Pharma-Bio Serv, Inc. Form 10-K/A March 02, 2015

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

#### FORM 10-K/A

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2014

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File No. 000-50956

#### PHARMA-BIO SERV, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 20-0653570

(State or Other

Jurisdiction of

Incorporation or Organization (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Pharma-Bio Serv Building, #6 Road 696 Dorado, Puerto

Rico 00646

(Address Of Principal

Executive (Zip Offices) Code)

787-278-2709

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 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 o No b

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes o No b

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 b No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 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 b No o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	0	Accelerated filer	O
Non-accelerated filer	0	Smaller reporting company	þ

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes o No b

The approximate aggregate market value of common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based on the closing price for the registrant's common stock on April 30, 2014 (the last business day of the second quarter of the registrant's current fiscal year), was \$22,239,959.

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding as of January 28, 2015 was 22,988,512.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Annual Report on Form 10-K/A is being filed by Pharma-Bio Serv, Inc. (the "Company") to amend the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2014 filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on January 29, 2015 to include the information required to be disclosed by Part III, Items 10-14 of Form 10-K.

# PHARMA-BIO SERV, INC. ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K/A FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2014

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

# PART III

ITEM 10.	DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	4
ITEM 11.	EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION	7
ITEM 12.	SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS	11
	CEDTAIN DEL ATIONICHIDE AND DEL ATED TO ANCACTIONE, AND DIDECTOR	
ITEM 13.	CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE	13
ITEM 14.	PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES	13
	PART IV	
ITEM 15.	EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES	14
2		
3		

#### **PART III**

#### ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### (a) Identification of Directors

Name	Age	Positions with the Company	Director Since
Elizabeth Plaza(3)	51	Chairman of the Board	2006
Kirk Michel(1),(2)	59	Director	2006
Dov Perlysky(2),(3)	52	Director	2004
Howard Spindel(1)	69	Director	2006
Irving Wiesen $(1)$ , $(2)$ , $(3)$	60	Director	2006

- (1) Member of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee.
  - (2) Member of the Mergers and Acquisition Committee.
    - (3) Member of the Nominating Committee.

Elizabeth Plaza has served as the Chairman of the Board since January 2006. Also, Ms. E. Plaza assumed the role of Senior Strategic Consultant of the Company on January 1, 2013. Ms. E. Plaza served as our president and chief executive officer from January 2006 to December 2012, and as our principal executive officer from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. Ms. E. Plaza holds a B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences, magna cum laude, from the School of Pharmacy of the University of Puerto Rico. She was a 40 under 40 Caribbean Business Award recipient in 2002, the 2003 recipient of Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Health Science, one of the 2003 recipients of the Puerto Rico Powerful Business Women Award, elected as Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association 2004 (Metropolitan-West Region) Executive of the Year, and Puerto Rico 2008 Executive of the Year. She is member of the US Department of Commerce National Advisory Council on Minority Business Enterprise and is also member of the Puerto Rico Manufacturer's Association Board of Directors.

Ms. E. Plaza brings extensive leadership and business experience, as well as an in-depth understanding of the Company's history and tremendous knowledge of our business and the pharmaceutical industry, to the Board. Her experience as an entrepreneur in the pharmaceutical industry has given her broad understanding and expertise, particularly relating to business and industry matters.

Kirk Michel, a director since January 25, 2006, has been a managing director of KEMA Advisors, Inc., a boutique investment banking firm located in Hillsborough, North Carolina since 2000. KEMA Advisors provides corporate finance advisory services to middle market companies and governmental agencies. From 1995 to 2000, Mr. Michel was the co-founder and a managing director of Bahia Group Holdings, LLC which provided corporate finance, public finance and merger and acquisition services to middle market companies and governmental agencies. Mr. Michel holds a M.B.A. degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Business and a B.A. in Economics from Northwestern University.

Mr. Michel brings extensive leadership, business, and finance experience to the Board. His experience as a managing director of an investment banking firm has given him broad understanding and expertise, particularly relating to business and finance matters.

Dov Perlysky, a director since 2004, has been the managing member of Nesher, LLC a private investment firm since 2000. On January 25, 2006, in connection with the reverse acquisition, Mr. Perlysky resigned as president and became a consultant to us. From 1998 until 2002, Mr. Perlysky was a vice president in the private client group of Laidlaw Global Securities, a registered broker-dealer. He received his B.S. in Mathematics and Computer Science from the

University of Illinois in 1985 and a Masters in Management from the JL Kellogg Graduate School of Northwestern University in 1991. Mr. Perlysky is a director of Enzo Biochem, Inc., a growth-oriented life sciences and biotechnology company listed on the New York Stock Exchange, Engex, Inc., a closed-end mutual fund, and Highlands Bancorp, Inc.

Mr. Perlysky brings extensive leadership and business experience, as well as an in-depth understanding of the Company's history and tremendous knowledge of our business and the pharmaceutical industry, to the Board. His experience as the former president of the Company has given him broad understanding and expertise, particularly relating to the Company's business and industry.

Howard Spindel, a director since January 25, 2006, has been a consultant with Integrated Management Solutions, a securities industry consulting and recruitment firm which he founded, since 1985. In this capacity, he has also acted as a financial and operations principal, general securities principal, registered representative and options principal for several broker-dealers during this period. He is also a director of Engex, Inc., a closed-end investment company, and Oak Tree Educational Partners, Inc., a training company. Mr. Spindel received a B.S (Accounting) degree from Hunter College and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Mr. Spindel brings extensive leadership, business, and accounting experience to the Board. His experience as a consultant, certified public accountant and board member to other companies has given him broad understanding and expertise, particularly relating to business, accounting and finance matters.

Irving Wiesen, a director since January 25, 2006, has practiced as an attorney specializing in food and drug law and regulation in the pharmaceutical and medical device industries for over thirty years. For more than the past five years he has been of counsel to the New York law firms, Ullman, Shapiro and Ullman, LLP and Cohen, Tauber, Spievack & Wagner. Prior to that, Mr. Wiesen was a partner in the New York food and drug law firm, Bass & Ullman, and also served as division counsel of Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Mr. Wiesen represents pharmaceutical, medical device and biotechnology companies in all aspects of FDA regulation, corporate practice and compliance, litigation and allied commercial transactions. Mr. Wiesen received his J.D. degree from the New York University School of Law and holds an M.A. in English Literature from Columbia University and a B.A., cum laude, from Yeshiva University.

Mr. Wiesen brings extensive leadership, business, and legal experience to the Board. He has practiced as an attorney specializing in food and drug law and regulation in the pharmaceutical and medical device industries for over thirty years. His experience as a practicing lawyer in the pharmaceutical and medical device industries has given him broad understanding and expertise, particularly relating to legal and industry matters impacting the Company.

#### (b) Identification of Executive Officers

Name	Age	Position
Victor Sanchez	44	Chief Executive Officer, President and President of European Operations
Pedro J. Lasanta	55	Chief Financial Officer, Vice President - Finance and Administration and Secretary

Victor Sanchez has served as our Chief Executive Officer and President since January 1, 2015 and as the President of the European Operations of the Company since January 2011. Prior to joining the Company, he served as Operations Manager in the LOCM and OSD divisions of Merck Sharp & Dohme ("MSD"), a pharmaceutical company, in Madrid, Spain from April 2010 to January 2011 and as Operations Manager of the LOCM division of Schering-Plough S.A., a pharmaceutical company, in Madrid, Spain, from September 2004 to April 2010. He served as Quality Control Validations Manager for Schering-Plough Products, LLC, a pharmaceutical company ("Schering-Plough"), in Puerto Rico from December 2000 to August 2004 and as Quality Control Laboratory Supervisor of Schering-Plough from April 1996 to December 2000. Mr. Sanchez holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, summa cum laude, and a M.B.A. in Industrial Management, cum laude, from the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical Validation Technology from the Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland. Mr. Sanchez is a licensed chemist by the Puerto Rico State Department and a member of the American Chemical Society, the Parenteral Drug Association, the Regulatory Affairs Professional Society, and the International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineers.

Pedro J. Lasanta has served as our Chief Financial Officer and Vice President - Finance and Administration since November 2007, and our Secretary since December 1, 2014. From 2006 until October 2007, Mr. Lasanta was in private practice as an accountant, tax and business counselor. From 1999 until 2006, Mr. Lasanta was the Chief Financial Officer for Pearle Vision Center PR, Inc. In the past, Mr. Lasanta was also an audit manager for Ernst & Young, formerly Arthur Young & Company. He is a cum laude graduate in business administration (accounting) from the University of Puerto Rico. Mr. Lasanta is a Certified Public Accountant. In 2012, he was awarded the Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association (North Region) Service Manager of the Year. Mr. Lasanta has served as a Member of the Puerto Rico District Export Council for the U.S. Department of Commerce since January 2014.

# (c) Identification of Certain Significant Employees

Not applicable.

## (d) Family Relationships

Elizabeth Plaza and Nélida Plaza, our former Chief Operating Officer and Secretary, are sisters. There is no other family relationship among our officers and directors.

#### (e) Business Experience

The business experience of each of our current directors and executive officers is set forth in Part III, Item 10(a), "Identification of Directors" and Part III, Item 10(b), "Identification of Executive Officers," respectively, of this Annual Report on Form 10-K/A.

The directorships currently held, and held during the past five years, by each of our directors in any company with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or subject to Section 15 of such Act or any company registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are set forth in Part III, Item 10(a), "Identification of Directors" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K/A.

#### (f) Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings

To the best of our knowledge, none of our directors or executive officers that served during the year ended October 31, 2014 ("Fiscal 2014") or currently has been involved during the past ten years in any legal proceedings required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 401(f) of Regulation S-K.

#### (g) Promoters and Control Persons

Not applicable.

#### (h) and (i) Audit Committee and Audit Committee Financial Expert

The members of the Audit Committee are Howard Spindel, Chairman, Kirk Michel and Irving Wiesen, all of whom are independent directors as determined by the Nasdaq Rules. The responsibilities and duties of the Audit Committee consist of but are not limited to: (1) overseeing the financial reporting process; (2) meeting with our external auditors regarding audit results; (3) engaging and ensuring independence of our outside audit firm and (4) reviewing the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls.

Our Board has determined that Mr. Spindel qualifies as an "Audit Committee financial expert" within the meaning of applicable regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, promulgated pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Our board of directors has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee which the Audit Committee reviews and reassesses for adequacy on an annual basis. A copy of the Audit Committee's charter is located on our website at www.pharmabioserv.com.

#### (i) Procedures for Stockholder Nominations to the Board of Directors

No material changes to the procedures for nominating directors by our stockholders were made during Fiscal 2014.

#### Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act requires our executive officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of our common stock, to file reports regarding ownership of, and transactions in, our securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission and to provide us with copies of those filings. To the Company's knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of such reports furnished to the Company and written representations that no other reports were required, during the year ended October 31, 2014, all such filing requirements applicable to the Company's directors, executive officers and greater than 10% beneficial owners were complied with, except Messrs. Michel, Perlysky, Spindel and Wiesen each untimely filed a Form 4 to report one transaction.

#### Code of Conduct and Ethics

We have adopted a Code of Ethics that applies to all our senior management, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer, and directors. We intend to post amendments to or waivers from our Code of Ethics (to the extent applicable to our Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial Officer, Principal Accounting Officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions) on our website at www.pharmabioserv.com. Our website is not part of this report.

## ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

#### **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table provides the compensation paid to our principal executive officer and other executive officers whose total compensation exceeded \$100,000 for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2014 and 2013 (the "Named Executive Officers").

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Salary	Bonus	Option Awards (\$)(3)	 l Other npensatio	on	Total
Elizabeth Plaza, Chairman and Former Principal Executive Officer(1)	2014 2013	\$ 105,525	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550,754 347,067	` '	\$ 550,754 452,592
Nélida Plaza, Former Chief Operating Officer and Secretary(2)	2014 2013	\$ 225,600 215,023	\$ 45,000 (4) 112,500(5)	\$ 10,879 10,879	\$ 5,204 15,612	(9) (9)	\$ 286,683 354,014
Pedro Lasanta, Chief Financial Officer, Vice President –Finance and Administration and Secretary	2014 2013	\$ 158,407 145,313	\$ - (6) 50,000 (5)	\$ 10,879 10,879	-		\$ 169,286 206,192

- (1) Elizabeth Plaza served as the Principal Executive Officer of the Company from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. Ms. E. Plaza previously served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company from January 2006 to December 31, 2012.
- (2) Effective November 28, 2014, Nélida Plaza resigned as the Chief Operating Officer and Secretary of the Company. Ms. N. Plaza previously served as the Acting President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company from January 2013 until December 31, 2013, Vice President of Operations of Pharma-Bio Serv PR, Inc. from January 2004 until December 31, 2013, and the President of Puerto Rico Operations of the Company from December 2009 until December 31, 2013.
- (3) Amounts shown do not reflect compensation received by the officers. Instead, the amounts shown are the compensation costs recognized by us in fiscal year 2014 and 2013 for option grants that were made to officers as determined pursuant to FASB ASC Topic 718. The assumptions used to calculate the value of option awards are set forth under Note I Stock Options and Stock Based Compensation in our audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2014, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2014.
  - (4) Represents bonus for services in fiscal 2014, which were paid in December 2014.
    - (5) Represents bonus for services in fiscal 2013, which were paid in January 2014.
- (6) The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors is continuing to evaluate performance for services during the year ended October 31, 2014.

Represents consulting fees and company lease payments for the vehicle under Elizabeth Plaza's use in the amount of \$532,883 and \$17,871, respectively. For additional information regarding these consulting fees, see Employment Agreements – Elizabeth Plaza – Consulting Agreement below.

- (8) Represents consulting fees and company lease payments for the vehicle under Elizabeth Plaza's use in the amount of \$330,687 and \$16,380, respectively. For additional information regarding these consulting fees, see Employment Agreements Elizabeth Plaza Consulting Agreement below.
  - (9) Represents lease payments for the vehicle under the use of Nélida Plaza.

# Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End Table

The following table summarizes information regarding equity-based awards held by our Named Executive Officers as of October 31, 2014.

	Number of	Number of		
	Securities	Securities		
	Underlying	Underlying		
	Unexercised	Unexercised	Option	Option
	Options	Options	Exercise	Expiration
Name	Exercisable	Unexercisable	Price	Date
Elizabeth Plaza	-	-	-	-
Nélida Plaza(1)(2)	133,400	66,600 \$	\$0.7200	Jan. 30, 2017
Pedro Lasanta(1)	133,400	66,600 \$	\$0.7200	Jan. 30, 2017

<sup>(1)</sup> Options to purchase 200,000 shares of common stock were granted on January 30, 2012. These options vest in three annual installments beginning on January 30, 2013.

(1) Effective December 15, 2014, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company accelerated the vesting of options to purchase 66,600 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.72 per share previously granted to Nelida Plaza, in connection with her resignation on November 28, 2014.

#### **Employment Agreements**

#### Elizabeth Plaza – Consulting Agreement

On December 31, 2013, the Company entered into a Consulting Agreement with Strategic Consultants International, LLC (the "Consultant") and Ms. E. Plaza, effective as of January 1, 2014. On January 1, 2015, the consulting agreement was amended to extend the term of the Consulting Agreement for an additional year to December 31, 2015. Pursuant to the consulting agreement, the Consultant will consult with the Board regarding the Company's strategic initiatives, company services, management, operations and other matters as may be requested from time to time by the Board. Pursuant to the consulting agreement, the Consultant will receive a monthly fee of \$42,000 during the term of the consulting agreement. Additionally, Ms. E. Plaza will receive a company automobile and such insurance as she was provided by the Company during her last year of employment with the Company. The consulting agreement also included standard provisions relating to non-competition, confidentiality, and nondisparagement.

#### Victor Sanchez

On January 1, 2015, the Company entered into an Employment Agreement with Victor Sanchez, the President, Chief Executive Officer and President of Europe Operations of the Company (the "Employment Agreement"). Pursuant to the Employment Agreement, Mr. Sanchez is entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$220,000 and such discretionary bonus, stock options and other equity-based incentives as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company. Also, Mr. Sanchez is entitled to receive benefits provided to all other executive officers of the Company.

Also, pursuant to the Employment Agreement, if the Company terminates the Employment Agreement and Mr. Sanchez's employment other than for death, disability or cause, the Company shall (1) pay to Mr. Sanchez within 30 days after the date of termination (a) a lump-sum severance payment in an amount equivalent to one (1) year of salary

at the time of the termination, less legal withholdings, or the severance established by PR labor law No. 80 of May 30, 1976, known as the "Wrongful Discharge Act" ("Ley de Despido Injustificado"), whichever amount is higher; (b) any bonuses that he may have earned up to the date of his termination, and (c) the value of any unused accrued vacation days, (2) provide executive one (1) year health coverage for the executive and dependents, and (3) provide that any restricted stock units, options or other similar granted awards held by him will become vested and exercisable for a three month period following the termination. Also, pursuant to the Employment Agreement, in the event of a change of control of the Company in connection with a sale, merger or acquisition of the Company or the Company ceases to be a public company, and is no longer subject to the reporting obligations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, any restricted stock units, options or other similar granted awards held by Mr. Sanchez will become vested and exercisable immediately prior to such event. If the Employment Agreement is terminated for death, disability or cause, no additional compensation will be payable subsequent to the date of such termination. The Employment Agreement also includes standard provisions relating to non-competition, non-solicitation and confidentiality.

#### Nélida Plaza

On December 31, 2009, Pharma-Bio Serv PR, Inc., a subsidiary of the Company, entered into an Employment Agreement with Nélida Plaza, Vice President of Operations and Secretary of the Company, which replaced the Employment Agreement entered into by and between Nélida Plaza and the Company, dated January 25, 2006. Pursuant to the employment agreement, Nélida Plaza will serve as President of Puerto Rico Operations, in charge of Scienza Labs, Integratek, Pharma Academy and Pharma-Bio Serv PR, for an indefinite period of time. Nélida Plaza will also continue to serve as the Secretary of the Company. Pursuant to the employment agreement, Nélida Plaza will be entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$175,000 and such bonus compensation as determined by the compensation committee, not to exceed 50% of her salary. Also, she is entitled to receive such stock options or other equity-based incentives as determined by the compensation committee. The Company also agreed to make the lease payments on the automobile she currently leases.

On January 7, 2013, the Company, and Pharma-Bio Serv PR, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, amended the Employment Agreement of Nélida Plaza, Acting President and Chief Executive Officer, President of Puerto Rico Operations and Secretary of the Company, dated December 31, 2009, as amended (the "Amendment"). The Amendment modifies Ms. N. Plaza's annual salary from \$175,000 to \$225,000 during her term as Acting President and Chief Executive Officer. Also, the Amendment modifies the term of Ms. N. Plaza's non-compete from two years to one year following the date of her departure from the Company.

On February 17, 2014, the Company amended the Employment Agreement of Nélida Plaza, the Chief Operating Officer and Secretary of the Company, dated December 31, 2009, as amended (the "Plaza Amendment"). The Plaza Amendment, effective January 1, 2014, sets forth Ms. N. Plaza's new position as Chief Operating Officer of the Company and Ms. N. Plaza's annual salary of \$225,000.

On November 11, 2014, the Company accepted the resignation of Nelida Plaza as Chief Operating Officer and Secretary of the Company, effective November 28, 2014, for personal reasons. Ms. Plaza also resigned from other positions she held with the Company's subsidiaries. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company accelerated the vesting of options to purchase 66,600 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.72 per share previously granted to Nelida Plaza and, pursuant to the terms of Ms. Plaza's employment agreement, approved a bonus of \$45,000 (representing 20% of Ms. Plaza's base salary) for the year ended October 31, 2014.

#### Pedro Lasanta

On November 5, 2007, we entered into an employment agreement with Pedro Lasanta, our chief financial officer, pursuant to which we pay Mr. Lasanta an annual salary of \$100,000 plus a monthly car allowance of \$500. The agreement has a one-year term, which we may extend subject to the approval of the president and chief executive officer and the Audit Committee. Mr. Lasanta's employment agreement has a non-competition provision pursuant to which he agrees that during the term of the agreement and for one year thereafter, Mr. Lasanta will not, directly or indirectly, engage in a competing business or solicit any customer or seek to persuade any customer to reduce the amount of business it does with us or seek to persuade any employee to leave our employment.

On December 17, 2008, we entered into an amendment to the employment agreement with Pedro Lasanta pursuant to which the term of the contract was extended indefinitely. The amended employment agreement provides that we will pay Mr. Lasanta an annual salary of \$110,000 and an annual bonus in cash or Company stock options to be granted based on performance metrics to be established. Pursuant to the amended employment agreement, we will grant Mr. Lasanta options to purchase 30,000 shares of Company stock having an exercise price equal to fair market value on the date of grant and vesting in three equal annual installments beginning one year from November 1, 2008. In

addition, upon termination of Mr. Lasanta's employment for reasons other than those set forth in his amended employment agreement, Mr. Lasanta will receive a lump-sum severance payment in an amount equivalent to six months of his salary at the time of the termination, less legal withholdings, or the severance established by PR labor law No. 80 of May 30, 1976 known as the "Wrongful Discharge Act" ("Ley de Despido Injustificado"), whichever amount is higher. All other terms and conditions of Mr. Lasanta's employment agreement remain the same.

On March 11, 2009, upon the approval of the Company's Compensation Committee, the Company entered into an Amendment to Employment Agreement with Pedro J. Lasanta to reduce Mr. Lasanta's current annual base salary from \$110,000 to \$106,000 and to eliminate Mr. Lasanta's automobile allowance effective March 1, 2009.

Effective January 1, 2010, the Company amended the Employment Agreement of Mr. Lasanta, dated November 5, 2007, to restore Mr. Lasanta's annual base salary to \$110,000. All other terms and conditions of Mr. Lasanta's employment agreement, as amended, remain the same.

On January 31, 2012, the Company amended the Employment Agreement of Mr. Lasanta, dated November 5, 2007, to increase Mr. Lasanta's annual base salary from \$110,000 to \$125,000. All other terms and conditions of Mr. Lasanta's employment agreement, as amended, remain the same.

On December 31, 2012, the Company amended the Employment Agreement of Mr. Lasanta, dated November 5, 2007, to increase Mr. Lasanta's annual base salary from \$125,000 to \$150,000 as of January 1, 2013. All other terms and conditions of Mr. Lasanta's employment agreement, as amended, remain the same.

On February 17, 2014, the Company amended the Employment Agreement of Pedro Lasanta, dated November 5, 2007, to increase Mr. Lasanta's salary to \$160,000, effective January 1, 2014 (the "Lasanta Amendment").

Also, pursuant to the Lasanta Amendment, if the Company terminates the employment agreement of Mr. Lasanta other than for death, disability or cause, the Company shall (1) pay to the executive within 30 days after the date of termination (a) a lump-sum severance payment in an amount equivalent to one (1) year of salary at the time of the termination, less legal withholdings, or the severance established by PR labor law No. 80 of May 30, 1976, known as the "Wrongful Discharge Act" ("Ley de Despido Injustificado"), whichever amount is higher; (b) any bonuses that the executive may have earned up to the date of her termination, and (c) the value of any unused accrued vacation days, (2) provide executive one (1) year health coverage for the executive and dependents, and (3) provide that any restricted stock units, options or other similar granted awards held by the executive will become vested and exercisable for a three month period following the termination. Also, pursuant to the Lasanta Amendment, in the event of a change of control of the Company in connection with a sale, merger or acquisition of the Company or the Company ceases to be a public company, and is no longer subject to the reporting obligations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, any restricted stock units, options or other similar granted awards held by Mr. Lasanta will become vested and exercisable immediately prior to such event.

#### **Director Compensation**

Effective January 1, 2014, the Compensation Committee of the Board approved the following compensation to non-employee directors (i) a \$10,000 quarterly retainer fee and (ii) an automatic annual stock option grant of 20,000 shares to be granted on the tenth day of January each year. Also, each non-employee director received an option to purchase 25,000 shares of the Company's common stock on the date of his first election. Messrs. Michel, Perlysky, Spindel and Wiesen are our non-employee directors, all of which are independent directors since their appointment in January 2006, except for Mr. Perlysky which became an independent director in February 2009.

Prior to January 1, 2014, non-employee directors received the following compensation (i) a \$1,500 quarterly retainer fee, (ii) \$1,000 for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors, (iii) \$500 for attendance at each Committee meeting, and (iv) an automatic annual stock option grant of 10,000 shares granted on the first trading day of January.

The following table summarizes the compensation paid to our non-employee directors for the year ended October 31, 2014. Compensation paid to Elizabeth Plaza for the year ended October 31, 2014 is set forth above in the Summary Compensation Table.

	Fees		
	Earned	Option	
	or Paid in	Awards	
Name	Cash(1)	(2)(3)	Total
Kirk Michel	\$34,833	\$9,137	\$43,970
Dov Perlysky	\$34,333	\$9,137	\$43,470
Howard Spindel	\$34,833	\$9.137	\$43,970
Irving Wiesen	\$34,833	\$9,137	\$43,970

<sup>(1)</sup> All amounts were earned and paid during fiscal 2014.

- (2) Amounts shown do not reflect compensation actually received by the directors. Instead, the amounts shown are the compensation costs recognized by us in fiscal year 2014 for option grants that were made to directors as determined pursuant to FASB ASC Topic 718. The assumptions used to calculate the value of option awards are set forth under Note I Stock Options and Stock Based Compensation in our audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2014, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2014.
- (3) The options grants have a term of five years from the grant date and an exercise price equal to the fair market value on the date of grant. The options are exercisable as to 50% of the shares six months from the date of grant and as to the remaining 50% 18 months from the date of grant.

As of October 31, 2014, each of our non-employee directors held the following number of options to purchase shares of common stock:

Messr	s. Perlysky, Spindel,	and Wies	en		Kirk Michel		
Grant Date	Options	Exe	ercise Price	Grant Date	Options	Ex	ercise Price
1/04/2010	10,000	\$	0.34	1/03/2012	10,000	\$	0.70
1/03/2011	10,000	\$	0.26	1/02/2013	10,000	\$	0.75
1/03/2012	10,000	\$	0.70	1/10/2014	20,000	\$	2.05
1/02/2013	10,000	\$	0.75				
1/10/2014	20,000	\$	2.05				

## Compensation Committee

The members of the Compensation Committee are Kirk Michel, Chairman, Howard Spindel and Irving Wiesen, all of whom are independent directors as determined by the Nasdaq Rules. The responsibilities and duties of the Compensation Committee consist of, but are not limited to: (1) approving salaries and incentive compensation of executive officers, as well as the compensation of our Board members; (2) reviewing compensation plans, policies and benefit programs for employees, generally and (3) administering the employee stock option and benefit plans, when designed by the Board. While performing its duties, the Compensation Committee receives substantial input from the Chief Executive Officer regarding the appropriate level and type of compensation for our executives, excluding the compensation paid to the Chief Executive Officer. The Compensation Committee has determined that no risks exist rising from the Company's compensation policies and practices for its employees that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. The Compensation Committee has not retained a compensation consultant to review our policies and procedures with respect to executive compensation. A copy of the Compensation Committee's charter is located on our website at www.pharmabioserv.com.

# ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The following table provides information as to shares of common stock beneficially owned as of February 23, 2015 by:

#### each director;

each officer named in the summary compensation table ("Named Executive Officers");

each person owning of record or known by us, based on information provided to us by the persons named below, to own beneficially at least 5% of our common stock; and

all directors and Named Executive Officers as a group.

As of February 23, 2015, the Company had 23,012,012 shares of common stock outstanding. As used herein, the term beneficial ownership with respect to a security is defined by Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as consisting of sole or shared voting power (including the power to vote or direct the vote) and/or sole or shared investment power (including the power to dispose or direct the disposition of) with respect to the security through any contract, arrangement, understanding, relationship or otherwise, including a right to acquire such power(s) during the next 60 days. Unless otherwise noted, beneficial ownership consists of sole ownership, voting and investment rights and the address for each person is c/o Pharma-Bio Serv, Inc., the Pharma-Bio Serv Building, #6 Road 696, Dorado, Puerto Rico, 00646.

	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned at	
Nama	February 23,	Danaantaaa
Name Directors and Executive Officers	2015	Percentage
Elizabeth Plaza(1)	9,169,518	39.9%
Dov Perlysky(2)	1,992,326	8.6%
Kirk Michel(3)	386,247	1.7%
Howard Spindel(4)	54,981	*
Irving Wiesen(5)	54,876	*
Victor Sanchez(6)	108,325	*
Pedro Lasanta(7)	222,146	*
Nélida Plaza(8)	87,500	*
All Directors and Executive Officers as a group	,	
(seven persons)(9)	11,988,419	51.1 %
5% or Greater Stockholders		
Venturetek, L.P.(10)	3,132,932	13.6%
Ramon Luis Dominguez Thomas (11)	2,060,060	9.0%
Addison McKinley Levi III (12)	2,050,059	8.9%

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%.

- (1) Includes 4,099,241 shares owned by Ms. Plaza directly and 5,070,277 shares subject to a voting proxy in favor of Ms. Plaza. In conjunction with certification as a minority controlled business, Ms. Plaza received irrevocable proxies ("Voting Proxies") to vote an aggregate of 5,070,277 shares of the Company's common stock from Venturetek LP, Krovim, LLC and LDP Family Partnership. These Voting Proxies are effective until September 26, 2015, unless the business certification expires sooner.
- (2) The shares of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Perlysky include (i) 14,981 shares directly owned, (ii) 1,164,554 shares of common stock owned by Krovim, LLC, (iii) 772,791 shares owned by LDP Family Partnership and (iv) options issued to Mr. Perlysky to purchase 40,000 shares of common stock, which are vested as of February 23, 2015. Elizabeth Plaza exercises voting power over the shares owned by Krovim pursuant to a Voting Proxy and Mr. Perlysky as the manager of Nesher, LLC, which is the manager of Krovim, may be deemed to exercise dispositive power over these shares. Mr. Perlysky disclaims beneficial interest in the shares owned by Krovim. Elizabeth Plaza exercises voting power over the shares owned by the LDP Family Partnership pursuant to a Voting Proxy and Mr. Perlysky's wife, the general partner of LDP Family Partnership, is deemed to exercise dispositive power over these shares. Mr. Perlysky disclaims beneficial ownership in the securities owned by his wife.
- (3) The shares of common stock beneficially owned by Mr. Michel consist of (i) 15,541 shares directly owned, (ii) 30,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options, which are vested as of February 23, 2015, and (iii) 340,706 shares of common stock owned by KEMA Advisors, of which Mr. Michel is managing director.
- (4) The shares of common stock owned by Mr. Spindel represent 14,981 shares owned by his spouse, and 40,000 shares issuable upon exercise of options, which are vested as of February 23, 2015. Mr. Spindel disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by his spouse.

- (5) The shares of common stock owned by Mr. Wiesen, represent 14,876 shares directly owned, and 40,000 shares issuable upon exercise of options, which are vested as of February 23, 2015.
- (6) The shares of common stock owned by Mr. Sanchez represent 8,325 shares directly owned, and 100,000 shares issuable upon exercise of options, which are vested as of February 23, 2015.
- (7) The shares of common stock owned by Mr. Lasanta, represent 22,146 shares directly owned, and 200,000 shares issuable upon exercise of options, which are vested as of February 23, 2015.
- (8) Effective November 28, 2014, Nélida Plaza resigned as Chief Operating Officer and Secretary of the Company. The number of shares held by Nélida Plaza is based on a Form 4 filed on December 17, 2014.
  - (9) Includes 450,000 shares issuable upon the exercise of options, which are vested as of February 23, 2015.
- (10) This information was obtained from Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13 D/A filed by Venturetek, L.P. ("Venturetek") on September 6, 2011. Does not include 1,565,058 shares underlying warrants, which warrants expired in January 2011, listed in the Schedule 13 D/A filed on January 5, 2011. Mr. David Selengut, the manager of TaurusMax LLC, which is the general partner of Venturetek has sole dispositive power and Elizabeth Plaza has sole voting power over these shares pursuant to a Voting Proxy. The mailing address for Venturetek, L.P. is 150 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017.
- (11) This information was obtained from a Schedule 13D filed by Ramon Luis Dominguez Thomas on March 27, 2014. The business address for this person is c/o San Juan Holdings, Inc., MCS Plaza, Suite #305, 255 Ponce de Leon Avenue, San Juan, PR, 00917.
- (12) This information was obtained from a Schedule 13D filed by Addison McKinley Levi III on March 27, 2014. The business address for this person is c/o San Juan Holdings, Inc., MCS Plaza, Suite #305, 255 Ponce de Leon Avenue, San Juan, PR, 00917.

#### **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table summarizes the equity compensation plans under which our securities may be issued as of October 31, 2014.

Plan Category	to be issued upon	price per share of outstanding options an	Number of securities cisenaining available for future issuance under indequity compensation plans
Equity compensation plans approved by security	<u> </u>	warrants	pians
holders:	<b>'</b>		
2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan (1)	-	\$	2,300,000
2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan (2)	1,100,000	\$ 0.7985	

- (1) The 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan was approved by stockholders in April 2014.
- (2) The 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan was approved by stockholders in April 2006, and amended by stockholder approval in April 2007.

# ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

#### **Related Party Transactions**

In February 2007, we entered into an agreement for our main resource facilities in Dorado, Puerto Rico with Plaza Professional Center, Inc., a company controlled by Elizabeth Plaza, our Chairman of the Board. These facilities accommodate our testing laboratory, our customer-specialized training facilities, and our Puerto Rico consulting and headquarters offices. The agreement is for a five year term, with initial monthly installments of \$18,750, which will increase by 5% annually. The agreement also requires the payment of utilities, property taxes, insurance and a portion of expenses incurred by the affiliate in connection with the maintenance of common areas. The agreement provided for a renewal option under the same terms, which became effective February 2012 for a period of five additional years. During the years ended October 31, 2014 and October 31, 2013, we paid approximately \$313,000 and \$298,000, respectively, to Plaza Professional Center, Inc. in connection with the lease of these facilities.

Also, see Employment Agreements – Elizabeth Plaza – Consulting Agreement above for a description of the Consulting Agreement.

#### Director Independence

The Board has determined that the following directors are independent pursuant to Nasdaq Rule 5605 ("Nasdaq Rules") (even though the Company's securities are not traded on the Nasdaq market): Kirk Michel, Dov Perlysky, Howard Spindel and Irving Wiesen.

#### ITEM 14 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

We were billed by Horwath in 2014 and 2013 as follows:

Description of services: Fiscal 2014 Fiscal 2013

Audit	\$ 49,395	\$ 47,600
Audit-Related	27,825	27,825
Tax and other services	22,601	19,232
Total Fees	\$ 99,821	\$ 94,657

Audit fees above are professional services associated with the integrated audit of our consolidated financial statements. Audit-Related fees are primarily attributable to services rendered in connection to reviews of our quarterly condensed financial statements. Tax and other services are mainly attributable to retirement plan compliance audit and international tax compliance services.

Policy on Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services of Independent Auditors

The Audit Committee's policy is to pre-approve all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by the independent public accountants. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services. Pre-approval is generally provided for up to one year and any pre-approval is detailed as to the particular service or category of services and is generally subject to a specific budget. Horwath and management are required to periodically report to the Audit Committee regarding the extent of services provided by the independent public accountants in accordance with this pre-approval, and the fees for the services performed to date. The Audit Committee may also pre-approve particular services on a case by case basis. The Audit Committee approved one hundred percent (100%) of all services provided by Horwath during fiscal 2014 and 2013.

The Audit Committee has considered the nature and amount of the fees billed by Horwath, and believes that the provision of the services for activities unrelated to the audit is compatible with maintaining Horwath's independence.

#### **PART IV**

#### ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

The following documents are filed as a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K/A:

1. All Financial Statements: Consolidated Financial Statements are included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on January 29, 2015 immediately following the signature page of the report. See Index to Consolidated Financial Statements on page F-1 of our Annual Report of Form 10-K filed with the Commission on January 29, 2015.

## 2. Financial Statement Schedules: None.

3. Exhibits: The following exhibits are filed herewith or are incorporated by reference to exhibits previously filed with the Commission, as indicated in the description of each.

Exhibit			Incorporated B File	y Reference	
Number	Exhibit Description	Form	Number	Exhibit	Filing Date
3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation	8-K	000-50956	99.1	5/1/2006
3.1	Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation	8-K	000-50956	3.1	4/12/13
3.3	By-laws	10-SB12G	000-50956	3.2	9/24/2004
3.4	Amendment No. 1 to the By-laws	8-K	000-50956	3.1	6/6/2008
3.5	Amendment No. 2 to the By-laws	8-K	000-50956	3.2	4/12/13
10.1	Consulting Agreement, dated January 7, 2013, by and between Pharma-Bio Serv, Inc. and Elizabeth Plaza.	8-K	000-50956	10.1	1/11/2013
10.2	Approval of Compensation Committee, dated July 17, 2013, to increase the hours of service pursuant to the Consulting Agreement between the Company and Elizabeth Plaza (a description of such approval was included in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on July 23, 2013, and incorporated herein by reference).	8-K	000-50956	-	7/23/13
10.3	Consulting Agreement, effective January 1, 2014, between Pharma-Bio Serv Inc., Strategic Consultants International, LLC and Elizabeth Plaza.	8-K	000-50956	10.1	12/31/13
10.4	Consulting Agreement, effective January 1, 2015, between Pharma-Bio Serv Inc., Strategic Consultants International, LLC and Elizabeth Plaza.	8-K	000-50956	10.1	1/5/2015
10.5	Employment Agreement, effective January 1, 2015, between Pharma-Bio Serv, Inc. and Victor Sanchez	8-K	000-50956	10.2	1/5/2015
10.6		10-K	000-50956	10.8	1/29/2009

Edgar Filing: Pharma-Bio Serv, Inc. - Form 10-K/A

	Employment Agreement dated November 5, 2007 between the Pharma-Bio Serv, Inc. and Pedro Lasanta				
10.7	Amendment to Employment Agreement dated December 17, 2008 between the Registrant and Pedro Lasanta	8-K	000-50956	99.1	12/23/2008
10.8	Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated March 11, 2009, by and between the Company and Pedro Lasanta	8-K	000-50956	10.3	3/17/2009
10.9	Employment Agreement Amendment, effective as of January 1, 2010, by and between the Company and Pedro Lasanta.	8-K	000-50956	10.2	1/07/2010
10.10	Employment Agreement Amendment, dated January 31, 2012, by and between the Company and Pedro J. Lasanta	8-K	000-50956	10.1	2/2/2012
10.11	Employment Agreement Amendment, dated December 31, 2012, by and between the Company and Pedro J. Lasanta	8-K	000-50956	10.1	1/7/2013
10.12	Employment Agreement Amendment between Pharma-Bio Serv, Inc. and Pedro Lasanta, effective January 1, 2014.	8-K	000-50956	10.1	2/21/2014
10.13	Employment Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2009, by and between Pharma-Bio Serv PR, Inc. and Nélida Plaza.	8-K	000-50956	10.3	1/07/2010
10.14	Employment Agreement Amendment, dated January 7, 2013, by and among Pharma-Bio Serv, Inc., Pharma-Bio Serv PR, Inc. and Nélida Plaza	8-K	000-50956	10.2	1/11/2013
10.15	Employment Agreement Amendment, dated January 7, 2013, by and among the Company, Pharma-Bio Serv PR, Inc. and Nelida Plaza	8-K	000-50956	10.2	1/11/13
10.16	Employment Agreement Amendment among Pharma-Bio Serv, Inc., Pharma-Bio Serv PR, Inc. and Nélida Plaza, effective January 1, 2014.	8-K	000-50956	10.1	2/21/2014
10.17	2005 Long-term incentive plan, as amended	DEF 14A	000-50956	Appendix C	3/26/2007
10.18	Amendment to 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan	10-Q	000-50956	10.4	3/17/2014
10.19	Pharma-Bio Serv, Inc. 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan	8-K	000-50956	10.1	5/2/2014
10.20	Lease dated March 16, 2004 between Plaza Professional Center, Inc. and the Registrant	SB-2	333-132847	10.9	3/30/2006
10.21	Lease dated November 1, 2004 between Plaza Professional Center, Inc. and the Registrant	SB-2	333-132847	10.10	3/30/2006

Edgar Filing: Pharma-Bio Serv, Inc. - Form 10-K/A

14.1	Code of business conduct and ethics for senior management	10-KSB	000-50956	14.1	2/2/2007
21.1	List of Subsidiaries	10-K	000-50956	21.1	1/29/2015
23.1	Consent of Horwath Vélez & Co, PSC	10-K	000-50956	23.1	1/29/2015
<u>31.1</u> *	Certification of chief executive officer pursuant to				
	Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				
<u>31.2</u> *	Certification of chief financial officer pursuant to				
	Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				
<u>32.1</u> **	Certification of chief executive officer and chief				
	financial officer pursuant to Section 906 of the				
	Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document	10-K	000-50956	101.INS	1/29/2015
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema	10-K	000-50956	101.SCH	1/29/2015
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase	10-K	000-50956	101.CAL	1/29/2015
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase	10-K	000-50956	101.DEF	1/29/2015
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase	10-K	000-50956	101.LAB	1/29/2015
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase	10-K	000-50956	101.PRE	1/29/2015

<sup>\*</sup> Filed herewith

Exhibits 10.1 through 10.19 are management contracts or compensatory plans, contracts or arrangements.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Furnished herewith

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

# PHARMA-BIO SERV, INC.

Date: March 2, 2015 By: /s/ Pedro J. Lasanta

Name: Pedro J. Lasanta

Title: Chief Financial Officer, Vice

President -Finance and Administration and Secretary

(Principal Financial and Accounting

Officer)

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>31.1</u>	Certification of chief executive officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
<u>31.2</u>	Certification of chief financial officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
<u>32.1</u>	Certification of chief executive officer required by 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 (as adopted by Section 906
	of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002).