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# TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED 7 LASER LANE WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT 06492

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 17, 2002

Notice is hereby given that the 2002 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of TransAct Technologies Incorporated (the "Company"), a Delaware corporation, will be held on Friday, May 17, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at The Ramada Plaza Hotel, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden, Connecticut 06450 for the following purposes, all of which are more completely set forth in the accompanying Proxy Statement:

- (1) To elect two directors to serve until the 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified;
- (2) To ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent accountants for 2002; and
- (3) To transact such other business as may legally come before the Annual Meeting.

Stockholders of record at the close of business on April 5, 2002 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. The transfer books will not be closed for the Annual Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

RICHARD L. COTE Secretary

Wallingford, Connecticut April 19, 2002

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, THE COMPANY REQUESTS THAT YOU FILL IN, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY. A RETURN ENVELOPE, WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES, IS ENCLOSED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU DO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, YOU MAY REVOKE YOUR PROXY AND VOTE IN PERSON. PROMPT RESPONSE IS HELPFUL AND YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED.

# TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED 7 LASER LANE WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT 06492

### PROXY STATEMENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 17, 2002

This Proxy Statement is being furnished to the stockholders of TransAct Technologies Incorporated (the "Company") in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of the Company for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held on May 17, 2002, and any adjournments or postponements thereof (the "Annual Meeting"). This Proxy Statement, the foregoing Notice of Annual Meeting, the enclosed form of proxy and the Company's 2001 Annual Report to Stockholders are first being mailed or given to stockholders on or about April 19, 2002.

### SOLICITATION AND REVOCATION OF PROXY

Any stockholder who executes and returns the enclosed proxy has the power to revoke the same anytime prior to it being voted. The shares represented by the proxy will be voted unless the proxy is mutilated or otherwise received in such form or at such time as to render it not votable. The proxy is in ballot form so that a specification may be made to grant or withhold authority to vote for the election of directors and to indicate separate approval or disapproval as to the other matter presented to stockholders. All of the proposals will be presented by the Board of Directors. The shares represented by the proxy will be voted for the election of the directors named thereon, unless authority to do so is withheld. With respect to the other proposal presented to stockholders by the Board of Directors, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted in accordance with the specification made. Where a choice is not so specified, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted for the proposal. In addition, the proxy confers discretionary authority to vote on any matter properly presented at the Annual Meeting which is not known to the Company as of the date of this Proxy Statement.

### VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF

Stockholders of record on April 5, 2002 are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Each holder of common stock is entitled to cast one vote for each share of common stock and each holder of Series B Preferred Stock is entitled to cast 111.11 votes for each share of Series B Preferred Stock held by them on April 5, 2002. There were 5,703,670 shares of common stock and 4,000 shares of Series B Preferred Stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the close of business on April 5, 2002. A majority of the shares entitled to vote, present in person or represented by proxy, will constitute a quorum to transact business at the Annual Meeting.

### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth information known to the Company regarding the beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock as of April 5, 2002 by: (i) each person known by the Company to own beneficially more than 5% of the Company's common stock; (ii) each director or nominee for director of the Company; (iii) each current executive officer of the Company named in the Summary Compensation Table; and (iv) all current directors and executive officers of the Company as a group. Except as otherwise indicated, each of the persons named in the table has sole voting power and sole investment power with respect to the shares set forth opposite their name.

SHARES BENEFICIALLY PERCENT OF NAME OF BENEFICIAL OWNER OWNED COMMON STOCK
Bart C. Shuldman(1)
255,296 4.4% Graham Y.
Tanaka(2)
Dill(3) 116,171 2.0% Richard L.
Cote(4)
Schwarz(5)
Kumpf(6)
Stetson(7)
17,500 * Jeffrey T. Leeds(8) 9,585 * All current directors and executive officers
9,585 * All current directors and executive officers as a group (9 persons)
(9)
Moser(11)

- \* Less than 1% of the outstanding common stock.
- (1) Includes 116,516 shares owned jointly with Mr. Shuldman's spouse, 1,000 shares owned by his spouse in an individual retirement account, 3,200 shares owned by his minor children and 2,500 shares owned by his mother. Also includes 50,000 unvested shares of restricted stock of the Company and 76,800 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2002 granted under the Company's 1996 Stock Plan.
- (2) Includes 19,500 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2002 granted under the Company's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Plan and 4,710 shares deemed beneficially owned by Mr. Tanaka for the benefit of his children.
- (3) Includes 19,500 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2002 granted under the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Plan. Also includes 57,214 shares with respect to which Mr. Dill is the trustee for the benefit of his parent and 1,000 shares owned by his spouse.
- (4) Includes 27,130 shares owned jointly with Mr. Cote's spouse and 11 shares held as custodian for his child. Also includes 14,000 unvested shares of restricted stock of the Company and 48,500 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2002 granted under the 1996 Stock Plan.
- (5) Includes 19,500 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2002 granted under the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Plan. Also includes 1,000 shares deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Schwarz in his capacity as trustee of a trust for the benefit of his granddaughter and 1,000 shares beneficially owned by his daughter, as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership, and 10,650 shares owned by his spouse.
- (6) Includes 28,800 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2002 granted under the 1996 Stock Plan.
- (7) Includes 3,000 unvested shares of restricted stock of the Company and 12,500 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2002 granted under the 1996 Stock Plan.
- (8) Includes 3,500 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2002 granted under the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Plan. See also Note (10).
- (9) Includes 80,000 unvested shares of restricted stock of the Company and 239,400 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2002 granted under the 1996 Stock Plan and the Non-Employee Directors'

- (10) Based on information provided in Schedule 13G as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on March 19, 2001, which stated that Advance Capital Partners, L.P. and its affiliate Advance Capital Offshore Partners, L.P. own in the aggregate 4,000 shares of the Company's Series B Preferred Stock, which shares are currently convertible into 444,444 shares of common stock, and warrants to purchase 44,444 shares of common stock. Mr. Jeffrey T. Leeds is a principal of Advance Capital Management, LLC, the general partner of the general partner of Advance Capital Partners, L.P. and the general partner of the majority shareholder of the general partner of Advance Capital Offshore Partners, L.P., and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares owned by Advance Capital Partners, L.P. and Advance Capital Offshore Partners, L.P.
- (11) Based on information provided in Schedule 13D as filed with the SEC on April 10, 2002, which stated that POS Partners LLC and Niles Moser, its sole member, beneficially own 275,000 shares of common stock. In addition, it reported that Mr. Moser is a general partner in Mogen Investment, a New Jersey general partnership, which beneficially owns 120,000 shares of common stock; Mr. Moser disclaimed beneficiary ownership of such shares.
- (12) Based on information provided in an amended Schedule 13G as filed with the SEC on February 14, 2002, which stated that Pequot Scout Fund, L.P., which is managed by Pequot Capital Management, Inc., owns more than 5% of the common stock.

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

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), requires the Company's directors, executive officers and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of the Company's common stock to file with the SEC and the Nasdaq Stock Market reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of common stock and other equity securities of the Company and to furnish the Company with copies of all such reports they file. To the Company's knowledge, based solely on review of the copies of such reports furnished to the Company, or written representations that no other reports were required to be filed by those persons, the Company believes that, during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, all such reports were timely filed.

### 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors currently consists of six directors and is divided into three classes. Five of the directors are elected by the holders of the Company's common stock to serve three-year terms. The sixth director is elected by the holders of the Company's Series B Preferred Stock to serve a three-year term.

At the Annual Meeting, two persons are to be elected to hold office as directors until the 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. In the absence of instructions to the contrary, the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote such proxy "FOR" the election of the nominees named below. Should a nominee become unavailable, which is not anticipated, it is intended that proxies will be voted for the election of such other person, if any, as the Board of Directors may recommend in place of such nominee.

INFORMATION CONCERNING NOMINEES FOR ELECTION AS DIRECTORS, WHOSE TERMS WILL EXPIRE AT THE 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

Thomas R. Schwarz, 65, has been a director of the Company since its formation in June 1996 and Chairman of the Board from June 1996 to February 2001. Mr. Schwarz was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Grossman's Inc., a retailer of building materials, from 1990 until his retirement in 1994. From 1980 to 1990, he was President, Chief Operating Officer and a director of Dunkin' Donuts Incorporated, a food service company. Mr. Schwarz is a director of Tridex Corporation ("Tridex"), Foilmark, Inc., Tanaka Growth Fund, Lebhar-Friedman Publishing Company and Yorkshire Global Restaurants.

Bart C. Shuldman, 45, has been Chief Executive Officer, President and a director of the Company since its formation in June 1996 and Chairman of the Board since February 2001. Previously, Mr. Shuldman was

Vice President of Sales and Marketing of Magnetec Corporation, a former subsidiary of Tridex, from April 1993 to August 1993, and served as President of Magnetec and later the combined operations of Magnetec and Ithaca Peripherals Incorporated, another former Tridex subsidiary, from August 1993 to June 1996. Prior to joining Magnetec, he held several management positions with Mars Electronics International, a division of Mars, Incorporated, from 1989 to 1993, including serving as Business Manager for the North American Amusement, Gaming and Lottery operations. From 1979 to 1989, he held manufacturing and sales management positions with General Electric Company.

### **VOTE REQUIRED**

The election of Thomas R. Schwarz and Bart C. Shuldman as directors of the Company requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a plurality of the shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote. Abstentions by holders of such shares and broker non-votes with respect to the election of directors will be included in determining the presence of a quorum at the Annual Meeting but will not be included in determining whether the nominee has received the vote of such plurality.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF THOMAS R. SCHWARZ AND BART C. SHULDMAN AS DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY.

INFORMATION CONCERNING DIRECTOR WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE AT THE 2003 ANNUAL MEETING

Charles A. Dill, 62, has been a director of the Company since its formation in June 1996. Mr. Dill has been a General Partner of Gateway Associates, a venture capital firm, since 1996. From 1991 to 1995, Mr. Dill served as President, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Bridge Information Systems, Inc. Mr. Dill currently serves as a director of Zoltek Companies, Inc., Stifel Financial Corp. and DT Industries, Inc.

INFORMATION CONCERNING DIRECTORS WHOSE TERMS WILL EXPIRE AT THE 2004 ANNUAL MEETING

Graham Y. Tanaka, 54, has been a director of the Company since its formation in June 1996. Mr. Tanaka has been President of Tanaka Capital Management, Inc., an investment management firm, since 1986. From 1989 until 1996, Mr. Tanaka was a limited partner of McFarland Dewey & Co., a financial advisor to the Company. He is a director of Tridex and Tanaka Funds, Inc.

Richard L. Cote, 60, has been Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Secretary and a director of the Company since its formation in June 1996. Prior thereto, he served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Tridex from September 1993 to June 1996 and as Vice President of Tridex from June 1993 to September 1993. From October 1991 to March 1993, he was a self-employed management consultant. Previously, Mr. Cote held management positions with Wang Laboratories, Inc., Emhart Corporation, Xerox Corporation and Price Waterhouse LLP. Mr. Cote is a director of Bead Industries, Inc.

INFORMATION CONCERNING DIRECTOR ELECTED BY HOLDERS OF SERIES B PREFERRED STOCK

Jeffrey T. Leeds, 46, became a director of the Company in April 2000 for a term expiring at the 2003 Annual Meeting. Mr. Leeds has been a principal of Advance Capital Management, LLC, a private investment firm, since October 1995. He has also been a principal of Leeds Weld & Co., a private investment firm, since December 2000, Leeds Associates LLC, a private investment firm, since April 1999 and a principal of Leeds Equity Management, a private equity firm, since November 1999, and has served as President of Leeds Group Inc., an investment banking firm, since December 1992. Mr. Leeds serves on the Board of Directors of Edison Schools Inc., Dominica Management, Inc., Argosy Education Group, Inc., RealPage, Inc. and DataMark, Inc. He was President and Chief Executive Officer of Elsinore Corporation from February 1997 to December 1999. He is a trustee of the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum in New York.

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS COMMITTEES

During the year ended December 31, 2001, the Board of Directors held eight meetings. Each director attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the committees of the Board of Directors on which such director served.

The standing committees of the Board of Directors are the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Executive Committee.

The Audit Committee is comprised of Messrs. Charles A. Dill, Jeffrey T. Leeds, Thomas R. Schwarz and Graham Y. Tanaka, with Mr. Dill serving as Chairman. Each of the members of the Audit Committee is an "independent" director, as defined in the listing standards of the Nasdaq Stock Market. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter (the "Charter"), which was attached as Appendix A to the 2001 Proxy Statement of the Company. See the "Audit Committee Report" for more information about the roles and responsibilities of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee met twice during 2001.

The Compensation Committee is comprised of Messrs. Charles A. Dill, Jeffrey T. Leeds, Thomas R. Schwarz and Graham Y. Tanaka, with Mr. Schwarz serving as Chairman. The Compensation Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending the compensation arrangements for all directors and officers of the Company, approving such arrangements for other senior level employees and administering and taking such other action as may be required in connection with certain compensation plans of the Company. The Compensation Committee met five times during 2001.

The Nominating Committee consists of the full Board of Directors, with Mr. Tanaka serving as Chairman. The Nominating Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board of Directors nominees for election to the Board. The Nominating Committee will also consider nominees recommended by stockholders in accordance with proper nomination procedures specified in the Company's By-Laws. The Nominating Committee did not meet during 2001.

The Executive Committee is comprised of Messrs. Charles A. Dill, Jeffrey T. Leeds, Thomas R. Schwarz, Bart C. Shuldman and Graham Y. Tanaka. The Executive Committee meets between scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors and has the power and authority of the Board, except as limited by the Company's By-Laws. The Executive Committee did not meet during 2001.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Pursuant to the Charter, the roles and responsibilities of the Audit Committee fall within four broad categories:

- Internal Control. The Audit Committee reviews and considers the adequacy of the Company's internal control procedures and related matters.
- Financial Reporting. The Audit Committee reviews the Company's annual financial statements with the Company's management and independent accountants and considers the financial judgments and accounting principles utilized in their preparation. Through its Chairman, it also reviews the Company's quarterly financial statements with management and the independent accountants prior to filing of the quarterly reports with the SEC.
- Independent Accountants. The Audit Committee recommends to the Board of Directors the firm to be appointed as independent accountants, evaluates their performance, recommends any change, if necessary, and approves their fees. It reviews all audit and non-audit related services rendered by the independent accountants and their costs and obtains written communication from them concerning their independence. The Audit Committee also reviews with the independent accountants the scope of their audit and discusses with them the conduct of the audit.
- Other. The Audit Committee reviews with legal counsel any matters that may impact the financial statements, reviews the adequacy of the Company's policies concerning ethical and responsible business conduct and performs other functions as requested by the Board of Directors. It reviews the Charter on an annual basis and recommends to the Board any appropriate changes.

In connection with its duties, the Audit Committee has taken the following actions:

- It has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management, which has responsibility for the preparation of the financial statements.

- It has discussed with the independent accountants, which are responsible for expressing an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, "Communication with Audit Committees", as amended.
- It has received from the independent accountants the written disclosures describing any relationships between the independent accountants and the Company and the letter confirming their independence required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, "Independence Discussions with Audit Committees," and has discussed with the independent accountants matters relating to their independence.

Based on its review and discussions described above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2001 be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for filing with the SEC.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Charles A. Dill, Chairman Jeffrey T. Leeds Thomas R. Schwarz Graham Y. Tanaka

#### COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

During the year ended December 31, 2001, each outside director of the Company received as compensation for services rendered (i) a retainer of \$2,000 for each fiscal quarter served as director, (ii) \$750 for each Board of Directors meeting attended, (iii) \$300 for each Board of Directors committee meeting attended, (iv) \$250 for each telephonic Board of Directors meeting and (v) \$100 for each telephonic committee meeting. Chairs of committees received \$600 for each committee meeting attended and \$200 for each telephonic meeting. Mr. Schwarz received compensation of \$15,000 for the period he served as Chairman. Directors are reimbursed expenses incurred in attending meetings.

Pursuant to the terms of the Company's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Plan (the "Directors' Plan"), each director who is not an employee of the Company receives an annual grant of a non-qualified option to purchase 7,500 shares of common stock. In addition, each non-employee director also receives a non-qualified option to purchase 5,000 shares of common stock upon his or her initial election to the Board of Directors. Each option is granted at an exercise price equal to 100% of the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant, expires ten years from the date of grant, and becomes exercisable at a rate of 20% per year on the first through fifth anniversaries of the date of grant. In the event of a change-in-control, stock options awarded under the Directors' Plan not previously exercisable shall become fully exercisable.

### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

On February 23, 1999, the Company loaned Bart C. Shuldman, the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, \$330,000 to fund his purchase in the market of 104,000 shares of the Company's common stock. Mr. Shuldman pledged 93,423 of the shares purchased with the loan proceeds and 50,000 shares of restricted common stock as security for the promissory note. The principal and any unpaid interest under the note is due in a balloon payment five years after the date of the loan. The interest rate on the note is calculated based on the Company's average variable lending rate under its primary credit facility. Interest payments through December 31, 2001 have been added to principal, which was increased to \$409,340 at that date. During 2002, interest will be compounded and added to principal monthly and be payable at maturity. Thereafter, it will accrue annually and be payable at maturity. At March 31, 2002, the aggregate amount outstanding under the loan was \$415,253.

### EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following tables set forth information concerning the compensation earned by the Company's Chief Executive Officer and each of the other four most highly compensated executive officers (the "Named Executive Officers") in 2001:

### SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

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LONG TERM COMPENSATION
ANNUAL COMPENSATION RESTRICTED SECURITIES OTHER
UNDERLYING COMPEN- FISCAL SALARY(1) BONUS AWARDS(3) OPTIONS(4) SATION(5) NAME AND PRINCIPAL POSITIONS YEAR (\$) (\$) (\$) (#) (\$) -
Bart C.
Shuldman
Cote
2001 152,555 3,500 7,415 Senior Vice President 2000 140,820 30,000 7,500 8,795 Engineering 1999 130,686 5,170 Lucy H.
Staley

- (1) None of the Named Executive Officers received perquisites or other personal benefits in an amount which exceeded 10% of their salary plus bonus during any fiscal year.
- (2) A portion of the bonuses paid to Mr. Stetson represents commissions on sales by the Company and a portion of the bonus paid in 2001 represents a relocation bonus.
- (3) All restricted stock awards were granted under the Company's 1996 Stock Plan. The value of the restricted stock awards is based on the closing market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. At the end of fiscal year 2001, the number of shares of common stock which remain subject to restricted awards and the value of such shares, based on the

closing price of the Company's common stock of \$5.50 on such date, were as follows: Mr. Shuldman: 52,640 shares and \$289,520; Mr. Cote: 15,320 shares and \$84,260; Mr. Stetson: 4,000 shares and \$22,000; Mr. Kumpf: 1,000 shares and \$5,500; and Ms. Staley: 1,000 shares and \$5,500. All grants of shares of restricted stock vest in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant, except with respect to 50,000 shares awarded to Mr. Shuldman and 4,000 shares awarded to Mr. Cote, which vest 100% at the end of five years from the date of grant, and with respect to 10,000 shares awarded to Mr. Cote, which vest in two equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant. Currently, no dividends may be paid on shares of the Company's common stock.

- (4) All options were granted under the Company's 1996 Stock Plan.
- (5) For all the Named Executive Officers, these amounts consist of Company contributions under the Company's 401(k) Plan and other benefits, such as life and disability insurance. Also, for 2000, includes a one-time payment of accrued vacation as of December 31, 1999 at a rate of 75% of the value of such accrued vacation.

- (6) Mr. Stetson was appointed Senior Vice President -- Worldwide Sales in February, 2000 and Executive Vice President -- Sales and Marketing in November, 2001.
- (7) Ms. Staley's employment with Company terminated on January 31, 2002.

### OPTION GRANTS IN 2001

POTENTIAL REALIZABLE INDIVIDUAL GRANTS VALUE AT ASSUMED ANNUAL RATE OF STOCK NUMBER OF PERCENT OF TOTAL PRICE APPRECIATION SECURITIES UNDER- OPTIONS GRANTED TO EXERCISE FOR OPTION TERM(2) LYING OPTIONS EMPLOYEES IN THE PRICE EXPIRATION NAME GRANTED (#)(1) FISCAL YEAR (\$/SHARE) DATE 5% 10%
Bart C.
huldman 70,000 43.9% 5.125 2/26/11 \$225,400 \$571,900 Richard
L. Cote 17,500 11.0% 5.125 2/26/11 \$ 56,350 \$142,975 James B.
Stetson 7,500 4.7% 5.125 2/26/11 \$ 24,150 \$ 61,275 Michael
S.

<sup>(1)</sup> All options were granted under the Company's 1996 Stock Plan. In general, options granted under the 1996 Plan have an exercise price equal to 100% of the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant, expire ten years from the date of grant, and become exercisable at a rate of 20% per year on the first through fifth anniversaries of the date of grant. In the event of a change-in-control of the Company, stock options awarded under the 1996 Stock Plan not previously exercisable shall become fully exercisable.

<sup>(2)</sup> The potential realizable value portion of the foregoing table illustrates

the value that might be realized upon exercise of the options immediately prior to the expiration of their term, assuming the specified rates of appreciation on the Company's common stock compounded annually over the term of the options. This hypothetical value is based entirely on assumed annual growth rates of 5% and 10% in the value of the Company's stock price over the term of the options. The assumed rates of growth were selected by the SEC for illustration purposes only, and are not intended to predict future stock prices, which will depend upon market conditions and the Company's future performance and prospects. These numbers do not take into account provisions of certain options providing for termination of the option following termination of employment, non-transferability or vesting over various periods.

### AGGREGATED OPTION EXERCISES IN 2001 AND FISCAL YEAR-END OPTION VALUES

VALUE OF UNEXERCISED UNDERLYING UNEXERCISED IN-THE-MONEY SHARES VALUE OPTIONS AT OPTIONS AT ACQUIRED ON REALIZED FISCAL YEAR-END (#) FISCAL YEAR-END (\$) NAME EXERCISE (#) (\$) EXERCISABLE/UNEXERCISABLE EXERCISABLE/UNEXERCISABLE - ---- -------- -------- ----------------- Bart C. Shuldman..... 0 0 62,800/85,000 0/26,250 Richard L. Cote..... 0 0 45,000/25,500 22,500/21,563 James B. Stetson..... 0 0 8,000/22,000 3,000/3,563 Michael S. Kumpf..... 0 0 28,100/8,900 15,188/11,438 Lucy H. Staley..... 0 0 35,600/13,400 14,063/10,125

NUMBER OF SECURITIES

### OPTION EXCHANGE PROGRAM

In November, 2001, the Company offered an Option Exchange Program to certain of the Named executive Officers. Under the Option Exchange Program, the Named Executive Officers could tender for cancellation options they held with an exercise price of \$9.00 or more and receive in exchange a commitment from the Company to grant options to purchase an equal number of shares at the fair market value on the date

of grant, which will be at least six months and one day from the cancellation of the old options. The following Named Executive Officers tendered options to purchase the number of shares indicated, which tender was accepted by the Company and the options cancelled: Mr. Shuldman: 112,500 shares; Mr. Cote: 50,000 shares; Mr. Stetson: 10,000 shares; and Mr. Kumpf: 19,500 shares. The options to be granted in May, 2002 will be 25% vested upon grant and the remainder will vest equally on each of the next three anniversaries of the date of grant.

### EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS, TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND CHANGE-IN-CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS

Under the terms of an Employment Agreement dated July 31, 1996 between Bart C. Shuldman and the Company, Mr. Shuldman serves as President and Chief Executive Officer at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. If Mr. Shuldman's employment is terminated other than for cause, Mr. Shuldman shall be entitled to continue to receive (i) his annual base salary and all other benefits for two years from the date of termination and (ii) a pro rata portion of his annual target bonus amount for the year of termination. If Mr. Shuldman's employment is terminated other than for cause, or if Mr. Shuldman resigns for specified reasons, within one year of a change-in-control of the Company, Mr. Shuldman shall be entitled to continue to receive his annual base salary, annual target bonus and all benefits for a period of three years from the date of termination. In addition, the Company shall cause the immediate vesting of all stock options granted to Mr. Shuldman under the 1996 Stock Plan.

Under the terms of an Employment Agreement dated July 31, 1996 between Richard L. Cote and the Company, Mr. Cote serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. If Mr. Cote's employment is terminated other than for cause, Mr. Cote shall be entitled to continue to receive (i) his annual base salary and all benefits for one year from the date of termination, and (ii) a pro rata portion of his annual target bonus for the year of termination. If Mr. Cote's employment is terminated other than for cause, or if Mr. Cote resigns for specified reasons, within one year of a change-in-control of the Company, Mr. Cote shall be entitled to continue to receive his annual base salary, annual target bonus and all benefits for a period of two years from the date of termination. In addition, the Company shall cause the immediate vesting of all options granted to Mr. Cote under the 1996 Stock Plan.

Under the terms of Severance Agreements between the Company and James B. Stetson and Michael S. Kumpf, dated January 24, 2001 and September 4, 1996, respectively, if the employment of Mr. Stetson or Mr. Kumpf is terminated other than for cause, each executive shall be entitled to continue to receive, for six months following the date of termination, the annual base salary, a pro rata portion of the annual target bonus for the year of termination and all benefits which would otherwise have been payable to each of them. If the employment of Mr. Stetson or Mr. Kumpf is terminated other than for cause, or if they resign for specified reasons, within one year of a change-in-control of the Company, each shall be entitled to continue to receive his or her annual base salary, annual target bonus and all benefits for a period of one year from the date of termination. In addition, the Company shall cause the immediate vesting of all stock options granted under the 1996 Stock Plan.

Lucy H. Staley had a similar Severance Agreement with the Company dated September 4, 1996. In connection with the termination of her employment on January 31, 2002, the Company and Ms. Staley entered a Release and Settlement Agreement dated December 4, 2001, as amended by a Memorandum of Agreement dated January 23, 2002 (the "Amended Severance Agreement"). Pursuant to the Amended Severance Agreement, Ms. Staley received continuation of her salary through December 31, 2002, a bonus of \$30,928 payable in equal monthly payments through December 31, 2002, vesting of all options and shares of restricted stock and continuation of insurance benefits through December 31, 2002.

### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Compensation Committee, which is comprised of non-employee directors of the Company, is responsible for administering the Company's executive compensation policies. In connection with such responsibilities, the Compensation Committee establishes the general compensation policies for the Company, approves the hiring and termination of all executive officers and any staff reporting directly to the Chief

Executive Officer of the Company and approves the compensation plans and specific compensation levels for all executive officers and any staff reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The Compensation Committee also approves the issuance of all awards to employees of the Company and its subsidiary under the Company's 1996 Stock Plan.

#### Compensation Policies and Goals

The primary goals of the Company's compensation policies are to attract, retain, motivate and reward management of the Company and its operating units, while, at the same time, aligning their interests closely with those of the Company and its stockholders. The Company seeks to attract and retain management by offering a competitive total compensation package. To align the interests of management more closely with those of the Company as a whole and reward individual initiative and effort, the Company seeks to promote performance-based compensation where contribution to the Company as a whole is rewarded. Through the use of performance-based plans that reward attainment of operating unit or Company goals, the Company seeks to foster an attitude of teamwork. The Company also believes that the use of equity ownership is an important tool to ensure that the efforts of management are consistent with the objectives of its stockholders and seeks to promote increased ownership of the Company by management through the use of stock awards.

The Compensation Committee has tried to achieve the above goals utilizing publicly available information regarding competitive compensation. The Compensation Committee utilizes an independent consultant to ensure that compensation for the Company's management is competitive, meets the above-stated objectives and is consistent for all members of management of the Company and its operating units.

### Compensation Components

At present, the compensation of the executive officers of the Company consists of a combination of salary, cash bonuses, stock options, restricted stock and participation in the Company's 401(k) Plan, as well as the provision of medical and other personal benefits typically offered to corporate executives. The executive officers of the Company are parties to agreements which provide for severance payments under certain circumstances. These agreements for the Named Executive Officers are described above under "Employment Contracts, Termination of Employment and Change-In-Control Arrangements."

Salaries: Base salaries for the Named Executive Officers were last fixed on October 31, 2000 based on the Compensation Committee's assessment of competitive base salaries. The Compensation Committee targets the Chief Executive Officer's salary at the mean of that for the Company's peer group. The annual base salary of Bart C. Shuldman, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, was further adjusted at \$375,000 effective February, 2001 upon his election as Chairman of the Board. There were no increases to the salaries of the other Named Executive Officers in 2001, except for Mr. Stetson upon his appointment as Executive Vice President.

Cash Bonuses: The Company generally maintains an incentive compensation plan for all salaried employees of the Company and its operating units, including key executives, which provides for the payment of cash bonuses. Under the plan, the Board of Directors fixes an incentive target, as well as individual goals and objectives, for each employee at the beginning of the year and bonuses are paid shortly after the end of the year. The incentive targets for 2001 were not achieved and no bonuses were paid with respect to 2001.

Stock Awards: Under the Company's 1996 Stock Plan, stock options and restricted stock are granted by the Compensation Committee. All salaried employees are granted an initial award of stock options on their date of hiring for a fixed number of shares depending on their level, which vests over five years. In each year following the initial award, eligible employees may be granted an annual award in varying amounts depending on their level and individual performance. During 2001, a total of 100,500 stock options were granted to the Named Executive Officers of the Company, including 70,000 granted to Mr. Shuldman, and 10,000 shares of restricted stock were granted to the Named Executive Officers.

In October, 2001, the Compensation Committee considered that in light of the price of the Company's common stock, stock options with an exercise price of \$9.00 and above no longer provided a meaningful incentive to the Company's executive officers. In November, 2001, in order to restore the incentive value of the options, the Board of Directors authorized an offer to certain executive officers, including certain of the Named Executive Officers, to cancel their options with an exercise price of \$9.00 and above in exchange for an agreement by the Company to grant options to purchase an equal number of shares six months and one day thereafter at the then fair market value of the Company's common stock.

Other Benefit Plans: Executive officers of the Company may participate in the Company's nondiscriminatory 401(k) Plan.

### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Thomas R. Schwarz, Chairman Charles A. Dill Jeffrey T. Leeds Graham Y. Tanaka

### CORPORATE PERFORMANCE GRAPH

The following graph compares the cumulative total return on the Company's common stock from December 31, 1996 through December 31, 2001, with the CRSP Total Return Index for the Nasdaq Stock Market (US) and the Nasdaq Computer Manufacturer Stocks Index. The graph assumes that \$100 was invested on December 31, 1996 in each of the Company's common stock, the CRSP Total Return Index for the Nasdaq Stock Market (US) and the Nasdaq Computer Manufacturer Stocks Index and that all dividends were reinvested.

COMPARISON OF CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN AMONG
TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED COMMON STOCK,
THE CRSP TOTAL RETURN INDEX FOR THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET (US),
AND THE NASDAQ COMPUTER MANUFACTURER STOCKS INDEX

[PERFORMANCE LINE GRAPH]

\_\_\_\_\_ 12/31/96 12/31/97 12/31/98 12/31/99 12/31/00 12/31/01 --- TransAct Technologies Incorporated Common Stock \$100.00 \$108.43 \$ 31.93 \$ 72.90 \$ 50.60 \$ 53.01 CRSP Total Return Index for the Nasdaq Stock Market (US) \$100.00 \$122.48 \$172.68 \$320.84 \$192.99 \$153.12 Nasdad Computer Manufacturer Stocks Index \$100.00 \$120.83 \$262.78 \$557.80

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### 2. RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS FOR 2002

The Board of Directors has selected, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as independent accountants to audit the financial statements of the Company for the 2002 fiscal year. This selection is being presented to the stockholders for ratification at the Annual Meeting. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has audited the Company's financial statements since the Company's formation.

A representative of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement, and is expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' FEES

During 2001, the independent accountants billed the Company for the following professional services:

- Audit Fees rendered for the audit of the 2001 financial statements and reviews of the financial statements included in the Company's Form 10-Q filings with the SEC: \$93,000.
- Financial Information Systems Design and Implementation Fees: None.
- All Other Fees: \$78,530. These fees included tax services and preparation and the audit of the 401(k) Plan.

The Audit Committee has considered whether the provision of the above services other than Audit Fees is compatible with maintaining the accountants' independence and has determined that, in its opinion, they are compatible.

### VOTE REQUIRED

The ratification of the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as independent accountants for 2002 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of common stock and Series B Preferred Stock, voting together with the shares of common stock as a single class, present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote. Abstentions by holders of such shares with respect to voting on this matter will have the effect of a negative vote; broker non-votes with respect to voting on this matter will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS FOR 2002.

### STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2003 ANNUAL MEETING

Stockholder proposals submitted for inclusion in next year's proxy materials must be received by the Secretary of the Company on or before December 20, 2002. Proposals should be addressed to TransAct Technologies Incorporated, 7 Laser Lane, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492, Attention: Secretary.

Stockholders may nominate candidates for election to the Board of Directors if the proper nomination procedure specified in the Company's By-Laws are followed. All nominations by stockholders must be delivered to or mailed and received at the principal executive offices of the Company not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the meeting at which election of directors will take place; however, if less than 40 days notice of the date of the meeting is given to stockholders, nominations will be timely if received not later than 10 days after notice was given. The notice must set forth in writing (i) for each person proposed to be nominated, all information relating to each such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act, including such person's written consent to be named in the proxy and to serving as a director, and (ii) for the stockholder giving notice, the (x) name and address of such stockholder as they appear on the Company's books and (y) the class and number of shares of the Company beneficially owned by such stockholder.

### ANNUAL REPORT

A COPY OF THE COMPANY'S SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K, INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE SCHEDULES THERETO, WILL BE FURNISHED WITHOUT CHARGE TO ANY STOCKHOLDER UPON WRITTEN REQUEST. REQUESTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO: TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED, STOCKHOLDER RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, 7 LASER LANE, WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT 06492.

#### **GENERAL**

The accompanying proxy will be voted as specified thereon. Unless otherwise specified, proxies will be voted for the directors nominated by the Board of Directors and for ratification of the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as independent accountants for 2002. As of the date of this Proxy Statement, the Board of Directors is not aware of any matter which is to be presented for action at the Annual Meeting other than the matters set forth herein. Should any other matter requiring a vote of the stockholders arise at the Annual Meeting, the proxies confer upon the persons named in the accompanying proxy the authority to vote in respect of any such other matter in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

A stockholder who has given a proxy may revoke it at any time prior to its exercise at the Annual Meeting by (i) giving written notice of revocation to the Secretary of the Company, (ii) properly submitting to the Company a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or (iii) voting in person at the Annual Meeting. All written notices of revocation and other communications with respect to revocation of proxies should be addressed to the Company, as follows: TransAct Technologies Incorporated, 7 Laser Lane, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492, Attention: Secretary. A proxy appointment will not be revoked by death or supervening incapacity of the stockholder executing the proxy unless, before the shares are voted, notice of such death or incapacity is filed with the Company's Secretary or other person responsible for tabulating votes on behalf of the Company.

The cost of preparing, assembling and mailing this proxy material will be borne by the Company. The Company may solicit proxies otherwise than by use of the mail, in that certain officers and regular employees of the Company, without additional compensation, may use their personal efforts, by telephone or otherwise, to obtain proxies. The Company will also request persons, firms and corporations holding shares in their names, or owned by others, to send this proxy material to and obtain proxies from such beneficial owners and will reimburse such holders for their reasonable expenses in doing so.

STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO SPECIFY THEIR CHOICES, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE. PROMPT RESPONSE IS HELPFUL AND YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED.

April 19, 2002

## TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED PROXY FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2002

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED

The undersigned stockholder of TransAct Technologies Incorporated (the "Company") does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Richard L. Cote and Charles A. Dill, or either of them, with full power to act alone, my true and lawful attorney with full power of substitution, for me and in my name, place and stead to vote all of the shares of Common Stock of the Company standing in my name on its books on April 5, 2002, at the Annual Meeting of its stockholders to be held at The Ramada Plaza Hotel, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT 06450 on Friday, May 17, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., or at any adjournment thereof, with all powers the undersigned would possess if personally present as follows:

(TO BE SIGNED ON REVERSE SIDE)

### PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND MAIL YOUR PROXY CARD BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

### ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED

MAY 17, 2002

votes as in this example. FOR BOTH WITHHOLD FOR NOMINEES BOTH NOMINEES **ELECTION OF** [ ] [ ] Nominees: Thomas R. Schwarz 1. DIRECTORS. Bart C. Shuldman For both nominees, except: \_\_\_\_\_ FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN 2. RATIFICATION of selection [] [ ] [ ] of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as independent accountants for 2002. THIS PROXY, WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED, WILL BE VOTED ON BEHALF OF THE UNDERSIGNED AS DIRECTED HEREIN BY THE UNDERSIGNED STOCKHOLDER. IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR PROPOSALS 1 AND 2. PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE AND PROMPTLY RETURN THIS PROXY CARD USING THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE. DATE , 2002 SIGNATURE DATE , 2002 SIGNATURE (SIGNATURE IF HELD JOINTLY)

NOTE:

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Please sign exactly as name appears on the mailing label. When shares are held by joint tenants, both should sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If signing on behalf of a corporation, please sign the full corporate name by president or other authorized officer. If signing on behalf of a partnership, please sign the partnership name by authorized person.