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## ChromaDex Corporation 10005 Muirlands Blvd, Suite G Irvine, CA 92618

## NOTICE OF 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 4, 2015

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To the stockholders of ChromaDex Corporation:

Notice is hereby given that the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of ChromaDex Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company") will be held on June 4, 2015, at 9:00 am local time, at 10005 Muirlands Blvd, Suite G, Irvine, CA 92618 for the following purposes, as more fully described in the accompanying proxy statement (the "Proxy Statement"):

- (1) To elect seven directors;
- (2) To approve an amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock") to 200,000,0000 from 150,000,000;
- (3) To ratify the appointment of Marcum LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending January 2, 2016;
- (4) To authorize the Board, without further action of the stockholders, to amend the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to implement a reverse stock split of its capital stock, at a ratio within the range of 1-for-2 to 1-for-6 at any time prior to June 4, 2016;
- (5) To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers;
- (6) To recommend, on an advisory basis, a three-year frequency with which the Company should conduct future stockholder advisory votes on named executive officer compensation;
- (7) To authorize the adjournment of the Annual Meeting if necessary or appropriate, including to solicit additional proxies in the event that there are not sufficient votes at the time of the Annual Meeting or adjournment or postponement thereof to approve any of the foregoing proposals; and
- (8) To transact other business that may properly come before the meeting and any postponement(s) or adjournment(s) thereof.

Pursuant to the bylaws of the Company, the Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on April 10, 2015 as the record date (the "Record Date") for determination of stockholders entitled to notice and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment thereof. Holders of the Company's Common Stock are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

In accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have elected to provide our beneficial owners and stockholders of record access to our proxy materials over the Internet. Beneficial owners are stockholders whose shares are held in the name of a broker, bank or other agent (i.e., in "street name"). Accordingly, a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") will be mailed on or about \*, 2015 to our beneficial owners and stockholders of record who owned our Common Stock at the close of business on April 10, 2015. Beneficial owners and stockholders of record will have the ability to access the proxy materials on a website referred to in the Notice or request a printed set of the proxy materials be sent to them by following the instructions in the Notice. Beneficial owners and stockholders of record who have previously requested to receive paper copies of our proxy materials will receive paper copies of the proxy materials instead of a Notice.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please vote your shares by promptly completing, signing and returning the enclosed proxy card using the enclosed envelope. The enclosed envelope requires no postage if mailed within the United States. You may also vote your shares over telephone or the internet in accordance with the instructions on the proxy card. Any stockholder attending the Annual Meeting may vote in person, even if you have already returned a proxy card or voting instruction card.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS /s/ Stephen Allen
Chairman of the Board

ChromaDex Corporation

## 10005 Muirlands Blvd, Suite G Irvine, CA 92618

# PROXY STATEMENT FOR 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS JUNE 4, 2015

The enclosed proxy is solicited by the board of directors ("Board of Directors") of ChromaDex Corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of the Company, to be held on June 4, 2015, at 9:00 am local time, at 10005 Muirlands Blvd, Suite G, Irvine, CA 92618.

At the Annual Meeting, you will be asked to consider and vote upon the following matters:

- (1) To elect seven directors;
- (2) To approve an amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock") to 200,000,0000 from 150,000,000;
- (3) To ratify the appointment of Marcum LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending January 2, 2016;
- (4) To authorize the Board, without further action of the stockholders, to amend the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to implement a reverse stock split of its capital stock, at a ratio within the range of 1-for-2 to 1-for-6 at any time prior to June 4, 2016;
- (5) To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers:
- (6) To recommend, on an advisory basis, a three-year frequency with which the Company should conduct future stockholder advisory votes on named executive officer compensation;
- (7) To authorize the adjournment of the Annual Meeting if necessary or appropriate, including to solicit additional proxies in the event that there are not sufficient votes at the time of the Annual Meeting or adjournment or postponement thereof to approve any of the foregoing proposals; and
- (8) To transact other business that may properly come before the meeting and any postponement(s) or adjournment(s) thereof.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on April 10, 2015 as the record date (the "Record Date") for determining stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment thereof.

In accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have elected to provide our beneficial owners and stockholders of record access to our proxy materials over the Internet. Beneficial owners are stockholders whose shares are held in the name of a broker, bank or other agent (i.e., in "street name"). Accordingly, a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") will be mailed on or about \*, 2015 to our beneficial owners and stockholders of record who owned our Common Stock at the close of business on

April 10, 2015. Beneficial owners and stockholders of record will have the ability to access the proxy materials on a website referred to in the Notice or request a printed set of the proxy materials be sent to them by following the instructions in the Notice. Beneficial owners and stockholders of record who have previously requested to receive paper copies of our proxy materials will receive paper copies of the proxy materials instead of a Notice.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 4, 2015: THE NOTICE, PROXY STATEMENT, PROXY CARD AND THE ANNUAL REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.CHROMADEX.COM, INVESTOR RELATIONS SECTION.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THIS PROXY MATERIAL AND VOTING

Why did I Receive in the Mail a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials this Year instead of a Full Set of Proxy Materials?

We are pleased to take advantage of the SEC rule that allows companies to furnish their proxy materials over the Internet. Accordingly, we have sent to our beneficial owners and stockholders of record a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. Instructions on how to access the proxy materials over the Internet or to request a paper copy may be found in the Notice. Our stockholders may request to receive proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically on an ongoing basis. A stockholder's election to receive proxy materials by mail or electronically by email will remain in effect until the stockholder terminates its election.

Why did I Receive a Full Set of Proxy Materials in the Mail instead of a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials?

We are providing paper copies of the proxy materials instead of a Notice to our beneficial owners or stockholders of record who have previously requested to receive paper copies of our proxy materials. If you are a beneficial owner or stockholder of record who received a paper copy of the proxy materials, and you would like to reduce the environmental impact and the costs incurred by us in mailing proxy materials, you may elect to receive all future proxy materials electronically via email or the Internet.

You can choose to receive future proxy materials electronically by sending an electronic mail message to info@islandstocktransfer.com or call 787-289-0010. Your choice to receive proxy materials electronically will remain in effect until you instruct us otherwise.

The SEC has enacted rules that permit us to make available to stockholders electronic versions of the proxy materials even if the stockholder has not previously elected to receive the materials in this manner. We have chosen this option in connection with the Annual Meeting with respect to both our beneficial owners and stockholders of record.

I Share an Address with Another Stockholder, and We Received Only One Paper Copy of the Proxy Materials. How May I Obtain An Additional Copy of the Proxy Materials?

The Company has adopted a procedure called "householding," which the SEC has approved. Under this procedure, the Company is delivering a single copy of the Notice to multiple stockholders who share the same address unless the Company has received contrary instructions from one or more of the stockholders. This procedure reduces the Company's printing and mailing costs, and the environmental impact of the Company's annual meetings. Stockholders who participate in householding will continue to be able to access and receive separate proxy cards. Upon written or oral request, the Company will deliver promptly a separate copy of the Notice and other Proxy Materials to any stockholder at a shared address to which the Company delivered a single copy of any of these documents.

To receive a separate copy of the Notice, stockholders may write or speak to the Company at the following address and phone number:

ChromaDex Corporation 10005 Muirlands Blvd, Suite G Irvine, CA 92618 Attention: Corporate Secretary

Telephone: 949-419-0288

Stockholders who hold shares in "street name" (as described below) may contact their brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer or other similar organization to request information about householding.

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#### Who Is Entitled to Vote?

Our Board has fixed the close of business on April 10, 2015 as the Record Date for a determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Each share of the Company's common stock represents, one vote that may be voted on each proposal that may come before the Annual Meeting (the "Voting Capital"). On the Record Date, there were \* shares of Common Stock outstanding.

What Is the Difference Between Holding Shares as a Record Holder and as a Beneficial Owner (Holding Shares in Street Name)?

If your shares are registered in your name with our transfer agent, Island Stock Transfer, you are the "record holder" of those shares. If you are a record holder, these proxy materials have been provided directly to you by the Company.

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account, a bank or other holder of record, you are considered the "beneficial owner" of those shares held in "street name." If your shares are held in street name, these proxy materials have been forwarded to you by that organization. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to instruct this organization on how to vote your shares.

Who May Attend the Meeting?

Record holders and beneficial owners may attend the Annual Meeting. If your shares are held in street name, you will need to bring a copy of a brokerage statement or other documentation reflecting your stock ownership as of the Record Date.

How Do I Vote?

#### Stockholders of Record

For your convenience, our record holders have four methods of voting:

- 1. Vote by Internet. The website address for Internet voting is on your vote instruction form.
- 2. Vote by mail. Mark, date, sign and mail promptly the enclosed proxy card (a postage-paid envelope is provided for mailing in the United States).
- 3. Vote by telephone. You may vote by proxy by calling the toll free number found on the vote instruction form.
- 4. Vote in person. Attend and vote at the Annual Meeting.

Beneficial Owners of Shares Held in Street Name

For your convenience, our beneficial owners have four methods of voting:

- 1. Vote by Internet. The website address for Internet voting is on your vote instruction form.
- 2. Vote by mail. Mark, date, sign and mail promptly your vote instruction form (a postage-paid envelope is provided for mailing in the United States).

- 3. Vote by telephone. You may vote by proxy by calling the toll free number found on the vote instruction form.
- 4. Vote in person. Obtain a valid legal proxy from the organization that holds your shares and attend and vote at the Annual Meeting.

If you vote by Internet or by telephone, please DO NOT mail your proxy card.

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All shares entitled to vote and represented by a properly completed and executed proxy received before the meeting and not revoked will be voted at the Annual Meeting as you instruct in a proxy delivered before the Annual Meeting. If you do not indicate how your shares should be voted on a matter, the shares represented by your properly completed and executed proxy will be voted as the Board recommends on each of the enumerated proposals and with regard to any other matters that may be properly presented at the Annual Meeting and all matters incident to the conduct of the meeting. If you are a registered stockholder and attend the meeting, you may deliver your completed proxy card in person. "Street name" stockholders who wish to vote at the meeting will need to obtain a proxy form from the institution that holds their shares. All votes will be tabulated by the inspector of elections appointed for the meeting, who will separately tabulate affirmative and negative votes, abstentions and broker non-votes.

## Is My Vote Confidential?

Yes, your vote is confidential. Only the following persons have access to your vote: the inspector of elections, individuals who help with processing and counting your votes, and persons who need access for legal reasons. Occasionally, stockholders provide written comments on their proxy cards, which may be forwarded to the Company's management and the Board of Directors.

## What Constitutes a Quorum?

To carry on business at the Annual Meeting, we must have a quorum. A quorum is present when a majority of the shares entitled to vote, as of the Record Date, are represented in person or by proxy. Thus, holders of the Voting Capital representing at least \* votes must be represented in person or by proxy to have a quorum. Your shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy (or one is submitted on your behalf by your broker, bank or other nominee) or if you vote in person at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement. Shares owned by us are not considered outstanding or considered to be present at the Annual Meeting. If there is not a quorum at the Annual Meeting, our stockholders may adjourn the meeting.

### What is a Broker Non-Vote?

If your shares are held in street name, you must instruct the organization who holds your shares how to vote your shares. If you do not provide voting instructions, your shares will not be voted on any non-routine proposal. This vote is called a "broker non-vote." If you sign your proxy card but do not provide instructions on how your broker should vote, your broker will vote your shares as recommended by our Board. Broker non-votes are not included in the tabulation of the voting results of any of the proposals and, therefore, do not effect these proposals.

Except for the ratification of the appointment of Marcum LLP, brokers cannot use discretionary authority to vote shares on other proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting if they have not received instructions from their clients. Please submit your vote instruction form so your vote is counted.

### Which Proposals Are Considered "Routine" or "Non-Routine"?

With the exception of Proposal 3, the ratification of the appointment of Marcum LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for our fiscal year ending January 2, 2016, all of the proposals to be voted upon at our 2015 Annual Meeting are considered non-routine. Please note, however, that the proposals regarding the approval of executive compensation and the frequency of holding such an advisory vote are advisory only and will not be binding. The results of the votes on those two advisory proposals will be taken into consideration by the Company's Board of Directors when making future decisions regarding these matters.

#### What is an Abstention?

An abstention is a stockholders affirmative choice to decline to vote on a proposal. Abstentions are not included in the tabulation of the voting results of any of the proposals and, therefore, do not affect these proposals.

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How Many Votes Are Needed for Each Proposal to Pass?

Proposal	Vote Required	Broker Discretionary Vote Allowed
Election of seven (7) members to our Board of Directors	Plurality of the votes cast (the seven directors receiving the most "For" votes)	No
Approval of an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of Common Stock to 200,000,000 from 150,000,000	A majority of the shares of Voting Capital outstanding	No
Ratification of the Appointment of Marcum LLP as our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for our Fiscal Year Ending January 2, 2016	A majority of the votes cast	Yes
Approval of an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to effect a reverse split in a range of not less than one for two and not more than one for six, in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, on or before June 4, 2016	A majority of the shares of Voting Capital outstanding	No
Approval, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers	A majority of the votes cast	No
Approval, on an advisory basis, a three-year frequency for holding an advisory vote on executive compensation	A majority of the votes cast	No

#### What Are the Voting Procedures?

In voting by proxy with regard to the election of directors, you may vote in favor of all nominees, withhold your votes as to all nominees, or withhold your votes as to specific nominees. With regard to other proposals, you may vote in favor of or against the proposal, or you may abstain from voting on the proposal. You should specify your respective choices on the accompanying proxy card or your vote instruction form.

All shares represented by proxy will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the choices specified on the proxy, and where no choice is specified, in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors. Thus, where no choice is specified, the proxies will be voted for the election of directors, for the approval of an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of Common Stock to 200,000,000 from 150,000,000, for ratification of the appointment of an independent registered public accounting firm, for the approval of an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to effect the reverse stock split, for the approval of executive compensation and for an advisory vote on executive compensation every three years.

## Is My Proxy Revocable?

You may revoke your proxy and reclaim your right to vote at any time before it is voted by giving written notice to the Secretary of the Company, by delivering a properly completed, later-dated proxy card or vote instruction form or by voting in person at the Annual Meeting. All written notices of revocation and other communications with respect to

revocations of proxies should be addressed to: ChromaDex Corporation, 10005 Muirlands Blvd, Suite G, Irvine, CA 92618, Attention: Secretary.

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Who Is Paying for the Expenses Involved in Preparing and Mailing this Proxy Statement?

All of the expenses involved in preparing, assembling and mailing these proxy materials and all costs of soliciting proxies will be paid by us. In addition to the solicitation by mail, proxies may be solicited by our officers and other employees by telephone or in person. Such persons will receive no compensation for their services other than their regular salaries. Arrangements will also be made with brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of the shares held of record by such persons, and we may reimburse such persons for reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by them in so doing.

Do I Have Dissenters' Rights of Appraisal?

The Company's stockholders do not have appraisal rights under Delaware law or under the governing documents of the Company with respect to the matters to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

How can I find out the Results of the Voting at the Annual Meeting?

Preliminary voting results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Final voting results will be published in a Current Report on Form 8-K, which we will file within four business days of the meeting.

What Is the Deadline to Propose Actions for Consideration or to Nominate Individuals to Serve as Directors at the 2016 Annual Meeting?

Requirements for Stockholder Proposals to Be Considered for Inclusion in the Company's Proxy Materials. Any appropriate proposal submitted by a stockholder and intended to be presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting must be submitted in writing to the Company's Secretary at 10005 Muirlands Blvd, Suite G, Irvine, CA 92618, and received no later than December 11, 2015, to be includable in the Company's Proxy Statement and related proxy for the 2016 Annual Meeting. A stockholder proposal will need to comply with the SEC regulations under Rule 14a-8 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), regarding the inclusion of stockholder proposals in company-sponsored proxy materials. Although the Board of Directors will consider stockholder proposals, we reserve the right to omit from our Proxy Statement, or to vote against, stockholder proposals that we are not required to include under the Exchange Act, including Rule 14a-8.

Requirements for Stockholder Proposals to Be Brought Before the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Director Nominations. Stockholders intending to present a proposal at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders but not intending to have included in the Proxy Statement and form of proxy relating to the 2016 annual meeting of stockholders, as well as any director nominations, must submit such proposals to ChromaDex Corporation, ATTN: Chief Executive Officer, 10005 Muirlands Blvd, Suite G, Irvine, CA 92618, no early than March 7, 2016 and no later than April 4, 2016.

What Interest Do Officers and Directors Have in Matters to Be Acted Upon?

Members of the board of directors and executive officers of the Company do not have any interest in any other Proposal that is not shared by all other stockholders of the Company, other than Proposal 1, the election to our board of the seven nominees set forth herein and Proposals 5 and 6, to the extent such proposals are on a non-binding advisory basis.

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#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

As of April 10, 2015, there were approximately \* shares of our Common Stock outstanding. The following table sets forth certain information regarding our Common Stock, beneficially owned as of April 10, 2015, by each person known to us to beneficially own more than 5% of our Common Stock, each executive officer and director, and all directors and executive officers as a group. We calculated beneficial ownership according to Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act as of that date. Shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable or convertible within 60 days after April 10, 2015 are included as beneficially owned by the holder. Beneficial ownership generally includes voting and dispositive power with respect to securities. Unless otherwise indicated below, the persons and entities named in the table have sole voting and sole dispositive power with respect to all shares beneficially owned.

	Shares of		
	Common		
	Stock	Aggregat	
	Beneficially	Percentag	_
Name of Beneficial Owner (1)	Owned (2)	Ownersh	ip
Dr. Phillip Frost (3)	15,252,937	14.22	%
Michael Brauser (4)	8,738,088	8.13	%
Barry Honig (5)	8,420,216	7.83	%
Black Sheep, FLP (6)	6,225,155	5.80	%
Directors			
Stephen Allen (7)	275,625	*	
Stephen Block (8)	570,606	*	
Reid Dabney (9)	633,533	*	
Hugh Dunkerley (10)	490,150	*	
Mark S. Germain (11)	755,399	*	
Glenn L. Halpryn (12)	1,539,487	1.43	%
Frank L. Jaksch Jr. (13)	11,585,344	10.47	%
Named Executive Officers			
Frank L. Jaksch Jr., Chief Executive Officer	(See above)		
Thomas C. Varvaro, Chief Financial Officer (14)	2,253,053	2.07	%
Troy Rhonemus, Chief Operating Officer (15)	352,500	*	
All directors and executive officers as a group			
(7 Directors plus Chief Financial Officer			
and Chief Operating Officer) (16)	18,455,698	15.96	%

<sup>\*</sup> Represents less than 1%.

- (1) Addresses for the beneficial owners listed are: Dr. Phillip Frost, 4400 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 1500, Miami, FL 33137; Michael Brauser, 4400 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 850, Miami, FL 33137; Barry Honig, 555 South Federal Highway, #450, Boca Raton, FL 33432; and Black Sheep, FLP 6 Palm Hill Drive, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675.
- (2) Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and includes voting or dispositive power with respect to shares beneficially owned. Unless otherwise specified, reported ownership refers to both voting and dispositive power. Shares of Common Stock issuable upon the conversion of stock options or the exercise of warrants within the next 60 days are deemed to be converted and beneficially owned by the individual

or group identified in the Aggregate Percentage Ownership column.

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- (3) Includes 5,852,937 shares of Common Stock held by Frost Gamma Investments Trust and 9,400,000 shares of Common Stock held by Phillip and Patricia Frost Philanthropic Foundation, Inc. Dr. Phillip Frost is the trustee of Frost Gamma Investments Trust. Frost Gamma Limited Partnership is the sole and exclusive beneficiary of Frost Gamma Investments Trust. Dr. Frost is one of two limited partners of Frost Gamma Limited Partnership. The general partner of Frost Gamma Limited Partnership is Frost Gamma, Inc. and the sole shareholder of Frost Gamma, Inc. is Frost-Nevada Corporation. Dr. Frost is also the sole shareholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation. Dr. Phillip Frost is President of Phillip and Patricia Frost Philanthropic Foundation, Inc. Dr. Frost is a stockholder and chairman of the board of Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services, Inc. (NYSE:LTS), parent company of Ladenburg Thalmann & Co., Triad Advisors, Inc. and Investacorp Inc., each registered broker-dealers.
- (4) Direct ownership of (i) 1,143,498 shares of Common Stock; and (ii) through Michael & Betsy Brauser TBE, 3,626,428 shares of Common Stock. Indirect ownership through (i) 628,570 Shares held by Grander Holdings, Inc. 401K Profit Sharing Plan of which Mr. Brauser is a trustee; (ii) 342,857 Shares held by the Brauser 2010 GRAT of which Mr. Brauser is a trustee; (iii) 342,857 Shares held by Birchtree Capital, LLC of which Mr. Brauser is the manager; (iv) 1,692,856 Shares held by BMB Holdings, LLLP of which Mr. Brauser is the manager of its general partner; and (v) 714,284 Shares held by Betsy Brauser Third Amended Trust Agreement beneficially owned by Mr. Brauser's spouse which are disclaimed by him. Includes 246,738 stock options exercisable within 60 days.
- (5) Direct ownership of 4,824,959 shares of Common Stock. Indirect ownership includes (i) 230,000 Shares owned by GRQ Consultants, Inc. Defined Benefits Plan for the benefit of Mr. Honig; (ii) 966,786 Shares owned by GRQ Consultants, Inc. 401K of which Mr. Honig is the beneficiary; (iii) 2,103,571 Shares owned by GRQ Consultants Inc. Roth 401K FBO Renee Honig, Mr. Honig's spouse, of which Mr. Honig has voting and investment power and disclaims beneficial ownership; and (iv) 89,900 shares owned by GRQ Consultants, Inc., of which Mr. Honig is the President. Includes 205,000 stock options exercisable within 60 days.
- (6) Black Sheep, FLP is a family limited partnership the co-general partners of which are Frank L. Jaksch, Jr. and Tricia Jaksch and the sole limited partners of which are Frank L. Jaksch, Jr., Tricia Jaksch and the Jaksch Family Trust.
- (7) Includes 275,625 stock options exercisable within 60 days.
- (8) Includes 520,606 stock options exercisable within 60 days.
- (9) Includes 623,533 stock options exercisable within 60 days.
- (10) Includes 480,150 stock options exercisable within 60 days.
- (11) Includes 745,399 stock options exercisable within 60 days. Does not include 2,053,995 shares beneficially owned by Margery Germain, who is Mr. Germain's wife, as Mr. Germain does not share voting or dispositive control over those shares.
- (12) Direct ownership of 10,000 shares of Common Stock. Indirect ownership through IVC Investors, LLLP (in which Glenn Halpryn has an interest) of 1,271,428 shares of Common Stock. Glenn Halpryn disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. Includes 258,059 stock options exercisable within 60 days.
- (13) Includes 1,429,000 shares owned by the FMJ Family Limited Partnership, beneficially owned by Frank L Jaksch Jr. because Mr. Jaksch Jr. has shared voting power for such shares. Includes 6,225,155 shares owned by Black Sheep, FLP beneficially owned by Mr. Jaksch Jr. because he has shared voting power and shared dispositive

power for such shares. Includes 594,165 shares directly owned by Mr. Jaksch Jr. Includes 3,337,024 stock options exercisable within 60 days.

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Includes 1,746,053 stock options exercisable within 60 days.
 (15)Direct ownership of 5,000 shares of Common Stock. Indirect ownership through Toni Rhonemus IRA of 10,000 shares beneficially owned by Toni Rhonemus who is Mr. Rhonemus' wife. Includes 337,500 stock options exercisable within 60 days.
 (16) Includes 8,323,950 stock options exercisable within 60 days.

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#### MANAGEMENT AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### **Executive Officers**

The names of our executive officers and their ages, positions, and biographies as of April 10, 2015 are set forth below. Mr. Jaksch's background is discussed under the section Nominees for Election to Board of Directors.

Name	Age	Position
Frank Jaksch, Jr.	46	Chief Executive Officer and Director
Thomas Varvaro	45	Chief Financial Officer
Troy Rhonemus	42	Chief Operating Officer

Thomas C. Varvaro, 45, has served as the Company's Chief Financial Officer since January 2004 and Secretary since March 2006. He also served as a director from March 2006 until May 2010. Mr. Varvaro is responsible for overseeing all of Company's operations including all aspects of accounting, information technology, inventory, distribution, and human resources management. Mr. Varvaro has extensive process mapping and business process improvement skills, along with a solid information technology background that includes management and implementation experiences ranging from custom application design to enterprise wide system deployment. Mr. Varvaro also has hands-on experience in integrating acquisitions and in new facility startups. In working with manufacturing organizations Mr. Varvaro has overseen plant automation, reporting and bar code tracking implementations. Mr. Varvaro also has broad legal experience in intellectual property (IP), contract and employment law. From 1998 to 2004, Mr. Varvaro was employed by Fast Heat Inc., a Chicago, Illinois based Global supplier to the plastics, HVAC, packaging, and food processing industries, where he began as controller and was promoted to chief information officer and then chief financial officer during his tenure. During his time there Mr. Varvaro was responsible for all financial matters including accounting, risk management and human resources. From 1993 to 1998, Mr. Varvaro was employed by Leaf Bakery, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, during its rise to becoming a national leader in specialty products. During his tenure Mr. Varvaro served in information technology and accounting roles, helping to shepherd the company from a single facility to national leader in specialty food products. Mr. Varvaro has a B.S. in Accounting from University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and has been certified as a Certified Public Accountant.

Troy Rhonemus, 42, has served as the Company's Chief Operating Officer since March 2014 and a Director of New Technology and Supply Chain from January 2013 to February 2014. Mr. Rhonemus is responsible for overseeing all of Company's operations including all aspects of sales, marketing, supply chain management, distribution, and new technology development. Mr. Rhonemus also consults with customers to improve the supply chain management of raw materials to meet government regulations, which includes developing supply chain strategies, auditing manufacturers and developing an understanding of how to manage supplies from countries outside the Unites States. Mr. Rhonemus has extensive experience in managing operations and supply chain, business strategies, and the roll-out of new processes, technologies and products. From 2006 to 2012, Mr. Rhonemus held several positions at Cargill, Inc. As Truvia® Business Process Manager, he served as the product line lead for managing the operations and supply chain of the Truvia® enterprise from leaf to consumer products. As Technology Manger, Mr. Rhonemus served as technical lead for process and product development for Truvia® consumer products and ingredient business. From 2004 to 2006, Mr. Rhonemus served as Principal Research Scientist at E&J Gallo Winery, where he developed experimental designs to ensure that all project work was statistically valid in the lab, pilot and production wineries. From 1998 to 2004, Mr. Rhonemus served as Senior Research Scientist and as Process Technology Manager at Cargill, Inc. In these positions, Mr. Rhonemus solved technical problems and implemented new technologies into production. He identified potential tolling facilities, coordinated tolling efforts, directly supervised and developed new processes and solved technical issues in existing business units in Cargill. Mr. Rhonemus has earned a M.A. in Chemistry and a B.S. in Chemistry from Ball State University.

#### Code of Conduct

The Board has established a corporate Code of Conduct which qualifies as a "code of ethics" as defined by Item 406 of Regulation S-K of the Exchange Act. Among other matters, the Code of Conduct is designed to deter wrongdoing and to promote:

honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships;

- full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in our SEC reports and other public communications;
  - compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations;

•prompt internal reporting of violations of the Code of Conduct to appropriate persons identified in the code; and

accountability for adherence to the Code of Conduct.

Waivers to the Code of Conduct may be granted only by the Board. In the event that the Board grants any waivers of the elements listed above to any of our officers, we expect to announce the waiver within four business days on a Current Report on Form 8-K.

The Code of Conduct applies to all of the Company's employees, including our principal executive officer, the principal financial and accounting officer, and all employees who perform these functions. A full text of our Code of Conduct is published on our website at www.chromadex.com under the tab "Investor Relations-Corporate Governance-Highlights." If we amend our Code of Conduct as it applies to the principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller (or persons performing similar functions) or grant a waiver from any provision of the code of conduct to any such person, we shall disclose such amendment or waiver on our website at www.chromadex.com under the tab "Investor Relations-Corporate Governance-Highlights."

Public Availability of Corporate Governance Documents

Our key corporate governance documents, including our Code of Conduct and the charters of our Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are:

- available on our corporate website at www.chromadex.com; and
- available in print to any stockholder who requests them from our corporate secretary.

## Director Attendance

The Board held 4 meetings during 2014. Each director attended at least 75% of Board meetings and meetings of the committees on which he served.

**Board Qualification and Selection Process** 

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not have a specific written policy or process regarding the nominations of directors, nor does it maintain minimum standards for director nominees. However, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does consider the knowledge, experience, integrity and judgment of potential candidates for nominations to the Board. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will

consider persons recommended by stockholders for nomination for election as directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider and evaluate a director candidate recommended by a stockholder in the same manner as a committee-recommended nominee. Stockholders wishing to recommend director candidates must follow the prior notice requirements as described herein.

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### Board Leadership Structure and Risk Oversight

The leadership of the Board is structured so that it is led by non-executive Chairman, Stephen Allen. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes it is in the best interest of the Company to have an independent director as Chairman of the Board considering past experience of Mr. Allen, who has an extensive business and management expertise in food and nutrition industry.

The entire Board of Directors is responsible for oversight of our Company's risk management process. Management furnishes information regarding risk to the Board as requested. The Audit Committee discusses risk management with the Company's management and independent public accountants as set forth in the Audit Committee's charter. The Compensation Committee reviews the compensation programs of the Company to make sure economic incentives are tied to the long-term interests of the stockholders. The Company believes that innovation and the building of long-term stockholder value are impossible without taking risks. We recognize that imprudent acceptance of risk and the failure to identify risks could be a detriment to stockholder value. The executive officers of the Company are responsible for assessing these risks on a day-to-day basis and for how to best identify, manage and mitigate significant risks that the Company may face.

#### **Board Committees**

The Board has established an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Other committees may be established by the Board from time to time. The following is a description of each of the committees and their composition

#### **Audit Committee**

Our Audit Committee currently consists of three directors: Messrs. Reid Dabney (chairman), Stephen Block and Glenn L. Halpryn. The Board has determined that:

Mr. Dabney qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert," as defined by the SEC in Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K; and

all members of the Audit Committee (i) are "independent" under the independence requirements of Marketplace Rule 5605(a)(2) of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., (ii) meet the criteria for independence as set forth in the Exchange Act, (iii) have not participated in the preparation of our financial statements at any time during the past three years and (iv) are financially literate and have accounting and finance experience.

The designation of Mr. Dabney as an "audit committee financial expert" will not impose on him any duties, obligations or liability that are greater than those that are generally imposed on him as a member of our Audit Committee and our Board, and his designation as an "audit committee financial expert" will not affect the duties, obligations or liability of any other member of our Audit Committee or Board.

## **Compensation Committee**

Our Compensation Committee currently consists of three directors: Messrs. Stephen Block (chairman), Hugh Dunkerley and Stephen Allen. The Board has determined that:

all members of the Compensation Committee qualify as "independent" under the independence requirements of Marketplace Rule 5605(a)(2) of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc.;

all members of the Compensation Committee qualify as "non-employee directors" under Exchange Act Rule 16b-3; and

all members of the Compensation Committee qualify as "outside directors" under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

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### Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee currently consists of three directors: Stephen Allen (chairman), Glenn L. Halpryn and Mark S. Germain. The Board has determined that all members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee qualify as "independent" under the independence requirements of Marketplace Rule 5605(a)(2) of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc.

#### Stockholder Communication

Any stockholder may communicate in writing by mail at any time with the entire Board of Directors or any individual director (addressed to "Board of Directors" or to a named director), c/o ChromaDex Corporation, ATTN: Chief Financial Officer, 10005 Muirlands Blvd, Suite G, Irvine, CA 92618. All communications will be promptly relayed to the appropriate Directors. The Corporate Secretary will coordinate all responses.

Policy Regarding Attendance at Annual Meetings of Stockholders

The Company does not have a policy with regard to Board members' attendance at annual meetings.

### Director Independence

Under the NASDAQ Stock Market Marketplace Rules, a director will only qualify as an independent director if, in the opinion of our Board, that person does not have a relationship that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. The Board has determined that each of Stephen Allen, Stephen Block, Reid Dabney, Hugh Dunkerley, Mark S. Germain and Glenn L. Halpryn has no material relationship with our Company and is independent within the independence requirements of Marketplace Rule 5605(a)(2) of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. Frank L. Jaksch Jr. does not meet the independence standards because of he is the Chief Executive Officer of our Company.

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#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

#### **Compensation Committee Report**

Under the rules of the SEC, this Compensation Committee Report is not deemed to be incorporated by reference by any general statement incorporating its Annual Report by reference into any filings with the SEC.

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the following Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management. Based on this review and these discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the following Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K and this proxy statement.

Submitted by the Compensation Committee

Stephen A. Block, Chairman

**Hugh Dunkerley** 

Stephen Allen

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

The following discussion and analysis of compensation arrangements of our named executive officers for 2014 should be read together with the compensation tables and related disclosures set forth below.

We believe our success depends on the continued contributions of our named executive officers. Personal relationships and experience are very important in our industry. Our named executive officers are primarily responsible for many of our critical business development relationships. The maintenance of these relationships is critical to ensuring our future success as is experience in managing these relationships. Therefore, it is important to our success that we retain the services of these individuals.

#### General Philosophy

Our overall compensation philosophy is to provide an executive compensation package that enables us to attract, retain and motivate executive officers to achieve our short-term and long-term business goals. The goals of our compensation program are to align remuneration with business objectives and performance, and to enable us to retain and competitively reward executive officers who contribute to the long-term success of the Company. We attempt to pay our executive officers competitively in order that we will be able to retain the most capable people in the industry. In making executive compensation and other employment compensation decisions, the Compensation Committee considers achievement of certain criteria, some of which relate to our performance and others of which relate to the performance of the individual employee. Awards to executive officers are based on achievement of Company and individual performance criteria.

The Compensation Committee will evaluate our compensation policies on an ongoing basis to determine whether they enable us to attract, retain and motivate key personnel. To meet these objectives, the Compensation Committee may from time to time increase salaries, award additional stock grants or provide other short and long-term incentive compensation to executive officers and other employees.

Compensation Program and Forms of Compensation

We provide our executive officers with a compensation package consisting of base salary, bonus, equity incentives and participation in benefit plans generally available to other employees. In setting total compensation, the Compensation Committee considers individual and company performance, as well as market information regarding compensation paid by other companies in our industry. All executive officers have employment agreements that establish their initial base salaries and set pre-approved goals -- and minimum and maximum opportunities -- for the bonuses and equity incentive awards. Both the Compensation Committee and the Board have approved these agreements.

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Base Salary. Salaries for our executive officers are initially set based on negotiation with individual executive officers at the time of recruitment and with reference to salaries for comparable positions in the industry for individuals of similar education and background to the executive officers being recruited. We also consider the individual's experience, reputation in his or her industry and expected contributions to the Company. Base salary is regularly evaluated by competitive pay and individual job performance. In each case, we take into account the results achieved by the executive, his or her future potential, scope of responsibilities and experience, and competitive salary practices. In some circumstances our executive officers have elected to take less than market salaries. These salaries may be increased in the future to market conditions with a competitive base salary that is in line with his or her role and responsibilities when compared to peer companies of comparable size in similar locations.

Bonuses. We design our bonus programs to be both affordable and competitive in relation to the market. Our bonus program is designed to motivate employees to achieve overall corporate goals. Our programs are designed to avoid entitlements, to align actual payouts with the actual results achieved and to be easy to understand and administer. The Compensation Committee and the executive officer, with input from the other executive officers, work together to identify targets and goals for the executive officer; however, the targets and goals themselves are established after deliberation by the Compensation Committee alone. Upon completion of the fiscal year, the Compensation Committee assesses the executive officer's performance and, with input from management and the Board, determines the achievement of the bonus targets and the amount to be awarded within the parameters of the executive officer's agreement with us subject to the impact paying such bonuses will have on the Company's financial position.

### **Equity-Based Rewards**

We design our equity programs to be both affordable and competitive in relation to the market. We monitor the market and applicable accounting, corporate, securities and tax laws and regulations and adjust our equity programs as needed. Stock options and other forms of equity compensation are designed to reflect and reward a high level of sustained individual performance over time. We design our equity programs to align employees' interests with those of our stockholders. The Compensation Committee and the executive officer, with input from the other executive officers, work together to identify targets and goals for the executive officer; however, the targets and goals themselves are established after deliberation by the Compensation Committee alone. Upon completion of the fiscal year, the Compensation Committee assesses the executive officer's performance and, with input from management and the Board, determines the achievement of the vesting targets and the amount to be awarded within the parameters of the executive officer's agreement with us.

## Timing of Equity Awards

Only the Board may approve stock option grants to our executive officers, which grants are recommended to it by the Compensation Committee. Stock options are generally granted at predetermined meetings of the Board. On limited occasions, grants may occur upon unanimous written consent of the Board, which occurs primarily for the purpose of approving a compensation package for a newly hired or promoted executive under an employment agreement with the executive. The exercise price of a newly granted option is the average price of our Common Stock on the date of grant.

#### **Benefits Programs**

We design our benefits programs to be both affordable and competitive in relation to the market while conforming to local laws and practices. We monitor the market, local laws and practices and adjust our benefits programs as needed. We design our benefits programs to provide an element of core benefits, and to the extent possible, offer options for additional benefits, be tax-effective for employees in each country and balance costs and cost sharing between us and our employees.

#### Performance-Based Compensation and Financial Restatement

We have implemented a policy regarding retroactive adjustments to any cash or equity-based incentive compensation paid to our executives where such payments were predicated upon the achievement of certain financial results that were subsequently the subject of a financial restatement and have included this policy in the employment contracts with our executives.

#### Tax and Accounting Considerations

In the review and establishment of our compensation programs, we consider the anticipated accounting and tax implications to us and our executives. Section 162(m) of the Code imposes a limit on the amount of compensation that we may deduct in any one year with respect to our chief executive officer and each of our next four most highly compensated executive officers, unless certain specific and detailed criteria are satisfied. Performance-based compensation, as defined in the Code, is fully deductible if the programs are approved by stockholders and meet other requirements. We believe that grants of equity awards under our Second Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, or the 2007 Plan, may qualify as performance-based for purposes of satisfying the conditions of Section 162(m), thereby permitting us to receive a federal income tax deduction, if applicable, in connection with such awards. In general, we have determined that we will not seek to limit executive compensation so that it is deductible under Section 162(m). From time to time, however, we monitor whether it might be in our interests to structure our compensation programs to satisfy the requirements of Section 162(m). We seek to maintain flexibility in compensation our executives in a manner designed to promote our corporate goals and therefore our compensation committee has not adopted a policy requiring all compensation to be deductible. Our compensation committee will continue to assess the impact of Section 162(m) on our compensation practices and determine what further action, if any, is appropriate.

#### Severance and Change in Control Arrangements

Several of our executives have employment and other agreements that provide for severance payment arrangements and/or acceleration of stock option vesting in the event of an acquisition or other change in control of our company. See "Employment and Consulting Agreements" below for a description of the severance and change in control arrangements for our named executive officers.

#### Role of Executives in Executive Compensation Decisions

The Board and our Compensation Committee generally seek input from our executive officers when discussing the performance of, and compensation levels for, executives. The Compensation Committee also works with our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer to evaluate the financial, accounting, tax and retention implications of our various compensation programs. None of our other executives participates in deliberations relating to his or her compensation.

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## **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth information concerning the annual and long-term compensation earned by our Chief Executive Officer (the principal executive officer), our Chief Financial Officer (the principal financial officer) and our Chief Operating Officer, each of whom served during the year ended January 3, 2015 as our executive officers.

							Stock Awards		Option Awards	All Othe	r	Total
Name	Year		Salary		Bonus	•	(1)		(2)	Compens		(\$)
Frank L. Jaksch Jr.	2014	\$	275,000	\$	30,000	\$		\$	138,518 (4	_	\$	796,018
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	2013	\$	225,000	\$	51,242		-		-	-	\$	276,242
	2012	\$	225,000		-	\$	172,500 (5)	\$	648,048 (6	) -	\$	1,045,697
Thomas C. Varvaro	2014	\$	225,000	\$	24,200	\$	352,500 (7)	\$	115,807 (8	) -	\$	717,507
	2013	\$	175,000	\$	29,891		-		-	-	\$	204,891
	2012	\$	175,000		-	\$	172,500 (9)	\$	125,702 (1	0) -	\$	473,202
Troy A.												
Rhonemus(11)	2014	\$	179,039									