# OCEAN POWER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. COMPENSATION COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### A. Purpose

The purpose of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Ocean Power Technologies, Inc. (the "Company") is to oversee the discharge of the responsibilities of the Board relating to compensation of the Company's executive officers.

### **B.** Structure and Membership

- 1. <u>Number</u>. The Compensation Committee shall consist of at least two members of the Board.
- 2. <u>Independence</u>. Except as otherwise permitted by the applicable NYSE American rules, each member of the Compensation Committee shall be "independent" as defined by such rules.
- 3. <u>Chair</u>. Unless the Board elects a Chair of the Compensation Committee, the Compensation Committee shall elect a Chair by majority vote.
- 4. <u>Compensation</u>. The compensation of Compensation Committee members shall be as determined by the Board.
- 5. <u>Selection and Removal</u>. Members of the Compensation Committee shall be appointed by the Board, upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Board may remove members of the Compensation Committee from such committee, with or without cause.

### C. Authority and Responsibilities

### <u>General</u>

The Compensation Committee shall discharge its responsibilities, and shall assess the information provided by the Company's management, in accordance with its business judgment.

### **Compensation Matters**

1. <u>Executive Officer Compensation</u>. The Compensation Committee, or a majority of the independent directors serving on the Board, shall review and approve, or recommend for approval by the Board, the compensation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer (the "CEO") and the Company's other executive officers, including salary, bonus and incentive compensation levels; deferred compensation; executive perquisites; equity compensation (including awards to induce employment); severance arrangements; change-in-control benefits and other forms of executive officer compensation. While the CEO shall be entitled to address the

Compensation Committee on all matters involving the compensation of executive officers, including CEO compensation, the Compensation Committee or the independent directors, as the case may be, shall meet without the presence of the CEO or the other executive officers when approving or deliberating on CEO compensation but shall invite the CEO to be present during the approval of, or deliberations with respect to, other executive officer compensation.

- 2. <u>Evaluation of Executive Officers</u>. The Compensation Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the evaluation of the Company's executive officers. In conjunction with the Audit Committee in the case of the evaluation of the senior financial management, the Compensation Committee shall determine the nature and frequency of the evaluation and the persons subject to the evaluation, supervise the conduct of the evaluation and prepare assessments of the performance of the Company's executive officers, to be discussed periodically with the Board. Other than an evaluation of the CEO, the Compensation Committee shall be entitled to rely in part or in whole on an evaluation by the CEO of the Company's other executive officers.
- 3. <u>Plan Recommendations and Approvals</u>. The Compensation Committee shall periodically review and make recommendations to the Board with respect to incentive-compensation and equity-based plans that are subject to approval by the Board. In addition, in the case of any tax-qualified, non-discriminatory employee benefit plans (and any parallel nonqualified plans) for which stockholder approval is not sought and pursuant to which options or stock may be acquired by officers, directors, employees or consultants of the Company, the Compensation Committee, or a majority of the independent directors serving on the Board, shall approve such plans.
- 4. Administration of Plans. The Compensation Committee shall exercise all rights, authority and functions of the Board under all of the Company's stock option, stock incentive, employee stock purchase and other equity-based plans, including without limitation, the authority to interpret the terms thereof, to grant options thereunder and to make stock awards thereunder; provided, however, that, except as otherwise expressly authorized to do so by this charter or a plan or resolution of the Board, the Compensation Committee shall not be authorized to amend any such plan. To the extent permitted by applicable law and the provisions of a given equity-based plan, and consistent with the requirements of applicable law and such equity-based plan, the Compensation Committee may delegate to one or more executive officers of the Company the power to grant options or other stock awards pursuant to such equity-based plan to employees of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company who are not directors or executive officers of the Company. The Compensation Committee, or a majority of the independent directors serving on the Board, shall approve any inducement awards granted in reliance on the exemption from shareholder approval contained in NYSE American Rule 711(a).
- 5. <u>Review and Discussion of Compensation Discussion and Analysis;</u> <u>Recommendation to Board</u>. The Compensation Committee shall review and discuss

annually with management the Company's "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K (the "CD&A"). The Compensation Committee shall consider annually whether it will recommend to the Board that the CD&A be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, proxy statement on Schedule 14A or information statement on Schedule 14C.

- 6. <u>Say on Pay</u>. The Compensation Committee shall review and recommend to the Board for approval the frequency with which the Company will conduct Say on Pay Votes, taking into account the results of the most recent stockholder advisory vote on frequency of Say on Pay Votes required by Section 14A of the Exchange Act, and review and approve the proposals regarding the Say on Pay Vote and the frequency of the Say on Pay Vote to be included in the Company's proxy statement.
- 7. <u>Compensation Committee Report</u>. The Compensation Committee shall prepare the annual Compensation Committee Report required by Item 407(e)(5) of Regulation S-K.
- 8. <u>Additional Powers</u>. The Compensation Committee shall have such other duties as may be delegated from time to time by the Board.

## D. Procedures and Administration

- 1. <u>Meetings</u>. The Compensation Committee shall meet as often as it deems necessary in order to perform its responsibilities. The Compensation Committee may also act by unanimous written consent in lieu of a meeting. The Compensation Committee shall keep such records of its meetings as it shall deem appropriate.
- 2. <u>Subcommittees</u>. The Compensation Committee may form and delegate authority to one or more subcommittees as it deems appropriate from time to time under the circumstances (including (a) a subcommittee consisting of a single member and (b) a subcommittee consisting of at least two members, each of whom qualifies as a "non-employee director," as such term is defined from time to time in Rule 16b3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder, and an "outside director," as such term is defined from time to time in Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the rules and the rules and regulations thereunder).
- 3. <u>Reports to Board</u>. The Compensation Committee shall report regularly to the Board.
- 4. <u>Charter</u>. The Compensation Committee shall, from time to time as it deems appropriate, review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.
- 5. <u>Consulting Arrangements</u>. The Compensation Committee shall have the authority to retain and terminate any compensation consultant to be used to assist in the evaluation of executive officer compensation and shall have authority to approve the consultant's fees and other retention terms. The Compensation Committee shall

also have authority to commission compensation surveys or studies as the need arises. In exercising both of the foregoing, the Compensation Committee may empower its Chair to formally retain or terminate the engagement of such consultants or to commission such surveys or studies. The Compensation Committee is empowered, without further action by the Board, to cause the Company to pay the compensation of such consultants as established by the Compensation Committee.

- 6. <u>Independent Advisors</u>. The Compensation Committee is authorized, without further action by the Board, to engage such independent legal and other advisors as it deems necessary or appropriate to carry out its responsibilities. Such independent advisors may be the regular advisors to the Company. In exercising the foregoing, the Compensation Committee may empower its Chair to formally engage such independent legal or other advisors. The Compensation Committee is empowered, without further action by the Board, to cause the Company to pay the compensation of such advisors as established by the Compensation Committee.
- 7. <u>Investigations</u>. The Compensation Committee shall have the authority to conduct or authorize investigations into any matters within the scope of its responsibilities as it shall deem appropriate, including the authority to request any officer, employee or advisor of the Company to meet with the Compensation Committee or any advisors engaged by the Compensation Committee.
- 8. <u>Self-Evaluation</u>. The Compensation Committee shall, from time to time as it deems appropriate, evaluate its own performance or in lieu thereof, the Board shall evaluate the performance of the Compensation Committee.