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**OCEAN POWER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.** 

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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On January 4, 2024, Paragon Technologies, Inc. issued a presentation relating to Ocean Power Technologies, Inc., a copy of which is set forth below:

#### Paragon Technologies Issues Presentation to OPT Shareholders to Vote Blue Proxy Card

#### EASTON, PA - January 4, 2024

Paragon Technologies, Inc. ("Paragon"), a diversified holding company, and the largest shareholder of Ocean Power Technologies, Inc. (NYSE American:OPTT), ("Company") ("OPT"), reminds OPT shareholders to DISREGARD any WHITE proxy from OPT and issued the following presentation on how to vote the BLUE proxy card below.

# Introduction

- Paragon Technologies, the largest shareholder of Ocean Power Technologies (OPT), owning a 4.9% of the outstanding shares of the Company.
- Earlier this year Paragon expressed serious concerns about OPT's alarming financial an underperformance under the current Board and CEO. Since raising those concerns OPT's deterioration has gotten significantly worse.
- Under the leadership of the current Board and CEO, OPT's share price has declined from \$
  to \$0.31, a decline of nearly 90%.
- Paragon believes the Board and CEO have been misleading shareholders by making positive about the Company's future while the financial condition of the Company continues to deterior
- OPT share price is very likely headed lower in 2024 unless a significant restructuring happens and change is made at the Board of Directors.
- Paragon believes OPT could be worth +\$3 a share, or 10x return, with an improved operastructure, disciplined capital allocation, and a realigned focus on potential growth of Ma Advanced Robotics.

# OPT's Board and CEO Continue to Mislead Shareholders Leading T Down a Disastrous Path for Shareholders – Vote ONLY the BLUE Pr to Send a Clear Message!

## **OPT's Misleading Statements...**

- OPT's Board tells shareholders to protect their investment by voting for their Board.
- OPT's Board tells shareholders votes for Paragon will not be counted.
- OPT's Board claims to have taken decisive action to create shareholder value.
- The newly installed CEO and three directors, since 2020, have exponentially increased costs and losses while OPT continues to generate minimal revenues.
- The Board claims it seeks to work constructively with Paragon.

### ...and the Evidence

- Under the current Board and CEO, OPT's has declined in value by 90%.
- The Delaware Courts will determine the v count
- Under the leadership of the Board and Cl reported deteriorating financial condition
- Management and the Board refuse to sig costs while they pay themselves more more
- Management and the Board continue to millions of dollars painting a false narrativ business aiming to hold their Board seats actions depriving shareholders a voice in

## Make your vote count and send a clear message that the Board's se serving tactics have harmed shareholders – vote ONLY the BLUE Pr Card

- Disregard any WHITE proxy from OPT. Do NOT vote WITHH Instead send a strong message and ONLY vote the BLUE
- If you voted to withhold, you can <u>change your vote</u> and sense stronger message by voting the BLUE proxy card.
- The BLUE proxy card is the ONLY VOTE AGAINST the curre Board.
- Do not cast any vote on the WHITE card.

## Make your vote count and send a clear message that the Board's se serving tactics have harmed shareholders – vote ONLY the BLUE Pr Card

- Your vote matters and it will not be up to OPT to determine if your vote
- Please email us at <u>ir@pgntgroup.com</u> about how to vote your BLUE pro or contact our Proxy Solicitor, Alliance Advisors at <u>OPTT@allianceadvisors.com</u>.
- A vote on the BLUE proxy card is the ONLY VOTE AGAINST the currer
- Do not cast any vote on the WHITE proxy card.

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 be 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 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 Th Why is OPT saying it will disregard Paragon's director nominations, and how does that impact proxies that stockholders provide to Paragon?"

## Our director nominees have a distinguished track record of deliver sustainable, significant shareholder value while remaining 100% al with ALL shareholders. We will do the same at OPT.

- Paragon Technologies is a diversified holding company with business activities in automation, technology distribution, and real estate. In 2010, Paragon's current Board was appointed and in Paragon Chairman/CEO Sham Gad was appointed CEO of automation subsidiary SI Systems.
- Insiders own nearly 30% of Paragon, with an approximate 28% stake owned by Sham Gad, Cha and CEO. Over 93% of his holdings were purchased in the open market.
- Since Mr. Gad's appointment as CEO in 2015, Paragon Technologies has evolved from a single subsidiary automation business to a diversified holding company with three profitable subsidiari
- From 2015 to 2022, Paragon's revenues have grown from \$11.6 million to \$108 million and ope profit from \$848,000 to \$3.6 million, respectively.<sup>1</sup>
- Since 2015, Paragon shares have increased nine-fold, over 800%, an annualized return of approximately 35% per year versus 15% and 18% per year for the S&P 500 and Nasdaq, respectively.
  - 1. FINANCIAL DATA FROM PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES 2015 AND 2022 ANNUAL REPORT FILED WITH THE OTC.
  - 2. SHARE PRICE DATA PROVIDED BY MORGAN STANLEY/E-TRADE AND REFLECTS SHARE PRICE OF \$0.85 AS OF 1/1/2015 AND \$9.00 ON 1/38/2024

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

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 2,720,660 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.

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