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#### 2 Pembroke House

### Upper Pembroke Street 28-32, Dublin 2, Ireland

(Registered in England & Wales under Company No. 2353920)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Amarin Corporation plc, a company registered in England and Wales (the *Company*), will be held at The Shelbourne Hotel, 27 St. Stephen s Green, Dublin 2, Ireland on July 10, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. local time for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions, all of which are being proposed as ordinary resolutions:

### **Ordinary Business**

1.	To re-elect Dr. Lars Ekman as a director;
2.	To re-elect Dr. Carl Gordon as a director;
3.	To re-elect Mr. Jan van Heek as a director;
4.	To elect Mr. Patrick J. O Sullivan as a director;
5.	To hold an advisory (non-binding) vote to approve the Company s executive compensation;
6.	To hold an advisory (non-binding) vote to approve the directors remuneration report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011;
7.	To appoint Deloitte & Touche LLP as auditors of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company and to authorize the audit committee of the board of directors of the Company to fix the auditors remuneration; and

## **Special Business**

8. To adopt and approve the proposed amendment to Amarin Corporation plc 2011 Stock Incentive Plan.

### **Additional Business**

As a public limited company organized under the laws of England and Wales, it is a statutory requirement that the Board lay before the Annual General Meeting the Company s statutory accounts, which are the annual report and the accounts for the financial year ended December 31, 2011 prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (the *Statutory Accounts*). The Company does not expect that other items of business will be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

Only shareholders who held shares at the close of business on the record date, April 23, 2012, may vote at the Annual General Meeting, including any adjournment or postponement thereof. The accompanying Proxy Statement more fully describes the details of the business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting. After careful consideration, our Board of Directors has unanimously approved the proposals and recommends that you vote FOR each director nominee and FOR each proposal subject to a binding vote described in the Proxy Statement.

The Company s principal executive offices are located at 2 Pembroke House, Upper Pembroke Street 28-32, Dublin 2, Ireland. The registered office of Amarin Corporation plc is One New Change, London EC4M 9AF, England. A copy of the Company s Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2011, which contains audited consolidated financial statements, prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and other information, accompanies this Notice and the enclosed Proxy Statement.

*Important Notice of Internet Availability.* The accompanying Proxy Statement and Annual Report will also be available to the public at <a href="http://investor.amarincorp.com">http://investor.amarincorp.com</a>.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting.					
Sincerely,					
Joseph S. Zakrzewski					
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer					
April 27, 2012					

WHETHER OR NOT YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD USING THE ENCLOSED RETURN ENVELOPE, AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ENSURE YOUR REPRESENTATION AT THE MEETING. EVEN IF YOU HAVE VOTED BY PROXY, YOU MAY STILL VOTE IN PERSON IF YOU ATTEND THE MEETING. PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT IF YOUR SHARES ARE REPRESENTED BY AMERICAN DEPOSITARY SHARES AND HELD ON DEPOSIT BY CITIBANK, N.A., AS DEPOSITARY, OR IF YOUR SHARES ARE HELD OF RECORD BY A BROKER, BANK OR OTHER NOMINEE AND YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR VOTES CAST AT THE MEETING, YOU MUST OBTAIN, COMPLETE AND TIMELY RETURN A PROXY CARD ISSUED IN YOUR NAME FROM THAT INTERMEDIARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED THEREWITH.

#### PROXY STATEMENT FOR

#### 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

### TO BE HELD ON JULY 10, 2012

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors (the *Board*) of Amarin Corporation plc, a public limited company registered in England & Wales ( *Amarin* or the *Company*) for use at the Company s 2012 Annual General Meeting of shareholders to be held at The Shelbourne Hotel, 27 St. Stephen s Green, Dublin 2, Ireland, on July 10, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. local time for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the resolutions specified in the Notice of Annual General Meeting. This proxy statement is being mailed to shareholders on or about May 7, 2012.

For a proxy to be effective, it must be properly executed and dated and lodged (together with a duly signed and dated power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is executed (or a notarially certified copy of such power of attorney or other authority)) at the offices of the Company's registrars, Equiniti of Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, UK BN99 6DA (the *Registrars*) so as to be received by 8:00 a.m. local time on July 8, 2012. Each proxy properly tendered will, unless otherwise directed by the shareholder, be voted FOR the proposals subject to a binding vote, FOR the nominees described in this Proxy Statement and at the discretion of the proxy holder(s) with regard to all other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

The Company will pay all of the costs of soliciting proxies. We will provide copies of our proxy materials to the depositary for our American Depositary Shares (Citibank, N.A.), brokerage firms, fiduciaries and custodians for forwarding to beneficial owners and will reimburse these persons for their costs of forwarding these materials. We have engaged Georgeson Shareholder Communications Inc. to assist us in the distribution and solicitation of proxies for a fee of \$9,000 plus expenses. Our directors, officers and employees may also solicit proxies; however, we will not pay them additional compensation for any of these services. Proxies may be solicited by telephone, facsimile, or personal solicitation.

### **Shares Outstanding and Voting Rights**

Amarin is registered in England & Wales and therefore subject to the Companies Act 2006, which, together with the Articles of Association of the Company (the *Articles*), governs the processes for voting at Annual General Meetings. There are a number of differences between English and U.S. law in relation to voting. At the Annual General Meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is demanded by (a) the chairman, (b) at least two shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting, (c) a shareholder or shareholders representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all shareholders having the right to vote at the meeting (excluding any voting rights attached to shares that are held as treasury shares) or (d) a shareholder or shareholders holding shares conferring a right to vote at the meeting being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all shares conferring that right (excluding any shares in the Company conferring a right to vote at the meeting that are held as treasury shares).

Only holders of record of our ordinary shares of £0.50 each ( *Ordinary Shares* ) at the close of business on April 23, 2012 (the *Record Date* ), are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual General Meeting. On the Record Date, approximately 137,793,338 Ordinary Shares were issued and 137,773,259 outstanding, of which approximately 137,479,804 were held in the name of Citibank, N.A. (the *Depositary* ), which issues Company-sponsored American Depositary Receipts ( *ADRs* ) evidencing American Depositary Shares ( *ADSs* ) which, in turn, each represent one Ordinary Share. With respect to all matters to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting, each shareholder present has only one vote unless demand is made for a vote on a poll (in which case each shareholder gets one vote per ordinary share held). The presence, in person or by proxy, of at least two shareholders who hold shares as of the Record Date will constitute a quorum for the transaction of

business at the Annual General Meeting. At any adjournment of the Annual General Meeting, if a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for such meeting, one person entitled to be counted in a quorum present at the adjournment shall be a quorum.

Persons who hold Ordinary Shares directly on the Record Date ( *record holders* ) must return a proxy card or attend the Annual General Meeting in person in order to vote on the proposals. Persons who own Ordinary Shares indirectly on the Record Date through a brokerage firm, bank or other financial institution, including persons who own Ordinary Shares in the form of ADSs through the Depositary ( *beneficial owners* ), must return a voting instruction form to have their shares or the shares underlying their ADSs, as the case may be, voted on their behalf. Brokerage firms, banks or other financial institutions that do not receive voting instructions from beneficial owners may either vote these shares on behalf of the beneficial owners or return a proxy leaving these shares un-voted (a *broker non-vote* ). ADR holders are not entitled to vote directly at the Annual General Meeting, but an Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement dated as of November 4, 2011, or Deposit Agreement, exists between the Depositary and the holders of ADRs pursuant to which registered holders of ADRs as of the record date are entitled to instruct the Depositary as to the exercise of voting rights pertaining to the Ordinary Shares so represented. The Depositary has agreed that it will endeavor, insofar as practicable, to vote (in person or by delivery to the Company of a proxy) the Ordinary Shares registered in the name of Citibank, N.A., in accordance with the instructions of the ADR holders. In the event that the instruction card is executed but does not specify the manner in which the Ordinary Shares represented are to be voted (i.e., by marking a vote FOR , AGAINST or any other option), the Depositary will vote in respect of each proposal as recommended by the Board which is described in the Notice of Annual General Meeting. Instructions from the ADR holders must be sent to the Depositary so that the instructions are received by no later than 10:00 a.m. New York time on July 2, 2012 (the *Instruction Date* ).

The Company has retained Equiniti of Aspect House to hold and maintain its register of members. Equiniti of Aspect House will be engaged by the Company to send proxy forms to all registered members appearing on that register and to take delivery of completed proxy forms posted to it in accordance with the details above.

Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted for the purpose of determining the presence or absence of a quorum, but will not be counted for the purpose of determining the number of votes cast on a given proposal. The required vote for each of the proposals expected to be acted upon at the Annual General Meeting is described:

### **Ordinary Resolutions**

*Proposals No. 1 to No. 4 Election of directors.* A director is elected if a majority of the shares present at the meeting in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the proposal are voted in favor of such director (whether voting is by show of hands or a poll is taken). As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as voting against the proposal and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

*Proposal No. 5 Advisory (non-binding) vote to approve the Company s executive compensation.* This advisory proposal will be approved if a majority of the shares present at the meeting in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the proposal are voted in favor of the resolution (whether voting is by show of hands or a poll is taken). As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as voting against the proposal and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

Proposal No. 6 Advisory (non-binding vote) on to approve the Directors Remuneration Report for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011. This advisory proposal must be approved by a majority of the shares present at the meeting in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the proposal (whether voting is by show of hands or a poll is taken). As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as voting against the proposal and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

*Proposal No. 7 Approval of independent registered public accounting firm.* This proposal must be approved by a majority of the shares present at the meeting in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the proposal (whether voting is by show of hands or a poll is taken). As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as voting against the proposal and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

*Proposal No. 8 Approval of an amendment to the Company s 2011 Stock Incentive Plan.* This proposal must be approved by a majority of the shares present at the meeting in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the proposal (whether voting is by show of hands or a poll is taken). As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as voting against the proposal and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

We encourage you to vote by proxy by mailing an executed proxy card. By voting in advance of the meeting, this ensures that your shares will be voted and reduces the likelihood that the Company will be forced to incur additional expenses soliciting proxies for the Annual General Meeting. Any record holder of our Ordinary Shares may attend the Annual General Meeting in person and may revoke the enclosed form of proxy at any time by:

executing and delivering to the corporate secretary a later-dated proxy; or

voting in person at the Annual General Meeting.

Beneficial owners of our Ordinary Shares and holders of ADSs representing our Ordinary Shares who wish to change or revoke their voting instructions should contact their brokerage firm, bank or other financial institution or the Depositary, as applicable, for information on how to do so. Generally, however, beneficial owners of our Ordinary Shares and holders of ADSs representing our Ordinary Shares who wish to change or revoke their voting instructions may do so up until 10:00 a.m. New York Time on the Instruction Date. Beneficial owners who wish to attend the Annual General Meeting and vote in person should contact their brokerage firm, bank or other financial institution holding Ordinary Shares of Amarin on their behalf in order to obtain a legal proxy, which will allow them to both attend the meeting and vote in person. Without a legal proxy, beneficial owners cannot vote at the Annual General Meeting because their brokerage firm, bank or other financial institution may have already voted or returned a broker non-vote on their behalf. Record holders of ADSs representing our Ordinary Shares who wish to attend the Annual General Meeting and vote in person should contact the Depositary (and beneficial owners wishing to do the same should contact their brokerage firm, bank or other financial institution holding their ADSs) to cause their ADSs to be cancelled and the underlying shares to be withdrawn in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Deposit Agreement so as to be recognized by us as a record holder of our Ordinary Shares.

#### PROPOSALS NO. 1 TO NO. 4

#### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Articles provide that, at every annual general meeting, at least one-third of the directors at the time shall retire from office (or, if the number of directors at the time is not a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not exceeding one-third shall retire from office). The directors elected at the Annual General Meeting will hold office until their successors are elected and qualified, unless they resign or their seats become vacant due to death, removal, or other cause in accordance with the Articles.

As described below, the Board has nominated Dr. Ekman, Dr. Gordon and Mr. van Heek for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Each of the nominees have indicated their willingness to serve if elected. Should any of the nominees become unavailable for election at the Annual General Meeting, the persons named on the enclosed proxy as proxy holders may vote all proxies given in response to this solicitation for the election of a substitute nominee chosen by the Board.

The Articles also provide that any director appointed to the Board since the 2011 Annual General Meeting shall only hold office until the 2012 Annual General Meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election (but shall not be taken into account in determining the directors who are to retire by rotation at the 2012 Annual General Meeting).

As described below, Mr. O Sullivan was appointed to the Board in December 2011 and will stand for election at the Annual General Meeting. Mr. O Sullivan has indicated his willingness to serve if elected. Should Mr. O Sullivan become unavailable for election at the Annual General Meeting, the persons named on the enclosed proxy as proxy holders may vote all proxies given in response to this solicitation for the election of a substitute nominee chosen by the Board.

### **Nomination of Directors**

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, which acts as the Company s nominating committee, reviews and recommends to the Board potential nominees for election to the Board. In reviewing potential nominees, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers the qualifications of each potential nominee in light of the Board s existing and desired mix of experience and expertise. Specifically, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers the following minimum criteria: whether the nominee has experience at a strategic or policymaking level in a business, government, non-profit or academic organization of high standing; whether the nominee is highly accomplished in his or her field, with superior credentials and recognition; whether the nominee is well regarded in the community and has a long-term reputation for the highest ethical and moral standards; whether the nominee has sufficient time and availability to devote to the affairs of the Company, particularly in light of the number of boards on which the nominee may serve; whether the nominee has a demonstrated history of actively contributing at board meetings (to the extent that the nominee serves or has previously served on other boards). These criteria are set forth in our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter. In addition to these minimum qualifications, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee recommends that the Board select persons for nomination to help ensure that: a majority of the Board shall be independent in accordance with NASDAQ rules; each of the Company s Audit, Remuneration and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees shall be comprised entirely of independent directors; and at least one member of the Audit Committee shall qualify as an audit committee financial expert as defined by SEC rules. In addition, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may consider whether the nominee has direct experience in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology or healthcare industries or in the markets in which the Company operates and whether the nominee, if elected, would assist in achieving a mix of Board members that represents a diversity of background and experience. Although the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may consider whether nominees assist in achieving a mix of Board members that represents a diversity of background and experience, which is not only limited to race, gender or national origin, we have no formal policy regarding board diversity.

After reviewing the qualifications of potential Board candidates, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee presents its recommendations to the Board, which selects the final director nominees. Upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the Board nominated Dr. Ekman, Dr. Gordon and Mr. van Heek for re-election as directors and Mr. O Sullivan for election as directors. In 2011, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee did retain a search firm (Korn/Ferry International) to assist in the identification and assessment of potential director candidates.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers shareholder nominees using the same criteria set forth above. Shareholders who wish to present a potential nominee to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for consideration for election at a future annual general meeting of shareholders must provide the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee with notice of the nomination and certain information regarding the candidate within the time periods set forth below under the caption Shareholder Proposals.

### **Nominees and Incumbent Directors**

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has recommended, and the Board has nominated, Dr. Ekman, Dr. Gordon and Mr. van Heek to be re-elected and Mr. O Sullivan to be elected directors at the Annual General Meeting. The following table sets forth the following information for these nominees and the Company s continuing directors: the year each was first elected a director of the Company, their respective ages and the positions currently held with the Company:

Nominee / Director Name and Year First Became a					
Director	Age	Position(s) with the Company			
Nominees for Director:					
Lars G. Ekman, M.D., Ph.D. (2008)	62	Director			
Carl L. Gordon, Ph.D., CFA (2008)	47	Director			
Jan van Heek (2010)	62	Director			
Patrick J. O Sullivan (2011)	70	Director			
Continuing Directors:					
Joseph Anderson, Ph.D. (2009)	52	Director			
James I. Healy, M.D., Ph.D. (2008)	47	Director			
Kristine Peterson (2010)	52	Director			
Joseph S. Zakrzewski (2010)	49	Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board of Directors			
Directors Nominated for Election					

The following persons have been nominated by the Board to be elected as directors at the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

Lars G. Ekman, M.D., Ph.D. joined Amarin as a non-executive director in November 2008, and was named Amarin s lead independent director in October 2011. With more than 28 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, Dr. Ekman is currently an executive partner at Sofinnova Ventures, and from October 2008 to 2011 he served as Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Cebix Inc. He was Executive Vice President and President of Global Research and Development at Elan Corporation plc, from January 2001 to December 2007, where he is currently a director and chairs the Science and Technology Committee. Prior to joining Elan, he was Executive Vice President, Research and Development at Schwarz Pharma AG from February 1997 to December 2000, and prior to that was employed in a variety of senior scientific and clinical functions at Pharmacia, now Pfizer. In addition to Elan and Cebix, Dr. Ekman also sits on the Board of Directors of InterMune Inc., Ocera Therapeutics and Sophiris Bio (formerly Protox Therapeutics). Dr. Ekman is a board certified surgeon with a Ph.D. in experimental biology and has held several clinical and academic positions in

both the United States and Europe. He obtained his Ph.D. and M.D. from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Based on Dr. Ekman s experience within the pharmaceutical industry and his executive experience, specifically his experience as Chief Executive Officer and other executive positions in the biotechnology industry, as well as his service on boards of directors in the biotechnology industry, the Board believes Dr. Ekman has the appropriate set of skills to serve as a member of our Board.

Carl L. Gordon, Ph.D., CFA joined Amarin as a non-executive director in May 2008 pursuant to a Management Rights Agreement entered into in connection with OrbiMed s investment in the Company. Dr. Gordon is a founding General Partner and Co-Head of Private Equity of OrbiMed Advisors LLC, which was founded in 1998. Dr. Gordon is active in both private equity and small-capitalization public equity investments. Dr. Gordon served on the Board of Directors of BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from 2004 until 2007 and Arius Research, Inc. from 2006 until 2009 and he currently serves on the Board of Directors of Acceleron Pharma, Complete Genomics, Inc. and Selecta Biosciences, Inc. He was a senior biotechnology analyst at Mehta and Isaly from 1995 to 1997. He was a Fellow at The Rockefeller University from 1993 to 1995. Dr. Gordon received a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His doctoral work involved studies of protein folding and assembly. He received a Bachelor s degree from Harvard College. Dr. Gordon s experience from serving as a director of various companies within the pharmaceutical industry, as well as his educational training in biology, makes him a valuable member of our Board.

Jan van Heek joined Amarin as a non-executive director effective February 2, 2010. He is currently a Principal and Partner at BioPoint Group, where he advises biotechnology and other healthcare companies in commercial strategy development, financing and business development. Prior to establishing BioPoint, Mr. van Heek spent more than 18 years at Genzyme Corporation, most recently as an Executive Vice President and Senior Advisor to the CEO and senior management team. Mr. van Heek is currently a board member of PanGenetics BV in the Netherlands and was a board member and Chairman of the Audit Committee of ViaCell Corporation, a U.S. public company, from 2002 until it was sold to Perkin Elmer Corporation in 2007. He received an MBA degree from St. Gallen University in Switzerland and an executive degree from Stanford Business School. Based on Mr. van Heek s experience within the biotechnology industry and his executive experience, specifically his experience in executive officer positions at other companies in the biotechnology industry, as well as his service on other boards of directors, the Board believes Mr. van Heek has the appropriate set of skills to serve as a member of our Board.

Patrick J. O Sullivan joined Amarin as a non-executive director in December 2011. Mr. O Sullivan has more than 40 years of pharmaceutical industry experience, including more than 30 years as Chief Executive Officer and member of the Board of Directors of the LEO Pharma companies in Ireland and more than 10 years as a member of the Board of Directors of the parent company of the LEO Pharma Group in Denmark. Since 2007 Mr. O Sullivan has been a business consultant to the pharmaceutical industry, and he currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Warner Chilcott Plc. Mr. O Sullivan is a registered pharmacist who earned Bachelor of Commerce and Masters of Business Administration degrees from University College in Dublin. Mr. Sullivan s experience from serving as an officer director of various companies within the pharmaceutical industry, as well as his educational training in business administration, make him a valuable member of our Board.

### Directors continuing in office

Joseph Anderson, Ph.D. joined Amarin as a non-executive director in October 2009 pursuant to a Management Rights Agreement entered into in connection with Abingworth LLP s investment in the Company. Dr. Anderson is a Partner at Abingworth LLP, an international investment group dedicated to the life sciences and healthcare sectors. Dr. Anderson joined Abingworth LLP in January 2004. He leads private investments in public companies in the U.S. and Europe. He has more than 20 years of experience as a Fund Manager and Analyst in the pharmaceutical and bioscience sectors. From October 1999 through December 2003, Dr. Anderson was previously at First State Investments in London, part of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, where he was

Head of Global Healthcare Equities and Portfolio Manager. Prior to this, he was a Pharmaceuticals Analyst at investment bank, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson from June 1998 through October 1999. From 1990 to 1998, Dr. Anderson established and was Head of the Strategy Unit at The Wellcome Trust, one of the world s largest medical foundations. Dr. Anderson is currently a Director of Algeta ASA, a publicly quoted oncology company developing radiopharmaceuticals, Epigenomics Ag, a publicly quoted diagnostics company, and Abingworth BioEquities Master Fund Limited, an offshore investment fund. Dr. Anderson has a Ph.D. in Biochemistry. Our Board has concluded that Dr. Anderson s lengthy experience within the pharmaceutical and bioscience sectors make him a valuable member of our Board.

James I. Healy, M.D., Ph.D. joined Amarin as a non-executive director in May 2008 pursuant to a Management Rights Agreement entered into in connection with Sofinnova's investment in the Company. Dr. Healy joined Sofinnova Ventures as a General Partner in 2000. Dr. Healy was a founding investor and board member of Cellective (acquired by MedImmune), CoTherix (acquired by Actelion), Novacea, and Intermune. He also serves on the boards of directors of several private companies. In the pharmaceutical industry, Dr. Healy held positions at Bayer Pharmaceuticals (Miles) and ISTA Pharmaceuticals prior to its initial public offering. He began his private equity career at Sanderling Ventures. Dr. Healy earned B.A. degrees in Molecular Biology and Scandinavian Studies from the University of California at Berkeley, where he graduated with Distinction in General Scholarship, Honors, and received a Departmental Citation. He received his M.D. from Stanford University s School of Medicine through the Medical Scientist Training Program, and earned his Ph.D. in Immunology from Stanford University, where he was a Beckman Scholar and received a bursary award from the Novartis Foundation. Dr. Healy is an active member of the BIO-NVCA Working Group. Dr. Healy serves on the Board of Directors of Anthera Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and InterMune, Inc., as well as the following private companies: Cebix Inc.; Hyperion Therapeutics; InteKrin Therapeutics, Inc.; KaloBios Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Sorbent Therapeutics; and Durata Therapeutics. Based on Dr. Healy s extensive experience as a director of numerous biopharmaceutical companies, his prior positions with pharmaceutical companies and his medical training, the Board has determined that Dr. Healy possesses the necessary attributes to serve on our Board.

Kristine Peterson joined Amarin as a non-executive director in November 2010. Ms. Peterson has more than 27 years of pharmaceutical industry experience, including 20 years at Bristol-Myers Squibb, where she was responsible for sales, marketing and general management in a variety of therapeutic areas, including leading the cardiovascular and metabolic disease business unit. She is currently, and has been since June 2009, Chief Executive Officer at Valeritas, Inc., a medical technology company committed to the development and commercialization of innovative drug delivery solutions, with its lead product for the treatment of diabetes. Prior to joining Valeritas, Ms. Peterson was Company Group Chair for the biotech business at Johnson & Johnson from May 2006 through June 2009, was an Executive Vice President at Johnson & Johnson from August 2004 through May 2006 and was Senior Vice President of commercial operations at Biovail Corporation from May 2003 to August 2004. Ms. Peterson is currently a director of Valeritas, Inc., ImmunoGen, Inc. the Biotechnology Industry Organization and the Greater Philadelphia Life Sciences Congress. Ms. Peterson has an MBA degree in Marketing from the University of Illinois. Based on Ms. Peterson s experience within the pharmaceutical industry and her executive experience, specifically her experience as an executive officer at other companies in the biotechnology industry, as well as her service on other boards of directors in the biotechnology industry, the Board believes Ms. Peterson has the appropriate set of skills to serve as a member of our Board.

Joseph S. Zakrzewski was appointed as Executive Chairman of our Board of Directors effective January 2010, was appointed as our Chief Executive Officer effective November 10, 2010, and became Chairman of our Board of Directors effective October 20, 2011 in connection with his joining Amarin on a full-time basis. He was most recently President and Chief Executive Officer of Xcellerex, a privately held company focusing on commercializing its proprietary next generation manufacturing technology for biotherapeutics and vaccines from 2007 through the first half of 2010. Mr. Zakrzewski also served as the Chief Operating Officer of Reliant Pharmaceuticals, a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on cardiovascular drugs from 2005 through the first half of 2007. Mr. Zakrzewski had responsibility for the company s pharmaceutical operations including, R&D, business development, supply chain/manufacturing, quality, IT, and compliance. Reliant Pharmaceuticals

was sold to GlaxoSmithKline in 2007. From 1988 to 2004, Mr. Zakrzewski served in a variety of executive level capacities at Eli Lilly & Company including R&D, manufacturing, finance and business development. His most recent position at Eli Lilly & Company was Vice President, Corporate Business Development, where he had global responsibility for all business development activities on a worldwide basis. Mr. Zakrzewski received a BS in Chemical Engineering in 1986, an MS in Biochemical Engineering from Drexel University in 1988, and received an MBA in Finance in 1992 from Indiana University. Mr. Zakrzewski also serves on the Boards of Acceleron Pharma, Insulet Corporation, and Azelon Therapeutics (formerly known as Zelos Therapeutics). In addition, Mr. Zakrzewski served as a Venture Partner with Orbimed, the world s largest healthcare-dedicated investment firm, in 2010 and 2011. The Board has concluded that Mr. Zakrzewski should serve on our Board based on his knowledge of our Company gained from his position as Chief Executive Officer and his substantial experience serving as an executive officer of other pharmaceutical companies, as well as Mr. Zakrzewski service as a member of boards of directors of other pharmaceutical companies.

### **Vote Required**

Each director nominated for election will be elected if a majority of the shares present at the meeting and entitled to vote on the proposal are voted in favor of such director (whether voting is by show of hands or a poll is taken). As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as voting against the proposal and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

Holders of proxies solicited by this Proxy Statement will vote the proxies received by them as directed on the proxy card or, if no direction is made, then FOR the election of all the nominees named in this Proxy Statement.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR

EACH OF THE NOMINEES IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

#### ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### **Background**

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the *Dodd-Frank Act*) requires that shareholders have the opportunity to cast an advisory (non-binding) vote on executive compensation commencing with our 2011 Annual General Meeting (a so-called say-on-pay vote), as well as an advisory vote with respect to whether future say-on-pay votes will be held every one, two or three years (a so-called say-on-frequency vote). At the 2011 Annual General Meeting, the Company s shareholders overwhelmingly supported the say-on-pay vote with nearly 99% of the votes cast on the proposal, and they also voted on the say-on-frequency vote and advised Amarin to hold a say-on-pay vote every year. As previously announced, the Company s Board of Directors has decided to hold this advisory vote annually.

The advisory vote on executive compensation is a non-binding vote on the compensation of the Company s named executive officers, as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section, the tabular disclosure regarding such compensation, and the accompanying narrative disclosure, set forth in this Proxy Statement. The advisory vote on executive compensation is not a vote on the Company s general compensation policies, compensation of the Company s Board of Directors, or the Company s compensation policies as they relate to risk management. Our philosophy in setting compensation policies for executive officers has two fundamental objectives: (1) to attract and retain a highly skilled team of executives and (2) to align our executives interests with those of our shareholders by rewarding short-term and long-term performance and tying compensation to increases in shareholder value. The Remuneration Committee believes that executive compensation should be directly linked both to continuous improvements in corporate performance (so-called pay for performance) and accomplishments that are expected to increase shareholder value. The Compensation Discussion and Analysis section herein provides a more detailed discussion of the executive compensation program and compensation philosophy.

The vote under this Proposal No. 5 is advisory, and therefore not binding on the Company, the Board or our Remuneration Committee. However, our Board, including our Remuneration Committee, values the opinions of our shareholders and, to the extent there is any significant vote against the executive officer compensation as disclosed in this Proxy Statement, we will consider our shareholders concerns and evaluate what actions may be appropriate to address those concerns.

Shareholders will be asked at the Annual General Meeting to approve the following resolution pursuant to this Proposal No. 5:

**RESOLVED**, that the shareholders of the Company vote in favor of a non-binding, advisory vote approving the compensation of the Company s named executive officers.

### **Vote Required**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the holders of shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting (whether voting is by show of hands or a poll is taken) is necessary to approve this proposal. As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as voting against the proposal and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL NO. 5.

#### ADVISORY VOTE ON THE DIRECTORS REMUNERATION REPORT FOR

### THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

The Board wishes to obtain from the shareholders their approval of the Directors Remuneration Report for the year ended December 31, 2011, which is attached to this Proxy Statement as Annex A. In accordance with U.K. legal requirements, the Directors Remuneration Report has been approved by the Board. The report will be delivered to Companies House in the United Kingdom.

Because your vote is advisory, it will not be binding upon the Company, the Board or the Remuneration Committee. The Board and the Remuneration Committee value the opinions of the shareholders. To the extent that there is any significant vote against the compensation of our executive officers, we will consider shareholders concerns, and the Remuneration Committee will evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address those concerns.

Shareholders will be asked at the Annual General Meeting to approve the following resolution pursuant to this Proposal No. 6:

**RESOLVED**, to approve the Directors Remuneration Report for the financial year ended December 31, 2011.

### **Vote Required**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the holders of shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting (whether voting is by show of hands or a poll is taken) is necessary to approve the Directors Remuneration Report for the year ended December 31, 2011. As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as voting against the proposal and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL NO. 6

#### APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Our Audit Committee has selected Deloitte & Touche LLP ( D&T ) as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012, and has further directed that we submit the selection of D&T for approval by our shareholders at the Annual General Meeting.

The Audit Committee reviews and pre-approves all audit and non-audit services performed by its independent registered public accounting firm, as well as the fees charged for such services. All fees incurred in fiscal 2011 for services rendered by D&T were approved in accordance with these policies. In its review of non-audit service fees, the Audit Committee considers, among other things, the possible impact of the performance of such services on the auditor—s independence. The Audit Committee has determined that the non-audit services performed by D&T in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 were compatible with maintaining the auditor—s independence. Additional information concerning the Audit Committee and its activities can be found in the following sections of this Proxy Statement:—Board Committees—and—Report of the Audit Committee.

D&T commenced auditing our annual financial statements with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010. Representatives of D&T are expected to be available telephonically at the Annual General Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and will be available to respond to appropriate shareholder questions.

### Fees for Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The following is a summary of the fees billed to the Company by D&T and the Company s former auditor Pricewaterhouse Coopers ( *PWC* ) for professional services rendered for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. These fees are for work invoiced in the fiscal years indicated.

	D&T	PWC	
	2011	2010	2010
Audit Fees (1):	\$ 729,900	\$ 408,000	\$ 363,774
Audit-Related Fees (2):	\$ 118,154	\$	\$ 93,844
Tax Fees (3):	\$ 67,419	\$ 100,098	\$ 74,138
All Other Fees (4):	\$ 133,270	\$	\$ 63,607
Total All Fees:	\$ 1,048,743	\$ 508,098	\$ 595,363

- (1) Audit fees for 2011 include fees incurred in connection with the audit of financial statements as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 as prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles
- (2) Audit-related fees consists of costs incurred in connection with the audit of statutory financial statements as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 as prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.
- (3) Tax fees consist primarily of costs incurred for strategic foreign tax advice, the preparation of our tax returns and other related statutory filings.
- (4) All other fees consist primarily of costs incurred in connection with registration statement filings and comfort letters issued in connection with financing opportunities.

Shareholders will be asked at the Annual General Meeting to approve the following resolution pursuant to this Proposal No. 7:

**RESOLVED**, to reappoint Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company s auditors to hold office from the conclusion of this meeting until the conclusion of the next meeting at which the annual accounts are laid before the Company and to authorize the directors to agree the remuneration of the auditors.

In the event that shareholders do not approve the foregoing resolution, we will need to engage a third-party auditor who will act as our independent registered public accounting firm under U.S. law and as our statutory auditor under UK law for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012. We may proceed to engage such firm as our Board and Audit Committee deem advisable, which firm may include Deloitte & Touche LLP.

### **Vote Required**

This proposal must be approved by a majority of the shares present and entitled to vote on the proposal (whether voting is by show of hands or a poll is taken). As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as voting against the proposal and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL NO. 7

#### APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO 2011 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

### **Proposal**

The Board of Directors is requesting that stockholders vote in favor of an amendment to the Company s 2011 Stock Incentive Plan (as amended, the Plan ). The 2011 Stock Incentive Plan was originally adopted by our Board of Directors and approved by our stockholders at our 2011 Annual General Meeting (as approved, the 2011 Plan ). If this Proposal No. 8 is approved, the number of shares reserved for issuance under the 2011 Plan would increase by 8,000,000 shares.

The purpose of the Plan is to enable the Company to have a compensation program designed to attract, retain, and motivate highly qualified employees; provide employees with long-term stock-based incentives to produce long-term growth thereby increasing our value to stockholders; and foster a cooperative teaching and learning environment that focuses on delivering stockholder value as further discussed above in the Proxy Statement in the section entitled Compensation Discussion and Analysis. We believe that equity compensation is an essential element of our compensation package and that equity awards align employees and directors interests with those of our stockholders. Our Board of Directors recommends a vote for approval of the Plan because the Plan will allow us to continue to use equity based incentives and promote the goals of our compensation strategy.

### **Changes to Original Plan**

If this proposal is approved, the maximum number of the Company's Ordinary Shares of £0.50 each or ADSs, as the case may be ( *Shares* ), that can be issued under the Plan would increase by 8,000,000 Shares. We currently have 652,888 Shares available under the 2011 Plan, and we believe that such amount may not be sufficient to cover projected equity awards under the 2011 Plan through the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

#### **Summary of Material Features**

The material features of the Plan are:

The maximum number of Shares that can be issued under the Plan shall not exceed the sum of (i) 3.5 million Shares, (ii) 3,074,680 Shares (being Shares that remained available for grants under the Company s existing 2002 Stock Option Plan (the 2002 Plan) as of July 12, 2011), and (iii) 8,000,000 additional Shares pursuant to the amendment described in this Proposal No. 8.

Shares from forfeited, expired and terminated awards under the 2002 Plan and the Plan can be added back to the reserved pool under the Plan. For this purpose, Shares tendered or held back for taxes will not be added to the reserved pool under the Plan.

The award of stock options (both incentive and non-qualified options) and restricted stock units to employees, directors and consultants is permitted. In addition, unrestricted Shares may be awarded to directors;

Minimum vesting periods are required for grants of restricted stock units;

Any material amendment to the Plan is subject to approval by our shareholders; and

The term of the Plan will expire on July 12, 2021.

Based solely on the closing price of our ADSs as reported by the NASDAQ on April 23, 2012, the maximum aggregate market value of the additional Shares that could potentially be issued under the Plan as at April 23, 2012, assuming this Proposal No. 8 is approved, is \$87,221,111.04. The Shares we issue under the Plan will be authorized but unissued Shares or Shares that we reacquire.

### Qualified Performance-Based Compensation under Code Section 162(m)

To ensure that certain awards granted under the Plan to a Covered Employee (as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the *Code* ) qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Plan provides that the Remuneration Committee may require that the vesting of such awards be conditioned on the satisfaction of performance criteria that may include any or all of the following: (1) earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; (2) net income (loss) (either before or after interest, taxes, depreciation and/or amortization); (3) changes in the market price of the Shares; (4) economic value-added; (5) funds from operations or similar measures; (6) sales or revenue; (7) development, clinical or regulatory milestones; (8) acquisitions or strategic transactions; (9) operating income (loss); (10) cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow and free cash flow); (11) return on capital, assets, equity, or investment; (12) shareholder returns; (13) return on sales; (14) gross or net profit levels; (15) productivity; (16) expenses; (17) margins; (18) operating efficiency; (19) customer satisfaction; (20) working capital; (21) earnings (loss) per Share; (22) sales or market shares; and (23) number of customers, any of which may be measured either in absolute terms or as compared to any incremental increase or as compared to results of a peer group. The Remuneration Committee will select the particular performance criteria within 90 days following the commencement of a performance cycle. Subject to adjustments for stock splits and similar events, the maximum award granted to any one individual that is intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code will not exceed 3.5 million Shares for any performance cycle and options with respect to no more than 3.5 million Shares may be granted to any one individual during any calendar year period.

### Summary of the Plan

The following description of certain features of the Plan is intended to be a summary only. The summary is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Plan that is attached hereto as Annex B.

*Plan Administration*. The Plan is administered by the Remuneration Committee. The Remuneration Committee has full power to select, from among the individuals eligible for awards, the individuals to whom awards will be granted, to make any combination of awards to participants, and to determine the specific terms and conditions of each award, subject to the provisions of the Plan. The Remuneration Committee may delegate to one or more directors or to one or more officers its authority under the Plan, subject to such terms, conditions and limitations as it may establish in its sole discretion.

*Eligibility*. Persons eligible to participate in the Plan will be those full or part-time officers, employees, directors and other key persons (including consultants) of the Company and its subsidiaries as selected from time to time by the Remuneration Committee in its discretion. Approximately 53 individuals are currently eligible to participate in the Plan, which includes 6 officers, 40 employees who are not officers, and 7 non-employee directors.

Plan Limits. The maximum number of Shares that can be issued under the Plan is as set out in the first bullet point of Summary of Material Features above. Incentive Stock Options cannot be granted in respect of more Shares than the ISO Limit (being the lesser of the aggregate plan limit and 14,314,887 Shares).

Stock Options. The Plan permits the granting of (1) options to purchase Shares intended to qualify as incentive stock options under Section 422 of the Code and (2) options that do not so qualify. Options granted under the Plan will be non-qualified options if they fail to qualify as incentive stock options or exceed the annual limit on incentive stock options. Incentive stock options may only be granted to employees of the Company and its subsidiaries. Non-qualified options may be granted to any persons eligible to receive awards under the Plan. The option exercise price of each option will be determined by the Remuneration Committee but may not be less than 100% of the fair market value of the Shares on the date of grant. Fair market value for this purpose will be the last reported sale price of the Shares on the NASDAQ on the date of grant and, if the exercise of the option is to be satisfied by a new issue of Shares, may not be less than the nominal value of the Shares (£0.50). The exercise price of an option may not be reduced after the date of the option grant, other than to appropriately reflect changes in our capital structure.

The term of each option is typically ten years from the date of grant. The Remuneration Committee will determine at what time or times each option may be exercised. Options may be made exercisable in installments and the exercisability of options may be accelerated by the Remuneration Committee. Typically, options will vest in equal tranches over a four year period subject to continued service with the Company. In general, unless otherwise permitted by the Remuneration Committee, no option granted under the Plan is transferable by the optionee other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and options may be exercised during the optionee s lifetime only by the optionee, or by the optionee s legal representative or guardian in the case of the optionee s incapacity. Upon exercise of options, the option exercise price must be paid in full either in cash, by certified or bank check or other instrument or consideration acceptable to the Remuneration Committee and permitted under applicable law.

To qualify as incentive options, options must meet additional U.S. federal tax requirements, including a \$100,000 limit on the value of shares subject to incentive options that first become exercisable by a participant in any one calendar year.

Restricted Stock Units. The Remuneration Committee may award restricted stock units to any participants. Restricted stock units are payable in cash, or at the discretion of the Remuneration Committee in Shares, and may be subject to such conditions and restrictions as the Remuneration Committee may determine. These conditions and restrictions may include the achievement of certain performance objectives and/or continued service with the Company through a specified vesting period, generally four years. During the deferral period, the restricted stock units may be credited with dividend equivalent rights, which entitle the participant to receive credits for dividends that would have been paid if the recipient had held the Shares underlying the restricted stock units that vest since the date of grant of those restricted stock units.

*Unrestricted Share Awards*. The Remuneration Committee may also grant Shares to directors which are free from any restrictions under the Plan, provided that the director shall pay an amount for the Shares at least equal to their aggregate nominal values. The Company expects that a director may elect to receive such an award of unrestricted Shares in lieu of cash meeting fees to which the director is otherwise entitled.

Change of Control Provisions. The Plan provides that upon the effectiveness of a change of control as defined in the Plan, except as otherwise provided by the Remuneration Committee in the award agreement, (i) participants may exercise their options to the extent vested immediately prior to the Change of Control for a period of 12 months following the Change of Control (or through the expiration date, if earlier), (ii) all awards held by directors (other than the Chief Executive Officer of the Company) will automatically vest in full and (iii) all awards held by other participants (i.e., the Chief Executive Officer and participants who are not directors) shall continue to vest following a Change of Control and, if any such participant s employment is terminated by the Company for any reason other than cause (as defined in the Plan) within 2 years of the Change of Control, shall fully vest, and in the case of options become exercisable and remain exercisable for a period of twelve months following such termination (or through the expiration date, if earlier). In addition, the Company may provide for awards to be substituted by equivalent awards or for a cash payment to be paid to participants in respect of all awards held by participants (whether or not vested) upon the Change of Control, in which case all original awards shall lapse upon the consummation of the Change of Control.

Adjustments for Stock Dividends, Stock Splits, Etc. The Plan requires the Remuneration Committee to make appropriate adjustments to the number of Shares that are subject to the Plan, to certain limits in the Plan, and to any outstanding awards to reflect stock dividends, stock splits, extraordinary cash dividends and similar events.

Tax Withholding. Participants in the Plan are responsible for the payment of any federal, state or local taxes that the Company is required by law to withhold upon the exercise of options or vesting of other awards.

Amendments and Termination. The Board may at any time amend or discontinue the Plan and the Remuneration Committee may at any time amend or cancel any outstanding award for the purpose of satisfying changes in the law or for any other lawful purpose. However, no such action may adversely affect any rights

under any outstanding award without the holder s consent. To the extent required under the rules of the NASDAQ, any amendments that materially change the terms of the Plan will be subject to approval by our shareholders. Amendments shall also be subject to approval by our shareholders if and to the extent determined by the Remuneration Committee to be required by the Code to preserve the qualified status of incentive options.

*Effective Date of Plan.* The Board adopted the 2011 Plan on April 29, 2011, and it became effective on July 12, 2011, which was the day it was approved by shareholders. No awards may be granted under the 2011 Plan after the date that is 10 years from the date of shareholder approval. The effective date of the amendment proposed in this Proposal No. 8 will be the date the amendment is approved by shareholders.

### **New Plan Benefits**

Because the grant of awards under the Plan is within the discretion of the Remuneration Committee, the Company cannot determine the dollar value or number of Shares that will in the future be received by or allocated to any participant in the Plan. Accordingly, in lieu of providing information regarding benefits that will be received under the Plan, the following table provides information concerning the benefits that were received by the following persons and groups during 2011: each named executive officer; all current executive officers, as a group; all current directors who are not executive officers, as a group; and all employees who are not executive officers, as a group.

	C	Options		
Name and Position	Average Exercise Price (\$)	Number (#)		
Named Executive Officers Joseph S. Zakrzewski	9.00	625,000		
Joseph S. Zanizewski	9.00	023,000		
Chief Executive Officer & Chairman				
John F. Thero				
President and Assistant Secretary				
Paul E. Huff	8.79	900,000		
Senior Vice President, Chief Commercial Officer				
Stuart D. Sedlack	15.21	650,000		
Senior Vice President, Corporate Development				
Paresh Soni, M.D., Ph.D.				
Senior Vice President, Head of Development				
All current executive officers, as a group	10.77	2,175,000		
All current directors who are not executive officers, as a group	6.74	45,000		
All current employees who are not executive officers, as a group	11.71	1,505,000		
Tax Aspects Under the Code				

The following is a summary of the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences of certain transactions under the Plan. It does not describe all U.S. federal tax consequences under the Plan, nor does it describe state or local tax consequences.

Incentive Options. No taxable income is generally realized by the optionee upon the grant or exercise of an incentive option. If Shares issued to an optionee pursuant to the exercise of an incentive option are sold or transferred after two years from the date of grant and after one year from the date of exercise, then (i) upon sale of such shares, any amount realized in excess of the option price (the amount paid for the shares) will be taxed to the optionee as a long-term capital gain, and any loss sustained will be a long-term capital loss, and (ii) the Company will not be entitled to any deduction for federal income tax purposes. The exercise of an incentive option will give rise to an item of tax preference that may result in alternative minimum tax liability for the optionee.

If Shares acquired upon the exercise of an incentive option are disposed of prior to the expiration of the two-year and one-year holding periods described above (a *disqualifying disposition*), generally (i) the optionee will realize ordinary income in the year of disposition in an amount equal to the excess (if any) of the fair market value of the Shares at exercise (or, if less, the amount realized on a sale of such Shares) over the option price thereof, and (ii) we will be entitled to deduct such amount. Special rules will apply where all or a portion of the exercise price of the incentive option is paid by tendering Shares.

If an incentive option is exercised at a time when it no longer qualifies for the tax treatment described above, the option is treated as a non-qualified option. Generally, an incentive option will not be eligible for the tax treatment described above if it is exercised more than three months following termination of employment (or one year in the case of termination of employment by reason of disability). In the case of termination of employment by reason of death, the three-month rule does not apply.

Non-Qualified Options. No income is realized by the optionee at the time the option is granted. Generally (i) at exercise, ordinary income is realized by the optionee in an amount equal to the difference between the option price and the fair market value of the Shares on the date of exercise, and we receive a tax deduction for the same amount, and (ii) at disposition, appreciation or depreciation after the date of exercise is treated as either short-term or long-term capital gain or loss depending on how long the Shares have been held. Special rules will apply where all or a portion of the exercise price of the non-qualified option is paid by tendering Shares. Upon exercise, the optionee will also be subject to Social Security taxes on the excess of the fair market value over the exercise price of the option.

*Other Awards*. The Company generally will be entitled to a tax deduction in connection with an award under the Plan in an amount equal to the ordinary income realized by the participant at the time the participant recognizes such income. Participants typically are subject to income tax and recognize such tax at the time that an award is exercised, vests or becomes non-forfeitable, unless the award provides for a further deferral.

Parachute Payments. The vesting of any portion of an option or other award that is accelerated due to the occurrence of a change in control (such as a sale event) may cause a portion of the payments with respect to such accelerated awards to be treated as parachute payments as defined in the Code. Any such parachute payments may be non-deductible to the Company, in whole or in part, and may subject the recipient to a non-deductible 20% federal excise tax on all or a portion of such payment (in addition to other taxes ordinarily payable).

Limitation on Deductions. Under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Company s deduction for certain awards under the Plan may be limited to the extent that the Chief Executive Officer or other executive officer whose compensation is required to be reported in the summary compensation table (other than the Principal Financial Officer) receives compensation in excess of \$1 million a year (other than performance-based compensation that otherwise meets the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code). The Plan is structured to allow certain awards to qualify as performance-based compensation.

Shareholders will be asked at the Annual General Meeting to approve the following resolution pursuant to this Proposal No. 8:

RESOLVED, to adopt and approve the proposed amendment to the Company s 2011 Stock Incentive Plan.

#### **Vote Required**

This proposal must be approved by a majority of the shares present and entitled to vote on the proposal (whether voting is by show of hands or a poll is taken). As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as voting against the proposal and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

### **EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION**

The following table sets forth certain information, as of December 31, 2011, regarding stock options previously issued by the Company as compensation for services pursuant to the 2002 Plan and 2011 Plan.

	Number of Securities to be Weight Issued Upon Average E Exercise of Price		ge Exercise rice of	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities
	Outstanding	Outs	tanding	Reflected in First
Plan category	Options	Oj	ptions	Column)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	11,271,263	\$	5.01	2,229,788
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders <sup>(1)</sup>	600,000	\$	6.35	
Total	11,871,263	\$	5.33	2,229,788

<sup>(1)</sup> Consists of 600,000 Ordinary Shares which are issuable upon exercise of a stock option outside of the Amarin Corporation plc 2011 Stock Incentive Plan granted to Joseph T. Kennedy as an employment inducement award in connection with the commencement of Mr. Kennedy s employment with the Registrant as Senior Vice President, General Counsel. This grant was made in reliance on NASDAQ Listing Rule 5635(c)(4). These shares were registered on March 16, 2012 on Form S-8.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL NO. 8.

#### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

As a public limited company organized under the laws of England and Wales, it is a statutory requirement that the Board lay before the Annual General Meeting the Company s statutory accounts, which are the annual report and the accounts for the financial year ended December 31, 2011 prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (the *Statutory Accounts*). As required by the Companies Act 2006 and the Articles of Association of the Company, the Statutory Accounts will be made available for download in PDF format on the Company s website ( <a href="http://investor.amarincorp.com">http://investor.amarincorp.com</a>) as soon as they are complete, but no later than June 19, 2012, which is twenty-one days in advance of the Annual General Meeting. In addition, hard copies of the Statutory Accounts may be obtained, once they are complete, by contacting the Company s investor relations department at Amarin Corporation plc, c/o Amarin Pharma, Inc., 1430 Route 206, Bedminster, NJ 07921 or by telephone at (908) 719-1315. Shareholders of the Company will not be asked to take any action in respect of the Statutory Accounts at the Annual General Meeting but shareholders in attendance will have opportunity to ask questions relating to the Statutory Accounts.

We know of no other matters to be submitted to a vote of shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. If any other matter is properly brought before the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed proxy to vote the shares they represent in accordance with their judgment. In order for any shareholder to nominate a candidate at a given annual general meeting, he or she must provide timely written notice to our corporate secretary pursuant to the terms of our Articles of Association, as described below.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### **Director Independence**

We believe that the Company benefits from having a strong and independent Board. For a director to be considered independent, the Board must determine that the director does not have any direct or indirect material relationship with the Company that would affect his or her exercise of independent judgment. On an annual basis, the Board reviews the independence of all directors under guidelines established by NASDAQ and in light of each director s affiliations with the Company and members of management, as well as significant holdings of Company securities. This review considers all known relevant facts and circumstances in making an independence determination. Based on this review, the Board has made an affirmative determination that all directors, other than Mr. Zakrzewski, are independent. It was determined that Mr. Zakrzewski lacks independence because of his status as the Company s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

#### **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

We believe that our Board and its committees, led by a group of strong and independent directors, provide the necessary leadership, wisdom and experience that the Company needs in making sound business decisions. Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics helps clarify the operating standards and ethics that we expect of all of our officers, directors and employees in making and implementing those decisions. Waivers of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for the benefit of a director or an executive officer may only be granted by the Board or, if permitted, a committee of the Board, and will be publicly announced promptly in our SEC filings. Waivers of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for the benefit of other employees may be made by our Compliance Officer, the Board or, if permitted, a committee of the Board. In furthering our commitment to these principles, we invite you to review our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and other corporate governance materials located on our website at www.amarincorp.com.

### **Shareholder Communications**

Generally, shareholders who have questions or concerns regarding the Company should contact our Investor Relations department at (908) 719-1315. However, any shareholders who wish to address questions regarding the business or affairs of the Company directly with the Board, or any individual director, should direct his or her questions in writing to the Lead Independent Director of the Board, Amarin Corporation plc, 2 Pembroke House, Upper Pembroke Street 28-32, Dublin 2 Ireland or c/o Amarin Pharma, Inc., 1430 Route 206, Bedminster, NJ 07921. Upon receipt of any such communications, the correspondence will be directed to the appropriate person, including individual directors.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

During fiscal 2011, our Board met in person six times, by teleconference ten times and acted by written consent five times. Each director attended at least 75% of the aggregate of the meetings of the Board and meetings of the committees of which he or she was a member in our last fiscal year. During fiscal 2011, our Board had an Audit Committee, a Remuneration Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. All members of the Audit, Remuneration and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees are non-employee directors who are deemed independent.

All members of our Board who were directors at the time attended the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, either in person or via telephone. Although the Company has no formal policies regarding director attendance at annual general meetings, it encourages directors to attend annual general meetings and expects that all members of the Board will attend the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

### **Board Leadership Structure and Risk Oversight**

The Board currently combines the role of Chairman of the Board with the role of Chief Executive Officer. The Board believes this leadership model, together with all Board members (other than the Chairman) being independent, all key committees of the Board being comprised solely of, and chaired by, independent directors, and the Company s established governance guidelines, provides an effective leadership structure for the Company. Combining the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer roles fosters clear accountability, effective decision-making, and aligns corporate strategy with the Company s day-to-day operations. In addition, to ensure effective independent oversight of the Company, the Board holds meetings of the independent directors of the Board at every meeting.

In October 2011, the Board of Directors formally designated Dr. Ekman to serve as Lead Independent Director until his earlier resignation, replacement or removal. The duties of the Lead Independent Director include serving as chairman of regular Board meetings when the Chairman of the Board is absent, establishing an agenda for meetings of the independent directors of the Board and leading such meetings and performing such other duties as the Board may establish or delegate. The Lead Independent Director works with the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and other Board members to provide strong, independent oversight of the Company s management and affairs. The Chairman and the Lead Independent Director work together to ensure an appropriate balance and focus among key board responsibilities such as strategic development, review of operations, risk oversight and management succession planning.

The Board has overall responsibility for the oversight of the Company s risk management process, which is designed to support the achievement of organizational objectives, including strategic objectives, to improve long-term organizational performance and enhance shareholder value. Risk management includes not only understanding company-specific risks and the steps management implements to manage those risks, but also what level of risk is acceptable and appropriate for the Company. Management is responsible for establishing our business strategy, identifying and assessing the related risks and implementing appropriate risk management practices. The Board periodically reviews our business strategy and management s assessment of the related risk, and discusses with management the appropriate level of risk for the Company. The Board also delegates oversight to Board committees to oversee selected elements of risk as set forth below.

### **Board Committees**

Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is currently comprised of Mr. van Heek (Chairman), Mr. O Sullivan and Ms. Peterson. The Audit Committee oversees the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Company and the audits of the Company s financial statements. The Audit Committee also assists the Board in overseeing the integrity of the Company s financial statements, the Company s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the external auditors qualifications and independence, the performance

of the Company s internal audit function and external auditors and performs other duties, as set forth in the Audit Committee charter. The Audit Committee charter is available on our website at *www.amarincorp.com*. The Audit Committee met in person three times and by teleconference six times in fiscal 2011. All members of the Audit Committee satisfy the current independence standards promulgated by NASDAQ and the SEC and the Board has determined that Mr. van Heek is an audit committee financial expert, as the SEC has defined that term in Item 407 of Regulation S-K.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is currently comprised of Doctors Gordon (Chairman), Anderson and Ekman. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for identifying individuals qualified to become members of the Board, consistent with criteria approved by the Board. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also develops and implements policies and processes regarding corporate governance matters, assesses Board membership needs and acts as the Company s nominating committee by reviewing potential director nominees and recommending nominees to the Board. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charter is available on our website at <a href="https://www.amarincorp.com">www.amarincorp.com</a>. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee by teleconference five times in fiscal 2011. All members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee satisfy the current NASDAQ independence standards.

Remuneration Committee. The Remuneration Committee is currently comprised of Dr. Anderson (Chairman), Dr. Healy and Mr. van Heek. The Remuneration Committee, together with the Board, determines the framework for the compensation of the Company's chief executive officer and chairman and such other members of executive management as it is designated to consider. The Remuneration Committee also determines the corporate and individual performance goals under the Company's management incentive plan and achievement of these goals, as well as determines the policy for and scope of pension arrangements, service agreements for the executive management team and termination payments. Further, the Remuneration Committee oversees any major changes in employee benefit structures throughout the Company, reviews and authorizes the reimbursement of any claims for expenses from the chief executive officer and chairman in excess of £10,000 and performs other duties, as set forth in the Remuneration Committee charter. The Remuneration Committee charter is available on our website at www.amarincorp.com. The Remuneration Committee met in person two times and by teleconference thirteen times in fiscal 2011. All members of the Remuneration Committee satisfy the current NASDAQ and SEC independence standards and qualify as outside directors pursuant to the Code.

### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

During the last completed fiscal year, no member of the Remuneration Committee was a current or former officer or employee of Amarin. None of our executive officers served as a member of the compensation committee (or board of directors serving the compensation function) of another entity where such entity s executive officers served on our Remuneration Committee. Moreover, none of our executive officers served as a member of the compensation committee (or board of directors serving the compensation function) of another entity where such entity s executive officers served on our Board.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Our current executive officers and their respective positions are set forth in the following table. Biographical information regarding each executive officer who is not also a director is set forth following the table.

Name	Age	Position
Joseph S. Zakrzewski	49	Chief Executive Officer & Chairman
John F. Thero	51	President, Assistant Secretary and principal financial officer
Paul E. Huff	53	Senior Vice President, Chief Commercial Officer
Joseph T. Kennedy	44	Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer
Steven B. Ketchum	47	President of Research & Development, Senior Vice President
Stuart D. Sedlack	47	Senior Vice President, Corporate Development
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Joseph S. Zakrzewski was appointed as Executive Chairman of our Board of Directors effective January, 2010, was appointed as our Chief Executive Officer effective November 10, 2010, and became Chairman of our Board of Directors effective October 20, 2011 in connection with his joining Amarin on a full-time basis. Our agreement with Mr. Zakrzewski requires that his service to the Company as Chief Executive Officer be his primary business commitment. From May 2007 until May 2010, Mr. Zakrzewski served as the president and Chief Executive Officer of Xcellerex Incorporated. From January 2005 to May 2007, Mr. Zakrzewski served as the Chief Operating Officer of Reliant Pharmaceuticals. From 1988 through 2004, Mr. Zakrzewski served in a variety of positions at Eli Lilly and Company, including as Vice President, Corporate Business Development from 2003 to 2005. Mr. Zakrzewski also served as a venture partner of OrbiMed Advisors LLC, the world s largest healthcare-dedicated investment firm, in 2010 and 2011. Mr. Zakrzewski also serves as a member of the board of directors of Acceleron Pharma, Insulet Corporation and Rapid Micro and is Chairman of the Boards of Directors of Promedior Inc., Xcellerex Incorporated and Zelos Therapeutics. Mr. Zakrzewski served as a member of the Board of Directors of Arius Research, Inc. from May 2007 until May 2008 and DOV Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from May 2007 until November 2009. Mr. Zakrzewski earned a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering and an M.S. in Biochemical Engineering from Drexel University, as well as an MBA degree from Indiana University. The Board has concluded that Mr. Zakrzewski should serve on our Board based on his knowledge of our Company gained from his position as Chief Executive Officer and his substantial experience serving as an executive officer of other pharmaceutical companies, as well as Mr. Zakrzewski service as a member of boards of directors of other pharmaceutical companies.

John F. Thero joined Amarin in November 2009 as Chief Financial Officer and was promoted to President in November 2010. Mr. Thero has more than 20 years of senior financial and operational management experience, including supporting the growth of life science companies for over 15 years. Mr. Thero has helped manage both the successful commercial growth and the successful sale of companies. In 2007, Mr. Thero was Chief Financial Officer at ViaCell, Inc., where he helped guide the company to its successful sale. From 2003 to 2007, Mr. Thero was Senior Vice President at Acusphere, Inc., where he oversaw the successful build-out and qualification of manufacturing operations. From 1994 to 2003, in a number of senior positions at Abiomed, Inc., including Senior Vice President Business Operations and Chief Financial Officer, he helped manage the transition from a development-stage company into a commercial entity. Mr. Thero began his professional career at Arthur Andersen LLP, during which time he became a Certified Public Accountant.

Paul E. Huff joined Amarin in February 2011 as Senior Vice President, Chief Commercial Officer. Mr. Huff has over 25 years of cardiovascular-focused pharmaceutical marketing and sales experience, with a special emphasis on marketing lipid-modifying prescription pharmaceuticals. Mr. Huff served as President of Terrapin Healthcare Group LLC from 2008 through 2010. Mr. Huff has also held senior-level sales and marketing positions with a number of pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, including Reliant Pharmaceuticals from 2004 to 2008, where as Vice President of Marketing, he played a pivotal role in the launch and successful commercialization of Lovaza, the leading prescription Omega-3 product for reducing triglycerides. Similarly,

while at Kos Pharmaceuticals from April 1997 to March 2001, Mr. Huff played an integral role in the launch and successful commercialization of Niaspan, the leading prescription drug for raising HDL cholesterol. Mr. Huff received a B.S. in Marketing from the University of Maryland.

Joseph T. Kennedy joined Amarin in December 2011 as General Counsel and was named Amarin s Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer in February 2012. From March 2009 to December 2011, he was Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Transcept Pharmaceuticals, Inc., where he played a lead role negotiating the company s strategic collaboration with Purdue Pharma, helped secure two U.S. patents, helped obtain FDA approval for the company s lead product and had responsibility for all legal and compliance matters affecting the company. Mr. Kennedy represented large pharmaceutical companies, developing life science companies and venture capital firms in private law practice from January 2006 to March 2009. Prior to that, Mr. Kennedy served as Chief Corporate Counsel, then Vice President, Acting Chief Legal Officer with Eyetech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. His work at Eyetech included transitioning the company from private to public, legal matters related to the company s development and commercialization collaboration with Pfizer Inc., public company and pharmaceutical industry compliance, and the sale of the company to OSI Pharmaceuticals Inc. Previously, Mr. Kennedy served as Vice President and U.S. Counsel, Corporate Business Development, with Élan Corporation, plc where he helped acquire technologies, managed legal issues related to multiple collaborations and participated in the company s sale of assets that raised over \$2.0 billion in a restructuring.

Steven B. Ketchum, Ph.D. joined Amarin in February 2012 as President of Research and Development, Senior Vice President. Dr. Ketchum has 20 years of experience in late-stage product development and clinical regulatory strategy. From 2008 to 2012, Dr. Ketchum served as Senior Vice President of Research and Development for Sunesis Pharmaceuticals where he provided strategic direction for all facets of research and development, including clinical strategy and operations, regulatory affairs, and pharmaceutical development. From 2005 to 2008, Dr. Ketchum served as Senior Vice President of Research and Development and Medical Affairs for Reliant Pharmaceuticals where he led development and support activities for Lovaza and other commercialized cardiovascular products. Prior to 2005, Dr. Ketchum was SVP of Operations and Regulatory Affairs at IntraBiotics Pharmaceuticals, and also held positions of increasing responsibility in regulatory affairs during his nearly eight-year tenure at ALZA Corporation, where he supported the development and commercialization of a number of products, including Concerta. Dr. Ketchum earned a Ph.D. in pharmacology from University College London and a B.S. in biological sciences from Stanford University.

Stuart D. Sedlack joined Amarin in August 2007 as its Vice President, Business Development, and he was named Amarin s Senior Vice President, Corporate Development in May 2011. Mr. Sedlack has more than 20 years of corporate development, strategy and finance experience. Prior to joining Amarin, Mr. Sedlack was Senior Vice President, Corporate Development at Alba Therapeutics from 2006 to 2007. He previously served as Global Head of Negotiations (Infectious Diseases) for Novartis Pharma AG from 2004 to 2006 and Vice President, Corporate Development for Élan Corporation, plc from 1997 to 2003. At Novartis and Alba, Mr. Sedlack was responsible for negotiating and closing a number of licensing transactions. While at Elan Mr. Sedlack was responsible for strategic licensing, investments, portfolio management activities, and restructurings. Prior to Élan, he served as Director at the University of Maryland Medical System s technology licensing office and began his career in banking and finance in 1988 working for ABN AMRO Bank, N.V., Natho Corporation, and MNC International Bank specializing in international trade finance. Mr. Sedlack holds a B.S. in Economics from the University of Richmond and an MBA from Babson College.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### **Transactions with Related Parties**

Other than compensation arrangements described below under the captions Executive Compensation and Director Compensation, we are not a party to any transactions between us and certain related parties, which are generally considered to be our directors and executive officers, nominees for director, holders of 5% or more of our outstanding Shares and members of their immediate families.

#### **Related-Party Transaction Review and Approval**

Our Board has adopted policies and procedures for the review and approval of related-party transactions and has delegated to our Compliance Officer the authority to review and approve the material terms of any proposed related-party transactions.

Pursuant to our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, any transaction or relationship that reasonably could be expected to give rise to a conflict of interest should be promptly reported to the Compliance Officer. Our Compliance Officer may notify the Board or a committee thereof as deemed appropriate. Conflicts of interest may arise in the following situations: if an individual is simultaneously employed or engaged by Amarin and another business (particularly a client or business partner of Amarin); if an individual participates in any activity that enhances or supports a competitor s position; if an individual or member of such person s immediate family accepts a gift with the intent to improperly influence the normal business relationship between Amarin and its clients or business partners or gives to or accepts gifts from a competitor; if an individual or a member of such person s immediate family holds a financial interest in another business (particularly a client or business partner of Amarin); and if an individual conducts business on behalf of Amarin with a business in which a family member of such individual is associated in any significant role.

### SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our executive officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities, to file reports of beneficial ownership and changes in beneficial ownership with the SEC. Executive officers, directors and greater-than-10% shareholders are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all reports filed under Section 16(a). To the Company s knowledge, based solely on the review of copies of the reports filed with the SEC, all reports required to be filed by our executive officers, directors and greater-than-10% shareholders during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 were timely filed except for the following:

Joseph Anderson, a director, inadvertently failed to timely file a Form 4 relating to:

- the acquisition of a total of 10,383 shares awarded to him under the Company s non-executive director compensation policy in lieu of board retainer fees over the course of five transactions from April 2010 to April 2011, pending the final approval and authorization of such policy and the determination of the number of shares to be awarded to him thereunder, for which Dr. Anderson subsequently filed the required report on May 16, 2011; and
- the acquisition of a total of 832 shares awarded to him under the Company s non-executive director compensation policy in lieu of board retainer fees in one transaction on October 11, 2011, pending the final determination of the number of shares to be awarded to him under such policy, for which Dr. Anderson subsequently filed the required report on October 18, 2011.

Jan van Heek, a director, did not timely file a Form 4 relating to:

- the acquisition of a total of 742 shares over the course of one transaction on April 11, 2011, for which Mr. van Heek subsequently filed the required report on May 16, 2011; and

- the acquisition of a total of 666 shares in one transaction on October 11, 2011, for which Mr. van Heek subsequently filed the required report on October 18, 2011.

David Feigal, a former director did not timely file Form 4 relating to the acquisition of options representing the right to purchase 120,00 shares, issued in one transaction on July 12, 2011, for which Mr. Feigal filed the required report on July 18, 2011.

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

Based on information available to us and filings with the SEC, the following table sets forth certain information regarding the beneficial ownership (as defined by Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) of our outstanding Shares for (i) each of our directors, (ii) each of our named executive officers, as defined in Executive Compensation below, (iii) all of our directors and executive officers as a group, and (iv) persons known to us to beneficially hold more than 5% of our outstanding Shares. The following information is presented as of April 20, 2012.

Beneficial ownership and percentage ownership are determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and include voting or investment power with respect to our Shares. This information does not necessarily indicate beneficial ownership for any other purpose. Under these rules, Shares issuable under stock options or warrants that are exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2012 are deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of the person holding the options or warrant(s), but are not deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

Unless otherwise indicated and subject to applicable community property laws, to our knowledge, each shareholder named in the following table possesses sole voting and investment power over their Shares, except for those jointly owned with that person s spouse. Unless otherwise indicated below, the address of each person listed on the table is c/o Amarin Pharma, Inc., 1430 Route 206, Bedminster, NJ 07921.

		Shares Beneficially Owned	
		Percent	
Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number <sup>(1)</sup>	of Class <sup>(2)</sup>	
Greater than 5% Holders			
Abingworth LLP <sup>(3)(8)</sup>	10,147,168	7.37	
Princes House 38 Jermyn Street			
London SW1Y 6DN			
Ardsley Advisory Partners and affiliated funds <sup>(4)</sup>	7,885,000	5.72	
262 Harbor Drive			
Stamford, CT 06902.			
FMR LLC <sup>(5)</sup>	7,294,046	5.29	
82 Devonshire Street			
Boston, MA 02109			
S.A.C. Capital Advisors <sup>(6)</sup>	7,216,209	5.24	
72 Cummings Point Road			
Stamford, CT 06902			
Current directors and named executive officers:			
Joseph S. Zakrzewski <sup>(7)</sup>	1,540,999	1.12	
Joseph Anderson <sup>(3)(8)</sup>	10,268,851	7.45	
Lars G. Ekman <sup>(9)</sup>	60,000	0.04	
Carl L. Gordon <sup>(10)</sup>	1,877,100	1.36	
James I. Healy <sup>(11)</sup>	6,441,588	4.68	
Kristine Peterson <sup>(12)</sup>	30,000	0.02	
Jan van Heek <sup>(13)</sup>	49,912	0.04	
Patrick J. O Sullivan <sup>(4)</sup> John F. Thero <sup>(15)</sup>	0 1,131,158	0.00 0.82	
Paresh Soni <sup>(16)</sup>		0.82	
raiesii Soili (197	392,542	0.28	

Paul E. Huff <sup>(17)</sup>	230,208	0.17
Stuart D. Sedlack <sup>(18)</sup>	210,208	0.15
All current directors and executive officers as a group (13 persons)	22,178,691	16.10

- (1) Represents Shares held as of April 20, 2011, plus Shares that may be acquired upon exercise of options and warrants exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2012.
- (2) Based on 137,773,259 Ordinary Shares outstanding as of April 20, 2012. The percentage ownership and voting power for each person (or all directors and executive officers as a group) is calculated by assuming the exercise or conversion of all options and warrants exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2011 held by such person and the non-exercise and non-conversion of all outstanding options and warrants held by all other persons.
- (3) Based on a Form 4 filed on April 19, 2012 on behalf of Abingworth LLP and a Schedule 13D/A filed on April 17, 2012 on behalf of Abingworth LLP. Abingworth Bioventures V LP ( *ABV V* ) is the owner of record of 716,333 Shares and warrants to purchase an aggregate of 3,750,000 Shares. ABV V may also be deemed to beneficially own options to purchase an aggregate of 24,000 Shares. Abingworth Bioventures V Co-Invest Growth Equity Fund ( *AGE* ) is the owner of record of 716,334 Shares and warrants to purchase an aggregate of 3,750,000 Shares. AGE may also be deemed to beneficially own options to purchase an aggregate of 24,000 Shares. Abingworth Bioequities Master Fund Limited ( *ABE* ) is the owner of record of 166,501 Shares and warrants to purchase an aggregate of 1,000,000 Shares. Abingworth LLP is not the owner of record of any Shares or any warrants or options to purchase Shares. Abingworth LLP may be deemed to beneficially own, in the aggregate, 1,599,168 Shares, warrants to purchase an aggregate of 8,500,000 Shares and options to purchase an aggregate of 48,000 Shares. Joseph Anderson, one of our directors, is a partner of Abingworth LLP and disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (4) Based on Schedule 13G/A filed on March 16, 2012 on behalf of Ardsley Partners Fund II, L.P., Ardsley Partners Institutional Fund, L.P., Ardsley Partners Renewable Energy Fund, L.P., Ardsley Offshore Fund, Ltd., Ardsley Renewable Energy Offshore Fund, Ltd., Ardsley Advisory Partners, Ardsley Partners I and Philip J. Hempleman.
- (5) Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed on February 14, 2012 on behalf of FMR LLC.
- (6) Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed on April 13, 2012 on behalf of S.A.C. Capital Advisors, L.P. and affiliates. S.A.C. Capital Advisors, L.P. and affiliates beneficially is the owner of record of an aggregate of 7,216,209 Shares as follows: S.A.C. Capital Advisors, L.P. holds shared voting and investment power over 7,036,209 Shares; S.A.C. Capital Advisors, Inc. holds shared voting and investment power over 7,036,209 Shares; S.A.C. Capital Associates, LLC holds shared voting and investment power over 6,996,400 Shares; Sigma Capital Management, LLC holds shared voting and investment power over 180,000 Shares; and Steven A. Cohen holds shared voting and investment power over 7,216,209 Shares. SAC Capital Advisors Inc. is the general partner of SAC Capital Advisors LP. Pursuant to an investment management agreement, Sigma Management maintains investment and voting power with respect to the securities held by Sigma Capital Associates. Mr. Cohen controls each of SAC Capital Advisors Inc. and Sigma Management. By reason of the provisions of Rule 13d-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each of (i) SAC Capital Advisors LP, SAC Capital Advisors Inc. and Mr. Cohen may be deemed to beneficially own 7,036,209 Shares and (ii) Sigma Management and Mr. Cohen may be deemed to beneficially own 180,000Shares. Each of SAC Capital Advisors LP, SAC Capital Advisors Inc., Sigma Management, and Mr. Cohen disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares.
- (7) Based on a Form 4 filed on March 27, 2012, Form 4 filed on February 1, 2012, a Form 4 filed on October 20, 2011, and a Form 4 filed on April 19, 2011. Includes 78,604 Shares and 1,462,395 Shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2012
- (8) Based on a Form 4 filed December 22, 2012 and a Form 3 filed on December 30, 2010. Includes 11,683 Shares and 60,000 Shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2012. Dr. Anderson, as a partner of Abingworth, is deemed to hold 103,200 shares underlying his option to purchase 120,000 shares for the benefit of ABV V and AGE (51,600 shares are held for the benefit of each of ABV V and AGE) and must exercise such portion of the options solely upon the direction of Abingworth. Dr. Anderson accordingly disclaims beneficial ownership of such options except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

- (9) Based on a Form 3 filed on December 30, 2010. Includes 60,000 Shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2012.
- (10) Based on a Form 4 filed on May 3, 2011. OrbiMed Capital GP III LLC is the sole general partner of OrbiMed Private Investments III, L.P. (OPI III), pursuant to the terms of the limited partnership agreement of OPI III, and OrbiMed Advisors LLC is the sole managing member of OrbiMed Capital GP III LLC, pursuant to the terms of the limited liability company agreement of OrbiMed Capital GP III LLC. OrbiMed Advisors LLC is also the sole general partner of OrbiMed Associates III L.P. (Associates), pursuant to the terms of the limited partnership agreement of Associates. Pursuant to these agreements and relationships, OrbiMed Advisors LLC has discretionary investment management authority with respect to the assets of OPI III and Associates. Such authority includes the power to vote and otherwise dispose of securities purchased by OPI III and Associates. The number of outstanding Shares of the Company attributable to OPI III is 1,799,800 Shares and warrants to purchase 3,466,981 Shares and to Associates is 17,300 Shares and warrants to purchase 33,019 Shares. OrbiMed Advisors LLC, pursuant to its authority as the managing member of OrbiMed Capital GP III LLC and the general partner of Associates, may be considered to hold indirectly 1,817,100 Shares and warrants to purchase 3,500,000 Shares. Carl Gordon, a director of the Company, is a member of OrbiMed Advisors, LLC and disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. Based on a Form 3 filed on December 30, 2010 on behalf of Carl Gordon. Includes 60,000 Shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2012.
- (11) Based on a Form 4 filed on April 6, 2012, a Form 4 filed on April 4, 2012, a Form 4 filed on January 31, 2012 and a Schedule 13D/A on behalf of Sofinnova Venture Partners VII L.P. Includes 5,513,388 Shares and warrants to purchase 808,200 Shares owned directly by Sofinnova Venture Partners VII L.P., 60,000 Shares directly owned by Dr. Healy, and 60,000 Shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2012. Dr. Healy may be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive power over the Shares owned by Sofinnova Venture Partners VII L.P. via Sofinnova Management VII, LLC (the general partner of Sofinnova Venture Partners), of which he is a managing general partner, but Dr. Healy disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in Sofinnova Management VII, LLC.
- (12) Based on a Form 3 filed on December 30, 2010. Includes 30,000 Shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2012.
- (13) Based on a Form 4 filed April 12, 2012. Includes 19,912 Shares and 30,000 Shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2012.
- (14) Based on a Form 3 filed on December 15, 2011 and Form 4 filed on December 14, 2011.
- (15) Based on a Form 4 filed April 10, 2012, a Form 4 filed February 1, 2012 and a From 3 filed December 30, 2011. Includes 1,131,158 Shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2012
- (16) Based on a Form 4 filed February 2, 2012, a Form 4 filed April 20, 2011 and a Form 3 filed December 30, 2010. Includes 388,542 Shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2012 and 4,000 Ordinary Shares held by Dr. Soni s spouse.
- (17) Based on a Form 4 filed on February 2, 2012, a Form 4 filed on February 1, 2011 and a Form 3 filed on February 1, 2011. Includes 230,208 Shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2012.
- (18) Based on a Form 4 filed on February 2, 2012 and a Form 3 filed on July 14, 2011. Includes 210,208 Shares issuable upon the exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2012.

#### EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

The following compensation discussion and analysis describes the material elements of compensation earned in fiscal 2011 by each of the executive officers identified below in the Summary Compensation Table, who are referred to collectively as our named executive officers. Our named executive officers include our (i) principal executive officer; (ii) principal financial officer; (iii) three most highly compensated executive officers other than the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer who were serving as executive officers as of December 31, 2011; and (iv) up to two individuals who would have been among the three most highly compensated executive officers but for the fact that the individual was not serving as an executive officer as of December 31, 2011. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, our named executive officers were:

Joseph S. Zakrzewski John F. Thero Paul E. Huff Stuart D. Sedlack Paresh Soni, M.D., Ph.D. 2011 Operating Highlights

Regulatory

Affairs:

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer President, Assistant Secretary and principal financial officer Senior Vice President, Chief Commercial Officer Senior Vice President, Corporate Development Senior Vice President, Head of Development

During 2011, we achieved significant clinical, regulatory and supply milestones, as summarized below. As discussed more fully below, achievement of these objectives was considered by our Remuneration Committee in determining executive compensation, in particular cash incentive awards, for 2011.

Beginning of 2011

Preparing for New Drug Application (NDA)

Clinical: Positive Phase 3 top-line results for MARINE indication Positive Phase 3 top-line results reported and presented for  $(TG \ge 500 \text{ mg/dL})$ ANCHOR indication (mixed dyslipidemia population with TG  $\geq$ 200 and < 500 mg/dL) Positive results for MARINE trial published in peer review medical journal

> REDUCE-IT cardiovascular outcomes study commenced MARINE 40-week extension phase confirmed safety profile

End of 2011

NDA submitted and accepted for MARINE indication

exhibited at 12 weeks

Special Protocol Assessment (SPA) agreements reached SPA agreement reached with FDA for REDUCE-IT

with FDA for MARINE and ANCHOR trials

Exclusivity: Pursuing base case 2021 exclusivity Potential exclusivity to 2030 includes 16 U.S. patent applications in various stages of prosecution, new chemical

entity (NCE) designation, manufacturing barriers and trade

secrets

Supply: One manufacturer of drug substance and one encapsulator Three suppliers of drug substance and two encapsulators

Potential Established (MARINE indication only)

Indications:

Expanded to potentially two indications (MARINE and ANCHOR indications) with further positive data regarding non-HDL-C, apo-B, Lp-PLA2, VLDL-C and hs-CRP and LDL particle number

Potential for further label expansion, depending on future results of the REDUCE-IT cardiovascular outcomes study

### Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

Our philosophy in setting compensation policies for executive officers has two fundamental objectives: (1) to attract and retain a highly skilled team of executives and (2) to align our executives interests with those of our shareholders by rewarding short-term and long-term performance and tying compensation to increases in shareholder value. The Remuneration Committee believes that executive compensation should be directly linked both to continuous improvements in corporate performance (pay for performance) and accomplishments that are expected to increase shareholder value. In furtherance of this goal, the Remuneration Committee has adhered to the following guidelines as a foundation for decisions that affect the levels of compensation:

provide a competitive total compensation package that enables the Company to attract and retain highly qualified executives with the skills and experience required for the achievement of business goals;

align compensation elements with the Company s annual goals and long-term business strategies and objectives;

promote the achievement of key strategic and financial performance measures by linking short-term and long-term cash and equity incentives to the achievement of measurable corporate and individual performance goals; and

align executives incentives with the creation of shareholder value.

The Remuneration Committee has historically compensated executive officers with three compensation components: base salary, annual incentive bonus and equity-based compensation. The Remuneration Committee believes that cash compensation in the form of base salary and an annual incentive bonus provides our executives with short-term rewards for success in operations, and that long-term compensation through the award of equity awards aligns the objectives of management with those of our shareholders with respect to long-term performance and success.

### Roles in Determining Compensation

### Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee, together with the Board, determines the framework for the compensation of the Company s executive officers. The Remuneration Committee also determines the corporate and individual performance goals under the Company s management incentive plan and achievement of these goals, as well as determines the policy for and scope of service agreements for the executive officers and termination payments. While the Remuneration Committee draws on a number of resources, including input from the Chief Executive Officer and independent compensation consultants, to make decisions regarding the Company s executive compensation program, ultimate decision-making authority rests with the Remuneration Committee, subject in key cases to ratification by the Board of Directors. The Remuneration Committee relies upon the judgment of its members in making compensation decisions, after reviewing the performance of the Company and evaluating an executive s performance during the year against established goals, operational performance and business responsibilities. In addition, the Remuneration Committee incorporates judgment in the assessment process to respond to and adjust for the evolving business environment.

#### Compensation Consultant

The Remuneration Committee retains the services of external compensation consultants. Prior to June 2011, our Remuneration Committee retained Compensia, Inc. (formerly, Remedy Compensation Consulting) ( Compensia ). In June 2011, our Remuneration Committee retained Radford, a division of AON. The mandate of the consultants include assisting the Remuneration Committee in its review of executive and director compensation practices, including the competitiveness of pay levels, executive compensation design and benchmarking with the Company s peers in the industry. The Remuneration Committee regularly evaluates the performance of its compensation consultants, considers alternative compensation consultants and has the final authority to engage and terminate such services.

## Chief Executive Officer

Our Chief Executive Officer attends Remuneration Committee meetings and works with the Remuneration Committee Chairman and its compensation consultants to develop compensation recommendations for the executive officers (excluding the Chief Executive Officer), based upon individual experience and breadth of knowledge, internal considerations, individual performance during the fiscal year and other factors deemed relevant by the Remuneration Committee. The recommendations are then submitted to the Remuneration Committee for review and consideration. The Remuneration Committee works directly with its compensation consultants to determine compensation actions for the Chief Executive Officer.

### Competitive Market Benchmarking

The Remuneration Committee draws on a number of resources to assist in the evaluation of the various components of the Company s executive compensation program. While we do not establish compensation levels based solely on benchmarking, pay practices at other companies are a factor that the Remuneration Committee considers in assessing the reasonableness of compensation and ensuring that our compensation practices are competitive in the marketplace.

Our peer companies used in determining compensation actions in the 2011 fiscal year were selected by the Remuneration Committee with Compensia s support on the basis of their similarity to us in terms of competition for talent, phase of products in development, financial attributes, research and development expenditures, and stock price. The list of peer companies for the 2011 fiscal year consisted of the following 18 publicly-traded companies in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries:

Acadia Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Ariad Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ARYX Therapeutics, Inc. Avanir Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Biodel, Inc. Dyax Corp.
GTx, Inc.
Immunogen, Inc.
Incyte Corp.
Optimer Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Pharmacyclics, Inc.

Seattle Genetics, Inc.
Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Targacept, Inc.
Vanda Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
VIVUS, Inc.
XenoPort, Inc.

In June 2011, our Remuneration Committee retained Radford, a division of AON, to conduct a comprehensive review of the Company s executive compensation practices. Following this review, the Remuneration Committee, with Radford s support, reviewed the Company s list of peer companies and updated the list to consist of the following 25 publicly-traded companies in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries:

Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. ARIAD Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Anthera Pharmaceuticals, Inc. AVEO Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Cadence Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Exelixis Inc. Halozyme Therautics, Inc.

ImmunoGen, Inc.

Incyte Corporation

InterMune, Inc. Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Medivation, Inc.

Micromet, Inc. Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Optimer Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Pharmasset, Inc.

In addition to the peer group above, the Remuneration Committee also reviews competitive compensation data from the Radford Global Life Sciences Compensation Surveys, which in 2011 included 23 of the companies in the peer group, as well as a broader survey of publicly traded biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies with between 50 and 200 employees.

The Remuneration Committee reviews the Company s list of peer companies periodically to reflect changes in market capitalization, developments at the Company relative to its peer companies and other factors.

## Implementation of Objectives

In fiscal 2011, our executive compensation program consisted of the following forms of compensation, each of which are described below in greater detail:

Base Salary

Annual Bonus Incentive

**Equity Compensation** 

Employee Benefit Program

Base Salary

Overview

Our Remuneration Committee aims to set executives base salaries, in the aggregate, at levels near the 50th percentile of salaries of executives with similar roles at the Company s peer group. The Remuneration Committee believes it is important to provide adequate fixed compensation to our executive officers working in a highly volatile and competitive industry. Our Remuneration Committee believes that the 50th percentile for base salaries is the minimum cash compensation level that will allow us to attract and retain highly skilled executives. The Remuneration Committee s choice of this target percentile reflects consideration of our shareholders interests in paying what is necessary to achieve our corporate goals, while conserving cash and equity as much as practicable. We believe that, given the industry in which we operate and our compensation philosophy and objectives, base salaries at the 50th percentile are generally sufficient to retain our current executives and to hire new executives when and as required. In determining appropriate base salary levels for a given executive officer, the Remuneration Committee also considers the following factors:

Ouestcor Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Savient Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Seattle Genetics, Inc.

Targacept, Inc.

Theravance Inc.

VIVUS, Inc.

individual performance of the executive, as well as overall performance of the Company, during the prior year;

level of responsibility, including breadth, scope and complexity of the position;

level of experience and expertise of the executive;

internal review of the executive s compensation relative to other executives to ensure internal equity; and

executive officer compensation levels at other similar companies to ensure competitiveness.

Salaries for executive officers are determined on an individual basis at the time of hire and are set to be competitive with peer companies in our industry. Adjustments to base salary are considered annually in light of each executive officer s individual performance, the Company s performance and compensation levels at peer companies in our industry, as well as changes in job responsibilities or promotion. The Chief Executive Officer assists the Remuneration Committee in its annual review of the base salaries of other executive officers based on the foregoing criteria.

Changes in Base Salaries for Fiscal 2011

In April 2011, the Remuneration Committee approved a 3% salary increase for all employees, excluding Mr. Zakrzewski, Mr. Thero and each of the Company s Senior Vice Presidents, which at that time included only Mr. Huff and Dr. Soni. This increase was determined to approximate the rate of inflation and was made in recognition of the fact that no increase was provided in the prior year. Mr. Sedlack participated in the salary increase since at that time he was neither a Senior Vice President nor an executive officer; he was promoted to Senior Vice President in May 2011 and was designated an executive officer in July 2011.

Also in April 2011, the Remuneration Committee reviewed an executive compensation competitive assessment prepared by Compensia which confirmed that the base salaries for each of our named executive officers (who were then serving as executive officers) approximated the 50th percentile of salaries of executives with similar roles at the Company s peer group, with the exception of the base salary for Mr. Huff, who had only recently joined the Company Accordingly, as noted above, none of these executive officers received a base salary adjustment during 2011.

In October 2011, we entered into an amended and restated employment agreement with Mr. Zakrzewski, our Chief Executive Officer. The employment agreement was amended in connection with the increase of Mr. Zakrzewski s business time commitment to Amarin from two and one-half days a week to full time. Under the new agreement, Mr. Zakrzewski s base salary was targeted at approximately the 50th percentile of salaries of chief executive officers as compared to the Company s new peer group, as described above, based on analysis provided by Radford.

## Cash Incentive Awards

The Company also provides executive officers with annual performance-based cash bonuses, which are specifically designed to reward executives for overall corporate performance as well as individual performance in a given year.

In 2011, the Board of Directors adopted a Management Incentive Compensation Plan (MICP), under which it is expected that the Remuneration Committee each year will determine corporate and individual performance goals and achievement of these goals for purposes of determining annual performance-based cash bonuses. The MCIP is intended to provide structure and predictability regarding the determination of performance-based cash bonuses. Specifically, the MICP is intended to:

- (i) increase management focus on realistic goals intended to create value for shareholders;
- (ii) encourage management to work as a team to achieve the Company s goals;
- (iii) encourage individuals to realize goals that are meaningful to the Company;

- (iv) provide incentives for participants to strive for achievement above and beyond the Company goals; and
- (v) help attract and retain high quality senior management personnel.

The MICP provides that the bonus potential for our executive officers will be established on an annual basis by the Remuneration Committee. Under the MICP, the actual amount of the bonus paid is calculated using a goals-based formula, subject to the ultimate discretion of the Remuneration Committee to award a smaller or larger amount in its discretion. In order to be eligible to receive a bonus, the Company must have achieved at least a specified percentage of the corporate goals for that year. The corporate goals and the relative weighting of the corporate and individual performance goals, as well as the relative weighting for each individual of individual performance goals are established by the Remuneration Committee on an annual basis, shortly after our Board of Directors has approved our annual operating plan. The Remuneration Committee has determined it appropriate to have our Chief Executive Officer and President s goals match our corporate goals. For all other executive officers, individual goals are determined on annual basis by the Remuneration Committee. Under the MICP, the Remuneration Committee reserves the right to make subjective assessments of executive performance and to separately award performance beyond established individual or corporate goals.

For fiscal 2011, the bonus potential for our executive officers as a percentage of base salary ranged from 55% for our CEO, 40% for our President, and 35% for our Senior Vice Presidents and the minimum percentage of the corporate goals to be achieved in order to receive a bonus was 70%.

Fiscal 2011 Annual Bonus Incentive

Upon completion of fiscal 2011, the Remuneration Committee assessed the Company s overall performance against the achievement of corporate and individual performance goals established in 2011.

Set forth below are the corporate goals that were considered by the Remuneration Committee in assessing overall performance for the 2011 fiscal year, as well as the relative weighting of these goals and the Remuneration Committee s assessment of achievement for each goal.

2011 Corporate Goals

<u>Clinical/Regulatory Affairs (20%)</u>: These goals established target performance for the Company in Phase 3 clinical development progress. The specific goals were as follows:

NDA submitted and accepted (75% weighting)

Obtain Special Protocol Assessment for Reduction of Cardiovascular Events with EPA Intervention Trial ( *REDUCE-IT* ) study (25% weighting)

<u>Suppliers (30%)</u>: These goals established target performance for the Company in connection with securing supply of the active ingredient for the Company s lead product candidate, AMR101. The specific goals were as follows:

Reach agreement with two additional suppliers such that, together with the Company s current supplier, the Company will be positioned to secure sufficient commercial product to support the commercial launch of AMR101 through at least mid-2013 (75% weighting)

Ensure existing supplier facilities meet specifications (25% weighting)

<u>Commercial Preparation/Strategic Collaboration (30%)</u>: These goals established target performance for the Company in connection with our discussions with potential strategic collaborators. The specific goals were as follows:

Develop market launch plan (40% weighting)

Obtain and evaluate multiple strategic collaboration proposals viewed favorably by the Board (60% weighting)

<u>Intellectual Property (10%)</u>: These goals established target performance for the Company regarding intellectual property matters. The specific goals were as follows:

Obtain at least one new patent grant (50% weighting)

Identify at least three new patentable claims beyond those already filed (50% weighting)

<u>Public Relations/Investor Relations/Medical Affairs (10%)</u>: These goals established target performance for the Company regarding investor relations matters. The specific goals were as follows:

Secure at least three scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals based on MARINE results (33% weighting)

Increase visibility of the benefits of EPA in the medical and scientific community (33% weighting)

Achieve stock price performance that exceeds peer group as defined for SEC purposes (33% weighting)
In addition to the above stated goals, the Remuneration Committee also established a further stretch goal relating to initiating patient enrolment in the REDUCE-IT cardiovascular outcomes study which was given an incremental 20% weighting.

In reviewing the above-described corporate goals, the Remuneration Committee determined that each of the Clinical/Regulatory Affairs and Suppliers goals were fully achieved (100%) and that the following goals were partially achieved Commercial Preparation/Strategic Collaboration (40% achieved), Intellectual Property (50% achieved) and Investor Relations/Medical Affairs (66% achieved). In addition, the Remuneration Committee determined that the stretch goal relating to commencing enrollment in the REDUCE-IT cardiovascular outcomes study was fully achieved. Overall, the Remuneration Committee determined that the corporate goals were achieved at the 93.6% level.

Individual Performance-Based Cash Bonus Awards

The cash bonus awards for Joseph S. Zakrzewski, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and John F. Thero, our President, were based entirely on the Company s achievement of the corporate goals at the 93.6% level. Thus, each was paid an incentive cash bonus equal to 93.6% of his target bonus amount.

## Paul E. Huff, Senior Vice President, Chief Commercial Officer

For Mr. Huff, individual performance goals for fiscal 2011 were as follows:

AMR101 Market Analysis and Sales Force Planning (40%):

Conduct market research to assess professional and consumer reaction to AMR101, and develop sales and market share forecasts from those results and report such survey results and forecast to the Board (34%)

Conduct market assessment, including prescription data and physician prescribing analyses, and create sales force business reach plan (33%)

Identify companies with which Amarin could consider strategic relationships from which Amarin acquires access to a suitable sales force for AMR101 (rather than building a sales force and evaluate the pros/cons of pursuing such relationships) and make a recommendation as to whether such potential relationships should be pursued (33%)

### AMR101 Increased Market Presence (20%)

Conduct branding market research to develop a suitable brand name for AMR101 that will pass trademark and FDA scrutiny (40%)

In coordination with Clinical and Medical Affairs, begin Key Opinion Leader (KOL) outreach to secure high-level medical support for AMR101 market differentiation, including booth presentations and KOL meetings at trade shows, support of regional KOL outreach meetings and meaningful review and input into the development of Medical Affairs materials (60%)

AMR101 Reimbursement: 10%

Conduct managed care reimbursement analysis to determine current pricing and formulary status for TG lowering therapies, and likely future placement for AMR101 (100%)

Partnering: 25%

Develop appropriate background materials for use in partnering efforts to convince at least three global pharmaceutical companies to make partnering proposals which are viewed by Amarin s board, in its sole judgment, to be bona-fide credible proposals (50%)

Provide commercial support to business development to commence negotiation of definitive partnering agreement with global pharmaceutical company, subject to Board approval of proposal from such company (50%)

Clinical Support: 5%

Provide commercial input and support the clinical team as needed to identify, assess and prioritize other potential indications for use of AMR101

In reviewing the above-described individual performance goals, the Remuneration Committee first concluded that Mr. Huff had successfully achieved each of the AMR101 Market Analysis and Sales Force Planning, AMR101 Increased Market Presence, AMR101 Reimbursement and Clinical Support performance goals and partially achieved the Partnering performance goals, for a cumulative total of 87.5%. Next, the Remuneration Committee multiplied Mr. Huff s target bonus amount by 87.5% (that portion of the individual performance goals achieved) and that amount by 93.6% (that portion of the corporate goals achieved), for cumulative total of 81.9% of Mr. Huff s target bonus amount.

## Stuart D. Sedlack, Senior Vice President, Corporate Development

For Mr. Sedlack, individual performance goals for fiscal 2011 were as follows:

Partnering: 70%

Obtain and evaluate multiple strategic collaboration proposals viewed favorably by the Board (50%)

Commence negotiation of definitive partnering agreement with global pharmaceutical company, subject to Board approval of proposal from such company (50%)

Suppliers: 25%

Negotiate and close two drug product supply agreements with pricing at acceptable pricing (33%)

Negotiate and close API supply agreement with a second supplier on acceptable terms (33%)

Supply appropriate Amarin personnel with the goal of reaching agreement with two additional suppliers such that, together with the Company s current supplier, the Company will be positioned to secure sufficient commercial product to support the commercial launch of AMR101 through at least mid-2013 (17% for third supplier and 17% for fourth supplier)

Supply Diversification: 5%

Develop strategic relationships with alternative technology API suppliers and advance at least one term sheet into negotiation for definitive terms (100%)

In reviewing the above-described individual performance goals, the Remuneration Committee first concluded that Mr. Sedlack had successfully achieved the Supplier performance goals and partially achieved the Partnering and Supply Diversification goals, for a cumulative total of 77.5%. Next, the Remuneration Committee multiplied Mr. Sedlack s target bonus amount by 77.5% (that portion of the individual performance goals achieved) and that amount by 93.6% (that portion of the corporate goals achieved), for cumulative total of 72.5%. Next, exercising its discretion to make subjective assessments of executive performance and to separately award performance beyond established individual or corporate goals, the Remuneration Committee elected to award Mr. Sedlack a cash bonus equal to 75% of Mr. Sedlack s target bonus amount. This determination was made in recognition of the Remuneration Committee s subjective assessment that the bonus determination under the original formula for Mr. Sedlack would not have been fairly reflective of Mr. Sedlack s significant contribution to the achievement of the corporate goals and changed corporate circumstances during 2011.

Paresh Soni, M.D., Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Head of Development

For Dr. Soni, individual performance goals for fiscal 2011 were as follows:

Clinical/Regulatory Affairs: 50%

Quality NDA submitted and accepted (70%)

Outcome study SPA agreement (30%)

Partnering: 25%

Support Business Development leading to successful completion of Corporate Goal of obtaining multiple strategic collaboration proposals viewed favorably by the Board (100%)

Public Relations/Medical Affairs Support: 15%

Secure at least three scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals based on MARINE results (50%)

Secure acceptance for presentation of MARINE and ANCHOR data (separately) in 2011 (25%)

Support Medical Affairs department in its efforts to increase the visibility of the benefits of EPA in the medical and scientific community (25%)

Commercial and Portfolio Development: 10%

Support Marketing in creating a launch plan acceptable to Board (50%)

Work with other functions within Amarin to identify, assess and prioritize other potential indications for use of AMR101 and provide an overview trial size and estimated costs (50%)

In reviewing the above-described individual performance goals, the Remuneration Committee first concluded that Dr. Soni had successfully achieved each of the Clinical/Regulatory Affairs, Public Relations/Medical Affairs Support and Commercial and Portfolio Development performance goals and partially achieved the Partnering performance goal, for a cumulative total of 87.5%. Next, the Remuneration Committee multiplied Dr. Soni s target bonus amount by 87.5% (that portion of the individual performance goals achieved) and that amount by 93.6% (that portion of the corporate goals achieved), for cumulative total of 81.9% of Dr. Soni s target bonus amount.

### **Equity Compensation**

### Overview

Stock Options and Restricted Stock Units. As an additional component of our compensation program, executive officers are eligible to receive equity compensation in the form of stock options and restricted stock units. The Remuneration Committee grants stock options and restricted stock units to executive officers to aid in their retention, to motivate them to assist with the achievement of both near-term and long-term corporate objectives and to align their interests with those of our shareholders by creating a return tied to the performance of our stock price. In determining the form, date of issuance and value of a grant, the Remuneration Committee considers the contributions and responsibilities of each executive officer, appropriate incentives for the achievement of our long-term growth, the size and value of grants made to other executives at peer companies holding comparable positions, individual achievement of designated performance goals, and the Company s overall performance relative to corporate objectives.

We believe that equity awards, through stock options and restricted stock units, align the objectives of management with those of our shareholders with respect to long-term performance and success. We believe that equity awards serve as useful performance-recognition mechanisms with respect to key employees, as most awards are subject to time-based vesting provisions. Stock options are typically awarded to executive officers upon their hiring. We believe that such equity awards encourage executive officers to remain with the Company and also focus on our long-term performance as well as the achievement of specific performance goals.

Equity Award Grant Policy. We have an equity award grant policy that formalizes our process for granting equity-based awards to officers and employees. Under our equity award grant policy, all grants to executive officers must be approved by our Board of Directors or Remuneration Committee and all grants to other employees much be granted within guidelines approved by our Board of Directors or Remuneration Committee. All stock options will be awarded at fair market value and calculated based on our closing market price on the grant date. Under our equity award grant policy, equity awards will generally be granted as follows:

grants made in conjunction with the hiring of a new employee or the promotion of an existing employee will generally be made at meetings of the Remuneration Committee, and effective on the first trading day of the month following the later of (1) the hire date or the promotion date or (2) the date on which such grant is approved; and

grants made to existing employees other than in connection with a promotion will be made, if at all, on an annual basis and generally shall be made effective on the first trading day of the month following the date on which such grant is approved.

## Equity Grants Awarded in Fiscal 2011

During fiscal 2011 our Remuneration Committee approved equity awards in connection with the initial hiring and promotion of certain of our named executive officers. Specifically:

in connection with his promotion to Senior Vice President, the Remuneration Committee awarded Mr. Sedlack an option to purchase 650,000 of our Ordinary Shares;

in connection with his hiring and appointment as full time Chief Executive Officer, the Board of Directors awarded Mr. Zakrzewski an option to purchase 625,000 of our Ordinary Shares;

In each case, the Remuneration Committee determined the amount of award based on its assessment of what similarly situated executives typically received at similarly-situated companies, after review of equity compensation levels at peer companies as provided by Radford.

The values of the equity award granted to executive officers for the 2011 fiscal year, as well as all compensation actions taken with respect to the named executive officers in fiscal 2011, are reflected in the Summary Compensation Table below.

### Employee Benefit Programs

Executive officers are eligible to participate in all of our employee benefit plans, including medical, dental, group life, disability and accidental death and dismemberment insurance, in each case on the same basis as other employees, subject to applicable law. We also provide vacation and other paid holidays to all employees, including executive officers, all of which we believe to be comparable to those provided at peer companies. These benefit programs are designed to enable us to attract and retain our workforce in a competitive marketplace. Health, welfare and vacation benefits ensure that we have a productive and focused workforce through reliable and competitive health and other benefits.

Our retirement savings plan (401(k) Plan) is a tax-qualified retirement savings plan, pursuant to which all employees, including the named executive officers, are able to contribute certain amounts of their annual compensation, subject to limits prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service. In 2011 we did not match or supplement contributions to the plan.

We have made lodging available to our employees to support the travel of our employees to our offices in Connecticut and New Jersey. The purpose of such lodging is to reduce travel costs. Certain of our executives have utilized such company provided lodging from time to time.

## Tax and Accounting Considerations

Deductibility of Executive Compensation. In making compensation decisions affecting our executive officers, the Remuneration Committee considers our ability to deduct under applicable federal corporate income tax law compensation payments made to executives. Specifically, the Remuneration Committee considers the requirements and impact of Section 162(m) of the Code, which limits the tax deductibility to us of compensation in excess of \$1.0 million in any year for certain executive officers, except for qualified performance-based compensation under the Section 162(m) rules. The Remuneration Committee considers the Section 162(m) rules as a factor in determining compensation, but will not necessarily limit compensation to amounts deductible under Section 162(m).

### Allocation of Compensation

There is no pre-established policy or target for the allocation of compensation. The factors described above, as well as the overall compensation philosophy, are reviewed to determine the appropriate level and mix of compensation.

### **Timing of Compensation Actions**

Compensation, including base salary adjustments, for our named executive officers is reviewed annually, usually in the first quarter of the fiscal year and upon promotion or other change in job responsibilities.

### Minimum Stock Ownership Requirements

There are no minimum stock ownership guidelines for our executives or employees, although senior members of our management team are encouraged and expected to have a significant direct interest in the value of our common stock through open market purchases and/or receipt of equity awards.

## Conclusion

Our compensation policies are designed and are continually being developed to retain and motivate our executive officers and to reward them for outstanding individual and corporate performance.

### REMUNERATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The information contained in this report shall not be deemed to be (1) soliciting material, (2) filed with the SEC, (3) subject to Regulations 14A or 14C of the Exchange Act, or (4) subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act. This report shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any of our other filings under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates it by reference into such filing.

The Remuneration Committee of the Board of Directors has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis contained in this Proxy Statement with management. Based on such review and discussion, we have recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.

### THE REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Joseph Anderson (Chair)

James I. Healy

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### **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth information concerning the compensation of the named executive officers for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009.

Name and	Fiscal			Non-Equity Option Incentive Plan All Other				
Principal Position	Year	Salary <sup>(1)</sup>	Bonus(2)	Option Awards <sup>(3)</sup>		pensation <sup>(4)</sup>	Compensation (5)	Total
Joseph S. Zakrzewski	2011	\$ 309,391		\$ 4,727,966	\$	159,588	Ī	\$ 5,196,945
Chief Executive Officer &	2010	\$ 35,326		\$ 4,882,500	\$	100,000	\$ 128,804	\$ 5,146,630
Chairman	2009							
John F. Thero	2011	\$ 375,000			\$	140,400		\$ 515,400
President, Assistant	2010	\$ 283,986		\$ 3,348,000	\$	140,000		\$ 3,771,986
Secretary and principal	2009	45,833		\$ 1,026,000				\$ 1,071,833
financial officer								
Paresh Soni, M.D., Ph.D.	2011	\$ 350,000			\$	100,328		\$ 440,328
Senior Vice President,	2010	\$ 350,000			\$	140,000		\$ 490,000
Head of Development	2009	\$ 350,000		\$ 912,000	\$	21,450	\$ 14,700	\$ 1,298,150
Paul E. Huff	2011	\$ 254,167		\$ 6,521,892	\$	72,998		\$ 6,849,057
Senior Vice President,	2010							
Chief Commercial Officer	2009							
Stuart D. Sedlack	2011	\$ 281,801	\$ 2,484	\$ 7,248,891	\$	72,031		\$ 7,605,207
Senior Vice President,	2010	\$ 275,600		\$ 239,700	\$	85,000		\$ 602,300
Corporate Development	2009	\$ 275,600					\$ 14,700	\$ 290,300

- (1) Mr. Zakrzewski s annualized salary for fiscal year 2010 was \$250,000. He was appointed as our Chief Executive Officer effective November 10, 2010, initially serving on a part-time basis. He became our full-time Chief Executive Officer effective October 20, 2011.
- (2) Bonus summarized in the table for fiscal 2011 consists entirely of a discretionary cash bonus equaling 2.5% of Mr. Sedlack s target bonus paid to him in connection with the achievement of individual and corporate goals.
- (3) This column reflects the aggregate grant date fair value of equity awards granted in 2011, 2010 or 2009 and calculated in accordance with FASB ASC 718, excluding the effect of estimated forfeitures. Assumptions used in the calculations for these amounts are set forth in note 12 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 29, 2012.
- (4) This column reflects payments under the Management Incentive Compensation Plan in respect of the year earned. See the discussion regarding annual incentive compensation in Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 30 for further information regarding the performance measures.
- (5) Excludes medical, group life insurance and certain other benefits received by the named executive officers that are available generally to all of our salaried employees and certain prerequisites and other personal benefits received by the named executive officers which do not exceed \$10,000. The amount included for Mr. Zakrzewski for fiscal 2010 consists entirely of fees paid to him due to his service as Chairman of the Board. The amounts included for Dr. Soni and Mr. Sedlack for fiscal 2009 consist of \$14,700 in matching contributions made by us under our 401(k) Plan. In 2010 and 2011 we did not provide a matching contribution under our 401(k) plan.

## **Grants of Plan-Based Awards**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding grants of plan-based awards to the named executive officers during fiscal 2011:

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards (\$)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Option Awards <sup>(1)</sup>
Joseph S. Zakrzewski	10/20/11	170,500	625,000(2)	9.00	\$ 4,729,966
John F. Thero		150,000	, (-)		. , ,
Paresh Soni, M.D., Ph.D.		122,500			
Paul E. Huff	1/28/11	89,130	$900,000_{(3)}$	8.79	\$ 6,521,892
Stuart D. Sedlack	3/16/11	99,353	$200,000_{(4)}$	7.19	\$ 1,184,840
	5/23/11		$205,000_{(5)}$	18.77	\$ 3,274,321
	7/12/11		245,000		