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KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. 3040 Post Oak Boulevard, 15th Floor Houston, Texas 77056 (832) 844-1015

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To the Stockholders of KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc.:

Notice is hereby given that KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. ("KLXE," "we," "our," "us "or the "Company") will hold its 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (including any adjournment or postponement thereof, the "Annual Meeting") virtually at www.meetnow.global/M7ZV9LD, on Thursday, May 9, 2024. The Annual Meeting will begin at approximately 9:00 a.m., Central Daylight Time. If you were a KLXE stockholder as of the close of business on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, the record date for the Annual Meeting set by the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"), you are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting is being held for the following purposes:

- (1) To approve an amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (the "Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation") to declassify the Board;
- (2) To elect two Class III Directors, each for a term that expires at the 2027 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (or until the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders if Proposal 1 is approved and the Declassification Amendment (as defined in the enclosed proxy statement) is filed and becomes effective as described in the enclosed proxy statement) and until such director's successor is duly elected or qualified;
- (3) To approve, on an advisory, non-binding basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers ("NEOs");
- (4) To approve, on an advisory, non-binding basis, the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation of the Company's NEOs;
- (5) To approve an amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the supermajority voting requirement to amend the Company's bylaws;
- (6) To approve an amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the supermajority voting requirement to amend the Company's certificate of incorporation;
- (7) To ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP to serve as the Company's independent auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024; and
- (8) To take action as appropriate upon such other matters that may be properly presented at the Annual Meeting or at any and all adjournments or postponements thereof.

These proposals are further described, and comprehensive information provided to enable a full and fair evaluation, in the accompanying proxy statement ("Proxy Statement"), which is being furnished to you in connection with the solicitation by the Board of proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting.

We are pleased to take advantage of Securities and Exchange Commission rules that allow us to provide our Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, Proxy Statement and 2023 annual report to stockholders (the "2023 Annual Report") online, with paper copies available free of charge upon request. On or about , 2024, we began mailing a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials ("Notice of Internet Availability") instead of a paper copy of our proxy materials. The Notice of Internet Availability contains instructions on how to access these documents and how to cast your vote via the Internet. The Notice of Internet Availability also contains instructions on how to request a paper copy of our proxy materials. All stockholders who have so requested will receive a paper copy of the proxy materials by mail. We believe that this process allows us to provide our stockholders with the information they need on a more timely basis, while lowering the costs of printing and distributing our proxy materials.

Your vote is important to us. Regardless of the number of shares that you own, it is important that your shares are represented at the Annual Meeting, as a quorum of the stockholders must be present, either in person or represented by proxy, in order to conduct the Annual Meeting.

Thank you for your continued support of the Company. We look forward to your participation at our virtual Annual Meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ Max L. Bouthillette

MAX L. BOUTHILLETTE Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2024.

The Company's Notice of Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement and 2023 Annual Report are available on the Internet at www.edocumentview.com/KLXE.

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#### Forward-Looking Statements

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a "safe harbor" for forward-looking statements to encourage companies to provide prospective information to investors. This Proxy Statement includes forward-looking statements that reflect our current expectations and projections about our future results, performance and prospects. Forward-looking statements include all statements that are not historical in nature or are not current facts. When used in this Proxy Statement, the words "believe," "expect," "plan," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," "predict," "potential," "continue," "may," "might," "should," "could," "will" or the negative of these terms or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. These forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations and assumptions about future events and are based on currently available information as to the outcome and timing of future events. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors that could cause our actual results, performance and prospects to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements, including, but are not limited to, risks and uncertainties listed in our filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including our Current Reports on Form 8-K that we file from time to time, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Annual Reports on Form 10-K. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements after the date they are made, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

#### **OUR COMMITMENTS**

### WHO WE ARE AND HOW WE WORK.

OUR BUSINESS FOCUS AND HOW WE MOVE FORWARD.

#### PERFORMANCE

Our customers have a choice when it comes to mission critical oilfield services, and how we perform determines whether they choose us. We aim high, set ambitious goals and deliver superior results, and we use customer feedback to recalibrate as necessary. We move quickly but make well-reasoned decisions because our future depends on them.

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

Our employees' ideas and inspiration create opportunities everywhere, and without limits. We strive to continuously improve all aspects of what we do as a company and as individuals. We support and pursue lifelong learning and to expand our knowledge and capabilities and to engage with the world outside KLXE. We take prudent risks, we experiment, we cooperate with each other and, importantly, we learn from the consequences of our actions.

#### RESULTS

We believe KLXE is a preferred investment because we set aggressive targets and always strive to outperform our goals. We communicate honestly and forthrightly to investors, and strive to deliver consistently against our communicated goals. We are a company of realists and optimists and we believe we project these values in everything we do.

#### INNOVATION

We are a company of ideas that are nurtured by a commitment to continuous improvement and product and service enhancements. Our prior achievements inspire us to reach for excellence in everything we do. We seek and share ideas openly and encourage diversity of experience and opinion.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

We aim to maintain the highest ethical, environmental and safety standards and we encourage and celebrate our employees' active participation in achieving these goals.

#### PROXY STATEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information in this Proxy Statement. Please review the entire Proxy Statement and the 2023 Annual Report before voting. Our 2023 fiscal year ended on December 31, 2023.

This Proxy Statement contains information related to the KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. ("KLXE," "we," "our," "us" or the "Company") 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting"). We are providing a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials ("Notice of Internet Availability") instead of a paper copy of our proxy materials. The foregoing Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, this Proxy Statement and the proxy card ("Proxy Card"), together with the Company's 2023 Annual Report to Stockholders (the "2023 Annual Report"), which includes the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 (collectively, the "Proxy Materials"), are available to stockholders in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board for use at the Annual Meeting. The Notice of Internet Availability contains instructions on how to access these documents and how to cast your vote via the Internet. The Notice of Internet Availability also contains instructions on how to request a paper copy of our Proxy Materials. All stockholders who have so requested will receive a paper copy of the Proxy Materials by mail. We believe that this process allows us to provide our stockholders with the information they need on a more timely basis, while lowering the costs of printing and distributing our Proxy Materials.

On or around , 2024, we began mailing a Notice of Internet Availability to our stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. We have also made the Proxy Materials available free of charge on our website at www.klx.com. Any information contained on or available through our website is not a part of, or incorporated into, this Proxy Statement and you should not consider it a part of the Proxy Materials. Interested parties may also obtain an electronic or printed copy of the Proxy Materials, free of charge, by sending a written request to KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. at 3040 Post Oak Boulevard, 15th Floor, Houston, TX 77056, Attn: Corporate Secretary, or by emailing ir@klx.com.

#### MATTERS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is being held for the following purposes:

- (1) To approve an amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to declassify the Board (the "Declassification Amendment");
- (2) To elect two Class III Directors, each for a term that expires at the 2027 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (or until the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders if Proposal 1 is approved and the Declassification Amendment is filed and becomes effective as herein) and until such director's successor is duly elected or qualified;
- (3) To approve, on an advisory, non-binding basis, the compensation of the Company's NEOs (the "Say-on-Pay Resolution");
- (4) To approve, on an advisory, non-binding basis, the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation of the Company's NEOs (the "Say-on-Frequency Resolution");
- (5) To approve an amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the supermajority voting requirement to amend the Company's bylaws (the "Bylaw Supermajority Amendment");
- (6) To approve an amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the supermajority voting requirement to amend the Company's certificate of incorporation (the "Charter Supermajority Amendment");
- (7) To ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP to serve as the Company's independent auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 (the "Auditor Ratification Proposal"); and

(8) To take action as appropriate upon such other matters that may be properly presented at the Annual Meeting or at any and all adjournments or postponements thereof.

#### **VOTING YOUR SHARES**

Stockholders as of the record date of March 20, 2024, are entitled to vote. As of March 20, 2024, there were shares of KLXE common stock outstanding and each share of the Company's common stock is entitled to one vote for each director nominee and one vote for each of the other proposals. Stockholders of record may vote their shares virtually during the Annual Meeting or before the Annual Meeting by using any of the following methods:

By Internet By Mail By Phone

Visit www.investorvote.com/KLXE

Complete, sign and date the Proxy Card and return the Proxy Card in the prepaid envelope

Call toll free 1-800-652-8683

For additional information on attending the virtual Annual Meeting and voting your shares, please see "Questions and Answers About the Proxy Statement and the Annual Meeting" below.

#### **2023 PERFORMANCE**

A summary of our financial results as of December 31, 2023 is set forth below:

#### 2023 Financial Results

- Revenues of \$888.4 million, an increase of 13.7% as compared to the year ended December 31, 2022
- · Operating income, net income, and net income per diluted share were \$56.9 million, \$19.2 million and \$1.22 per share, respectively
- Generated positive cash flow from operating activities of \$115.6 million
- · Adjusted EBITDA of \$137.6 million, an improvement of \$40.9 million as compared to the year ended December 31, 2022(1)

<sup>(1)</sup> We define "Adjusted EBITDA" as net earnings (loss) before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, further adjusted for (i) goodwill and/or long-lived asset impairment charges, (ii) stock-based compensation expense, (iii) restructuring charges, (iv) transaction and integration costs related to acquisitions and (v) other expenses or charges to exclude certain items that we believe are not reflective of ongoing performance of our business. See "Appendix A" for further detail.

#### **GOVERNANCE HIGHLIGHTS**

Our commitment to high ethical standards is reflected in the governance practices our Board follows.

#### Independence

- Seven of our eight current directors are independent.
- Each of our Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (together, the "Committees") is composed exclusively of independent directors.

#### **Executive Sessions**

- The independent directors regularly meet in private without management.
- Our Board Committees meet in executive session at each regularly scheduled meeting, no fewer than four times per year for our Audit Committee and Compensation Committee.

#### **Board Oversight of Risk** Management

- Our Board reviews our systematic approach to identifying and assessing risks faced by the Company.
- Our Board reviews our approach to environmental, social and governance matters.
- The Audit Committee reviews our overall enterprise risk management policies and practices, financial risk exposures and the delegation of risk oversight responsibilities to other Board Committees.
- Our Audit Committee meets regularly with our information technology director to discuss enterprise resource planning and cybersecurity risk matters.
- The Audit Committee meets with our independent auditor without management present at each quarterly meeting of the Board and its Committees.

- Our Board annually reviews its effectiveness as a group.

#### Accountability

**Board Practices** 

- Nomination policies are adjusted as needed to ensure that our Board as a whole continues to reflect the appropriate mix of skills and experience.
- Our Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that any nominee for director who receives a greater number of "withheld" votes than "for" votes in an uncontested election shall tender their resignation to the Chairman of the Board. Then the Chairman of the Board, considering the best interests of the Company and any current or foreseeable factors or circumstances related to this director, shall recommend to the Board whether or not to accept the resignation, and if so, under what conditions. Within ninety days of the stockholder vote, the Board shall decide whether or not to accept the director's tendered resignation, and then the Company will make a public announcement of the Board's decision.
- Prohibition on Hedging; Pledging of **KLXE Shares**
- To avoid conflicts of interest that could undermine the goals of our share ownership policy and the focus on sustainable long-term growth, the Company prohibits directors and employees from entering into transactions involving short sales of our securities or put or call options based on our securities, except for options granted under KLXE compensation programs. In addition, directors and NEOs are generally prohibited from holding Company shares in a margin account or pledging Company shares as collateral for a loan.

#### 2023 EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION HIGHLIGHTS

Our compensation program is designed to incentivize our executives in a manner consistent with our stockholders' long-term interests. The Compensation Committee has established the compensation for our NEOs: Christopher J. Baker, Keefer M. Lehner and Max L. Bouthillette.

See "Executive Compensation" starting on page 26 for a summary of the compensation arrangements for our NEOs.

### PROPOSAL 1: AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANY'S AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO DECLASSIFY THE BOARD

#### Background

The Board currently consists of eight directors divided into three classes (Class I, Class II and Class III), and directors in each class are elected to serve three-year staggered terms that expire in successive years. The Board has unanimously approved the Declassification Amendment, subject to stockholder approval. The Board has unanimously determined that the Declassification Amendment is advisable and in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders, and, in accordance with the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ("DGCL"), hereby seeks approval of the Declassification Amendment by our stockholders.

If this proposal is approved, Article V of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation would be amended to provide for the phased elimination of the classified structure of the Board over three annual meetings, beginning with this 2024 Annual Meeting. If this proposal is approved, the Class III directors who are elected at this 2024 Annual Meeting shall be elected for a one-year term ending at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Class I and Class II directors who are elected at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders shall be elected for a one-year term ending at the 2026 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Commencing with the election of directors at the 2026 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and for each annual meeting of stockholders thereafter, the Board shall no longer be classified and each director elected at an annual meeting of stockholders shall hold office until the next succeeding annual meeting of stockholders and until such director's successor has been duly elected and qualified, or until such director's earlier death, resignation or removal.

As discussed in connection with Proposal 2, if the Declassification Amendment is approved by our stockholders, the directors who are elected at this Annual Meeting will be elected to one-year terms. However, the Declassification Amendment would not change the terms of the directors whose terms do not expire at this 2024 Annual Meeting. If this proposal is approved by our stockholders by the requisite vote at this 2024 Annual Meeting, then the amendment will become effective upon the filing of a certificate of amendment setting forth the Declassification Amendment (the "Certificate of Amendment") with the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. If this proposal is approved by our stockholders, we intend to file the Certificate of Amendment during this 2024 Annual Meeting, immediately after the requisite vote for this Proposal 1 is obtained and prior to the vote on the election of directors.

This proposal, if approved, would not change the Board's authority to change the present number of directors and to fill any vacancies or newly created directorships. However, this proposal provides that any director appointed to fill newly created Board seats or vacancies would hold office for a term expiring at the next annual meeting of stockholders following such director's appointment.

In addition, because our Board is classified, our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation currently provides that directors may be removed only for cause, consistent with Delaware law, and requires the vote of 66 2/3% of the total voting power of the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote shall be required to remove a director. This proposal provides that all directors may be removed with or without cause, and requires only a majority of the voting power of the then-outstanding voting stock of the Company shall be required to remove a director.

#### **Proposed Declassification Amendment**

The Board is asking our stockholders to approve the amendment to Article V of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation. The text of the Declassification Amendment is attached hereto as Appendix B, with additions marked with bold, underlined text and deletions indicated by strike-out text.

#### Reasons for the Declassification Amendment

This proposal is a result of the Board's ongoing review of the Company's corporate governance policies. A classified board structure can be viewed as diminishing a board's accountability to stockholders because such structure does not enable stockholders to express a view on each director's performance by means of an annual vote. Annual voting allows stockholders to express their views on the individual performance of each director and on the entire board of directors more frequently than with a classified board structure, which provides stockholders a more active role in shaping and implementing corporate governance policies. The Board believes that approval of an accelerated declassification of the Board will further enhance stockholder input, feedback and engagement through the annual meeting of stockholders process.

The Board has also considered the fact that an activist stockholder (or group of stockholders) could gain control of the Company by acquiring or obtaining enough shares to replace the entire Board with its own nominees at a single annual meeting of stockholders, which could result in radical changes to the way the Company is operated.

In view of these considerations, the Board has unanimously determined that it is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to further adopt best-in-class corporate governance practices and amend our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the Company's classified board structure and provide for the annual election of directors. The Board decided to adhere to market's best practice in corporate governance by having all directors seeking election or re-election every year.

#### **Effectiveness of the Declassification Amendment**

If the Declassification Amendment is approved by our stockholders, the Declassification Amendment will become effective upon the filing of the Certificate of Amendment with the Delaware Secretary of State, which filing is expected to occur as soon as possible following stockholder approval of the Declassification Amendment during the 2024 Annual Meeting and prior to the election of directors at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

If the Declassification Amendment is not approved by our stockholders, the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation will not be amended, the Board will remain classified as set forth in the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, and the Class III directors elected at this 2024 Annual Meeting will serve a three-year term expiring at the 2027 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

#### **Required Vote of Stockholders**

Approval of the Declassification Amendment requires the affirmative vote of 66 2/3% in voting power of the outstanding voting stock of the Company, voting together as a single class. As a result, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" this proposal.

This Proposal 1 is separate from, and is not conditioned on, the approval of Proposal 5 (the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment) or Proposal 6 (the Charter Supermajority Amendment). Your votes on Proposals 5 and 6 do not affect your vote on Proposal 1. You can vote FOR, AGAINST or ABSTAIN from voting on any of these proposals.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANY'S AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO DECLASSIFY THE BOARD.

#### PROPOSAL 2: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

We are seeking your support in electing the candidates that we have nominated to serve on our Board. We believe that these nominees have qualifications consistent with our position as a leading independent provider of completion, intervention, production and drilling services to the major onshore oil and gas producing regions of the United States. We also believe that these nominees have the experience and perspective to guide the Company as we continue to compete, and to innovate and adjust to rapidly changing technologies, business cycles and competition.

As of the date of mailing, we have eight members on our Board. Pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, the Board is divided into three classes, each as nearly equal in number as possible, so that each director will serve for three years, with one class of directors being elected each year. The directors designated as Class I directors have terms expiring at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the directors designated as Class III directors have terms expiring at the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The Board has nominated the following persons for election as Class III directors to serve until the 2027 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (or until the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders if Proposal 1 is approved and the Declassification Amendment is filed and becomes effective as described herein) and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, or until their earlier death, resignation or removal:

Thomas P. McCaffrey Corbin J. Robertson, Jr.

The persons named in the attached proxy intend to vote each share as to which a proxy has been properly executed and returned or submitted over the telephone or on the Internet and not revoked in favor of the election as directors of the nominees named above, who are now directors of the Company, unless authority to vote for the election of such nominee is withheld by marking the proxy to that effect. The attached proxy cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than two.

The director nominees have consented to being named as a nominee in this Proxy Statement and have indicated a willingness to serve if elected. We have no reason to believe that the director nominees will be unable or unwilling to serve on the Board if elected. However, if the nominees should become unable or unwilling to serve for any reason, proxies may be voted for another person nominated as a substitute by the Board. Stockholders may not cumulate their votes in the election of our directors.

Set forth below under "Board of Directors" is background information with respect to our director nominees, as well as certain information regarding their individual experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led the Board to conclude that they should serve as directors. There are no family relationships among any of our directors or executive officers. Please see "Share Ownership Information—Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" for information regarding our current directors' and director nominees' holdings of equity securities of the Company.

#### **Required Vote of Stockholders**

To be elected to the Board, a nominee must receive a plurality of the voting power of the shares entitled to vote on the election of directors and present in person or by proxy at the meeting, which means a nominee will be elected in an uncontested election if he or she receives at least one vote "FOR" such nominee. Nevertheless, if a nominee receives a number of "WITHHOLD" votes that equals or exceeds the number of "FOR" votes, that nominee must submit such director's offer of resignation to the Chairman of the Board. See "Plurality Plus Majority Voting for Directors" below.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR NOMINEES.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Set forth below is the business experience of, and certain other information regarding, the director nominees and the other continuing directors of the Company. The directors' ages are as of

<b>Directors and Director Nominee</b>	Position and Offices	Director Since	Age
Dag Skindlo	Non-Executive Chairman and Class II Director	2020	55
Christopher J. Baker	Class I Director	2022	51
John T. Collins	Class II Director	2018	77
Gunnar Eliassen	Class I Director	2020	38
Danielle E. Hunter	Class II Director	2024	41
Thomas P. McCaffrey	Class III Director	2018	69
Corbin J. Robertson, Jr	Class III Director	2020	76
John T. Whates, Esq.	Class I Director	2018	76

Christopher J. Baker. Christopher J. Baker has been a Director since November 2022 and has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of KLXE since the completion of the merger of Krypton Merger Sub, Inc., an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of KLXE, with and into Quintana Energy Services, Inc. ("QES"), with QES surviving the merger as a subsidiary of KLXE (the "QES Merger") in July 2020. Mr. Baker became a Director of KLXE in November 2022. Additionally, since the completion of the QES Merger in July 2020, Mr. Baker has served as: (i) President, Treasurer and Director of Krypton Intermediate, LLC, Krypton Holdco, LLC, and KLX Energy Services Inc.; (ii) President and Director of KLX Energy Services LLC; and (ii) Vice President of KLX Directional Drilling LLC and Centerline Trucking LLC. Since March 2022, Mr. Baker has also served as a director of NorAm Drilling AS. Previously, Mr. Baker served as President and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of the board of directors of OES from August 2019 through July 2020. Mr. Baker previously served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of QES from its formation in 2017 until August 2019 and has served in the same role at Quintana Energy Services LP ("QES LP") from November 2014 to July 2020. Mr. Baker previously served as Managing Director-Oilfield Services of the Quintana private equity funds ("Quintana"), where he was responsible for sourcing, evaluating and executing oilfield service investments, as well as overseeing the growth of and managing and monitoring the activities of Quintana's oilfield service portfolio companies beginning in 2008. Prior to joining Quintana, Mr. Baker served as an Associate with Citigroup Global Markets Inc.'s ("Citi") Corporate and Investment Bank where he conducted corporate finance and valuation activities focused on structuring non-investment grade debt transactions in the energy sector. Prior to his time at Citi, Mr. Baker was Vice President of Operations for Theta II Enterprises, Inc., where he focused on project management of complex subsea and inland marine pipeline construction projects. Mr. Baker attended Louisiana State University, where he earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, and Rice University, where he earned an M.B.A. Our Board benefits from Mr. Baker's extensive industry experience and his familiarity with the Company.

John T. Collins. John T. Collins has been a Director of KLXE since September 2018. He served as the non-Executive Chairman of the Board upon the completion of the QES Merger in July 2020 until June 2021 and as the Chairman of the Board from May 2020 to July 2020. He served on the board of directors of KLX Inc. from December 2014 until its sale to The Boeing Company in October 2018. From 1986 to 1992, Mr. Collins served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Quebecor Printing (USA) Inc., which was formed in 1986 by a merger with Semline Inc., where he had served in various positions since 1968, including since 1973 as President. During his term, Mr. Collins guided Quebecor Printing (USA) Inc. through several large acquisitions and situated the company to become one of the leaders in its industry. From 1992 to 2017, Mr. Collins was the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Collins Group, Inc., a manager of a private securities portfolio and minority interest holder in several privately held companies. Mr. Collins currently serves on the board of directors for Federated Funds, Inc., and has done so since 2011, and he has also served on the board of directors for several public companies, including Bank of America Corp. and FleetBoston Financial. In addition, Mr. Collins has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of his alma mater, Bentley University. Our Board

benefits from Mr. Collins's many years of experience in the management, acquisition and development of several private and public companies in varied sectors.

Gunnar Eliassen. Gunnar Eliassen became a Director of KLXE upon the completion of the QES Merger in July 2020. Previously, Mr. Eliassen served on the QES board of directors from the company's formation in 2017 through July 2020. Mr. Eliassen served on the board of directors of the general partner of QES LP from January 2017 until July 2020. He currently also serves as a director of Prosafe SE and as chairman of the board of directors of Scana ASA. From 2016 until 2023, Mr. Eliassen was employed by Seatankers Services (UK) LLP, an affiliated company of Geveran Investment Limited and its affiliates, where he was responsible for overseeing and managing various public and private investments. Mr. Eliassen's past experience includes serving as a director of Seadrill Ltd., Aquadrill LLC, Valaris Ltd., Noram Drilling AS and Northern Drilling Ltd. as well as executive roles as Chief Executive Officer of ST Energy Transition I Ltd. and Chief Executive Officer of Northern Drilling Ltd. From 2011 through 2015 Mr. Eliassen was a Partner at Pareto Securities where he was responsible for execution of public and private capital markets transactions with emphasis on the energy sector. Mr. Eliassen received a Master in Finance from the Norwegian School of Economics. Our Board benefits from Mr. Eliassen's extensive experience with public and private investments, including investments in the oil and natural gas industry.

Danielle E. Hunter. Danielle E. Hunter has served as a member of the Board since March 2024. Ms. Hunter is the President of Berry Corporation ("Berry"), an upstream energy company engaged in the responsible development and production of conventional oil reserves in the western United States. She joined Berry in January 2020 as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, a position she held through her appointment as President, effective January 1, 2023. Prior to joining Berry, Ms. Hunter served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Chief Risk and Compliance Officer at C&J Energy Services, Inc. (now part of Patterson UTI, Inc.) ("C&J"), a well construction, completions, and services company, where she provided strategic counsel on a broad range of legal, business and operational matters. She served at C&J from June 2011 through November 2019. From 2007 through 2011, Ms. Hunter practiced corporate law at Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. representing public and private companies in capital markets offerings and mergers and acquisitions, primarily in the oil and natural gas industry. She served as a judicial law clerk to U.S. District Judge Tucker Melancon, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, after graduating Magna Cum Laude from Tulane University Law School in 2006. Our Board benefits from Ms. Hunter's extensive experience with corporate strategy, governance and compliance, enterprise risk management and complex transactions.

Thomas P. McCaffrey. Thomas P. McCaffrey has served as a member of the Board since May 2020. Mr. McCaffrey served as Chairman of the integration committee of the Board upon completion of the QES Merger until the integration committee was disbanded in December 2020. Mr. McCaffrey previously served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of KLXE, from April 30, 2020 through the completion of the QES Merger. Previously, Mr. McCaffrey served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of KLXE from September 2018 until April 30, 2020. Prior to that, Mr. McCaffrey served as President and Chief Operating Officer of KLX Inc. from December 2014 until its sale to The Boeing Company in October 2018 and as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of B/E Aerospace from May 1993 until December 2014. Prior to joining B/E Aerospace, Mr. McCaffrey practiced as a Certified Public Accountant for 17 years with a large international accounting firm and a regional accounting firm based in California. Since 2016, Mr. McCaffrey has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Palm Beach Atlantic University and currently serves as chairman of the board. Previously, he served as a member of various committees. Our Board benefits from Mr. McCaffrey's extensive leadership experience, thorough knowledge of the Company's business and industry, and strategic planning experience.

Corbin J. Robertson, Jr. Corbin J. Robertson, Jr. became a Director upon the completion of the QES Merger in July 2020. Previously, Mr. Robertson served as Chairman of the QES board of directors since the company's formation in 2017 through July 2020. Mr. Robertson has served as Chairman of the board of directors

of the general partner of QES LP since the board was established. Mr. Robertson has also served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the board of directors of GP Natural Resource Partners LLC since 2002. He has served as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the board of directors of the general partners of Western Pocahontas Properties Limited Partnership since 1986, Great Northern Properties Limited Partnership since 1992, Quintana Minerals Corporation since 1978 and as Chairman of the board of directors of New Gauley Coal Corporation since 1986. He also serves as a Principal with Quintana Capital Group, L.P., Chairman of the board of the Cullen Trust for Higher Education and on the boards of the American Petroleum Institute, the National Petroleum Council, Baylor College of Medicine and the World Health and Golf Association. In 2006, Mr. Robertson was inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame. Mr. Robertson attended the University of Texas at Austin where he earned a B.B.A. from the Business Honors Program. Our Board benefits from Mr. Robertson's extensive industry experience, his extensive experience with oil and gas investments and his board service for several companies in the oil and natural gas industry.

Dag Skindlo. Dag Skindlo has been a Director since the completion of the QES Merger in July 2020 and has served as the Non-Executive Chairman of our Board since June 2022. Previously, Mr. Skindlo served on the QES board of directors from its formation in 2017 and served on the board of directors of the general partner of QES LP from April 2016. Since March 2020, Mr. Skindlo has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Archer Limited. He previously served as a member of the board of directors, from May 2016 to May 2019, and as the Chief Financial Officer of Archer Limited from May 2016 until March 2020. Mr. Skindlo is a business-oriented executive with 25 years of oil and natural gas industry experience. Mr. Skindlo joined Schlumberger in 1992 where he held various financial and operational positions. Mr. Skindlo then joined the Aker Group of companies in 2005, where his experience from Aker Kvaerner, Aker Solutions and Kvaerner includes both global Chief Financial Officer roles and Managing Director roles for several large industrial business divisions. Prior to joining Archer Well Company Inc. in 2016, Mr. Skindlo was with private equity group HitecVision, where he served as Chief Executive Officer for Aquamarine Subsea. Mr. Skindlo earned a Master of Science in Economics and Business Administration from the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration. Our Board benefits from Mr. Skindlo's vast business experience domestically and internationally, having founded and served as a director and as an officer of multiple companies, both private and public.

John T. Whates, Esq. John T. Whates, Esq. has served as a member of the Board since September 2018. He served on the board of directors of KLX Inc. from December 2014 until its sale to The Boeing Company in October 2018. Mr. Whates has been an independent tax advisor and involved in venture capital and private investing since 2005. He is a member of the board of directors of Dynamic Healthcare Systems, Inc., was a member of the board of directors of Rockwell Collins from April 2017 until February 2018 and was the Chairman of the compensation committee of B/E Aerospace until its sale to Rockwell Collins in April 2017. From 1994 to 2011, Mr. Whates was a tax and financial advisor to B/E Aerospace, providing business and tax advice on essentially all of its significant strategic acquisitions. Previously, Mr. Whates was a tax partner in several of the largest public accounting firms, most recently leading the High Technology Group Tax Practice of Deloitte LLP in Orange County, California. He has extensive experience working with aerospace and other public companies in the fields of tax, equity financing and mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Whates is an attorney licensed to practice in California and was an Adjunct Professor of Taxation at Golden Gate University. Our Board benefits from Mr. Whates's extensive experience, multi-dimensional educational background, thorough knowledge of the Company's business and industry, and financial expertise.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

As previously discussed under "Proposal 2: Election of Directors," the Board currently has eight members. The following table identifies the current members of the Board, the standing committees of the Board on which they serve and the chairman of each committee as of the date of this Proxy Statement.

Name of Director	Audit Committee	Compensation Committee	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee
Christopher J. Baker			
John T. Collins+	*	*	*
Gunnar Eliassen+	*	*	**
Danielle E. Hunter+			*
Thomas P. McCaffrey+			
Corbin J. Robertson, Jr.+		**	»Jc
Dag Skindlo (Non-Executive			
Chairman)+	*		*
John T. Whates, Esq.+	**	*	*

<sup>\*</sup> Committee Member

After reviewing all relationships each director has with the Company, including the nature and extent of any business relationships between the Company and such person, the Board has affirmatively determined that each of Messrs. Collins, Eliassen, McCaffrey, Robertson, Skindlo and Whates and Ms. Hunter has no material relationships with the Company and is "independent" under the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and the Nasdaq Global Select Market ("Nasdaq"). When determining whether to consider Mr. McCaffrey as an independent director, the Board also considered Mr. McCaffrey's previous experience as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of KLXE from April 30, 2020 until the completion of the QES Merger in July 2020, and his experience as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of KLXE from September 2018 until April 30, 2020. Given that Mr. McCaffrey has not served as an executive officer of the Company for over three years, and considering the full transition of the KLXE management team at the time of the QES Merger, the Board believes that Mr. McCaffrey has no relationship which would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out his responsibilities as a director, including his ability to be independent from current management.

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE**

The Board believes it is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders for the Board to have flexibility in determining the Board leadership structure of the Company. As part of our ongoing, proactive efforts to implement effective corporate governance practices, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee regularly reviews the leadership structure of the Board, taking into account the Company and its needs, legislative and regulatory developments, and corporate governance trends, among other things. Accordingly, the Board has determined that the roles of Chairman of the Board and President and Chief Executive Officer should presently remain separate and that an independent director should serve as the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Skindlo, an independent director, has served as non-executive Chairman of the Board since June 2022. The Board believes that the current leadership of the Board, when combined with the other elements of its corporate governance structure, strikes an appropriate balance between strong leadership and independent oversight of the Company's business and affairs.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Committee Chairman

<sup>+</sup> Independent

The Board is composed of a majority of independent directors. Seven out of the eight members of the Board are independent, and the chair and members of each of the Board's Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are independent directors. The Company's independent directors bring experience, oversight and expertise from outside the Company. As a result, independent directors oversee all significant matters affecting KLXE, including the Company's financial statements, executive compensation matters, the nomination and assessment of directors and the risk management practices. Independent directors regularly meet in executive sessions not attended by management in conjunction with each regular Board and committee meeting and as they otherwise deem appropriate.

At each executive session, the respective chair of the Board committee relating to the specific matter discussed by the independent directors, leads the discussion. For example, the chair of the KLXE Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee leads the discussions with respect to director nominations, the current composition of the Board and other Board policy matters.

Following each executive session, the independent directors report the results of the discussions to the full Board, as appropriate. These discussions are led by the appropriate committee chair. Additional executive sessions may be convened at any time at the request of an independent director and, in such event, the independent director chairman of the committee most closely associated with the discussed topic leads the discussion and the report to the full Board. During executive sessions, directors also discuss and propose matters to be included in the agenda for future Board meetings.

#### MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES

During 2023, the Board held eight meetings and met in executive session on four of those occasions. Committee meetings were held in 2023 as follows:

Committee Name	Number of Meetings
Audit Committee	4
Compensation Committee	4
Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee	4

All members of the Board attended at least 75% of the aggregate of the total number of meetings of the Board and the total number of meetings held by each committee on which he served in 2023.

From time to time between meetings, Board and committee members confer with each other and with management and independent consultants regarding relevant issues, and representatives of management may meet with such consultants on behalf of the relevant committee.

Directors are expected to attend meetings of the Board and of committees on which they serve and to spend the time needed and meet as frequently as necessary to properly discharge their responsibilities. Directors are encouraged but not required to attend our annual stockholder meetings. Each member of our Board attended our 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

#### COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

The Board has three standing committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Copies of the charters for the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are available on our website, www.klx.com, in the Investor Relations section. Please note that the information contained in or connected to our website is not a part of this Proxy Statement and will not be deemed incorporated by reference unless expressly stated otherwise.

#### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is composed of Messrs. Collins, Eliassen, Skindlo, with Mr. Whates serving as Chairman. All directors serving on the Audit Committee are independent committee members as defined by Nasdaq and SEC rules. Our Board has determined that Mr. Whates is an "audit committee financial expert" in accordance with SEC rules.

The Audit Committee is responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of our independent auditors, overseeing the quality and integrity of our financial statements and related disclosures, our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, assessing our independent auditors' qualifications, independence and performance, monitoring the performance of our internal audit and control functions, and overseeing cybersecurity and data privacy matters.

#### **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee is currently composed of Messrs. Collins, Eliassen and Whates, with Mr. Robertson serving as Chairman. All of the members of the Compensation Committee are independent as defined by Nasdaq rules.

The Compensation Committee provides recommendations to the Board regarding compensation matters and oversees the Company's incentive and compensation plans. Together with management (with the exception of compensation matters related to our Chief Executive Officer), and any counsel or other advisors it deems appropriate, including the Compensation Committee's consultant F.W. Cook ("FWC"), the Compensation Committee reviews and discusses each particular executive compensation matter presented and makes a final recommendation to the Board for consideration. For example, the Compensation Committee reviews and approves the compensation of our executive officers and makes appropriate adjustments based on Company performance, achievement of predetermined goals, and changes in an executive officer's duties and responsibilities.

The Compensation Committee has the power to delegate its authority and duties to subcommittees or individual members of the Compensation Committee or, to the extent permitted by the terms of any plan, to officers of our Company or other persons in each case as it deems appropriate in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and the requirements of Nasdaq. Management input is taken into consideration in assessing the performance and pay levels of our key management employees as well as the establishment of bonus measures and targets, but ultimate decision-making regarding compensation of our NEOs remains with the Compensation Committee and ultimately the Board.

To gain a perspective on external pay levels, emerging practices and regulatory changes, the Compensation Committee of the Board engaged an outside executive compensation consultant to provide benchmark and survey information and advise the Compensation Committee as it reviewed our executive and director compensation programs. The Compensation Committee selected FWC as its consultant. Historically, the Compensation Committee has tasked its outside executive compensation consultant with gathering market competitive data, reviewing compensation plan design alternatives and advising the Compensation Committee on director and executive compensation trends and best practices.

The compensation consultant reports to, and is directed by, the Compensation Committee, which has sole authority to retain or terminate compensation advisers. The Compensation Committee reviewed information regarding the independence and potential conflicts of interest of FWC, taking into account, among other things, the factors set forth in the Nasdaq listing standards. Based on this review, the Compensation Committee concluded that the engagement of FWC did not raise any conflicts. Other than services provided for the Compensation Committee, the compensation consultants did not provide additional services to the Company for the year ended December 31, 2023.

#### Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is composed of Messrs. Collins, Robertson, Skindlo and Whates and Ms. Hunter, with Mr. Eliassen serving as Chairman. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for, among other things, assisting the Board by actively identifying individuals qualified to become Board members, recommending to the Board the director nominees for election at the next annual meeting of stockholders and making recommendations with respect to corporate governance matters. All members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are or were independent as defined by the Nasdaq rules.

#### NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS

As provided in its charter, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee identifies and recommends to our Board nominees for election and re-election to the Board and will consider nominations submitted by stockholders. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board, evaluates candidates proposed by stockholders using the same criteria as for other candidates.

The Chairman of the Board and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seek to create a Board that is strong in its collective knowledge and has a diversity of skills, backgrounds and experience with respect to leadership, business operations, finance and industry knowledge. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews with the Chairman of the Board and the full Board, on a periodic basis, the current composition of the Board in light of the characteristics of independence, skills, experience and availability of service to the Company of its members and of the Company's anticipated needs. The Board also actively seeks refreshment of the Board with directors who can provide diverse perspectives and add unique value through skills highly relevant to our corporate strategy. Further, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee carefully considers the ability of incumbent directors to continue to contribute to the Board and the Company's evolving needs, as part of the renomination process. All of our independent directors serve on Board Committees, further supporting the Board by providing experience to those Committees. The needs of each Committee are also reviewed when considering nominees to the Board.

When the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews a potential new candidate, it looks specifically at the candidate's qualifications in light of the size of the Board and the needs of the Board and the Company at a given point in time. In nominating director candidates, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee strives to nominate directors who exhibit high standards of ethics, integrity, commitment and accountability. In addition, all nominations attempt to ensure that the Board shall encompass a range of talent, skills, expertise and industry experience sufficient to provide guidance with respect to our operations and activities.

Under our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charter, directors must inform the Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in advance of accepting an invitation to serve on another public company board. In addition, no director may sit on the board of directors, or beneficially own more than 1% of the outstanding equity securities, of any of our competitors in our principal lines of business. We also discourage our directors from serving on the board of directors of more than three public companies.

To recommend a nominee, a stockholder shall give notice to our Corporate Secretary at our principal executive offices located at 3040 Post Oak Boulevard, 15th Floor, Houston, TX 77056. The form and substance of the nominations must satisfy the requirements established by our Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws and the SEC. This notice should include the candidate's brief biographical description, a statement of the qualifications of the candidate, taking into account the qualification requirements set forth above, and the candidate's signed consent to be named in the Proxy Statement and to serve as a director if elected. The notice

must be given (i) with regard to nominations to be brought before an annual meeting to be held on a day not more than 30 days in advance of the anniversary of the previous year's meeting nor more than 70 days after the anniversary of the previous year's meeting, not later than 90 days nor earlier than 120 days in advance of the anniversary of the previous year's meeting or (ii) with regard to nominations for any other annual meeting, within ten days following the public announcement of the date of such meeting. Once we receive the nomination and written request for a questionnaire, we will deliver a questionnaire to the candidate that requests additional information about the candidate's independence, qualifications and other information that would assist the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in evaluating the candidate, as well as certain information that must be disclosed about the candidate in our Proxy Statement, if nominated. Candidates must complete and return the questionnaire within the time frame provided to be considered for nomination by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has not received any nominations for director from stockholders for the Annual Meeting.

#### **BOARD DIVERSITY**

The Chairman of the Board and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, in accordance with the Board's governance principles, seek to create a Board that, as a whole, is strong in its collective knowledge and diverse in its perspective, skills and experience with respect to industry knowledge, background, vision and strategy, human resource management, general management and leadership, marketing, business operations, business judgment, crisis management, risk assessment, accounting and finance, capital markets, general corporate governance and global markets. The Board also added a gender diverse member in March 2024.

In considering candidates for the Board, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers the entirety of each candidate's credentials in the context of these standards and such other factors that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers appropriate so that the Board includes members, if suitable, with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, skills and experience, who are likely to serve the Company's anticipated needs, enhance Board effectiveness and address the interests of our stockholders. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes our Board is appropriately balanced with directors from varied sectors, with significant understanding of our business and industries, has extensive experience in general management, human resources, marketing, engineering, capital markets, developing and executing mergers and acquisition strategies, including successful integration activities related thereto, as founders or co-founders of a multitude of businesses, and the collective experiences developed during their business careers in various industries, including oil and natural gas and related industries.

#### **BOARD DIVERSITY MATRIX**

The table below provides certain highlights of the composition of our Board members and nominees as of listed in the below table has the meaning as it is used in Nasdaq Rule 5605(f).

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Total Number of Directors	BOARD DIVERSITI MATRIX (AS OF		7	
	Female	Male	Non-Binary	Did Not Disclose Gender
Part I: Gender Identity				
Directors	1	7	_	_
Part II: Demographic Background				
White	1	7	_	_

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#### PLURALITY PLUS MAJORITY VOTING FOR DIRECTORS

Under the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, in order for a director to be elected at an annual meeting, a plurality of the votes cast with respect to the director's election must be cast "for" the director. Abstentions and broker non-votes are excluded from calculation of the vote results. In an uncontested election of directors, any director who receives the same or a greater number of "withheld" votes than votes "for" their election shall promptly tender their resignation to the Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board then recommends to the Board whether to accept or reject the resignation, and the Board must make a decision by 90 days after the date of the meeting at which the election took place. Any director who tenders a resignation does not participate in this decision. The Company shall then make a public announcement of the Board's decision to accept or reject the resignation.

#### RISK OVERSIGHT

#### Our Risk Management Framework

KLXE has adopted enterprise risk management policies based on the Integrated Framework of the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations. Under KLXE's policies, the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer, in conjunction with Vice President of Operations, is responsible for identifying risks that could affect achievement of business goals and strategies, assessing the likelihood and potential impact of significant risks over various timeframes and prioritizing risks and actions to be taken in response. The Vice President of Operations reports to KLXE's Chief Executive Officer on actions to monitor and manage significant risks in order to remain within KLXE's range of risk tolerance.

The Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel of the Company periodically report on KLXE's risk management policies, practices and identified risks and mitigation plans to relevant Board committees and to the full Board. If necessary, the Board has access to any employee without management involvement and access to whistleblower and any other reports of alleged wrongdoing. The Audit Committee annually reviews major financial risk exposures and a number of operational, compliance, reputational and strategic risks, including cyber risks, as well as practices to monitor and manage those risks. The Audit Committee also reviews overall policies and practices for enterprise risk management, including the delegation of practices and a number of significant risks in the course of their reviews of corporate strategy, business plans, reports of Board committee meetings and other presentations, including presentations from the Company's director of information technology.

#### Board and Committee Risk Oversight Responsibilities

Board/Committee	Primary Areas of Risk Oversight
Full Board	Risk management process and structure, strategic risks associated with business plan, including the transitional and physical risks of climate on our business over near, medium- and long-term time horizons, and other significant risks such as major litigation, significant human capital, culture and reputational matters, business development risks and succession planning.
Audit Committee	Material financial risk exposures, significant operational, compliance, reputational and strategic risks, cyber risks and overall policies and practices for enterprise risk management.
Compensation Committee	Risks related to executive recruitment, assessment, development, retention and succession policies and programs, risks associated with compensation policies and practices, including incentive compensation.

Board/Committee	Primary Areas of Risk Oversight
	sures related to corporate governance, leadership structure, effectiveness of Board coversight, review of director candidates, stockholder feedback, conflicts of interest dependence.

The Board and the Compensation Committee believe our compensation incentives reflect the appropriate balance between opportunity and risk, and will encourage executives to act in a manner consistent with this balance, which is aligned to the interests of our stockholders. We mitigate compensation-related risks to our long-term performance, ethical standards and reputation in the following ways:

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- Link NEO and executive pay to performance through long-term incentive compensation
- Use time-based vesting (usually on a four-year ratable schedule) or performance-based vesting for equity awards
- Utilize an independent compensation consultant
- Post-employment covenants with every current KLXE executive officer prohibiting acts involving use of proprietary information, soliciting KLXE employees and in certain cases, engaging in competitive activities
- No excise tax gross-ups upon change in control
- No hedging or pledging or speculative transactions in our securities by directors and executive officers
- · No repricing of equity awards without stockholder approval
- No encouragement of imprudent risk taking

#### OUR COMMITMENT TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

KLXE is committed to strong corporate governance practices designed to maintain high standards of oversight, integrity and ethics, while promoting growth in long-term stockholder value.

Our governance structure enables independent, experienced and accomplished directors to provide advice, insight and oversight to advance the interests of the Company and our stockholders. KLXE has developed and follows governance standards, as found in our Code of Business Conduct, Corporate Governance Guidelines, systematic approach to risk management, and our commitment to transparent financial reporting and strong internal controls.

We encourage you to visit the Governance section of our Investor Relations website (https://investor.klx.com/corporate-governance/governance-overview) where you will find detailed information about corporate governance at KLXE, including:

- Our Corporate Governance Guidelines
- Charters for our Board Committees
- Our Code of Business Conduct

#### OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE AND EFFICIENT OPERATIONS

We recognize the impact of our business on the communities we serve, our workforce, the environment and on our business partners. We believe that streamlining our operations and using more sustainable practices is not only good for our many stakeholders, but also for our bottom line and our stockholders. For instance, we

continue to work with several of our upstream customers to electrify components of our equipment including wireline units, coil tubing units and pumps and we are very focused on operational efficiency gains that help minimize overall time on location and the required resources to achieve our customers' ultimate goals to drill wells more efficiently – saving them time and money, helping us deliver goods and services as a preferred partner and mitigating our and our business partners' operational impacts in the process.

#### CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct, applicable to all employees, directors and officers. The Code of Business Conduct meets the requirements of Item 406 of Regulation S-K, as well as the applicable requirements of a "code of business conduct and ethics" under the Nasdaq listing standards. The Code of Business Conduct covers topics including, but not limited to, conflicts of interest, confidentiality of information and compliance with laws and regulations. A copy of the Code of Business Conduct is available on our website located at www.klx.com under Investor Relations. Amendments to, or waivers of the provisions of, the Code of Business Conduct, if any, made with respect to any of our directors and officers will be posted on our website.

#### STOCKHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS WITH OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To facilitate the ability of stockholders to communicate with our Board, communications may be sent to one or more of its members, including the independent and non-management directors as a group. Interested parties may contact the Board, any Board committee, or any Board member (including the Chairman of the Board), by writing to them at the following address:

KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. 3040 Post Oak Boulevard, 15th Floor Houston, Texas 77056 Attn: Corporate Secretary

The envelope containing each communication should be clearly marked as "Shareholder Communication with Directors" and clearly identify the intended recipient(s) of the communication so that the communication can be forwarded to the specified parties.

Our Corporate Secretary reviews all correspondence addressed to the Board and regularly presents to the Board a summary of all such correspondence and forwards to the Board or individual directors, as the case may be, copies of all correspondence that, in the opinion of the Corporate Secretary, deals with the functions of the Board or committees thereof or that the Corporate Secretary otherwise determines requires their attention. Examples of communications that would be logged, but not automatically forwarded, include solicitations for products and services or items of a personal nature not relevant to us or our stockholders. Directors may at any time review the log of all correspondence received by our Company that is addressed to members of the Board and request copies of any such correspondence. Concerns relating to accounting, internal controls or auditing matters are brought to the attention of the Audit Committee, other than potential ethical and conflict-of-interest situations, which are directed to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

The Compensation Committee is currently composed of Messrs. Collins, Eliassen and Whates, with Mr. Robertson serving as Chairman. No person who is or has been an officer or other employee of the Company served as a member of the Company's Compensation Committee. During the year ended December 31, 2023, no executive officer of the Company served as a member of the Compensation Committee of the board (or as a director) of any company where an executive officer of such company is a member of the Compensation Committee or a director of the Company. No member of the Compensation Committee was a party to any transaction required to be disclosed as a related-person transaction.

#### **DELINQUENT SECTION 16(A) REPORTS**

Under Section 16(a) of Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended, the "Exchange Act") and SEC rules, our directors, executive officers and beneficial owners of more than 10% of any class of equity security are required to file periodic reports of their ownership, and changes in that ownership, with the SEC. Based on our review of the filed reports, we believe that all Section 16(a) filing requirements were in compliance during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, except for a Form 4, filed by Stuart D. Porter, a beneficial owner of more than 10% of shares of the Company's outstanding common stock, on July 7, 2023, related to an in-kind distribution made on June 15, 2023, and a Form 4, filed on September 27, 2023 for Geoffrey C. Stanford, a Section 16 officer of the Company, regarding restricted stock awards that vested on April 1, 2022 and March 1, 2023.

#### ANTI-HEDGING AND ANTI-PLEDGING POLICY

Our Board previously established a policy that prohibits our directors and executive officers from engaging in short sales of our securities. Our directors and executive officers are also prohibited from selling or purchasing puts or calls, trading in or writing options, or engaging in other hedging activities with respect to our securities. Directors and executive officers are also prohibited from holding Company securities in a margin account or pledging our securities as collateral for a loan, unless pre-clearance is obtained after the director or executive officer clearly demonstrates the financial capability to repay the loan without resorting to the pledged securities.

#### COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

We believe that attracting and retaining qualified non-employee directors is critical to the future value of our growth and governance. Accordingly, we maintain a comprehensive director compensation policy for our non-employee directors, which consists of:

- An annual cash retainer of \$120,000 for each non-employee director except the non-executive Chairman of the Board who receives an annual cash retainer of \$170,000, in each case, payable quarterly in arrears;
- An annual equity-based award granted to each non-employee director with an aggregate fair market value of approximately \$55,000 on the date of grant; and
- An annual cash fee of \$10,000 payable to each chair of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Our non-employee directors are reimbursed for certain reasonable expenses incurred in connection with their services to us.

#### DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The following table sets forth the total compensation for our non-employee directors during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, other than Mr. Baker, whose compensation is included in the Summary Compensation Table due to his concurrent role as President and Chief Executive Officer, and Ms. Hunter, who joined the Board in 2024:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards(1)	All Other Compensation	Total
			Compensation	Total
John T. Collins	\$ 120,000	\$ 30,000	_	\$150,000
Gunnar Eliassen	\$ 130,000	\$ 30,000	_	\$160,000
Thomas P. McCaffrey	\$ 120,000	\$ 30,000	_	\$150,000
Corbin J. Robertson	\$ 130,000	\$ 30,000	_	\$160,000
Dag Skindlo	\$ 170,000	\$ 30,000	_	\$200,000
John T. Whates, Esq.	\$ 130,000	\$ 30,000	_	\$160,000

<sup>(1)</sup> Reflects the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock awards granted to our non-employee directors under the LTIP computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 718. Each award consisted of 2,030 shares of restricted stock, which was granted on February 1, 2023. Each award vested in full on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to continued service on the Board. As of December 31, 2023, each non-employee director held 2,030 shares of restricted stock.

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The following table sets forth information regarding our executive officers as of above under "Proposal 2: Election of Directors."

. Biographical information for Mr. Baker is set forth

Name	Position	Age
Christopher J. Baker	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	51
Keefer M. Lehner	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	38
Max L. Bouthillette	Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary	55

Keefer M. Lehner. Keefer M. Lehner became the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of KLXE upon completion of the QES Merger in July 2020. Additionally, since the completion of the QES Merger in July 2020, Mr. Lehner has served as: (i) Vice President and Director of Krypton Intermediate, LLC, Krypton Holdco, LLC, KLX Energy Services LLC and KLX Energy Services Inc; and (ii) Vice President of KLX Directional Drilling LLC and Centerline Trucking LLC. Previously, Mr. Lehner served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of QES since its formation in 2017 through July 2020. Mr. Lehner served in that same role at QES LP from January 2017 to July 2020 and previously served as the Vice President, Finance and Corporate Development of QES LP's general partner from November 2014 to July 2020. Mr. Lehner previously served in various positions at the Quintana private equity funds, including Vice President, from 2010 to 2014, where he was responsible for sourcing, evaluating and executing investments, as well as managing and monitoring the activities of Quintana's portfolio companies. During his tenure at Quintana, Mr. Lehner monitored and advised the growth of the predecessors to QES. Prior to joining Quintana in 2010, Mr. Lehner worked in the investment banking division of Simmons & Company International, where he focused on mergers, acquisitions and capital raises for public and private clients engaged in all facets of the energy industry. Mr. Lehner attended Villanova University, where he earned a B.S.B.A. in Finance.

Max L. Bouthillette. Max L. Bouthillette became the Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary of KLXE upon completion of the QES Merger in July 2020. Additionally, since the completion of the QES Merger in July 2020, Mr. Bouthillette has served as: (i) Vice President, Secretary and Director (or Manager, as applicable) of Krypton Intermediate, LLC, Krypton Holdco, LLC, KLX Energy Services LLC and KLX Energy Services Inc.; and (ii) Vice President and Secretary of KLX Directional Drilling LLC and Centerline Trucking LLC. Previously, Mr. Bouthillette served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary of QES since its formation in 2017 through July 2020. Mr. Bouthillette served on QES LP's board of directors from April 2016 until July 2017 and Mr. Bouthillette served as QES LP's Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary from July 2017 until February 2018. Prior to joining QES, Mr. Bouthillette was with Archer Limited, where he served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel from 2010 to 2017, as President of Archer's operations in South and North America since 2016 and as a Director of several of its affiliates. Mr. Bouthillette has more than 24 years of legal experience for oilfield services companies, and previously served as Chief Compliance Officer and Deputy General Counsel for BJ Services from 2006 to 2010, as a partner with Baker Hostetler LLP from 2004 to 2006 and with Schlumberger in North America (Litigation Counsel), Asia (OFS Counsel) and Europe (General Counsel Products) from 1998 to 2003. Mr. Bouthillette holds a B.B.A in Accounting from Texas A&M University and a J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center.

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

To our knowledge, the following table and accompanying footnotes show information as of March footnotes below) regarding the beneficial ownership of KLXE common stock by:

- each person known by us to beneficially own more than 5% of the outstanding shares of our common stock;
- each member of the Board;
- each of our executive officers; and
- the members of the Board and our executive officers as a group.

We have determined beneficial ownership in accordance with the rules of the SEC. Except as indicated by the footnotes below, we believe, based on the information furnished to us, that the persons and entities named in the table below have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock that he, she or it beneficially owns.

Included in the tables below are shares over which the person could have acquired voting power or investment power within 60 days after March , 2024. Voting power includes the power to direct the voting of shares held, and investment power includes the power to direct the disposition of shares held. Applicable percentage ownership and voting power is based on shares of KLXE common stock outstanding as of March , 2024.

Unless otherwise noted below, each of the below has sole voting and investment power over the shares of common stock reflected in the table and their address is c/o KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc., 3040 Post Oak Boulevard, 15th Floor, Houston, TX 77056.

	Shares Beneficially	Percentage of common stock
Name of Beneficial Owner	owned	outstanding(1)
5% Stockholders:		
Greene's Holding Corporation(2)	2,061,484	%
Tontine Asset Associates, LLC and its affiliates(3)	1,526,795	%
Directors and Executive Officers:		
Christopher J. Baker(4)	250,458	%
Keefer M. Lehner(4)	91,988	%
Max L. Bouthillette(4)	87,952	%
John T. Collins(5)	16,030	%
Gunnar Eliassen(5)	20,944	%
Danielle E. Hunter	0	%
Thomas P. McCaffrey(5)(6)	188,430	%
Corbin J. Robertson, Jr.(5)	37,867	%
Dag Skindlo(5)	21,448	%
John T. Whates, Esq.(5)	19,049	%
Executive Officers and Directors as Group (10 persons)	734,166	%

Represents less than 1%.

<sup>(1)</sup> Applicable percentage ownership is based on shares of common stock outstanding as of March , 2024.

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on a Schedule 13G filed September 13, 2023, these shares are held directly by Greene's Holding Corporation ("GHC") and Greene's Investment Holdings LLC ("GIH"). GIH is the majority owner of GHC.

Denham IV Continuation Fund LP ("Denham IV Fund") is the sole owner of GIH. Denham IV Continuation Fund GP LP ("Denham IV Fund GP") is the general partner of Denham IV Fund. Denham IV Continuation GP LLC ("Denham IV GP") is the general partner of Denham IV Fund GP. Denham Capital Management LP ("DCM") serves as investment adviser to Denham IV Fund. Denham Capital Management GP LLC ("DCM GP") is the general partner of DCM. Stuart D. Porter is the sole owner of DCM GP and the controlling member of Denham IV GP, and serves as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of DCM. Accordingly, each of GHC, GIH, Denham IV Fund, Denham IV Fund GP, Denham IV GP, DCM, DCM GP and Mr. Porter may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these shares; however, each disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares in excess of its pecuniary interest therein. The address of each of GHC, GIH, Denham IV Fund, Denham IV Fund GP, Denham IV GP, DCM, DCM GP and Mr. Porter is 185 Dartmouth Street, Boston, MA 02116.

- (3) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 13, 2024 by Tontine Asset Associates, LLC ("TAA"), Tontine Capital Overseas Master Fund II, L.P. ("TCOM II") and Jeffrey L. Gendell. TAA serves as general partner of TCOM II. Mr. Gendell serves as the Managing Member of TAA, with respect to the shares of common stock directly owned by TCOM II, and with respect to 227,892 shares of Common Stock directly owned by Tontine Financial Partners, L.P. ("TFP"). Mr. Gendell serves as the Managing Member of Tontine Management, L.L.C. ("TM"), which serves as general partner of TFP. The address of each of TAA, TCOM II, Mr. Gendell, TFP and TM is 1 Sound Shore Drive, Suite 304, Greenwich, CT 06830-7251.
- (4) The number includes shares of common stock issued to the executive officer pursuant to a restricted stock award, as follows: Mr. Baker (205,667 shares), Mr. Lehner (78,799 shares), and Mr. Bouthillette (76,465 shares). Until settled, the executive officer has no dispositive power over the common stock underlying the restricted stock.
- (5) The number reported includes 5,658 shares of common stock issued to the director pursuant to a restricted stock award. Until settled, the director has no dispositive power over the common stock underlying the restricted stock.
- (6) Consists of 187,828 shares of common stock held individually by Mr. McCaffrey and 602 shares of common stock indirectly through a family trust.

#### PROPOSAL 3: ADVISORY, NON-BINDING VOTE TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

#### **Background**

Our Board is committed to excellence in governance. As part of this commitment, and as required by Rule 14a-21 of the Exchange Act, our Board is providing our stockholders with an opportunity to cast an advisory, non-binding vote on a resolution to approve the compensation of our NEOs. This proposal gives our stockholders the opportunity to express their views on the Company's executive compensation and is commonly referred to as a "say-on-pay" proposal.

As described below under "Executive Compensation—Additional Narrative Disclosures," we have developed a compensation program that is designed to attract, retain and motivate key executives responsible for our success, to provide incentives that reward achievement of performance goals that directly correlate to the enhancement of stockholder value and to align our executives' interests with those of our stockholders by rewarding short-term and long-term performance and tying a significant portion of our executive officers' compensation to increases in stockholder value. We believe our executive compensation program strikes an appropriate balance between the implementation of responsible, measured compensation practices and the effective provision of incentives for our NEOs to exert their best efforts for our success.

We are asking for stockholder approval, on an advisory, non-binding basis, of the compensation of our NEOs as disclosed in this proxy statement pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, which includes the disclosures in the "Executive Compensation—Additional Narrative Disclosures" section below, the compensation tables and any related material disclosed in this proxy statement. This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our NEOs and the policies and practices described in this proxy statement. For the reasons discussed above, our Board unanimously recommends that our stockholders vote in favor of the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Company's stockholders hereby approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company's proxy statement for the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Additional Narrative Disclosures, the compensation tables and any related material disclosed in the proxy statement."

As this vote is advisory, it will not be binding on our Board or our Compensation Committee, and neither our Board nor our Compensation Committee will be required to take any action as a result of the outcome of the vote. However, our Compensation Committee will carefully consider the outcome of this vote when considering future executive compensation policies and decisions.

#### **Required Vote of Stockholders**

Approval of the resolution to approve the compensation of our NEOs requires the affirmative vote of the recordholders of a majority in voting power of the shares present virtually or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on such question. As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" the proposal and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL OF THE SAY-ON-PAY RESOLUTION.

### PROPOSAL 4: ADVISORY, NON-BINDING VOTE TO APPROVE THE FREQUENCY OF FUTURE ADVISORY VOTES ON NEO EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

#### **Background**

We are required by Rule 14a-21 of the Exchange Act to provide stockholders with a separate advisory (non-binding) vote for the purpose of asking stockholders to express their preference for the frequency of future advisory votes to approve the compensation of our NEOs. Stockholders may indicate whether they would prefer an advisory vote to approve the compensation of our NEOs every one, two or three years (or abstain from voting). We are required to solicit stockholder votes on the frequency of future advisory votes to approve the compensation of our NEOs at least once every six years, although we may seek stockholder input more frequently.

The frequency period that receives the most votes (every one, two or three years) will be deemed to be the recommendation of the stockholders. However, because this vote is advisory and not binding on the Board or the compensation committee, the Board may decide that it is in the best interests of our stockholders and the Company to hold an advisory vote to approve the compensation of our NEOs more or less frequently than the option selected by a plurality of our stockholders. The Board will, however, carefully consider the outcome of this vote when considering the frequency of future advisory votes to approve the compensation of our NEOs.

The Board believes there is a reasonable basis for holding the advisory vote to approve the compensation of our NEOs every one, two or three years; less frequent votes encourage a more long-term analysis of the Company's executive compensation programs and would avoid the burden that annual votes would impose on stockholders required to evaluate the executive compensation program each year, but more frequent votes provide stockholders with the opportunity to react to emerging trends in compensation and give the Board and the compensation committee the opportunity to evaluate the compensation program each year in light of timely input from stockholders. The Board believes it is best practice to hold the advisory vote to approve the compensation of our NEOs every year.

Therefore, the Board recommends that the stockholders vote to hold the advisory vote to approve the compensation of our NEOs every year. Stockholders are not voting, however, to approve or disapprove of this particular recommendation. The proxy card provides four choices, and stockholders are entitled to vote on whether the advisory vote to approve the compensation of our NEOs shall be held every one, two or three years or to abstain from voting.

#### Required Vote of Stockholders

The frequency period that receives the most votes (every one, two or three years) will be deemed to be the recommendation of the stockholders. As a result, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE TO HOLD FUTURE ADVISORY VOTES TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NEOS "EVERY YEAR."

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

We are currently considered a "smaller reporting company" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), for purposes of the SEC's executive compensation disclosure rules. As a result, we are required to provide a Summary Compensation Table and an Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End Table, as well as limited narrative disclosures. Further, our reporting obligations generally extend only to our NEOs who are (i) the individual who served as our Chief Executive Officer and (ii) our next two most highly compensated executive officers who were serving as of December 31, 2023. In accordance with the foregoing, the individuals listed below are our NEOs:

- Christopher J. Baker, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Keefer M. Lehner, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- Max L. Bouthillette, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary

#### SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table sets forth information concerning the compensation for each of our NEOs for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

					Non-Equity Incentive		
Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards (1)	Plan Compen- sation (2)	ll Other ensation (3)	Total
Christopher J. Baker	2023	\$635,310	\$ —	\$1,005,585	\$ 629,131	\$ 32,562	\$2,302,588
Chief Executive Officer and President	2022	\$603,900	\$1,217,000	\$ 314,640	\$2,216,601	\$ 36,002	\$4,388,143
Keefer M. Lehner	2023	\$434,400	\$ —	\$ 362,015	\$ 344,140	\$ 33,053	\$1,173,608
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2022	\$412,923	\$ 546,000	\$ 165,600	\$1,092,790	\$ 36,199	\$2,253,512
Max Bouthillette	2023	\$380,100	\$ —	\$ 362,015	\$ 301,122	\$ 50,374	\$1,093,611
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer	2022	\$361,308	\$ 477,750	\$ 165,600	\$ 956,192	\$ 56,367	\$2,017,217

<sup>(1)</sup> For 2023, the amounts shown reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted to our NEOs under the LTIP on February 9, 2023, computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. Mr. Baker received 84,574 RSUs, and Messrs. Lehner and Bouthillette each received 30,447 RSUs. Each award vested or will vest in three equal installments on February 9, 2024, February 9, 2025 and February 9, 2026, subject to continued employment on each applicable vesting date.

(3) The following items are reported in this column for the fiscal year 2023:

Name	any 401(k) ontributions	Perso Comp Vel	Automobile Allowance, Personal Use of Company-Owned Vehicle and Related Expenses		Health Care Reimbursements	
Christopher J. Baker	\$ 9,900	\$	7,051	\$	15,611	
Keefer M. Lehner	\$ 9,900	\$	14,677	\$	8,476	
Max Bouthillette	\$ 9,900	\$	8,304	\$	32,170	

<sup>2)</sup> The amounts in this column reflect bonuses earned by our NEOs in respect of the applicable year pursuant to our Incentive Compensation Program. For more information, see "—Additional Narrative Disclosures—Bonuses" below.

#### **OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT 2023 FISCAL YEAR-END**

The following table sets forth information concerning outstanding equity-based awards held by our NEOs as of December 31, 2023.

	Stock Awards		
Name	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (3)	
Christopher J. Baker	84,574(1)	\$	952,303
	123,288(2)	\$	1,388,223
Keefer M. Lehner	30,447(1)	\$	342,833
	44,429(2)	\$	500,271
Max Bouthillette	30,447(1)	\$	342,833
	39,765(2)	\$	447,754

- (1) Represents outstanding unvested RSUs held by our NEOs as of December 31, 2023. For information on the terms and conditions of the RSUs, see "—Additional Narrative Disclosures—Equity Awards—Restricted Stock Units" below.
- (2) Represents outstanding unvested shares of restricted stock held by our NEOs as of December 31, 2023. For information on the terms and conditions of the shares of restricted stock, see "—Additional Narrative Disclosures—Equity Awards—Restricted Stock" below.
- (3) The amounts in this column reflect the aggregate market value of outstanding unvested RSUs or shares of restricted stock, as applicable, calculated using the value of a share of our common stock on December 29, 2023 (the last trading day of 2023), which was \$11.26.

#### ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE DISCLOSURES

#### **Bonuses**

Incentive Compensation Program

During the first quarter of 2023, our Board established an Incentive Compensation Program for the fiscal year 2023 for certain key personnel, including our NEOs, in order to recognize their contributions to our business. Under the Incentive Compensation Program, we provided our NEOs with the opportunity to earn a cash incentive bonus for 2023 based on our performance as measured by financial, safety and discretionary metrics. For 2023, our NEOs earned the following amounts under the Incentive Compensation Program, which were paid during the first quarter of 2023: (i) Mr. Baker, \$629,131, (ii) Mr. Lehner, \$344,140 and (iii) Mr. Bouthillette, \$301,122.

#### **Equity Awards**

Restricted Stock Units

On February 9, 2023, each of our NEOs were granted an award of RSUs under the LTIP. Each award vested or will vest in three equal installments on February 9, 2024, February 9, 2025 and February 9, 2026, subject to continued employment on each applicable vesting date.

As of December 31, 2023, Mr. Baker held 84,574 RSUs. Such RSUs vested or will vest in three equal installments on February 9, 2024, February 9, 2025 and February 9, 2026.

As of December 31, 2023, Mr. Lehner held 30,447 RSUs. Such RSUs vested or will vest in three equal installments on February 9, 2024, February 9, 2025 and February 9, 2026.

As of December 31, 2023, Mr. Bouthillette held 30,447 RSUs. Such RSUs vested or will vest in three equal installments on February 9, 2024, February 9, 2025 and February 9, 2026.

#### Restricted Stock

As of December 31, 2023, Mr. Baker held 123,288 shares of restricted stock, which vested or will vest as follows: (i) 48,978 vested on February 1, 2024, (ii) 12,667 vested on February 1, 2024, (iii) 48,977 will vest on February 1, 2025 and (v) 12,666 will vest on February 1, 2025.

As of December 31, 2023, Mr. Lehner held 44,429 shares of restricted stock, which vested or will vest as follows: (i) 15,548 vested on February 1, 2024, (ii) 6,667 vested on February 1, 2024, (iii) 15,548 will vest on February 1, 2025 and (v) 6,666 will vest on February 1, 2025.

As of December 31, 2023, Mr. Bouthillette held 39,765 shares of restricted stock, which vested or will vest as follows: (i) 13,216 vested on February 1, 2024, (ii) 6,667 vested on February 1, 2024, (iii) 13,216 will vest on February 1, 2025 and (v) 6,666 will vest on February 1, 2025.

#### **Employment Agreements**

Each of the NEOs entered into employment agreements with KLXE on May 3, 2020, effective as of the effective time of the QES Merger, on substantially similar terms as their prior employment agreements with QES. Each employment agreement generally provides for a three-year term beginning at the effective time of the QES Merger, with automatic renewals for successive one-year periods thereafter. Each employment agreement generally outlines the executive officer's duties and positions and provides for (i) an annualized base salary, (ii) a target annual bonus equal to 100% of base salary for Mr. Baker, 75% for Mr. Lehner and 75% for Mr. Bouthillette, (iii) eligibility to participate in any equity compensation arrangements or plans offered to senior executives, (iv) an automobile allowance of \$1,200 per month and (v) entitlement to benefits made generally available by KLXE to other senior executives.

Each employment agreement provides for the following benefits upon a termination of the executive officer's employment by KLXE without cause, resignation by the executive officer for good reason, or due to disability: (i) the pro-rata value through the date of termination of the executive officer's target bonus for the year in which the termination occurs, (ii) a lump sum payment equal to (A) for Mr. Baker, two times Mr. Baker's base salary or (B) for Messrs. Lehner and Bouthillette, one and one-half times the executive officer's base salary, (iii) an amount equal to (A) for Mr. Baker, two times Mr. Baker's target bonus for the year in which the termination occurs or (B) for Messrs. Lehner and Bouthillette, one and one-half times the executive officer's target bonus for the year in which the termination occurs and (iv) for a period of 18 months following such termination, reimbursement of premiums paid by the executive pursuant to the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 to continue coverage in KLXE's health, dental and vision insurance plans in which the executive and/or his dependents participated immediately prior to the termination (the "COBRA Premium").

Under each employment agreement, if the executive officer's employment is terminated for good reason or without cause within 12 months of a change in control, which includes the consummation of the QES Merger, then, in lieu of the severance benefits described in the preceding paragraph, the executive officer will be entitled to receive: (i) the pro-rata value through the date of termination of the executive officer's target bonus for the year in which the termination occurs, (ii) a lump sum payment equal to (A) for Mr. Baker, two and one-half times Mr. Baker's base salary or (B) for Messrs. Lehner and Bouthillette, two times the executive officer's base salary, (iii) an amount equal to (A) for Mr. Baker, two and one-half times Mr. Baker's target bonus for the year in which the termination occurs or (B) for Messrs. Lehner and Bouthillette, two times the executive officer's target bonus for the year in which the termination occurs, and (iv) for a period of 18 months following such termination, reimbursement of the COBRA Premium.

Each employment agreement also contains certain restrictive covenants, including provisions that generally prohibit the executive officer from competing with KLXE and its affiliates or soliciting clients, executives, officers, directors or other employees of KLXE and its affiliates. These restrictions generally apply during the term of the executive officer's employment and for a period of one year following the termination of such employment.

The employment agreements do not provide a tax gross-up provision for federal excise taxes that may be imposed under Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Instead, if the payments and benefits provided to an executive officer constitute "parachute payments" within the meaning of

Section 280G of the Code and are subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, then the payments and benefits will be either (i) delivered in full or (ii) delivered to such lesser extent as would result in no portion of such amounts being subject to such excise tax, whichever alternative produces the best net after tax position for the executive officer.

#### **Other Benefits**

We offer participation in broad-based retirement, health and welfare plans to all of our employees. We maintain a plan intended to provide benefits under section 401(k) of the Code, where employees are allowed to contribute portions of their base compensation into a retirement account in order to encourage all employees, including any participating NEOs, to save for the future. We provide matching contributions equal to 3% of the first 6% of each employee's eligible compensation contributed to the plan.

#### PAY VERSUS PERFORMANCE

In accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, we are providing the following disclosure regarding executive compensation for our principal executive officer ("PEO"), and non-PEO NEOs and Company performance for the fiscal years listed below. The Compensation Committee did not consider the pay versus performance disclosure below in making its pay decisions for any of the years shown.

The amounts set forth below under the headings "Compensation Actually Paid to PEO" and "Average Compensation Actually Paid to Non-PEO NEOs" have been calculated in a manner consistent with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K. Use of the term "compensation actually paid" is required by the SEC's rules, and as a result of the calculation methodology required by the SEC, such amounts differ from compensation actually received by the individuals for the fiscal years listed below.

			Average		Value of Initial	
			Summary	Average	Fixed \$100	
	Summary		Compensation	Compensation	Investment Based	
	Compensation	Compensation	Table Total for	Actually Paid to	On Total	Net Income
	Table Total	Actually Paid	Non-	Non-PEO NEOs	Shareholder	(Loss) (in
Year	for PEO (1)	to PEO (1) (2) (3)	PEO NEOs (1)	(1) (2) (3)	Return	millions)
2023	\$ 2,302,588	\$ 1,224,469	\$ 1,133,610	\$ 739,298	\$ 263.23	\$ 19.2
2022	\$ 4,388,143	\$ 7,258,468	\$ 2,135,365	\$ 3,154,975	\$ 458.39	\$ (3.1)

- (1) The PEO reflected in these columns represents Christopher J. Baker and the non-PEO NEOs reflected in these columns represent Keefer M. Lehner and Max L. Bouthillette, for 2023 and 2022.
- (2) The following supplemental tables present a reconciliation of Mr. Baker's and the non-PEO NEOs' "Summary Compensation Table" totals to the "compensation actually paid" for the applicable year, computed in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K. As Mr. Baker and the non-PEO NEOs do not participate in any defined benefit plans, no adjustments were required to amounts reported in the Summary Compensation Table totals related to the value of benefits under such plans.

# **PEO Reconciliation**

			Equity Award Adjustments				
					Change in Fair		
				Change in Fair	Value of	Value of	
				Value Equity	Equity	Dividends or	
		Value of Equity	Year End Fair	Awards	Awards	other	
		Awards	Value of	Granted in	Granted	Earnings	
		Reported	Equity	Prior	in Prior Years	Paid on Stock	
	Summary	in Summary	Awards	Years that are	that Vested in	Awards not	Total
	Compensation	Compensation	Granted	Unvested at	the	Otherwise	Compensation
	Table Total	Table	in the Year	Year End	Year	Reflected	Actually Paid
<u>Year</u>	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
2023	2,302,588	(1,005,585)	952,303	(745,892)	(278,945)		1,224,469
2022	4,388,143	(314,640)	657,780	2,327,925	199,260	_	7,258,468

# **Non-PEO NEO Reconciliation**

			<b>Equity Award Adjustments</b>				
				Change in Fair	Change in Fair	Value of Dividends or	
		Value of Equity	Year End Fair	Value Equity Awards	Value of Equity	other Earnings	
		Awards Reported	Value of Equity	Granted in Prior	Awards Granted	Paid on Stock	
	Summary Compensation	in Summary Compensation	Awards Granted	Years that are Unvested at	in Prior Years that Vested in	Awards not Otherwise	Total Compensation
	Table Total	Table	in the Year	Year End	the Year	Reflected	Actually Paid
<u>Year</u>	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
2023	1,133,610	(362,015)	342,833	(254,687)	(120,443)	_	739,298
2022	2,135,365	(165,600)	346,200	761,117	77,893	_	3,154,975

<sup>(3)</sup> Equity valuation assumptions for calculating "compensation actually paid" are not materially different from grant date valuation assumptions.

# Narrative Disclosure to Pay Versus Performance Table

The PEO's and other NEO's "compensation actually paid" generally align with the Company's total shareholder return over the two years presented in the table. This is primarily because a significant portion of the "compensation actually paid" to the PEO and other NEOs is comprised of equity-based awards. The PEO's and other NEO's "compensation actually paid" is not significantly impacted by the Company's net income. While net income is not directly used in determining compensation levels or equity-based award payouts, it is a factor in the determination of performance achievement under the Company's incentive compensation program.

# PROPOSAL 5: AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANY'S AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO ELIMINATE THE SUPERMAJORITY VOTING REQUIREMENT TO AMEND THE COMPANY'S BYLAWS

#### **Background**

Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that the affirmative vote of the holders of at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the outstanding shares of stock of the Company, voting as a single class, shall be required to effect the amendment, repeal or adoption by the stockholders of any bylaw adopted or amended by the Board (the "Bylaw Supermajority Voting Requirement"). The Bylaw Supermajority Amendment will eliminate the Bylaw Supermajority Voting Requirement. The Board has unanimously approved the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment, subject to stockholder approval. The Board has unanimously determined that the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment is advisable and in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders, and, in accordance with the DGCL, hereby seeks approval of the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment by our stockholders.

# Proposed Bylaw Supermajority Amendment

The Board is asking our stockholders to approve the amendment to Article IX of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation. The text of the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment is attached hereto as Appendix C, with additions marked with bold, underlined text and deletions indicated by strike-out text.

#### Reasons for the Supermajority Amendments

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of our Board regularly considers a broad range of corporate governance issues and is committed to adopting governance practices that are beneficial to the Company and our stockholders. The elimination of the Bylaw Supermajority Voting Requirement and the Charter Supermajority Voting Requirement (defined below; together, the "Supermajority Voting Requirements") in corporate governance documents is increasingly considered an important aspect of good corporate governance and a concern to many of our investors.

Our Board implemented the current Supermajority Voting Requirements because it believed such thresholds were an important piece of the Company's governance structure in order to promote continuity and stability and were in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. The Board also believed that such supermajority voting thresholds enhanced the independence of our directors from special interests and protected the Company from unfair and abusive takeover practices.

Our Board recognizes that removing the Supermajority Voting Requirements is consistent with generally held views of evolving corporate governance practices. Our Board has listened to the views of stockholders and the investor community on this issue and has also considered the limited benefits of the Supermajority Voting Requirements to the Company and its stockholders. In addition, our Board acknowledges that many other public companies have transitioned away from these kinds of supermajority voting provisions. The Board has also considered the fact that removing the Supermajority Voting Requirements will make future amendment of aspects of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation possible with the affirmative votes of fewer stockholders. In view of these considerations, our Board has unanimously determined to eliminate the Supermajority Voting Requirements as proposed.

# Effectiveness of the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment

If the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment is approved by our stockholders, the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment will become effective upon the filing of a Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation with the Delaware Secretary of State, which filing is expected to occur as soon as reasonably

practicable after the Annual Meeting. If the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment is not approved by our stockholders, the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation will not be amended, and the Bylaw Supermajority Voting Requirement will remain in effect.

# **Required Vote of Stockholders**

Approval of the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment requires the affirmative vote of a majority in voting power of the outstanding common stock of the Company entitled to vote thereon. As a result, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" this proposal.

This Proposal 5 is separate from, and is not conditioned on, the approval of Proposal 1 (the Declassification Amendment) or Proposal 6 (the Charter Supermajority Amendment). Your votes on Proposals 1 and 6 do not affect your vote on Proposal 5. You can vote FOR, AGAINST, or ABSTAIN from voting on any of these proposals.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO ELIMINATE THE SUPERMAJORITY VOTING REQUIREMENT TO AMEND THE COMPANY'S BYLAWS.

# PROPOSAL 6: AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANY'S AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO ELIMINATE THE SUPERMAJORITY VOTING REQUIREMENT TO AMEND THE COMPANY'S CHARTER

#### **Background**

Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that the affirmative vote of the holders of at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the outstanding shares of stock of the Company, voting as a single class, shall be required to effect the amendment, repeal or adoption of certain provisions of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Charter Supermajority Voting Requirement"). The Charter Supermajority Amendment will eliminate the Charter Supermajority Voting Requirement. Consequently, if the Charter Supermajority Amendment is adopted, our certificate of incorporation will not require that a proposed amendment, alteration, change or repeal of any provision in our certificate of incorporation be subject to approval by a supermajority of our stockholders. The Board has unanimously approved the Charter Supermajority Amendment, subject to stockholder approval. The Board has unanimously determined that the Charter Supermajority Amendment is advisable and in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders, and, in accordance with the DGCL, hereby seeks approval of the Charter Supermajority Amendment by our stockholders.

#### **Proposed Charter Supermajority Amendment**

The Board is asking our stockholders to approve the amendment to Article X of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation. The text of the Charter Supermajority Amendment is attached hereto as Appendix D, with additions marked with bold, underlined text and deletions indicated by strike-out text.

# Reasons for the Charter Supermajority Amendment

Please see the discussion above in "Reasons for the Supermajority Amendments" in Proposal 5 (the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment), which discusses the Board's reasoning for eliminating all supermajority voting requirements in the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation.

# **Effectiveness of the Charter Supermajority Amendment**

If the Charter Supermajority Amendment is approved by our stockholders, the Charter Supermajority Amendment will become effective upon the filing of a Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation with the Delaware Secretary of State, which filing is expected to occur as soon as reasonably practicable after the Annual Meeting. If the Charter Supermajority Amendment is not approved by our stockholders, the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation will not be amended, and the Charter Supermajority Voting Requirement will remain in effect.

# **Required Vote of Stockholders**

Approval of the Charter Supermajority Amendment requires the affirmative vote of 66 2/3% in voting power of the outstanding voting stock of the Company entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class. As a result, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" this proposal.

This Proposal 6 is separate from, and is not conditioned on, the approval of Proposal 1 (the Declassification Amendment) or Proposal 5 (the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment). Your votes on Proposals 1 and 5 do not affect your vote on Proposal 6. You can vote FOR, AGAINST, or ABSTAIN from voting on any of these proposals.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO ELIMINATE THE SUPERMAJORITY VOTING REQUIREMENT TO AMEND THE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### Greene's Transaction

On March 8, 2023, we completed the acquisition of all of the equity interests of Greene's Energy Group, LLC ("Greene's"), including \$1.7 million in cash remaining with Greene's (the "Greene's Acquisition"), pursuant to that certain purchase and sale agreement dated March 8, 2023, between Greene's Holding Corporation, the direct parent of Greene's ("Greene's Seller"), and the Company (the "Purchase Agreement"). The total consideration for the Greene's Acquisition under the Purchase Agreement consisted of the issuance of approximately 2.4 million shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Stock Consideration"), subject to customary post-closing adjustments, representing 14.7% of the fully diluted common stock of the Company with an implied enterprise value of approximately \$30.3 million based on a 30-day volume weighted average price as of March 7, 2023 less acquired cash.

#### Registration Rights Agreements

On March 8, 2023, we entered into a Registration Rights and Lock-Up Agreement with Greene's Seller in connection with the Greene's Acquisition, pursuant to which Greene's Seller and certain of its affiliates will have certain shelf, underwritten offering and piggyback rights with respect to the Stock Consideration upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein. The Registration Rights and Lock-Up Agreement also provides that we will pay certain expenses relating to such registrations and indemnify the registration rights holders against certain liabilities which may arise under the Securities Act.

Additionally, pursuant to the terms of the Greene's Registration Rights and Lock-Up Agreement, Greene's Seller agreed, subject to certain customary exceptions, not to, directly or indirectly, sell, offer or agree to sell, or otherwise transfer, or loan or pledge, through swap or hedging transactions, or grant any option to purchase, make any short sale or otherwise dispose of 66 2/3% of the Stock Consideration for specified periods of time ranging from six to twelve months following the closing of the acquisition, as described therein.

On May 3, 2020, we entered into a registration rights agreement with certain stockholders, including Archer Holdco LLC, Geveran Investments Limited, Famatown Finance Limited, Robertson QES Investment LLC, Quintana Energy Partners—QES Holdings LLC, Quintana Energy Fund—TE, L.P. and Quintana Energy Fund—FI, L.P., each a former 5% stockholder of the Company, relating to the shares of KLXE common stock issued as the merger consideration to such holders under the merger agreement related to the QES Merger, pursuant to which such stockholders have certain shelf, demand registration and piggyback rights upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein. The registration rights agreement also provides that we will pay certain expenses relating to such registrations and indemnify the registration rights holders against certain liabilities which may arise under the Securities Act.

On September 14, 2018, we entered into registration rights agreements with each of Amin J. Khoury and Thomas P. McCaffrey. Under the registration rights agreements, each of Amin J. Khoury and Thomas P. McCaffrey have demand registration and customary piggyback registration rights. The registration rights agreements also provide that we will pay certain expenses relating to such registrations and indemnify the registration rights holders against certain liabilities which may arise under the Securities Act. We may also file a resale/reoffer prospectus related to the sale of restricted stock held by each of Amin J. Khoury and Thomas P. McCaffrey.

# Procedures for Review, Approval and Ratification of Transactions with Related Persons

Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that no contract or transaction between us and one or more of our directors or officers (including entities or other organizations in which one or more of our directors or officers have a financial interest), shall be void or voidable solely for that reason, or because such

director or officer is present at, participates in, or vote is counted at the meeting where the contract or transaction is authorized, if (i) the material facts of the director's or officer's interest in the contract or transaction are disclosed to or known by the Board or committee thereof and the Board or such committee thereof in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by an affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested directors (even if less than a quorum), (ii) the material facts of the director's or officer's interest in the contract or transaction are disclosed to or known by the stockholders entitled to vote thereon, and the contract or transaction is specifically approved in good faith by a vote of the stockholders or (iii) the contract or transaction is fair to our Company at the time that it is authorized, approved or ratified by the Board, a committee thereof or the stockholders.

Our Board adopted a written policy pursuant to which our Audit Committee will be presented with a description of any related party transactions for them to consider for approval. The policy is designed to operate in conjunction with and as a supplement to the provisions of our Code of Business Conduct, a copy of which is posted on our website (www.klx.com).

The policy generally provides that our management gather information with respect to actual or potential related party transactions and then present to the Audit Committee for approval any transaction to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a participant at or above an amount which exceeds \$120,000 in which the related person may have a direct or indirect interest. In determining whether to approve or ratify a related party transaction, we expect the Audit Committee to consider the following: whether the related party transaction is on terms no less favorable than terms generally available to an unaffiliated third party under the same or similar circumstances and the extent of the related party's interest in the related party transaction. The policy also identifies certain types of transactions that our Board has pre-identified as not involving a direct or indirect material interest and are, therefore, not considered related party transactions for purposes of the policy.

Furthermore, under our Code of Business Conduct, our Law Department will review all proposed transactions between the Company and a related person (such as an individual related to a Company employee, or such director's family), together with all information concerning the proposed transaction. In determining whether the proposed transaction will be approved, the factors our Law Department may consider include (i) whether the transaction was the product of fair dealing, taking into account the timing, initiation, structure and negotiations of the transaction, and whether the related person's interest was disclosed to us, (ii) whether similar terms would have been obtained from arm's length negotiations with a third party and (iii) the availability of other sources for comparable products or services.

#### PROPOSAL 7: RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee has selected Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent registered public accounting firm to audit the consolidated financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2024 and presents this appointment to the stockholders for ratification.

Although stockholder approval of this appointment is not required, the Audit Committee and the Board believe that submitting the appointment to the stockholders for ratification is a matter of good corporate governance. If the stockholders do not ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee will review its future selection of independent registered public accounting firm, but still may retain them. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee, at its discretion, may change the appointment at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

Deloitte & Touche LLP acted as our independent registered public accounting firm for the 2023 fiscal year. In addition to its audit of our consolidated financial statements, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited and their respective affiliates performed certain non-audit services.

A representative of Deloitte & Touche LLP is expected to be present at the meeting and will be afforded the opportunity to make a statement if he or she desires to do so and to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders.

For information concerning the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP, see Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors above. For information concerning fees paid to Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited and their respective affiliates, see "Principal Accountant Fees and Services" below.

#### **Required Vote of Stockholders**

Ratification of the selection of Deloitte & Touche, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 requires the affirmative vote of the recordholders of a majority in voting power of the shares present virtually or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on such question. As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" the proposal and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP.

#### AUDIT MATTERS

Deloitte & Touche LLP has audited the financial statements of the Company since 2018.

When considering Deloitte & Touche LLP's independence, the Audit Committee considered whether its provision of services to the Company beyond those rendered in connection with its audit and review of the Company's consolidated financial statements was compatible with maintaining its independence and has determined that such services do not interfere with that firm's independence in the conduct of its auditing function. The Audit Committee also reviewed, among other things, the amount of fees paid to Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited and their respective affiliates for audit and non-audit services.

# Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The following table sets forth by category of service the fees incurred in engagements performed by Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited and their respective affiliates, for professional services rendered to the Company for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

	December 31, 2023 (in Thousands)	December 31, 2022 (in Thousands)
Audit Fees	\$ 2,927	\$ 1,600
Audit-Related Fees	_	_
Tax Fees	160	29
All Other Fees	_	_
Total	\$ 3,087	\$ 1,629

#### Audit Fees

Audit fees for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 were \$2.9 million and \$1.6 million, respectively. Such audit fees consist of aggregate fees, including expenses, billed and reasonably expected to be billed by Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited and their respective affiliates in connection with the annual audit and in connection with certain registration statements on Forms S-3 and S-8.

#### Audit-Related

There were no audit-related fees or expenses billed by Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited and their respective affiliates for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

#### Tax Fees

Tax fees for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 were \$159,820 and \$28,750. Such tax fees consist of tax advisory services.

# All Other Fees

There were no other fees or expenses billed by Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited and their respective affiliates not otherwise described above.

# Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The Audit Committee approves all audit and audit-related services, tax services and other services provided by Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited and their respective affiliates. The Audit Committee approved all services rendered by Deloitte & Touche LLP in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with these policies.

Any services provided by Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited and their respective affiliates that are not specifically included within the scope of the audit must be pre-approved by the Audit Committee in advance of any engagement. Under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, audit committees are permitted to approve certain fees for audit-related services, tax services and other services pursuant to a de minimis exception prior to the completion of an audit engagement. In 2023, none of the fees paid to Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited and their respective affiliates were approved pursuant to the de minimis exception.

In making its recommendation to appoint Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the Audit Committee has considered whether the services provided by Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited and their respective affiliates are compatible with maintaining the independence of Deloitte & Touche LLP and has determined that such services do not interfere with that firm's independence in the conduct of its auditing function.

#### REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Management is responsible for the financial reporting process, including the system of internal controls and for the preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Company's independent auditors are responsible for auditing those financial statements. The Audit Committee's responsibility is to monitor and review these processes. We rely, without independent verification, on the information provided to us and on the representations made by management and the independent auditors.

We have reviewed and discussed the audited consolidated financial statements for the twelve months ended December 31, 2023 with management and Deloitte & Touche LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

The Audit Committee discussed and reviewed with Deloitte & Touche LLP all communications required by generally accepted auditing standards, including, among other things, the matters required to be discussed by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") Auditing Standard No. 16, "Communication with Audit Committees," and discussed and reviewed the results of Deloitte & Touche LLP's audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements. The Audit Committee also discussed the results of internal audit examinations.

The Company's independent auditors also provided to us the written disclosures and the annual communication required by PCAOB Rule 3526, "Communication with Audit Committees Concerning Independence," regarding the independent accountant's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and we discussed with the independent auditors their independence from the Company. When considering Deloitte & Touche LLP's independence, we considered whether their provision of services to the Company, beyond those rendered in connection with their audit and review of the Company's consolidated financial statements, was consistent with maintaining their independence. We also reviewed, among other things, the amount of fees paid to Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited, and their respective affiliates for audit and non-audit services.

Based on our review, these meetings, discussions and reports, and subject to the limitations on our role and responsibilities referred to above and in the Audit Committee Charter, we recommended to the Board that the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

With respect to the above matters, the Audit Committee submits this report.

John T. Whates, Esq., Chairman John T. Collins Gunnar Eliassen Dag Skindlo

#### OUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE PROXY STATEMENT AND THE ANNUAL MEETING

# Q. Why are you receiving these Proxy Materials?

The Proxy Materials are furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board for use at the Annual Meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof. The Annual Meeting will be held virtually on May 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., Central Daylight Time, solely online via a live webcast at www.meetnow.global/M7ZV9LD. The Proxy Materials include the notice of annual meeting of stockholders, this Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting, a 2023 Annual Report and the Proxy Card or, for shares held in "street name" (held for your account by a broker or other nominee), a voting instruction form, for the Annual Meeting. As a stockholder, you are invited to attend the Annual Meeting and are requested to vote on the items of business described in this Proxy Statement.

On or about , 2024, the Company will begin mailing a Notice of Internet Availability instead of a paper copy of our Proxy Materials to stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. The Notice of Internet Availability contains instructions on how to access these documents and how to cast your vote via the Internet. The Notice of Internet Availability also contains instructions on how to request a paper copy of our Proxy Materials. All stockholders who have so requested will receive a paper copy of the Proxy Materials by mail. We believe that this process allows us to provide our stockholders with the information they need on a more timely basis, while lowering the costs of printing and distributing our Proxy Materials. We have also made the Proxy Materials available free of charge on our website at www.klx.com. Any information contained on or available through our website is not a part of, or incorporated into, this Proxy Statement and you should not consider it a part of the Proxy Materials. Interested parties may also obtain an electronic or printed copy of the Proxy Materials, free of charge, by sending a written request to KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. at 3040 Post Oak Boulevard, 15th Floor, Houston, TX 77056, Attn: Corporate Secretary, or by emailing ir@klx.com.

#### Q. When and where will the Annual Meeting take place?

The Annual Meeting will be held virtually via webcast at 9:00 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on May 9, 2024. The Annual Meeting can be accessed by visiting www.meetnow.global/M7ZV9LD, where stockholders will be able to participate and submit questions during the Annual Meeting. Stockholders will also be able to vote their shares online by attending the Annual Meeting by webcast. You will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting physically in person.

Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, KLXE recommends that you vote your shares in advance as described below so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to or become unable to attend the Annual Meeting. Shares held in "street name" may be voted by you at the Annual Meeting only if you obtain a signed legal proxy from your bank, broker or other nominee giving you the right to directly vote the shares.

To participate in the Annual Meeting, you will need to review the information included on your Proxy Card or on the instructions that accompanied your Proxy Materials.

If you hold your shares through an intermediary, such as a bank or broker, you must register in advance using the instructions below.

The online meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m., Central Daylight Time. KLXE encourages you to access the meeting prior to the start time leaving ample time for the check in. Please follow the registration instructions as outlined in this Proxy Statement.

# Q. How do I register to attend the Annual Meeting virtually on the Internet?

If you are a registered stockholder (i.e., you hold your shares through our transfer agent, Computershare), you do not need to register to attend the Annual Meeting virtually on the Internet. Please follow the instructions on the Proxy Card that you received.

If you hold your shares through an intermediary, such as a bank or broker, you must register in advance to attend the Annual Meeting virtually on the Internet.

To register to attend the Annual Meeting online by webcast you must submit proof of your proxy power (legal proxy) reflecting your KLXE holdings along with your name and email address to Computershare. Requests for registration must be labeled as "Legal Proxy" and be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on May 6, 2024.

You will receive a confirmation of your registration by email after Computershare receives your registration materials.

Requests for registration should be directed to Computershare at the following:

#### By email:

Forward the email from your broker, or attach an image of your legal proxy, to legalproxy@computershare.com

#### By mail:

Computershare KLXE Legal Proxy P.O. Box 43001 Providence, RI 02940-3001

#### Q. What if I have trouble accessing the Annual Meeting?

The virtual Annual Meeting platform is fully supported across MS Edge, Firefox, Chrome and Safari browsers and devices (desktops, laptops, tablets and cell phones) running the most up-to-date version of applicable software and plugins. Please note that Internet Explorer is no longer supported. Participants should ensure that they have a strong WiFi connection wherever they intend to participate in the Annual Meeting. We encourage you to access the Annual Meeting prior to the start time. A link on the meeting page will provide further assistance should you need it or you may call 1-888-724-2416 or 1-781-575-2748 for technical support. Participants should allow plenty of time to log in and to make sure that they can hear streaming audio prior to the start of the Annual Meeting.

# Q. Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

Stockholders of record at the close of business on March 20, 2024 are entitled to receive notice of and the right to vote at the Annual Meeting. As of the close of business on March 20, 2024, there were shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to be voted at the Annual Meeting. Each outstanding share of common stock is entitled to one vote. Holders of common stock do not have the right to cumulative voting in the election of directors.

A complete list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for examination ten days before the Annual Meeting. If you would like to inspect the list of Company stockholders of record, please contact the Investor Relations department at ir@klx.com.

#### Q. How do you vote your shares?

If you are a stockholder of record, there are four ways to vote:

Virtually During the Meeting—you may vote online during the virtual Annual Meeting held at www.meetnow.global/M7ZV9LD. To be
admitted to the Annual Meeting and vote your shares, you must provide the control number located on your Notice of Internet Availability
or Proxy Card;

- *Internet*—visit www.investorvote.com/KLXE and follow the instructions provided on the Notice of Internet Availability or Proxy Card. You must have the control number that is on the Notice of Internet Availability or Proxy Card when voting;
- **Telephone**—within the U.S. or Canada, call toll-free 1-800-652-8683 and follow the instructions. You must have the control number that is on the Notice of Internet Availability or Proxy Card when voting; or
- *Mail*—if you have requested a paper copy of the Proxy Materials, complete, sign and date the Proxy Card and return the Proxy Card in the prepaid envelope. Your Proxy Card must be received by the Corporate Secretary of the Company before the voting polls close at the Annual Meeting.

If you vote by Internet or telephone, do not return your Proxy Card. Submitting your proxy by Internet or telephone will not affect your right to vote electronically should you decide to attend and participate in the virtual Annual Meeting. The telephone and Internet voting procedures are designed to authenticate stockholders' identities, to allow stockholders to give their voting instructions and to confirm that stockholders' instructions have been recorded properly.

# Q. What if you receive more than one Proxy Card or voting instruction form?

This means that you may have more than one account at Computershare, with a nominee or both. Please vote all Proxy Cards and voting instruction forms that you receive so that all the shares that you own will be represented at the Annual Meeting.

# Q. What can you do if you change your mind after you submit your proxy?

Your proxy is revocable. If you are a stockholder of record, you can revoke your proxy prior to the completion of voting at the Annual Meeting by:

- delivering an executed, later-dated proxy that is received by the Corporate Secretary of the Company before the voting polls close at the Annual Meeting;
- resubmitting your proxy by Internet or telephone;
- delivering a written notice of revocation of the proxy that is received by the Corporate Secretary of the Company before the voting polls close at the Annual Meeting; or
- voting electronically at the virtual Annual Meeting by following the instructions to vote at www.meetnow.global/M7ZV9LD.

If you are an owner of shares in "street name," or a beneficial owner, you may submit new voting instructions by contacting your broker, bank or other nominee or by voting online during the Annual Meeting. Voting online during the Annual Meeting will replace any previous votes.

# Q. What happens if you do not give specific voting instructions?

All properly executed proxies, unless revoked as described above, will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with your instructions on your proxy. If a properly executed proxy gives no specific instructions, your shares will be voted in the manner recommended by the Board on all matters presented in this Proxy Statement and as the proxy holders may determine in their discretion with respect to any other matters properly presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares in "street name" and do not provide your broker, bank or other nominee with specific voting instructions, your vote will result in a "broker non-vote."

Your broker, bank or other nominee is not permitted to vote on your behalf in the Declassification Amendment (Proposal 1), the election of directors (Proposal 2), the Say-on-Pay Resolution (Proposal 3), the Say-on-Frequency Resolution (Proposal 4), the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment (Proposal 5) or the Charter Supermajority Amendment (Proposal 6). Accordingly, if you do not provide timely voting instructions to your broker, bank or other nominee that holds your shares, your vote will not count. The broker nominee, however, will be able to vote on the ratification of the selection of the Company's independent auditor (Proposal 7) even if it does not receive your instructions, so no broker non-votes are expected to exist in connection with this proposal.

# Q. What proposals will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, and what votes are required to approve each of the proposals?

The required vote for each of the proposals expected to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting and the treatment of abstentions and broker non-votes under each proposal are described below:

**Proposal 1—Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to declassify Board**. The Declassification Amendment must be approved by the affirmative vote of at least 66 2/3% of the voting power of the outstanding voting stock of the Company, voting together as a single class. As a result, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" the proposal.

**Proposal 2—Election of Class III directors.** Directors are elected by a plurality of the voting power of the outstanding shares of the Company that are present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the election of directors, with the nominees obtaining the most votes being elected. Because there is no minimum vote required, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome.

**Proposal 3—Say-on-Pay Resolution**. Stockholders are provided with the opportunity to cast an advisory, non-binding vote on the compensation of the Company's NEOs. The Say-on-Pay Resolution must be approved by the affirmative vote of the majority of the voting power of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting and entitled to vote on the question. As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" the proposal. Broker non-votes will not be considered entitled to vote on this proposal and will therefore have no effect on the vote outcome.

**Proposal 4—Say-on-Frequency Resolution**. Stockholders are also entitled to vote, on an advisory, non-binding basis, as to whether future advisory votes on the Company's NEO compensation should occur every one, two or three years or to abstain from such voting. The option that receives the most votes will be adopted. As a result, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

Proposal 5—Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the supermajority voting requirements required to amend the Company's bylaws. The Bylaw Supermajority Amendment must be approved by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the outstanding common stock of the Company entitled to vote thereon. As a result, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" the proposal.

Proposal 6—Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the supermajority voting requirements required to amend the Company's certificate of incorporation. The Charter Supermajority Amendment must be approved by the affirmative vote of at least 66 2/3% of the voting power of the outstanding voting stock of the Company, voting together as a single class. As a result, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" the proposal.

**Proposal** 7—**Ratification of selection of independent registered public accounting firm**. The Auditor Ratification Proposal must be approved by the affirmative vote of the majority of the voting power of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting and entitled to vote on the question. As a result,

abstentions will have the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" the proposal. Broker non-votes will not be considered entitled to vote on this proposal and will therefore have no effect on the vote outcome. As discussed above, we do not expect any broker non-votes with respect to this proposal.

# Q. What are "broker non-votes," "withhold" votes, and "abstentions" and their effect on each proposal?

A broker non-vote occurs when a broker, bank, trust or other nominee or custodian holding shares for a beneficial owner in "street name" does not vote the shares on a proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary voting power for a particular item and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner regarding voting.

At the Annual Meeting, your broker nominee will not be able to submit a vote on any matter other than the Auditor Ratification Proposal, unless it receives your specific instructions. If the broker nominee does not receive your specific instructions for the remaining proposals, it will submit a broker non-vote.

Broker non-votes are counted as present and entitled to vote for quorum purposes, but are not considered entitled to vote and will have no effect on the outcome of the Say-on-Pay Resolution (Proposal 3) or the Auditor Ratification Proposal (Proposal 7). However, because the Declassification Amendment (Proposal 1), the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment (Proposal 5) and the Charter Supermajority Amendment (Proposal 6) require the affirmative vote of a minimum threshold of the voting power of the outstanding voting stock of the Company, broker non-votes will have the effect of a vote "AGAINST" these proposals. Because there is no minimum vote required, broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the election of directors (Proposal 2) or the Say-on-Frequency Resolution (Proposal 4).

The broker nominee, however, will be able to vote on the Auditor Ratification Proposal even if it does not receive your instructions, so no broker non-votes are expected to exist in connection with this proposal.

An abstention (i.e., if you or your broker mark "ABSTAIN" on a proxy or voting instruction form, or if a stockholder of record attends the Annual Meeting but does not vote (either before or during the Annual Meeting)) has the same effect as voting "AGAINST" the Declassification Amendment (Proposal 1), the Say-on-Pay Resolution (Proposal 3), the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment (Proposal 5), the Charter Supermajority Amendment (Proposal 6), and the Auditor Ratification Proposal (Proposal 7). Because there is no minimum vote required, abstention has no effect on the outcome of the election of directors (Proposal 2) and the Say-on-Frequency Resolution (Proposal 4).

Votes that are "withheld" from a director's election will not affect the outcome of the vote on the election of a director, except that if a nominee receives a number of "WITHHOLD" votes that equals or exceeds the number of "FOR" votes, that nominee must submit such director's offer of resignation to the Chairman of the Board. See "Nomination of Directors" above.

Abstentions and "withhold" votes are counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum.

#### O. How many votes must be present to hold the Annual Meeting?

A quorum is necessary for conducting a valid meeting. Holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock as of the record date of March 20, 2024 who are entitled to vote must be present, virtually or by proxy, to constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions, broker non-votes and "withhold" votes will be counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum.

# Q. Will you have a chance to ask questions at the Annual Meeting?

We are aware of concerns that virtual meetings may diminish stockholder voices or reduce accountability and are taking steps to address these concerns. For example, our virtual meeting format enhances, rather than

constrains, stockholder access, participation and communication because the online format allows stockholders to communicate with us during the Annual Meeting so they can ask questions to our Board, management and a representative from our independent registered public accounting firm.

We have reserved 15 minutes for stockholder questions at our Annual Meeting. We will answer stockholder questions as they come in, as time permits. We are committed to publicly answering each question received following the Annual Meeting, with the exception of any questions that are irrelevant to the purpose of the Annual Meeting or our business or that contain inappropriate or derogatory references. If we receive substantially similar questions, we will group such questions together and provide a single response to avoid repetition. Please direct any matters of individual concern to ir@klx.com. Although the live webcast is available only to stockholders as of the record date at the time of the Annual Meeting, the webcast of the Annual Meeting will be archived for the public for one year after the date of the Annual Meeting at www.klx.com.

# Q. How are proxies being solicited and who pays the solicitation expenses?

Proxies are being solicited by the Board on behalf of the Company. All expenses of the solicitation, including the cost of preparing and mailing this Proxy Statement and Proxy Materials, will be borne by the Company. Proxies may be solicited by our officers, directors and employees personally or by telephone, e-mail or other forms of communication. The Company may also request banks, brokerage firms, custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward Proxy Materials to beneficial owners of the Company's common stock. The costs of the solicitation, including reimbursements of any forwarding expenses, will be paid by the Company.

# Q. You share an address with another stockholder. Why did you receive only one copy of the Proxy Materials, and how may you obtain an additional copy of the Proxy Materials?

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries, such as brokers, to satisfy the delivery requirements for the Proxy Materials with respect to two or more stockholders sharing the same address by delivering a single set of the Proxy Materials addressed to those stockholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as "householding," is intended to provide extra convenience for stockholders and cost savings to the companies.

A number of brokers with account holders who are stockholders may be "householding" the Company's Proxy Materials. A single set of Proxy Materials will be delivered to multiple stockholders sharing an address unless contrary instructions have been received from the affected stockholders. If you have received notice from your broker that it will be "householding" communications to your address, "householding" will continue until you are notified otherwise, until you revoke your consent. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in "householding" and would prefer to receive a separate set of materials, please notify your broker or the Company at 3040 Post Oak Boulevard, 15th Floor, Houston, TX 77056, Attn: Corporate Secretary or (832) 844-1015, and the Company will promptly deliver such additional materials to you. Stockholders who have multiple accounts in their names or who share an address with other stockholders can request "householding" and authorize your broker to discontinue mailings of multiple annual reports and Proxy Statements by contacting your broker.

# Q. Whom do you call if you have questions about the Annual Meeting?

If you have questions about the Annual Meeting, or desire additional copies of this Proxy Statement or additional proxies, you may contact:

KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. 3040 Post Oak Boulevard, 15th Floor Houston, TX 77056 (832) 844-1015 Attention: Corporate Secretary

# Q. How will the results of voting be announced?

The Company expects to announce the preliminary voting results at the Annual Meeting. The final voting results will be tallied by the inspector of elections and published in a Current Report on Form 8-K, which the Company is required to file with the SEC within four business days after the Annual Meeting.

#### STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

Proposals of stockholders intended to be presented at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act must be received by the Corporate Secretary of the Company at its executive offices no later than , 2024, to be considered for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials for the Annual Meeting. That date is 120 calendar days before the one-year anniversary of the , 2024, mail date for this Proxy Statement.

For notice of a stockholder proposal to be considered timely, but not included in the proxy materials for the 2025 Annual Meeting, a stockholder's proposal must be delivered to, or mailed and received by, the Corporate Secretary of the Company in accordance with Section 2.09 of the Company's Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws. To be timely, a stockholder proposal, including nomination of a director, must be submitted not later than the close of business on the 90th day (February 10, 2025) nor earlier than the close of business on the 120th day (January 9, 2025) in advance of the anniversary date of the prior year's Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

In addition to satisfying the requirements under the Company's Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws described in the immediately preceding paragraph, to comply with the universal proxy rules under the Exchange Act, any stockholder who intends to solicit proxies in support of director nominees other than the Board's nominees must provide written notice that sets forth the information required by Rule 14a-19 under the Exchange Act no later than March 10, 2025. However, if the date of the 2025 Annual Meeting is more than 30 days before or after the anniversary of the date of the preceding year's annual meeting of stockholders, then such written notice must be delivered by the later of (x) the 10th day following the public announcement of the date of the 2025 Annual Meeting is first made by the Company and (y) the date which is 60 days prior to the date of the 2025 Annual Meeting.

#### OTHER MATTERS

The Board is not aware of any matters that will be brought before the meeting other than as described in this Proxy Statement. However, if any matters properly come before the meeting that are not specifically set forth on the Proxy Card and in this Proxy Statement, the persons designated as proxies will have authority to vote thereon in accordance with their best judgment.

COPIES OF THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K FILED WITH THE SEC MAY BE OBTAINED WITHOUT CHARGE TO EACH PERSON TO WHOM A NOTICE OF INTERNET AVAILABILITY IS DELIVERED UPON WRITTEN REQUEST ADDRESSED TO 3040 POST OAK BOULEVARD, 15TH FLOOR, HOUSTON, TX 77056, ATTN: CORPORATE SECRETARY.

#### APPENDIX A

# Reconciliation of Consolidated Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is a supplemental non-GAAP financial measure that is used by management and external users of our financial statements, such as industry analysts, investors, lenders and rating agencies. Adjusted EBITDA is not a measure of net earnings or cash flows as determined by GAAP. We define Adjusted EBITDA as net earnings (loss) before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, further adjusted for (i) goodwill and/or long-lived asset impairment charges, (ii) stock-based compensation expense, (iii) restructuring charges, (iv) transaction and integration costs related to acquisitions and (v) other expenses or charges to exclude certain items that we believe are not reflective of ongoing performance of our business. Adjusted EBITDA is used to calculate the Company's leverage ratio, consistent with the terms of the Company's asset-based lending facility.

We believe Adjusted EBITDA is useful because it allows us to supplement the GAAP measures in order to more effectively evaluate our operating performance and compare the results of our operations from period to period without regard to our financing methods or capital structure. We exclude the items listed above in arriving at Adjusted EBITDA because these amounts can vary substantially from company to company within our industry depending upon accounting methods and book values of assets, capital structures and the method by which the assets were acquired. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to, or more meaningful than, net income as determined in accordance with GAAP, or as an indicator of our operating performance or liquidity. Certain items excluded from Adjusted EBITDA are significant components in understanding and assessing a company's financial performance, such as a company's cost of capital and tax structure, as well as the historic costs of depreciable assets, none of which are components of Adjusted EBITDA. Our computations of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies.

The following tables present a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to Consolidated net loss, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, for the periods indicated:

#### (Unaudited – In millions of U.S. dollars)

	Year Ended December 31, 2023	Year Ended December 31, 2022
Consolidated net income (loss)	\$ 19.2	\$ (3.1)
Income tax expense	3.0	0.6
Interest expense, net	34.7	35.0
Operating income	56.9	32.5
Bargain purchase gain	(1.9)	_
One-time costs	6.8	4.4
Adjusted operating income	61.8	36.9
Depreciation and amortization	72.8	56.8
Non-cash compensation	3.0	3.0
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 137.6	\$ 96.7

#### APPENDIX B

# **Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation**

Additions to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation pursuant the Declassification Amendment contemplated by Proposal 1 are indicated below by bold, underlined text and deletions contemplated thereby are indicated below by strike-out text. The full text of the Company's currently applicable Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation was filed as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on September 8, 2020.

The proposed Declassification Amendment changes to Article V are set forth below:

- (3) The Until the election of directors at the 2026 annual meeting of stockholders, the Board shall be divided into three classes (each such class, a "Class"), as nearly equal in number as possible, designated: Class I, Class II and Class III. As soon as practicable following the effectiveness of this Certificate of Incorporation, and thereafter from time to time following any increase or decrease in the number of directors, the number of directors in each Class shall be apportioned by the Board to be as nearly equal as possible. No decrease in the number of directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent director. Commencing with the election of directors at the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders, the directors of the Class whose terms expire at such annual meeting shall be elected for a one-year term ending at the next annual meeting of stockholders. Commencing with the election of directors at the 2026 annual meeting of stockholders and for each annual meeting of stockholders thereafter, the Board shall no longer be classified and all of the directors shall be elected annually for a term expiring at the next annual meeting of stockholders.
- (4) Each director shall hold office until the end of the term provided for such director in paragraph (53) or (86) of this Article V, and thereafter until such director's successor is elected and qualified, or until such director's earlier death, resignation or removal in the manner hereinafter provided.
- (5) Except as provided in paragraph (8) of this Article V, each director shall serve for a term ending on the date of the third annual meeting following the annual meeting at which such director was elected; provided, however, that each director initially appointed as a Class I director shall serve for an initial term expiring at the Corporation's first annual meeting of stockholders following the effectiveness of this Certificate of Incorporation; each director initially appointed as a Class II director shall serve for an initial term expiring at the Corporation's second annual meeting of stockholders following the effectiveness of this Certificate of Incorporation; and each director initially appointed as a Class III director shall serve for an initial term expiring at the Corporation's third annual meeting of stockholders following the effectiveness of this Certificate of Incorporation.
- (<u>56</u>) Any director or the entire Board may be removed from office <u>only for with or without</u> cause <u>and only by upon</u> the affirmative vote of at least <u>sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) a majority</u> of the <u>total</u> voting power of the <u>outstanding shares of the capital then-outstanding voting</u> stock of the Corporation entitled to vote in any annual election of directors or <u>Class of directors</u>, voting together as a single class.
- (7) Vacancies occurring on the Board for any reason, including, without limitation, vacancies occurring as a result of the death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office of a director, or the creation of new directorships that increase the number of directors, shall solely be filled by a majority vote of the directors then in office, even if the number of such directors is less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director, or by the written consent of such directors as permitted by the General Corporation Law and as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation, and shall not be filled by the stockholders.
- (8) Any director chosen to fill a vacancy pursuant to paragraph (7) of this Article V shall, at the time such director is chosen or as soon as practicable thereafter, be designated by the Board as either a Class I, Class II or Class III director, with such Class corresponding to the Class in which such vacancy existed. Such director shall

serve for a term equal to the remainder of the term of the other directors of such Class in office at the time such vacancy was filled (or, if no other directors are a member of such Class at such time, for a term equal to the remainder of the term that a director of such Class would have served had such director been in office at the time of the effectiveness of this Certificate of Incorporation and served continuously as a director until the time that such vacancy was filled).

- (6) Any director chosen to fill a vacancy pursuant to paragraph (5) of this Article V, shall serve for a term expiring at the next annual meeting of stockholders.
- (79) At any meeting of stockholders at which directors are elected, directors shall be elected by a plurality of the voting power of the shares entitled to vote on the election of directors and present in person or by proxy at the meeting. Elections of directors of the Corporation need not be by written ballot, except and to the extent provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.
- (<u>8</u>+1) Nothing in this Article V shall be deemed to affect or restrict (i) any rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock to elect directors as provided for or fixed pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, or (ii) the ability of the Board to provide, pursuant to Article IV, for the preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, if any, and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, of the shares of any series of Preferred Stock, including with regard to those directors, if any, to be elected by the holders of any series of Preferred Stock.

#### APPENDIX C

# Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation

Additions to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation pursuant the Bylaw Supermajority Amendment contemplated by Proposal 4 are indicated below by bold, underlined text and deletions contemplated thereby are indicated below by strike-out text. The full text of the Company's currently applicable Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation was filed as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on September 8, 2020.

The proposed Bylaw Supermajority Amendment changes to Article IX are set forth below:

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by the General Corporation Law, the Board shall expressly have the power to adopt, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation. Any adoption, amendment or repeal of the Bylaws of the Corporation by the Board shall require the approval of a majority of the entire Board. The stockholders shall also have the power to adopt, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation, provided, however, that, in addition to any vote of the holders of any class or series of stock of the Corporation required by law or by this Certificate of Incorporation, the affirmative vote of at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) a majority of the voting power of the then-outstanding voting stock of the Corporation, voting together as a single class, shall be required for our stockholders to amend, repeal or adopt any provision of the Bylaws of the Corporation.

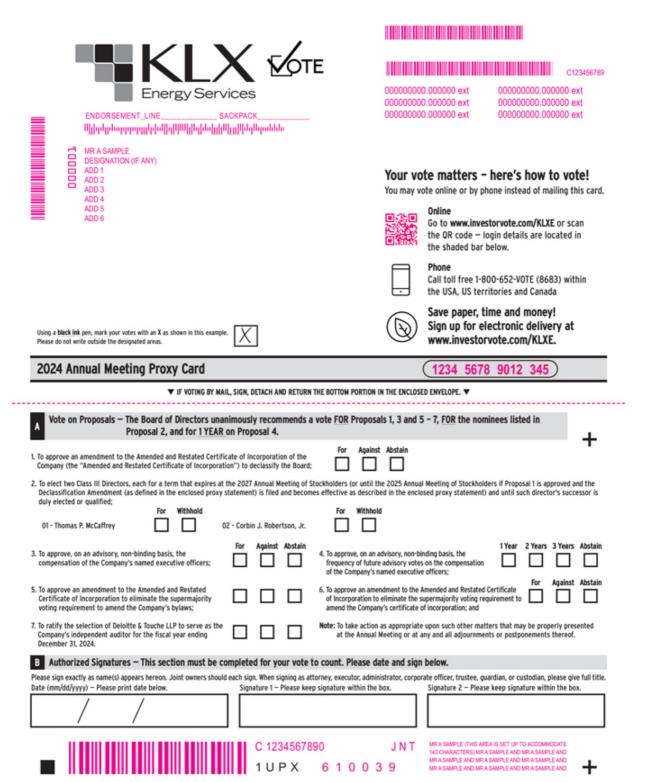
#### APPENDIX D

# Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation

Additions to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation pursuant the Charter Supermajority Amendment contemplated by Proposal 5 are indicated below by bold, underlined text and deletions contemplated thereby are indicated below by strike-out text. The full text of the Company's currently applicable Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation was filed as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on September 8, 2020.

The proposed Charter Supermajority Amendment changes to Article X are set forth below:

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Certificate of Incorporation to the contrary, and in addition to any affirmative vote of the holders of any particular class of stock of the Corporation required by applicable law or this Certificate of Incorporation, the affirmative vote of at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) a majority of the voting power of the then-outstanding voting stock of the Corporation, voting together as a single class, shall be required for our stockholders to amend, repeal or adopt any provisions of this Certificate of Incorporation inconsistent with Article V, paragraphs (2) and (4) of Article VII, or this Article X of this Certificate of Incorporation.



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# 2024 Annual Meeting of KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. Stockholders

The 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. will be held on May 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. CDT, virtually via the Internet at meetnow.global/M7ZY9LD.

To access the virtual meeting, you must have the information that is printed in the shaded bar located on the reverse side of this form.



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Proxy - KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc.



# Notice of 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders - May 9, 2024

This proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc.

The above signed hereby constitutes and appoints Messrs. Christopher J. Baker and Max L. Bouthillette, or either of them, with full power of substitution each, proxies to vote and act at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") to be held May 9, 2024 virtually via the Internet at meetnow.global/M7ZV9LD and at any postponement or adjournment thereof (the "Annual Meeting"), upon and with respect to the number of shares of Company common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, that the above signed would be entitled to vote if personally present. The above signed hereby instructs such proxies, or their substitutes, to vote on those matters appearing on the reverse side of this proxy card as specified by the above signed and in such manner as the proxies may determine on any other matter that may come before the Annual Meeting, all as indicated in the accompanying Proxy Statement, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. All proxies previously given by the above signed in respect of the Annual Meeting are hereby revoked.

Unless otherwise specified in the boxes provided on the reverse side of this proxy card, the Proxy will be voted FOR Proposals 1, 3 and 5 - 7, FOR each of the nominees listed in Proposal 2, for 1 YEAR on Proposal 4, and in the discretion of the named proxies as to any other matter that may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

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C Non-Voting Items	
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If voting by mail, you must complete sections A - C on both sides of this card.

