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October 8, 2010

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend Private Media Group, Inc.'s Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., at 537 Stevenson Street, San Francisco, California.

The Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement which follow describe the business to be conducted at the meeting.

We are pleased to take advantage of the Securities and Exchange Commission rule allowing companies to furnish proxy materials to their shareholders over the Internet. We believe that this e-proxy process expedites shareholders' receipt of proxy materials, while also lowering the costs and reducing the environmental impact of our annual meeting. On or about October 8, 2010, we will mail to our shareholders a Notice containing instructions on how to access our 2010 Proxy Statement and Annual Report and vote online. The Notice contains instructions on how you can receive a paper copy of the Proxy Statement and Annual Report.

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, your vote is important and we encourage you to vote promptly. You may vote your shares via a toll-free telephone number or over the Internet. If you received a paper copy of the proxy card by mail, you may vote by signing, dating and mailing the proxy card in the envelope provided. Instructions regarding these three methods of voting are contained in the enclosed materials.

We hope to see you at the meeting.

Cordially,

Berth H. Milton

*Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer*

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting to be held on**

**November 18, 2010**

Private Media Group, Inc.'s Proxy Statement and our Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2009,

are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)

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**PRIVATE MEDIA GROUP, INC.**

**3230 Flamingo Road, Suite 156**

**Las Vegas, Nevada 89121 USA**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

**TO BE HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010**

To the Shareholders of PRIVATE MEDIA GROUP, INC.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Private Media Group, Inc. will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., at the Company's U.S. principal executive offices located at 537 Stevenson Street, San Francisco, California 94103, for the following purposes:

1. To elect six (6) directors to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualified;
2. To ratify the appointment of BDO Auditores S.L. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010; and
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on September 23, 2010, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof. A list of the shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for examination by any shareholder for any purpose reasonably related to the Annual Meeting during ordinary business hours in the office of the Secretary of the Company during the ten days prior to the Annual Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Johan Gillborg

*Corporate Secretary*

October 8, 2010

All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we urge you to vote your shares via the toll-free telephone number or over the Internet, as described in the enclosed materials. If you received a copy of the proxy card by mail, you may sign, date and mail the proxy card in the envelope provided. The giving of your Proxy will not affect your right to vote in person should you later decide to attend the meeting.

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**PROXY STATEMENT**

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of Private Media Group, Inc. for the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on November 18, 2009 (the Annual Meeting ) and any postponements or adjournments thereof.

When we use the Company, Private, we or us we are referring to Private Media Group, Inc.

In accordance with the e-proxy rules approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) and in connection with the solicitation of proxies by our Board of Directors, we will send a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials on or about October 8, 2010 and provide access to our proxy materials (consisting of this Proxy Statement, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and a form of proxy) over the Internet, to each shareholder entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

**This Proxy Statement along with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 is available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)**

**VOTING PROCEDURES**

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO VOTE.** Most shareholders have a choice of voting over the Internet, by telephone, by mail using a proxy card, or in person at the Annual Meeting. Please refer to the proxy card or other voting instructions included with these proxy materials for information on the voting methods available to you. **If you vote over the Internet, by telephone, or in person at the Annual Meeting, you do not need to return your proxy card.**

**Who can vote?**

Each share of our common stock that you owned as of the close of business on September 23, 2010, the record date, entitles you to one vote on each matter to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. On the record date, there were 20,835,824 shares of the Company's common stock issued, outstanding, and entitled to vote.

**Why did I receive a one page notice in the mail regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials instead of a full set of printed proxy materials?**

Pursuant to the notice and access rules adopted by the SEC, we have elected to provide shareholders access to our proxy materials over the Internet. Accordingly, on or about October 8, 2010, we are sending a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials a ( Notice ) to all of our shareholders as of the record date. The Notice includes instructions on how to access our proxy materials over the Internet, how to vote and how to request a printed copy of these materials. Proxy materials will be made available on the Internet on or about October 8, 2010.

**How do I vote?**

**If your shares are registered directly in your name, you may vote:**

**Over the Internet.** Go to the website of our tabulator, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ( Broadridge ), at <http://www.proxyvote.com> and follow the instructions you will find there. You must specify how you want your shares voted or your Internet vote cannot be completed and you will receive an error message. Your shares will be voted according to your instructions. If you vote over the Internet, your vote must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on November 17, 2010.



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**By telephone.** Dial 1-800-690-6903 using any touch-tone telephone and follow the instructions. Your shares will be voted according to your instructions. If you vote over the telephone, your vote must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on November 17, 2010.

**By mail.** Complete and sign the enclosed proxy and mail it in the enclosed postage prepaid envelope to Private Media Group, Inc., c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY, 11717. Your shares will be voted according to your instructions. If you do not specify how you want your shares voted, they will be voted as recommended by our Board of Directors.

**In person at the 2010 Annual Meeting.** If you attend the 2010 Annual Meeting in person, you may deliver your completed proxy card in person or you may vote by completing a ballot, which will be available at the meeting.

**If your shares are held in street name (held for your account by a broker or other nominee), you may provide voting instructions:**

**Over the Internet.** You will receive instructions from your broker or other nominee if you are permitted to provide voting instructions over the Internet.

**By telephone.** You will receive instructions from your broker or other nominee if you are permitted to provide voting instructions over the telephone.

**By mail.** You will receive instructions from your broker or other nominee explaining how to provide voting instructions.

**In person at the 2010 Annual Meeting.** Contact the broker or other nominee that holds your shares to obtain a broker's proxy card and bring it with you to the 2010 Annual Meeting. **A broker's proxy is not the form of proxy enclosed with this Proxy Statement. You will not be able to vote shares you hold in street name at the meeting unless you have a proxy from your broker issued in your name giving you the right to vote the shares.**

**What is the difference between holding shares directly in my name and holding shares in street name ?**

If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, InterWest Transfer Co., you are considered the shareholder of record. The Notice was sent directly to you by Broadridge on behalf of Private.

If your shares are held for you in an account by a broker, bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in street name. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or nominee how to vote your shares by using the voting instruction card included in the mailing or by following their instructions for voting over the Internet or by telephone.

### **How can I change my vote?**

**If your shares are registered directly in your name,** you may revoke your proxy and change your vote at any time before the Annual Meeting. To do this, you must do one of the following:

Vote over the Internet as instructed above. Only your latest Internet vote is counted.

Vote by telephone as instructed above. Only your latest telephonic vote is counted.



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Sign a new proxy and submit it as instructed above.

Attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. **Attending the meeting will not revoke your proxy unless you specifically request it.** **If your shares are held in street name,** you may submit new voting instructions by contacting your broker, bank or nominee. You may also vote in person at the Annual Meeting if you deliver a legal proxy as described in the answer to the "How do I vote?" question above.

### **Will my shares be voted if I do not return my proxy?**

**If your shares are registered directly in your name,** your shares will not be voted if you do not vote over the Internet, by telephone, or return your proxy or vote by ballot at the Annual Meeting.

**If your shares are held in street name,** your brokerage firm, under certain circumstances, may vote your shares for you if you do not return your proxy. Brokerage firms have authority to vote customers' unvoted shares on some routine matters. If you do not give a proxy to your brokerage firm to vote your shares, your brokerage firm may either vote your shares on routine matters, or leave your shares unvoted ("broker non-votes"). Shares represented by such "broker non-votes" will not be considered as present and entitled to vote with respect to the non-voted matters. However, shares represented by such broker non-votes will be counted in determining whether there is a quorum. We encourage you to provide voting instructions to your brokerage firm by giving your proxy. This ensures your shares will be voted at the Annual Meeting according to your instructions. You should receive directions from your brokerage firm about how to submit your proxy to them at the time you receive this Proxy Statement.

### **What does it mean if I receive more than one proxy card?**

It means that you have more than one account, which may be at the transfer agent or brokers. Please vote over the Internet or by telephone, or complete and return all proxies for each account to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

### **How many shares must be present to hold the Annual Meeting?**

The presence at the Annual Meeting, either in person or by proxy, of the holders of at least one-third of the shares of common stock issued, outstanding and entitled to vote is necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Shares that are present that vote to abstain or do not vote on one or more of the matters to be voted upon are counted as present for establishing a quorum. If a quorum is not present, we expect that the 2010 Annual Meeting will be adjourned until we obtain a quorum.

### **How may I attend the Annual Meeting in person?**

You may attend the Annual Meeting only if you were a shareholder of record of the Company as of the close of business on September 23, 2010, or you hold a valid proxy for the Annual Meeting. If you are not a record holder but hold shares beneficially through a broker or nominee (that is, in street name), you will need to provide proof of beneficial ownership on the record date, such as your account statement which includes the September 23, 2010 record date, a copy of the voting instruction card provided by your broker or nominee, or other similar evidence of ownership. If you do not provide identification and comply with the other procedures outlined above upon request, you may not be admitted to the Annual Meeting.

### **What vote is required to approve each matter and how are votes counted?**

Votes will be counted by the inspector of elections appointed for the Annual Meeting.

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**For Proposal No. 1** (to elect six directors to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualified) a plurality of votes by the holders of the common stock is required for the election of directors. Broker non-votes and abstentions will have no effect on the outcome.

**For Proposal No. 2** (to ratify the appointment of BDO Auditores S.L. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010) a majority of the total votes cast is required for shareholder approval. Broker non-votes and abstentions will have no effect on the outcome.

In the event that sufficient votes in favor of the proposals are not received by the date of the Annual Meeting, the persons named as proxies may propose one or more adjournments of the Annual Meeting to permit further solicitations of proxies. Any such adjournment will require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock present in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting. The persons named as proxies will vote in favor of such adjournment or adjournments.

### **Are there other matters to be voted on at the 2010 Annual Meeting?**

We do not know of any other matters that may come before the 2010 Annual Meeting. If any other matters are properly presented to the meeting, the persons named in the accompanying proxy intend to vote, or otherwise act, in accordance with their judgment.

### **How can I find out the results of the Annual Meeting?**

Voting results will be published in Form 8-K which will be filed within four business days following the 2010 Annual Meeting.

### **Who bears the costs of soliciting these proxies?**

We will bear the costs of soliciting proxies. In addition to the mailing of these proxy materials, our directors, officers, and employees may solicit proxies by telephone, e-mail and in person, without additional compensation. We reserve the right to retain other outside agencies for the purpose of soliciting proxies. Upon request, we will also reimburse brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees, and fiduciaries for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for distributing proxy materials to shareholders.

### **How can I receive future proxy statements and annual reports over the Internet instead of receiving printed copies in the mail?**

This Proxy Statement and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 are available at <http://www.proxyvote.com>. Most shareholders can elect to view future proxy statements and annual reports over the Internet instead of receiving printed copies in the mail. If you are a shareholder of record, you can choose this option when you vote over the Internet and save us the cost of producing and mailing these documents. If you are a shareholder of record and choose to view future proxy statements and annual reports over the Internet, you will receive a proxy card in the mail next year with instructions containing the Internet address to access those documents. Your election to receive proxy materials by email will remain in effect until you terminate it. If you choose to receive future proxy materials by email, you will receive an email next year with instructions containing a link to those materials and a link to the proxy voting site. If your shares are held through a broker or other nominee, you should check the information provided by them for instructions on how to elect to view future proxy statements and annual reports over the Internet.

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The Bylaws of the Company authorize a Board of Directors of six directors. Consequently, at the Annual Meeting six directors will be elected to serve until the next Annual Meeting and until their successors are elected and qualified. Proxies may not be voted for more than six persons. The Company has nominated for election as directors the six persons named below. Each of these nominees has indicated that they are able and willing to serve as directors.

Under Nevada law and the Company's Articles of Incorporation, shareholders of record on the record date will be entitled to one vote for each share held when voting for directors.

Unless otherwise instructed, the Company's Proxy holders intend to vote the shares of common stock represented by the Proxies in favor of the election of these nominees. If for any reason any of these nominees will be unable or unwilling to serve, the shares represented by the enclosed Proxy will be voted for the election of the balance of those named and such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may recommend. The Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any such nominee will be unable or unwilling to serve. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast.

The Company's nominees and directors are listed below, together with their ages, offices with the Company and year in which each became a director of the Company.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY RECOMMENDS THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE SIX NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Director Since</b>
Berth H. Milton	55	Chairman of the Board, CEO, President	1998
Bo Rodebrant	57	Director	1998
Johan G. Carlberg	51	Director	2004
Peter Dixinger	42	Director	2010
Bernt Akander	64	Director Nominee	
Eric Johnson	49	CEO, Entruphema, Inc., Director	2009

**Business Experience of Directors and Nominees During the Past Five Years**

**Berth H. Milton** was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Company in February 1998 and was the Corporate Secretary from June 1998 until February 1999. In February 1999 Mr. Milton was appointed Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Private, and served as Chief Executive Officer until May 2002. In November 2003 Mr. Milton was reappointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and served as Chief Executive Officer until April 2009. Mr. Milton was reappointed as Chief

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Executive Officer in July 2010. Mr. Milton has been Administrator of Milcap Media Group from its inception until June 2000 and has been acting as an advisor to the Milcap Group since 1991. Mr. Milton is also active in several international industry and real estate projects and developments.

**Bo Rodebrant** was appointed as a Director of the Company in August 1998. Mr. Rodebrant has operated his own accountancy and management consulting services, R&S Ekonomiservice, since 1986. Prior thereto he co-founded an ice cream business, Hemglass, which was the largest of its kind in Stockholm, Sweden. The business was sold by Mr. Rodebrant in 1986. Mr. Rodebrant holds a degree in construction engineering which he received in 1974.

**Johan G. Carlberg** was appointed to the Board of Directors in October 2004. Mr. Carlberg has operated his own import, trading and consulting business in the textile and fashion industry since the seventies. Mr. Carlberg holds a Degree in Business from the Stockholm Institute of Business.

**Peter Dixinger** was appointed to the Board of Directors in June 2010. Mr. Dixinger operated his own company, Finanshuset, in Sweden from 2002 to 2010 until its sale to a third party. Mr. Dixinger has continued as an employee of Finanshuset following its sale. The company acts as a licensed independent financial advisor to companies, trusts and high net-worth individuals. Areas of expertise include investment advice and asset management. Prior to 2002, Mr. Dixinger was a CEO and Board member in the same field of business. Mr. Dixinger holds a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from the University of Stockholm.

**Bernt Akander** operates his own consultancy company active in real estate investment and services. His areas of expertise include commercial property; valuation, transactions, development, management and marketing. Mr. Akander's career encompasses undertakings across Europe and includes a \$320 million investment project in Solna, Sweden during the period 1999-2008 by the London Stock Exchange listed CLC Holdings plc. Mr. Akander has been active on several boards of directors of subsidiary companies in the CLC Holdings group.

**Eric Johnson** was appointed to the Board of Directors in December 2009 pursuant to his Employment Agreement with Private entered into in October 2009 in connection with the acquisition of Sureflix Digital Distribution Inc. and Sureflix Digital Logistics Inc., companies engaged in the business of digital distribution of premium gay adult content. Mr. Johnson serves as the President and CEO of Entruphema, Inc., a subsidiary of Private which operates the business of the Sureflix companies. Mr. Johnson has served as President, CEO and CFO for the Sureflix group of companies since 2003. Mr. Johnson holds the designations of Chartered Accountant in Canada and C.P.A. in the United States and is a graduate of the University of Toronto where he earned his Bachelor of Commerce Degree.

## **Certain Relationships**

Effective December 17, 2009, the Company appointed Eric Johnson as a director pursuant to his Employment Agreement with the Company and Entruphema Inc., a subsidiary of the Company, entered into on October 29, 2009. The Employment Agreement was entered into in connection with the acquisition of Entruphema and its affiliate, Sureflix Digital Distribution Inc. on October 29, 2009. Under a separate agreement entered into in connection with the acquisition of Game Link, Berth Milton has agreed to vote Private shares beneficially owned by him in favor of Mr. Johnson's election to the Board of Directors in 2010, 2011 and 2012, so long as he continues to be employed by the Company.

No other director or executive officer serves pursuant to any arrangement or understanding between him or her and any other person. There are no family relationships between any of our directors or executive officers.

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### **Meetings and Committees of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors currently has two committees: (i) an Audit Committee, and (ii) a Compensation Committee. The Board of Directors does not have a formal nominating committee, and all decisions regarding director nominations are addressed by the entire Board of Directors, and under NASDAQ listing rules are subject to approval by a majority of the independent directors.

The Company's Board of Directors met six times during 2009. No current director attended less than 75% of the aggregate of all meetings of the Board of Directors and all Committees on which he served during the 2009 fiscal year.

All current members of the Board of Directors are independent as defined in NASDAQ Marketplace Rule 5605 other than Berth Milton, the Company's Chairman, CEO and President, Eric Johnson, Chief Executive Officer of Entruphema Inc., a subsidiary of the Company, and Ilan Bunimovitz, who served as the Company's CEO from April 2009 until July 2010. Bernt Akander, who has been nominated as a Director by the Board of Directors, is independent as defined in NASDAQ Rule 5605. Daniel Sanchez and Lluís Torralba, who served as Directors for part of 2010, were also independent directors.

The Audit Committee is currently comprised of Peter Dixinger, Johan Carlberg and Bo Rodebrandt. All of the members of the Audit Committee are independent as defined in applicable NASDAQ listing requirements and SEC regulations, and each of them is able to read and understand fundamental financial statements. The Board has determined that Peter Dixinger is an audit committee financial expert as defined under applicable SEC regulations. The Audit Committee reviews and recommends to the Board, as it deems necessary, the internal accounting and financial controls for the Company and the accounting principles and auditing practices and procedures to be employed in preparation and review of financial statements of the Company. The Audit Committee makes recommendations to the Board concerning the engagement of independent public accountants and the scope of the audit to be undertaken by such accountants. The Audit Committee has adopted a written Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee met four times during 2009.

The Compensation Committee is currently comprised of the three independent directors, Peter Dixinger, Johan Carlberg and Bo Rodebrandt. Prior to 2010, Berth Milton was the sole member of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee reviews and, as it deems appropriate, recommends to the Board policies, practices and procedures relating to the compensation of the officers and other managerial employees and the establishment and administration of employee benefit plans. It exercises all authority under any employee stock option plans of the Company as the Committee therein specified, subject to the review and approval of the Board of Directors, and advises and consults with the officers of the Company as may be requested regarding managerial personnel policies. The Compensation Committee also has such additional powers as may be conferred upon it from time to time by the Board. When deemed appropriate by the Compensation Committee, it will seek input from executive officers regarding the amount or form of executive compensation. The Compensation Committee met three times during 2009. In February 2010 the Compensation Committee retained Mercer Consulting S.L., a large international compensation consultancy firm, to assist it in connection with its review of the overall compensation level of Berth Milton as Chairman of the Board for 2009 and 2010. The purpose of their engagement was to provide to the Committee information relative to compensation arrangements for individuals serving in the role of Chairman in other comparable companies.

The Board has not established a formal nominating committee, nor has the Board adopted a nominating committee charter. Therefore, decisions relating to the nomination of directors are addressed by the entire Board of Directors. The Board has not established any specific minimum qualifications that must be met for recommendation for a position on the Board. Instead, in considering candidates for director, the Board

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will generally consider all relevant factors, including among others the candidate's applicable expertise and demonstrated excellence in his or her field, the usefulness of such expertise to the Company, the availability of the candidate to devote sufficient time and attention to the affairs of the Company, the candidate's reputation for personal integrity and ethics and the candidate's ability to exercise sound business judgment. Other relevant factors, including diversity, age and skills, will also be considered. Candidates for director are reviewed in the context of the existing membership of the Board (including the qualities and skills of the existing directors), the operating requirements of the Company and the long-term interests of its shareholders. The Board uses its network of contacts when compiling a list of potential director candidates and may also engage outside consultants (such as professional search firms). At this time, the Board does not consider director candidates recommended by shareholders. The Board believes that it is in the best position to identify, review, evaluate and select qualified candidates for Board membership.

Under applicable NASDAQ listing rules the Company was a controlled company until November 2009, at which time Berth Milton ceased to beneficially own more than 50% of the Company's common stock. As a controlled company, prior to 2010 the Company was exempt from NASDAQ Marketplace Rules which require that the nomination of directors be made by either a majority of independent directors or a committee comprised solely of independent directors. Accordingly, commencing in 2010 nominations of the Company's directors are made by a majority of the independent directors, subject to the approval of the entire Board of Directors. All of the Company's nominees for director at the 2010 Annual Meeting were approved by a majority of the Board of Directors and all of the independent directors.

Bernt Akander, who has been nominated as a Director by the Board of Directors, was recommended by Berth Milton, the Company's CEO, Chairman and principal shareholder.

### **Shareholder Communications with the Board of Directors**

A shareholder may contact one or more of the members of the Board of Directors in writing by sending such communication to the Secretary at the Company's address. The Secretary will forward shareholder communications to the appropriate director or directors for review. Anyone who has a concern about the conduct of the Company or the Company's accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, may communicate that concern to the Secretary, the Chairman of the Board or any member of the Board of Directors at the Company's address. The Company encourages individual directors to attend the Annual Meeting. At the Company's 2009 Annual Meeting none of the Company's directors was in attendance. We believe the Company's responsiveness to shareholder communications to the Board has been adequate.

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

*Board Leadership Structure.* The positions of Chief Executive Officer ( CEO ) and Chairman of the Board are both held by Mr. Berth H. Milton. The Board believes that the combined role of Chairman and CEO is the most effective leadership structure for the Company and in the best interests of its shareholders. It serves to promote strong and consistent leadership, allowing management to speak with a single voice and delineate primary responsibility for management of the Company. The Board believes that Mr. Milton is best suited to serve as Chairman because, as CEO, he is most knowledgeable regarding the Company's business, can best identify strategic priorities and opportunities, and thus lead discussion at the Board level to execute the Company's strategy. The Board also believes that the combined role of Chairman and CEO facilitates the flow of information between the Board and executive management. In considering its leadership structure, the Board believes that the majority of independent directors serving on the Board appropriately balance the combined roles of Chairman and CEO.

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*Board Risk Oversight.* Risk management is primarily the responsibility of the Company's management. However, the Board has responsibility for overseeing management's identification and management of those risks. The Board considers risks in making significant business decisions and as part of the Company's overall business strategy. The Board and its committees, as appropriate, discuss and receive periodic updates from senior management regarding significant risks to the Company in connection with the periodic review of the Company's business plan and its review of strategy and major transactions.

The Board's committees also assist the Board in overseeing the management of the Company's risks within the areas delegated to that committee, which in turn report to the full Board, as appropriate. The Audit Committee, which is comprised solely of independent directors, is responsible for risks relating to its review of the Company's financial statements and financial reporting processes, the evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, and reviewing related party transactions. The Compensation Committee is responsible for monitoring risks associated with the Company's compensation programs. Each committee has full access to management.

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The following table presents certain information as of September 30, 2010, regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock by:

each of our directors and executive officers individually,

all persons known by us to be beneficial owners of five percent or more of our common stock, and

all of our directors and executive officers as a group.

Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes below, the persons and entities named in the table have sole voting and investment power as to all shares beneficially owned.

Name and Address	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned (1)	Percent Beneficially Owned (1)
Berth H. Milton (2)	9,059,840(3)	43.5%
Consipio Holding BV	5,600,000(4)	26.9%
RS Platou Markets AS	2,929,672(5)	14.1%
Tisbury Services Inc.	2,781,029(6)	13.3%
Abacus (Nominees) Limited	2,781,029(6)	13.3%
Ilan Bunimovitz (7)	1,875,951	9.0%
Eric Johnson (2)	130,000	*
Johan Gillborg (2)	35,000	*
Bo Rodebrant (2)		*
Peter Dixinger (2)		*
Johan G. Carlberg (2)	3,000(8)	*
Bernt Akander (2)	8,000	
Peter T. Cohen (2)		
All Executive Officers and Directors as a group (9 people) (9)	11,111,791	53.3%

\* Denotes less than 1%

- (1) Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The calculation of the percentage of beneficial ownership is based upon 20,835,824 shares of common stock outstanding on September 30, 2010. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by any shareholder and the percentage ownership of such shareholder, shares of common stock which may be acquired by such shareholder upon exercise or conversion of warrants or options which are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of September 30, 2010, are deemed to be exercised and outstanding. Such shares, however, are not deemed outstanding for computing the beneficial ownership percentage of any other person. Except as indicated by footnote, to our knowledge, the persons named in the table above have the sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock shown as beneficially owned by them.
- (2) His mailing address is c/o Milcap Media Group SLU, Calle de la Marina 16-18 Floor 18 Suite D, 08005 Barcelona, Spain.
- (3) Includes 1,842,179 shares held in Mr. Milton's margin brokerage account with RS Platou Markets. RS Platou also claims beneficial ownership and sole voting and investment power of these 1,842,179 shares under the terms of pledge agreements entered into between RS Platou and Mr. Milton. Also includes 5,600,000 shares of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Milton and 666,667 shares of



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- common stock owned of record by Bajari Properties Limited, which shares are pledged to third parties to secure payments of loans from third parties to us. Consipio Holding BV also claims sole voting and investment power over the 5,600,000 shares beneficially owned by Mr. Milton based upon a pledge agreement with Slingsby Enterprises Limited.
- (4) Based upon information reported by Consipio Holding BV on Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on August 11, 2010. The 5,600,000 shares of Common Stock as to which beneficial ownership is claimed by Consipio are the subject of a pledge agreement executed in favor of Consipio (as successor in interest to Commerzbank AG) by Slingsby Enterprises Limited to secure certain indebtedness of the Company to Consipio. Slingsby is controlled by Berth H. Milton. In July 2010 Consipio delivered a written demand for payment and notice of default to the Company, Slingsby, Mr. Milton and each member of the board of directors of the Issuer. The demand for payment included a demand for delivery of the pledged shares and formal notice to Slingsby, the Company and Mr. Milton that the Consipio claims sole voting power over the 5,600,00 shares under the pledge agreement. Berth Milton also claims beneficial ownership and sole voting and investment power of these 5,600,000 shares. The business address of Consipio is Walsoordensestraat 70, NL-4588 KD, Walsoorden, The Netherlands.
  - (5) Based upon information reported by RS Platou Markets AS on Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 16, 2010. Includes 1,842,179 shares held in Mr. Milton's margin brokerage account with, RS Platou Markets. Berth Milton also claims beneficial ownership and sole voting and investment power of these 1,842,179 shares. Its mailing address is Post Office Box 1474 Vika, Oslo, Norway N-0116.
  - (6) Based upon information reported by Abacus (Nominees) Limited ( Abacus ) and Tisbury Services Inc. ( Tisbury ) on Schedule 13D jointly filed by them with the SEC on August 12, 2010, relating to 2,781,029 shares directly owned by Tisbury. Tisbury is wholly owned by Golden Lake Trust, a discretionary and revocable trust organized under the laws of Cyprus ( Golden Lake ). Abacus is the sole trustee of Golden Lake and, as such, directs the voting and investment of Golden Lake's portfolio securities. These investment and voting decisions are made by the 16 member board of directors of Abacus. Tisbury and Golden Lake are private investment and financing vehicles. Abacus is in the business of providing business services, including trustee services, to international clients. The mailing address of these filers is c/o Abacus (Nominees) Limited, Elenion Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 5 Themistocles Dervis Street, CY-1066, Nicosia, Cyprus. Abacus (Nominees) Limited disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
  - (7) Based upon information reported by Ilan Bunimovitz on Schedule 13D/A filed with the SEC on September 2, 2010. His mailing address is 515 Arkansas Street, San Francisco CA 94107, USA.
  - (8) Represents 3,000 shares issuable upon exercise of Options issued under employee stock option plans owned by Mr. Carlberg.
  - (9) Includes 3,000 shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding Options under employee stock option plans.

**Changes in Control**

As described under Certain Relationships and Related Party Matters Related Transactions appearing elsewhere in this Proxy Statement, on July 9, 2010, the Company received a notice from Consipio Holding BV advising it that the Company continues to be in default under the Note held by Consipio and requesting Slingsby Enterprises Limited to deliver 3,950,000 shares of common stock as collateral to Consipio under the terms of the Pledge Agreement, in addition to the 1,650,000 shares previously pledged by Slingsby under the Pledge Agreement. In addition, pursuant to such notice Consipio purported to exercise the right as pledgee to vote all of the collateral shares, including the 1,650,000 shares of common stock previously pledged as collateral, so long as an event of default has occurred and is continuing under the Note. On September 16, 2010, the Company was notified by Consipio that it intends to nominate six directors at the 2010 Annual Meeting, four of whom have not been nominated by the Company's Board of Directors. If these nominations are ultimately determined to be valid, and if Consipio is able to vote all or a substantial portion of these shares,

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this could result in a change in control of the Company. However, the Company believes that Consipio is not legally entitled to vote any of these shares or to make any director nominations, and is therefore filing a series of legal challenges in Nevada state court seeking a determination that Consipio is unable to vote any of the 5,600,000 shares or to nominate any directors for consideration at the 2010 Annual Meeting. In addition, regardless of the outcome of these legal challenges, if the event of default is cured by payment of the Note, any voting rights of Consipio in respect of these shares will cease. There are no assurances as to the outcome of these legal challenges or the ability of the Company to cure any default which may exist.

**MANAGEMENT**

Listed below are executive officers and key employees of the Company who are not directors or nominees.

**Johan Gillborg**, age 48, was appointed as Chief Financial Officer of Private Media Group, Inc. in August 1998 and has been the Chairman and Managing Director of Milcap Publishing Group AB from 1994 until January 2000. Mr. Gillborg joined the group in 1992 as Marketing Consultant. From 1991 to 1992 he operated his own business which acted as sub-contracting sales force for Securitas Direct of Sweden. From 1988 to 1990, Mr. Gillborg served as a general manager in the hotel business in the United Kingdom and Portugal. Mr. Gillborg holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Schiller International University in London.

**Table of Contents****EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The following table summarizes all compensation paid to (i) our two Chief Executive Officers serving during in such capacity during any part of 2009, (ii) the other most highly compensated executive officer who was serving as an executive officer at the end of 2009 who earned compensation in excess of \$100,000 in 2009, and (iii) the most highly compensated executive officer in 2009 who earned compensation in excess of \$100,000 in 2009 and who was not serving as an executive officer at the end of 2009; in each case for services rendered in all capacities to Private Media Group for the two fiscal years ended December 31, 2008, and December 31, 2009. No other executive officer earned compensation in excess of \$100,000 in 2009.

**2009 Summary Compensation Table**

<b>Name and Principal Position During Fiscal 2009</b>	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Salary (\$)(1)</b>	<b>All Other Compensation (\$)(1)</b>	<b>Total (\$)(1)</b>
Berth H. Milton, President, CEO, (2)(3) Director and Chairman of the Board	2009	625,000	58,000(4)	683,000
	2008	253,000	41,000(4)	294,000
Ilan Bunimovitz, CEO, Director, (5) Executive Vice President Online Media Division, Private Media Group, Inc.; President, GameLink LLC; President, eLine LLC	2009	279,000	30,000(6)	309,000
Johan Gillborg (7) Chief Financial Officer and Secretary, Private Media Group, Inc.; Chairman, Private France S.A.; Chairman, Private Benelux; Administrator, Milcap Media Group	2009	206,000		206,000
	2008	205,000		205,000
Peter T. Cohen (8)(9) Chief Operating Officer, Private Media Group, Inc.	2009	85,000	69,000(10)	154,000
	2008	295,000		295,000

- (1) Salary and other compensation amounts received in non-US currency have been converted into dollars using the average exchange rate for the applicable year.
- (2) Mr. Milton served as CEO until April 2009, at which time he was appointed as President. The Table includes compensation received by Mr. Milton in all capacities in 2009.
- (3) Salary received in non-US currency, 450,000 euro in 2009 and 110,510 euro in 2008. As the salary paid to Mr. Milton for 2009 was not approved by the other directors in 2009, in January 2010 the Board of Directors directed that three independent directors, acting as the Compensation Committee, determine and recommend to the Board of Directors an appropriate level of compensation for Mr. Milton for 2009 and 2010. In March 2010 the Board of Directors reduced Mr. Milton's 2009 salary to \$432,000 (311,000 euro). The Board determined that the remaining \$193,000 (139,000 euro) received by Mr. Milton as salary in 2009 would be retained by Mr. Milton as a retention bonus provided he remains with the Company through December 31, 2011. For additional information, see Compensatory Arrangement for Berth H. Milton below.
- (4) Comprises amounts paid by the Company for security, local transportation and legal expenses relating to a tax proceeding in Sweden, which may be deemed to be Other Compensation under applicable SEC rules. The Company furnished security and local transportation for Mr. Milton and his immediate family in 2008 and 2009, in the amounts of \$26,000 and \$25,000, respectively. The amounts in the Table for security and local transportation represent the non-business portion of such benefits, valued at the incremental cost to the Company. The Company also paid approximately \$15,000 and \$33,000 in legal fees for Mr. Milton's account in 2008 and 2009, respectively.
- (5) Mr. Bunimovitz was appointed as Executive Vice President of the Company's Online Media Division on January 20, 2009. In April 2009 he was also appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Table includes compensation received by Mr. Bunimovitz in all capacities in 2009.
- (6) Under Mr. Bunimovitz's employment agreement he received a \$1,500 per month non-accountable car allowance. He also received health insurance coverage at an amount of \$16,000 per year under an executive plan which is available generally to Company employees. The Company also provided 401(k) matching at an amount of \$4,000. The amount in the table represents the non-business portion of the car allowance and the dollar amount of premiums paid by the Company for Mr. Bunimovitz's health insurance.

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- (7) Salary received in non-US currency, 148,000 euro in 2009 and 139,000 euro in 2008.
- (8) Mr. Cohen served as Chief Operating Officer until May 2009.
- (9) Salary received in non-US currency, 61,000 euro in 2009 and 200,000 euro in 2008.
- (10) Represents severance payment to Mr. Cohen. Under the terms of Mr. Cohen's employment agreement he was entitled to receive a severance payment equal to three months salary in the event of his termination. This amount was paid in non-US currency, 50,000 euro in 2009.

No bonuses or stock awards were granted to any of the named executive officers in 2008 or 2009.

**Compensatory Arrangements for Berth H. Milton**

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, Berth H. Milton received cash compensation totaling EUR 450,000 for services rendered to the Company during 2009 as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer (In 2009 Mr. Milton served as CEO of the Company until April 2009). As the amounts paid to Mr. Milton as compensation for 2009 were not approved by the other directors in 2009, in January 2010 the Board of Directors directed that three independent directors, acting as the Compensation Committee, determine and recommend to the Board of Directors an appropriate level of compensation for Mr. Milton for 2009 and 2010.