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LAM RESEARCH CORPORATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2000

To the Stockholders:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2000 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Lam Research Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2000, 11:00 a.m., local time, at the principal executive offices of the Company at 4650 Cushing Parkway, Fremont, California 94538, for the following purposes:

1. To elect directors to serve for the ensuing year, and until their successors are elected;
2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditors of the Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001; and
3. 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.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on September 5, 2000 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting, and for any adjournment thereof.

All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person. However, to assure your representation at the meeting, you are urged to mark, sign and date the enclosed proxy and return it as promptly as possible in the postage-prepaid and return-addressed envelope enclosed for that purpose. However, any stockholder of record attending the meeting may vote in person, even if he or she has returned a proxy.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

LOGO
Richard H. Lovgren
Secretary

Fremont, California
October 6, 2000

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT
IN ORDER TO ASSURE YOUR REPRESENTATION AT THE MEETING, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO MARK, SIGN AND DATE THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE AND RETURN IT IN THE ENCLOSED RETURN-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE (TO WHICH NO POSTAGE NEED BE AFFIXED IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES).

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PROXY STATEMENT
FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
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LAM RESEARCH CORPORATION

PROXY STATEMENT FOR 2000 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING

GENERAL

The enclosed proxy is solicited on behalf of Lam Research Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held Thursday, November 2, 2000 at 11:00 a.m., local time (the "Annual Meeting"), or for any adjournment thereof, for the purposes set forth herein and in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Annual Meeting will be held at the principal executive offices of the Company at 4650 Cushing Parkway, Fremont, California 94538. The Company's telephone number at that location is (510) 659-0200.

These proxy solicitation materials will be mailed on or about October 6, 2000 to all stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting. A copy of Lam Research Corporation's 2000 Annual Report to Stockholders accompanies this Proxy Statement.

RECORD DATE AND PRINCIPAL SHARE OWNERSHIP

Stockholders of record at the close of business on September 5, 2000 are entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. At the record date, 124,559,636 shares of the Company's Common Stock were outstanding. All references to the number of shares in this proxy statement give effect to the three-for-one split of the Company's stock that became effective March 7, 2000.

REVOCABILITY OF PROXIES

Any proxy given pursuant to this solicitation may be revoked by the person giving it at any time before its use by delivering to the Company a written notice of revocation or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. However, attending the Annual Meeting in and of itself does not constitute a revocation of a proxy.

VOTING AND SOLICITATION

Each stockholder voting on the election of directors may cumulate such stockholder's votes and give one candidate a number of votes equal to the number of directors to be elected (seven at this meeting) multiplied by the number of shares held by such stockholder, or distribute the stockholder's votes on the same principle among as many candidates as the stockholder deems appropriate. However, votes cannot be cast for more than seven candidates. No stockholder shall be entitled to cumulate votes for a candidate unless the candidate's name

has been placed in nomination prior to the voting.

Where no vote is specified or where a vote FOR all nominees is marked, the cumulative votes represented by a proxy will be cast, unless contrary instructions are given, at the discretion of the proxy holders in order to elect as many nominees as believed possible under the then-prevailing circumstances. If a stockholder desires to cumulate his or her votes, the accompanying proxy card should be marked to indicate clearly that the stockholder desires to exercise the right to cumulate votes and should specify how the votes are to be allocated among the nominees for directors. For example, a stockholder may write next to the name of the nominee or nominees for whom the stockholder desires to cast votes the number of votes to be cast for such nominee or nominees. Alternatively, without exercising his or her right to vote cumulatively, a stockholder may instruct the proxy holders not to vote for one or more nominees by striking through the name(s) of such nominee or nominees on the proxy card. Unless indicated to the contrary in the space provided on the proxy card, if a stockholder withholds authority to vote for one or more nominees, all cumulative votes of such stockholder will be distributed among the remaining nominees at the discretion of the proxy holders.

On all other matters, each share has one vote.

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Votes cast by proxy or in person at the Annual Meeting will be tabulated by the Inspector of Elections (the "Inspector"). The Inspector will also determine whether or not a quorum is present. The seven candidates for election as directors at the Annual Meeting who receive the highest number of affirmative votes will be elected. The ratification of the independent auditors for the Company for the current year will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of the Company's Common Stock present or represented and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

In general, Delaware law also provides that a quorum consists of a majority of the shares entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. The Inspector will treat abstentions as shares that are present or represented and entitled to vote for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will not treat abstentions as votes in favor of approving any matter submitted to the stockholders for a vote. Thus, abstentions have the same effect in this regard as negative votes. Any proxy which is properly dated, executed and returned using the form of proxy enclosed will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the instructions of the stockholder. If no specific instructions are given, the shares will be voted for the election of directors, for ratification of the appointment of the designated independent auditors and, with respect to any other matter or matters that may come before the meeting, as the proxy holders deem advisable in accordance with their best judgment. If a broker indicates on the enclosed proxy or its substitute that it does not have discretionary authority as to certain shares to vote on a particular matter ("broker non-votes"), or with respect to shares as to which proxy authority has been withheld with respect to any matter, those shares will be counted in determining whether a quorum is present but will not be considered as present or represented with respect to that matter. The Company believes that the tabulation procedures to be followed by the Inspector are consistent with the general statutory requirements in Delaware concerning voting of shares and determination of a quorum.

The cost of soliciting proxies will be borne by the Company. The Company has retained the services of ChaseMellon Shareholder Services ("ChaseMellon") to act as agent in the solicitation of proxies from bankers, bank nominees and other institutional owners. The Company estimates that it will pay ChaseMellon a fee of approximately \$8,500 for its services and will reimburse ChaseMellon for certain out-of-pocket expenses. The Company may reimburse brokerage firms and other persons representing beneficial owners of shares for their expenses in forwarding solicitation materials to such beneficial owners. Proxies may also be solicited by certain of the Company's directors, officers and regular employees, without additional compensation, personally or by telephone or other communication means.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COMPANY'S 2001 PROXY STATEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 14a-8(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), some stockholder proposals may be eligible for inclusion in the Company's 2001 Proxy Statement. Any such proposal must be received by the Company no later than June 8, 2001. Stockholders interested in

submitting such a proposal are advised to contact counsel familiar with the detailed requirements of the applicable securities rules.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS AND NOMINATIONS TO BE VOTED ON AT 2001 ANNUAL MEETING

In addition to the Rule 14a-8(e) proposals referred to above stockholders of the Company may submit proposals which they believe should be voted on at the annual meeting or nominate persons for election to the Board of Directors. In accordance with the Company's bylaws, any such proposal or nomination for the 2001 annual meeting currently scheduled for November 8, 2001 must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Company no earlier than August 10, 2001 and no later than September 9, 2001. The submission must include certain specified information concerning the proposal or nominee, as the case may be, and information about the proponent and the proponent's ownership of Common Stock of the Company. Proposals or nominations that do not meet these requirements will not be entertained at the annual meeting. The Secretary should be contacted in writing at the address on the first page of this Proxy Statement to make any submission, or to obtain additional information as to the proper form and content of submissions.

PROPOSAL NO. 1
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

NOMINEES

A board of seven directors is to be elected at the Annual Meeting. The bylaws of the Company provide that the number of directors shall be fixed at seven. The proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than the seven nominees named below. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders will vote the proxies received by them for the Company's seven nominees named below, each of whom is currently a director of the Company. If any nominee of the Company should decline or be unable to serve as a director as of the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for any substitute nominee whom shall be designated by the present Board of Directors to fill the vacancy. In the event that additional persons are nominated for election as directors, the proxy holders intend to vote all proxies received by them in such a manner in accordance with cumulative voting as will assure the election of as many of the nominees listed below as possible, and in such event the specific nominees to be voted for will be determined by the proxy holders. Discretionary authority to cumulate the votes held by the proxy holders is solicited by this Proxy Statement. The Company is not aware of any nominee who will be unable or will decline to serve as a director. 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.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" EACH OF THE SEVEN NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR SET FORTH BELOW.

The following table sets forth certain information concerning the nominees, which is based on data furnished by them:

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR	AGE	DIRECTOR SINCE	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION AND BUSINESS EXPERIENCE DURING PAST FIVE YEARS
James W. Bagley.....	61	1997	Mr. Bagley has been Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Company since August 6, 1997, the day following consummation of the merger between OnTrak Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("OnTrak"), and the Company (the "Merger"). As of September 1, 1998, Mr. Bagley became Chairman of the Board of Directors. He is currently a director of Teradyne, Inc., and Micron Technology, Inc. From June 1996 to August 1997, Mr. Bagley served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of OnTrak. Prior to joining OnTrak, Mr. Bagley was employed by Applied Materials, Inc., most recently as Chief Operating Officer and Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Bagley began his career in the semiconductor industry with Texas Instruments, Inc.,

where he held various positions over a 15-year period.

Roger D. Emerick..... 61 1982

Mr. Emerick has been a director of the Company since 1982, and was Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1984 to 1998. From July 1982 to August 1997, Mr. Emerick was Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr. Emerick currently is a director of Electroglas, Inc. and Brooks Automation, Inc. Until September 1999, Mr. Emerick also served as a director of the Fremont Bank.

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR	AGE	DIRECTOR SINCE	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION AND BUSINESS EXPERIENCE DURING PAST FIVE YEARS
David G. Arscott(1,2)....	56	1980	Mr. Arscott has been a director of the Company since 1980, and was Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1982 to 1984. He is currently, and has been since 1988, a General Partner of Compass Management Partners, an investment management firm. From 1978 to 1988, Mr. Arscott was a Managing General Partner of Arscott, Norton & Associates, a venture capital firm. Mr. Arscott currently is a director of Silicon Valley Research, Inc.
Richard J. Elkus, Jr.(1).....	65	1997	Mr. Elkus has been a director of the Company since August 6, 1997, the day following consummation of the Merger. He is currently, and has been since 1996, Co-Chairman of Voyan Technology and is currently a director of KLA-Tencor Corporation, Virage Logic and Sopra SA. From February 1994 until consummation of the merger between Tencor Instruments, Inc. ("Tencor") and KLA Instruments, Inc. in April 1997, Mr. Elkus was Vice Chairman of the Board of Tencor. From February 1994 to September 1996, Mr. Elkus was Executive Vice President of Tencor, and was one of the founders of Prometrix Corporation, which was acquired by Tencor in February 1994. Mr. Elkus was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Prometrix Corporation from 1983 until February 1994.
Jack R. Harris(1,2).....	58	1982	Mr. Harris has been a director of the Company since 1982. From 1986 until September 1999, Mr. Harris was Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Optical Specialties, Inc. Mr. Harris is currently Chairman of HT, Inc., First Derivative Systems and Innovative Robotics Solutions.
Grant M. Inman(1,2).....	58	1981	Mr. Inman has been a director of the Company since 1981. From 1985 until 1998, Mr. Inman was a General Partner of Inman & Bowman. Mr. Inman is currently President of Inman Investment Management and a director of Paychex, Inc. and Wind River Systems, Inc. Mr. Inman is currently a Trustee of the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of Oregon.
Kenneth M. Thompson(1)...	62	1998	Mr. Thompson has been a director of the Company since 1998. Prior to joining the Board, Mr. Thompson was employed by Intel Corporation for 25 years in various management positions, most recently as Vice President of Technology Manufacturing Engineering. Before joining Intel Corporation, Mr. Thompson worked with Ampex Corporation in its core memory group. Mr. Thompson currently serves as a director of PRI Automation, Inc., GaSonics International Corporation, and Baguda Wear Inc. Mr. Thompson is President and CEO of AvantCom Network, Inc.

(1) Member of Audit Committee.

(2) Member of Compensation Committee.

There is no family relationship between any of the foregoing nominees, or between any of such nominees and any of the Company's executive officers.

BOARD MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors of the Company held a total of five regularly scheduled or special meetings during the fiscal year ended June 25, 2000. The Board of Directors has an Audit Committee and a Compensation Committee.

The Audit Committee, which consisted of Messrs. Arscott, Elkus, Harris, Inman and Thompson, all non-employee directors, held five meetings during fiscal 2000. This committee recommends to the Board for its approval and for ratification by the stockholders the engagement of the Company's independent auditors to serve the following fiscal year, reviews the scope of the audit, considers comments made by the independent auditors with respect to accounting procedures and internal controls and the consideration given thereto by the Company's management, and reviews internal accounting procedures and controls with the Company's financial and accounting staff.

The Compensation Committee, which consisted of Messrs. Arscott, Harris and Inman, held one meeting during fiscal 2000. This committee recommends salaries, incentives and other forms of compensation for directors, officers and other employees of the Company, administers the Company's various incentive compensation and benefit plans, and recommends policies relating to such compensation and benefit plans. This committee also approves grants of stock options, restricted stock, deferred stock and performance share awards to officers and other employees of the Company.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The table below sets forth the beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock of the Company by: (i) each person or entity whom, based on information obtained, the Company believes beneficially owned more than 5% of the Company's Common Stock, and the address of each such person or entity ("5% stockholder"); (ii) each current director of the Company; (iii) each named executive officer described below in the section of this proxy statement captioned "Executive Compensation and Other Information"; and (iv) all current directors and current executive officers as a group. With the exception of 5% stockholders, the information below concerning the number of shares beneficially owned is provided with respect to holdings as of September 5, 2000 and, with respect to the 5% stockholders, the information below is provided with respect to holdings as of June 30, 2000 (unless otherwise identified). The percentage is calculated using 124,559,636 as the number of shares outstanding as of September 5, 2000.

NAME OF PERSON OR IDENTITY OF GROUP -----	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED -----	PERCENT OF CLASS -----
Fidelity Management & Research..... 82 Devonshire Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109	14,853,366 (1)	11.92%
Putnam Investment Management, Inc. 1 Post Office Square Boston, Massachusetts 02109	8,329,536 (1)	6.69%
MFS Investment Management..... 500 Boylston St. Boston, Massachusetts 02116	7,632,155 (1)	6.13%
James W. Bagley.....	2,508,000 (2)	2.01%
Roger D. Emerick.....	155,476 (2)	*
David G. Arscott.....	235,617 (2)	*
Richard J. Elkus, Jr.	123,720 (2)	*
Jack R. Harris.....	162,000 (2)	*
Grant M. Inman.....	264,699 (2)	*
Kenneth M. Thompson.....	36,000 (2)	*
Stephen G. Newberry.....	560,000 (2)	*
Hsui-Sheng (Way) Tu.....	144,001 (2)	*

NAME OF PERSON OR IDENTITY OF GROUP -----	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED -----	PERCENT OF CLASS -----
Mercedes Johnson.....	88,666 (2)	*
Richard H. Lovgren.....	23,614 (2)	*
All current directors and current executive officers as a group (11 persons) (3).....	4,204,898 (2)	3.38%

* Less than one percent

- (1) This information was obtained from the Nasdaq National Market, Inc., and was identified as representing the entity's quarterly 13F filing reflecting holdings as of June 30, 2000.
- (2) Includes 2,208,000, 135,000, 144,000, 91,350, 126,000, 108,000, 36,000, 500,000, 84,585, 78,900, 16,140 and 47,106 shares subject to outstanding options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days after September 5, 2000 in favor of Mr. Bagley, Mr. Emerick, Mr. Arscott, Mr. Elkus, Jr., Mr. Harris, Mr. Inman, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Newberry, Mr. Tu, Ms. Johnson and Mr. Lovgren, and Mr. Craig Garber, respectively. Mr. Garber's shares include 16,545 options held by his spouse.
- (3) Current directors and current executive officers include: Mr. Bagley, Mr. Emerick, Mr. Arscott, Mr. Elkus, Jr., Mr. Harris, Mr. Inman, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Newberry, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Lovgren and Mr. Garber.

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Directors who are not employees of the Company receive annual retainers of \$15,000; meeting fees of \$1,000 for each Board of Directors meeting attended, plus reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses; fees of \$500 for each telephonic Board meeting attended (with aggregate fees for such Board meetings not to exceed \$8,000 per fiscal year); committee meeting fees of \$500 per meeting attended, plus reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses; and fees of \$250 for each telephonic committee meeting attended (with no aggregate fee limit for committee meetings). In addition, each person who is a non-employee director is automatically granted on or about December 15 of each calendar year an option to purchase 6,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock under the Company's Amended and Restated 1991 Incentive Stock Option Plan or Amended and Restated 1997 Stock Incentive Plan, at an exercise price per share equal to the fair market value of one share of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant. Each option has a term of ten years and is immediately exercisable. The plans provide that unexercised options may be exercisable for specified periods following termination of director status, whether by death, disability or retirement, determined by years of service as a director to the Company.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND OTHER INFORMATION

SUMMARY OF CASH AND CERTAIN OTHER COMPENSATION

The following table provides, for the three fiscal years ended June 25, 2000, and June 30, 1999, and 1998, respectively, certain summary information concerning compensation paid or accrued by the Company to or on behalf of the Company's Chief Executive Officer, James W. Bagley, and each of the four other most highly compensated executive officers of the Company (determined at the end of the last fiscal year) (the "named executives").

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

NAME AND PRINCIPAL POSITION	YEAR	ANNUAL COMPENSATION			LONG-TERM COMPENSATION		
		SALARY (\$) (1)	BONUS (\$) (1)	OTHER ANNUAL COMPENSATION (\$) (3)	RESTRICTED STOCK AWARDS (\$) (5)	NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING OPTIONS (#)	ALL OTHER COMPENSATION (\$)
James W. Bagley.....	2000	99,507					4,758 (6)
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	1999	91,704		17,632 (4)		1,440,000	4,738 (6)
	1998	100,000				1,425,000	5,343 (6)
Stephen G. Newberry.....	2000	596,942		1,539			126,310 (7)
President and Chief Operating Officer	1999	416,479		1,252		900,000	126,321 (7)
	1998	392,892				1,200,000	924 (7)
Hsui-Sheng (Way) Tu.....	2000	455,559		1,008			2,912 (8)
President, Asia Pacific Operations	1999	415,475		6,862		120,000	3,510 (8)
	1998	449,251		264		240,000	3,508 (8)
Mercedes Johnson.....	2000	297,043	37,500 (2)	99			6,315 (9)
Vice President, Finance, and Chief Financial Officer	1999	241,295	37,500 (2)	826		240,000	4,714 (9)
	1998	260,000	37,500 (2)	23		90,000	7,067 (9)
Richard H. Lovgren.....	2000	243,428	53,180				6,598 (10)
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	1999	213,792	26,910			72,000	5,272 (10)
	1998	228,422				30,000	4,074 (10)

- (1) Includes amounts earned and bonuses paid (if any) in fiscal 2000, 1999, and 1998 but deferred at the election of executive officer under the Company's deferred compensation plans and the Company's Employee Savings Plus Plan, a qualified defined contribution plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended).
- (2) Reflects a bonus paid on the anniversary of Ms. Johnson's employment, which Ms. Johnson designated be used to offset the principal amount of a loan extended by the Company to Ms. Johnson in April 1997. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions," below.
- (3) Includes interest earned on deferred compensation, to the extent that the interest rate exceeded 120% of the applicable federal long-term rate.
- (4) Includes \$9,979 and \$4,998 in Company-provided reimbursements for certain medical and health services.
- (5) No dividends are paid on restricted stock. The Company last issued restricted stock awards in June 1996.
- (6) Consists of the Company's matching contributions to the Company's 401(k) plan in the amounts of \$1,947 for 2000, \$1,597 for 1999 and \$1,500 for 1998; and \$2,811, \$3,141 and \$3,843 for term life insurance premiums for 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively.
- (7) Includes for fiscal 2000 and 1999 \$125,000 reflecting Mr. Newberry's interest in signing bonus received at the outset of his employment with the Company and held in his deferred compensation account, which interest vested on the first anniversary of his employment with the Company. See "Employment and Termination Agreements, Change of Control Arrangements and Retirement Benefits," "Employment Agreement with Stephen G. Newberry", below. Also includes \$1,310, \$1,321 and \$924 for term life insurance premiums for 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively.
- (8) Consists of the Company's matching contributions to the Company's 401(k) plan in the amounts of \$2,113 for 2000, \$2,606 for 1999, \$2,500 for 1998, and \$799, \$904 and \$1,008, for term life insurance premiums for 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively.
- (9) Consists of the Company's matching contributions to the Company's 401(k) plan in the amounts of \$5,260 for 2000, \$3,640 for 1999 and \$6,059 for 1998; and \$1,055, \$1,074 and \$1,008, for term life insurance premiums for 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively.
- (10) Consists of the Company's matching contributions to the Company's 401(k) plan in the amounts of \$5,543 for 2000, \$4,326 for 1999, and \$3,066 for 1998; and \$1,055, \$946 and \$1,008 for term life insurance premiums paid in 2000, 1999 and 1998 respectively.

In fiscal 1999, all named executives agreed to a reduction in base salaries and certain benefits in recognition of the financial environment effecting the semiconductor equipment industry and the Company.

No option grants were made to any of the named executives during fiscal 2000.

STOCK PLANS

The following table provides certain information concerning the exercise of options to purchase the Company's Common Stock in the fiscal year ended June 25, 2000, and the unexercised options held as of June 25, 2000 by the named executives.

AGGREGATED OPTION EXERCISES BY NAMED EXECUTIVES IN LAST FISCAL YEAR,
AND FISCAL YEAR-END OPTION VALUES

NAME	NO. OF SHARES ACQUIRED ON EXERCISE	VALUE REALIZED (\$)(1)	NO. OF UNEXERCISED OPTIONS AT FISCAL YEAR-END		VALUE OF UNEXERCISED IN-THE-MONEY OPTIONS AT FISCAL YEAR-END (2)	
			EXERCISABLE	UNEXERCISABLE	EXERCISABLE	UNEXERCISABLE
James W. Bagley.....	504,000	\$20,033,148	2,208,000	2,145,000	\$75,035,078	\$57,342,260
Stephen G. Newberry....	150,000	\$ 3,597,813	500,000	1,450,000	\$17,423,970	\$39,383,835
Hsui-Sheng (Way) Tu.....	329,032	\$ 9,681,108	83,960	225,469	\$ 2,692,994	\$ 6,876,071
Mercedes Johnson.....	195,150	\$ 5,723,011	78,900	280,950	\$ 2,824,786	\$ 9,073,482
Richard Lovgren.....	103,500	\$ 3,351,666	16,140	91,860	\$ 474,786	\$ 2,928,592

(1) Market value of underlying securities at exercise, minus the exercise price.

(2) Market value of underlying securities at fiscal year-end, minus the exercise price.

EMPLOYMENT AND TERMINATION AGREEMENTS,
CHANGE OF CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JAMES W. BAGLEY

On July 1, 1997, the Company signed an employment agreement with James W. Bagley which became effective on August 6, 1997, the day following consummation of the Merger (the "Bagley Agreement"). The term of the Bagley Agreement is five years, unless earlier terminated by the Company or Mr. Bagley. The Bagley Agreement provides for a base salary at the annualized rate of \$100,000. Mr. Bagley is not entitled to participate in any performance bonus plan of the Company, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. As an incentive to joining the Company, Mr. Bagley was granted non-qualified stock options to purchase 750,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Incentive Options"). In lieu of additional base compensation or participation in performance bonus plans, the Company granted Mr. Bagley non-qualified stock options to purchase 675,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Base Options"). In November 1998, Mr. Bagley was granted options to purchase an additional 1,440,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock. Under the Bagley Agreement, Mr. Bagley is also entitled to participate in the Company's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan and other benefit plans and compensation programs generally maintained for other key executives of the Company.

In the event of a change in control of the Company or the involuntary termination of Mr. Bagley without cause, all unvested Incentive Options will automatically be accelerated in full so as to become fully vested. Mr. Bagley will have two years from the date of termination in which to exercise such options. If Mr. Bagley's employment is involuntarily terminated without cause on or after the first anniversary of the effective date of the Bagley Agreement, he will be entitled to receive a lump sum payment of \$100,000, and an automatic vesting of any unvested portion of the Base Options that would have vested within the 1-year period following the date of such termination (which vested options may be exercised within two years of termination).

The Bagley Agreement provides that for a period of 12 months following Mr. Bagley's termination of employment with the Company (other than through expiration of the Bagley Agreement), Mr. Bagley may not perform services respecting certain aspects of semiconductor manufacturing equipment and/or software for anyone other than the Company, and may not solicit any of the Company's employees to become employed by any other business enterprise.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN G. NEWBERRY

On August 5, 1997, the Company signed an employment agreement with Stephen G. Newberry (the "Newberry Agreement"). The term of the Newberry Agreement is five years, unless earlier terminated by the Company or Mr. Newberry. The Newberry Agreement provides for a base salary at the annualized rate of \$450,000, which is to be reviewed at least annually by the Board of Directors for possible increases. Mr. Newberry is not entitled to participate in any performance bonus plan of the Company, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. As an incentive to joining the Company, Mr. Newberry was granted non-qualified stock options to purchase 600,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Incentive Options"). In lieu of additional base compensation or participation in performance bonus plans, the Company granted Mr. Newberry non-qualified stock options to purchase 300,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Base Options"). In November 1998, Mr. Newberry was granted options to purchase an additional 900,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock.

Under the Newberry Agreement, Mr. Newberry is also entitled to participate in the Company's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan and other benefit plans and compensation programs generally maintained for other key executives of the Company. Mr. Newberry also received a deferred signing bonus in the amount of \$500,000, the entire amount of which was held in a deferred compensation account, pursuant to the Company's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, with Mr. Newberry's interest in the account vesting in equal installments of 25% on each of the first four anniversaries following August 5, 1997.

In the event of a change in control of the Company or involuntary termination without cause, all unvested Incentive Options will automatically be accelerated in full so as to become fully vested, as will any Base Options that would have vested within the 1-year period following the date of such termination. Mr. Newberry will have two years from the date of termination in which to exercise such options. If Mr. Newberry's employment is involuntarily terminated without cause on or after the first anniversary of the effective date of the Newberry Agreement, he will be entitled to receive a lump sum payment equal to one times his then annual base compensation.

The Newberry Agreement provides that for a period of 12 months following Mr. Newberry's termination of employment with the Company (other than through expiration of the Newberry Agreement), Mr. Newberry may not solicit any of the Company's employees to become employed by any other business enterprise.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH MERCEDES JOHNSON

On December 11, 1999, the Company signed an employment agreement with Mercedes Johnson (the "Johnson Agreement"). The term of the Johnson Agreement is three years, unless earlier terminated by the Company or Ms. Johnson. The Johnson Agreement provides for a base salary, which is unspecified and is to be reviewed at least annually by the Board of Directors for possible increases. Ms. Johnson is not entitled to participate in any performance bonus plan of the Company, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. As an incentive to joining the Company, Ms. Johnson was granted non-qualified stock options to purchase 225,000 shares of Common Stock; and, during 1998, Ms. Johnson was granted non-qualified stock options to purchase an additional 330,000 shares of Common Stock (collectively, these option grants are referred to as the "Incentive Options"). Under the Johnson Agreement, Ms. Johnson is entitled to participate in the Company's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan and other benefit plans and compensation programs generally maintained for other key executives of the Company.

In the event of Ms. Johnson's involuntary termination without cause, Ms. Johnson will be placed on a one year leave of absence beginning on the termination date. During the leave of absence, Ms. Johnson will continue to make herself available for special projects as are delegated to her by the Company's Chief Executive Officer. She will receive her base compensation, any targeted bonus, her executive benefits (except those that are available only to Lam employees), the bonus applicable to reducing her loan from the Company (see "Loan to Mercedes Johnson" under "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" below) and continued vesting of all previously granted stock options during the leave of absence. If the involuntary termination occurs after a change in control of the company, the Incentive Options shall automatically be accelerated in full so as to become completely vested on the termination date.

The Johnson Agreement also provides that for a period of six months following the termination of any leave of absence arising as a result of involuntary termination Ms. Johnson may not solicit any of the Company's employees to become employed in any other business enterprise.

CHANGE OF CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to the change of control provisions in the foregoing agreements, the Company's Stock Option Plans and Employee Stock Purchase Plans provide that, upon a merger of the Company with or into another corporation, or the sale of substantially all of the assets of the Company, each outstanding option or right to purchase Common Stock shall be assumed, or an equivalent option or right substituted by the successor corporation or a parent or subsidiary of the successor corporation. In the event that the successor corporation does not agree to assume the option or right, or substitute an equivalent option or right, some or all of the options granted under certain of the Stock Option Plans shall be fully exercisable and all of the rights granted under the Employee Stock Purchase Plans shall be fully exercisable following the merger for a period of time from the date of notice by the Board of Directors. Following the expiration of such periods, the options and rights will terminate. Under certain other Stock Option Plans, the Plan Administrator may make other adjustments or provisions to compensate option holders.

RETIREMENT MEDICAL AND DENTAL BENEFITS

The Board of Directors approved a plan in July 1996 allowing executives who retire from the Company to continue to participate in the Company's group medical and dental plans after retirement. Additionally, in July 1998, the Board amended the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan to provide that any participant 55 years or older may petition the Board for an early distribution of benefits under the Plan. Any such early distribution would not effect a participant's ability to continue to participate and earn benefits under this Plan.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

LOAN TO ROGER D. EMERICK

In April 1996, Roger D. Emerick, then Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, borrowed \$600,000 from the Company pursuant to a promissory note bearing interest at 5.05% per annum. In April 1997, and again in April 1998 and April 1999, the loan was renewed by the Company. In August 1999, Mr. Emerick repaid in full the promissory note and all accrued interest. As of September 1, 1999, no loan principal or accrued interest remains outstanding.

LOAN TO MERCEDES JOHNSON

In connection with her initial and continued employment, the Company made Mercedes Johnson, Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer as of May 1, 1997, a loan in the amount of \$150,000. The loan bears no interest and is payable in equal annual installments over a 4-year period. On each of the first four anniversaries of Ms. Johnson's employment, the Company will pay Ms. Johnson a bonus in the amount of \$37,500, which amount will be used to offset the loan. In the event Ms. Johnson terminates her employment with the Company, she will be required to pay the outstanding balance of the loan in accordance with its terms. As of September 5, 2000, \$37,500 remains due and owing under the loan (and subject to future offset).

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH ROGER D. EMERICK

In July 1996, the Company signed an employment agreement with Roger D. Emerick, then Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The agreement, which became effective on July 1, 1996, provided that Mr. Emerick was to serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Company for a period of two years, which period extended automatically (but not beyond June 30, 2002) unless terminated by the Company or Mr. Emerick with at least 180 days' advance notice. In the event Mr. Emerick ceased to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, Mr. Emerick was originally to serve as a consultant to the Company through June 30, 2002. The agreement was amended, however, on June 26, 1997, to provide for the continued employment of Mr. Emerick following the appointment of James W. Bagley as Chief Executive

Officer of the Company and again amended to reflect Mr. Emerick's resignation as Chairman of the Board of Directors, effective September 1, 1998, and continued service as an employee of the Company (as amended, the "Emerick Agreement"). As provided in the Emerick Agreement, Mr. Emerick's employment with the Company continued until June 30, 1998, which period is automatically extended (but not beyond June 30, 2002), unless terminated by the Company or Mr. Emerick with at least 180 days' advance notice, during which time Mr. Emerick shall perform such strategic, senior-level duties and responsibilities as the Company's Chief Executive Officer may assign to him. Upon expiration of Mr. Emerick's employment period, Mr. Emerick shall continue to serve as a consultant to the Company through June 30, 2002 (unless such consultancy is otherwise terminated, as provided in the Emerick Agreement).

The Emerick Agreement provided for an initial annual base salary of \$621,857 during the employment period. Effective September 1, 1998, the salary was adjusted to an annualized rate equivalent to \$33,333 per month. The Emerick Agreement also provides for an annual performance bonus of up to 50% of base salary based on attainment of certain performance targets established by the Company's Board of Directors. For services as a consultant, the Company will pay Mr. Emerick a monthly consulting fee of \$33,333. Mr. Emerick also participates in all of the incentive compensation plans and programs generally available to the senior management of the Company, as well as any employee benefit plan maintained by the Company for its employees. If Mr. Emerick's employment is involuntarily terminated without cause, he will be entitled to receive his targeted bonus amount, plus an amount equal to the consulting fee, for the period beginning on the date of termination and ending June 30, 2002, subject to a maximum of 48 months, as well as certain other benefits. In addition, upon involuntary termination without cause or a change in control of the Company, the unvested portion of Mr. Emerick's stock options and restricted stock will automatically be accelerated in full so as to become fully vested. The Emerick Agreement provides that for a period of 24 months following Mr. Emerick's termination of employment with the Company, Mr. Emerick may not perform services for any direct competitor of the Company, and may not solicit any of the Company's employees to become employed by any other business enterprise.

In July 1998, Mr. Emerick petitioned the Board to receive an early distribution of benefits under the Company's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan. Beginning September 1, 1998, Mr. Emerick received a monthly distribution of \$8,000 of benefits due him under the plan.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

No persons who were members of the Compensation Committee during fiscal year 2000 had any relationship requiring disclosure under this section.

REPORT OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in any of the Company's previous filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act"), or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), that might incorporate all or portions of future filings, including this Proxy Statement, the following Report of the Compensation Committee, and the Performance Graph below, shall not be incorporated by reference into any such filings, nor shall they be deemed to be soliciting material or deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

The Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors, composed of three non-employee directors, determines and administers the Company's executive compensation policies and programs. This committee also approves grants of stock options, restricted stock, deferred stock and performance share awards to officers and other employees of the Company.

COMPENSATION POLICIES

One of the Committee's primary goals in setting compensation policies is to maintain competitive, progressive programs to attract, retain and motivate high-caliber executives, foster teamwork and maximize the long-term success of the Company by appropriately rewarding such individuals for their achievements.

Another goal is to provide an incentive to executives to focus efforts on long-term strategic goals for the Company by closely aligning their financial interests with stockholder interests. To attain these goals, the Committee has designed the Company's executive compensation program to include base salary, annual incentives and long-term incentives.

In formulating and administering the individual elements of the Company's executive compensation program, the Committee emphasizes planning, implementing and achieving long-term objectives and strives to use prudent judgment in establishing performance objectives, evaluating performance and determining actual incentive awards.

The Committee believes that the Company's executive compensation programs have met these objectives. The Company has been able to attract and retain the executive talent necessary to support the corporation and promote long-term growth. The Company has also been able to reduce the payment of bonuses during those periods, such as fiscal 1999, in which the Company's revenue and gross margins were depressed.

COMPENSATION COMPONENTS

Base Salary

The Committee establishes the base salaries of executive officers, after review of relevant data of other executives with similar responsibilities from published industry reports and surveys of similarly situated companies. Accordingly, the Committee strives to maintain the Company's annual executive salaries at levels competitive with the market average base salaries of executive officers in similar positions. The market comprises similarly sized high-technology companies within and outside the Company's industry. In addition, a large portion of each executive officer's compensation may be annual incentives in the form of a cash bonus, provided certain target performance objectives are met.

Annual Incentives

Incentive bonuses may be provided to executives as part of a competitive compensation package. The bonus levels are intended to provide the appropriate elements of variability and risk. Bonus payments may be tied specifically to targeted corporate performance. The Committee will establish a base bonus amount, determined through review of a competitive market survey for executives at similar levels, which will be incrementally reduced if the Company does not meet its targeted performance or increased if the Company exceeds its targeted performance. There is no minimum or maximum percentage by which a bonus can be reduced or increased.

Long-Term Incentives

Stock Options

The Committee grants stock options to focus an executive's attention on the long-term performance of the Company and on maximizing stockholder value. The grant of stock options is closely tied to individual executive performance. The Committee grants such stock options after a review of various factors, including the executive's potential contributions to the Company, current equity ownership in the Company and vesting rates of existing stock options, if any. Stock options are granted with an exercise price equal to the current fair market value of the Company's stock and utilize vesting periods intended to encourage retention of executive officers. Because of the direct benefit executive officers receive through improved stock performance, the Committee believes stock options serve to align the interests of executive officers closely with those of other stockholders.

Restricted Stock

Restricted stock awards may be granted to executives under the 1996 Restricted Stock Plan (which was approved by the Company's stockholders in 1995). The award of restricted stock is based on the Company's performance measured against quarterly targets. Because the restricted stock does not vest until five years

after the date of the award, the 1996 Restricted Stock Plan is expected to serve as a retention tool, as well as a means of aligning executive and stockholder interests. Shares were last issued under the Restricted Stock Plan in June 1996.

Deferred Compensation Plan

Another component of the Company's executive compensation program is the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Deferred Plan"), a voluntary, non-tax-qualified, deferred compensation plan that encourages officers to save for retirement. Under the Deferred Plan, participants are entitled to defer compensation until retirement, death, other termination of employment, or until specified dates. As amended by the Board in July 1998, Deferred Plan participants 55 years or older may petition the Board for an early distribution of benefits, which early distribution would not affect the participant's ability to continue to participate or earn benefits under the Deferred Plan. Participants receive a fixed-rate yield based on the average annual interest rate of 10-year United States Treasury Notes for the previous ten years. An enhanced yield of up to 115% of the fixed-rate yield will be payable in the event of death, retirement under certain circumstances, and termination of employment after plan participation for a specified number of years. Because the benefits of the Deferred Plan increase with each year of participation, offering the Deferred Plan to executives encourages them to stay with the Company.

COMPENSATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Committee bases the compensation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer on the policies and procedures described above. In determining the Chief Executive Officer's base salary and bonus (if any), the Committee examines compensation levels for other chief executive officers in high-technology firms within and outside the industry. The Committee compares this information to the relevant performance of such firms relative to the Company's performance.

James W. Bagley

In accordance with the Bagley Agreement, Mr. Bagley, Chief Executive Officer since August 6, 1997, received a base salary in fiscal 2000 of \$100,000. Mr. Bagley is not entitled to participate in any performance bonus plan of the Company, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. As an incentive to joining the Company, Mr. Bagley was granted in 1997 non-qualified stock options to purchase 1,425,000 shares of Common Stock and received an additional grant in fiscal 1999 of options to purchase 1,440,000 shares of Common Stock. See the discussion of Mr. Bagley's Employment Agreement in "Employment and Termination Agreements, Change of Control Arrangements and Retirement Benefits," above.

EFFECT OF SECTION 162(M) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

Section 162(m) of the Code generally limits the corporate deduction for compensation paid to certain executive officers to \$1 million, unless the compensation is performance-based. The Committee has carefully considered the potential impact of this tax code provision on the Company and has concluded in general that the best interests of the Company and the stockholders will be served if certain of the Company's stock-based long-term incentives qualify as performance-based compensation within the meaning of the Code. It is the Committee's intention that, so long as it is consistent with the Company's overall compensation objectives, virtually all executive compensation will be deductible by the Company for federal income tax purposes.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

David G. Arscott
Jack R. Harris
Grant M. Inman

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COMPARATIVE STOCK PERFORMANCE

Set forth below is a line graph comparing the cumulative total stockholder return on the Company's Common Stock ("LRCX") for the last five fiscal years against the cumulative total return on the Nasdaq National Market Index (U.S. companies only) ("NASDAQ") and the Salomon Smith Barney Semiconductor Equipment Index ("SSB") over the same period. The graph and table assume that the

investment in the Company's Common Stock and each index was \$100 on July 1, 1995, and that dividends, if any, were reinvested. This data was furnished by Salomon Smith Barney. The Nasdaq National Market Index and the Salomon Smith Barney Semiconductor Equipment Index are based on a calendar year. The Company's return is based on its fiscal year. The stock price performance shown on the graph is not necessarily indicative of future price performance.
 [PERFORMANCE GRAPH]

	SSB ---	NASD ----	LRCX ----
1-Jul-95	100.0000	100.0000	100.0000
	120.1060	107.2590	106.6420
	118.4530	109.2840	94.1405
30-Sep-95	115.6740	111.7940	93.3624
	110.4560	110.9930	95.1202
	103.2640	113.4710	85.5482
31-Dec-95	86.1175	112.7140	71.4855
	83.6383	113.5350	66.7979
	81.1331	117.8480	57.6197
31-Mar-96	75.3714	117.9920	54.6899
	89.8739	127.5400	63.2822
	87.1972	133.2080	62.1103
30-Jun-96	70.2484	126.9510	40.6272
	58.9536	115.7630	34.7677
	61.6134	122.2880	36.9146
30-Sep-96	68.5633	131.4390	41.6022
	65.8488	130.8600	38.0865
	88.7207	137.9100	56.0540
31-Dec-96	86.6293	138.3070	43.9460
	116.3820	147.8230	63.0854
	110.3180	140.2320	59.5697
31-Mar-97	101.6350	130.8800	52.7352
	110.2370	135.0640	45.3148
	135.4020	150.0160	56.8368
30-Jun-97	142.1840	154.4880	57.9103
	182.7660	170.7440	82.6185
	193.3600	170.0490	88.2811
30-Sep-97	201.7570	180.5870	72.6574
	144.6320	170.7230	56.4478
	134.7620	171.4660	47.8507
31-Dec-97	123.6580	168.2310	45.7038
	128.9040	173.4810	35.6443
	155.3440	189.6740	44.1429
31-Mar-98	146.3000	196.6550	43.9460
	153.1710	200.1620	48.4367
	130.4850	190.5690	37.2053
30-Jun-98	117.5010	202.9820	29.8833
	122.5680	200.5880	28.0270
	88.8206	160.6140	17.0909
30-Sep-98	85.9747	181.4600	15.6237
	120.7430	189.7680	22.5613
	135.1450	208.8530	27.9286
31-Dec-98	147.8430	234.9020	27.8301
	212.8150	268.4550	59.9634
	183.0820	245.1150	46.1913
31-Mar-99	195.0110	263.6890	45.3148
	176.0440	272.4140	49.2195
	183.8830	264.6650	43.3601
30-Jun-99	245.1730	287.7630	72.9527
	241.3270	282.6600	86.5232
	239.6340	293.4650	88.1873
30-Sep-99	264.5470	294.1950	95.3124
	299.8600	317.7920	131.9360
	331.7220	357.4010	121.2910
31-Dec-99	422.0650	435.9430	174.3170
	453.6890	422.1280	195.1200
	609.5050	503.1540	243.9510
31-Mar-00	589.7370	489.8850	211.2310
	608.6290	413.5910	215.0420
	488.0040	364.3380	150.5880
30-Jun-00	567.2950	424.8870	175.7840
	481.1940	403.5560	137.1110

PROPOSAL NO. 2
 RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF
 INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Unless marked to the contrary, proxies received will be voted "FOR" the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent auditors for the Company for the current fiscal year. Ernst & Young LLP has been the Company's independent auditors since fiscal year 1981.

The audit services of Ernst & Young LLP during fiscal 2000 included the examination of the consolidated financial statements of the Company and services related to filings with the SEC and other regulatory bodies.

The Audit Committee of the Company meets with Ernst & Young LLP on an annual or more frequent basis. At such time, the Audit Committee reviews both

audit and non-audit services performed by Ernst & Young LLP for the preceding year, as well as the fees charged for such services. Among other things, the

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Committee examines the effect that the performance of non-audit services may have upon the independence of the auditors.

A representative of Ernst & Young LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and will have an opportunity to make a statement if he or she so desires. The representative will also be available to respond to appropriate questions from the stockholders.

Approval of Proposal No. 2 will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock present or represented and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR"
THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001.

SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's executive officers, directors and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of the Company's equity securities to file an initial report of ownership on Form 3 and changes in ownership on Forms 4 or 5 with the SEC. Executive officers, directors and greater than 10% stockholders are also required by SEC rules to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Specific due dates for these reports have been established, and the Company is required to disclose in this Proxy Statement any failure to file such reports on a timely basis. Based solely on its review of the copies of such forms received by it, or written representations from certain reporting persons, the Company believes that all of these requirements were satisfied during the last fiscal year.

OTHER MATTERS

The Company knows of no other matters to be submitted to the meeting. If any other matters properly come before the meeting, it is the intention of the proxy holders named in the enclosed form of Proxy to vote the shares they represent as the Board of Directors may recommend.

It is important that your stock be represented at the meeting, regardless of the number of shares which you hold. You are, therefore, urged to execute and return, at your earliest convenience, the accompanying proxy card in the envelope which has been enclosed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

LOGO
Richard H. Lovgren
Secretary

Fremont, California
Dated: October 6, 2000

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THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
LAM RESEARCH CORPORATION
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
2000 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
TO BE HELD ON
NOVEMBER 2, 2000

The undersigned stockholder of LAM RESEARCH CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), hereby acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement, each dated October 6, 2000, and 2000 Annual Report to Stockholders, and hereby appoints James W. Bagley and Richard H. Lovgren, or either of them, proxy holders and

attorneys-in-fact, with full power to each of substitution, on behalf and in the name of the undersigned, to represent the undersigned at the 2000 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of LAM RESEARCH CORPORATION to be held on Thursday, November 2, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. local time, at the principal executive offices of the Company at 4650 Cushing Parkway, Fremont, California 94538, and for any adjournment or adjournments thereof, and to vote all shares of Common Stock which the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then and there personally present, on the matters set forth below and, in their discretion, upon such other matter or matters which may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED OR, IF NO CONTRARY DIRECTION IS INDICATED, WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND, AS SAID PROXY HOLDERS DEEM ADVISABLE, ON SUCH OTHER MATTER OR MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.

CONTINUED AND TO BE SIGNED ON REVERSE SIDE

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

1. Election of Directors:

FOR all nominees listed WITHHOLD
below (except as
indicated)

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(IF YOU WISH TO WITHHOLD AUTHORITY TO VOTE FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL NOMINEE, STRIKE A LINE THROUGH THAT NOMINEE'S NAME IN THE LIST BELOW)

James W. Bagley; Roger D. Emerick; David G. Arscott; Richard J. Elkus, Jr.; Jack R. Harris; Grant M. Inman; Kenneth M. Thompson

2. Proposal to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent auditors of the Company for the fiscal year 2001:

For Against Abstain
[] [] []

(This Proxy should be marked, dated and signed by the stockholder(s) exactly as his or her name appears hereon, and returned promptly in the enclosed envelope. Persons signing in a fiduciary capacity should so indicate. If shares are held by joint tenants or as community property, all such stockholders should sign.)

Signature(s):

Dated: -----, 2000
(Be sure to date Proxy.)

Please mark, sign, date and return the proxy card promptly, using the enclosed return-addressed and postage-paid envelope.