agreement with the Company on September 30, 1997. Under the agreements, Marc Cohen and Alain Cohen each agreed not to compete with the Company during the term of his employment and, in the event that his employment with the Company is terminated either at his voluntary election or by the Company for good cause, for a period of 12 months thereafter. In addition, Marc Cohen and Alain Cohen each agreed not to solicit the Company s employees or customers on behalf of any competitor during the same period. Also, Marc Cohen and Alain Cohen each agreed to protect the Company s confidential information during his employment, except as appropriate in the performance of his duties, and after the termination of his employment.

The Company has also entered into a nondisclosure, non-compete, nonsolicitation and ownership of inventions agreement with Mr. Wesley, under which he has agreed to protect the Company s confidential information during and after the termination of his employment, and not to compete with the Company during the term of his employment and for 12 months after termination of his employment.

# Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table provides information about the securities authorized for issuance under the Company s equity compensation plans as of March 31, 2006:

## **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights  Weighted-average exercise price outstanding outstanding options, warrants and rights		cise price of standing s, warrants	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))	
Plan Category	(a)		<b>(b)</b>	(c)(1)	
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	3,233,537	\$	10.37	2,516,216(2)	
Equity compensation plans not approved by security					
holders					
Total	3,233,537	\$	10.37	2,516,216	

- (1) In addition to being available for future issuance upon exercise of options that may be granted after March 31, 2006, all of the remaining 2,268,945 shares under the Company s Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (the 2000 Plan ) may instead be issued in the form of restricted stock, stock appreciation rights or other stock-based awards.
- (2) Includes 217,271 shares issuable under the Company s 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the ESPP), including shares issuable in connection with the current offering period which ended on July 31, 2006. Also includes 2,268,945 shares issuable under the 2000 Plan. Under the 2000 Plan, the number of shares available for issuance automatically increases on the first trading day of each calendar year by an amount equal to 3% of the shares of Common Stock outstanding on the last trading day of the preceding calendar year, not to exceed an annual increase of 1,000,000 shares, or a lessor amount determined by the Board. The Board did not approve any increase in shares for issuance on the first trading day of calendar year 2006.

# **Report of the Compensation Committee on Executive Compensation**

This report addresses the compensation policies of the Company applicable to its executive officers during fiscal 2006. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, which is composed of two non-employee directors, administers the Company s executive compensation program. The Compensation Committee is responsible for determining the compensation package of each executive officer, including the Chief Executive Officer.

## **Executive Compensation Philosophy**

The goals of the Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee with respect to executive compensation are to align compensation with business objectives and performance, to enable the Company to attract, retain and reward executive officers and other key employees who contribute to the long-term success of the Company, and to establish an appropriate relationship between executive compensation and the creation of long-term stockholder value. To meet these goals, the Compensation Committee has adopted a mix among the compensation elements of salary, cash bonus and stock options.

The Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee also believe that the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and the Company s other executive officers should be based to a substantial extent on the Company s performance and adjusted, as appropriate, based on such executive officer s performance against personal performance objectives. Generally, when establishing salaries, bonus levels and stock option awards for executive officers, the Compensation Committee considers: (i) the Company s financial performance during the past year and recent quarters, (ii) the individual s performance during the past year and recent quarters and (iii) the salaries of executive officers in similar positions of companies of comparable size and capitalization and other companies within the network management software industry.

#### **Compensation Components**

The three major components of the Company s executive officer compensation are (i) base salary, (ii) annual incentive awards in the form of cash bonuses and (iii) long-term, equity-based incentive awards.

Base Salary. The Compensation Committee meets periodically to set the base salary levels of the Company s executive officers. Effective April 2006, the Compensation Committee increased Marc Cohen s and Alain Cohen s base salaries to \$300,000. Effective April 2006, the Compensation Committee increased Mel Wesley s base salary to \$165,000, and effective July 2006, Mel Wesley s base salary was increased to \$172,000. During fiscal 2005, the Compensation Committee increased Mel Wesley s base salary from \$130,000 to \$150,000. When reviewing base salaries, the Compensation Committee considered individual and corporate performance, levels of responsibility, prior experience, breadth of knowledge and competitive pay practices. The Compensation Committee recognizes the importance of maintaining compensation practices and levels of compensation competitive with other software companies in the Company s industry and anticipates reviewing compensation packages at least annually.

Cash Bonus. The Company s cash bonus program is designed to motivate executives to work effectively to achieve the Company s financial performance objectives and to reward them when objectives are met. Under the cash bonus program, the executive officers receive annual bonuses within the framework of the bonus plans approved by the Compensation Committee for each executive. In accordance with the cash bonus program, the Company awarded cash bonuses for the year ended March 31, 2005 in the aggregate of \$56,000 to its executive officers. No cash bonuses were awarded for the year ended March 31, 2006.

Long-Term Incentive Compensation. The Company s Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan has been established to provide all employees of the Company, including executive officers, with an opportunity to share, along with stockholders of the Company, in the long-term performance of the Company. The Compensation Committee strongly believes that a primary goal of the compensation program is to provide key employees who have significant responsibility for the management, growth and future success of the Company with the opportunity to participate in the financial gain from price increases in the Common Stock. Executives are eligible to receive stock options giving them the right to purchase shares of Common Stock of the Company in the future at a price equal to the fair market value at the date of grant. Unless the Board of Directors, the Compensation Committee or the Chief Executive Officer provides otherwise, option grants to all executives, including the Chief Executive Officer, are exercisable as to one-fourth of the underlying shares on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date. Annual grants to executives other than the Chief Executive Officer are considered and approved by the Compensation Committee based upon recommendations made by the Chief Executive Officer at the end of each year based upon (i) the individual executive s performance during that year and (ii) market data relating to option grants to individuals occupying similar positions at comparably situated companies.

The Company did not grant options to any executive officer during fiscal 2006.

On February 6, 2006, in connection with a grant of restricted stock to several key employees, the Company made restricted stock grants to three executive officers. The grants, consisting of shares of the Company s Common Stock, were made under the Company s Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (the Plan). The grants were made in consideration of past services of each executive, and no cash consideration was paid for the shares. Marc Cohen received a grant of 5,340 shares; Alain Cohen received a grant of 5,340 shares; and Mel Wesley received a grant of 8,657 shares.

Each of these grants vests as to one-third of the shares on each of the second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date. If the executive ceases to be an employee, officer or director of, or consultant or advisor to, the Company or a parent or subsidiary of the Company, any shares that are not then vested are subject to forfeiture to the Company. In the event the Company experiences a change-of-control event, as specified in the Plan, these grants automatically become vested in full.

# **Compliance with Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m)**

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code generally disallows a tax deduction to public companies for compensation in excess of \$1 million paid to the company s chief executive officer and four other most highly compensated officers. Qualifying performance-based compensation will not be subject to the deduction limitation if certain requirements are met. The Compensation Committee periodically reviews the potential consequences of Section 162(m) and may structure the performance-based portion of its executive compensation to comply with certain exemptions in Section 162(m). However, the Compensation Committee reserves the right to use its judgment to authorize compensation payments that do not comply with the exemptions in Section 162(m) when the Compensation Committee believes that such payments are appropriate and in the best interests of the stockholders, after taking into consideration changing business conditions or the officer s performance.

By the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors.

Steven G. Finn, PhD

William F. Stasior

# **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

The current members of the Compensation Committee are Dr. Finn and Mr. Stasior. No executive officer of the Company has served as a director or member of the compensation committee (or other committee serving an equivalent function) of any other entity, one of whose executive officers served as a director or member of the Compensation Committee of the Company.

# Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors

The Audit Committee reviewed the Company s audited financial statements for fiscal 2006 and discussed these financial statements with the Company s management. The Audit Committee also reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements and the matters required by Statement on Auditing Standards 61 (Communication with Audit Committees) with Deloitte & Touche LLP, the Company s independent auditors.

The Company s independent auditors also provided the Audit Committee with the written disclosures and the letter required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 (Independence Discussions with Audit Committees). The Audit Committee discussed with the independent auditors the matters disclosed in this letter and their independence from the Company. The Audit Committee also considered whether the independent auditors provision of the other, non-audit related services to the Company which are referred to under the heading Independent Auditor Fees and Related Matters is compatible with maintaining such auditors independence.

Based on its discussions with management and the independent auditors, and its review of the representations and information provided by management and the independent auditors, the Audit Committee recommended to the Company s Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2006.

By the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

Steven G. Finn, PhD

Ronald W. Kaiser

William F. Stasior

# **Comparative Stock Performance**

The graph below compares the cumulative total stockholder return on the Common Stock of the Company from March 31, 2001 to March 31, 2006 with the cumulative total return of (i) the NASDAQ National Market and (ii) the NASDAQ Computer & Data Processing Index. The graph assumes the investment of \$100.00 on March 31, 2001 in the Company s Common Stock, the NASDAQ National Market, and the NASDAQ Computer & Data Processing Index, and in each case assumes that any dividends are reinvested.

#### PROPOSAL 2 - RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has appointed the firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company s independent auditors for the current fiscal year. Although stockholder approval of the Audit Committee s appointment of Deloitte & Touche is not required, the Board of Directors believes that it is advisable to give stockholders an opportunity to ratify this appointment. If this proposal is not approved at the Annual Meeting, the Audit Committee may reconsider its appointment of Deloitte & Touche. Deloitte & Touche served as the Company s independent auditors for the years ended March 31, 2006 (fiscal 2006) and 2005 (fiscal 2005).

Representatives of Deloitte & Touche are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and will also be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders.

# **Independent Auditor Fees and Related Matters**

#### **Audit Fees**

Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, and their respective affiliates (collectively, Deloitte ) billed the Company aggregate fees of approximately \$939,000 and \$1,189,000 in fiscal 2006 and fiscal 2005, respectively, for professional services rendered for the audit of the Company s annual financial statements, reviews of the Company s quarterly financial statements, international statutory audits, and other fees related to the Company s SEC filings and other accounting consultations.

#### **Audit-Related Fees**

Deloitte billed the Company aggregate fees of approximately \$3,000 in fiscal 2006 and \$110,000 in fiscal 2005 for audit-related services, including audits of the Company s employee benefit plans.

## **Tax Fees**

Deloitte billed the Company aggregate fees of approximately \$432,000 and \$388,000 in fiscal 2006 and fiscal 2005, respectively, for tax compliance and tax advisory services. The fees for tax compliance amounted to approximately \$224,000 for fiscal 2006 and \$131,000 for fiscal 2005, and related to the preparation of the U.S. federal tax returns, tax returns in overseas countries in which the Company does business and various state and local tax returns. The fees for tax advisory services amounted to approximately \$208,000 for fiscal 2006 and \$257,000 for fiscal 2005, and related to tax examination assistance, tax research and tax planning services in the countries in which the Company does business.

#### All Other Fees

Deloitte did not bill the Company fees in fiscal 2006 for other professional services. Deloitte billed the Company aggregate fees of approximately \$25,000 in fiscal 2005 for other professional services.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has considered whether the provision by Deloitte of the non-audit services listed above is compatible with maintaining Deloitte s independence.

# **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee s policy is to pre-approve all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by the independent auditors. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services. Pre-approval is generally provided for up to one year and any pre-approval is detailed as to the particular service or category of services, and may be subject to a specific budget. The independent auditors and management are required to periodically report to the Audit Committee regarding the extent of services provided by the independent auditors in accordance with this pre-approval policy, and the related amounts of fees for services performed. The Audit Committee may also pre-approve particular services on a case-by-case basis.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE S SELECTION OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP TO SERVE AS THE COMPANY S INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2007.

## SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company s directors, executive officers and holders of more than 10% of the Common Stock (Reporting Persons) to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of Common Stock and other equity securities of the Company. Based solely on its review of copies of reports filed by the Reporting Persons furnished to the Company and on the representations of the Reporting Persons, the Company believes that during the year ended March 31, 2006 the Reporting Persons complied with all Section 16(a) filing requirements.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

The Board of Directors does not know of any other matters that may come before the Annual Meeting. However, if any other matters are properly presented to the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote, or otherwise act, in accordance with their judgment on such matters.

The Company will bear all costs of soliciting proxies. In addition to solicitations by mail, the Company s directors, officers and regular employees may, without additional remuneration, solicit proxies by telephone, telegraph, facsimile and personal interviews, and the Company reserves the right to retain outside agencies for the purpose of soliciting proxies. The Company will also request brokers, custodians and fiduciaries to forward the proxy soliciting material to the owners of stock held in their names, and, as required by law, the Company will reimburse them for their out-of-pocket expenses in this regard.

# STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2007 ANNUAL MEETING

To be considered for inclusion in the proxy statement for the 2007 Annual Meeting, stockholder proposals must be submitted to the Secretary of the Company at its principal executive offices at 7255 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, no later than the close of business on March 30, 2007.

If a stockholder of the Company wishes to present a proposal directly at the 2007 Annual Meeting, but does not wish to have the proposal considered for inclusion in the proxy statement, such stockholder must also give written notice to the Secretary of the Company at the address noted above. The Secretary must receive such notice not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days prior to the first anniversary of the 2006 Annual Meeting; provided that, in the event that the date of the 2007 Annual Meeting is advanced by more than 20 days, or delayed by more than 60 days, from the first anniversary of the 2006 Annual Meeting, notice by the stockholder must be received not earlier than the 90<sup>th</sup> day prior to the 2007 Annual Meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of (i) the 60<sup>th</sup> day prior to the 2007 Annual Meeting and (ii) the 10th day following the date on which such notice of the date of the meeting was mailed or such public disclosure was made, whichever occurs first. If a stockholder fails to provide timely notice of a proposal to be presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting, the proxies designated by the Board of Directors of the Company will have discretionary authority to vote on any such proposal. The Company reserves the right to reject, rule out of order, or take other appropriate action with respect to any proposal that does not comply with these and other applicable requirements.

Stockholders wishing to propose director candidates for consideration by the stockholders at the 2007 annual meeting of stockholders may do so by writing to the Secretary of the Company and providing the information specified in the Company s Bylaws, including the candidate s name, address and principal occupation. The Company s Bylaws set forth further requirements for stockholders wishing to nominate director candidates for consideration by stockholders including, among other things, that a stockholder must give written notice of an intent to make such a nomination complying with the Bylaws of the Company to the Secretary of the Company received not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days prior to the first anniversary of the 2006 Annual Meeting; provided that, in the event that the date of the 2007 Annual Meeting is advanced by more than 20 days, or delayed by more than 60 days, from the first anniversary of the 2006 Annual Meeting, notice by the stockholder must be received not earlier than the 90th day prior to the 2007 Annual Meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of (i) the 60th day prior to the 2007 Annual Meeting and (ii) the 10th day following the date on which such notice of the date of the meeting was mailed or such public disclosure was made, whichever occurs first.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Marc A. Cohen Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary

Bethesda, Maryland

July 28, 2006

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A COPY OF THE COMPANY S FORM 10-K REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006, CONTAINING CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO STOCKHOLDERS, IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST WITHOUT CHARGE. PLEASE CONTACT:

**Investor Relations** 

**OPNET Technologies, Inc.** 

7255 Woodmont Avenue

Bethesda, Maryland 20814

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOPES THAT STOCKHOLDERS WILL ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING. WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, YOU ARE URGED TO COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY IN THE ACCOMPANYING ENVELOPE. STOCKHOLDERS WHO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING MAY VOTE THEIR STOCK PERSONALLY EVEN IF THEY HAVE SENT IN THEIR PROXIES.

## **PROXY**

# **OPNET Technologies, Inc.**

# Proxy for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held Tuesday, September 12, 2006

# This Proxy is Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company.

The undersigned, having received notice of the meeting and the Board of Director's proxy statement therefor, and revoking all prior proxies, hereby appoints Alain J. Cohen, Mel F. Wesley, and Dennis R. McCoy, and each of them, with full power of substitution, as proxies to represent and to vote, as designated herein, all shares of stock of OPNET Technologies, Inc. (the Company) that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held at the principal executive office of the Company, 7255 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., local time, and at any adjournment thereof (the Meeting). The matters set forth below have been proposed by the Company.

This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned stockholder. **If no direction is given, this proxy will be voted FOR the election of the director nominees and FOR Proposal 2.** Attendance of the undersigned at the meeting or at any adjournment thereof will not be deemed to revoke this proxy unless the undersigned shall vote in person at the meeting.

(CONTINUED AND TO BE SIGNED ON REVERSE SIDE)

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Please date, sign and mail your proxy card back as soon as possible!

**Annual Meeting of Stockholders** 

**OPNET Technologies, Inc.** 

**September 12, 2006** 

# THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Please mark x your votes as indicated in this example.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the election of the nominees and FOR Proposal 2. To elect the following Class III directors to serve for a term ending upon the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their successors are elected and qualified. Nominee: Marc A. Cohen FOR the WITHHOLD **AUTHORITY** for nominee the nominee Nominee: William F. Stasior FOR the WITHHOLD AUTHORITY for nominee the nominee 2. To ratify the Audit Committee s appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company s independent auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007. **FOR ABSTAIN AGAINST** In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Mark here for address change and note below ". Date , 2006 Signature(s) Note: Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When shares are held as joint-tenants, each holder should sign. When signing as an executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, attorney-in-fact or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. When signing as a corporation, please sign in full corporate name by President or other authorized officer. When signing as a partnership, please sign in partnership name by an authorized person.

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