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Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 200 Connell Drive, Suite 1500 Berkeley Heights, New Jersey 07922 United States of America

September 21, 2010

Dear Stockholder.

You are cordially invited to attend the Special Meeting of the Preferred Stockholders of Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to be held at 1:00 p.m., EDT, on October 4, 2010 at the offices of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., The Chrysler Center, 666 Third Avenue, 25th Floor, New York, New York, 10017. The attached notice of meeting and proxy statement describe the business we will conduct at the meeting and provide information about us that you should consider when you vote your shares.

At the meeting, you are being asked to elect two directors to fill the newly created directorships on our Board of Directors pursuant to the terms of the Certificate of the Powers, Designations, Preferences and Rights governing the 6% Convertible Exchangeable Preferred Stock (the **Preferred Stock**). Lloyd Sems and Gregory T. Hradsky have been nominated by a holder of our Preferred Stock. Such other business will be transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

Whether you plan to attend the meeting or not, it is important that you cast your vote either in person or by proxy. Therefore, when you have finished reading the proxy statement, you are urged to vote in accordance with the instructions set forth in this proxy statement. We encourage you to vote by proxy so that your shares will be represented and voted at the meeting, whether or not you can attend.

If you wish to attend the meeting in person, you will need to register with us in advance. You can register by contacting our investor relations office by no later than September 27, 2010, by telephone at (908) 517-7330, by mail at Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 200 Connell Drive, Suite 1500, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, 07922, by fax at (866) 271-3466, or by e-mail to <u>ir@cyclacel.com</u>.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Sincerely,

/s/ Spiro Rombotis
Spiro Rombotis
President and Chief Executive Officer

Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 200 Connell Drive, Suite 1500 Berkeley Heights, New Jersey 07922 United States of America

September 21, 2010

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS

TIME: 1:00 p.m., EDT

DATE: October 4, 2010

PLACE: Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., The Chrysler Center, 666 Third Avenue, 25th Floor,

New York, New York, 10017

PURPOSES:

- 1. To elect two directors to serve until the earlier of (a) a term expiring at the 2011 annual meeting, in the case of one director, and a term expiring at the 2013 annual meeting, in the case of the other director, of stockholders, and (b) and such time as all accrued and unpaid dividends on the Preferred Stock have been declared and paid or set apart for payment.
- 2. To consider any other business that is properly presented at the meeting.

WHO MAY VOTE?

You may vote if you were the record owner of our 6% Convertible Exchangeable Preferred Stock (the **Preferred Stock**) at the close of business on September 15, 2010. A list of holders of record of our Preferred Stock will be available at the meeting and during the ten days prior to the meeting at the office of our Secretary at the above address.

The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of at least a majority of our issued and outstanding shares of Preferred Stock is required to constitute a quorum. Accordingly, whether you plan to attend the meeting or not, we ask that you complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card as soon as possible in accordance with the instructions on the proxy card. A pre-addressed, postage prepaid return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. In the event you are able to attend the meeting, you may revoke your proxy and vote your shares in person.

If you plan to attend the meeting, you must register in advance by contacting our investor relations office by telephone at (908) 517-7330, by mail at Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 200 Connell Drive, Suite 1500, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, 07922, by fax at (866) 271-3466, or by e-mail to <u>ir@cyclacel.com</u>. Only registered and beneficial owners will be permitted to register. Requests for registration will be processed in the order in which they are received and must be requested by no later than September 27, 2010. Please note that seating is limited and registration of stockholders will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. On the day of the meeting, each stockholder will be required to present a valid picture identification such as a driver s license or passport. Seating will begin at 12:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Paul McBarron Paul McBarron Secretary

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PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE CYCLACEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. SPECIAL MEETING OF PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 4, 2010

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING

Why Did I Receive this Proxy Statement?

You received this proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card because Lloyd I. Miller, a holder of 10% or more of the issued and outstanding 6% Convertible Exchangeable Preferred Stock (the **Preferred Stock**) of the Company, has requested that the Company call a special meeting of the holders of our Preferred Stock to vote and elect directors to fill two newly created directorships on the Company s Board of Directors.

Pursuant to the terms of the Company s Certificate of the Powers, Designations, Preferences and Rights governing the 6% Convertible Exchangeable Preferred Stock (the **Certificate**), holders of the Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors, out of the funds of the Company legally available therefor, cash dividends payable in equal quarterly installments on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. The Certificate further provides that, if the Company is in arrears in an aggregate amount equal to at least six quarterly dividends (whether or not consecutive), the number of members of the Company s Board of Directors will be increased by two, effective as of the time of election of such directors, and the holders of Preferred Stock, voting separately as a class, will have the right to vote and elect such two additional directors. As of August 1, 2010, the Company was in arrears in an aggregate amount equal to six quarterly dividends on the Preferred Stock.

Mr. Miller has nominated Lloyd Sems and Gregory T. Hradsky as the two additional directors. We have not received any other nominations for directors by the holders of the Preferred Stock. Pursuant to the terms of the Certificate, the Board of Directors shall determine which class of directors on the Company's classified board to appoint any individuals elected by the holders of Preferred Stock. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Sems, if elected, would be appointed to Class 2, with a term expiring at the Company's 2011 annual meeting of stockholders, and Mr. Hradsky, if elected, would be appointed to Class 1, with a term expiring at the Company's 2013 annual meeting of stockholders. If elected, Messrs. Sems and Hradsky would serve as directors until the earlier of (a) the annual meeting of stockholders at which the class of such director to which such individual has been appointed expires, and (b) such time as all accrued and unpaid dividends on the Preferred Stock have been declared and paid or set apart for payment. The special meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., EDT, on October 4, 2010 at the offices of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., The Chrysler Center, 666 Third Avenue, 25th Floor, New York, New York, 10017. This proxy statement, along with the accompanying Notice of Special Meeting of Preferred Stockholders, summarizes the purposes of the meeting and the information you need to know to vote at the special meeting.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on October 4, 2010. The proxy statement is available at www.proxyvote.com.

On or about September 21, 2010, we began sending this proxy statement, the attached notice of special meeting and the enclosed proxy card to all Preferred Stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting.

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Who Can Vote?

Only stockholders who owned our Preferred Stock at the close of business on September 15, 2010 are entitled to vote at the special meeting. On this record date, there were 1,213,142 shares of our Preferred Stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote.

You do not need to attend the special meeting to vote your shares. Shares represented by valid proxies, received in time for the meeting and not revoked prior to the meeting, will be voted at the meeting. For instructions on how to change or revoke your proxy, see May I Change or Revoke My Proxy? below.

For the ten-day period immediately prior to the special meeting, the list of stockholders entitled to vote will be available for inspection at our offices at 200 Connell Drive, Suite 1500, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, 07922, for such purposes as are set forth in the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

How Many Votes Do I Have?

Each share of Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Preferred Stock that you own entitles you to one vote.

How Do I Vote?

You may either attend the special meeting or vote by proxy. If you vote by proxy, the individuals named on the proxy card, or your proxies, will vote your shares in the manner you indicate. You may specify whether your shares should be voted for all, some or none of the nominees for directors or withheld from all or any one of the nominees for director. Voting by proxy will not affect your right to attend the special meeting. If your shares are registered directly in your name through our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, or you have stock certificates registered in your name, you may vote:

By Internet or by telephone. Follow the instructions attached to the proxy card to submit a proxy to vote by Internet or telephone.

By mail. Complete and mail the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed postage prepaid envelope. Your proxy will be voted in accordance with your instructions. If you sign the proxy card but do not specify how you want your shares voted, they will be voted in favor of the nominees.

In person at the meeting. If you attend the meeting, you may deliver your completed proxy card in person or you may vote by completing a ballot, which will be available at the meeting. You will be asked to register in advance of the special meeting if you plan to attend the meeting in person. If you wish to register in advance of the special meeting, please contact our investor relations office by no later than September 27, 2010, by telephone at (908) 517-7330, by mail at Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 200 Connell Drive, Suite 1500, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, 07922, by fax at (866) 271-3466, or by e-mail to ir@cyclacel.com.

Telephone and Internet voting facilities for stockholders of record will be available 24-hours a day and will close at 11:59 p.m., EDT, on October 3, 2010.

If your shares are held in street name (held in the name of a bank, broker or other nominee who is the holder of record), you must provide the bank, broker or other nominee with instructions on how to vote your shares and can do so as follows:

By Internet or by telephone. Follow the instructions you receive from the record holder to vote by Internet or telephone.

By mail. You should receive instructions from the record holder explaining how to vote your shares.

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In person at the meeting. Contact the broker, bank or other nominee who holds your shares to obtain a broker s proxy card and bring it with you to the annual meeting. You will not be able to vote at the special meeting unless you have a proxy card from your broker, bank or other.

How Does the Board of Directors Recommend That I Vote on the Proposal?

The Board of Directors makes no recommendation on whether to vote in favor of or against the election of Lloyd Sems, as a Class 2 director, and Gregory T. Hradsky, as a Class 1 director.

If any other matter is properly presented at the special meeting, your proxy provides that your shares will be voted by the proxy holder listed on the proxy card in accordance with his or her best judgment. We know of no matters that need to be acted on at the special meeting, other than those described in this proxy statement, and the Company s Amended and Restated Bylaws provide that only such business shall be conducted at a special meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting pursuant to the Company s notice of meeting.

May I Change or Revoke My Proxy?

If you give us your proxy, you may change or revoke it at any time before the meeting. You may change or revoke your proxy in any one of the following ways:

By submitting a new proxy card with a date later than your previously delivered proxy and submitting it as instructed above;

By re-voting by Internet or by telephone as instructed above;

By providing written notice of revocation to us before the special meeting at 200 Connell Drive, Suite 1500, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, 07922, Attention: Paul McBarron, Executive Vice President Finance, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Secretary; or

By attending the special meeting in person and voting in person. Attending the special meeting in person will not in and of itself change or revoke a previously submitted proxy.

Your most current proxy card or proxy submission by telephone or Internet is the one that will be counted.

What if I Receive More Than One Proxy Card?

You may receive more than one proxy card or voting instruction form if you hold shares of our Preferred Stock in more than one account, which may be in registered form or held in street name. Please vote in the manner described under How Do I Vote? for each account to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

Will My Shares be Voted if I Do Not Vote?

If your shares are registered in your name, they will not be voted if you do not return your proxy card by mail or vote as described above under How Do I Vote?

If your shares are held in street name and you do not provide voting instructions to the broker, bank or other nominee who holds your shares as described above under How Do I Vote?, the bank, broker or other nominee that holds your shares does not have the authority to vote your unvoted shares. If your broker cannot vote your shares on a particular matter because it has not received instructions from you, this is referred to as a broker non-vote.

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What Vote is Required to Approve the Proposal and How are Votes Counted?

The nominees for directors who receive the most votes (also known as a plurality of the votes cast) will be elected. You may vote either FOR all of the nominees, WITHHOLD your vote from all of the nominees or WITHHOLD your vote from any one or more of the nominees. Votes that are withheld will not be included in the vote tally for the election of directors. Brokerage firms do not have authority to vote customers unvoted shares held by the firms in street name for the election of directors. As a result, any shares not voted by a customer will be treated as a broker non-vote. Such broker non-votes will have no effect on the results of this vote.

What is the Effect of Not Casting Your Vote?

If you hold your shares in street name, it is critical that you cast your vote if you want your vote to be counted for the election of directors. In the past, if you held your shares in street name and you did not indicate how you wanted your shares voted in the election of directors, your bank, broker or other nominee was allowed to vote those shares on your behalf in the election of directors in the bank, broker or other nominee s discretion.

Recent changes in regulation were made to take away the ability of your bank, broker or other nominee to vote your uninstructed shares in the election of directors on a discretionary basis. Thus, if you hold your shares in street name and you do not instruct your bank, broker or other nominee how to vote in the election of directors, no votes will be cast on this proposal on your behalf. If you are a stockholder of record and you do not cast your vote, no votes will be cast on your behalf on any of the items of business at the special meeting.

Is Voting Confidential?

We will keep all of the proxies, ballots and voting tabulations private. We only let our Inspector of Election, an attorney from Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., examine these documents. Management will not know how you voted on a specific proposal unless it is necessary to meet legal requirements. We will, however, forward to management any written comments you make, on the proxy card or elsewhere.

What Are the Costs of Soliciting these Proxies?

The solicitation of proxies in the enclosed form is made on behalf of the Board of Directors. The entire cost of soliciting these proxies, including the costs of preparing, printing and mailing to stockholders this proxy statement and accompanying materials, will be borne by us. We have not engaged a third party solicitor to assist us with the solicitation of proxies. Proxies may be solicited personally, by telephone or otherwise by our officers, directors and employees, who will receive no additional compensation for these services. We will ask banks, brokers and other nominees to forward these proxy materials to their principals and obtain authority to execute proxies. We will then reimburse such parties for their reasonable expenses incurred in connection with these activities.

What Constitutes a Quorum for the Meeting?

The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of our Preferred Stock entitled to vote at the meeting is necessary to constitute a quorum at the meeting. Votes of stockholders of record who are present at the meeting in person or by proxy and abstentions are counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists. Broker non-votes will not be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists.

What Appraisal Rights Would I Have as a Dissenter?

Under Delaware law, stockholders are not entitled to dissenters rights of appraisal on the proposal referred to herein. **Attending the Special Meeting**

The special meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., EDT, on October 4, 2010, at the offices of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., The Chrysler Center, 666 Third Avenue, 25th Floor, New York, New York, 10017. When you arrive at our corporate headquarters, signs will direct you to the appropriate meeting room. You need not attend the special meeting in order to vote.

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If you plan to attend the meeting, you must register in advance by no later than September 27, 2010. Registration will be granted only to registered and beneficial owners. You may register by contacting our investor relations office by telephone at (908) 517-7330, by mail at Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 200 Connell Drive, Suite 1500, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey 07922, by fax at (866) 271-3466, or by e-mail to <u>ir@cyclacel.com</u>. When contacting us, please provide the name under which you hold shares of record or the evidence of your beneficial ownership of shares described below.

Please note that if you hold your shares in street name (that is, through a broker or other nominee), you will need to send a written request for registration either by regular mail, fax or e-mail, along with proof of share ownership, such as a copy of the portion of your voting instruction form showing your name and address, a bank or brokerage firm account statement or a letter from the broker, trustee, bank or nominee holding your shares, confirming ownership. Requests for registration will be processed in the order in which they are received and must be requested no later than September 27, 2010. Please note that seating is limited and requests for registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. On the day of the meeting, each stockholder will be required to present a valid picture identification such as a driver s license or passport. Seating will begin at 12:00 p.m. EDT and the meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. EDT.

Householding of Annual Reports, Proxy Statements or Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials

In December 2000, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, adopted a rule concerning the delivery of annual disclosure documents. The rule allows us or your broker to send a single set of our annual report and proxy statement to any household at which two or more of our stockholders reside, if we or your broker believe that the stockholders are members of the same family. This practice, referred to as householding, benefits both you and us. It reduces the volume of duplicate information received at your household and helps to reduce our expenses. The rule applies to our annual reports, proxy statements and information statements. Once you receive notice from your broker or from us that communications to your address will be householded, the practice will continue until you are otherwise notified or until you revoke your consent to the practice. Each stockholder will continue to receive a separate proxy card or voting instruction card.

If your household received a single set of disclosure documents this year, but you would prefer to receive your own copy, please contact Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., by calling their toll free number, 1-888-237-1900. If you do not wish to participate in householding and would like to receive your own set of our annual disclosure documents in future years, follow the instructions described below. Conversely, if you share an address with another holder of our stock and together both of you would like to receive only a single set of our annual disclosure documents, follow these instructions:

If your shares are registered in your own name, please contact Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., and inform them of your request by calling them at 1-888-237-1900 or writing them at 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, New York, 11717.

If a broker, bank or other nominee holds your shares, please contact the broker, bank or other nominee directly and inform them of your request. Be sure to include your name, the name of your brokerage firm and your account number.

Electronic Delivery of Company Stockholder Communications

Most stockholders can elect to view future proxy statements over the Internet instead of receiving paper copies in the mail. You can choose this option and save the cost of producing and mailing these documents by:

following the instructions provided on your proxy card or voter instruction form; following the instructions provided when you submit a proxy to vote over the Internet; or

going to proxyvote.com and following the instructions provided.

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SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the beneficial ownership of our Preferred Stock as of September 17, 2010 for (a) the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table located elsewhere in this proxy statement, (b) each of our directors and director nominees, (c) all of our current directors and executive officers as a group, and (d) each stockholder known by us to own beneficially more than 5% of our Preferred Stock, relying solely upon the amounts and percentages disclosed in their public filings or other information made available to us.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and includes voting or investment power with respect to the securities. A person is also deemed to be a beneficial owner of any securities of which that person has a right to acquire beneficial ownership within 60 days of September 17, 2010, including through the exercise of options or warrants. Under these rules, more than one person may be deemed a beneficial owner of the same securities and a person may be deemed a beneficial owner of securities as to which he has no economic interest. Except as indicated in footnotes to this table, we believe that the stockholders named in this table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of Preferred Stock shown to be beneficially owned by them based on information provided to us by these stockholders.

Percentage of ownership is based on 1,213,142 shares of Preferred Stock outstanding as of September 17, 2010. The address for each of the directors and named executive officers is c/o Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 200 Connell Drive Suite 1500, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey 07922. Addresses of other beneficial owners are noted in the table.

	Number of Shares	
	Beneficially	Percentage
	$Owned^{(1)}$	Owned
Directors and Executive Officers		
Dr. Nicholas Bacopoulos	0	0%
Sir John Banham	0	0%
Dr. Judy Chiao	0	0%
Dr. Christopher Henney	0	0%
Paul McBarron	0	0%
Spiro Rombotis	0	0%
Daniel K. Spiegelman	0	0%
Dr. David U Prichard	0	0%
Lloyd Sems (nominee)	0	0%
Gregory T. Hradsky (nominee)	0	0%
Executive officers and current directors as a group (9 persons)	0	0%
5% Stockholders		
Lloyd I. Miller ⁽²⁾		
4550 Gordon Drive, Naples, FL 34102	245,163	20.21%

(1) Except as

indicated by

footnote, to our

knowledge, all

persons named

in the table

above have sole

voting and

investment

power with

respect to all

shares of Preferred Stock shown as beneficially owned.

(2) Based on a letter dated August 4, 2010, sent to the Company by Mr. Miller.

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MANAGEMENT AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board of Directors

Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws, as amended, provide that our business is to be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors is divided into three classes for purposes of election. One class is elected at each annual meeting of stockholders to serve for a three-year term.

Our Board of Directors currently consists of seven members, classified into three classes as follows: (1) Spiro Rombotis and David U Prichard, Ph.D. constitute a class with a term ending at the 2011 annual meeting; (2) Paul McBarron, Nicholas Bacopoulos, Ph.D. and Christopher S. Henney, Ph.D., D.Sc. constitute a class with a term ending at the 2012 annual meeting; and (3) Sir John Banham and Daniel K. Spiegelman constitute a class with a term ending at the 2013 annual meeting.

At the special meeting, however, the holders of our Preferred Stock, voting separately as a class, will be entitled to vote and elect two additional directors pursuant to the terms of the Certificate. Thus, after the special meeting, our Board of Directors will consist of nine members, provided that the right of the holders of Preferred stock to elect directors as a separate class will end at such time as all accrued and unpaid dividends on the Preferred Stock have been declared and paid or set apart for payment. Such directorships shall also expire at such time.

Set forth below are the names of the persons nominated as directors and our current directors, their ages, their offices in the Company, if any, their principal occupations or employment for the past five years, the length of their tenure as directors and the names of other public companies in which such persons hold or have held directorships during the past five years. In addition, the following paragraphs include specific information about the experience, qualifications, attributes or skills of each of our directors, other than Messrs. Sems and Hradsky, who were nominated by Mr. Miller, that led the Board of Directors to the conclusion that the individual is qualified to serve on the Board of Directors as of the time of this filing, in light of our business and structure.

Name	Age	Position
Spiro Rombotis	51	President and Chief Executive Officer; Director
Paul McBarron	50	Executive Vice President Finance, Chief Financial Officer,
		Chief Operating Officer and Secretary; Director
Dr. Nicholas Bacopoulos	61	Director
Sir John Banham	69	Director
Dr. Christopher Henney	69	Vice Chairman; Director
Daniel K. Spiegelman	51	Director
Dr. David U Prichard	61	Chairman of the Board of Directors
Lloyd Sems	39	Director nominee
Gregory T. Hradsky	50	Director nominee

Nominee for Class 1 Director (Term to Expire in 2013)

Based on information provided to us by Mr. Miller, *Gregory T. Hradsky* has been an independent financial consultant since February 2006. He has served on the board of directors of Sielox, Inc. since June 2008 where he is Chairman of the Audit Committee. Between May 2003 and February 2006, Mr. Hradsky was a Vice President of Avenue Capital Group, a global investment firm, where he managed a portfolio of distressed securities, post-reorganization equities and other investments. From 1999 until 2003, Mr. Hradsky was the founder and Managing Partner of Bellport Capital, an investment firm specializing in distressed securities. Prior to that, Mr. Hradsky was a Managing Director and Head of the Distressed Securities Group at UBS Securities LLC from 1993 until 1998. Mr. Hradsky joined UBS in 1991 as a research analyst focusing on distressed credits. Prior to UBS, Mr. Hradsky was a member of the Distressed Securities Group and the High Yield Research Department at the First Boston Corporation from 1988-1991. He began his career at T. Rowe Price Associates in 1983 and worked in the Fixed Income Department until 1986. Mr. Hradsky has a B.A. from Loyola College in Maryland and a M.B.A. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Continuing Class 1 Directors (Term to Expire in 2013)

Sir John Banham. Sir John Banham is currently the Chairman of Johnson Matthey plc and Sultan Scientific Limited, and senior non-executive director of Invesco Limited. He is past Director General of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and past Chairman of Whitbread plc, Geest plc, ECI Partners LLP, Tarmac plc and Kingfisher plc. His public sector appointments comprise first Controller of the Audit Commission and first Chairman of the Local Government Commission for England. He was formerly Honorary Treasurer of the United Kingdom s Cancer Research Campaign prior to its merger with Imperial Cancer Research. He is a graduate of Cambridge University in Natural Sciences and has honorary degrees from a number of British universities.

Sir John Banham is qualified for service on our Board of Directors based on his professional experience and public service involvement in the business and scientific arenas in which our Company operates.

Daniel K. Spiegelman, M.B.A Mr. Spiegelman had served as one of Xcyte s directors since September 2004, and continued on as a director of the Company. Mr. Spiegelman has served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of CV Therapeutics, Inc. since September 1999. From January 1998 to September 1999, Mr. Spiegelman served as the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of CV Therapeutics, Inc. From 1991 until 1998, Mr. Spiegelman was employed by Genentech, Inc., a biotechnology company, holding various positions in the Treasury department, including the position of Treasurer from 1996 to 1998. Mr. Spiegelman also serves as a member of the board of directors of Affymax, Inc., Omeros Inc, Oncothyreon, Inc. and Anthera Pharmaceuticals, Inc, publicly-traded biopharmaceuticals companies, as well as some private biotech companies. Mr. Spiegelman holds a B.A. in Economics from Stanford University and an M.B.A. from Stanford Graduate School of Business. Mr. Spiegelman is qualified for service on our Board of Directors based on his extensive background in finance as well as his senior management experience with other biotechnology public companies. In addition, his current service on the board of directors of other public companies in the biopharmaceutical industry brings invaluable expertise to our Board of Directors.

Nominee for Class 2 Director (Term to Expire in 2011)

Based on information provided to us by Mr. Miller, *Lloyd Sems* has served as President of Sems Capital, LLC and of Capital Edge, LLC, both of which he founded, since October 2003. He has also served as a director of Selectica, Inc. since June 2, 2008, and as Chairperson of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee of the Selectica Board since May 20, 2009. Previously, Mr. Sems served as Director of Research and Portfolio Manager for Watchpoint Asset Management. Mr. Sems holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Finance from Albright College. Mr. Sems also serves on the Board of Directors of Sport-Haley, Inc. (OTC Pink Sheets: SPOR), which he joined in April 2009. Mr. Sems also served on the Board of Directors of EMAK Worldwide, Inc. from February 2010 to April 2010.

Continuing Class 2 Directors (Term to Expire in 2011)

Spiro Rombotis. Mr. Rombotis joined Cyclacel in August 1997 and has over 27 years of experience with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. He was previously Vice President of International Operations and Business Development; Managing Director, Europe; and Director, Japanese joint venture, at The Liposome Company, Inc. He also served as Vice President of Pharmaceuticals for Central and Eastern Europe and as Director of International Marketing at Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. He was Head of European Marketing and Sales, Head of Corporate Development and one of the first employees of Centocor, Inc. and worked in Business Development at Novartis AG. He holds a B.A. from Williams College and an M.B.A. and Master s degree in Hospital Management with honors, from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management, where he serves on the Kellogg Biotech Advisory Board. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of BioNJ, the biotechnology industry trade group in New Jersey.

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Mr. Rombotis is qualified for service on our Board of Directors due to his many years of experience in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries as well as his managerial expertise and leadership skills. As the Company s Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Rombotis brings to the Board of Directors valuable knowledge of the Company s business, operations, strategy and future development prospects.

David U Prichard, Ph.D. Dr. U Prichard joined the Board of Directors of Cyclacel in May 2004. He is currently President of Druid Consulting LLC, a pharmaceutical and biotechnology-consulting firm, providing customized services to life sciences clients in the United States and Europe. He is also a Venture Partner with Red Abbey Venture Partners, private equity providers. Previously, he was Chief Executive Officer of 3-Dimensional Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from 1999 to 2003. In addition, he held a variety of positions within the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, including, President and Chairman of Research and Development for SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals; Executive Vice President and International Research Director, and a Member of the Board of Management of Zeneca Pharmaceuticals; General Manager, Research Department, ICI Pharmaceuticals, and Vice President Biomedical Research, ICI Pharmaceuticals; and Senior Vice President and Scientific Director for Nova Pharmaceutical Corporation. He is a director of Life Technologies, Inc. and Silence Therapeutics plc. and he served as a director of Alpharma, Inc., Guilford Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Lynx Therapeutics, Inc. He is the non-executive Chairman of Oxagen Ltd and he was Chairman of the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Association in 2004-2005. From 1992 to 1997, he was a member of the board of directors of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO). He received a B.Sc. in Pharmacology from University of Glasgow in 1970 and a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from University of Kansas in 1975. Dr. U Prichard is qualified for service on our Board of Directors based on his significant senior level pharmaceutical industry experience and his extensive background in the consulting and financing realms of the pharmaceutical

Continuing Class 3 Directors (Term to Expire in 2012)

Paul McBarron. Mr. McBarron joined Cyclacel in January 2002 and has over 20 years of experience with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. He has served as a financial executive at Sterling Drug, Sanofi-Winthrop and SmithKline Beecham and most recently, from 1996 to 2001, as a senior member of the finance team at Shire Pharmaceuticals plc, where he held the positions of Director of Corporate Finance and Group Financial Controller. He joined Shire when it was an emerging public company. He qualified as a chartered accountant with Ernst & Young and serves on the Life Sciences Industry Advisory Board for the Scottish Government.

Mr. McBarron is qualified for service on our Board of Directors based on his financial expertise and his extensive experience in the pharmaceutical industry. As the Company s Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer, Mr. McBarron also provides the Board of Directors with unique insight into the Company s financial and operations, as well as the Company s strategy.

Nicholas Bacopoulos, Ph.D. Dr. Bacopoulos joined the Board of Directors of Cyclacel in September 2008. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Mersana Therapeutics, a private biotechnology company. From July 2009 to September 2010, Dr. Bacopoulos was chief executive officer of Kotinos Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a private company focused on the development of drugs for cancer and other disorders. His previous leadership roles include Chief Executive Officer and President of Aton Pharma, Inc., where he led the development of Zolinza®, approved for the treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma. Aton was subsequently acquired by Merck & Co., Inc. He was previously President and Head of Research and Development at OSI Pharmaceuticals, Inc. where he was involved with the global development of Tarceva®, approved for the treatment of non-small cell lung cancer and pancreatic cancer. Dr. Bacopoulos also worked for 17 years at Pfizer, where he held senior positions within Pfizer Central Research and Corporate Strategic Planning. He led the company s Cancer and Neuroscience Research groups, which developed several marketed drugs, including Geodon® and Zoloft®, and produced a significant pipeline of oncology drug candidates, several of which are in clinical trials. Dr. Bacopoulos also serves on the board of directors of Mersana Therapeutics, Inc. and Medexis Biotech, S.A., both privately-held biotechnology companies. He received his B.A. degree from Cornell College, his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa and obtained a postdoctoral training at Yale University School of Medicine.

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Dr. Bacopoulos is qualified for service on our Board of Directors based on his senior executive level experience in pharmaceutical companies, his educational background and his breadth of knowledge in the development of drugs for cancer, which enable Dr. Bacopoulos to contribute to the Company s strategy and strategic initiatives.

Christopher S. Henney, Ph.D. D.Sc. Dr. Henney had served as one of Xcyte s directors since March 2005, and continued on as Vice Chairman of the Company. Previously, Dr. Henney co-founded three major publicly held U.S. biotechnology companies, Immunex, ICOS and Dendreon, and held a seat on the board of directors and executive positions at each company. From 1995 to January 2003, Dr. Henney was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Dendreon Corporation. Dr. Henney currently serves as the Chairman of Oncothyreon, Inc. and Anthera Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and on the board of directors of AVI BioPharma, Inc. Dr. Henney received a Ph.D. in experimental pathology from the University of Birmingham and a D.Sc. from the same university for contributions to the field of immunology.

Dr. Henney is qualified for service on our Board of Directors based on his senior executive experience in biotechnology companies. Dr. Henney has extensive knowledge and educational background in the relevant industry and he provides the Board of Directors with valuable leadership skills.

Director Independence

Our Board of Directors has reviewed the materiality of any relationship that each of our directors has with the Company, either directly or indirectly. Based upon this review, our Board of Directors has determined that each of the following directors is an independent director as such term is defined by rules of The NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., or NASDAQ:

Nicholas Bacopoulos, Ph.D.

Sir John Banham

Christopher Henney, Ph.D, D.Sc.

Daniel K. Spiegelman, M.B.A.

David U Prichard, Ph.D.

The Board of Directors has established three standing committees, (1) the Compensation and Organization Development Committee, (2) the Audit Committee, and (3) the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Board of Directors has also determined that each member of these committees meets the independence requirements applicable to each such committee as prescribed by NASDAQ and the SEC.

Committees of the Board of Directors and Meetings

Meeting Attendance. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, there were ten meetings of our Board of Directors, and the various committees of the Board of Directors met a total of seven times. No director attended fewer than 75% of the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors and of committees of the Board of Directors on which he served during fiscal 2009. Three of our directors attended, in person, our annual meeting of stockholders held in 2009. During fiscal 2009, Professor Gordon McVie served as a member of the Compensation and Organization Development Committee. Professor McVie resigned from the Board of Directors and as a member of the foregoing committee on February 10, 2009. During fiscal 2009, Pierre Legault served as a member, and was Chairman of, the Audit Committee. Mr. Legault resigned from the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee on March 17, 2009. Both Professor McVie and Mr. Legault were independent directors, as such term is defined by NASDAQ, while serving on our Board of Directors.

Audit Committee. Our Audit Committee met four times during fiscal 2009. The Audit Committee currently has three members, Daniel K. Spiegelman (Chairman), Sir John Banham and Dr. Christopher Henney. All members of the Audit Committee satisfy the current independence standards promulgated by the NASDAQ and SEC, as such standards apply specifically to members of audit committees. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Spiegelman is an audit committee financial expert, as the SEC has defined that term in Item 407 of Regulation S-K.

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Our Audit Committee oversees and monitors the processes management has in place to maintain the reliability and integrity of our accounting policies and financial reporting processes, to ensure the adequacy of internal accounting, financial reporting and disclosure controls, and to comply with legal and regulatory requirements that may impact our financial reporting and disclosure obligations. The Audit Committee is also responsible for reviewing the qualifications, independence and performance of, and selecting or replacing, if necessary, our independent registered public accounting firm and approving all audit and non-audit services and fees related thereto. In addition, the Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing, in consultation with our management and independent registered public accounting firm, the scope and results of (1) reviews of our quarterly financial statements, (2) audits of our annual financial statements, and (3) audits of our system of internal control over financial reporting and management s assessment of the effectiveness thereof. The Audit Committee may also perform other duties and responsibilities as the Audit Committee or the Board of Directors deems appropriate or necessary, including reviewing, evaluating and approving related-party or similar transactions or relationships. Please also see the report of the Audit Committee set forth elsewhere in this proxy statement.

The Audit Committee maintains a written charter that outlines its responsibilities, which it reviews and reassesses annually and recommends any changes to the Board of Directors for approval. A copy of the Audit Committee s written charter is publicly available on our website at www.cyclacel.com.

Compensation and Organization Development Committee. Our Compensation and Organization Development Committee is composed entirely of directors who are not our current or former employees, all of whom qualify as independent under the definition promulgated by the NASDAQ and SEC. The Compensation and Organization Development Committee currently has three members: Dr. Christopher Henney (Chairman), Dr. Nicholas Bacopoulos and Dr. David U Prichard. Generally, our Compensation and Organization Development Committee reviews, approves and makes recommendations regarding our compensation policies, practices and procedures to ensure that legal and fiduciary responsibilities of the Board of Directors are carried out and that such policies, practices and procedures contribute to our success. The Compensation and Organization Development Committee also develops and implements policies, principles and procedures for the selection and performance review of the Company s executive officers (including our Chief Executive Officer), other officers, directors, employees, consultants and advisors and interprets and administers our Amended and Restated 2006 Equity Incentive Plan.

A copy of the Compensation and Organization Development Committee s written charter is publicly available on our website at www.cyclacel.com.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee conducted its affairs during meetings of our Board of Directors during fiscal 2009, including a self-evaluation process which was undertaken by our Board of Directors, and did not meet separately. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has two members, Sir John Banham (Chairman) and Mr. Daniel K. Spiegelman, both of whom qualify as independent under the definition promulgated by the NASDAQ and SEC. The functions of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee include making recommendations to the full Board of Directors as to particular nominees for election or appointment to the Board of Directors; making recommendations to the full Board of Directors as to the membership, structure and operations of the committees of the Board of Directors; reviewing and assessing the adequacy of our corporate governance guidelines, principles and practices and recommending changes to the full Board of Directors for approval; monitoring compliance with our Corporate Code of Conduct and Ethics; and reviewing and maintaining oversight of matters relating to the independence, operation and effectiveness of the Board of Directors and committee members.

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The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may consider candidates recommended by stockholders as well as from other sources, such as other directors or officers, third party search firms or other appropriate sources for all potential candidates. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may consider all factors it deems relevant, such as a candidate s personal integrity and sound judgment, business and professional skills and experience, independence, knowledge of the industry in which we operate, possible conflicts of interest, diversity, the extent to which the candidate would fill a present need on the Board of Directors, and concern for the long-term interests of the stockholders. In general, persons recommended by stockholders will be considered on the same basis as candidates from other sources. If a stockholder wishes to nominate a candidate to be considered for election as a director at our 2011 special meeting of stockholders, such a recommendation should be submitted in writing to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, c/o Paul McBarron, Secretary, Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 200 Connell Drive, Suite 1500, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey 07922. Any such written recommendation should include a minimum of the following: (a) as to the nominee, (i) the name(s), age(s) and business address(es) of the nominee(s); (ii) the principal occupation or employment of such person; (iii) the class and number of shares of the Company that are beneficially owned by the nominee; and (iv) any other information relating to such person that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (including such person s consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director, if elected); and (b) as to the stockholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is being made, (i) the name and address of the stockholder, as they appear on the Company s books; and (ii) the class and number of shares of the Company which are owned of record by such stockholder and beneficially owned by such stockholder. Any such recommendation should be submitted in the time frame for stockholder proposals which are to be included in proxy materials for the special meeting to be held in 2011 under the caption, Stockholder Proposals and Nominations for Director, set forth elsewhere in this proxy statement.

We have no formal policy regarding board diversity. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Board of Directors may therefore consider a broad range of factors relating to the qualifications and background of nominees, which may include diversity, which is not only limited to race, gender or national origin. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Board of Directors priority in selecting members is identification of persons who will further the interests of our stockholders through his or her established record of professional accomplishment, the ability to contribute positively to the collaborative culture among board members and professional and personal experiences and expertise relevant to our growth strategy.

A copy of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee s written charter is publicly available on the Company s website at <u>www.cyclacel.com</u>.

Board Leadership Structure

Dr. U Prichard serves as the Chairman of our Board of Directors and Mr. Rombotis serves as our President and Chief Executive Officer. Dr. U Prichard is an independent director under the definition promulgated by the NASDAQ and SEC and we believe that it is preferable for one of our independent directors to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. We also believe that this structure is the most effective structure for us and our stockholders at this time because a separate chairman (i) can provide the Chief Executive Officer with guidance and feedback on his performance, (ii) provides a more effective channel for the Board of Directors to express its views on management, (iii) allows the Chairman to focus on stockholder interests and corporate governance while providing Mr. Rombotis with the ability to focus his attention on managing our day-to-day operations. As Dr. U Prichard has significant senior level pharmaceutical industry experience, he is particularly well-suited to serve as Chairman.

We recognize that different board leadership structures may be appropriate for companies in different situations. We will continue to re-examine our corporate governance policies and leadership structures on an ongoing basis to ensure that they continue to meet the Company s needs.

Role in Risk Oversight

Management is responsible for managing the risks that we face. The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing management is approach to risk management that is designed to support the achievement of organizational objectives, including strategic objectives and risks associated with our clinical trials, to improve long-term organizational performance and enhance stockholder value. The involvement of the full Board of Directors in reviewing our strategic

objectives and plans, including with respect to our clinical trials, is a key part of the Board of Directors assessment of management s approach and tolerance to risk. A fundamental part of risk management is not only understanding the risks a company faces and what steps management is taking to manage those risks, but also understanding what level of risk is appropriate for us. In setting our business strategy, our Board of Directors assesses the various risks being mitigated by management and determines what constitutes an appropriate level of risk for us.

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While the Board of Directors has ultimate oversight responsibility for overseeing management s risk management process, various committees of the Board of Directors assist it in fulfilling that responsibility.

The Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in its oversight of risk management in the areas of financial reporting, internal controls and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews legal and regulatory compliance risks and the Compensation and Organization Development Committee assists the Board of Directors in its oversight of the evaluation and management of risks related to our compensation policies and practices.

Stockholder Communications to the Board of Directors

Generally, stockholders who have questions or concerns should contact our Investor Relations department at (908) 517-7330 or email at <u>ir@cyclacel.com</u>. However, stockholders wishing to submit written communications directly to the Board of Directors should send their communications to our Secretary, Paul McBarron, Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 200 Connell Drive, Suite 1500, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey 07922. All stockholder communications will be considered by the independent members of our Board of Directors.

Executive Officers

The following table sets forth certain information regarding our current executive officers who are not also members of our Board of Directors. All such executive officers are at-will employees.

Name	Age	Position
Dr. Judy Chiao	50	Vice President, Clinical Development and Regulatory Affairs
Robert Sosnowski	52	Vice President, Sales & Marketing

Judy Chiao, M.D. Dr. Chiao joined Cyclacel in December 2004. From September 2002 to December 2004, she was at Aton Pharma, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Merck & Co. Inc., most recently as Vice President, Oncology Clinical Research and Development. Prior to Aton's acquisition by Merck, she was responsible for leading the clinical development of Zolinza®, a histone deacetylase inhibitor, for hematologic and solid tumor indications. From July 2000 to December 2001, Dr. Chiao was a Senior Medical Reviewer, Division of Oncology Drug Products, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, where she was the agency's primary reviewer for a range of oncology drugs and regulatory subjects. She also presented the FDA's views in several New Drug Application reviews at Oncology Drug Advisory Committees. Dr. Chiao earned her Bachelor of Science in Chemistry (summa cum laude) at Columbia University, New York, and received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School. Her internship and residency in internal medicine was carried out at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York and she held a Research Fellowship in Molecular Pharmacology at Sloan Kettering Institute for Cancer Research and a Clinical Fellowship in Hematology/Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center both in New York City. She has also been a member of a number of FDA-related working groups and has also been a Core Member of the Pharsight-FDA Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) on clinical trial simulation and population pharmacokinetic analysis software for drug development.

Robert Sosnowski. Mr. Sosnowski joined Cyclacel in April 2008 and has more than 27 years experience in sales and marketing roles at several pharmaceutical and major biotechnology companies. Prior to joining Cyclacel, Mr. Sosnowski was President, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Dexgen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a specialty pharmaceutical company, and Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Algos Pharmaceutical Corporation. In addition, he has held senior sales and marketing roles with Genentech, Inc., Centocor, Inc., The Liposome Company, Inc., Amgen, Inc. and The Upjohn Company. Mr. Sosnowski earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1980 from the University of Connecticut.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Summary Compensation Table

The following table shows the compensation paid or accrued during the last two fiscal years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009 to (1) our President and Chief Executive Officer, (2) our Executive Vice President, Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer, and (3) our next most highly compensated executive officer, other than our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Executive Vice President, Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer, who earned more than \$100,000 during the year ended December 31, 2009.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Option Awards (\$)(2)	All Other Compensation (\$) ⁽³⁾	Total (\$)
Spiro Rombotis President and Chief Executive Officer	2009 2008	460,000 440,000	138,000 ₍₁₁₎ 180,000	22,000(4)	42,000 ⁽⁵⁾	32,188 28,610	630,188 712,610
Paul McBarron ⁽⁶⁾ Executive Vice President, Finance, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Secretary	2009 2008	288,297 251,935	86,489 ₍₁₁₎ 103,525	22,000 ⁽⁷⁾	42,000 ⁽⁸⁾	17,903 15,636	392,689 434,823

Judy Chiao, MD