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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 20-F/A**  
(Amendment No. 1)

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission file number 001-36187



**EVOGENE LTD.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Israel**

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Ordinary shares, par value NIS 0.02 per share	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**.

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act: **None**.

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report: **As of December 31, 2014, the registrant had outstanding 25,350,954 ordinary shares, par value NIS 0.02 per share.**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes  No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§229.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See the definitions of "accelerated filer" and "large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

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Indicate by check mark which basis for accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financing statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP

International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board

Other

If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

Item 17  Item 18

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Amendment No. 1 on Form 20-F/A, or the Amendment, amends Evogene Ltd.'s Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed on April 30, 2015 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), or the Original Filing.

The sole purpose of this Amendment is to correct two typographical errors contained in the disclosures related to our status as a passive foreign investment company ("PFIC"). We hereby expressly clarify that, based on certain estimates of our gross income and gross assets and the nature of our business, we do not believe that we were classified as a PFIC in 2014 and we do not expect that we will be classified as a PFIC for the taxable year ending December 31, 2015.

As required by Rule 12b-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), the Amendment includes the complete text of each item being amended. Please note, however, that the amended statements are included in the following sections only:

1. Item 3.D. – Key Information – Risk Factors – "Our U.S. shareholders may suffer adverse tax consequences if we are characterized as a passive foreign investment company."
2. Item 10.E. – Additional Information – Taxation – "Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations."

Additionally, in connection with the filing of this Amendment, we are including certifications of the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 as required by Rule 12b-15 under the Exchange Act. We are not including updated certifications under Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as there are no financial statements included in this Amendment. Item 19. – Exhibits is being refiled and has been amended to reflect the filing of such certifications.

Except as expressly described above, no other changes have been made to the Original Filing. The Amendment does not, and does not purport to, amend, update or restate the information in any other item of the Original Filing. The Original Filing continues to speak as of the dates described in the Original Filing, and we have not updated the disclosures contained therein to reflect any events that occurred subsequent to such dates. Accordingly, the Amendment should be read in conjunction with the company's filings made with the SEC subsequent to the filing of the Original Filing, as information in such subsequent filings may update or supersede certain information contained in this Amendment.

In this Amendment, unless the context indicates otherwise, terms "Evogene," "we," "us," "our" and "the company" refer to Evogene Ltd. and its subsidiary, Evofuel Ltd.

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**ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION**

**A. Selected Financial Data**

The following tables set forth our selected consolidated financial data. You should read the following selected consolidated financial data in conjunction with “Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects” and our consolidated financial statements and related notes included in this annual report. Historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected in the future. Our financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, or IFRS, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The selected consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) data for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2014 and the consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2014 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements appearing in this annual report. The consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) data for each of the years ended December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011 and the consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements that are not included in this annual report.

	Year ended December 31, (in thousands, except share and per share data)				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (loss):</b>					
Revenues:					
Research and development payments, including up-front payments	10,080	12,055	13,914	15,028	14,198
Share purchase related revenues	2,483	2,846	3,158	2,553	313
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 12,563</b>	<b>\$ 14,901</b>	<b>\$ 17,072</b>	<b>\$ 17,581</b>	<b>\$ 14,511</b>
Cost of revenues	5,811	8,247	9,552	10,114	9,709
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>6,752</b>	<b>6,654</b>	<b>7,520</b>	<b>7,467</b>	<b>4,802</b>
Operating expenses:					
Research and development, net	5,544	6,384	7,252	11,107	14,022
Business development	1,062	1,136	1,159	1,517	1,851
General and administrative	2,123	2,317	2,235	3,564	4,185
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>8,729</b>	<b>9,837</b>	<b>10,646</b>	<b>16,188</b>	<b>20,058</b>
<b>Operating loss</b>	<b>(1,977)</b>	<b>(3,183)</b>	<b>(3,126)</b>	<b>(8,721)</b>	<b>(15,256)</b>
Financing income	724	5,023	972	1,179	2,242
Financing expenses	(5,717)	(1,195)	(294)	(1,336)	(1,516)
<b>Income (loss) before taxes on income</b>	<b>(6,970)</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>(2,448)</b>	<b>(8,878)</b>	<b>(14,530)</b>
Taxes on income	-	-	74	-	-
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>(6,970)</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>(2,522)</b>	<b>(8,878)</b>	<b>(14,530)</b>
Other comprehensive loss:					
Unrealized loss on derivatives	-	-	-	-	(222)
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (6,970)</b>	<b>\$ 645</b>	<b>\$ (2,522)</b>	<b>\$ (8,878)</b>	<b>\$ (14,752)</b>
<b>Basic net income (loss) per share</b>	<b>\$ (0.48)</b>	<b>\$ 0.04</b>	<b>\$ (0.14)</b>	<b>\$ (0.45)</b>	<b>\$ (0.58)</b>
<b>Diluted net income (loss) per share</b>	<b>\$ (0.48)</b>	<b>\$ 0.03</b>	<b>\$ (0.14)</b>	<b>\$ (0.45)</b>	<b>\$ (0.58)</b>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in computing basic income (loss) per share (1)					
	14,824,703	17,505,136	18,421,568	19,532,010	25,100,556
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in computing diluted income (loss) per share (1)					
	14,824,703	18,731,118	18,421,568	19,532,010	25,100,556

	As of December 31,			
	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>Selected Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,465	\$ 24,262	\$ 95,454	\$ 5,213
Marketable securities	34,672	30,868	31,452	80,040
Short-term bank deposits	17,652	-	-	30,046
Trade receivables	800	1,542	1,913	1,183
Total current assets	60,570	57,322	129,552	118,371
Deferred revenues and other advances	11,710	8,379	2,535	1,964
Total liabilities	19,801	16,596	12,564	11,504
Working capital (2)	51,490	47,823	120,978	110,452
Shareholders' equity	48,089	48,259	124,747	116,082

The share capital of the company is composed of 25,350,954 ordinary shares as of December 31, 2014

(1) Basic net income (loss) per share is computed based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during each period. Diluted net income (loss) per share is computed based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during each period plus dilutive potential equivalent ordinary shares considered outstanding during the period, in accordance with IAS 33, "Earnings per Share."

(2) Working capital is defined as total current assets less total current liabilities.

**B. Capitalization and Indebtedness**

Not applicable.

**C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds**

Not applicable.

**D. Risk Factors**

*Our business faces significant risks. You should carefully consider all of the information set forth in this annual report and in our other filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or the "SEC", including the following risk factors which we face and which are faced by our industry. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. This report also contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our results could materially differ from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements, as a result of certain factors including the risks described below and elsewhere in this report and our other SEC filings. See "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and Industry Data" on page 4.*

## **Risks Related to Our Business and Industry**

### ***We may not be successful in developing commercial products.***

Our success depends in part on our ability to identify genes that will improve selected crop traits. These genes are licensed to our collaborators to develop and commercialize seeds that contain the genes. It may take at least six years, if at all, before the first seeds complete the development process and become commercially available. Certain of our agreements entitle us to annual research and development payments and milestone payments in the event that specified milestones are met. While we currently do not earn royalties from the sale of seeds containing our seed traits, our long-term growth strategy is based in part on the expectation that such royalties will comprise a significant portion of our revenues in the future. Pursuant to our collaboration agreements, we are usually entitled to receive royalties on any product that integrates a trait over which we hold a patent for either an agreed upon duration of time or until our patent on the trait expires. If seeds that contain our traits are never commercialized, we will not receive revenues from royalties on the products and may not earn a profit on the traits we develop, which could materially and adversely affect our results of operations and our long-term growth strategy.

Seeds containing the traits that we develop may never become commercialized for any of the following reasons:

- our partners may decide to discontinue, pause, or reduce the scope of, the development efforts for any of the products on which we collaborate.
- we may fail to satisfy relevant milestones under the agreements with our collaborators;
- our traits may not be successfully validated in the target plants or may not have the desired effect sought by our collaborators on the relevant crop;
- our collaborators may be unable to obtain the requisite regulatory approvals for the seeds containing our traits;
- our competitors may launch competing or more effective seed traits or seeds;
- our collaborators may be unable to fully develop and commercialize products containing our seed traits or may decide, for whatever reason, not to commercialize such products; and
- a market may not exist for seeds containing our traits or such seeds may not be commercially successful; and
- we may be unable to patent our traits in the necessary jurisdictions.

***Our product development cycle is lengthy and uncertain, and we may never earn royalties on the sale of products containing our seed traits.***

Research and development in the seed and ag-chemical and larger agriculture industries is expensive and prolonged and entails considerable uncertainty. We may spend many years and dedicate significant financial and other resources developing products that will never be commercialized. The process of discovering, developing and commercializing a seed trait (through either genetic modification or advanced breeding) or an ag-chemical product involves several phases, and we estimate that it will take seven to thirteen years from discovery to commercialization of a product containing our seed trait and at least twelve years in the case of an ag-chemical product. The timelines for development of products by our partners may extend beyond our expectations for many reasons, such as:

- our partners may revise the process of product development or make other decisions regarding their product development pipelines that may extend the period of product development.
- our partners may prioritize other development activities ahead of development activities with respect to the products on which we collaborate;
- our technology (traits or ag-chemical products) may not be successfully validated in the target plants or may not have the desired effect sought by our collaborators on the relevant crop; and
- our collaborators may be unable to obtain the requisite regulatory approvals for the seeds containing our technologies (traits or ag-chem products) within expected timelines.

We currently have 29 seed traits under development, of which 24 are developed with our collaborators, most of which are in Discovery and Phase I, with two products in Phase II. See “Item 4.B—Business Overview—Product Development Cycle—Seed Trait Product Development Cycle” for a description of these phases. It may take at least six more years, if at all, before the first products containing our seed traits complete the development process and become commercially available, however we have little to no certainty as to which, if any, of these products will eventually reach commercialization. Because of the long product development cycle and the complexities and uncertainties associated with chemical and biotechnological research, there is significant uncertainty as to whether we will ever generate significant royalties from the products that we are developing.

***We derive substantially all of our current revenues from our strategic collaborations, most significantly with Monsanto and Bayer, and the termination or non-renewal of these collaborations would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.***

We have entered into multiple collaboration agreements and related arrangements, most significantly with Monsanto Company, or Monsanto, and we have collaboration agreements with most of the world’s leading seed and ag-chemical companies, including subsidiaries or affiliates of Monsanto, Bayer AG, or Bayer, under which we currently generate revenues through research and development payments, up-front payments, milestone payments and revenues from shares purchased at a premium. Monsanto and Bayer are expected to continue to account for a substantial amount of our revenues for the next few years. In particular, revenues from Monsanto accounted for 59.8%, 62.4% and 70.1% of our total revenues in the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Revenues from Bayer accounted for 27.1%, 32.4%, and 24.1% of our total revenues in the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Our current agreement with Monsanto was signed in 2008 and was extended in November 2011 and again in October 2013. With respect to our abiotic stress activities under the extended agreement, the collaboration period (*i.e.*, the period of active computational discovery efforts, separate from validation efforts that may follow) is scheduled to expire in August 2016, and is followed by more than a year of validation activities; for biotic stress activities, the collaboration period, including validation efforts, is scheduled to expire in August 2019. We entered into two separate multi-year collaboration agreements with Bayer, the first covering rice in April 2009, the collaboration period under which expired in April 2012, and the second covering wheat in December 2010, the collaboration period under which (*i.e.*, the period for performance of research and development activities prescribed under the agreement) is scheduled to expire in the first quarter of 2017. See “Item 4.B.Business Overview—Key Collaborations.” We are substantially dependent on Monsanto and, to a lesser extent, on Bayer and our other collaborators to pay us annual research and development fees and milestone fees upon the occurrence of certain milestone events. The termination or non-renewal of our agreements with Monsanto and Bayer would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.



***There are only a few companies in our seed and ag-chemical market, and we rely on a limited number of collaborators to develop and commercialize products containing our technologies (seed traits and ag-chemicals).***

The seed and ag-chemical market is highly consolidated and dominated by a relatively small number of large companies. For example, according to Phillips McDougall's 2012 Industry Presentation on the Global Seed Market, in 2012, only five agricultural and seed companies, Monsanto, E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, or DuPont, Syngenta AG, or Syngenta, Bayer and Limagrain Cereal Seeds, LLC, or Limagrain controlled more than 60% of market value in the global seed market. We are currently undertaking collaborations with these companies to develop improved seeds. Due to the small number of companies in our market, there are limited opportunities for us to grow our business with new collaborators. In addition, if we fail to develop or maintain our relationships with any of our current collaborators, we could not only lose our opportunity to work with that collaborator, but we could also suffer a reputational risk that could impact our relationships with other collaborators in what is a relatively small industry community.

We are currently working either with collaborators or on independent projects to research and develop 29 different seed traits and ag-chemical products. While we seek to expand our portfolio of traits in the future, the research and development required to discover and develop new traits is costly, time-intensive and requires significant infrastructure resources. Therefore, in order to discover and develop new traits, we must either enter into new collaborations with seed and ag-chemical companies or develop the traits ourselves, independent of any collaborators. If we are unable to enter into new collaborations, or if we do not have the resources to develop the capabilities necessary to discover and develop new seed traits independently, we may not be able to expand our portfolio of traits, which could have a material adverse effect on our business prospects.

***A decrease in research expenditures in the seed and ag-chemical markets may jeopardize the continuation of our collaborations with seed and ag-chemical companies and adversely impact our ability to extend existing collaborations or enter into new ones.***

The budget for, and size of, research and development expenditures of our existing and potential collaborators, may be reduced for several reasons, such as, for example, the decrease in commodity prices that occurred in 2014 (one example of such decrease is corn prices which decreased from around 7 USD/bushel in mid-2013 to less than 4 USD/bushel in late 2014. This development may, in turn, adversely impact the size of the research payments that we may receive from these collaborators, as well as our ability to extend existing collaborations or enter into new ones.

***We or our collaborators may fail to perform obligations under the collaboration agreements.***

We are obligated under our collaboration agreements to perform research activities over a particular period of time. If we fail to perform our obligations under these agreements, in some cases our collaborators may terminate our agreements with them and in other cases our collaborators' obligations may be reduced and, as a result, our anticipated revenues may decrease. In addition, any of our collaborators may fail to perform their obligations, which may hinder development and commercialization of products containing the traits we develop and materially and adversely affect our future results of operations. Furthermore, the various payments we receive from our collaborators are our primary source of revenues. If our collaborators do not make these payments, either due to financial hardship, disagreement under the relevant collaboration agreement or for any other reason, our results of operations and business could be materially and adversely affected. If disagreements with a collaborator arise, any dispute with such collaborator may negatively affect our relationship with one or more of our other collaborators and may hinder our ability to enter into future collaboration agreements, each of which could negatively impact our business and results of operations.

***Our collaborators have significant resources and development capabilities and may develop their own products that compete with or negatively impact the advancement or sale of products utilizing the traits we develop and license to them.***

While we protect the traits we develop and license to our collaborators through both legal and contractual provisions, any of our collaborators could develop or pursue competing products and traits that may ultimately prove more commercially viable than the traits we develop. Our collaborators are significantly larger than us and may have substantially greater resources and development capabilities. The development or launch of a competing product by a collaborator may adversely affect the advancement and commercialization of any competing traits we develop and any associated research and development payments, milestone and royalty payments.

***We are working to develop novel ag-chemical products, and our efforts to enter this market may be unsuccessful.***

In addition to our seed trait business, we are currently developing solutions for crop protection and enhancement through chemistry, or ag-chemistry. Although our computational technologies PoinTar and PointHit are designed to develop such ag-chemical products, and although we continue to develop additional technologies, we still need to compile all the data that our technologies need to analyze in order to discover and develop new products. We are developing these products through a novel approach, focused on biologically significant proteins called “targets,” which is similar to certain approaches pharmaceutical companies undertake to develop new drugs. We currently do not have any collaborators for our ag-chemical products, and therefore are currently funding our data-collection and research and development efforts relating to our ag-chemical products ourselves. Our efforts to develop novel ag-chemical products may fail for a variety of reasons, including:

- Our failure to compile a sufficient amount of data and to develop the technological tools necessary to discover and develop any ag-chemical products;
- Our failure to enter into collaborations similar to those in our seed trait activity;
- The failure of our relatively novel target-based approach to lead to an effective product or failure to identify chemical compounds that will display required level of performance; and
- Our failure to obtain sufficient funding to fully execute our ag-chemical business plan.

Furthermore, even if we are able to discover and develop an effective product, it may not be successful if we are unable to find collaborators to undertake the advanced stages of product development and to market and commercialize the product. If our efforts to develop ag-chemical products are unsuccessful, our results of operations could be negatively impacted.

***Evofuel, our wholly owned subsidiary that develops seeds for biodiesel and other uses, may not be successful for a number of reasons.***

Our wholly owned subsidiary Evofuel is currently developing improved, high-yield castor bean seeds to be used as a source of non-edible feedstock for the biodiesel market and other industries. The renewable energy market in general and the biodiesel market more specifically are not well established and are evolving. Furthermore, the biodiesel market faces continuing competition from traditional petroleum-based fuels, and demand for biodiesel fluctuates with changing oil and gas prices. Specifically in late 2014, crude oil prices are as low as were in 2008 – nearly \$50 per bbl. in order for our castor bean seeds to be an attractive feedstock for biodiesel, we will need to demonstrate on a commercial scale that castor beans can reliably be used as a cost-efficient feedstock for biodiesel production. We will also need to show that the production cost and sales price of castor bean-based biodiesel are competitive with those of traditional oil and gas. The success of these operations will largely depend on our ability to address several unique challenges, including:

- the yields of our castor seed varieties on commercial scale under rain-fed conditions, securing economic viability as biodiesel feedstock;
- the ability to harvest castor bean in an efficient mechanized manner;
- the cost of producing castor bean grains, allowing grower profitability;
- Adoption on large scale by growers of castor, including the successful management of diseases, pests and castor volunteers;

- the risk that farmers may decide not to grow “second season” replacement crops such as the castor bean;
- the health and environmental risks posed by the castor bean seed, which contains a naturally occurring poison called ricin;
- any regulatory concerns related to sales of castor beans, particularly related to the import of such beans and the potential effects of ricin; and
- the sustainability of our production and the biodiesel end-product.

In addition, we have no prior experience operating as a seed company. We will therefore be operating in a new industry, with little knowledge of the dynamics involved in producing and selling seeds.

Prior to addressing the biodiesel market, Evofuel expects to address other oil industries and take advantage of the premium oil prices paid by the industrial market. Furthermore, we are working to design improved castor bean seeds and address each of these issues so that we are able to grow a sufficient and sustainable amount of castor bean plants at a low cost. We have entered into strategic collaborations with SLC Agricola S.A., or SLC Agricola and Insolo Agroindustrial S/A, or Insolo, two agri-busiesses operating in farms in northeast Brazil; T6 Industrial S.A., or T6, a leading Argentinian biodiesel producer; and CNH, a leader in development and commercialization of harvesting equipment, which we expect will eventually facilitate commercialization of the castor beans we are currently developing. We are unable to foresee when significant sales will commence, and we do not expect to start selling seeds before 2016. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that our collaborations with SLC Agricola, Insolo, T6 or CNH will ultimately result in a commercialized castor bean seed. If we are unable to adequately address any of these issues, we may not find a market for our castor bean seeds and our results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

***Even if we are entitled to royalties from our collaborators, we may not actually receive these royalties, or we may experience difficulties in collecting the royalties that we believe we are entitled to.***

After our collaborators launch commercial products containing our licensed genes, we will need to rely on the good faith of our collaborators to report to us the sales they earn from these products and to accurately calculate the royalties we are entitled to, a process that will involve complicated and difficult calculations. Although we seek to address these concerns in our collaboration agreements, such provisions may not be effective. Additionally, we may not be able to achieve our long-term goal of generating revenues from royalties, and in the coming years our revenues will be entirely dependent on fees we earn for our research and development services and milestone payments from our collaborators.

***We depend on our key personnel and, if we are not able to attract and retain qualified scientific and business personnel, we may not be able to grow our business or develop and commercialize our products.***

The vast majority of our workforce is involved in research and development. Our business is therefore dependent on our ability to recruit and maintain a highly skilled and educated workforce with expertise in a range of disciplines, including biology, chemistry, plant genetics, agronomics, entomology, mathematics, computer science and other subjects relevant to our operations. For example, approximately 28% of our staff holds a PhD. The number of qualified and highly educated personnel in Israel, where all of our operations are located, is limited and competition for the services of such persons is intense. Although we have employment agreements with all of our employees, most of these agreements may be terminated upon short notice. The failure to hire and retain skilled and highly educated personnel could limit our growth and hinder our research and development efforts.

***We have recently begun to develop certain technologies (seed traits and ag-chemicals) independent of our collaborators, and we may need to finance the cost of the initial development phase of such technologies ourselves.***

Currently, our business plan is based primarily on the development of traits in collaboration with our collaborators through all six phases of the discovery-development-commercialization process. We have, however, recently begun to develop certain traits independent of our collaborators and are developing such traits on our own during the discovery phase, and may also undertake such independent discovery efforts during the Phase I or "proof of concept" phase, with a goal of making such traits available to collaborators during later phases, once we have identified what we believe to be promising traits. While we believe that this will allow us to negotiate more favorable license terms with respect to such traits, the up-front cost to us of developing traits without a collaborator (and therefore without external funding for the research and development expenditures we incur) in these early phases involves higher risks, since we need to fund the research and development of such traits ourselves. If we are unsuccessful in discovering promising traits after having invested significant funds, or if we are unable to find collaborators who are interested in such traits and willing to fund subsequent phases of development and commercialization, such failures could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Our business is subject to various government regulations and, if we or our collaborators are unable to obtain the necessary regulatory approvals, we may not be able to continue our operations.***

Our business is generally subject to two types of regulations: regulations that apply to how we operate and regulations that apply to products containing our seed traits. We apply for and maintain the regulatory approvals necessary for our operations, particularly those covering our field trials, while our collaborators apply for and maintain regulatory approvals necessary for the commercialization of products containing our seed traits. More recently, regulators have implemented delays in approving genetically engineered crops due to environmental concerns and negative publicity. Field trials for our seed traits that are performed in Israel are subject to Israeli regulations, and field trials that are being executed in the U.S. by local subcontractors are regulated by local regulation. We believe that our current activities are compliant with all currently applicable Israeli regulations, however we may become subject to new or revised regulations or approvals in the future. Furthermore, any violation of these regulations could expose us to criminal penalties.

The large-scale field trials that our collaborators conduct during advanced stages of product development are subject to regulations similar to those we are subject to. Pursuant to our collaboration agreements, our collaborators also apply for the requisite regulatory approvals prior to commercialization of products containing our seed traits. In most of our key target markets, including the United States and the European Union, regulatory approvals must be received prior to the importation of transgenic products. These regulatory regimes may be particularly onerous; for example, the U.S. federal government's regulation of biotechnology is divided among the United States Environmental Protection Agency, which regulates activity related to the invention of plant pesticides and herbicides, the United States Department of Agriculture, which regulates the import, field testing and interstate movement of specific technologies that may be used in the creation of transgenic plants, and the United States Food and Drug Administration, which regulates foods derived from new plant varieties. None of our seed traits is currently being tested in large-scale field trial or is in the regulatory approval development stage. Once products containing our seed traits reach these stages, however, if our collaborators are unable to obtain the requisite regulatory approvals or there is a delay in obtaining such approvals as a result of negative market perception or heightened regulatory standards, such products will not be commercialized, which would negatively impact our business and results of operations.

***Disruption to our IT system could adversely affect our reputation and have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.***

Our computational technologies rely on our IT system to collect and analyze the genomic data we discover. We store significant amounts of data, and as of December 31, 2014, we had compiled over 500 terabytes of data. Although we are developing back-up storage for our stored data, there can be no assurance that our back-up storage arrangements will be effective if it becomes necessary to rely on them. Furthermore, we can provide no assurance that our current IT system is fully protected against third-party intrusions, viruses, hacker attacks, information or data theft or other similar threats.

As we continue to develop our computational technologies and expand our genomic datasets, we may need to update our IT system and storage capabilities. However, if our existing or future IT system does not function properly, or if the IT system proves incompatible with our new technologies, we could experience interruptions in data transmissions and slow response times, preventing us from completing routine research and business activities. Furthermore, disruption or failure of our IT system due to technical reasons, natural disaster or other unanticipated catastrophic events, including power interruptions, storms, fires, floods, earthquakes, terrorist attacks and wars could significantly impair our ability to deliver data related to our projects to our collaborators on schedule and materially and adversely affect the outcome of our collaborations, our relationships with our collaborators, our business and our results of operations.

***Development of our seed traits, particularly during our field trials, may be adversely affected by circumstances caused by us and those beyond our control.***

The seed and ag-chemical industry is subject to various factors that make its operations relatively unpredictable from period to period. Our field tests may be adversely affected by circumstances both caused by us and those beyond our control. Factors caused by us include any failure by us or our collaborators to follow proper agronomic practice or suggested protocols for growing the model validation plants and crops for our field trials, and failure to identify and address diseases, insects and pests, such as birds that may eat the seeds we are evaluating. Factors beyond our control include weather and climatic variations, such as droughts or heat stress, or other factors we are unable to identify. For example, if there was prolonged or permanent disruption to the electricity, climate control or water supply operating systems in our greenhouses or laboratories, the plants on which we are testing our traits and the samples we store in freezers, both of which are essential to our research and development activities, would be severely damaged or destroyed, adversely affecting our research and development activities and thereby our business and results of operations. We have also experienced crop failures in the past for then-unknown reasons, causing delays in our achievement of milestones and delivery of results, and necessitating that we re-start the field trials. Any field test failure we may experience is not covered by our insurance policy, and therefore could result in increased cost of the field trials and development of our seed traits, which may negatively impact our business and results of operations.

***Consumer and government resistance to genetically modified organisms may negatively affect our public image and reduce sales of plants containing our traits.***

We are active in the field of biotech research and development in seeds and crop protection, including genetically modified, or "GM" seeds. Foods made from such seeds are not accepted by many consumers and in certain countries production of certain GM crops is effectively prohibited, including throughout the European Union, due to concerns over such products' effects on food safety and the environment. The high public profile of biotechnology in food production and lack of consumer acceptance of products to which we have devoted substantial resources could negatively affect our public image and results of operations. The prohibition on the production of certain GM crops in select countries and the current resistance from consumer groups, particularly in Europe, to GM crops not only limits our access to such markets but also has the potential to spread to and influence the acceptance of products developed through biotechnology in other regions of the world and may also influence regulators in other countries to limit or ban production of GM crops, which could limit the commercial opportunities to exploit biotechnology.

GM crops are grown principally in the United States, Brazil and Argentina where there are fewer restrictions on the production of GM crops. If these or other countries where GM crops are grown enact laws or regulations that ban the production of such crops or make regulations more stringent, we could experience a longer product development cycle for our products and may even have to abandon projects related to certain crops or geographies, both of which would negatively affect our business and results of operations. Furthermore, any changes in such laws and regulations or consumer acceptance of GM crops could negatively impact our collaborators, who in turn might terminate or reduce the scope of their collaborations with us or seek to alter the financial terms of our agreements with them.

***We have a history of operating losses and negative cash flow, and we may never achieve or maintain profitability.***

We have a history of losses, and incurred operating losses of \$15.3 million, \$8.7 million and \$3.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Although we are currently developing 29 distinct seed traits and ag-chemical products, there can be no assurance that these traits will result in commercially successful products. We expect to continue to incur losses in future periods, until we begin earning royalties on the products we are currently developing and any new seed traits we develop in the future, which may not occur for at least six more years, if at all. Because we will incur significant costs and expenses for these efforts before we obtain any incremental revenues from them, our losses in future periods could be significant. In addition, we may find that these efforts are more expensive than we anticipate or that they do not result in profitability in the time period we anticipate, which would further increase our losses. If we are unable to adequately control the costs associated with operating our business, including our costs of development and sales, our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects will suffer.

***The licenses we grant to our collaborators to use the genes we discover for specified traits in certain crops are exclusive. This limits our opportunities to license the genes that target the same traits in the same crop to more than one collaborator.***

The licenses we grant our collaborators to use the genes we discover and patent in certain crops are exclusive. That means that once genes are licensed to a collaborator in a specified crop or crops, we are generally prohibited from licensing those genes to any third party. For example, in the Bayer Wheat Agreement, as defined herein, we are broadly prohibited from collaborating on both GM trait discovery and advanced breeding for wheat, irrespective of the trait, with any party other than Bayer. The limitations imposed by these exclusive licenses could prevent us from expanding our business and increasing our exposure to new licensees, both of which could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

***Competition in seed traits and seeds is intense and requires continuous technological development. If we are unable to compete effectively, our financial results will suffer.***

We currently face significant competition in the markets in which we operate. The markets for seed traits and ag-chemicals are intensely competitive and rapidly changing. Many companies engage in research and development of seed traits and ag-chemicals, and speed in getting a new product to market can be a significant competitive advantage. As an example, over the past decade some of our competitors have enhanced research and development budgets allocated for seeds that are more significant than our budget. In most segments of the seed and ag-chemical market, the number of products available to the consumer is steadily increasing as new products are introduced. At the same time, an increasing number of products are coming off patent and are thus available to generic manufacturers for production. We may be unable to compete successfully against our current and future competitors, which may result in price reductions, reduced margins and the inability to achieve market acceptance for products containing our traits. In addition, many of our competitors have substantially greater financial, marketing, sales, distribution and technical resources than us and some of our collaborators have more experience in research and development, regulatory matters, manufacturing and marketing. We anticipate increased competition in the future as new companies enter the market and new technologies become available. Our technology may be rendered obsolete or uneconomical by technological advances or entirely different approaches developed by one or more of our competitors, which will prevent or limit our ability to generate revenues from the commercialization of our technology.

***We may be required to pay royalties to employees who develop inventions that have been or will be commercialized by us, even if the rights to such inventions have been assigned to us and the employees have waived their rights to royalties or other additional compensation.***

Under the Israeli Patents Law, 5727-1967, if there is no agreement that prescribes whether, to what extent and on what conditions an employee is entitled to remuneration from commercialization of an invention developed by or with the contribution of such employee, then such matter is decided by a government-appointed compensation and royalties committee, or the Committee, established under the Patents Law. Recent decisions by the Committee have created uncertainty in this area, as it held that employees may be entitled to remuneration for their service inventions despite having specifically waived any such rights. Further, the Committee has not yet determined the method for calculating this Committee-enforced remuneration or the criteria or circumstances under which an employee's assignment of all rights and/or waiver of his or her right to remuneration will be disregarded. A significant portion of our intellectual property (including our patents) has been developed by our employees in the course of their employment for us. All of our employees execute invention assignment agreements upon commencement of employment, in which they assign their rights to potential inventions and acknowledge that they will not be entitled to additional compensation or royalties from commercialization of inventions. However, given the foregoing uncertainty with respect to the enforceability of a waiver of the right to future royalties, we may be required to pay royalties to our employees who have invented intellectual property that we have commercialized, which in turn may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

*Our success depends on our ability to protect our intellectual property and our proprietary technologies.*

Our commercial success depends in part on our ability to obtain and maintain patent protection and trade secret protection for our proprietary computational technologies, our traits and their uses, as well as our ability to operate without infringing upon the proprietary rights of others. If we do not adequately protect our intellectual property, competitors may be able to use our technologies and erode or negate any competitive advantage we may have, which could harm our business and ability to achieve profitability.

*If we are unable to protect the confidentiality of our trade secrets, the value of our technology could be materially adversely affected and our business would be harmed.*

We treat our proprietary computational technologies, including unpatented know-how and other proprietary information, as trade secrets. We seek to protect these trade secrets, in part, by entering into non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements with any third parties who have access to them, such as our consultants, independent contractors, advisors, corporate collaborators and outside scientific collaborators. We also enter into confidentiality and invention or patent assignment agreements with employees and certain consultants. Any party with whom we have executed such an agreement may breach that agreement and disclose our proprietary information, including our trade secrets, and we may not be able to obtain adequate remedies for such breaches. Enforcing a claim that a party illegally disclosed or misappropriated a trade secret is difficult, expensive and time-consuming, and the outcome is unpredictable. In addition, if any of our trade secrets were to be lawfully obtained or independently developed by a competitor, we would have no right to prevent such third party, or those to whom they communicate such technology or information, from using that technology or information to compete with us. If any of our trade secrets were to be disclosed to or independently developed by a competitor, or if we otherwise lose protection for our trade secrets or proprietary know-how, the value of this information may be greatly reduced and our business and competitive position could be harmed.

*Changes in laws and regulations to which we are subject, or to which we may become subject in the future, may materially increase our costs of operation, decrease our operating revenues and disrupt our business.*

Laws and regulatory standards and procedures that impact our business are continuously changing. Responding to these changes and meeting existing and new requirements may be costly and burdensome. Changes in laws and regulations may occur that could:

- impair or eliminate our ability to research and develop our products, including validating our products through field trials;
- increase our compliance and other costs of doing business through increases in the cost to patent or otherwise protect our intellectual property or increases in the cost to our collaborators to obtain the necessary regulatory approvals to commercialize and market the products we develop with them;
- require significant product redesign or systems redevelopment;
- render our products less profitable, obsolete or less attractive compared to competing products;
- affect our collaborators' willingness to do business with us;

- reduce the amount of revenues we receive from our collaborators through milestone payments or royalties; and
- discourage our collaborators from offering, and consumers from purchasing, products that incorporate our traits.

Any of these events could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Legislators and regulators have increased their focus on plant biotechnology in recent years, with particular attention paid to GM crops. Because our current products are primarily in the initial discovery and proof of concept development phase, the only GM-related regulations that currently affect our business are related to our validation trials in Israel. We believe that we are currently in compliance with Israeli regulations related to growing GM crops in Israel; however, if these regulations change, our validation trials may become costly and burdensome and could require us to relocate our trials outside of Israel or even change our business model to have our collaborators perform validation trials.

While none of our products are currently available for sale, our future growth relies on the ability of our collaborators to commercialize and market our products, and any restrictions on such activities could materially and adversely impact our business and results of operations. Any changes in regulations in countries where GM crops are grown or exported into could result in our collaborators being unable or unwilling to develop, commercialize or sell products that incorporate our traits. In addition, we rely on patents and other forms of intellectual property protection. Legislation and jurisprudence on patent protection in the key target markets where we seek patent protection, such as the United States and the European Union, is evolving and changes in laws could affect our ability to obtain or maintain patent protection for our products. Any changes to these existing laws and regulations may materially increase our costs of operation, decrease our operating revenues and disrupt our business. See “Item 4.B. Information on the Company—Business Overview—Government Regulation” and “Item 4.B. Business Overview—Regulation of Products Containing Our Traits.”

***Changes in U.S. patent law could diminish the value of patents in general, thereby impairing our ability to protect our product candidates.***

As is the case with other biotech companies, our success is heavily dependent on intellectual property, particularly patents. Obtaining and enforcing biotech patents involves technological and legal complexity, and is costly, time consuming, and inherently uncertain. In addition, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled on several patent cases in recent years, either narrowing the scope of patent protection available in certain circumstances or weakening the rights of patent owners in certain situations. In addition to increasing uncertainty with regard to our ability to obtain patents in the future, this combination of events has created uncertainty with respect to the value of patents, once obtained. Depending on decisions by the U.S. Congress, the federal courts, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the laws and regulations governing patents could change in unpredictable ways that may weaken or undermine our ability to obtain new patents or to enforce our existing patents and patents we might obtain in the future.

***We may not be able to protect our intellectual property rights throughout the world.***

Filing, prosecuting, maintaining and defending patents on product candidates in all countries throughout the world would be prohibitively expensive, and our intellectual property rights in some countries outside the United States are less extensive than those in the United States. In addition, the laws of some foreign countries do not protect intellectual property rights to the same extent as federal and state laws in the United States. Consequently, we are unable to prevent third parties from using our inventions in all countries outside the United States, or from selling or importing products made using our inventions in and into the jurisdictions in which we do not have patent protection. Competitors may use our technologies in jurisdictions where we have not obtained patent protection to develop their own products, and we may be unable to prevent such competitors from importing those infringing products into territories where we have patent protection but enforcement is not as strong as in the United States. These products may compete with our product candidates and our patents and other intellectual property rights may not be effective or sufficient to prevent them from competing in those jurisdictions. Moreover, farmers or others in the chain of commerce may raise legal challenges against our intellectual property rights or may infringe upon our intellectual property rights, including through means that may be difficult to prevent or detect. For example, the practice by some farmers of saving seeds from non-hybrid crops (such as soybeans, canola and cotton) containing our biotechnological traits has prevented and may continue to prevent us from realizing the full value of our intellectual property in countries outside of the United States.



Many companies have encountered significant problems in protecting and defending intellectual property rights in foreign jurisdictions, including China, where we have filed patent applications. The legal systems of certain countries, including China, have not historically favored the enforcement of patents or other intellectual property rights, which could hinder us from preventing the infringement of our patents or other intellectual property rights and result in substantial risks to us. Proceedings to enforce our patent rights in the United States or foreign jurisdictions could result in substantial costs and divert our efforts and attention from other aspects of our business, could put our patents at risk of being invalidated or interpreted narrowly and our patent applications at risk of not issuing and could provoke third parties to assert patent infringement or other claims against us. We may not prevail in any lawsuits that we initiate and the damages or other remedies awarded, if any, may not be commercially meaningful. Accordingly, our efforts to enforce our intellectual property rights around the world may be inadequate to obtain a significant commercial advantage from the intellectual property that we develop or license from third parties.

***If we or one of our collaborators are sued for infringing the intellectual property rights of a third party, such litigation could be costly and time consuming and could prevent us or our collaborators from developing or commercializing our products.***

Our ability to generate significant revenues from our products depends on our and our collaborators' ability to develop, market and sell our products and utilize our proprietary technology without infringing the intellectual property and other rights of any third parties. In the United States and abroad there are numerous third party patents and patent applications that may be applied toward our proprietary technology, business processes or developed traits, some of which may be construed as containing claims that cover the subject matter of our products or intellectual property. Because of the rapid pace of technological change, the confidentiality of patent applications in some jurisdictions, and the fact that patent applications can take many years to issue, there may be currently pending applications that are unknown to us that may later result in issued patents upon which our product candidates or proprietary technologies infringe. Similarly, there may be issued patents relevant to our product candidates of which we are not aware. These patents could reduce the value of the traits we develop or the genetically modified plants containing our traits or, to the extent they cover key technologies on which we have unknowingly relied, require that we seek to obtain licenses or cease using the technology, no matter how valuable to our business. We may not be able to obtain such a license on commercially reasonable terms. There is a substantial amount of litigation involving patent and other intellectual property rights in the biotech industry generally. If any third party patent or patent application covers our intellectual property or proprietary rights and we are not able to obtain a license to it, we and our collaborators may be prevented from commercializing products containing our traits.

As the agricultural biotech industry continues to develop, we may become party to, or threatened with, litigation or other adverse proceedings regarding intellectual property or proprietary rights in our technology, processes or developed traits. Third parties may assert claims based on existing or future intellectual property rights and the outcome of any proceedings is subject to uncertainties that cannot be adequately quantified in advance. Any litigation proceedings could be costly and time consuming and negative outcomes could result in liability for monetary damages, including treble damages and attorneys' fees if we are found to have willfully infringed a patent. There is also no guarantee that we would be able to obtain a license under such infringed intellectual property on commercially reasonable terms or at all. A finding of infringement could prevent us or our collaborators from developing, marketing or selling a product or force us to cease some or all of our business operations. Even if we are successful in these proceedings, we may incur substantial costs and the time and attention of our management and scientific personnel may be diverted as a result of these proceedings, which could have a material adverse effect on us. Claims that we have misappropriated the confidential information or trade secrets of third parties could similarly have a negative impact on our business.

***We and our collaborators may disagree over our right to receive payments under our collaboration agreements, potentially resulting in costly litigation and loss of reputation.***

Our ability to generate royalty payments from our collaboration agreements depends on our ability to clearly delineate our intellectual property rights under those agreements. We often license patented genes or other intellectual property to our collaborators, who use or will use such intellectual property to develop and commercialize seeds with improved traits. However, a collaborator may use our intellectual property without our permission, dispute our ownership of certain intellectual property rights or argue that our intellectual property does not cover their marketed product. If a dispute arises, it may result in costly litigation, and our collaborator may refuse to pay us royalty payments while the dispute is ongoing. Furthermore, regardless of any resort to legal action, a dispute with a collaborator over intellectual property rights may damage our relationship with that collaborator, and may also harm our reputation in the industry.

***We have not yet registered our trademarks. Failure to secure those registrations could adversely affect our business.***

We have not yet filed applications to register our trademarks and those applications may be rejected or not be allowed for registration, and registered trademarks may not be successfully obtained, maintained or enforced. We are given an opportunity to respond to those rejections, but we may not be able to overcome such rejections. In addition, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and in comparable agencies in many foreign jurisdictions, third parties are given an opportunity to oppose pending trademark applications and to seek to cancel registered trademarks. Opposition or cancellation proceedings may be filed against our trademarks, and our trademarks may not survive such proceedings. If we do not secure registrations for our trademarks, we may encounter more difficulty in enforcing them against third parties than we otherwise would, which could adversely affect our business.

***We may be required to pay substantial damages as a result of product liability claims for which insurance coverage is not available.***

Once products integrating our seed traits reach commercialization, product liability claims will be a commercial risk for our business, particularly as we are involved in the supply of biotechnological products, some of which can be harmful to humans and the environment. Courts have levied substantial damages in the United States and elsewhere against a number of companies in the agriculture industry in past years based upon claims for injuries allegedly caused by the use of their products. Product liability claims against us or our collaborators selling products that contain our seed traits or allegations of product liability relating to seeds containing traits developed by us could damage our reputation, harm our relationships with our collaborators and materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects. We do not have product liability insurance coverage. Furthermore, while our collaboration agreements typically require that our collaborators indemnify us for the cost of product liability claims brought against us, such indemnification provisions may not always be enforced, and we may receive no indemnification if our own misconduct led to the claims.

***Our employment agreements with our employees and other agreements with our collaborators and third parties may not adequately prevent disclosure of trade secrets, know-how and other proprietary information.***

A substantial portion of our technologies and intellectual property is protected by trade secret laws. We rely on a combination of patent and other intellectual property laws as well as our employment agreements with our employees and other agreements with our collaborators and third parties to protect and otherwise seek to control access to, and distribution of, our proprietary information. These measures may not prevent disclosure, infringement or misappropriation of our confidential information. Our confidentiality, nondisclosure and assignment agreements or covenants may be breached, and we may not have adequate remedies for such a breach that would effectively prevent the further dissemination of our confidential information. We have limited control over the protection of trade secrets used by our collaborators and could lose future trade secret protection if any unauthorized disclosure of such information occurs. In addition, others may independently discover our trade secrets and proprietary information, and in such cases we could not assert any trade secret rights against such parties. Laws regarding trade secret rights in certain markets where we operate may afford little or no protection of our trade secrets. Failure to obtain or maintain trade secret protection could adversely affect our business, sales and competitive position.

*We may not be able to fully enforce covenants not to compete with our key employees, and therefore we may be unable to prevent our competitors from benefiting from the expertise of such employees.*

Our employment agreements with key employees, which include executive officers, contain non-compete provisions. These provisions prohibit our key employees, if they cease working for us, from competing directly with us or working for our competitors for one year. Under applicable U.S. and Israeli laws, we may be unable to enforce these provisions. If we cannot enforce the non-compete provisions with our key employees, we may be unable to prevent our competitors from benefiting from the expertise of such employees. Even if these provisions are enforceable, they may not adequately protect our interests. The defection of one or more of our employees to a competitor could materially adversely affect our business, results of operations and ability to capitalize on our proprietary information.

*The prospective establishment of our new R&D facility in the U.S. signifies our entry into international operations, which will expose us to additional market and operational risks, and failure to manage these risks may adversely affect our business and operating results.*

As we have announced previously, we plan to establish a research and development facility in the Bio-Research and Development Growth (BRDG) Park on the campus of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis, Missouri, as part of our entry into the field of advanced solutions for insect control. Our physical presence in, and the accompanying expansion of our operations into, the United States will expose us more significantly to some of the operational risks that accompany doing business internationally, including:

- fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates;
- potentially adverse tax consequences;
- difficulties in staffing and managing foreign operations;
- hiring and retention of employees and/or consultants under foreign employment laws with which we are not familiar;
- laws and business practices that sometimes favor local competition;
- compliance with complex foreign laws, treaties and regulations;
- tariffs, trade barriers and other regulatory or contractual limitations on our ability to develop (and, when applicable in the future, sell) our solutions in certain foreign markets; and
- being subject to the laws, regulations and the court systems of multiple jurisdictions.

Our failure to manage the market and operational risks associated with international operations effectively could limit the future growth of our business and adversely affect our operating results.

*Our operations are subject to various health and environmental risks associated with our use, handling and disposal of potentially toxic materials.*

As part of our seed trait operations, we assist in the development of GM crops by inserting new genes into the genomes of certain plants. Though we introduce these genes in order to improve plant traits, we cannot always predict the effect that these genes may have on the plant. In some cases, the genes may render the plant poisonous or toxic, or they may cause the plant to develop other dangerous characteristics that could harm the plant's surrounding environment. Furthermore, while we comply with relevant environmental laws and regulations, there is a risk that, when testing genetically modified plants, the seeds of these plants may escape the greenhouse or field in which they are being tested and contaminate nearby fields. Poisonous or toxic plants may therefore be inadvertently introduced into the wild, or possibly enter the food production system, harming the people and animals who come in contact with them.

## **Risks Relating to Our Incorporation and Location in Israel**

### ***Conditions in Israel could adversely affect our business.***

We are incorporated under Israeli law and our principal offices and research and development facilities are located in Israel. Accordingly, political, economic and military conditions in Israel directly affect our business. Since the State of Israel was established in 1948, a number of armed conflicts have occurred between Israel and its Arab neighbors. Although Israel has entered into various agreements with Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority, there has been an increase in unrest and terrorist activity, which began in September 2000 and has continued with varying levels of severity into 2013. In mid-2006, Israel was engaged in an armed conflict with Hezbollah in Lebanon, resulting in thousands of rockets being fired from Lebanon and disrupting most day-to-day civilian activity in northern Israel. Starting in December 2008, for approximately three weeks, Israel engaged in an armed conflict with Hamas in the Gaza Strip, which involved rocket attacks against civilian targets in various parts of Israel and negatively affected business conditions in Israel. A similar conflict arose due to Hamas rocket attacks against Israeli civilian targets in November 2012, and recently during July-August 2014, during which Israel responded to rocket attacks by engaging in an armed conflict with Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Our principal place of business is located in Rehovot, Israel, which is approximately 30 miles from the nearest point of the border with the Gaza Strip. There can be no assurance that attacks launched from the Gaza Strip will not reach our facilities, or that hostilities will not otherwise cause a significant disruption to our operations, such as preventing our employees from reaching our facilities and limiting our ability to monitor and otherwise conduct the crop and other experiments we conduct at the facilities.

Several countries, principally in the Middle East, still restrict doing business with Israel and Israeli companies, and additional countries may impose restrictions on doing business with Israel and Israeli companies if hostilities in Israel or political instability in the region continues or increases. These restrictions may limit materially our ability to sell our products to companies in these countries. Any hostilities involving Israel or the interruption or curtailment of trade between Israel and its present trading partners, or significant downturn in the economic or financial condition of Israel, could adversely affect our operations and research and development, cause our revenues to decrease and adversely affect the share price of publicly traded companies having operations in Israel, such as us.

In addition, our business insurance does not cover losses that may occur as a result of events associated with the security situation in the Middle East. Although the Israeli government currently covers the reinstatement value of direct damages that are caused by terrorist attacks or acts of war, we cannot assure you that this government coverage will be maintained. Any losses or damages incurred by us could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

### ***Our operations may be disrupted by the obligations of personnel to perform military service.***

As of December 31, 2014, we had 207 full-time and 61 part-time employees, all of whom were based in Israel. Our employees in Israel, including executive officers, may be called upon to perform up to 36 days (and in some cases more) of annual military reserve duty until they reach the age of 45 (and in some cases, up to 49) and, in emergency circumstances, could be called to active duty. In response to increased tension and hostilities, since September 2000 there have been occasional call-ups of military reservists, including in connection with the mid-2006 war in Lebanon and the December 2008, November 2012 and July-August 2014 conflicts with Hamas, and it is possible that there will be additional call-ups in the future. Our operations could be disrupted by the absence of a significant number of our male employees related to military service or the absence for extended periods of one or more of our key employees for military service. Such disruption could materially adversely affect our operations, business and results of operations.

*The tax benefits that are available to us require us to continue to meet various conditions and may be terminated or reduced in the future, which could increase our costs and taxes.*

Our Israeli facilities have the status of an “Approved Enterprise” and “Beneficiary Enterprise” under the Israeli Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments, 1959, or the Investment Law, which makes us eligible for certain tax benefits under that law. For example, we are exempt from corporate tax for a period of two years and will be subject to a reduced corporate tax rate of between 10% to 25% for the remainder of the benefit period, depending on the level of foreign investment in the company in each year.

In order to remain eligible for the tax benefits of an Approved Enterprise and Beneficiary Enterprise, we must continue to meet certain conditions stipulated in the Investment Law and its regulations, as amended, and in a tax ruling we received in October 2010, or the Tax Ruling. If we do not meet these requirements, we may not be eligible to receive tax benefits and we could be required to refund any tax benefits that we may receive in the future, in whole or in part, with interest. Further, the tax benefits available under the Investment Law may be terminated or reduced in the future. If these tax benefits are terminated, our Israeli taxable income would be subject to regular Israeli corporate tax rates. The standard corporate tax rate for Israeli companies in 2014 was 26.5% and remains the same for the 2015 tax year. See “Item 10.E.Taxation—Israeli Tax Considerations and Government Programs—General Corporate Tax Structure in Israel.”

Additionally, if we increase our activities outside of Israel (for example, through acquisitions) our expanded activities might not be eligible for inclusion in future Israeli tax benefit programs. Finally, in the event of a distribution of a dividend from the income that will be tax exempt under the Investment Law, in addition to withholding tax at a rate of 20% (or a reduced rate under an applicable double tax treaty), we will be subject to tax at the corporate tax rate applicable to our Approved Enterprise’s and Beneficiary Enterprise’s income on the amount distributed in accordance with the reduced corporate tax applicable to such profits. See “Item 10.E.Taxation—Israeli Tax Considerations and Government Programs—Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments, 5719-1959.”

*Exchange rate fluctuations between the U.S. dollar and the NIS may negatively affect our earnings and we have only partially hedged against such fluctuations.*

Most of our revenues are denominated in U.S. dollars. The percentage of our revenues denominated in U.S. dollars accounted for 76.1%, 70.6% and 74.7% of our revenues in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. We incur expenses primarily in NIS, however, and our expenses in NIS accounted for 88.8%, 91.7% and 89.8% of our expenses in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. As a result, any appreciation of the NIS relative to the U.S. dollar (as occurred in 2012 and 2013) would adversely impact our profitability due to the portion of our expenses that are incurred in NIS. As of December 31, 2014, we held NIS/USD hedging contracts (forward contracts) designated as hedges of expected future operating expenses. If we continue to enter into hedging contracts in the future, we may be unsuccessful in protecting against currency exchange rate fluctuations. Future currency exchange rate fluctuations could adversely affect our profitability. See “Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk—Foreign Currency Risk.”

*We have received Israeli government grants for certain of our research and development activities. The terms of these grants may require us to satisfy specified conditions in order to develop and transfer technologies supported by such grants outside of Israel. In addition, in some circumstances, we may be required to pay penalties in addition to repaying the grants.*

Our research and development operations have been partly financed through certain governmental grants, which impose certain restrictions on the transfer outside of Israel of the underlying know-how and the manufacturing or manufacturing rights of the underlying products and technologies. As of December 31, 2014, we had received approximately \$4.5 million (approximately NIS 17.5 million) of such grants, on which interest of approximately \$1 million (approximately NIS 3.7 million) had accrued as of such date. We may not receive the required approvals should we wish to transfer this know-how, technology or manufacturing rights outside of Israel in the future or, if we receive such required approvals, they may be subject to certain conditions and payment obligations. See “Item 5.B Liquidity and Capital Resources—Government Grants.”

*It may be difficult to enforce a U.S. judgment against us, our officers and directors and the Israeli experts named in this annual report in Israel or the United States, or to assert U.S. securities laws claims in Israel or serve process on our officers and directors and these experts.*

We are incorporated in Israel. None of our directors and executive officers is a resident of the United States, and the Israeli experts named in this annual report are located in Israel. The majority of our assets are located outside the United States. Therefore, it may be difficult for an investor, or any other person or entity, to enforce a U.S. court judgment based upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws against us or any of these persons in a U.S. or Israeli court, or to effect service of process upon these persons in the United States. Additionally, it may be difficult for an investor, or any other person or entity, to assert U.S. securities law claims in original actions instituted in Israel. Israeli courts may refuse to hear a claim based on a violation of U.S. securities laws on the grounds that Israel is not the most appropriate forum in which to bring such a claim. Even if an Israeli court agrees to hear a claim, it may determine that Israeli law and not U.S. law is applicable to the claim. If U.S. law is found to be applicable, the content of applicable U.S. law must be proved as a fact, which can be a time-consuming and costly process. Certain matters of procedure will also be governed by Israeli law. There is little binding case law in Israel addressing the matters described above.

*Your rights and responsibilities as our shareholder will be governed by Israeli law, which may differ in some respects from the rights and responsibilities of shareholders of U.S. corporations.*

Since we are incorporated under Israeli law, the rights and responsibilities of our shareholders are governed by Israeli law and by our amended and restated articles of association, or our “articles of association,” approved by our shareholders in May 2014 at our general shareholders meeting. These rights and responsibilities differ in some respects from the rights and responsibilities of shareholders of U.S.-based corporations. In particular, a shareholder of an Israeli company has a duty to act in good faith and in a customary manner in exercising its rights and performing its obligations towards the company and other shareholders and to refrain from abusing its power in the company, including, among other things, in voting at the general meeting of shareholders on certain matters, such as an amendment to the company’s articles of association, an increase of the company’s authorized share capital, a merger of the company and approval of related party transactions that require shareholder approval. A shareholder also has a general duty to refrain from discriminating against other shareholders. In addition, a controlling shareholder or a shareholder who knows that it possesses the power to determine the outcome of a shareholders’ vote or to appoint or prevent the appointment of an office holder in the company has a duty to act in fairness towards the company. However, Israeli law does not define the substance of this duty of fairness. See “Item 6.C Board Practices—Approval of Related Party Transactions Under Israeli Law—Shareholder Duties.” Since Israeli corporate law underwent extensive revisions approximately 13 years ago, the parameters and implications of the provisions that govern shareholder behavior have not been clearly determined. These provisions may be interpreted to impose additional obligations and liabilities on our shareholders that are not typically imposed on shareholders of U.S. corporations.

*Provisions of Israeli law may delay, prevent or make undesirable an acquisition of all or a significant portion of our shares or assets.*

Israeli corporate law regulates mergers and requires that a tender offer be effected when certain thresholds of percentage ownership of voting power in a company are exceeded (subject to certain conditions). Further, Israeli tax considerations may make potential transactions undesirable to us or to some of our shareholders whose country of residence does not have a tax treaty with Israel granting tax relief to such shareholders from Israeli tax. With respect to mergers, Israeli tax law allows for tax deferral in certain circumstances but makes the deferral contingent on the fulfillment of numerous conditions, including a holding period of two years from the date of the transaction during which certain sales and dispositions of shares of the participating companies are restricted. Moreover, with respect to certain share swap transactions, the tax deferral is limited in time, and when such time expires, the tax becomes payable even if no actual disposition of the shares has occurred. See “Item 10.B. Memorandum and Articles of Association—Acquisitions Under Israeli Law.”

Furthermore, under the Encouragement of Industrial, Research and Development Law, 5744-1984, to which we are subject due to our receipt of grants from the Office of the Chief Scientist of the Israeli Ministry of Economy, or OCS, a recipient of OCS grants such as us must report to the applicable authority of OCS any change in the holding of the means of control of our company which transforms any non-Israeli citizen or resident into a direct interested party in our company. The OCS Guidelines interpretation issued by the OCS provides that prior OCS approval is required for such change in the holding of the means of control.

These provisions of Israeli law could have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control and may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us or our shareholders to elect different individuals to our board of directors, even if doing so would be beneficial to our shareholders, and may limit the price that investors may be willing to pay in the future for our ordinary shares.

#### **Risks Related to Our Ordinary Shares and the Trading of Our Ordinary Shares**

##### *The price of our ordinary shares may fluctuate significantly.*

Our ordinary shares were first offered publicly in the United States after our initial public offering in the United States, or IPO, in November 2013, at a price of \$14.75 per share, and our ordinary shares have subsequently traded on the NYSE as high as \$19.99 per share and as low as \$8.20 and as of April 15, 2015 were trading at \$10.01 per share.

However, the market price of our ordinary shares could be highly volatile and may fluctuate substantially as a result of many factors, including:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our results of operations;
- variance in our financial performance from the expectations of market analysts;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant business developments, changes in relationships with our collaborators, acquisitions or expansion plans;
- our involvement in litigation;
- our sale, or the sale by our significant shareholders, of ordinary shares or other securities in the future;
- failure to publish research or the publishing of inaccurate or unfavorable research;
- market conditions in our industry and changes in estimates of the future size and growth rate of our markets;
- changes in key personnel;
- the trading volume of our ordinary shares; and
- general economic and market conditions.

Although our ordinary shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or the "NYSE", an active trading market on the NYSE for our ordinary shares may not be sustained. If an active market for our ordinary shares is not sustained, it may be difficult to sell ordinary shares in the U.S.

In addition, the stock markets have recently experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations. Broad market and industry factors may materially harm the market price of our ordinary shares, regardless of our operating performance. In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been instituted against that company. If we were involved in any similar litigation we could incur substantial costs and our management's attention and resources could be diverted.

***Future sales of our ordinary shares could reduce the market price of our ordinary shares.***

The market price of our ordinary shares may decline if we or our shareholders sell substantial amounts of our ordinary shares, either the NYSE or the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, or the “TASE,” or if there is a public perception that these sales may occur in the future.

***Raising additional capital by issuing securities may cause dilution to existing shareholders.***

In the future, we may increase our capital resources by additional offerings of equity securities. Because our decision to issue equity securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future offerings. Thus, holders of our ordinary shares bear the risk of our future offerings reducing the market price of our ordinary shares and diluting their shareholdings in us.

***Our ordinary shares are traded on more than one market and this may result in price variations.***

Our ordinary shares have been traded on the TASE since 2007, and are currently listed on NYSE. Trading in our ordinary shares on these markets will take place in different currencies (U.S. dollars on NYSE and NIS on the TASE), and at different times (resulting from different time zones, trading days and public holidays in the United States and Israel). The trading prices of our ordinary shares on these two markets may differ due to these and other factors. Any decrease in the price of our ordinary shares on the TASE could cause a decrease in the trading price of our ordinary shares on NYSE.

***We could become subject to parallel reporting obligations in Israel and the United States, which could increase compliance costs and divert management attention.***

On July 28, 2013, our shareholders approved our plan to transition solely to U.S. reporting standards under the NYSE. However, should this change, in the future, we may become subject to parallel reporting obligations in Israel and the United States. While similar in many respects, certain differences between Israeli and U.S. reporting schemes may impose on us disclosure obligations that are more stringent than those generally applied to foreign private issuers whose securities are listed only in the United States. In addition, a requirement to comply with the separate reporting obligations under U.S. and Israeli securities laws would require additional management attention and could burden us with additional costs.

***The requirements of being a public company in the United States and Israel may strain our resources and distract our management, which could make it difficult to manage our business, particularly after we are no longer an “emerging growth company.”***

Changing laws, regulations and standards, in the United States or Israel, relating to corporate governance and public disclosure and other matters, may be implemented in the future, which may increase our legal and financial compliance costs, make some activities more time consuming and divert management’s time and attention from revenue-generating activities to compliance activities. If our efforts to comply with new laws, regulations and standards differ from the activities intended by regulatory or governing bodies due to ambiguities related to practice, regulatory authorities may initiate legal proceedings against us and our business may be harmed. Being a publicly traded company in the United States and Israel and being subject to U.S. and Israeli rules and regulations make it more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance, and we may be required to accept reduced coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain coverage. These factors could also make it more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified members of our board of directors, particularly to serve on our audit committee, and qualified executive officers.



As a public company whose ordinary shares are listed in the United States, we will continue to incur significant accounting, legal and other expenses, including costs associated with our reporting requirements under the Exchange Act. We could also incur additional costs associated with corporate governance requirements, including requirements under Section 404 and other provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act,” rules implemented by the SEC and the NYSE, and provisions of Israeli corporate law applicable to public companies. The Exchange Act requires that we file annual and current reports with respect to our business and financial condition. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires, among other things, that we maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting. These rules and regulations could continue to increase our legal and financial compliance costs, such as the cost of hiring consultants or testing compliance processes, and make some activities more time-consuming and costly. These activities may divert management’s attention from other business concerns, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

As an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the “JOBS Act,” we take advantage of certain temporary exemptions from various reporting requirements, including, but not limited to, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act (and the rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder). When these exemptions cease to apply, we expect to incur additional expenses and devote increased management effort toward ensuring compliance with them.

***As an “emerging growth company”, we are currently not required to obtain an auditor attestation regarding management’s assessment of our internal control. Further, if we are unable to satisfy the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or if our internal control over financial reporting is not effective, the reliability of our financial statements may be questioned and our share price may suffer.***

As of this annual report, we are required to comply with the requirements of Section 404(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act pursuant to which our management is required to report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, only in 2014 did we commence the process of determining whether our existing internal controls over financial reporting systems are compliant with Section 404. This process requires the investment of substantial time and resources, including by our Chief Financial Officer and other members of our senior management. We cannot predict whether we will need to implement remedial actions in the future in order to maintain effective control over financial reporting. The determination and any remedial actions required could result in us incurring additional costs that we did not anticipate.

Further, under the JOBS Act, as of December 31, 2014, we are not required to obtain an auditor attestation to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) since, among other things, as of June 30, 2014, our market capitalization related to public holdings was under \$700 million and our status as an “emerging growth company” was preserved. We will remain an emerging growth company until the earliest of: (a) the last day of our fiscal year during which we have total annual gross revenues of at least \$1.0 billion; (b) December 31, 2018, the last day of our fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the closing of our initial public offering; (c) the date on which we have, during the previous three-year period, issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt; or (d) the date on which we are deemed to be a “large accelerated filer” under the Exchange Act. Unless we lose our status as an “emerging growth company” under the JOBS Act, we will not be required to obtain an auditor attestation under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act until the year ended December 31, 2018. If some investors find our ordinary shares less attractive as a result of our reliance on exemptions under the JOBS Act, there may be a less active trading market for our ordinary shares and our share price may be more volatile.

Irrespective of compliance with Section 404, any failure of our internal controls could have a material adverse effect on our stated results of operations and harm our reputation. As a result, we may experience higher than anticipated operating expenses, as well as higher independent auditor fees during and after the implementation of these changes. If we are unable to implement any of the required changes to our internal control over financial reporting effectively or efficiently, it could adversely affect our operations, financial reporting and/or results of operations and could result in an adverse opinion on internal controls from our independent auditors.

***As a foreign private issuer we are not subject to the provisions of Regulation FD or U.S. proxy rules and are exempt from filing certain Exchange Act reports.***

As a foreign private issuer, we are exempt from the rules and regulations under the Exchange Act related to the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and our officers, directors, and principal shareholders are exempt from the reporting and short-swing profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act. In addition, we are not required under the Exchange Act to file annual and current reports and financial statements with the SEC as frequently or as promptly as U.S. domestic companies whose securities are registered under the Exchange Act, we are permitted to disclose limited compensation information for our executive officers on an individual basis and we are generally exempt from filing quarterly reports with the SEC under the Exchange Act. Despite this, we have undertaken to our shareholders to report our financial results on a quarterly basis. Moreover, we are not required to comply with Regulation FD, which restricts the selective disclosure of material nonpublic information to, among others, broker-dealers and holders of a company's securities under circumstances in which it is reasonably foreseeable that the holder will trade in the company's securities on the basis of the information. These exemptions and leniencies will reduce the frequency and scope of information and protections to which you may otherwise have been eligible in relation to a U.S. domestic issuer.

***As a foreign private issuer, we follow home country corporate governance practices instead of certain NYSE corporate governance requirements, which may result in less protection than is accorded to investors under rules applicable to domestic U.S. issuers.***

As a foreign private issuer, in reliance on Section 303A.11 of the Listed Company Manual, which permits a foreign private issuer to follow the corporate governance practices of its home country, we have chosen to follow certain Israeli corporate governance practices instead of those otherwise required under the NYSE corporate governance standards for U.S. domestic issuers. For example, in lieu of complying with certain NYSE corporate governance requirements, we follow home country practices in Israel with respect to separate executive sessions of independent directors and non-management directors and the requirement to obtain shareholder approval for certain dilutive events (such as for the establishment or amendment of certain equity-based compensation plans, issuances that will result in a change of control of the company and issuances of more than 1% of our outstanding shares or voting power to our affiliates). In addition, we did not adopt corporate governance guidelines, which are required of U.S. companies under NYSE rules. Accordingly, our shareholders are not afforded the same protection as provided under NYSE corporate governance rules. Following our home country governance practices as opposed to the requirements that would otherwise apply to a U.S. company listed on NYSE may provide less protection than is accorded to investors of domestic issuers. For further discussion, see "Item 16G. Corporate Governance."

While we take advantage of certain exemptions applicable to foreign private issuers under the U.S. federal securities laws and NYSE rules, our disclosure practices are still more burdensome than many other Israeli companies whose securities are traded in the United States. Although not required to do so pursuant to the exemption for foreign private issuers under NYSE corporate governance rules, we have undertaken to our shareholders to (i) continue reporting our financial results on a quarterly basis and (ii) continue disclosing management and board compensation in accordance with the applicable requirements under the Israeli Securities Law. Providing this information imposes additional obligations on us that are unusual for Israeli companies whose securities are traded in the U.S.

***We may lose our status as a foreign private issuer, which would increase our compliance costs and could thereby negatively impact our results of operations.***

We would lose our foreign private issuer status if (a) a majority of our outstanding voting securities were either directly or indirectly owned of record by residents of the United States and (b)(i) a majority of our executive officers or directors were United States citizens or residents, (ii) more than 50 percent of our assets were located in the United States or (iii) our business were administered principally outside the United States. Our loss of foreign private issuer status would make U.S. regulatory provisions mandatory. The regulatory and compliance costs to us under U.S. securities laws as a U.S. domestic issuer may be significantly higher. If we are not a foreign private issuer, we will be required to file periodic reports and registration statements on U.S. domestic issuer forms with the SEC, which are more detailed and extensive than the forms available to a foreign private issuer. We would also be required to follow U.S. proxy disclosure requirements, including the requirement to disclose, under U.S. law, more detailed information about the compensation of our senior executive officers on an individual basis. We may also be required to modify certain of our policies to comply with accepted governance practices associated with U.S. domestic issuers. Such conversion and modifications will involve additional costs. In addition, we would lose our ability to rely upon exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements on U.S. stock exchanges that are available to foreign private issuers.

*Our U.S. shareholders may suffer adverse tax consequences if we are characterized as a passive foreign investment company.*

Generally, if for any taxable year 75% or more of our gross income is passive income, or at least 50% of the average quarterly value of our assets (which may be determined in part by the market value of our ordinary shares, which is subject to change) are held for the production of, or produce, passive income, we would be characterized as a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, for United States federal income tax purposes. According to these rules, a publicly traded non-U.S. corporation may treat the aggregate fair market value of its assets as being equal to the sum of the aggregate value of its outstanding shares ("Market Capitalization") and the total amount of its liabilities. We take the position that the excess of our Market Capitalization plus liabilities over the book value of all of our assets ("Goodwill") may generally be treated as a non-passive asset to the extent attributable to our non-passive activities. Based on certain estimates of our gross income and gross assets and the nature of our business, we do not believe that we were classified as a PFIC in 2014 and we do not expect that we will be classified as a PFIC for the taxable year ending December 31, 2015; however, because we currently hold, and expect to continue to hold, a substantial amount of cash and cash equivalents and other passive assets used in our business, and because the value of our gross assets is likely to be determined in large part by reference to the market prices of our securities, we could be classified as a PFIC for a given taxable year if our Market Capitalization were to decrease significantly.

If we are characterized as a PFIC, our U.S. shareholders may suffer adverse tax consequences, including having gains realized on the sale of our ordinary shares treated as ordinary income, rather than a capital gain, the loss of the preferential rate applicable to dividends received on our ordinary shares by individuals who are U.S. Holders (as defined in "Item 10.E.Taxation—United States Federal Income Taxation"), and having interest charges apply to distributions by us and the proceeds of share sales. If we are characterized as a PFIC, certain elections may be available that would alleviate some of the adverse consequences of PFIC status and result in an alternative treatment (such as mark-to-market treatment) of our ordinary shares; however, we do not intend to provide the information necessary for U.S. holders to make qualified electing fund elections if we are classified as a PFIC. See "Item 10.E.Taxation—United States Federal Income Taxation—Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations."

#### **ITEM 10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

##### **A. Share Capital**

Not applicable.

##### **B. Memorandum and Articles of Association**

For a discussion of the provisions of the company's articles of association with respect to the powers of directors, see "Item 6.C. Board Practices."

##### **Objects and Purposes**

Our registration number with the Israeli Registrar of Companies is 51-283872-3. Our purpose as set forth in article 4 of our articles of association is to engage in any legal business.

**Voting**

Holders of our ordinary shares have one vote for each ordinary share held on all matters submitted to a vote of shareholders at a shareholder meeting. Shareholders may vote at shareholder meetings either in person, by proxy or by written ballot. Israeli law does not allow public companies to adopt shareholder resolutions by means of written consent in lieu of a shareholder meeting. Shareholder voting rights may be affected by the grant of any special voting rights to the holders of a class of shares with preferential rights that may be authorized in the future. Except as otherwise disclosed herein, an amendment to our articles of association to change the rights of our shareholders requires the prior approval of a simple majority of our shares represented and voting at a general meeting and of the holders of a class of shares whose rights are being affected (or the consent in writing of all the holders of such class of shares).

**Share Ownership Restrictions**

The ownership or voting of ordinary shares by non-residents of Israel is not restricted in any way by our articles of association or the laws of the State of Israel, except that citizens of countries that are in a state of war with Israel may not be recognized as owners of ordinary shares.

**Transfer of Shares**

Fully paid ordinary shares are issued in registered form and may be freely transferred under our articles of association unless the transfer is restricted or prohibited by another instrument, Israeli law or the rules of a stock exchange on which the shares are traded.

**Election of Directors**

Our ordinary shares do not have cumulative voting rights for the election of directors. Rather, under our articles of association, our directors, other than external directors, are elected at each annual general meeting of the shareholders, upon expiration of a one year term of office, by the holders of a simple majority of our ordinary shares present in person or by proxy at such meeting (excluding abstentions). As a result, the holders of our ordinary shares that represent more than 50% of the voting power represented at a shareholder meeting and voting thereon (excluding abstentions) have the power to elect any or all of our directors, subject to the special approval requirements for external directors described under "Item 6.C.Board Practices—External Directors." Vacancies on our board of directors, resulting from a resignation or other termination of service by a then serving director, may be filled by a vote of a simple majority of the directors then in office as described under "Item 6.C.Board Practices—Board of Directors." For additional information regarding the election of and voting by directors, please refer to "Item 6.C. Board Practices—Board of Directors."

**Dividend and Liquidation Rights**

Under Israeli law, we may declare and pay a dividend only if, upon the reasonable determination of our board of directors, the distribution will not prevent us from being able to meet the terms of our existing and contingent obligations as they become due. Under the Companies Law, the distribution amount is further limited to the greater of retained earnings or earnings generated over the two most recent years according to our then last reviewed or audited financial statements, provided that the date of the financial statements is not more than six months prior to the date of distribution. In the event that we do not have retained earnings and earnings legally available for distribution, as defined in the Companies Law, we may seek the approval of the court in order to distribute a dividend. The court may approve our request if it is convinced that there is no reasonable concern that the payment of a dividend will prevent us from satisfying our existing and foreseeable obligations as they become due.

In the event of our liquidation, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors, our assets will be distributed to the holders of ordinary shares on a pro-rata basis. Dividend and liquidation rights may be affected by the grant of preferential dividend or distribution rights to the holders of a class of shares with preferential rights that may be authorized in the future. See "Item 8.A.Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information—Dividend Policy."

## **Shareholder Meetings**

Under the Companies Law, we are required to convene an annual general meeting of our shareholders once every calendar year, not more than 15 months following the preceding annual general meeting. Our board of directors may convene a special general meeting of our shareholders and is required to do so at the request of two directors or one quarter of the members of our board of directors, or at the request of one or more holders of 5% or more of our share capital and 1% of our voting power, or the holder or holders of 5% or more of our voting power. All shareholder meetings require prior notice of at least 14 days and, in certain cases, 35 days. The chairperson of our board of directors or another one of our directors authorized by our board of directors presides over our general meetings. If either of such persons is not present within 15 minutes from the appointed time for the commencement of the meeting, the directors present at such meeting shall appoint one of our directors as the chairperson for such meeting, and if they fail to do so, then the shareholders present shall appoint one of our directors to act as chairperson, and if no director is present, then one of the shareholders present at such meeting shall act as chairperson. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder, only shareholders of record on a date decided upon by the board of directors, which may be between four and 40 days prior to the date of the meeting (depending on the type of meeting and whether written proxies are being used) are entitled to participate and vote at general meetings of shareholders.

## **Quorum**

Under our amended and restated articles of association, the quorum required for a meeting of shareholders consists of at least two shareholders present in person, by proxy or by written ballot, who hold or represent between them at least 25% of our voting power. A meeting adjourned for lack of a quorum generally is adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and place (without requirement of additional notification to the shareholders), or to a later time, if indicated in the notice to the meeting or to such other time and place as determined by the board of directors in a notice to our shareholders. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is not present within half an hour from the appointed time for the commencement of the meeting, the meeting will take place so long as at least one shareholder is present (regardless of the voting power held or represented by any such shareholder(s)), unless the meeting was called pursuant to a request by our shareholders, in which case the quorum required is the number of shareholders required to call the meeting as described under “—Shareholder Meetings” above.

## **Resolutions**

Under the Companies Law, unless otherwise provided in the articles of association or applicable law, all resolutions of the shareholders require a simple majority of the voting rights represented at the meeting, in person, by proxy or by written ballot, and voting on the resolution (excluding abstentions).

## **Access to Corporate Records**

Under the Companies Law, all shareholders generally have the right to review minutes of our general meetings, our shareholder register, including with respect to material shareholders, our articles of association, our financial statements and any document we are required by law to file publicly with the Israeli Companies Registrar or the Israeli Securities Authority. Any shareholder who specifies the purpose of its request may request to review any document in our possession that relates to any action or transaction with a related party which requires shareholder approval under the Companies Law. We may deny a request to review a document if we determine that the request was not made in good faith, that the document contains a trade secret or patent or that the document's disclosure may otherwise impair our interests.

## **Modification of Class Rights**

The rights attached to any class of share (to the extent that we may have separate classes of shares in the future), such as voting, liquidation and dividend rights, may be amended by adoption of a resolution by the holders of a majority of our shares represented at the meeting and the holders or a majority of the shares of that class present at a separate class meeting, or otherwise in accordance with the rights attached to such class of shares, as set forth in our articles of association.

## **Acquisitions under Israeli Law**

### *Full Tender Offer*

A person wishing to acquire shares of a public Israeli company and who could as a result hold over 90% of the target company's voting rights or the target company's issued and outstanding share capital (or of a class thereof), is required by the Companies Law to make a tender offer to all of the company's shareholders for the purchase of all of the issued and outstanding shares of the company (or the applicable class). If (a) the shareholders who did not accept the offer hold less than 5% of the issued and outstanding share capital of the company (or the applicable class) and the shareholders who accept the offer constitute a majority of the offerees that do not have a personal interest in the acceptance of the tender offer or (b) the shareholders who did not accept the tender offer hold less than 2% of the issued and outstanding share capital of the company (or of the applicable class), all of the shares that the acquirer offered to purchase will be transferred to the acquirer by operation of law. A shareholder who had its shares so transferred may petition the court within six months from the date of acceptance of the full tender offer, regardless of whether such shareholder agreed to the offer, to determine whether the tender offer was for less than fair value and whether the fair value should be paid as determined by the court. However, an offeror may provide in the offer documents that a shareholder who accepted the offer will not be entitled to appraisal rights as described in the preceding sentence, as long as the offeror and the company disclosed the information required by law in connection with the tender offer. If (a) the shareholders who did not accept the tender offer hold 5% or more of the issued and outstanding share capital of the company (or of the applicable class) or the shareholders who accept the offer constitute less than a majority of the offerees that do not have a personal interest in the acceptance of the tender offer, or (b) the shareholders who did not accept the tender offer hold 2% or more of the issued and outstanding share capital of the company (or of the applicable class), the acquirer may not acquire shares of the company that will increase its holdings to more than 90% of the company's issued and outstanding share capital (or of the applicable class) from shareholders who accepted the tender offer.

### *Special Tender Offer*

The Companies Law provides that an acquisition of shares of an Israeli public company must be made by means of a special tender offer if as a result of the acquisition the purchaser would become a holder of 25% or more of the voting rights in the company. This rule does not apply if there is already another holder of 25% or more of the voting rights in the company. Similarly, the Companies Law provides that an acquisition of shares in a public company must be made by means of a tender offer if as a result of the acquisition the purchaser would become a holder of more than 45% of the voting rights in the company, if there is no other shareholder of the company who holds more than 45% of the voting rights in the company. These requirements do not apply if the acquisition (i) occurs in the context of a private placement by the company that received shareholder approval, (ii) was from a shareholder holding 25% or more of the voting rights in the company and resulted in the acquirer becoming a holder of 25% or more of the voting rights in the company, or (iii) was from a holder of more than 45% of the voting rights in the company and resulted in the acquirer becoming a holder of more than 45% of the voting rights in the company. A special tender offer may be consummated only if (i) at least 5% of the voting power attached to the company's outstanding shares will be acquired by the offeror and (ii) the number of shares tendered in the offer exceeds the number of shares whose holders objected to the offer (excluding controlling shareholders, holders of 25% or more of the voting rights in the company and any person having a personal interest in the acceptance of the tender offer).

In the event that a special tender offer is made, a company's board of directors is required to express its opinion on the advisability of the offer, or shall abstain from expressing any opinion if it is unable to do so, provided that it gives the reasons for its abstention. An office holder in a target company who, in his or her capacity as an office holder, performs an action the purpose of which is to cause the failure of an existing or foreseeable special tender offer or is to impair the chances of its acceptance, is liable to the potential purchaser and shareholders for damages, unless such office holder acted in good faith and had reasonable grounds to believe he or she was acting for the benefit of the company. However, office holders of the target company may negotiate with the potential purchaser in order to improve the terms of the special tender offer, and may further negotiate with third parties in order to obtain a competing offer.

If a special tender offer is accepted, then shareholders who did not respond to or that had objected the offer may accept the offer within four days of the last day set for the acceptance of the offer. In the event that a special tender offer is accepted, then the purchaser or any person or entity controlling it or under common control with the purchaser or such controlling person or entity may not make a subsequent tender offer for the purchase of shares of the target company and may not enter into a merger with the target company for a period of one year from the date of the offer, unless the purchaser or such person or entity undertook to effect such an offer or merger in the initial special tender offer.

### ***Merger***

The Companies Law permits merger transactions if approved by each party's board of directors and, unless certain conditions described under the Companies Law are met, a majority of each party's shareholders. The board of directors of a merging company is required pursuant to the Companies Law to discuss and determine whether in its opinion there exists a reasonable concern that as a result of a proposed merger, the surviving company will not be able to satisfy its obligations towards its creditors, such determination taking into account the financial status of the merging companies. If the board of directors determines that such a concern exists, it may not approve a proposed merger. Following the approval of the board of directors of each of the merging companies, the boards of directors must jointly prepare a merger proposal for submission to the Israeli Registrar of Companies.

For purposes of the shareholder vote, unless a court rules otherwise, if one of the merging companies (or any person who holds 25% or more of the outstanding shares or the right to appoint 25% or more of the directors of one of the merging companies) holds shares in the other merging company, the merger will not be deemed approved if a majority of the shares voted at the shareholders meeting by shareholders other than the other party to the merger, or by any person who holds 25% or more of the outstanding shares or the right to appoint 25% or more of the directors of the other party, vote against the merger. In addition, if the non-surviving entity of the merger has more than one class of shares, the merger must be approved by each class of shareholders. If the transaction would have been approved but for the separate approval of each class or the exclusion of the votes of certain shareholders as provided above, a court may still approve the merger upon the request of holders of at least 25% of the voting rights of a company, if the court holds that the merger is fair and reasonable, taking into account the value of the parties to the merger and the consideration offered to the shareholders. If a merger is with a company's controlling shareholder or if the controlling shareholder has a personal interest in the merger, then the merger is instead subject to the same special majority approval that governs all extraordinary transactions with controlling shareholders (as described above under "Item 6.C.Board Practices—Approval of Related Party Transactions under Israeli Law—Disclosure of Personal Interests of Controlling Shareholders and Approval of Certain Transactions").

Under the Companies Law, each merging company must inform its secured creditors of the proposed merger plans. Upon the request of a creditor of either party to the proposed merger, the court may delay or prevent the merger if it concludes that there exists a reasonable concern that, as a result of the merger, the surviving company will be unable to satisfy the obligations of any of the parties to the merger, and may further give instructions to secure the rights of creditors.

In addition, a merger may not be completed unless at least 50 days have passed from the date that a proposal for approval of the merger is filed with the Israeli Registrar of Companies and 30 days have passed from the date that shareholder approval of both merging companies is obtained.

### **Antitakeover Measures under Israeli Law**

Besides the requirements described above with respect to tender offers and mergers, Israeli law and our articles of association enable the implementation of additional measures that may delay or prevent a takeover attempt and thereby preclude our shareholders from realizing a potential premium over the market value of our ordinary shares that they hold. Our articles of association allow our company to increase its registered share capital and provide that the increased capital will be divided into shares having ordinary, preferred or deferred rights or any other special rights, or may be subject to terms and restrictions in respect of dividend, repayment of capital, voting or other terms, in each case provided that the general meeting of our shareholders approves via a simple majority of shares present (in person or by proxy) and voting. Israeli law also permits the issuance of preferred stock. However, the TASE rules and regulations prohibit a listed company from having more than one class of shares listed, and the TASE's current position is that a listed company may not issue or list preferred shares. Therefore, assuming that the TASE's current position does not change, as long as our ordinary shares are listed on the TASE, we will be prohibited from issuing preferred stock.

To date, the legality of a poison pill as an additional antitakeover measure has not been examined in Israel.

**C. Material Contracts**

**Underwriting Agreement**

Other than as described in other parts of this annual report, we have no other material contracts other than those described immediately below.

We entered into an underwriting agreement between us and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., as representatives of the underwriters, on November 20, 2013, with respect to the ordinary shares sold in our IPO. We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of such liabilities.

**D. Exchange Controls**

Other than general anti-money laundering regulations, there are currently no Israeli currency control regulations in effect that restrict our import or export of capital to or from the State of Israel, or the availability of cash and cash equivalents for use by our affiliated companies. Under the Bank of Israel Law, 5770-2010, the Governor of the Bank of Israel, with the approval of the monetary policy committee of the Bank of Israel, is authorized to issue an administrative order restricting the transfer of funds to or from Israel. However, such an order is only likely to be issued under emergency circumstances and only for a temporary period, if necessary for the achievement of the goals of the Bank of Israel or the carrying out of its responsibilities under Israeli law. Furthermore, Israel has agreed, pursuant to international agreements to which it is a party (including incident to Israel's having joined the International Monetary Fund) to allow for the free flow of capital to and from within its borders. Certain transactions nevertheless require the filing of reports with the Bank of Israel.

Similarly, there are no currently effective Israeli governmental laws, decrees, regulations or other legislation that restrict the payment of dividends or other distributions with respect to our ordinary shares or the proceeds from the sale of the shares, except for the obligation of Israeli residents to file reports with the Bank of Israel regarding some transactions. However, legislation remains in effect under which currency controls can be imposed by administrative action at any time.

**E. Taxation**

**Israeli Tax Considerations and Government Programs**

The following is a brief summary of the material Israeli income tax laws applicable to us, and certain Israeli Government programs that benefit us. This section also contains a discussion of material Israeli income tax consequences concerning the ownership and disposition of our ordinary shares purchased by investors in the IPO. This summary does not discuss all the aspects of Israeli tax law that may be relevant to a particular investor in light of his or her personal investment circumstances or to some types of investors subject to special treatment under Israeli law. Examples of such investors include residents of Israel or traders in securities who are subject to special tax regimes not covered in this discussion. Because parts of this discussion are based on new tax legislation that has not yet been subject to judicial or administrative interpretation, we cannot assure you that the appropriate tax authorities or the courts will accept the views expressed in this discussion. The discussion below is subject to change, including due to amendments under Israeli law or changes to the applicable judicial or administrative interpretations of Israeli law, which change could affect the tax consequences described below.



## General Corporate Tax Structure in Israel

Israeli companies are generally subject to corporate tax on their taxable income. As of 2014 the corporate tax rate is 26.5%. However, the effective tax rate payable by a company that derives income from an Approved Enterprise, a Beneficiary Enterprise or a Preferred Enterprise (as discussed below) may be considerably less. Capital gains derived by an Israeli company are subject to the prevailing corporate tax rate.

### Law for the Encouragement of Industry (Taxes), 5729-1969

The Law for the Encouragement of Industry (Taxes), 5729-1969, generally referred to as the Industry Encouragement Law, provides several tax benefits for "Industrial Companies".

The Industry Encouragement Law defines an "Industrial Company" as an Israeli resident company which was incorporated in Israel, of which 90% or more of its income in any tax year, other than income from certain government loans, is derived from an "Industrial Enterprise" owned by it and located in Israel. An "Industrial Enterprise" is defined as an enterprise whose principal activity in a given tax year is industrial production.

The following corporate tax benefits, among others, are available to Industrial Companies:

- amortization over an eight-year period of the cost of purchased know-how and patents and rights to use a patent and know-how which are used for the development or advancement of the Industrial Enterprise, commencing in the year in which such rights were first exercised;
- under limited conditions, an election to file consolidated tax returns together with related Israeli Industrial Companies; and
- expenses related to a public offering are deductible in equal amounts over a three-year period, commencing in the year of the offering.

Eligibility for benefits under the Industry Encouragement Law is not contingent upon the approval of any governmental authority. We believe that we currently qualify as an Industrial Company within the meaning of the Industry Encouragement Law. There can be no assurance that we will continue to qualify as an Industrial Company or that the benefits described above will be available in the future.

### Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments, 5719-1959

The Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments, 5719-1959, generally referred to as the Investment Law, provides certain incentives for capital investments in production facilities (or other eligible assets) by "Industrial Enterprises" (as defined under the Investment Law).

The Investment Law was significantly amended effective April 1, 2005 (the "2005 Amendment"), and further amended as of January 1, 2011 (the "2011 Amendment"). Pursuant to the 2005 Amendment, tax benefits granted in accordance with the provisions of the Investment Law prior to its revision by the 2005 Amendment remain in force but any benefits granted subsequently are subject to the provisions of the 2005 Amendment. Similarly, the 2011 Amendment introduced new benefits to replace those granted in accordance with the provisions of the Investment Law in effect prior to the 2011 Amendment. However, companies entitled to benefits under the Investment Law as in effect prior to January 1, 2011 were entitled to choose to continue to enjoy such benefits, provided that certain conditions are met, or elect instead irrevocably to forego such benefits and have the benefits of the 2011 Amendment apply.

## Tax Benefits Prior to the 2005 Amendment

An investment program that is implemented in accordance with the provisions of the Investment Law prior to the 2005 Amendment, referred to as an "Approved Enterprise", is entitled to certain benefits. A company that wished to receive benefits as an Approved Enterprise must have received an approval from the Investment Center of the Israeli Ministry of Economy (formerly the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor), or the Investment Center. Each certificate of approval for an Approved Enterprise relates to a specific investment program in the Approved Enterprise, delineated both by the financial scope of the investment and by the physical characteristics of the facility or the asset.

In general, an Approved Enterprise is entitled to receive a cash grant from the Government of Israel and certain tax benefits under the "Grant Track" or an alternative package of tax benefits under the Alternative Track. The tax benefits available under any certificate of approval relate only to taxable income attributable to the specific Approved Enterprise and are contingent upon meeting the criteria set out in the certificate of approval. Income derived from activity that is not approved by the Investment Center or not integral to the activity of the Approved Enterprise does not enjoy tax benefits.

The tax benefits under the Alternative Track include an exemption from corporate tax on a company's undistributed income derived from an Approved Enterprise for at least the first two years of the benefits period (depending on the geographic location of the Approved Enterprise facility within Israel) and the taxation of income generated from an Approved Enterprise at a reduced corporate tax rate of up to 25% for the remainder of the benefits period, depending on the level of foreign investment in the company in each year, as detailed below. The benefits period is ordinarily seven years commencing with the year in which the Approved Enterprise first generates taxable income. The benefits period is limited to 12 years from the operational year as determined by the Investment Center or 14 years from the start of the tax year in which approval of the Approved Enterprise is obtained, whichever is earlier.

A company that has an Approved Enterprise program is eligible for further tax benefits if it qualifies as a Foreign Investors' Company, or an FIC, which is a company with a level of foreign investment, as defined in the Investment Law, of more than 25%. The level of foreign investment is measured as the percentage of rights in the company (in terms of shares, rights to profits, voting and appointment of directors), and of combined share and loan capital, that are owned, directly or indirectly, by persons who are not residents of Israel. The determination as to whether a company qualifies as an FIC is made on an annual basis. A company that qualifies as an FIC and has an Approved Enterprise program is eligible for an extended ten-year benefits period. As specified above, depending on the geographic location of the Approved Enterprise within Israel, income derived from the Approved Enterprise program may be exempt from tax on its undistributed income for a period of between two to ten years, and will be subject to a reduced corporate tax rate for the remainder of the benefits period. The tax rate for the remainder of the benefits period will be 25%, unless the level of foreign investment is 49% or more, in which case the tax rate will be 20% if the foreign investment is 49% or more but less than 74%; 15% if 74% or more but less than 90%; and 10% if 90% or more.

If a company elects the Alternative Track and distributes a dividend out of income derived by its Approved Enterprise during the tax exemption period, it will be subject to corporate tax in respect of the amount of the dividend distributed (grossed-up to reflect the pre-tax income that it would have had to earn in order to distribute the dividend) at the corporate tax rate which would have been otherwise applicable if such income had not been tax-exempted under the Alternative Track. In addition, dividends paid out of income attributed to an Approved Enterprise (or out of dividends received from a company whose income is attributed to an Approved Enterprise) are generally subject to withholding tax at source at the rate of 15% or at a lower rate as may be provided under an applicable tax treaty. The 15% tax rate is limited to dividends and distributions out of income derived during the benefits period and actually paid at any time up to 12 years thereafter. After this period, the withholding tax is applied at a rate of up to 30%, or at a lower rate under an applicable tax treaty. In the case of an FIC, the 12-year limitation on reduced withholding tax on dividends does not apply.

The Investment Law also provides that an Approved Enterprise is entitled to accelerated depreciation on its property and equipment that are included in an Approved Enterprise program during the first five years in which the equipment is used.

The benefits available to an Approved Enterprise are subject to the fulfillment of conditions stipulated in the Investment Law and its regulations and the criteria in the specific certificate of approval. If a company does not meet these conditions, it would be required to refund the amount of tax benefits, adjusted to the Israeli consumer price index, and interest, or other monetary penalties.

One of our facilities has Approved Enterprise status granted by the Investment Center, which made us eligible for certain tax benefits under the Alternative Track.

#### **Tax Benefits Subsequent to the 2005 Amendment**

The 2005 Amendment applies to new investment programs and investment programs with an election year commencing after 2004, but does not apply to investment programs approved prior to April 1, 2005. The 2005 Amendment provides that terms and benefits included in any certificate of approval that was granted before the 2005 Amendment became effective (April 1, 2005) will remain subject to the provisions of the Investment Law as in effect on the date of such approval.

The 2005 Amendment changed certain provisions of the Investment Law. As a result of the 2005 Amendment, a company was no longer required to obtain the advance approval of the Investment Center in order to receive the tax benefits previously available under the Alternative Track (the certificate of approval from the Investment Center will only be necessary for receiving cash grants). Rather, a company may claim the tax benefits offered by the Investment Law directly in its tax returns, provided that its facilities meet the criteria for tax benefits set forth in the 2005 Amendment. A company is entitled to approach the Israel Tax Authority for a pre-ruling regarding its eligibility for benefits under the 2005 Amendment.

Tax benefits are available under the 2005 Amendment to production facilities (or other eligible facilities), which are generally required to derive more than 25% of their business income from export to specific markets with a population of at least 14 million in 2012 (such export criteria will further increase in the future by 1.4% per annum) and meet additional criteria stipulate in the amendment (referred to as a "Beneficiary Enterprise"). In order to receive the tax benefits, the 2005 Amendment states that a company must make an investment which meets certain conditions, including exceeding a minimum investment amount specified in the Investment Law. Such investment entitles a company to receive "Beneficiary Enterprise" status with respect to the investment, and may be made over a period of no more than three years from the end of the year in which the company chose to have the tax benefits apply to its Beneficiary Enterprise.

The extent of the tax benefits available under the 2005 Amendment to qualifying income of a Beneficiary Enterprise depends on, among other things, the geographic location in Israel of the Beneficiary Enterprise. The location will also determine the period for which tax benefits are available. Such tax benefits include an exemption from corporate tax on undistributed income generated by the Beneficiary Enterprise for a period of between two to ten years, depending on the geographic location of the Beneficiary Enterprise in Israel, and a reduced corporate tax rate of between 10% to 25% for the remainder of the benefits period, depending on the level of foreign investment in the company in each year if it is a qualified FIC.

A company qualifying for tax benefits under the 2005 Amendment which pays a dividend out of income attributed to its Beneficiary Enterprise during the tax exemption period will be subject to corporate tax in respect of the amount of the dividend distributed (grossed-up to reflect the pre-tax income that it would have had to earn in order to distribute the dividend) at the corporate tax rate which would have otherwise been applicable. Dividends paid out of income attributed to a Beneficiary Enterprise (or out of dividends received from a company whose income is attributed to a Beneficiary Enterprise) are generally subject to withholding tax at source at the rate of 15% or at a lower rate as may be provided in an applicable tax treaty. The 15% tax rate is limited to dividends and distributions out of income derived during the benefits period and actually paid at any time up to 12 years thereafter. After this period, the withholding tax is applied at a rate of up to 30%, or at a lower rate under an applicable tax treaty. In the case of an FIC, the 12-year limitation on reduced withholding tax on dividends does not apply.

The benefits available to a Beneficiary Enterprise are subject to the fulfillment of conditions stipulated in the Investment Law and its regulations. If a company does not meet these conditions, it would be required to refund the amount of tax benefits, adjusted to the Israeli consumer price index, and interest, or other monetary penalties.

On October 24, 2010, we received a tax ruling from the Israel Tax Authority, according to which, among other things, our activity has been qualified as an “industrial activity”, as defined in the Investment Law and is also eligible to tax benefits as a Beneficiary Enterprise, which will apply to the turnover attributed to such enterprise. The benefits available to us under this tax ruling are subject to the fulfillment of conditions stipulated in the ruling. If we do not meet these conditions, the ruling may be abolished which would result in adverse tax consequences to us.

#### **Tax Benefits Under the 2011 Amendment**

The 2011 Amendment canceled the availability of the benefits granted to companies under the Investment Law prior to 2011 and, instead, introduced new benefits for income generated by a “Preferred Company” through its “Preferred Enterprise” (as such terms are defined in the Investment Law) as of January 1, 2011. The definition of a Preferred Company includes a company incorporated in Israel that is not wholly-owned by a governmental entity, and that has, among other things, Preferred Enterprise status and is controlled and managed from Israel. Pursuant to the 2011 Amendment, a Preferred Company is entitled to a reduced corporate tax rate of 15% with respect to its preferred income attributed to its Preferred Enterprise in 2011 and 2012, unless the Preferred Enterprise is located in a specified development zone, in which case the rate will be 10%. Such corporate tax rate was reduced from 15% and 10% for non-specified and specified development zones to 12.5% and 7%, respectively, in 2013 and then increased to 16% and 9%, respectively, in 2014 and thereafter. Our facilities are not located in a specified development zone.

As of 2014, dividends paid out of income attributed to a Preferred Enterprise are generally subject to withholding tax at source at the rate of 20% or at a lower rate as may be provided in an applicable tax treaty. However, if such dividends are paid to an Israeli company, no tax is required to be withheld (however, if such dividends are subsequently distributed to individuals or non-Israeli company a withholding of 20% or such lower rate as may be provided in an applicable tax treaty, will apply). The 2011 Amendment also provided transitional provisions to address companies already enjoying existing tax benefits under the Investment Law. These transitional provisions provide, among other things, that unless an irrevocable request is made to apply the provisions of the Investment Law as amended in 2011 with respect to income to be derived as of January 1, 2011: (i) the terms and benefits included in any certificate of approval that was granted to an Approved Enterprise which chose to receive grants and certain tax benefits under the Grant Track before the 2011 Amendment became effective will remain subject to the provisions of the Investment Law as in effect on the date of such approval, and subject to certain conditions; (ii) the terms and benefits included in any certificate of approval that was granted to an Approved Enterprise under the Alternative Track before the 2011 Amendment became effective will remain subject to the provisions of the Investment Law as in effect on the date of such approval, provided that certain conditions are met; and (iii) a Beneficiary Enterprise can elect to continue to benefit from the benefits provided to it before the 2011 Amendment became effective, provided that certain conditions are met.

We have reviewed and evaluated the implications and effect of the benefits under the 2011 Amendment, and, while potentially eligible for such benefits, we have not yet chosen to be subject to the tax benefits introduced by the 2011 Amendment.

From time to time, the Israeli Government has discussed reducing the benefits available to companies under the Investment Law. The termination or substantial reduction of any of the benefits available under the Investment Law could materially increase our tax liabilities.

## Taxation of Our Non-Israeli Shareholders

*Capital Gains Taxes Applicable to Non-Israeli Resident Shareholders.* Generally, a non-Israeli resident who derives capital gains from the sale of shares in an Israeli resident company that were purchased after the company was listed for trading on a stock exchange outside of Israel should be exempt from Israeli tax so long as the shares were not held through a permanent establishment that the non-resident maintains in Israel. However, non-Israeli corporations will not be entitled to the foregoing exemption if Israeli residents: (i) have a controlling interest of 25% or more in such non-Israeli corporation or (ii) are the beneficiaries of, or are entitled to, 25% or more of the revenues or profits of such non-Israeli corporation, whether directly or indirectly. Additionally, such exemption is not applicable to a person whose gains from selling or otherwise disposing of the shares are deemed to be business income.

A sale of shares by a non-Israeli resident may also be exempt from Israeli capital gains tax under the provisions of an applicable tax treaty. For example, under the United States-Israel Tax Treaty, the disposition of shares by a shareholder who is a United States resident (for purposes of the treaty) holding the shares as a capital asset and is entitled to claim the benefits afforded to such person by the treaty, is generally exempt from Israeli capital gains tax unless, among other things, (i) the capital gain arising from the disposition can be attributed to a permanent establishment of the shareholder in Israel; (ii) the shareholder holds, directly or indirectly, shares representing 10% or more of the voting capital during any part of the 12-month period preceding the disposition, subject to certain conditions; or (iii) such U.S. resident is an individual and was present in Israel for a period or periods aggregating to 183 days or more during the relevant taxable year. In each case, the sale, exchange or disposition of such shares would be subject to Israeli tax, to the extent applicable; however, under the United States-Israel Tax Treaty, the United States resident would be permitted to claim a credit for the Israeli tax against the United States federal income tax imposed with respect to the sale, exchange or disposition, subject to the limitations in United States laws applicable to foreign tax credits.

In some instances where our shareholders may be liable for Israeli tax on the sale of their ordinary shares, the payment of the consideration may be subject to the withholding of Israeli tax at source. Shareholders may be required to demonstrate that they are exempt from tax on their capital gains in order to avoid withholding at source at the time of sale. Specifically, in transactions involving a sale of all of the shares of an Israeli resident company, in the form of a merger or otherwise, the Israel Tax Authority may require from shareholders who are not liable for Israeli tax to sign declarations in forms specified by this authority or obtain a specific exemption from the Israel Tax Authority to confirm their status as non-Israeli resident, and, in the absence of such declarations or exemptions, may require the purchaser of the shares to withhold taxes at source.

*Taxation of Non-Israeli Shareholders on Receipt of Dividends.* Non-Israeli residents are generally subject to Israeli tax on the receipt of dividends paid on our ordinary shares at the rate of 25%, which tax will be withheld at source, unless relief is provided in a treaty between Israel and the shareholder's country of residence. With respect to a person who is a "substantial shareholder" at the time of receiving the dividend or on any time during the preceding twelve months, the applicable tax rate is 30%. A "substantial shareholder" is generally a person who alone or together with such person's relative or another person who collaborates with such person on a permanent basis, holds, directly or indirectly, at least 10% of any of the "means of control" of the corporation. "Means of control" generally include the right to vote, receive profits, nominate a director or an executive officer, receive assets upon liquidation, or order someone who holds any of the aforesaid rights how to act, regardless of the source of such right. Dividends paid on publicly traded shares, which are registered with and held by a nominee company, to non-Israeli residents are generally subject to Israeli withholding tax at a rate of 25% (whether the recipient is a "substantial shareholder" or not), unless a different rate is provided under an applicable tax treaty between Israel and the shareholder's country of residence and provided that a certificate from the Israel Tax Authority allowing for a reduced withholding tax rate is obtained in advance. However, a distribution of dividends to non-Israeli residents is subject to withholding tax at source at a rate of 15% if the dividend is distributed from income attributed to an Approved Enterprise, or a Beneficiary Enterprise (and 20% if the dividend is distributed from income attributed to a Preferred Enterprise), unless a reduced tax rate is provided under an applicable tax treaty.

In this regard, under the United States-Israel Tax Treaty, the maximum rate of tax withheld at source in Israel on dividends paid to a holder of our ordinary shares who is a United States resident (for purposes of the United States-Israel Tax Treaty) is 25%. However, generally, the maximum rate of withholding tax on dividends, not generated from an Approved Enterprise, a Beneficiary Enterprise or a Preferred Enterprise, that are paid to a United States corporation holding 10% or more of the outstanding voting capital throughout the tax year in which the dividend is distributed as well as during the previous tax year, is 12.5%, provided that no more than 25% of the gross income for such preceding year consists of certain types of dividends and interest. We cannot assure you that we will designate the profits that we may distribute in a way that will reduce shareholders' tax liability. Notwithstanding the foregoing, dividends distributed from income attributed to an Approved Enterprise or a Beneficiary Enterprise are subject to withholding tax at the rate of 15% for such a United States corporate shareholder, provided that the condition related to our gross income for the previous year (as set forth in the previous sentence) is met. If the dividend is attributable partly to income derived from an Approved Enterprise or a Beneficiary Enterprise, and partly to other sources of income, the withholding rate will be a blended rate reflecting the relative portions of the two types of income. United States residents who are subject to Israeli withholding tax on a dividend may be entitled to a credit or deduction for United States federal income tax purposes in the amount of the taxes withheld, subject to detailed rules contained in United States tax legislation.

A non-Israeli resident who receives dividends from which tax was withheld is generally exempt from the obligation to file tax returns in Israel in respect of such income, provided that (i) such income was not derived from a business conducted in Israel by the taxpayer, and (ii) the taxpayer has no other taxable sources of income in Israel with respect to which a tax return is required to be filed.

#### **Excess Tax**

Individuals who are subject to tax in Israel are also subject to an additional tax at a rate of 2% on annual income exceeding NIS 811,560 for 2014, which amount is linked to the annual change in the Israeli consumer price index, including, but not limited to, dividends, interest and capital gain, subject to the provisions of an applicable tax treaty.

#### **United States Federal Income Taxation**

The following is a description of the material United States federal income tax consequences to U.S. Holders (as defined below) of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our ordinary shares. This description addresses only the United States federal income tax consequences to holders of our ordinary shares that hold such ordinary shares as capital assets. This description does not address tax considerations applicable to holders that may be subject to special tax rules, including, without limitation:

- banks, financial institutions or insurance companies;
- real estate investment trusts, regulated investment companies or grantor trusts;
- dealers or traders in securities, commodities or currencies;
- tax-exempt entities;
- certain former citizens or long-term residents of the United States;
- persons that received our shares as compensation for the performance of services;
- persons that will hold our shares as part of a "hedging," "integrated" or "conversion" transaction or as a position in a "straddle" for United States federal income tax purposes;
- partnerships (including entities classified as partnerships for United States federal income tax purposes) or other pass-through entities, or holders that will hold our shares through such an entity;
- U.S. Holders (as defined below) whose "functional currency" is not the U.S. dollar; or
- holders that own directly, indirectly or through attribution 10.0% or more of the voting power or value of our shares.

Moreover, this description does not address the United States federal estate, gift or alternative minimum tax consequences, or any state, local or foreign tax consequences, of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our ordinary shares.

This description is based on the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), existing, proposed and temporary United States Treasury Regulations and judicial and administrative interpretations thereof, in each case as in effect and available on the date hereof. Each of the foregoing is subject to change, which change could apply retroactively and could affect the tax consequences described below. There can be no assurances that the U.S. Internal Revenue Service will not take a different position concerning the tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our ordinary shares or that such a position would not be sustained.

For purposes of this description, a "U.S. Holder" is a beneficial owner of our ordinary shares that, for United States federal income tax purposes, is:

- a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation (or other entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any state thereof, including the District of Columbia;
- an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust if such trust has validly elected to be treated as a United States person for United States federal income tax purposes or if (1) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and (2) one or more United States persons have the authority to control all of the substantial decisions of such trust.

A "Non-U.S. Holder" is a beneficial owner of our ordinary shares that is neither a U.S. Holder nor a partnership (or other entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes).

If a partnership (or any other entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) holds our ordinary shares, the tax treatment of a partner in such partnership will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Such a partner or partnership is encouraged to consult its tax advisor as to its tax consequences.

Unless otherwise indicated, this description assumes that we are not, and will not become, a "passive foreign investment company," or "PFIC," for United States federal income tax purposes. See "—Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations."

**You are encouraged to consult your advisor with respect to the United States federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences of acquiring, owning and disposing of our ordinary shares.**

#### **Distributions**

If you are a U.S. Holder, the gross amount of any distribution that we pay you with respect to our ordinary shares before reduction for any Israeli taxes withheld therefrom generally will be includible in your income as dividend income to the extent such distribution is paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits as determined under United States federal income tax principles. To the extent that the amount of any cash distribution exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits as determined under United States federal income tax principles, it will be treated first as a tax-free return of your adjusted tax basis in our ordinary shares and thereafter as capital gain. We do not expect to maintain calculations of our earnings and profits under United States federal income tax principles. Therefore, if you are a U.S. Holder you should expect that the entire amount of any cash distribution generally will be reported as dividend income to you; provided, however, that distributions of ordinary shares to U.S. Holders that are part of a pro rata distribution to all of our shareholders generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax. Subject to the PFIC rules discussed below, non-corporate U.S. Holders may qualify for the lower rates of taxation with respect to dividends on ordinary shares applicable to long-term capital gains (*i.e.*, gains from the sale of capital assets held for more than one year), provided that certain conditions are met, including certain holding period requirements and the absence of certain risk reduction transactions. Moreover, such reduced rate shall not apply if we are a PFIC for the taxable year in which we pay a dividend, or were a PFIC for the preceding taxable year. Dividends will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction generally allowed to corporate U.S. Holders.

If you are a U.S. Holder, dividends that we pay you with respect to our ordinary shares will be treated as foreign source income, which may be relevant in calculating your foreign tax credit limitation. Subject to certain conditions and limitations, Israeli tax withheld on dividends may be deducted from your taxable income or credited against your United States federal income tax liability. The limitation on foreign taxes eligible for credit is calculated separately with respect to specific classes of income. For this purpose, dividends that we distribute generally should constitute “passive category income,” or, in the case of certain U.S. Holders, “general category income.” A foreign tax credit for foreign taxes imposed on distributions may be denied if you do not satisfy certain minimum holding period requirements. The rules relating to the determination of the foreign tax credit are complex, and you are encouraged to consult your tax advisor to determine whether and to what extent you will be entitled to this credit.

#### **Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition of Ordinary Shares**

Subject to the discussion below under “Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations,” if you are a U.S. Holder, you generally will recognize an amount of gain or loss on the sale, exchange or other disposition of our ordinary shares equal to the difference between the amount realized on such sale, exchange or other disposition and your tax basis in our ordinary shares, and such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss. The tax basis in an ordinary share generally will equal the cost of such ordinary share. If you are a non-corporate U.S. Holder, capital gain from the sale, exchange or other disposition of ordinary shares generally will be eligible for a preferential rate of taxation applicable to capital gains, if your holding period for such ordinary shares exceeds one year. The deductibility of capital losses for United States federal income tax purposes is subject to limitations under the Code. Any such gain or loss that a U.S. Holder recognizes generally will be treated as U.S. source income or loss for foreign tax credit limitation purposes.

#### **Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations**

If we were to be classified as a “passive foreign investment company,” or PFIC, in any taxable year, a U.S. Holder would be subject to special rules generally intended to reduce or eliminate any benefits from the deferral of U.S. federal income tax that a U.S. Holder could derive from investing in a non-U.S. company that does not distribute all of its earnings on a current basis.

A non-U.S. corporation will be classified as a PFIC for federal income tax purposes in any taxable year in which, after applying certain look-through rules, either:

- at least 75% of its gross income is “passive income”; or
- at least 50% of the average quarterly value of its gross assets (which may be determined in part by the market value of our ordinary shares, which is subject to change) is attributable to assets that produce “passive income” or are held for the production of passive income.



Passive income for this purpose generally includes dividends, interest, royalties, rents, gains from commodities and securities transactions, the excess of gains over losses from the disposition of assets which produce passive income, and includes amounts derived by reason of the temporary investment of funds raised in offerings of our ordinary shares. If a non-U.S. corporation owns at least 25% by value of the stock of another corporation, the non-U.S. corporation is treated for purposes of the PFIC tests as owning its proportionate share of the assets of the other corporation and as receiving directly its proportionate share of the other corporation's income. For publicly traded corporations, the PFIC asset test described above is applied using the fair market value of the non-U.S. corporation's assets. For purposes of a the PFIC asset test, a publicly traded non-U.S. corporation may treat the aggregate fair market value of its assets as being equal to the sum of the aggregate value of its outstanding stock ("Market Capitalization") and the total amount of its liabilities. We intend to take the position that the excess of a non-U.S. corporation's Market Capitalization plus liabilities over the book value of all of its assets ("Goodwill") may generally be treated as a non-passive asset to the extent attributable to the non-passive activities of such corporation. If we are classified as a PFIC in any year with respect to which a U.S. Holder owns our ordinary shares, we will continue to be treated as a PFIC with respect to such U.S. Holder in all succeeding years during which the U.S. Holder owns our ordinary shares, regardless of whether we continue to meet the tests described above.

Based on certain estimates of our gross income and gross assets and the nature of our business, we do not believe that we were classified as a PFIC for the taxable year ended December 31, 2014. However, because PFIC status is based on our income, assets and activities for the entire taxable year, and our Market Capitalization, it is not possible to determine whether we will be characterized as a PFIC for the 2015 taxable year until after the close of the year. Moreover, we must determine our PFIC status annually based on tests which are factual in nature, and our status in future years will depend on our income, assets, activities and Market Capitalization in those years. In addition, because we currently hold, and expect to continue to hold, a substantial amount of cash and cash equivalents and other passive assets used in our business, and because the value of our gross assets is likely to be determined in large part by reference to the market prices of our securities, we would likely become a PFIC for a given taxable year if our Market Capitalization were to decrease significantly. Thus, there can be no assurance that we will not be considered a PFIC for any taxable year.

If we were a PFIC, and you are a U.S. Holder, then unless you make one of the elections described below, a special tax regime will apply to both (a) any "excess distribution" by us to you (generally, your ratable portion of distributions in any year which are greater than 125% of the average annual distribution received by you in the shorter of the three preceding years or your holding period for our ordinary shares) and (b) any gain realized on the sale or other disposition of the ordinary shares. Under this regime, any excess distribution and realized gain will be treated as ordinary income and will be subject to tax as if (a) the excess distribution or gain had been realized ratably over your holding period, (b) the amount deemed realized in each year had been subject to tax in each year of that holding period at the highest marginal rate for such year (other than income allocated to the current period or any taxable period before we became a PFIC, which would be subject to tax at the U.S. Holder's regular ordinary income rate for the current year and would not be subject to the interest charge discussed below), and (c) the interest charge generally applicable to underpayments of tax had been imposed on the taxes deemed to have been payable in those years.

If we are a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder holds our ordinary shares, then in lieu of being subject to the tax and interest charge rules discussed above, a U.S. Holder may make an election to include gain on the stock of a PFIC as ordinary income under a mark-to-market method, provided that such ordinary shares are "regularly traded" on a "qualified exchange." In general, our ordinary shares will be treated as "regularly traded" for a given calendar year if more than a *de minimis* quantity of our ordinary shares are traded on a qualified exchange on at least 15 days during each calendar quarter of such calendar year. Our ordinary shares have been authorized for listing on the New York Stock Exchange. However, no assurance can be given that our ordinary shares will be regularly traded on a "qualified exchange" for purposes of the mark-to-market election. In addition, because a mark-to-market election cannot be made for any lower-tier PFICs that we may own, a U.S. Holder may continue to be subject to the PFIC rules discussed above with respect to such holder's indirect interest in any investments we hold that are treated as an equity interest in a PFIC for United States federal income tax purposes.

If a U.S. Holder makes an effective mark-to-market election, in each year that we are a PFIC, such U.S. Holder will include in each year that we are a PFIC as ordinary income the excess of the fair market value of such U.S. Holder's ordinary shares at the end of the year over such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the shares. Such U.S. Holder will be entitled to deduct as an ordinary loss in each such year the excess of such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the ordinary shares over their fair market value at the end of the year, but only to the extent of the net amount previously included in income as a result of the mark-to-market election. If a U.S. Holder makes an effective mark-to-market election, in each year that we are a PFIC, any gain such U.S. Holder recognizes upon the sale or other disposition of such U.S. Holder's ordinary shares will be treated as ordinary income and any loss will be treated as ordinary loss, but only to the extent of the net amount of previously included income as a result of the mark-to-market election.

A U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the ordinary shares will be increased by the amount of any income inclusion and decreased by the amount of any deductions under the mark-to-market rules discussed above. If a U.S. Holder makes an effective mark-to-market election, it will be effective for the taxable year for which the election is made and all subsequent taxable years unless the ordinary shares are no longer regularly traded on a qualified exchange or the IRS consents to the revocation of the election. U.S. Holders are encouraged to consult their tax advisers about the availability of the mark-to-market election, and whether making the election would be advisable in their particular circumstances.

In certain circumstances, a U.S. equityholder in a PFIC may avoid the adverse tax and interest-charge regime described above by making a "qualified electing fund" election to include in income its share of the corporation's income on a current basis. However, a U.S. Holder may make a qualified electing fund election with respect to the ordinary shares only if we agree to furnish you annually with a PFIC annual information statement as specified in the applicable Treasury regulations.

We do not intend to provide the information necessary for U.S. Holders to make qualified electing fund elections if we are classified as a PFIC. U.S. Holders are encouraged to consult their tax advisors to determine whether any of these elections would be available and if so, what the consequences of the alternative treatments would be in their particular circumstances.

If we are determined to be a PFIC, the general tax treatment for U.S. Holders described in this paragraph would apply to indirect distributions and gains deemed to be realized by U.S. Holders in respect of any of our subsidiaries that also may be determined to be PFICs.

If a U.S. Holder owns ordinary shares during any year in which we are a PFIC and the U.S. Holder recognizes gain on a disposition of our ordinary shares or receives distributions with respect to our ordinary shares, the U.S. Holder generally will be required to file an IRS Form 8621 with respect to the company, generally with the U.S. Holder's federal income tax return for that year. If our company were a PFIC for a given taxable year, then you are encouraged to consult your tax advisor concerning your annual filing requirements.

U.S. Holders are encouraged to consult their tax advisors regarding whether we are a PFIC and the potential application of the PFIC rules.

#### **Backup Withholding Tax and Information Reporting Requirements**

United States backup withholding tax and information reporting requirements may apply to certain payments to certain holders of stock. Information reporting generally will apply to payments of dividends on, and to proceeds from the sale or redemption of, our ordinary shares made within the United States, or by a United States payor or United States middleman, to a holder of our ordinary shares, other than an exempt recipient (including a payee that is not a United States person that provides an appropriate certification and certain other persons). A payor will be required to withhold backup withholding tax from any payments of dividends on, or the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, ordinary shares within the United States, or by a United States payor or United States middleman, to a holder, other than an exempt recipient, if such holder fails to furnish its correct taxpayer identification number or otherwise fails to comply with, or establish an exemption from, such backup withholding tax requirements. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a credit against the beneficial owner's United States federal income tax liability, if any, and any excess amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be refunded, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

## Foreign Asset Reporting

Certain U.S. Holders who are individuals are required to report information relating to an interest in our ordinary shares, subject to certain exceptions (including an exception for shares held in accounts maintained by financial institutions). U.S. Holders are encouraged to consult their tax advisors regarding their information reporting obligations, if any, with respect to their ownership and disposition of our ordinary shares.

## Medicare Tax

Certain U.S. Holders that are individuals, estates or trusts are subject to a 3.8% tax on all or a portion of their “net investment income,” which may include all or a portion of their dividend income and net gains from the disposition of ordinary shares. Each U.S. Holder that is an individual, estate or trust is encouraged to consult its tax advisors regarding the applicability of the Medicare tax to its income and gains in respect of its investment in the ordinary shares.

**The above description is not intended to constitute a complete analysis of all tax consequences relating to acquisition, ownership and disposition of our ordinary shares. You are encouraged to consult your tax advisor concerning the tax consequences of your particular situation.**

### F. Dividends and Paying Agents

Not applicable.

### G. Statement by Experts

Not applicable.

### H. Documents on Display

We are currently subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act applicable to foreign private issuers and fulfill the obligations of these requirements by filing reports with the SEC. As a foreign private issuer, we are exempt from the rules under the Exchange Act relating to the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and our officers, directors and principal shareholders are exempt from the reporting and short-swing profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act. In addition, we are not required under the Exchange Act to file periodic reports and financial statements with the SEC as frequently or as promptly as U.S. companies whose securities are registered under the Exchange Act. However, we intend to file with the SEC, within 120 days after the end of each subsequent fiscal year, an annual report on Form 20-F containing financial statements which will be examined and reported on, with an opinion expressed, by an independent public accounting firm. We also intend to furnish the SEC reports on Form 6-K containing unaudited quarterly financial information.

You may inspect and copy such material without charge at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of such material from the SEC at prescribed rates by writing to the Public Reference Section of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. The SEC maintains an Internet website at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains reports, proxy statements, information statements and other material that are filed through the SEC’s Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval, or “EDGAR” system.

We also file annual and special reports and other information with the Israeli Securities Authority through its fair disclosure electronic system called MAGNA. You may review these filings on the website of the MAGNA system operated by the Israeli Securities Authority at [www.magna.isa.gov.il](http://www.magna.isa.gov.il) or on the website of the TASE at [www.tase.co.il](http://www.tase.co.il).

Our ordinary shares are quoted on the TASE and the NYSE. Information about us is also available on our website at <http://www.evogene.com>. Our website and the information contained therein or connected thereto will not be deemed to be incorporated into this annual report and you should not rely on any such information in making your decision whether to purchase our ordinary shares.

**I. Subsidiary Information**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 19. EXHIBITS**

See exhibit index incorporated herein by reference.

**SIGNATURES**

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this Annual Report on its behalf.

Evogene Ltd.

Date: May 29, 2015

By: /s/ Ofer Haviv  
Name: Ofer Haviv  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.1	Amended and Restated Articles of Association of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Evogene's Registration Statement on Form F-1, as amended (Registration No. 333-191315))
1.2	Amendments to Articles 19 and 21 of the Amended and Restated Articles of Association of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Appendix A to Evogene's proxy statement for its 2014 annual general meeting of shareholders, annexed as Exhibit 99.1(a) to Evogene's Report of Foreign Private Issuer on Form 6-K, furnished to the SEC on April 8, 2014)
4.1	Form of Indemnification Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to Evogene's Registration Statement on Form F-1, as amended (Registration No. 333-191315))
4.2	Evogene Share Option Plan (2002) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to Evogene's Registration Statement on Form F-1, as amended (Registration No. 333-191315))
4.3	Evogene Ltd. Key Employee Share Incentive Plan, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to Evogene's Registration Statement on Form F-1, as amended (Registration No. 333-191315))
4.4.1	The Evogene Ltd. 2013 Share Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to Evogene's Registration Statement on Form F-1, as amended (Registration No. 333-191315))
4.4.2	2015 U.S. Addendum to Evogene Ltd. 2013 Share Option Plan, previously filed as part of the Original Filing
4.5	Second Amended and Restated Collaboration Agreement, dated October 27, 2013, by and between Monsanto Company and Evogene Ltd., (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Evogene's Registration Statement on Form F-1, as amended (Registration No. 333-191315)) †
4.6	Wheat Collaboration and License Agreement, dated December 10, 2010, by and between Bayer CropScience AG and Evogene Ltd., as amended on October 14, 2012 and on July 21, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibits 10.6 and 10.7 to Evogene's Registration Statement on Form F-1, as amended (Registration No. 333-191315)) †
4.7	Evogene Ltd. Officers' Compensation Policy (incorporated by reference to Appendix A to Evogene's proxy statement for its special general meeting of shareholders held on March 11, 2014, annexed as Exhibit 99.1 to Evogene's Report of Foreign Private Issuer on Form 6-K, furnished to the SEC on February 10, 2014)
8.1	List of subsidiaries of the Registrant, previously filed as part of the Original Filing
12.1	Certificate of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) as adopted pursuant to §302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed with this Amendment
12.2	Certificate of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) as adopted pursuant to §302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed with this Amendment
13.1	Certificate of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, previously furnished as part of the Original Filing
13.2	Certificate of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, previously furnished as part of the Original Filing
15.1	Consent of Kost Forer Gabbay and Kasierer, a member of Ernst & Young, previously filed as part of the Original Filing

† Confidential treatment has been requested for portions of this document. The omitted portions of this document have been filed with the SEC.

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO  
EXCHANGE ACT RULE 13A-14(A)/15D-14(A)  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Ofer Haviv, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of Evogene Ltd.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report; and
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report.

/s/ Ofer Haviv

Ofer Haviv  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 29, 2015

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**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO  
EXCHANGE ACT RULE 13A-14(A)/15D-14(A)  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Sigal Fattal, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of Evogene Ltd.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report; and
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report.

/s/ Sigal Fattal

Sigal Fattal  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 29, 2015

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