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HOLOGIC, INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

MARCH 5, 2013

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF HOLOGIC, INC.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of stockholders of Hologic, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), will be held on March 5, 2013 at 8:30 a.m., local time, at the offices of the Company, 35 Crosby Drive, Bedford, Massachusetts 01730 for the following purposes:

- 1. To consider and act upon the election of the nine (9) nominees identified in the accompanying proxy statement to serve as directors for the ensuing year.
- 2. To consider and act upon the approval of the Hologic, Inc. Amended and Restated 2008 Equity Incentive Plan.
- 3. To vote on a non-binding advisory resolution to approve executive compensation.
- 4. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm.
- 5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the proxy statement accompanying this Notice.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on January 11, 2013 as the record date. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on the record date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof. All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

We are pleased to take advantage of the Securities and Exchange Commission rule allowing companies to furnish proxy materials to their stockholders on the Internet. We believe this e-proxy process, also known as notice and access, expedites stockholders receipt of proxy materials, lowers our printing and mailing costs and reduces the environmental impact of producing the materials for our annual meeting. On or about January 18, 2013, we will mail to our stockholders of record as of January 11, 2013 a notice containing instructions on how to access our proxy statement and annual report on the Internet and also how to vote their shares via the Internet. If you received a notice by mail you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials unless you specifically request them. Both the notice and this proxy statement contain instructions on how you can request a paper copy of the proxy statement and annual report.

| The Board of Directors appreciates and encourages stockholder participation in the Company s affairs. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, it is important that your shares be represented. Accordingly, we request that as soon as possible, you either: |
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| (a) vote via the Internet pursuant to the instructions provided in the Notice; or |
| (b) request printed copies of the proxy materials by mail pursuant to the instructions provided in the Notice, and either: |
| (i) complete, sign, date and return the proxy card you will receive in response to your request; or |
| (ii) vote via telephone (toll-free) in the United States or Canada, in accordance with the instructions on your proxy card. |
| By order of the Board of Directors |
| Mark J. Casey, Secretary |
| Bedford, Massachusetts January 16, 2013 |
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| IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE STOCKHOLDER MEETING TO |

HELD ON MARCH 5, 2013: The Proxy Statement, the Hologic Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 29, 2012 and the Proxy Card are available at www.proxyvote.com.

HOLOGIC, INC.

PROXY STATEMENT

2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

March 5, 2013

INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING

This proxy statement is being furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of Hologic, Inc., a Delaware corporation, for use at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on March 5, 2013 at 8:30 a.m., local time, at our offices, 35 Crosby Drive, Bedford, Massachusetts 01730, or at any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Record Date

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on January 11, 2013 as the record date (the Record Date). Accordingly, only holders of record of our common stock, \$.01 par value per share (Common Stock), as of the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. As of the Record Date, an aggregate of 267,781,596 shares of our Common Stock were issued, 218,881 of which are held in treasury, and an aggregate of 267,562,715 shares of our Common Stock were outstanding. The holders of our Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share on any proposal presented at the annual meeting.

Business to be Transacted

At the annual meeting, stockholders will act upon the following proposals:

- 1. To consider and act upon the election of the nine (9) nominees identified in the accompanying proxy statement to serve as directors for the ensuing year.
- 2. To consider and act upon the approval of the Hologic, Inc. Amended and Restated 2008 Equity Incentive Plan.

- 3. To vote on a non-binding advisory resolution to approve executive compensation.
- 4. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm.
- 5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Board of Directors Recommendation for Voting on the Proposals

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees for director, a vote FOR approving the Hologic, Inc. Amended and Restated 2008 Equity Incentive Plan, a vote FOR approving, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers, and a vote FOR ratifying the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP (Ernst & Young) as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm.

Voting of Shares by Proxy

Stockholders may vote in person or by proxy. Execution of a proxy will not in any way affect a stockholder s right to attend the annual meeting and vote in person. Any proxy given pursuant to this solicitation

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may be revoked by the person giving it any time before it is voted. Proxies may be revoked by (1) filing with our Secretary, before the taking of the vote at the annual meeting, a written notice of revocation bearing a date later than the date of such proxy, (2) duly executing a later dated proxy relating to the same shares and delivering it to our Secretary before the taking of the vote at the annual meeting or (3) attending the annual meeting and voting in person (although attendance at the annual meeting will not in and of itself constitute a revocation of a proxy). If your shares are held in street name, that is, you hold your shares in an account with a bank, broker or other holder of record, you must obtain a proxy, executed in your favor, from your broker or other holder of record, to be able to vote at the annual meeting. Any written notice of revocation or subsequent proxy should be sent so as to be delivered to Hologic, Inc., 35 Crosby Drive, Bedford, MA 01730, Attention: Secretary, at or before the taking of the vote at the annual meeting.

Quorum and Votes Required

The representation in person or by proxy of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock entitled to vote at the annual meeting is necessary to establish a quorum for the transaction of business at the annual meeting. Votes withheld, abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present or represented for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum. A non-vote occurs when a broker holding shares for a beneficial owner votes on one proposal, but does not vote on another proposal because, in respect of such other proposal, the broker does not have discretionary voting power and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner.

Election of directors will be determined by a plurality of the votes cast by stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting. On all other matters being submitted to stockholders, the affirmative vote of a majority of shares present, in person or represented by proxy, and voting on each such matter at the annual meeting is required for approval.

An automated system tabulates the votes. The vote on each matter submitted to stockholders is tabulated separately. Abstentions and broker non-votes are included in the number of shares present or represented for purposes of quorum, but are not considered as shares voting or as votes cast with respect to any matter presented at the annual meeting. As a result, abstentions and broker non-votes will not have any effect on any of the matters being submitted to stockholders.

The persons named as the proxies, Robert A. Cascella and Glenn P. Muir, were selected by the Board of Directors and are officers and directors of Hologic. All properly executed proxies returned in time to be counted at the annual meeting will be voted. Any stockholder giving a proxy has the right to withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee to the Board of Directors by writing that nominee s name in the space provided on the proxy. In addition to the election of Directors, the stockholders will consider and vote upon proposals to approve the Hologic, Inc. Amended and Restated 2008 Equity Incentive Plan and to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm. Further, the stockholders will vote on a non-binding advisory resolution to approve executive compensation. All proxies will be voted in accordance with the stockholders instructions, and if no choice is specified, the accompanying proxy card (or any properly signed and dated copy thereof) will be voted as recommended by the board as set forth in the accompanying notice of annual meeting of stockholders.

Other Business

The Board of Directors knows of no other matter to be presented at the annual meeting. If any other matter should be presented at the annual meeting upon which a vote may properly be taken, shares represented by all proxies received by our Secretary will be voted with respect thereto in accordance with the judgment of the persons named as the proxies.

Requesting Proxy Materials by Mail

If you prefer to receive paper copies of the proxy materials, you can still do so. You may request a paper copy of the proxy materials by (i) calling 1-800-579-1639; (ii) sending an email to *sendmaterial@proxyvote.com*; or (iii) logging onto *www.proxyvote.com*. The Notice also provides you with these instructions on how to request printed copies of the proxy materials. There is no charge to receive the materials by mail. You may request printed copies of the materials until one year after the date of the annual meeting.

INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS

Under rules adopted by the SEC, we are furnishing proxy materials to our stockholders primarily via the Internet, instead of mailing printed copies of those materials to each stockholder. On or about January 18, 2013, we will mail to our stockholders (other than those who previously requested electronic or paper delivery) a Notice of Meeting and Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials containing instructions on how to access our proxy materials, including our proxy statement and our annual report. The Notice also instructs you on how to access your proxy card to vote through the Internet or by telephone.

This process is designed to expedite stockholders—receipt of proxy materials, lower the cost of the annual meeting and help conserve natural resources. However, if you would prefer to receive printed proxy materials, please follow the instructions included in the Notice and this proxy statement. If you have previously elected to receive our proxy materials electronically, you will continue to receive these materials via e-mail until you elect otherwise. If you have previously elected to receive printed proxy materials, you will continue to receive these materials in paper format until you elect otherwise.

Trademark Notice

Hologic is a trademark of Hologic, Inc. Other trademarks, logos, and slogans registered or used by Hologic and its divisions and subsidiaries in the United States and other countries include, but are not limited to, the following:

Adiana, Aquilex, C-View, Cervista, Cytyc, Dimensions, Gen-Probe, MyoSure, Serenity, TCT, and ThinPrep.

PROPOSAL NO. 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Nine (9) directors are to be elected at the annual meeting. Our Board of Directors (referred to herein as the Board), upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, has nominated the persons listed below for election as directors. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders will vote the proxies received by them for the Board s nominees named below. All nominees are currently our directors. In the event that any nominee is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the annual meeting, the proxies will be voted for the nominee, if any, who shall be designated by the present Board to fill the vacancy. Each nominee has consented to serving as a director if elected. The proposed nominees are being nominated in accordance with the provisions of our bylaws, and not pursuant to any other arrangement or understanding with any person. The term of office of each person elected as a director will continue until the next annual meeting of stockholders or until a successor has been elected and qualified.

Vote Required

Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast by stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not have any effect on this proposal.

Recommendation of the Board

Our Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the nominees listed below.

Set forth below is certain biographical information regarding the nominees as of January 11, 2013, as well as the experiences, qualifications, attributes or skills that caused the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board to determine that the person should serve as a director.

| Name | Age | Position | Director Since |
|------------------------------------|-----|---|-------------------|
| David R. LaVance, Jr. (1)(2)(3)(4) | 58 | Chairman of the Board | 2002 |
| Robert A. Cascella | 58 | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director | 2008 |
| Glenn P. Muir | 53 | Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration, Chief Financial | 2001 |
| | | Officer and Director | |
| Sally W. Crawford (4) | 59 | Director | 2007 |
| Nancy L. Leaming (3)(4) | 65 | Director | 2003 |
| Lawrence M. Levy (1)(2)(3) | 74 | Director | 2005 |
| Christiana Stamoulis (2) | 42 | Director | 2011 |
| Elaine S. Ullian (1)(4) | 65 | Director | 2007 |
| Wayne Wilson $(2)(3)(4)$ | 63 | Director | 2007 |

- (1) Member of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee
- (2) Member of our Corporate Development Committee

- (3) Member of our Audit Committee
- (4) Member of our Compensation Committee

Mr. LaVance has been one of our directors since December 2002 and served as our Lead Independent Director from June 2008 until July 28, 2011 when he was appointed Chairman of the Board. Since June 2011, Mr. LaVance has served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors, CEO and President of Integrated Environmental Technologies, Ltd., a producer of antibacterial solutions and equipment that manufactures such solutions. Since 2003, Mr. LaVance has served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors, CEO and President of Scivanta Medical Corporation, a developer of specialized medical products with a focus on cardiac technologies. Since 1997, Mr. LaVance has served as President of Century Capital Associates LLC, an investment banking

firm that he founded specializing in biosciences fields. Mr. LaVance s mix of leadership, management, strategic and finance skills and experience, together with his focus on medical device and life sciences companies, enable him to provide important experience and insights to the Board.

Mr. Cascella has been one of our directors since June 2008. He has served as our Chief Executive Officer since November 2009. He joined us in February 2003 as Chief Operating Officer and was promoted to President in September 2003. Prior to joining us, from 1998 to 2003, Mr. Cascella was a managing partner of CFG Capital LLC, an investment banking firm specializing in healthcare. Prior to joining CFG Capital, from 1995 to 1998, Mr. Cascella was Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Finance for NeoVision Corporation, a developer of 3D ultrasound technology used for real-time guidance of interventional breast procedures. Mr. Cascella received a B.S. in Finance from Fairfield University in 1978. As our Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Cascella has direct responsibility for the Company s strategy and operations. This position, together with his many years of experience in the healthcare industry, make him an invaluable contributor to the Board.

Mr. Muir, a certified public accountant, was appointed to our Board in July 2001, and has held the position of Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration since September 2000. Mr. Muir has been our Chief Financial Officer since 1992. Mr. Muir served as the Company s Controller from the time he joined us in October 1988 through 1992. Mr. Muir received an M.B.A. from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration in 1986. As our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Muir is an integral member of our senior management team, with extensive experience in finance and financial reporting. In addition to serving as Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Muir is an active participant in the oversight of our operations and formulation and implementation of our strategic initiatives. His mix of finance, operational and strategic expertise provides important contributions to the Board.

Ms. Crawford became one of our directors effective upon our merger with Cytyc Corporation (Cytyc) in October 2007, having previously served as a director of Cytyc since January 1998. From April 1985 until January 1997, Ms. Crawford served as Chief Operating Officer of Healthsource, Inc., a publicly held managed care organization headquartered in New Hampshire. During her tenure at Healthsource, Inc., Ms. Crawford held a variety of positions and responsibilities, including leading that company s Northern Region operations and marketing efforts. Since January 1997, Ms. Crawford has been a health care consultant in New Hampshire. Ms. Crawford serves as a director of Universal American Corporation, Exact Sciences Corporation, Zalicus, Inc. and Insulet Corporation. Ms. Crawford served as a director of Chittenden Corporation from 1998 to 2008. Ms. Crawford service in various senior executive positions in the managed care sector and her continuing healthcare consulting practice contribute to her significant management and leadership experience and expertise in operational, regulatory and related disciplines applicable to our business and operations.

Ms. Learning has been one of our directors since September 2003. Ms. Learning, an independent consultant, was the Chief Executive Officer and President of Tufts Health Plan, a provider of healthcare insurance, from 2003 to 2005. Prior to that, Ms. Learning served as Tufts Health Plan s President and Chief Operating Officer from 1998 to 2003, the Chief Operating Officer from 1995 to 1998 and the Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer from 1986 to 1995. Ms. Learning currently serves as a director of the Board of Edgewater Technology, Inc. and Biogen Idec, Inc. Ms. Learning has well-developed leadership skills and financial acumen and provides insights into the healthcare reimbursement and payor market, where she spent 20 years in senior operational, financial and managerial roles.

Mr. Levy has been one of our directors since December 2005. Mr. Levy retired from the position of Senior Counsel at Brown Rudnick LLP, an international law firm, in January 2011. Mr. Levy had been Senior Counsel at Brown Rudnick since February 2005 and, for more than 30 years before that had been a Partner at the firm, specializing in Corporate and Securities Law. Mr. Levy served as our Secretary from our formation in 1985 until December 2005. Mr. Levy is also a director of Option N.V. of Belgium, Scivanta Medical Corporation and the Facing History and Ourselves National Foundation. Mr. Levy received a B.A. from Yale University and a LLB from Harvard Law School. Mr. Levy is a seasoned corporate attorney with extensive experience in representing public and private companies in the United States and abroad. Mr. Levy chaired Brown Rudnick's International

Practice Group and, in 1997, opened Brown Rudnick s London office, dividing his time between the firm s London and Boston offices for more than 13 years. Mr. Levy s broad legal and cross-border transactional experience enables him to provide valuable insights and perspectives to the Board.

Ms. Stamoulis has been one of our directors since November 1, 2011. Ms. Stamoulis currently serves as Senior Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Business Development at Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated. Ms. Stamoulis joined Vertex in 2009 with approximately 15 years of experience in the financial services and management consulting industries where she advised global pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies on strategic and corporate finance decisions. Prior to joining Vertex, she was a Managing Director in the Investment Banking division of Citigroup from 2006 to 2009 where she led the building of the firm s U.S. Life Sciences investment banking practice. Prior to her role at Citigroup, she was at Goldman, Sachs & Co. where she spent the majority of her investment banking career. Ms. Stamoulis started her career as a strategy consultant at The Boston Consulting Group. Ms. Stamoulis holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Additionally, she holds a Master of Business Administration from the MIT Sloan School of Management where she focused on Applied Economics and Finance. Ms. Stamoulis s solid foundation in strategic development coupled with extensive experience in executing initiatives for growth in the medical products field and related industries enable her to provide valuable insights to the Board.

Ms. Ullian has been one of our directors since October 2007. Ms. Ullian served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Boston Medical Center, the successor of Boston University Medical Center Hospital from 1996 until her retirement in January 2010. In April 1994, Ms. Ullian was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Boston University Medical Center Hospital. From January 1987 to March 1994, Ms. Ullian held the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of Faulkner Corporation/Faulkner Hospital. She holds two academic appointments: Associate Professor at Boston University School of Medicine and lecturer at Harvard University School of Public Health. Ms. Ullian also serves as a director of Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated and Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. Ms. Ullian previously served as one of our directors from 1996 to 2003 and served as a director of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. from 2004 to 2008. In her professional capacity as former Chief Executive Officer/President of three hospitals, including two major academic medical centers, Mrs. Ullian brings knowledge and understanding of Hologic s customer base, their priorities and challenges especially under Health Care Reform. All three institutions led by Mrs. Ullian over a 25 year period had a strong commitment to accessible health care, and a particular focus on women s health services. As a person whose career had been dedicated to the provision of clinical care services to patients, she brings an important perspective to the Board.

Mr. Wilson became one of our directors effective upon our merger with Cytyc in October 2007, having previously served as a director of Cytyc since 2003. Mr. Wilson has been an independent business advisor since 2002. From 1995 to 2002, Mr. Wilson served in various roles, including as President, Chief Operating Officer, and Chief Financial Officer, at PC Connection, Inc., a Fortune 1000, direct marketer of information technology products and services. From 1986 to 1995, he was a partner in the assurance and advisory services practice of Deloitte & Touche LLP. Mr. Wilson also serves as a director of ARIAD Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Edgewater Technology, Inc. and FairPoint Communications, Inc. Mr. Wilson s qualifications to serve on the Board include his extensive experience in financial accounting and reporting and his ability to evaluate financial results and generally oversee the financial reporting process of a publicly traded corporation.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The names of our executive officers, who are not directors, along with certain biographical information furnished by them, are set forth below:

| Name | Age | Title |
|------------------|-----|--|
| David J. Brady | 53 | Senior Vice President, Human Resources |
| Mark J. Casey | 49 | Chief Administrative Officer, Senior Vice President, General |
| | | Counsel and Secretary |
| David P. Harding | 47 | Senior Vice President and General Manager, International |
| Carl W. Hull | 55 | Senior Vice President and General Manager, Diagnostics Line of |
| | | Business |
| Peter K. Soltani | 52 | Senior Vice President and General Manager, Breast Health Line |
| | | of Business |
| Jay A. Stein | 70 | Chairman Emeritus, Senior Vice President and Chief Technical |
| | | Officer |

Executive officers are chosen by and serve at the discretion of the Board.

Mr. Brady joined us in May 1995 as Manager, Human Resources and served as such until January 1998 when he was promoted to Director, Human Resources. Following this promotion in September 2000 he was promoted to Vice President, Human Resources & Facilities Administration. In February, 2003, Mr. Brady was appointed Senior Vice President, Human Resources. Prior to joining us Mr. Brady served as Manager of Human Resources at IPL Systems.

Mr. Casey joined us in October 2007 in connection with our merger with Cytyc. In March 2012, Mr. Casey was appointed to the role of Chief Administrative Officer and now serves as our Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Secretary. Prior to this, he was Senior Vice President and General Counsel. While at Cytyc, Mr. Casey was Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Chief Patent Counsel. Prior to joining Cytyc in 2002, Mr. Casey served as an attorney for Boston Scientific from 1998-2002 and EMC Corporation from 1996-1998. Mr. Casey joined Digital Equipment Corporation s (DEC) law department in 1992, where he served until 1996. Prior to this, Mr. Casey held various engineering positions with DEC and AT&T Network Systems from 1985 through 1992. Mr. Casey received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Syracuse University and a J.D. from Suffolk University.

Mr. Harding joined us in October 2007 in connection with our merger with Cytyc. Mr. Harding is our Senior Vice President and General Manager, International, a role he assumed in early 2010. Prior to this, he was Senior Vice President and General Manager of our Interventional Breast Solutions business. At the time of our merger with Cytyc, Mr. Harding was Senior Vice President and President, Cytyc International. From 1993 to 2004, Mr. Harding was an Associate and then Principal at McKinsey & Company, where he served as a strategy consultant in a variety of industries with a focus on sales and marketing management. Prior to McKinsey, Mr. Harding was in a variety of engineering roles at JAE Oregon and Rockwell International. Mr. Harding earned his MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and his Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Southern California.

Mr. Hull joined us in August 2012 in connection with our acquisition of Gen-Probe. Mr. Hull is our Senior Vice President and General Manager, Diagnostics Line of Business. Prior to joining us, Mr. Hull served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Gen-Probe, which he joined in February 2007 as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. While at Gen-Probe he was promoted to President in February 2008, Chief Executive Officer in May 2009 and Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer in January 2012. Mr. Hull previously served as Vice President and General Manager of the SDS/Arrays Business Unit of Applied Biosystems, which develops and sells genomic research systems and reagents, from January 2005 to January 2007. Prior to joining Applied Biosystems, Mr. Hull held a number of positions with Applied Imaging Corp.,

which makes automated imaging and imaging analysis systems, most recently serving as its Chief Executive Office from January 2001 to December 2004. Mr. Hull received a B.A. in political science and international relations from The Johns Hopkins University and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago.

Dr. Soltani joined us in November 2000 as Vice President and General Manager of Direct Radiography Corp. and served as such until September 30, 2007, when he was appointed to manage our Breast Health line of business. He currently serves as Senior Vice President and General Manager, Breast Health Line of Business. Prior to joining us, Dr. Soltani served as General Manager, NDT Business Group, Digital Systems at AGFA Corporation from 1999 to November 2000. From 1994 to 1999, Dr. Soltani served as General Manager, Imaging Systems Division of Liberty Technologies, a division of Crane Nuclear, Inc. Prior to joining Liberty Technologies, Dr. Soltani was with Quantex Corporation, serving as Vice President, Technology from 1992 to 1994, Director, Product Development from 1990 to 1992 and as a Senior Staff Scientist from 1986 to 1990. Dr. Soltani is the principal author or co-author of numerous patents related to digital imaging technologies and has published numerous articles on digital imaging. Dr. Soltani received a Ph.D. in Materials Engineering from the University of Maryland in 1994.

Dr. Stein, a co-founder, Chairman Emeritus, Senior Vice President and the Chief Technical Officer of the Company, has served as Executive or Senior Vice President and Chief Technical Officer of the Company since its organization in October 1985. Since October 2007, Dr. Stein has served as Chairman Emeritus pursuant to which he continues to participate in meetings of the Board. He served as a director of the Company from October 1985 through October 2007, including as Chairman of the Company s Board from June 2001 to November 2002. Dr. Stein received a Ph.D. in Physics from The Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is the principal author of numerous patents involving X-ray technology.

GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPANY

The Board has a standing Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Corporate Development Committee. The Board is composed of a majority of independent directors, and all of the committees are composed entirely of independent directors, as such term is defined in the listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market. The Board has determined that the following directors are independent, according to the above definition: Sally Crawford, David LaVance, Nancy Leaming, Lawrence Levy, Christiana Stamoulis, Elaine Ullian, and Wayne Wilson. In addition, both the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee are composed entirely of independent directors as such term is defined in Section 10A(m)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The Board has adopted a charter for each of the four standing committees that addresses the make-up and functioning of such committee. The Board has also adopted corporate governance guidelines, a code of business conduct that applies to all of our employees, officers and directors and a code of ethics (included in the code of business conduct) that applies specifically to senior financial officers. The charters for each of the four standing committees, the corporate governance guidelines, and the code of business conduct, including the code of ethics for senior financial officers, are all publicly available on the Company s website at *investors.hologic.com*.

Board Leadership Structure

We separate the role of Chief Executive Officer from the leadership of our Board in recognition of the different roles of each position and to foster independent leadership of our Board. David R. LaVance, Jr. serves as the independent Chairman of the Board.

The Company s Chairman of the Board chairs and presides over meetings of the Board and serves as a liaison between the independent directors and management. The authority and responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board further include the following:

advise and consult with the Chief Executive Officer, senior management and the Chairperson of each committee of the Board as to the appropriate information, agendas and schedules of Board and committee meetings;

advise and consult with the Chief Executive Officer and senior management as to the quality, quantity and timeliness of the information submitted by management to the independent directors;

recommend to the Chief Executive Officer and the Board the retention of advisers and consultants to report directly to the Board;

call meetings of the Board or executive sessions of the independent directors;

develop the agendas for and preside over executive sessions of the Board s independent directors; and

coordinate with the independent directors in respect of each of the foregoing.

Risk Oversight

Our Board is responsible for risk oversight. A fundamental part of risk oversight is to understand the risks the Company faces, the steps management is taking to manage those risks and to assess our appetite for risk. Risk management systems, including our internal auditing procedures, internal controls over financial reporting and corporate compliance programs, are designed in part to inform management about our material risks. It is management a responsibility to manage risk and bring to the Board a stention material risks facing the Company. Our Board receives regular reports from management on matters relating to strategic and operational initiatives, financial performance and legal developments, including the enterprise-risk exposures related thereto. The involvement of the Board in the oversight of our strategic planning process is a key part of its assessment of the risks inherent in our corporate strategy. While the Board has overall responsibility for risk oversight, the Board delegates to its committees responsibility for oversight of risks associated with each committee a responsibility.

At the Compensation Committee s direction, our Senior Vice President, Human Resources, Vice President of Human Resources and other members of the human resources and finance department, in conjunction with the Compensation Committee s independent compensation consultant and the Company s outside legal counsel, assisted in the conduct of a risk assessment of our compensation programs, including our executive compensation programs. The Compensation Committee and its independent compensation consultant reviewed and discussed the assessment, and the Compensation Committee concurred with management s assessment that the Company s compensation programs do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

Meetings of the Board and its Committees

The Board met twenty seven (27) times during the fiscal year ended September 29, 2012 and each of our directors attended at least 75 percent of the total number of meetings of the Board and all committees of the Board on which he or she served. During fiscal 2012, the independent directors of the Board met in executive session during each of the Board is quarterly regular meetings and at such other Board and committee

meetings as the independent directors elected.

Director Nomination Process

As provided in its charter, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for identifying individuals qualified to become directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks to identify and evaluate director candidates and may rely on input provided by a number of sources, including the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee members, our other directors or officers, our stockholders, and third parties such as professional search and screening firms.

In evaluating potential candidates for director, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers the entirety of each candidate s credentials including: character and integrity, business acumen, experience, commitment and diligence. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers diversity as one of a number of factors in identifying nominees for director. It does not, however, have a formal policy in this regard. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee views diversity broadly to include diversity of experience, skills and viewpoint. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not assign specific weights to particular criteria and no particular criterion is necessarily applicable to all prospective nominees. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes that the backgrounds and qualifications of the directors considered as a group should provide a significant breadth of experience, knowledge and abilities to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities. Generally, directors should be individuals who have succeeded in their particular field and who demonstrate integrity, reliability, knowledge of corporate affairs and an ability to work well with others. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also considers such other relevant factors as it deems appropriate, including the current composition of the Board.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider stockholder recommendations for candidates for the Board using the same criteria described in the preceding paragraph. The name of any recommended candidate for director, together with a brief biographical sketch, a document indicating the candidate s willingness to serve, if elected, and evidence of the nominating stockholder s ownership of the Company s stock should be sent to the attention of the Corporate Secretary, Hologic, Inc., 35 Crosby Drive, Bedford, MA 01730. If you wish to formally nominate a candidate you must follow the procedures described in Section 1.4 of our bylaws.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is responsible for assisting our Board in the oversight of (i) our financial reporting process, accounting functions, internal audit functions and internal controls over financial reporting, and (ii) the qualifications, independence, appointment, retention, compensation and performance of our independent registered public accounting firm. In addition, the Audit Committee, among other things, reviews and approves related-party transactions (unless such review and approval has been delegated to another committee consisting solely of independent directors).

None of the current members of the Audit Committee are employees of the Company and our Board has determined that each member of the Audit Committee is independent (as independence is defined in the current listing standards of the Nasdaq Stock Market and Section 10A(m)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended). The Audit Committee met thirteen (13) times during fiscal 2012. Ms. Leaming and Messrs. Wilson, LaVance and Levy are the current members of the Audit Committee. Ms. Leaming serves as Chairperson.

Audit Committee Financial Expert. The Board has determined that each of Messrs. Wilson and LaVance and Ms. Learning qualify as an audit committee financial expert, as that term is defined in Item 407(d) of Regulation S-K, and independent for purposes of current listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market and Section 10A(m)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Compensation Committee

The primary functions of the Compensation Committee include (i) reviewing and approving the compensation for each of our executive officers and such other of our senior officers as the Compensation Committee deems appropriate, (ii) evaluating the performance, as it relates to their compensation, of the Chief Executive Officer, the other executive officers and such other senior officers as the Compensation Committee deems appropriate, (iii) overseeing the administration and the approval of grants and terms of equity awards under our equity-based compensation plans, (iv) reviewing and approving other compensation plans as the Compensation Committee deems appropriate, (v) general oversight of risks associated with our compensation policies and practices, and (vi) approving and/or recommending compensation for members of the Board, and each committee thereof, for review and approval by the Board. The Board and Compensation Committee may

delegate limited authority to executive officers or other directors of the Company to grant equity awards to non-executive officers. Currently, David J. Brady, our Senior Vice President, Human Resources, has been delegated such authority, subject to terms, conditions and limitations previously approved by the Compensation Committee and the Board, with each of Messrs. Cascella and Muir authorized to serve as an alternate to Mr. Brady at times when Mr. Brady is not otherwise available.

The Compensation Committee met thirteen (13) times during fiscal 2012.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation. The current members of the Compensation Committee are Ms. Crawford, Ms. Ullian, Ms. Leaming and Messrs. LaVance and Wilson. Ms. Crawford serves as Chairperson. No member of the Compensation Committee is or has ever been an executive officer or employee of the Company (or any of its subsidiaries) and no compensation committee interlocks existed during fiscal 2012.

For further information about our processes and procedures for the consideration and determination of executive and director compensation, including the Compensation Committee s retention of an independent compensation consultant, please see Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis, below.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board potential candidates to be nominated for election or appointment as our directors as well as consideration of issues relating to the corporate governance of the Company, including evaluating the performance of the Board and its committees, developing and periodically reviewing our corporate governance guidelines, reviewing and recommending to the Board any changes to the committee charters, recommending the membership and chair of our Board committees and leading the succession planning process for our executive officers. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also considers suggestions regarding possible candidates for director as described above under Director Nomination Process.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met five (5) times during fiscal 2012. Ms. Ullian and Messrs. Levy and LaVance are the current members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Ms. Ullian serves as Chairperson.

Corporate Development Committee

The Corporate Development Committee was formed in September 2004 to assist the Board in its oversight of strategic and investment transactions, financing activities and such other matters of a strategic nature as may be delegated to it from time to time by the Board.

The Corporate Development Committee met nine (9) times during fiscal 2012. Ms. Stamoulis and Messrs. LaVance, Wilson and Levy are the members of the Company s Corporate Development Committee. Mr. Levy serves as Chairperson.

Code of Ethics

Pursuant to Section 406 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we have adopted a Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers that applies to our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, principal accounting officer and controller, and other persons performing similar functions. Our Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers is publicly available on our website at *investors.hologic.com* as Appendix A to our Code of Conduct. We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirement under Item 5.05 of Current Report on Form 8-K regarding an amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of this code by posting such information on our website, at the address specified above.

Attendance by Directors at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Our Board has scheduled a Board meeting in conjunction with the annual meeting of stockholders. Our directors are encouraged to attend the annual meeting of stockholders on March 5, 2013. All directors then serving on our Board attended the annual meeting of stockholders held on March 6, 2012.

Stockholder Communications with the Directors

Stockholders may contact our Board and committees thereof by writing to them c/o Investor Relations, Hologic, Inc., 35 Crosby Drive, Bedford, MA 01730. In general, any stockholder communication directed to our Board or a committee thereof will be delivered to our Board or the appropriate committee. However, the Company reserves the right not to forward to our Board any abusive, threatening or otherwise inappropriate materials.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis provides an overview and analysis of our compensation programs, the compensation decisions we have made under those programs, and the factors we considered in making those decisions with respect to the compensation earned by the following individuals, who as determined under the rules of the SEC are collectively referred to herein as our named executive officers:

Robert A. Cascella, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Glenn P. Muir, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer;

Mark J. Casey, Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Secretary;

David P. Harding, Senior Vice President and General Manager, International; and

Carl W. Hull, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Diagnostics Line of Business.

Executive Summary

We are a developer, manufacturer and supplier of premium diagnostic products, medical imaging systems, and surgical products. The healthcare industry in general, and the markets in which our products compete, are highly competitive and characterized by continual change and

improvement in technology. Many of our competitors and potential competitors are larger and have greater financial resources than we do and offer a range of products broader than our products. We also compete for personnel with earlier stage companies that may offer attractive growth and potentially larger equity compensation opportunities. Our ability to compete effectively in the markets within which we operate depends to a large extent on our success in identifying, recruiting, developing and retaining key management personnel.

Our compensation programs for our executives are designed to align compensation objectives with our business strategies and to encourage our executives to focus on creating sustainable long-term growth and stockholder value. A key element of our human resource strategy is the design and implementation of compensation plans, programs and arrangements that:

provide a comprehensive approach to executive compensation;

provide competitive and differentiated levels of pay based on corporate and individual performance;

help attract and retain superior executive talent; and

reinforce the alignment of the interests of the members of our executive management team with those of our stockholders.

To that end, we believe that our compensation plans should motivate performance among our executive officers within an entrepreneurial, incentive-driven culture, and that compensation levels should reflect both our short- and long-term performance objectives.

2012 Business Performance and Accomplishments:

Fiscal 2012 was a year of significant achievement. Notwithstanding the ongoing challenges posed by macroeconomic conditions and the changing healthcare regulatory environment, we were able to both achieve record results and position ourselves for longer-term growth and success. Reflected in our fiscal 2012 financial achievements are the results of our first full year of sales in the United States of our innovative Dimensions 3D tomosynthesis mammography system, and our first full year of operations and continuing investment in China following our acquisitions of TCT International Co., Ltd. and Beijing Healthcome Technology Company, Ltd. In addition, on August 1, 2012, we completed our approximately \$4.0 billion acquisition of Gen-Probe Incorporated (Gen-Probe), a leader in the development, manufacturing and marketing of molecular diagnostic products. We believe that this acquisition has greatly strengthened our position in the growing molecular diagnostic market, and expanded our platform for long-term sustained growth. These and other achievements in fiscal 2012 included the following:

Financial Results:

Our revenues increased by 11.9%, to \$2.0 billion in fiscal 2012 from \$1.79 billion in fiscal 2011, reflecting increases in revenues across all our business segments, led by our Diagnostics and Breast Health segments, and including \$89.5 million of revenue resulting from our acquisition of Gen-Probe.

Our non-GAAP adjusted net income increased 9.6% to \$367.8 million, or \$1.38 per diluted share, in fiscal 2012 compared to \$335.5 million, or \$1.27 per diluted share, in fiscal 2011 (the definition of our non-GAAP adjusted net income and our reconciliation of our non-GAAP net income and adjusted earnings per share (EPS) to our GAAP net income and EPS is provided in *Appendix A* to this information statement).

We maintained strong cash flow, achieving cash flow from operations of \$370.2 million.

Our stock price increased by 30%, from a closing price of \$15.60, the last trading day of fiscal 2011, to \$20.22, the last trading day of fiscal 2012.

Acquisition and Financing Accomplishments:

On August 1, 2012, we completed our approximately \$4.0 billion acquisition of Gen-Probe, enhancing our product platform and capabilities in the growing molecular diagnostic market.

In connection with the Gen-Probe acquisition, we successfully obtained \$3.5 billion of financing, including (i) a senior secured credit facility consisting of a \$1.0 billion tranche A term loan, a \$1.5 billion tranche B term loan, and a \$300 million revolving credit facility, and (ii) the private placement of \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes.

Regulatory Approval Success:

We obtained multiple domestic regulatory approvals and clearances for our products, including FDA approval of our Cervista HTA (High Throughput Automation) system, and FDA 510k clearance of the Aquilex Fluid Control system.

Internationally, we received multiple approvals and clearances, including our new Serenity digital mammography system in China, our C-View synthesized 2D image reconstruction algorithm in the European Union, various ThinPrep instrumentation in China and Russia, our ThinPrep pap test in Russia, our Cervista HPV HR test in the Netherlands and Japan, our Aquilex fluid management system in the European Union, and our MyoSure and Aquilex systems in Australia and New Zealand.

The following graphs highlight our year-over-year achievements relative to our recent and historical performance for revenue and non-GAAP adjusted EPS (the reconciliation of our non-GAAP adjusted EPS to our GAAP EPS is provided in *Appendix A* to this information statement). These measures, adjusted to exclude the effects of the Gen-Probe acquisition, represent the corporate financial measures in our short-term incentive plan.

Resulting Compensation Actions. As a result of these accomplishments, and reflecting on the rigor of our internal financial targets, our fiscal 2012 corporate financial targets under our short-term incentive plan were met at a combined 76% of target (which excluded any contributions from Gen-Probe), with bonus payouts to our named executive officers under that plan reflecting those achievements. Additional fiscal 2012 bonuses were also paid to certain members of our management team (excluding the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer), primarily for their efforts in supporting our acquisition of Gen-Probe and achieving initial synergies in connection with that transaction.

Fiscal 2012 also saw a continuation of our use of long-term equity awards as a large portion of our annual compensation to our named executive officers. These awards continued to be heavily weighted to stock options, with 75% of the total value of our long-term equity awards for our named executive officers in the form of stock options with a five-year vesting schedule and a seven-year term, and 25% in the form of restricted stock units with a four year vesting schedule. We believe weighting our long-term equity awards in favor of stock options aligns the incentives of our executives with the interests of our stockholders and our long-term performance by directly tying a large portion of the value that may be realized from our equity compensation to an increase in our stock price.

The following graph reflects Mr. Cascella s total direct compensation, as set forth in the Summary Compensation Table provided immediately following our Compensation Committee Report included herein, during his three years as the Company s Chief Executive Officer.

The decrease in Mr. Cascella s total compensation from fiscal 2011 to fiscal 2012 was primarily attributable to the \$1.0 million retention payment in fiscal 2011, partially offset by the increased value of equity awards granted in fiscal 2012. Mr. Cascella s compensation in fiscal 2011 includes a \$1.0 million retention payment made to Mr. Cascella at the beginning of that year under his retention agreement with the Company entered into in connection with the Company s acquisition of Cytyc Corporation in October 2007. The decrease in Mr. Cascella s total compensation from fiscal 2010 to fiscal 2011 was primarily attributable to a decrease in the value of equity awards gra