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Re:

DIVISION OF

ORATION FINANCE

**Intel Corporation** 

Dear Mr. Mueller:

This is in regard to your letter dated February 21, 2014 concerning the shareholder proposal submitted by Investor Voice on behalf of Eric Rehm and Mary Geary for inclusion in Intel's proxy materials for its upcoming annual meeting of security holders. Your letter indicates that the proponents have withdrawn the proposal and that Intel therefore withdraws its January 13, 2014 request for a no-action letter from the Division. Because the matter is now moot, we will have no further comment.

Copies of all of the correspondence related to this matter will be made available on our website at http://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/cf-noaction/14a-8.shtml. For your reference, a brief discussion of the Division's informal procedures regarding shareholder proposals is also available at the same website address.

Sincerely,

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cc:

Bruce T. Herbert Investor Voice, SPC team@investorvoice.net

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February 21, 2014

### VIA E-MAIL

Office of Chief Counsel
Division of Corporation Finance
Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Re: Intel Corporation

Stockholder Proposal of Investor Voice, SPC, on behalf of Eric Rehm and Mary Geary

Securities Exchange Act of 1934—Rule 14a-8

### Ladies and Gentlemen:

In a letter dated January 13, 2014, we requested that the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance concur that our client, Intel Corporation (the "Company"), could exclude from its proxy statement and form of proxy for its 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders a stockholder proposal (the "Proposal") and statement in support thereof submitted by Investor Voice, SPC ("Investor Voice"), on behalf of Eric Rehm and Mary Geary (the "Stockholders").

Enclosed as Exhibit A is an email from a representative of Investor Voice, dated February 18, 2014, withdrawing the Proposal on behalf of the Stockholders. In reliance on this email, we hereby withdraw the January 13, 2014 no-action request relating to the Company's ability to exclude the Proposal pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 955-8671 or Irving S. Gomez, the Company's Senior Counsel, Corporate Legal Group, at (408) 653-7868.

Sincerely,

Ronald O. Mueller

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Enclosure

cc: Irving S. Gomez, Intel Corporation

Bruce T. Herbert, Chief Executive, Investor Voice, SPC

**EXHIBIT A** 

From: Bruce Herbert - Team IV [mailto:team@investorvoice.net]

Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2014 6:31 PM

To: 'Gomez, Irving S'; ShareholderProposals@sec.gov

Cc: Mueller, Ronald O.; 'Klafter, Cary'

Subject: Re: INTC. Shareholder Proposal on Vote-Counting.

Importance: High

Seattle

Tuesday 2/18/2014

Dear Irving,

Thank you, it was a pleasure to speak again.

The proposed language looks good.

With the understanding that this version will appear in the upcoming 2014 proxy, we hereby formally withdraw the shareholder proposal submitted by letter dated December 4, 2013 on behalf of Eric Rehm & Mary Geary.

This communication is being cc'ed to the SEC.

We look forward to discussions to come - many thanks!

Sincerely, ... Bruce

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Geary

Securities Exchange Act of 1934—Rule 14a-8

### Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to inform you that our client, Intel Corporation (the "Company"), intends to omit from its proxy statement and form of proxy for its 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (collectively, the "2014 Proxy Materials") a stockholder proposal (the "Proposal") and statement in support thereof received from Investor Voice, SPC ("Investor Voice"), on behalf of Eric Rehm and Mary Geary (the "Stockholders").

### Pursuant to Rule 14a-8(j), we have:

- filed this letter with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") no later than eighty (80) calendar days before the Company intends to file its definitive 2014 Proxy Materials with the Commission; and
- concurrently sent copies of this correspondence to Investor Voice.

Rule 14a-8(k) and Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14D (Nov. 7, 2008) ("SLB 14D") provide that stockholder proponents are required to send companies a copy of any correspondence that the proponents elect to submit to the Commission or the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance (the "Staff"). Accordingly, we are taking this opportunity to inform Investor Voice and the Stockholders that if they elect to submit additional correspondence to the Commission or the Staff with respect to this Proposal, a copy of that correspondence should be furnished concurrently to the undersigned on behalf of the Company pursuant to Rule 14a-8(k) and SLB 14D.

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#### THE PROPOSAL

### The Proposal states:

RESOLVED: Shareholders of Intel Corporation ("Intel" or "Company") hereby ask the Board of Directors to amend the Company's governing documents to provide that all matters presented to shareholders shall be decided by a simple majority of the shares voted FOR and AGAINST an item (or, "withheld" in the case of board elections). This policy shall apply to all matters unless shareholders have approved higher thresholds, or applicable laws or stock exchange regulations dictate otherwise.

A copy of the Proposal, as well as related correspondence from Investor Voice, is attached to this letter as Exhibit A.

### **BASES FOR EXCLUSION**

We hereby respectfully request that the Staff concur in our view that the Proposal may be excluded from the 2014 Proxy Materials pursuant to:

- Rule 14a-8(b) and Rule 14a-8(f)(1) because the Stockholders failed to provide an
  adequate statement of intent to hold the requisite shares through the date of the 2014
  Annual Meeting;
- Rule 14a-8(f) because Investor Voice is not a stockholder and failed to provide adequate proof that it is acting on behalf of the Stockholders under Rule 14a-8(b);
- Rule 14a-8(i)(3) because the Proposal is false and misleading in violation of Rule 14a-9; and
- Rule 14a-8(i)(3) because the Proposal is impermissibly vague and indefinite so as to be inherently misleading.

### **BACKGROUND**

In a letter dated December 3, 2013 which was received by the Company on December 4, 2013, Investor Voice submitted the Proposal to the Company via overnight delivery purportedly on behalf of the Stockholders. See Exhibit A. Investor Voice's submission requested that the Company identify Investor Voice as the "sponsor" of the Proposal in the Company's proxy statement. Investor Voice's submission did not contain any documentation to support Investor Voice's claim that the Stockholders had authorized Investor Voice to submit the Proposal on their behalf. Investor Voice's submission also did not contain any proof of ownership of the Company's shares by Investor Voice or the

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Stockholders, and did not include a statement from Investor Voice or the Stockholders as to its or their own respective intention to hold the requisite number of Company shares through the date of the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Instead, Investor Voice's submission included a statement from Investor Voice that "the clients [i.e., the Stockholders] state their intent to continue to hold a requisite quantity of shares in the Company through the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders."

Accordingly, after the Company verified that Investor Voice and the Stockholders were not stockholders of record, the undersigned sent a deficiency notice to Investor Voice on the Company's behalf on December 18, 2013 (the "Deficiency Notice," attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit B">Exhibit B</a>), which was sent on that day via overnight delivery within 14 days of the date the Company received the Proposal. Because the materials submitted by Investor Voice contained a number of deficiencies, the Deficiency Notice expressly identified each deficiency; explained the steps Investor Voice or the Stockholders could take to cure each of the deficiencies; and stated that the Commission's rules required any response to the Deficiency Notice to be postmarked or transmitted electronically no later than 14 calendar days from the date the Deficiency Notice was received. The Deficiency Notice also included a copy of Rule 14a-8 and SEC Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14F (Oct. 18, 2011).

Specifically, the Deficiency Notice stated that because Investor Voice's letter indicated that "Investor Voice is the sponsor" of the Proposal, it was unclear whether the proponent was Investor Voice or the Stockholders, and requested that the proponent be clearly identified. The Deficiency Notice also specified the information that Investor Voice had to provide if it is the proponent of the Proposal, to demonstrate its continuous ownership of Company shares for the one-year period preceding and including the date the Proposal was submitted and to confirm its intention to continue to hold the requisite number of Company shares through the date of the Company's 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Finally, the Deficiency Notice specified the information that needed to be provided to the Company to satisfy these requirements if the Stockholders are the proponents of the Proposal, including evidence that the Stockholders had authorized Investor Voice to submit the Proposal on their behalf as of the date the Proposal was submitted (December 3, 2013). Our records confirm delivery of the Deficiency Notice at 9:51 a.m. on December 19, 2013. See Exhibit C.

The Company received Investor Voice's response to the Deficiency Notice on December 27, 2013 (the "Deficiency Response Letter," attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit D">Exhibit D</a>.) The Deficiency Response Letter included, among other things, a document dated November 28, 2012, more than a year before the Proposal was submitted, and signed by the Stockholders (the "Authorization Letter"), stating:

I/we hereby authorize and appoint Investor Voice ... to represent me/us for the securities that I/we hold in all matters relating to shareholder engagement – including but not limited to proxy voting; the submission, negotiation, and withdrawal of shareholder proposals; and attending and presenting at

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shareholder meetings.... This authorization and appointment is intended to be durable, and is forward-looking as well as retroactive.

The Authorization Letter also states that "any company receiving a shareholder proposal under this appointment and grant of authority" shall, among other things, "direct all correspondence, questions, or communications regarding same to Investor Voice."

The Deficiency Response Letter also included a document dated November 28, 2012 and signed by the Stockholders stating, "By this letter, I/we hereby express my/our intent to hold a sufficient value of stock (as defined within SEC Rule 14a-8) from the time of filing a shareholder proposal through the date of the subsequent annual meeting of shareholders" and stating that the letter "applies to the shares of any company that I/we own at which a shareholder proposal is filed (whether directly or on my/our behalf)." None of the documents from the Stockholders that were provided by Investor Voice specifically refer to the Company or the Proposal. The 14-day deadline to respond to the deficiency notice expired on January 2, 2014, and the Company has not received any other correspondence from Investor Voice or the Stockholders addressing these deficiencies.

### **ANALYSIS**

I. The Proposal May Be Excluded Under Rule 14a-8(b) And Rule 14a-8(f)(1)

Because The Stockholders Failed To Provide An Adequate Statement Of Intent
To Hold The Requisite Shares Through The Date Of The 2014 Annual Meeting.

The Company may exclude the Proposal under Rule 14a-8(f)(1) because the Stockholders did not substantiate their eligibility to submit the Proposal under Rule 14a-8(b). Rule 14a-8(b)(1) provides, in part, that "[i]n order to be eligible to submit a proposal, you [the stockholder] must . . . continue to hold those securities [i.e., at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the company's securities] through the date of the meeting." Rule 14a-8(b)(2) further provides, as relevant here, "at the time you [the stockholder] submit your proposal, you must prove your eligibility to the company in one of two ways.... You must also include your own written statement that you intend to continue to hold the securities through the date of the meeting of shareholders." See also Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14 (July 13, 2001) ("SLB 14") (specifying that a stockholder is responsible for providing the company with a written statement that he or she intends to continue holding the requisite number of shares through the date of the stockholder meeting). Rule 14a-8(f) provides that a company may exclude a stockholder proposal if the proponent fails to provide evidence of eligibility under Rule 14a-8, including the ownership requirements of Rule 14a-8(b), provided that the company timely notifies the proponent of the problem and the proponent fails to correct the deficiency within the required time.

Rule 14a-8 clarifies that "[t]he references to 'you' are to a *shareholder* seeking to submit the proposal" (emphasis added).

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The Staff consistently has concurred in the exclusion of stockholder proposals submitted by proponents who have failed to provide the requisite written statement of intent to continue holding the requisite amount of shares through the date of the stockholder meeting at which the proposal will be voted on by stockholders. For example, in General Mills, Inc. (avail. June 25, 2013), the Staff concurred that the company could exclude a stockholder proposal where the proponent failed to provide a written statement of intent to hold its securities in response to the company's deficiency notice. See also General Electric Co. (avail. Jan. 30, 2012); International Business Machines Corp. (avail. Dec. 28, 2010); Fortune Brands, Inc. (avail, Apr. 7, 2009); Rite Aid Corp. (avail, Mar. 26, 2009); Exelon Corp. (avail, Feb. 23, 2009); Fortune Brands, Inc. (avail. Feb. 12, 2009); Sempra Energy (avail. Jan. 21, 2009); Washington Mutual, Inc. (avail. Dec. 31, 2007); Sempra Energy (avail. Dec. 28, 2006); SBC Communications Inc. (avail. Jan. 2, 2004); IVAX Corp. (avail. Mar. 20, 2003); Avaya, Inc. (avail. July 19, 2002); Exxon Mobil Corp. (avail. Jan. 16, 2001); McDonnell Douglas Corp. (avail. Feb. 4, 1997) (in each case the Staff concurred in the exclusion of a stockholder proposal where the proponents did not provide a written statement of intent to hold the requisite number of company shares through the date of the meeting at which the proposal would be voted on by stockholders).

In addition, the Staff has concurred in the exclusion of stockholder proposals where the statement provided by a stockholder was not an adequate statement of the proponent's intention to continue holding the requisite amount of shares through the date of the stockholder meeting at which the proposal will be voted on by stockholders. For example, in Energen Corporation (avail. Feb. 22, 2011), the Staff concurred that the company could exclude the proposal under Rule 14a-8(f) where the written statement of intent to hold the company's securities was provided by the proponents' representative, rather than the proponents themselves. See also The Cheesecake Factory Inc. (avail. Mar. 27, 2012) (concurring in the exclusion of a stockholder proposal where the written statement of intent stated that the proponents intend to continue to own an unspecified number of shares in the company through the date of the company's annual meeting of stockholders but did not specify an intent to continue to own the requisite number of shares required under Rule 14a-8(b)); SBC Communications Inc. (avail. Jan. 12, 2004) (concurring in the exclusion of a stockholder proposal where the written statement of intent stated that the proponents intend to continue to own their shares in the company for an unspecified period of time but did not specify an intent to continue to own the shares through the date of the company's subsequent annual meeting).

As with the proposals cited above, Investor Voice and the Stockholders have failed to provide an adequate written statement that, as of the date the Proposal was submitted, the Stockholders intend to hold the requisite amount of Company shares through the date of the Company's 2014 Annual Meeting as required by Rule 14a-8(b). The statement from Investor Voice, included in Investor Voice's initial submission to the Company, that "the clients [i.e., the Stockholders] state their intent to continue to hold a requisite quantity of

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shares in the Company through the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders" is not sufficient because it was not made by the Stockholders, as required by Rule 14a-8(b). Pursuant to Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i), "[y]ou [the stockholder] must . . . include your own written statement that you intend to continue to hold the securities through the date of the meeting of shareholders" (emphasis added). The Staff has further explained that "[t]he shareholder must provide this written statement." See SLB 14, Question (C)(1)(d). As in Energen, where, as discussed above, the proponents' representative provided a statement of its intent to hold the company's securities on behalf of the proponents, Investor Voice's statement that "the clients [i.e., the Stockholders] state their intent" to hold Company shares does not meet the requirement in Rule 14a-8(b)(2) for the stockholder to provide its own written statement of its intention to hold the Company's shares.

In addition, despite the Company's timely Deficiency Notice, the Company has not been provided the requisite written statement of the Stockholders that, at the time the Proposal was submitted, they intend to hold the requisite amount of Company shares through the date of the Company's 2014 Annual Meeting, as required by Rule 14a-8(b). Here, the statement of intent provided by Investor Voice in response to the Deficiency Notice is even more generalized than the statements at issue in Energen, The Cheesecake Factory and SBC Communications, where, as described above, the Staff concurred in the exclusion of the stockholder proposals. Specifically, in response to the Company's timely Deficiency Notice, Investor Voice provided a generic letter from the Stockholders addressed "To Whom It May Concern" and dated as of November 28, 2012, more than 12 months in advance of the date the Proposal was submitted. The November 28, 2012 letter purports to represent the intention of one or both of the Stockholders to hold stock in an unspecified company through the date of an unspecified annual meeting, for purposes of any and all stockholder proposals that may be submitted by or on behalf of one or both of the Stockholders. The November 28, 2012 letter even claims to operate for all eternity, in that it states it is "intended to be durable, and forward-looking as well as retroactive."

The November 28, 2012 letter provided by Investor Voice is so vague and indefinite that it cannot credibly be relied upon to represent the intentions of both of the Stockholders as of the time the Proposal was submitted to the Company, as the letter does not identify the company stock or the annual meeting to which it relates, and is dated more than a full year before the Proposal was submitted. Moreover, the Company has received correspondence only from Investor Voice, purporting to act on behalf of the Stockholders, and thus, there is no reasonable assurance that the Stockholders' intent to hold the requisite number of shares of the Company has not changed since November 28, 2012, the date of the Stockholders' letter provided by Investor Voice. In response to the Deficiency Notice, the Company has not been provided a timely and sufficient statement to satisfy the Stockholders' responsibility under Rule 14a-8(b) to demonstrate that, at the time the Proposal was submitted to the Company, the Stockholders intend to hold Company shares through the date of the Company's 2014 Annual Meeting. Investor Voice and the Stockholders thus failed to satisfy the requirements of Rule 14a-8, which places the burden of proving eligibility on the

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proposing stockholder, not the Company. Accordingly, the Proposal is excludable under Rule 14a-8(b) and Rule 14a-8(f)(1).

II. The Proposal May Be Excluded Under Rule 14a-8(f) Because Investor Voice Is Not a Stockholder and Failed To Provide Adequate Proof That It Is Acting On Behalf Of The Stockholders Under Rule 14a-8(b).

The Proposal also is excludable because Investor Voice failed to provide adequate proof that it is acting on behalf of the Stockholders. As discussed below, because Authorization Letter provided by Investor Voice fails to demonstrate that, as of the date the Proposal was submitted to the Company, Investor Voice was authorized to submit the Proposal to the Company on behalf of the Stockholders, Investor Voice cannot satisfy the Rule 14a-8(b) ownership requirement by presenting evidence of the Stockholders' ownership of the Company's shares, so the Proposal can be excluded pursuant to Rule 14a-8(f).

The Commission's stockholder proposal rule requires that the person submitting a proposal be a security holder of the company to which the proposal is submitted. SLB 14 specifies that when the stockholder is not the registered holder, the stockholder "is responsible for proving his or her eligibility to submit a proposal to the company." Rule 14a-8(b)(1) provides, in relevant part, that "[i]n order to be eligible to submit a proposal, you must have continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the company's securities entitled to be voted on the proposal at the meeting for at least one year by the date you submit the proposal." Rule 14a-8 clarifies that "[t]he references to 'you' are to a shareholder seeking to submit the proposal" (emphasis added). Consistent with this requirement, and in contrast to the approach followed by Investor Voice, representatives of stockholders routinely include written authorization from the represented stockholder to submit a particular proposal to a particular company in the initial submission of a proposal.<sup>2</sup>

The Rule 14a-8(b) share ownership requirements were put in place in part due to a widespread desire to curtail abuse of the stockholder proposal process by persons who were not stockholders. In 1983, when the Commission adopted a minimum ownership threshold and holding period for the submission of stockholder proposals, the Commission stated that:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These facts are in contrast to those in Raytheon Co. (avail. Mar. 13, 2008, recon. granted on other grounds Mar. 28, 2008), where the Staff declined to concur in the exclusion of a proposal that a stockholder's representative submitted on behalf of the stockholder. In Raytheon, the company initially did not receive any documentation of the representative's authorization to submit the proposal on the shareholder's behalf, but the representative subsequently provided such documentation, and it was dated as of the date the proposal had been submitted. Here, on the other hand, the Authorization Letter from the Stockholders is generic, not identifying the Company, the Proposal or the meeting for which the Proposal is intended, and is dated more than a year before the Proposal was submitted.

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A majority of the commentators . . . supported the concept of a minimum investment and/or a holding period as a condition to eligibility under Rule 14a-8. Many of those commentators expressed the view that abuse of the security holder proposal rule could be curtailed by requiring shareholders who put the company and other shareholders to the expense of including a proposal in a proxy statement to have some measured economic stake or investment interest in the corporation. The Commission believes that there is merit to those views and is adopting the eligibility requirement as proposed.

Release No. 34-20091 (Aug. 16, 1983) (the "1983 Release").

Consistent with the 1983 Release, the Staff has found that a proponent cannot circumvent the Rule 14a-8 ownership requirements by using another "nominal proponent" to satisfy Rule 14a-8(b). In TRW Inc. (avail. Jan. 24, 2001), John Chevedden was not eligible to submit a proposal to the company on his own behalf but published an inquiry on the Internet, searching for a stockholder who was willing to sponsor his proposal. One stockholder, Thomas Wallenberg, responded to the inquiry and signed an authorization letter stating that "[t]his is my legal proxy for Mr. John Chevedden to represent me and my shareholder proposal at the applicable shareholder meeting before, during and after the shareholder meeting. Please direct all future communication to John Chevedden." In subsequent conversations with the company, Mr. Wallenberg indicated that Mr. Chevedden had drafted the proposal and that Mr. Wallenberg was acting to support Mr. Chevedden and Mr. Chevedden's efforts. In its no-action request, the company argued that the proposal could be excluded under Rule 14a-8(b):

There is a marked contrast between shareholders who appoint another person as their proxy in order to acquire their advice, counsel and experience in addressing the shareholder's concerns with the [c]ompany, and shareholders who are enticed to lend their shares to Mr. Chevedden in order to permit Mr. Chevedden to further his own agenda. While the former might be permissible, the latter clearly should not be, as it directly contravenes the rules' requirements for an economic stake or investment interest.

The Staff concurred in the exclusion of the proposal, noting that "there appears to be some basis for your view that TRW may exclude the proposal under [R]ule 14a-8(b) because Thomas Wallenberg is a nominal proponent for John Chevedden, who is not eligible to submit a proposal to TRW."

Similarly, in *PG&E Corp.* (avail. Mar. 1, 2002), the Staff concurred with the exclusion of a stockholder proposal submitted by Mr. Chevedden and co-sponsored by several nominal proponents, where Mr. Chevedden did not personally satisfy the stock ownership requirements. In that instance, the nominal proponents stated that they did not know each other, one stockholder indicated that Mr. Chevedden submitted the proposal without

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contacting him, and the other said that Mr. Chevedden was "handling the matter." The Staff concurred with exclusion under Rule 14a-8(b), stating that Mr. Chevedden was "not eligible to submit a proposal" to the company.

Similarly here, in response to the Deficiency Notice, Investor Voice failed to timely provide evidence that as of the date it submitted this specific Proposal to the Company, it was authorized to do so by the Stockholders. Investor Voice drafted the Proposal, Investor Voice is the sponsor of the Proposal and has also indicated that it would like the Company to state in the 2014 Proxy Materials that Investor Voice is the sponsor of the Proposal, and all correspondence regarding the Proposal has been with Investor Voice. The "authorization" by the Stockholders purporting to authorize Investor Voice to act on their behalf, in addition to being dated more than a year before the date Investor Voice submitted the Proposal, does not reveal any intention by a stockholder to submit the specific Proposal to the Company for its 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Instead, it serves as carte blanche for Investor Voice to submit any proposal that it wishes at any company where either or both of the Stockholders own stock. Moreover, to allow this type of a broad grant of authority could create a market for the free trade in stockholder proposals whereby stockholders could grant broad unrestricted rights to non-stockholders to submit stockholder proposals on their behalf, circumventing Rule 14a-8(b)'s requirement that only a stockholder may submit a stockholder proposal.

Thus, the facts and circumstances surrounding the Proposal demonstrate that Investor Voice is the proponent of the Proposal. Yet, despite the request for proof of ownership contained in the Deficiency Notice, Investor Voice likewise has not submitted any proof that it is a stockholder of the Company. Because Investor Voice failed to provide proof of ownership of the Company's securities after receiving the Deficiency Notice, the Company may properly exclude the Proposal from its 2014 Proxy Materials in reliance on Rules 14a-8(b) and (f).

# III. The Proposal May Be Excluded Under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) Because The Proposal Is Materially False And Misleading In Violation Of Rule 14a-9.

Rule 14a-8(i)(3) provides that a company may exclude from its proxy materials a stockholder proposal if the proposal or supporting statement is "contrary to any of the Commission's proxy rules, including [Rule] 14a-9, which prohibits materially false or misleading statements in proxy soliciting materials." Specifically, Rule 14a-9 provides that no solicitation shall be made by means of any proxy statement containing "any statement, which at the time and in light of the circumstances under which it is made, is false or misleading with respect to any material fact, or which omits to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not false or misleading." In Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14B (Sept. 15, 2004) ("SLB 14B"), the Staff stated that exclusion under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) may be appropriate where "the company demonstrates objectively that a factual statement is materially false or misleading."

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The Staff consistently has allowed the exclusion under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) of stockholder proposals that contain statements that are false or misleading. See, e.g., Duke Energy Corp. (avail. Feb. 8, 2002) (permitting exclusion under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) of a proposal that urged the company's board to "adopt a policy to transition to a nominating committee composed entirely of independent directors as openings occur" because the company had no nominating committee); Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (avail. Apr. 2, 2001) (concurring in the exclusion of a proposal to remove "all genetically engineered crops, organisms or products" because the text of the proposal misleadingly implied that it related only to the sale of food products); General Magic, Inc. (avail. May 1, 2000) (permitting exclusion under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) as false and misleading of a proposal that requested the company make "no more false statements" to its stockholders because the proposal created the false impression that the company tolerated dishonest behavior by its employees when in fact, the company had corporate policies to the contrary).

In the instant case, the Proposal's reference to "withheld" votes renders the Proposal excludable under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) because it falsely asserts that the Company offers stockholders the opportunity to withhold votes from director nominees on its proxy card. Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Company's Bylaws, directors are elected by "the vote of the majority of the votes cast with respect to the director at any meeting for the election of directors at which a quorum is present." This majority voting standard applies except in the rare case of a contested election where the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected. Rule 14a-4(b)(2) stipulates that the proxy card used for the election of directors must provide stockholders the means to withhold votes from director nominees. However, Instruction No. 2 to Rule 14a-4(b)(2) provides that, "[i]f applicable state law gives legal effect to votes cast against a nominee, then in lieu of, or in addition to, providing a means for security holders to withhold authority to vote, the registrant should provide a similar means for security holders to vote against each nominee." Accordingly, because the Company's Bylaws establish a majority voting standard for the election of directors in uncontested elections, as permitted by Delaware law, the Company's proxy card offers stockholders the option to vote "for," "against" or "abstain" with respect to each director candidate. See Exhibit E for a copy of the proxy card for the Company's 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. In contrast, under plurality voting, nominees for director who receive the greatest number of favorable votes are elected. Under a plurality voting system, stockholders are provided the option to vote "for" or "withhold" with respect to each director candidate. Thus, the Proposal is false and misleading because its request that the Company amend its governing documents to provide for tabulation of "for" and "withhold" votes "in the case of board elections" is premised on the false assertion that the Company has plurality voting and allows stockholders to "withhold" votes when in fact the Company has majority voting for uncontested elections and does not have a mechanism for stockholders to "withhold" votes in the typical election.

The Proposal is directly analogous to the proposal in General Electric Co. (avail. Jan. 6, 2009), where the Staff concurred that the proposal was excludable under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) as

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false and misleading. In *General Electric*, the proposal requested that the company adopt a policy under which any director who received more than 25% in "withheld" votes would not be permitted to serve on any key board committee for two years. The action requested in the proposal was based on the underlying assertion that the company had plurality voting and allowed stockholders to "withhold" votes when in fact the company had implemented majority voting in uncontested director elections, and therefore typically did not provide a means for stockholders to "withhold" votes in director elections, and the Staff concurred that the proposal was false and misleading.

As in the General Electric and other precedent cited above, the Proposal is excludable under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) because it contains false implications and inaccurate references that could mislead stockholders. Specifically, the Proposal's reference to "withheld" votes "in the case of board elections" is based on the false implication that the Company generally provides for plurality voting in the election of directors and offers stockholders the opportunity to "withhold" votes from director nominees. Instead, the Company's Bylaws generally provide for majority voting in the election of directors and therefore, pursuant to Instruction No. 2 to Rule 14a-4(a)(2), provide stockholders the opportunity to vote "for," "against" or "abstain" in the case of board elections. Therefore, consistent with the precedent above, we believe the Proposal is excludable under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) because the Proposal is false and misleading in violation of Rule 14a-9.

# IV. The Proposal May Be Excluded Under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) Because The Proposal Is Impermissibly Vague And Indefinite So As To Be Inherently Misleading.

Rule 14a-8(i)(3) also provides that a company may exclude a stockholder proposal if the proposal or supporting statement is vague and indefinite so as to be inherently misleading. The Staff consistently has taken the position that a stockholder proposal is excludable under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) as vague and indefinite if "neither the stockholders voting on the proposal, nor the company in implementing the proposal (if adopted), would be able to determine with any reasonable certainty exactly what actions or measures the proposal requires." SLB 14B; see also Dyer v. SEC, 287 F.2d 773, 781 (8th Cir. 1961) ("[I]t appears to us that the proposal, as drafted and submitted to the company, is so vague and indefinite as to make it impossible for either the board of directors or the stockholders at large to comprehend precisely what the proposal would entail."); Capital One Financial Corp. (avail. Feb. 7, 2003) (concurring with exclusion of a proposal under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) where the company argued that its stockholders "would not know with any certainty what they are voting either for or against").

In this regard, the Staff has concurred in the exclusion of a stockholder proposal under Rule 14a-8(i)(3) when implementing the proposal would not have the effect that the proposal says it will, including when relevant facts not addressed on the face of the proposal would curtail or otherwise affect the implementation or operation of the proposal. For example, in *USA Technologies, Inc.* (avail. Mar. 27, 2013), the proposal asked the company's board of directors to "adopt a policy" requiring that the chairman of the board be an "independent

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director who has not served as an executive officer of the [c]ompany." The company argued that its bylaws required that "[t]he chairman of the board shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation" and that the proposal therefore was vague because it did "not request the [b]oard to make any modification or amendment to . . . the [c]ompany's bylaws or even refer to the resulting direct conflict between the [p]roposal and the bylaws." The Staff concurred that the proposal could be excluded, noting that, "in applying this particular proposal to [the company], neither shareholders nor the company would be able to determine with any reasonable certainty exactly what actions or measures the proposal requires."

Similarly, in JPMorgan Chase & Co. (avail. Jan. 31, 2008), the proposal sought to prohibit restrictions on the "shareholder right to call a special meeting, compared to the standard allowed by applicable law on calling a special meeting." The company argued that the applicable state law did not affirmatively provide any stockholder right to call special meetings, nor did it set any default "standard" for such stockholder-called meetings. Therefore, it was impossible to compare restrictions on a stockholder's ability to call a special meeting with a non-existent "standard allowed by applicable law." The Staff thus concurred that the proposal was excludable as vague and indefinite. See also General Electric Co. (Freeda) (avail. Jan. 21, 2011) (concurring in exclusion of a proposal to make certain changes to "[a]ll incentive awards to a senior executive whose performance measurement period . . . is one year or shorter" when the company argued that the only incentive plan awards that it granted were based on measurement periods of more than one year); SunTrust Banks, Inc. (avail. Dec. 31, 2008) (concurring that a proposal could be excluded when it sought to impose executive compensation limitations with no duration stated for the limitations, but where correspondence from the proponent indicated an intended duration).

As with the Staff precedent cited above, the Proposal includes inconsistent and misleading language as to the impact that implementation of the Proposal would have in the case of board elections. The Proposal provides that "all matters presented to shareholders shall be decided by a simple majority of the shares voted FOR and AGAINST an item (or, 'withheld' in the case of board elections)." The use of "withheld" for director elections implies a plurality voting standard, and as discussed above, under Rule 14a-4(b)(2) and Instruction No. 2 thereto, a "withhold" vote is provided when state law does not give legal effect to votes cast against a nominee. In the context of director elections, the Proposal calls for a voting standard of a simple majority of the shares voted "for" and "withhold." As discussed above, "withhold" votes are only relevant under plurality voting. However, under plurality voting, the directors that receive the most "for" votes are elected, and "withhold" votes do not impact the outcome of the vote. Thus, a voting standard calling for a simple majority of the shares voted "for" and "withhold" is inconsistent with the operation of plurality voting.

Because the Proposal fails to clarify what voting standard it advocates in the election of directors, consistent with the precedent cited above, the Company's stockholders cannot be expected to make an informed decision on the merits of the Proposal, as they would be

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unable "to determine with any reasonable certainty exactly what actions or measures the [P]roposal requires." See SLB 14B. Accordingly, the Proposal is impermissibly vague and indefinite so as to be inherently misleading with regard to director elections, and thus properly may be excluded under Rule 14a-8(i)(3).

### **CONCLUSION**

Based upon the foregoing analysis, we respectfully request that the Staff concur that it will take no action if the Company excludes the Proposal from its 2014 Proxy Materials.

We would be happy to provide you with any additional information and answer any questions that you may have regarding this subject. Correspondence regarding this letter should be sent to <a href="mailto:shareholderproposals@gibsondunn.com">shareholderproposals@gibsondunn.com</a>. If we can be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 955-8671 or Irving S. Gomez, the Company's Senior Counsel, Corporate Legal Group, at (408) 653-7868.

Sincerely,

Komald O. Mullu/sup.
Ronald O. Mueller

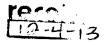
Attachments

cc:

Irving S. Gomez, Intel Corporation

Bruce T. Herbert, Chief Executive, Investor Voice, SPC

## EXHIBIT A





#### VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

INVESTOR VOICE, SPC 10033 - 12TH AVE NW SEATTLE, WA 98177 (206) 522-3055

Cary I. Klafter
Vice President, Legal and Corporate Affairs and Corporate Secretary
Intel Corporation
2200 Mission College Blvd.
Santa Clara, CA 95054-1549

Re: Shareholder Proposal on Bylaw Change in Regard to Vote-Counting

Dear Mr. Klafter:

On behalf of clients, Investor Voice reviews and comments on the financial, social, and governance implications of the policies and practices of publicly-traded corporations. In so doing, we seek win-win outcomes that create higher levels of economic, social, and environmental wellbeing — for the benefit of investors and companies alike.

There are two vote-counting formulas in use on the Intel proxy, which is a practice that can confuse and certainly disadvantages shareholders. An impartial observer would conclude that this inconsistent manner of vote-counting advantages management at the expense of shareholders.

We would like to see these policies changed, and have engaged other major corporations on this good-governance topic with the result that their Boards have adopted changes that ensure a more fair and consistent vote-counting process across-the-board.

Related to steps other major corporations have taken, please see the attached sample of proxies of corporations that have adopted these policies, which includes:

Cardinal Health, an Ohio corporation (proxy; page 2)

Plum Creek, a Delaware corporation (proxy; page 4)

We believe, and Boards of Directors have concurred, that the adoption of a consistent vote-counting standard — what we call the "SEC Standard" — enhances shareholder value over the long term.

Therefore, on behalf of Eric Rehm and Mary Geary, please find the enclosed Proposal that is submitted for consideration and action by stockholders at the next annual meeting, and for inclusion in the proxy statement in accordance with Rule 14a-8 of the general rules and regulations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

We ask that the proxy statement indicate that *Investor Voice* is the sponsor of this Proposal.

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Eric Rehm and Mary Geary are the beneficial owners of 100 shares of common stock entitled to be voted at the next stockholder meeting (supporting documentation available upon request), which have been continuously held for more than one year. In accordance with SEC rules, the clients state their intent to continue to hold a requisite quantity of shares in the Company through the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders. If required, a representative of the filer will attend the meeting to move the Proposal.

There is ample time between now and the proxy printing deadline to discuss the issue, and we hope that a dialogue and meeting of the minds may result in Intel taking steps that will lead to the withdrawal of the Proposal.

Toward that end, you may contact us via the address and phone listed above.

Many thanks; happy holidays; we look forward to a discussion of this important governance topic.

Brace T. Herbert | AIF

Chief Executive | ACCREDITED INVESTMENT FIDUCIARY

cc: Eric Rehm and Mary Geary
Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)

enc: Shareholder Proposal on Vote-Counting Examples of Companies Changing Bylaws

(corner-note for identification purposes only, not intended for publication)

**RESOLVED:** Shareholders of Intel Corporation ("Intel" or "Company") hereby ask the Board of Directors to amend the Company's governing documents to provide that all matters presented to shareholders shall be decided by a simple majority of the shares voted FOR and AGAINST an item (or, "withheld" in the case of board elections). This policy shall apply to all matters unless shareholders have approved higher thresholds, or applicable laws or stock exchange regulations dictate otherwise.

### **SUPPORTING STATEMENT:**

Intel is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SEC dictates a specific vote-counting standard for the purpose of establishing eligibility for resubmission of shareholder-sponsored proposals. This formula is the votes cast FOR, divided only by the FOR plus AGAINST votes.

Intel does not follow this SEC Standard, but instead determines results by the votes cast FOR a proposal, divided by the FOR votes, AGAINST votes, and ABSTAIN votes.

Intel's 2013 proxy states (for shareholder-sponsored proposals) that abstentions "have the same effect as 'against' votes."

Using ABSTAIN votes as Intel does counters an accepted hallmark of fair voting — honoring voter intent. Thoughtful voters who choose to ABSTAIN should not have their choices arbitrarily and universally switched as if opposing a matter.

### **THREE CONSIDERATIONS:**

- [1] Abstaining voters consciously act to ABSTAIN to have their vote noted, but not counted. Yet, Intel unilaterally counts all abstentions as if AGAINST a shareholder-sponsored proposal (irrespective of the voter's intent).
- [2] Abstaining voters do not follow management's recommendation to vote AGAINST a shareholder-sponsored item. Ignoring this intent, Intel arbitrarily counts all abstentions as if siding with management.
- [3] Remarkably, Intel embraces the SEC Standard that this Proposal requests and <u>excludes</u> abstentions for Company-sponsored Proposal #1 (director elections, stating abstentions will "not be counted"), while applying a more restrictive vote-counting formula that <u>includes</u> abstentions to all shareholder-sponsored proposals.

This advantages management's slate of director nominees by artificially boosting the appearance of support on Proposal #1, and depresses (harms) the vote-count for every shareholder-sponsored proposal, regardless of topic.

### IN CLOSING:

These practices – counting votes using two different formulas – fail to respect voter intent, are arbitrary, and run counter to core principles of sound corporate governance.

A system that is internally inconsistent is confusing, harms shareholder best-interest, and unfairly empowers management at the expense of stockholders.

intel must recognize the inconsistency of applying the SEC Standard to the Company-sponsored proposal for board elections, while applying a different formula (that artificially lowers the vote) to shareholder-sponsored proposals.

Therefore, please vote FOR this common-sense governance Proposal that calls for the use of the fair and consistent SEC Standard across-the-board, while allowing flexibility for different thresholds where required.



### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2012

Date and time:

Friday, November 2, 2012, at 8:00 a.m., local time

Location:

Cardinal Health, Inc., 7000 Cardinal Place, Dublin, OH 43017

Purpose:

- (1) To elect the 12 director nominees named in the proxy statement;
- (2) To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013;
- To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers;
- (4) To vote on a shareholder proposal described in the accompanying proxy statement, if properly presented at the meeting; and
- (5) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement.

Who may vote:

Shareholders of record at the close of business on September 6, 2012 are entitled to vote at the meeting or any adjournment or postponement.

Steph T. Full

By Order of the Board of Directors.

STEPHEN T. FALK

September 14, 2012

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on November 2, 2012:

This Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the accompanying proxy statement, and our 2012 Annual Report to Shareholders all are available at www.edocumentview.com/cah.

Shares held under plans. If you hold shares through our 401(k) Savings Plans or Deferred Compensation Plan, you will receive voting instructions from Computershare Trust Company, N.A. Please note that employee plan shares have an earlier voting deadline of 2:00 a.m. Eastern time on Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

Broker non-votes. If you are a beneficial owner whose shares are held by a broker, you must instruct the broker how to vote your shares. If you do not provide voting instructions, your broker is not permitted to vote your shares on the election of directors, the advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers, or the shareholder proposal. This is called a "broker non-vote." In these cases, the broker can register your shares as being present at the Annual Meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and may vote your shares on ratification of the appointment of our auditors.

Voting. Our Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations specify the vote requirements for matters presented to a shareholder vote at the Annual Meeting.

The Equality Network Foundation, a client of Newground Social Investment represented by Investor Voice, submitted a shareholder proposal for the 2012 Annual Meeting requesting that the Board change the voting standard for matters presented to a shareholder vote to eliminate the effect of abstentions on the vote outcome. In August 2012, the Board considered this proposal, determined that it was in our best interest, and approved an amendment to our Code of Regulations to change the vote requirement. The Equality Network Foundation then withdrew its proposal.

Under the new voting standard, a matter (other than matters where the vote requirement is specified by law, our Articles of Incorporation, or our Code of Regulations) is approved by the shareholders if authorized by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast, with abstentions having no effect on the vote outcome.

You may either vote for, against, or abstain on each of the proposals. Votes will be tabulated by or under the direction of inspectors of election, who will certify the results following the Annual Meeting. To elect directors and adopt the other proposals, the following votes are required under our governing documents:

Item	Vote Required	Effect of Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes on Vote Required
Election of directors	Approval of the majority of votes cast in an uncontested election (1)	Not considered as votes cast and have no effect on the outcome
Ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as auditor for fiscal 2013	Approval of the majority of votes cast	Not considered as votes cast and have no effect on the outcome
Advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers	Approval of the majority of votes cast	Not considered as votes cast and have no effect on the outcome
Shareholder proposal	Approval of the majority of votes cast	Not considered as votes cast and have no effect on the outcome

(1) If a nominee who is a sitting Board member is not re-elected by a majority vote, that individual will be required to tender a resignation for the Board's consideration. See "Corporate Governance — Resignation Policy for Incumbent Directors Not Receiving Majority Votes" on page 13. Proxies may not be voted for more than 12 nominees, and shareholders may not cumulate their voting power.

How shares will be voted. The shares represented by all valid proxies received by telephone, by Internet, or by mail will be voted in the manner specified. Where specific choices are not indicated, the shares represented by all valid proxies received will be voted FOR the election of each of the 12 director nominees, FOR the ratification of the auditors, FOR approval of the compensation of our named executive officers, and AGAINST the shareholder proposal. If any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, the individuals named in your proxy, or their substitutes, will determine how to vote on those matters in their discretion. The Board of Directors does not know of any other matters that will be presented for action at the Annual Meeting. The Board recommends that you vote FOR the election of the 12 director nominees, FOR Proposals 2 and 3, and AGAINST Proposal 4.

### **Transfer Agent**

Registered shareholders should direct communications regarding change of address, transfer of share ownership, lost share certificates, and other matters regarding their share ownership to Computershare Trust Company, N.A., P.O. Box 43078, Providence,

RI 02940-3078. Our transfer agent may also be contacted via the Internet at www.computershare.com/investor or by telephone at (877) 498-8861 or (781) 575-2879.

### Attending the Annual Meeting

You will not be admitted to the Annual Meeting unless you have an admission ticket or satisfactory proof of share ownership, and photo identification. If you are a registered shareholder, your admission ticket is attached to your proxy card or you may present the Notice. If your shares are not registered in your name, your proof of share ownership can be the Notice or a photocopy of the voting instruction form that the nominee provided to you if your shares are held by a bank or brokerage firm. You can call our Investor Relations department at (614) 757-4757 if you need directions to the Annual Meeting.

Even if you expect to attend the Annual Meeting in person, we urge you to vote your shares in advance.

Notice of 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement



### **Voting Standard for Director Elections**

The Company Bylaws specify the voting standard for both contested and uncontested elections of directors in Section 1 of Article III. In an uncontested election of directors, the number of director nominees does not exceed the number of directors to be elected to the Board. In a contested election of directors, the number of director nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected.

Uncontested Director Elections. Uncontested director elections are governed by a majority vote standard. The Company Bylaws provide that a nominee for director in an uncontested director election shall be elected if the votes cast for such nominee's election exceed the votes cast against such nominee's election. The election of directors in Proposal 1 is an uncontested director election because the number of nominees does not exceed the number of directors to be elected. Therefore, the majority vote standard will apply.

Company policy governs whether current directors who are not re-elected under the majority vote standard continue to serve until their successors are elected. Under Delaware Law, any director who is currently serving on the Board and who is not re-elected at the end of his or her term of office nonetheless continues to serve on the Board as a "holdover director" until his or her successor has been elected. To address this situation, the Board has adopted a Corporate Governance Policy on Majority Voting, which can be found in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines.

Under the policy, any director who does not receive the required number of votes for re-election under the majority voting standard, must tender his or her resignation to the Chairman of the Board. The Board will consider the tendered resignation and, within 90 days of the stockholder meeting at which the election occurred, decide whether to accept or reject the tendered resignation, and will publicly disclose its decision and the process involved in the consideration. Absent a compelling reason to reject the resignation, the Board will accept the resignation. The director who tenders his or her resignation will not participate in the Board's decision. Only persons who are currently serving as directors and seeking re-election can become a "holdover director" under Delaware Law. Therefore, the Corporate Governance Policy on Majority Voting would not apply to any person who was not then serving as a director at the time he or she sought, and failed to obtain, election to the Board. For 2011, all nominees for the election of directors are currently serving on the Board.

The complete Corporate Governance Policy on Majority Voting is available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.plumcreek.com">www.plumcreek.com</a> by clicking on "Investors," then "Corporate Governance" and finally "Governance Guidelines."

Contested Director Elections. The Company Bylaws provide that in the case of a contested director election, the voting standard will be a plurality of the votes cast. This means that directors with the highest number of votes in favor of their election will be elected to the Board. Under this standard, no specified percentage of votes is required. The election of directors in Proposal 1 is **not** a contested director election. Therefore, the plurality vote standard **will not apply**.

### **Voting Standard for Other Items of Business**

The Company Bylaws specifies the vote requirement for other items of business presented to a vote of stockholders in Section 9 of Article II. This section of the Company Bylaws does not govern the election of directors (discussed above) or items of business with a legally specified vote requirement.

Ms. Nancy Herbert, represented by Investor Voice, working on behalf of Newground Social Investment, submitted a stockholder proposal for the Annual Meeting requesting that the Board change the voting standard for items of business presented to a vote of stockholders to eliminate the effect of abstentions on the vote outcome. The Beard carefully considered the matter and approved an amendment to the Company Bylaws, effective February 8, 2011, to change the applicable vote requirement. Ms. Herbert then withdrew her proposal.

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## **EXHIBIT B**

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December 18, 2013

### **VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL**

Bruce T. Herbert Chief Executive Investor Voice, SPC 10033 – 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW Seattle, WA 98177

Dear Mr. Herbert:

I am writing on behalf of our client, Intel Corporation (the "Company"), which on December 4, 2013 received from you, in your capacity as Chief Executive of Investor Voice, a stockholder proposal for inclusion in the proxy statement for the Company's 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Proposal") pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Rule 14a-8. Your letter to the Company, dated December 3, 2013, indicates that Investor Voice is the "sponsor" of the Proposal. The letter also states that the Proposal is submitted "on behalf of" Eric Rehm and Mary Geary, who are clients of Investor Voice. Accordingly, it is unclear whether Investor Voice, or Eric Rehm and Mary Geary, are the proponent(s) of the Proposal. We request that you clarify whether the proponent of the Proposal (the "Proponent") is Investor Voice or Eric Rehm and Mary Geary.

In addition, please be advised that the submission contains certain procedural deficiencies, which SEC regulations require us to bring to your attention. Rule 14a-8(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), provides that stockholder proponents must submit sufficient proof of their continuous ownership of at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of a company's shares entitled to vote on the proposal for at least one year as of the date the stockholder proposal was submitted. The Company's stock records do not indicate that either Investor Voice or Eric Rehm and Mary Geary is a record owner of sufficient shares to satisfy this requirement. In addition, to date we have not received proof that the Proponent has satisfied Rule 14a-8's ownership requirements as of the date that the Proposal was submitted to the Company.

To remedy this defect, the Proponent must submit sufficient proof of being a stockholder with continuous ownership of the requisite number of Company shares for the one-year period preceding and including the date the Proposal was submitted to the Company (December 3, 2013). As explained in Rule 14a-8(b) and in SEC staff guidance, sufficient proof must be in the form of:

(1) a written statement from the "record" holder of the Proponent's shares (usually a broker or a bank) verifying that the Proponent continuously held the requisite number

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of Company shares for the one-year period preceding and including the date the Proposal was submitted (December 3, 2013); or

(2) if the Proponent has filed with the SEC a Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5, or amendments to those documents or updated forms, reflecting the Proponent's ownership of the requisite number of Company shares as of or before the date on which the one-year eligibility period begins, a copy of the schedule and/or form, and any subsequent amendments reporting a change in the ownership level and a written statement that the Proponent continuously held the requisite number of Company shares for the one-year period.

If the Proponent intends to demonstrate ownership by submitting a written statement from the "record" holder of the Proponent's shares as set forth in (1) above, please note that most large U.S. brokers and banks deposit their customers' securities with, and hold those securities through, the Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), a registered clearing agency that acts as a securities depository (DTC is also known through the account name of Cede & Co.). Under SEC Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14F, only DTC participants are viewed as record holders of securities that are deposited at DTC. The Proponent can confirm whether the Proponent's broker or bank is a DTC participant by asking the broker or bank or by checking DTC's participant list, which may be available at either <a href="http://www.dtcc.com/downloads/membership/directories/dtc/alpha.pdf">http://www.dtcc.com/~/media/Files/Downloads/client-center/DTC/alpha.ashx</a>. In these situations, stockholders need to obtain proof of ownership from the DTC participant through which the securities are held, as follows:

- (1) If the Proponent's broker or bank is a DTC participant, then the Proponent needs to submit a written statement from the Proponent's broker or bank verifying that the Proponent continuously held the requisite number of Company shares for the one-year period preceding and including the date the Proposal was submitted (December 3, 2013).
- (2) If the Proponent's broker or bank is not a DTC participant, then the Proponent needs to submit proof of ownership from the DTC participant through which the shares are held verifying that the Proponent continuously held the requisite number of Company shares for the one-year period preceding and including the date the Proposal was submitted (December 3, 2013). The Proponent should be able to find out the identity of the DTC participant by asking the broker or bank. If the Proponent's broker is an introducing broker, the Proponent may also be able to learn the identity and telephone number of the DTC participant through the Proponent's account statements, because the clearing broker identified on the Proponent's account statements will generally be a DTC participant. If the DTC participant that holds the Proponent's shares is not able to confirm the Proponent's individual holdings but is able to confirm the holdings of the Proponent's broker or bank, then the Proponent needs to satisfy the proof of ownership requirements by obtaining and submitting two proof of ownership statements verifying that, for the one-year period preceding and including the date the

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Proposal was submitted (December 3, 2013), the requisite number of Company shares were continuously held: (i) one from the Proponent's broker or bank confirming the Proponent's ownership, and (ii) the other from the DTC participant confirming the broker or bank's ownership.

Further, under Rule 14a-8(b) of the Exchange Act, a stockholder proponent must provide the company with a written statement that the stockholder intends to continue to hold the requisite number of shares through the date of the stockholders' meeting at which the proposal will be voted on by the stockholders. Please note that "[t]he shareholder must provide this written statement." See SEC Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14, Question (C)(1)(d) (July 13, 2001).

If Investor Voice is the Proponent, Investor Voice must remedy the foregoing defects by providing (1) proof of continuous ownership of Company shares for the one-year period preceding and including the date the Proposal was submitted (December 3, 2013) in one of the two manners described above (a written statement from the "record" holder of the shares or a copy of filings made with the SEC), and (2) a written statement that Investor Voice intends to continue to hold the requisite number of Company shares through the date of the Company's 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Alternatively, if the Proponent is Mr. Rehm and Ms. Geary, then in addition to providing proof of continuous ownership by Mr. Rehm and Ms. Geary of Company shares for the one-year period preceding and including the date the Proposal was submitted (December 3, 2013) in one of the two manners described above (a written statement from the "record" holder of the shares or a copy of filings made with the SEC), the Company must be provided: (1) evidence that the Proponent (Mr. Rehm and Ms. Geary) had authorized Investor Voice to submit the Proposal on the Proponent's behalf as of the date the Proposal was submitted (December 3, 2013); and (2) under Rule 14a-8(b), a written statement by Mr. Rehm and Ms. Geary that each intends to continue to hold the requisite number of Company shares through the date of the Company's 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. 1

To remedy the defects with your submission, the foregoing written documentation must be provided to the Company. The SEC's rules require that any response to this letter be postmarked or transmitted electronically no later than 14 calendar days from the date this letter is

Please note that if Investor Voice is not the stockholder Proponent of the Proposal, we believe that the Proposal was not properly submitted because Rule 14a-8 does not provide for a stockholder to authorize another person to "sponsor" and submit a stockholder proposal on the stockholder's behalf. Instead, Rule 14a-8 specifically provides that references throughout the rule to "you" mean "a shareholder seeking to submit the proposal." In providing this notice of procedural deficiencies, we do not waive the Company's right to object that the Proposal was not properly submitted if the Proponent is Mr. Rehm and Ms. Geary.

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received. Please address any response to Irving S. Gomez, Senior Attorney – Corporate Affairs Group, Intel Corporation, 2200 Mission College Blvd., MS RNB4-151, Santa Clara, CA 95054-1549. Alternatively, you may transmit any response by facsimile to Mr. Gomez at (408) 653-8050.

If you have any questions with respect to the foregoing, please contact me at (202) 955-8671. For your reference, I enclose a copy of Rule 14a-8 and Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14F.

Sincerely,

Ronald O. Mueller

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Eric Rehm and Mary Geary, c/o Investor Voice

Irving S. Gomez, Intel Corporation

**Enclosures** 

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### Rule 14a-8 – Shareholder Proposals

This section addresses when a company must include a shareholder's proposal in its proxy statement and identify the proposal in its form of proxy when the company holds an annual or special meeting of shareholders. In summary, in order to have your shareholder proposal included on a company's proxy card, and included along with any supporting statement in its proxy statement, you must be eligible and follow certain procedures. Under a few specific circumstances, the company is permitted to exclude your proposal, but only after submitting its reasons to the Commission. We structured this section in a question-and-answer format so that it is easier to understand. The references to "you" are to a shareholder seeking to submit the proposal.

- (a) Question 1: What is a proposal? A shareholder proposal is your recommendation or requirement that the company and/or its board of directors take action, which you intend to present at a meeting of the company's shareholders. Your proposal should state as clearly as possible the course of action that you believe the company should follow. If your proposal is placed on the company's proxy card, the company must also provide in the form of proxy means for shareholders to specify by boxes a choice between approval or disapproval, or abstention. Unless otherwise indicated, the word "proposal" as used in this section refers both to your proposal, and to your corresponding statement in support of your proposal (if any).
- (b) Question 2: Who is eligible to submit a proposal, and how do I demonstrate to the company that I am eligible?
  - (1) In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, you must have continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the company's securities entitled to be voted on the proposal at the meeting for at least one year by the date you submit the proposal. You must continue to hold those securities through the date of the meeting.
  - (2) If you are the registered holder of your securities, which means that your name appears in the company's records as a shareholder, the company can verify your eligibility on its own, although you will still have to provide the company with a written statement that you intend to continue to hold the securities through the date of the meeting of shareholders. However, if like many shareholders you are not a registered holder, the company likely does not know that you are a shareholder, or how many shares you own. In this case, at the time you submit your proposal, you must prove your eligibility to the company in one of two ways:
    - (i) The first way is to submit to the company a written statement from the "record" holder of your securities (usually a broker or bank) verifying that, at the time you submitted your proposal, you continuously held the securities for at least one year. You must also include your own written statement that you intend to continue to hold the securities through the date of the meeting of shareholders; or
    - (ii) The second way to prove ownership applies only if you have filed a Schedule 13D (§240.13d–101), Schedule 13G (§240.13d–102), Form 3 (§249.103 of this chapter), Form 4 (§249.104 of this chapter) and/or Form 5 (§249.105 of this chapter), or amendments to those documents or updated forms, reflecting your ownership of the shares as of or before the date on which the one-year eligibility period begins. If you have filed one of these documents with the SEC, you may demonstrate your eligibility by submitting to the company:
      - (A) A copy of the schedule and/or form, and any subsequent amendments reporting a change in your ownership level;

- (B) Your written statement that you continuously held the required number of shares for the one-year period as of the date of the statement; and
- (C) Your written statement that you intend to continue ownership of the shares through the date of the company's annual or special meeting.
- (c) Question 3: How many proposals may I submit? Each shareholder may submit no more than one proposal to a company for a particular shareholders' meeting.
- (d) Question 4: How long can my proposal be? The proposal, including any accompanying supporting statement, may not exceed 500 words.
- (e) Question 5: What is the deadline for submitting a proposal?
  - (1) If you are submitting your proposal for the company's annual meeting, you can in most cases find the deadline in last year's proxy statement. However, if the company did not hold an annual meeting last year, or has changed the date of its meeting for this year more than 30 days from last year's meeting, you can usually find the deadline in one of the company's quarterly reports on Form 10–Q (§249.308a of this chapter), or in shareholder reports of investment companies under §270.30d–1 of this chapter of the Investment Company Act of 1940. In order to avoid controversy, shareholders should submit their proposals by means, including electronic means, that permit them to prove the date of delivery.
  - (2) The deadline is calculated in the following manner if the proposal is submitted for a regularly scheduled annual meeting. The proposal must be received at the company's principal executive offices not less than 120 calendar days before the date of the company's proxy statement released to shareholders in connection with the previous year's annual meeting. However, if the company did not hold an annual meeting the previous year, or if the date of this year's annual meeting has been changed by more than 30 days from the date of the previous year's meeting, then the deadline is a reasonable time before the company begins to print and send its proxy materials.
  - (3) If you are submitting your proposal for a meeting of shareholders other than a regularly scheduled annual meeting, the deadline is a reasonable time before the company begins to print and send its proxy materials.
- (f) Question 6: What if I fail to follow one of the eligibility or procedural requirements explained in answers to Questions 1 through 4 of this section?
  - (1) The company may exclude your proposal, but only after it has notified you of the problem, and you have failed adequately to correct it. Within 14 calendar days of receiving your proposal, the company must notify you in writing of any procedural or eligibility deficiencies, as well as of the time frame for your response. Your response must be postmarked, or transmitted electronically, no later than 14 days from the date you received the company's notification. A company need not provide you such notice of a deficiency if the deficiency cannot be remedied, such as if you fail to submit a proposal by the company's properly determined deadline. If the company intends to exclude the proposal, it will later have to make a submission under §240.14a–8 and provide you with a copy under Question 10 below, §240.14a–8(j).
  - (2) If you fail in your promise to hold the required number of securities through the date of the meeting of shareholders, then the company will be permitted to exclude all of your proposals from its proxy materials for any meeting held in the following two calendar years.

- (g) Question 7: Who has the burden of persuading the Commission or its staff that my proposal can be excluded? Except as otherwise noted, the burden is on the company to demonstrate that it is entitled to exclude a proposal.
- (h) Question 8: Must I appear personally at the shareholders' meeting to present the proposal?
  - (1) Either you, or your representative who is qualified under state law to present the proposal on your behalf, must attend the meeting to present the proposal. Whether you attend the meeting yourself or send a qualified representative to the meeting in your place, you should make sure that you, or your representative, follow the proper state law procedures for attending the meeting and/or presenting your proposal.
  - (2) If the company holds its shareholder meeting in whole or in part via electronic media, and the company permits you or your representative to present your proposal via such media, then you may appear through electronic media rather than traveling to the meeting to appear in person.
  - (3) If you or your qualified representative fail to appear and present the proposal, without good cause, the company will be permitted to exclude all of your proposals from its proxy materials for any meetings held in the following two calendar years.
- (i) Question 9: If I have complied with the procedural requirements, on what other bases may a company rely to exclude my proposal?
  - (1) Improper under state law: If the proposal is not a proper subject for action by shareholders under the laws of the jurisdiction of the company's organization;

Note to paragraph (i)(1): Depending on the subject matter, some proposals are not considered proper under state law if they would be binding on the company if approved by shareholders. In our experience, most proposals that are cast as recommendations or requests that the board of directors take specified action are proper under state law. Accordingly, we will assume that a proposal drafted as a recommendation or suggestion is proper unless the company demonstrates otherwise.

(2) Violation of law: If the proposal would, if implemented, cause the company to violate any state, federal, or foreign law to which it is subject;

Note to paragraph (i)(2): We will not apply this basis for exclusion to permit exclusion of a proposal on grounds that it would violate foreign law if compliance with the foreign law would result in a violation of any state or federal law.

- (3) Violation of proxy rules: If the proposal or supporting statement is contrary to any of the Commission's proxy rules, including §240.14a-9, which prohibits materially false or misleading statements in proxy soliciting materials;
- (4) Personal grievance; special interest: If the proposal relates to the redress of a personal claim or grievance against the company or any other person, or if it is designed to result in a benefit to you, or to further a personal interest, which is not shared by the other shareholders at large;
- (5) Relevance: If the proposal relates to operations which account for less than 5 percent of the company's total assets at the end of its most recent fiscal year, and for less than 5 percent of its net earnings and gross sales for its most recent fiscal year, and is not otherwise significantly related to the company's business;
- (6) Absence of power/authority: If the company would lack the power or authority to implement the proposal;

- (7) Management functions: If the proposal deals with a matter relating to the company's ordinary business operations;
- (8) Director elections: If the proposal:
  - (i) Would disqualify a nominee who is standing for election;
  - (ii) Would remove a director from office before his or her term expired;
  - (iii) Questions the competence, business judgment, or character of one or more nominees or directors:
  - (iv) Seeks to include a specific individual in the company's proxy materials for election to the board of directors; or
  - (v) Otherwise could affect the outcome of the upcoming election of directors.
- (9) Conflicts with company's proposal: If the proposal directly conflicts with one of the company's own proposals to be submitted to shareholders at the same meeting;

Note to paragraph (i)(9): A company's submission to the Commission under this section should specify the points of conflict with the company's proposal.

(10) Substantially implemented: If the company has already substantially implemented the proposal;

Note to paragraph (i)(10): A company may exclude a shareholder proposal that would provide an advisory vote or seek future advisory votes to approve the compensation of executives as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S–K (§229.402 of this chapter) or any successor to Item 402 (a "say-on-pay vote") or that relates to the frequency of say-on-pay votes, provided that in the most recent shareholder vote required by §240.14a–21(b) of this chapter a single year (i.e., one, two, or three years) received approval of a majority of votes cast on the matter and the company has adopted a policy on the frequency of say-on-pay votes that is consistent with the choice of the majority of votes cast in the most recent shareholder vote required by §240.14a–21(b) of this chapter.

- (11) *Duplication:* If the proposal substantially duplicates another proposal previously submitted to the company by another proponent that will be included in the company's proxy materials for the same meeting;
- (12) Resubmissions: If the proposal deals with substantially the same subject matter as another proposal or proposals that has or have been previously included in the company's proxy materials within the preceding 5 calendar years, a company may exclude it from its proxy materials for any meeting held within 3 calendar years of the last time it was included if the proposal received:
  - (i) Less than 3% of the vote if proposed once within the preceding 5 calendar years;
  - (ii) Less than 6% of the vote on its last submission to shareholders if proposed twice previously within the preceding 5 calendar years; or
  - (iii) Less than 10% of the vote on its last submission to shareholders if proposed three times or more previously within the preceding 5 calendar years; and

- (13) Specific amount of dividends: If the proposal relates to specific amounts of cash or stock dividends.
- (j) Question 10: What procedures must the company follow if it intends to exclude my proposal?
  - (1) If the company intends to exclude a proposal from its proxy materials, it must file its reasons with the Commission no later than 80 calendar days before it files its definitive proxy statement and form of proxy with the Commission. The company must simultaneously provide you with a copy of its submission. The Commission staff may permit the company to make its submission later than 80 days before the company files its definitive proxy statement and form of proxy, if the company demonstrates good cause for missing the deadline.
  - (2) The company must file six paper copies of the following:
    - (i) The proposal;
    - (ii) An explanation of why the company believes that it may exclude the proposal, which should, if possible, refer to the most recent applicable authority, such as prior Division letters issued under the rule: and
    - (iii) A supporting opinion of counsel when such reasons are based on matters of state or foreign law.
- (k) Question 11: May I submit my own statement to the Commission responding to the company's arguments? Yes, you may submit a response, but it is not required. You should try to submit any response to us, with a copy to the company, as soon as possible after the company makes its submission. This way, the Commission staff will have time to consider fully your submission before it issues its response. You should submit six paper copies of your response.
- (I) Question 12: If the company includes my shareholder proposal in its proxy materials, what information about me must it include along with the proposal itself?
  - (1) The company's proxy statement must include your name and address, as well as the number of the company's voting securities that you hold. However, instead of providing that information, the company may instead include a statement that it will provide the information to shareholders promptly upon receiving an oral or written request.
  - (2) The company is not responsible for the contents of your proposal or supporting statement.
- (m) Question 13: What can I do if the company includes in its proxy statement reasons why it believes shareholders should not vote in favor of my proposal, and I disagree with some of its statements?
  - (1) The company may elect to include in its proxy statement reasons why it believes shareholders should vote against your proposal. The company is allowed to make arguments reflecting its own point of view, just as you may express your own point of view in your proposal's supporting statement.
  - (2) However, if you believe that the company's opposition to your proposal contains materially false or misleading statements that may violate our anti-fraud rule, §240.14a–9, you should promptly send to the Commission staff and the company a letter explaining the reasons for your view, along with a copy of the company's statements opposing your proposal. To the extent possible, your letter should include specific factual information demonstrating the inaccuracy of the company's claims. Time permitting, you may wish to try to work out your differences with the company by yourself before contacting the Commission staff.

- (3) We require the company to send you a copy of its statements opposing your proposal before it sends its proxy materials, so that you may bring to our attention any materially false or misleading statements, under the following timeframes:
  - (i) If our no-action response requires that you make revisions to your proposal or supporting statement as a condition to requiring the company to include it in its proxy materials, then the company must provide you with a copy of its opposition statements no later than 5 calendar days after the company receives a copy of your revised proposal; or
  - (ii) In all other cases, the company must provide you with a copy of its opposition statements no later than 30 calendar days before its files definitive copies of its proxy statement and form of proxy under §240.14a–6.



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## **Shareholder Proposals**

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**Summary:** This staff legal bulletin provides information for companies and shareholders regarding Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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### A. The purpose of this bulletin

This bulletin is part of a continuing effort by the Division to provide guidance on important issues arising under Exchange Act Rule 14a-8. Specifically, this bulletin contains information regarding:

- Brokers and banks that constitute "record" holders under Rule 14a-8
   (b)(2)(i) for purposes of verifying whether a beneficial owner is eligible to submit a proposal under Rule 14a-8;
- Common errors shareholders can avoid when submitting proof of ownership to companies;
- The submission of revised proposals;
- Procedures for withdrawing no-action requests regarding proposals submitted by multiple proponents; and
- The Division's new process for transmitting Rule 14a-8 no-action responses by email.

You can find additional guidance regarding Rule 14a-8 in the following bulletins that are available on the Commission's website: <u>SLB No. 14</u>, <u>SLB</u>

B. The types of brokers and banks that constitute "record" holders under Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) for purposes of verifying whether a beneficial owner is eligible to submit a proposal under Rule 14a-8

### 1. Eligibility to submit a proposal under Rule 14a-8

To be eligible to submit a shareholder proposal, a shareholder must have continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the company's securities entitled to be voted on the proposal at the shareholder meeting for at least one year as of the date the shareholder submits the proposal. The shareholder must also continue to hold the required amount of securities through the date of the meeting and must provide the company with a written statement of intent to do so.  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

The steps that a shareholder must take to verify his or her eligibility to submit a proposal depend on how the shareholder owns the securities. There are two types of security holders in the U.S.: registered owners and beneficial owners. Registered owners have a direct relationship with the issuer because their ownership of shares is listed on the records maintained by the issuer or its transfer agent. If a shareholder is a registered owner, the company can independently confirm that the shareholder's holdings satisfy Rule 14a-8(b)'s eligibility requirement.

The vast majority of investors in shares issued by U.S. companies, however, are beneficial owners, which means that they hold their securities in book-entry form through a securities intermediary, such as a broker or a bank. Beneficial owners are sometimes referred to as "street name" holders. Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) provides that a beneficial owner can provide proof of ownership to support his or her eligibility to submit a proposal by submitting a written statement "from the 'record' holder of [the] securities (usually a broker or bank)," verifying that, at the time the proposal was submitted, the shareholder held the required amount of securities continuously for at least one year.<sup>3</sup>

### 2. The role of the Depository Trust Company

Most large U.S. brokers and banks deposit their customers' securities with, and hold those securities through, the Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), a registered clearing agency acting as a securities depository. Such brokers and banks are often referred to as "participants" in DTC.<sup>4</sup> The names of these DTC participants, however, do not appear as the registered owners of the securities deposited with DTC on the list of shareholders maintained by the company or, more typically, by its transfer agent. Rather, DTC's nominee, Cede & Co., appears on the shareholder list as the sole registered owner of securities deposited with DTC by the DTC participants. A company can request from DTC a "securities position listing" as of a specified date, which identifies the DTC participants having a position in the company's securities and the number of securities held by each DTC participant on that date.<sup>5</sup>

3. Brokers and banks that constitute "record" holders under Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) for purposes of verifying whether a beneficial owner is eligible to submit a proposal under Rule 14a-8

In The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. (Oct. 1, 2008), we took the position that an introducing broker could be considered a "record" holder for purposes of Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i). An introducing broker is a broker that engages in sales and other activities involving customer contact, such as opening customer accounts and accepting customer orders, but is not permitted to maintain custody of customer funds and securities. 5 Instead, an introducing broker engages another broker, known as a "clearing broker," to hold custody of client funds and securities, to clear and execute customer trades, and to handle other functions such as issuing confirmations of customer trades and customer account statements. Clearing brokers generally are DTC participants; introducing brokers generally are not. As introducing brokers generally are not DTC participants, and therefore typically do not appear on DTC's securities position listing, Hain Celestial has required companies to accept proof of ownership letters from brokers in cases where, unlike the positions of registered owners and brokers and banks that are DTC participants, the company is unable to verify the positions against its own or its transfer agent's records or against DTC's securities position listing.

In light of questions we have received following two recent court cases relating to proof of ownership under Rule  $14a-8^Z$  and in light of the Commission's discussion of registered and beneficial owners in the Proxy Mechanics Concept Release, we have reconsidered our views as to what types of brokers and banks should be considered "record" holders under Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i). Because of the transparency of DTC participants' positions in a company's securities, we will take the view going forward that, for Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) purposes, only DTC participants should be viewed as "record" holders of securities that are deposited at DTC. As a result, we will no longer follow *Hain Celestial*.

We believe that taking this approach as to who constitutes a "record" holder for purposes of Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) will provide greater certainty to beneficial owners and companies. We also note that this approach is consistent with Exchange Act Rule 12g5-1 and a 1988 staff no-action letter addressing that rule,  $\frac{8}{}$  under which brokers and banks that are DTC participants are considered to be the record holders of securities on deposit with DTC when calculating the number of record holders for purposes of Sections 12(g) and 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Companies have occasionally expressed the view that, because DTC's nominee, Cede & Co., appears on the shareholder list as the sole registered owner of securities deposited with DTC by the DTC participants, only DTC or Cede & Co. should be viewed as the "record" holder of the securities held on deposit at DTC for purposes of Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i). We have never interpreted the rule to require a shareholder to obtain a proof of ownership letter from DTC or Cede & Co., and nothing in this guidance should be construed as changing that view.

How can a shareholder determine whether his or her broker or bank is a DTC participant?

Shareholders and companies can confirm whether a particular broker or bank is a DTC participant by checking DTC's participant list, which is currently available on the Internet at

http://www.dtcc.com/downloads/membership/directories/dtc/alpha.pdf.

What if a shareholder's broker or bank is not on DTC's participant list?

The shareholder will need to obtain proof of ownership from the DTC participant through which the securities are held. The shareholder should be able to find out who this DTC participant is by asking the shareholder's broker or bank.<sup>9</sup>

If the DTC participant knows the shareholder's broker or bank's holdings, but does not know the shareholder's holdings, a shareholder could satisfy Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) by obtaining and submitting two proof of ownership statements verifying that, at the time the proposal was submitted, the required amount of securities were continuously held for at least one year – one from the shareholder's broker or bank confirming the shareholder's ownership, and the other from the DTC participant confirming the broker or bank's ownership.

How will the staff process no-action requests that argue for exclusion on the basis that the shareholder's proof of ownership is not from a DTC participant?

The staff will grant no-action relief to a company on the basis that the shareholder's proof of ownership is not from a DTC participant only if the company's notice of defect describes the required proof of ownership in a manner that is consistent with the guidance contained in this bulletin. Under Rule 14a-8(f)(1), the shareholder will have an opportunity to obtain the requisite proof of ownership after receiving the notice of defect.

# C. Common errors shareholders can avoid when submitting proof of ownership to companies

In this section, we describe two common errors shareholders make when submitting proof of ownership for purposes of Rule 14a-8(b)(2), and we provide guidance on how to avoid these errors.

First, Rule 14a-8(b) requires a shareholder to provide proof of ownership that he or she has "continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the company's securities entitled to be voted on the proposal at the meeting for at least one year by the date you submit the proposal" (emphasis added). We note that many proof of ownership letters do not satisfy this requirement because they do not verify the shareholder's beneficial ownership for the entire one-year period preceding and including the date the proposal is submitted. In some cases, the letter speaks as of a date *before* the date the proposal is submitted, thereby leaving a gap between the date of the verification and the date the proposal is submitted. In other cases, the letter speaks as of a date *after* the date the proposal was submitted but covers a period of only one year, thus failing to verify the shareholder's beneficial ownership over the required full one-year period preceding the date of the proposal's submission.

Second, many letters fail to confirm continuous ownership of the securities. This can occur when a broker or bank submits a letter that confirms the shareholder's beneficial ownership only as of a specified date but omits any

reference to continuous ownership for a one-year period.

We recognize that the requirements of Rule 14a-8(b) are highly prescriptive and can cause inconvenience for shareholders when submitting proposals. Although our administration of Rule 14a-8(b) is constrained by the terms of the rule, we believe that shareholders can avoid the two errors highlighted above by arranging to have their broker or bank provide the required verification of ownership as of the date they plan to submit the proposal using the following format:

"As of [date the proposal is submitted], [name of shareholder] held, and has held continuously for at least one year, [number of securities] shares of [company name] [class of securities]."

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As discussed above, a shareholder may also need to provide a separate written statement from the DTC participant through which the shareholder's securities are held if the shareholder's broker or bank is not a DTC participant.

#### D. The submission of revised proposals

On occasion, a shareholder will revise a proposal after submitting it to a company. This section addresses questions we have received regarding revisions to a proposal or supporting statement.

1. A shareholder submits a timely proposal. The shareholder then submits a revised proposal before the company's deadline for receiving proposals. Must the company accept the revisions?

Yes. In this situation, we believe the revised proposal serves as a replacement of the initial proposal. By submitting a revised proposal, the shareholder has effectively withdrawn the initial proposal. Therefore, the shareholder is not in violation of the one-proposal limitation in Rule 14a-8 (c). $^{12}$  If the company intends to submit a no-action request, it must do so with respect to the revised proposal.

We recognize that in Question and Answer E.2 of SLB No. 14, we indicated that if a shareholder makes revisions to a proposal before the company submits its no-action request, the company can choose whether to accept the revisions. However, this guidance has led some companies to believe that, in cases where shareholders attempt to make changes to an initial proposal, the company is free to ignore such revisions even if the revised proposal is submitted before the company's deadline for receiving shareholder proposals. We are revising our guidance on this issue to make clear that a company may not ignore a revised proposal in this situation. <sup>13</sup>

2. A shareholder submits a timely proposal. After the deadline for receiving proposals, the shareholder submits a revised proposal. Must the company accept the revisions?

No. If a shareholder submits revisions to a proposal after the deadline for receiving proposals under Rule 14a-8(e), the company is not required to accept the revisions. However, if the company does not accept the revisions, it must treat the revised proposal as a second proposal and

submit a notice stating its intention to exclude the revised proposal, as required by Rule 14a-8(j). The company's notice may cite Rule 14a-8(e) as the reason for excluding the revised proposal. If the company does not accept the revisions and intends to exclude the initial proposal, it would also need to submit its reasons for excluding the initial proposal.

# 3. If a shareholder submits a revised proposal, as of which date must the shareholder prove his or her share ownership?

A shareholder must prove ownership as of the date the original proposal is submitted. When the Commission has discussed revisions to proposals,  $^{14}$  it has not suggested that a revision triggers a requirement to provide proof of ownership a second time. As outlined in Rule 14a-8(b), proving ownership includes providing a written statement that the shareholder intends to continue to hold the securities through the date of the shareholder meeting. Rule 14a-8(f)(2) provides that if the shareholder "fails in [his or her] promise to hold the required number of securities through the date of the meeting of shareholders, then the company will be permitted to exclude all of [the same shareholder's] proposals from its proxy materials for any meeting held in the following two calendar years." With these provisions in mind, we do not interpret Rule 14a-8 as requiring additional proof of ownership when a shareholder submits a revised proposal.  $^{15}$ 

# E. Procedures for withdrawing no-action requests for proposals submitted by multiple proponents

We have previously addressed the requirements for withdrawing a Rule 14a-8 no-action request in SLB Nos. 14 and 14C. SLB No. 14 notes that a company should include with a withdrawal letter documentation demonstrating that a shareholder has withdrawn the proposal. In cases where a proposal submitted by multiple shareholders is withdrawn, SLB No. 14C states that, if each shareholder has designated a lead individual to act on its behalf and the company is able to demonstrate that the individual is authorized to act on behalf of all of the proponents, the company need only provide a letter from that lead individual indicating that the lead individual is withdrawing the proposal on behalf of all of the proponents.

Because there is no relief granted by the staff in cases where a no-action request is withdrawn following the withdrawal of the related proposal, we recognize that the threshold for withdrawing a no-action request need not be overly burdensome. Going forward, we will process a withdrawal request if the company provides a letter from the lead filer that includes a representation that the lead filer is authorized to withdraw the proposal on behalf of each proponent identified in the company's no-action request. 16

# F. Use of email to transmit our Rule 14a-8 no-action responses to companies and proponents

To date, the Division has transmitted copies of our Rule 14a-8 no-action responses, including copies of the correspondence we have received in connection with such requests, by U.S. mail to companies and proponents. We also post our response and the related correspondence to the Commission's website shortly after issuance of our response.

In order to accelerate delivery of staff responses to companies and

proponents, and to reduce our copying and postage costs, going forward, we intend to transmit our Rule 14a-8 no-action responses by email to companies and proponents. We therefore encourage both companies and proponents to include email contact information in any correspondence to each other and to us. We will use U.S. mail to transmit our no-action response to any company or proponent for which we do not have email contact information.

Given the availability of our responses and the related correspondence on the Commission's website and the requirement under Rule 14a-8 for companies and proponents to copy each other on correspondence submitted to the Commission, we believe it is unnecessary to transmit copies of the related correspondence along with our no-action response. Therefore, we intend to transmit only our staff response and not the correspondence we receive from the parties. We will continue to post to the Commission's website copies of this correspondence at the same time that we post our staff no-action response.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Rule 14a-8(b).

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{2}{3}$  For an explanation of the types of share ownership in the U.S., see Concept Release on U.S. Proxy System, Release No. 34-62495 (July 14, 2010) [75 FR 42982] ("Proxy Mechanics Concept Release"), at Section II.A. The term "beneficial owner" does not have a uniform meaning under the federal securities laws. It has a different meaning in this bulletin as compared to "beneficial owner" and "beneficial ownership" in Sections 13 and 16 of the Exchange Act. Our use of the term in this bulletin is not intended to suggest that registered owners are not beneficial owners for purposes of those Exchange Act provisions. See Proposed Amendments to Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Relating to Proposals by Security Holders, Release No. 34-12598 (July 7, 1976) [41 FR 29982], at n.2 ("The term 'beneficial owner' when used in the context of the proxy rules, and in light of the purposes of those rules, may be interpreted to have a broader meaning than it would for certain other purpose[s] under the federal securities laws, such as reporting pursuant to the Williams Act.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If a shareholder has filed a Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5 reflecting ownership of the required amount of shares, the shareholder may instead prove ownership by submitting a copy of such filings and providing the additional information that is described in Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> DTC holds the deposited securities in "fungible bulk," meaning that there are no specifically identifiable shares directly owned by the DTC participants. Rather, each DTC participant holds a pro rata interest or position in the aggregate number of shares of a particular issuer held at DTC. Correspondingly, each customer of a DTC participant – such as an individual investor – owns a pro rata interest in the shares in which the DTC participant has a pro rata interest. *See* Proxy Mechanics Concept Release, at Section II.B.2.a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Exchange Act Rule 17Ad-8.

- $\frac{6}{5}$  See Net Capital Rule, Release No. 34-31511 (Nov. 24, 1992) [57 FR 56973] ("Net Capital Rule Release"), at Section II.C.
- <sup>2</sup> See KBR Inc. v. Chevedden, Civil Action No. H-11-0196, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 36431, 2011 WL 1463611 (S.D. Tex. Apr. 4, 2011); Apache Corp. v. Chevedden, 696 F. Supp. 2d 723 (S.D. Tex. 2010). In both cases, the court concluded that a securities intermediary was not a record holder for purposes of Rule 14a-8(b) because it did not appear on a list of the company's non-objecting beneficial owners or on any DTC securities position listing, nor was the intermediary a DTC participant.
- <sup>8</sup> Techne Corp. (Sept. 20, 1988).
- <sup>9</sup> In addition, if the shareholder's broker is an introducing broker, the shareholder's account statements should include the clearing broker's identity and telephone number. *See* Net Capital Rule Release, at Section II.C.(iii). The clearing broker will generally be a DTC participant.
- $\frac{10}{2}$  For purposes of Rule 14a-8(b), the submission date of a proposal will generally precede the company's receipt date of the proposal, absent the use of electronic or other means of same-day delivery.
- $\frac{11}{2}$  This format is acceptable for purposes of Rule 14a-8(b), but it is not mandatory or exclusive.
- $\frac{12}{2}$  As such, it is not appropriate for a company to send a notice of defect for multiple proposals under Rule 14a-8(c) upon receiving a revised proposal.
- $\frac{13}{2}$  This position will apply to all proposals submitted after an initial proposal but before the company's deadline for receiving proposals, regardless of whether they are explicitly labeled as "revisions" to an initial proposal, unless the shareholder affirmatively indicates an intent to submit a second, additional proposal for inclusion in the company's proxy materials. In that case, the company must send the shareholder a notice of defect pursuant to Rule 14a-8(f)(1) if it intends to exclude either proposal from its proxy materials in reliance on Rule 14a-8(c). In light of this guidance, with respect to proposals or revisions received before a company's deadline for submission, we will no longer follow Layne Christensen Co. (Mar. 21, 2011) and other prior staff no-action letters in which we took the view that a proposal would violate the Rule 14a-8(c) one-proposal limitation if such proposal is submitted to a company after the company has either submitted a Rule 14a-8 no-action request to exclude an earlier proposal submitted by the same proponent or notified the proponent that the earlier proposal was excludable under the rule.
- <sup>14</sup> See, e.g., Adoption of Amendments Relating to Proposals by Security Holders, Release No. 34-12999 (Nov. 22, 1976) [41 FR 52994].
- $\frac{15}{5}$  Because the relevant date for proving ownership under Rule 14a-8(b) is the date the proposal is submitted, a proponent who does not adequately prove ownership in connection with a proposal is not permitted to submit another proposal for the same meeting on a later date.
- $\frac{16}{10}$  Nothing in this staff position has any effect on the status of any

shareholder proposal that is not withdrawn by the proponent or its authorized representative.

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## **EXHIBIT C**

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## **EXHIBIT D**

From: Bruce Herbert - Team IV [mailto:team@investorvoice.net]

Sent: Friday, December 27, 2013 7:51 AM

To: Gomez, Irving S

Cc: Bruce Herbert - IV Team

**Subject:** INTC. Deficiency Letter Response.

Importance: High

Seattle 12/27/2013

Friday

Dear Mr. Gomez:

Attached please find materials in response to a letter dated December 18, 2013 from Ronald O. Mueller of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP on behalf of Intel Corporation.

We would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt of these items.

Happy holidays.

Sincerely,

. . . Bruce Herbert

Bruce T. Herbert | AIF Chief Executive | Accredited Investment Fiduciary Investor Voice, SPC

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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY: Irving.S.Gomez@intel.com

INVESTOR VOICE, SPC 10033 - 12th Ave NW Seattle, WA 98177 (206) 522-3055

December 27, 2013

Irving S. Gomez
Senior Attorney – Corporate Affairs Group
Intel Corporation
2200 Mission College Blvd., MS RNB4-151
Santa Clara, CA 95054-1549

Re: Shareholder Proposal in Regard to Vote-Counting, Intel Corporation

Dear Mr. Gomez:

We received on December 19, 2013 a letter dated December 18, 2013 from Ronald O. Mueller of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP in response to the Investor Voice filing of a shareholder Proposal on behalf of Eric C. Rehm and Mary P. Geary.

It is commonplace, as Mr. Mueller is well aware, for brokers, money managers, trustees, and others to file shareholder proposals on behalf of clients and related entities. Eric Rehm and Mary Geary are the Proponents, and in line with a decadeslong tradition Investor Voice is assisting them with the filing.

The letter requested certain routine documentation, in response to which the following items are attached:

- > Verification of ownership for Eric Rehm and Mary Geary
- > Appointment of Investor Voice by Eric Rehm and Mary Geary
- > Statement of intent to hold shares by Eric Rehm and Mary Geary

We feel this fulfills the requirements of SEC Rule 14a-8 in their entirety, so please inform us in a timely way should you feel otherwise. We would appreciate receiving confirmation that you received these materials in good order.

You will note in the attached "Letter of Appointment" that Mr. Rehm and Ms. Geary request that you direct all correspondence related to this matter to the attention of Investor Voice.

You may contact us via the address and phone listed above (please note that this is a new address, a/o earlier this year), as well as by the following e-mail address:

#### team@investorvoice.net

For purposes of clarity and consistency of communication, please commence all e-mail subject lines with your stock ticker symbol "INTC." (including the period) and we will do the same.

Thank you. As expressed in the filing letter, the issue of vote-counting is germane to all shareholders. We look forward to a discussion of this important corporate governance matter, and hope that positive steps will lead to a withdrawal of the Proposal.

Happy holidays.

Bruce T. Herbert | AlF

Chief Executive | ACCREDITED INVESTMENT FIDUCIARY

cc: Eric C. Rehm and Mary P. Geary

Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)

enc: Letter of Verification, from Schwab

Statement of Intent, by Eric Rehm and Mary Geary Letter of Appointment, by Eric Rehm and Mary Geary



December 11, 2013

Re: Verification of <u>Intel Corporation</u> shares for Eric Rehm & Mary Geary

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to verify that as-of the above date Eric Rehm & Mary Geary have continuously owned 100 shares of Intel Corporation common stock since 6/8/2004.

Charles Schwab Advisor Services serves as the custodian and/or record holder of these shares.

Sincerely,

John Moskowitz

Relationship Manager

John Moshonuty

**Schwab Advisor Services Northwest** 

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

## Re: Appointment of Investor Voice

To Whom It May Concern:

By this letter I/we hereby authorize and appoint Investor Voice and/or Newground Social Investment (or its agents), to represent me/us for the securities that I/we hold in all matters relating to shareholder engagement — including (but not limited to) proxy voting; the submission, negotiation, and withdrawal of shareholder proposals; and attending and presenting at shareholder meetings.

This authorization and appointment is intended to be forward-looking as well as retroactive.

To any company receiving a shareholder proposal under this appointment and grant of authority, consider this letter both instruction and authorization to direct all correspondence, questions, or communication to Investor Voice (and/or Newground Social Investment), at the address below.

Sincerely,

Eric C. Rehm

Mary P. Gegir

Eric C. Rehm Mary P. Geary c/o Bruce T. Herbert Investor Voice 2206 Queen Anne Ave N, Suite 402 Seattle, WA 98109 Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Re: Intent to Hold Shares

To Whom It May Concern:

By this letter I/we hereby express my/our intent to hold a sufficient value of stock (as defined within SEC Rule 14a-8) from the time of filing a shareholder proposal through the date of the subsequent annual meeting of shareholders.

This statement acknowledges my/our responsibility under SEC rules, and applies to the shares of any company that I/we own at which a shareholder proposal is filed (whether directly or on my/our behalf).

This Statement of Intent is intended to be durable, and forward-looking as well as retroactive.

Sincerely,

Éric C. Rehm

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Eric C. Rehm Mary P. Geary c/o Bruce T. Herbert Investor Voice 2206 Queen Anne Ave N, Suite 402 Seattle, WA 98109

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### VOTE BY INTERNET - www.proxyyote.com

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

#### **ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE PROXY MATERIALS**

If you would like to reduce the costs incurred by our company in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to vote using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years.

#### **VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903**

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

### VOTE BY MAIL

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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### **Proxy - Intel Corporation**

Notice of 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

May 16, 2013, 8:30 a.m. Pacific Time

Intel Corporation Building SC-12, 3600 Juliette Lane, Santa Clara, CA 95054 Via the Internet at www.intc.com

### Proxy Solicited by Board of Directors for Annual Meeting - May 16, 2013

Andy D. Bryant, Paul S. Otellini, Cary I. Klafter, or any of them, each with the power of substitution, are hereby authorized to represent and vote the shares of the undersigned, with all the powers which the undersigned would possess if personally present, at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Intel Corporation to be held on May 16, 2013 or at any postponement or adjournment thereof.

Shares represented by this proxy will be voted as directed by the stockholder. If no such directions are indicated, the Proxies will vote FOR all the nominees listed on Proposal 1 (Election of Directors), FOR Proposal 2 (Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm), FOR Proposal 3 (Advisory Vote to Approve Executive Compensation), FOR Proposal 4 (Amendment and Extension of the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan) and AGAINST Proposal 5 (Stockholder Proposal).

In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

(Proposals to be voted appear on reverse side.)