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# **SCHEDULE 14A**

## Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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# OCEAN POWER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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On February 1, 2024, Paragon Technologies, Inc. issued a press release relating to Ocean Power Technologies, Inc., a copy of which is set forth below:

#### Ocean Power Technologies Board Postpones Annual Meeting After Failing to Obtain Enough Shareholder Support to Achieve a Quorum; Vote Paragons' BLUE Proxy Now to Save OPT

EASTON, PA / ACCESSWIRE / February 1, 2024 / Paragon Technologies, Inc. ("Paragon"), a diversified holding company, owning approximately 4.8% of the outstanding shares of Ocean Power Technologies, Inc. (NYSE American: OPTT), ("Company") ("OPT"), today issues the following statement to OPT shareholders:

This morning, OPT postponed its annual meeting due to OPT's inability to obtain a quorum. OPT's failure to obtain a quorum for its "2023" annual meeting reflects disapproval from shareholders related to OPT's financial results and board actions. After months of soliciting shareholders and moving its "2023" annual meeting into 2024, the OPT board has failed to convince more than half of its shareholders to vote.

On January 31, the judge in Paragon's books and records litigation against OPT confirmed that Paragon is entitled to review materials relating to OPT's decision to adopt a poison pill and bylaw changes that created new, burdensome advance notice provisions after Paragon informed OPT of its intent to seek board representation. After having significant NOLs for over 30 years, the OPT board decided to adopt an NOL poison pill only after Paragon began its campaign for change. This led the Delaware court to previously conclude that "the context and timing of the bylaw amendments and poison pill suggest that thwarting [Paragon] was the board's primary basis or driving purpose for such actions."

OPT's decisions to adopt a poison pill, adopt new and unfair advance notice provisions, refuse to provide books and records to Paragon, appeal the court's books and record decision, refuse to use a universal proxy card, and attempt to increase Paragon's expenses at every step of the way have had a significant cost on OPT The OPT board could have saved millions of dollars by just facilitating a fair election and letting shareholders vote! As OPT continues to slide towards insolvency, when will it disclose to shareholders how many millions the board has spent trying to save their board seats?

The OPT board seems laser-focused on entrenchment, but not so focused on preserving precious cash, making a profit, being honest with shareholders, or facilitating a fair election for shareholders.

If you have voted to Withhold on the white proxy, you should revote the BLUE proxy instead to make your vote against the incumbent directors count. A withhold vote on the white card does not support Paragon's nominees and only enables the current board to take further measures to diminish shareholder value, further dilute shareholders and increase their compensation.

### Voting ONLY the BLUE proxy card is a vote for change at the board level and the only way to change the direction of OPT's share price.

If you didn't receive a BLUE PROXY CARD and want to vote to send OPT's Board and CEO a message to stop the destruction of shareholder value, please let us know and we will arrange to have the BLUE PROXY CARD sent to you.

Please email us at ir@pgntgroup.com with any questions about how to vote your BLUE proxy card.

We appreciate the support from shareholders thus far. If shareholders have any questions, please contact our Proxy Solicitor, Alliance Advisors at:

Alliance Advisors 200 Broadacres Drive, 3rd Floor Bloomfield, NJ 07003 Toll-Free Phone: 855-200-8651 Email: <u>OPTT@allianceadvisors.com</u>

# No matter how many shares you hold, we would like to hear from you. Please email us at <u>ir@pgntgroup.com</u> if you need any help in voting your BLUE proxy.

By voting on Paragon's BLUE universal proxy card, you can send a message to OPT that you do not support their actions in relation to the Annual Meeting and attempting to block the recognition of Paragon's nominees.

OPT has said that it will disregard proxy votes in favor of Paragon's director nominees. Whether OPT may lawfully disregard Paragon's director nominees is an issue that Paragon expects will be resolved by the Delaware courts.

Stockholders should review the section of Paragon's proxy statement titled "Questions And Answers Relating To This Proxy Solicitation--Why is OPT saying it will disregard Paragon's director nominations, and how does that impact proxies that stockholders provide to Paragon?"

Paragon Technologies, Inc., together with the other participants named herein, has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a definitive proxy statement and an accompanying proxy card soliciting votes for the election of director nominees at the 2023 annual meeting of shareholders of Ocean Power Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "company").

Paragon Technologies, Inc. is the beneficial owner of 2,639,853 shares of common stock of the company, par value \$0.001 per share ("common stock").

Paragon Technologies, Inc., and Paragon's director nominees Hesham M. Gad, Shawn M. Harpen, Jack H. Jacobs, and Samuel S. Weiser, are the participants in the proxy solicitation. Mr. Gad, Executive Chairman of Paragon's Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Paragon, and Messrs. Jacobs and Weiser, directors of Paragon, may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of the company's common stock held by Paragon. Ms. Harpen does not own beneficially or of record any securities of the company. Updated information regarding the participants and their direct and indirect interests in the solicitation, by security holdings or otherwise, has been and will be included in Paragon's proxy statement and other materials filed with the SEC.

SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY SHOULD READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER PROXY MATERIALS CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY AS THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATING TO THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL MEETING, PARAGON'S SOLICITATION OF PROXIES AND PARAGON'S NOMINEES TO THE BOARD. SUCH PROXY MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE ON THE SEC'S WEBSITE AT <u>WWW.SEC.GOV</u> OR FROM PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. REQUESTS FOR COPIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO PARAGON'S PROXY SOLICITOR.