

## EXHIBIT 24

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**MINUTES  
 OF  
 A SPECIAL MEETING  
 OF  
 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
 OF  
 HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY**

August 18, 2011

A special telephonic meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Hewlett-Packard Company ("HP") was convened at approximately 8:30 a.m. pacific time on Thursday, August 18, 2011. Present by telephone were chairman Raymond J. Lane, Léo Apotheker, P. Marc Andreessen, Lawrence T. Babbio, Jr., Sari M. Baldauf, Shumeet Banerji, Rajiv L. Gupta, John H. Hammergren, Ann Livermore, Gary M. Reiner, Patricia F. Russo, Dominique Senequier, G. Kennedy Thompson and Margaret C. Whitman. Also present were Catherine A. Lesjak, Shane Robison, Andrew Johnson, Girish Nair, Michael J. Holston and Paul T. Porrini, who recorded the minutes, as well as Peter Weinberg and John Varughese of Perella Weinberg Partners, Barbara Bern, Michael Carter and Matthew Smith of Barclays Capital, Dennis J. Friedman of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP and Peter A. Atkins of Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, LLP. All participants could hear one another. There being a quorum present, Mr. Lane called the meeting to order.

**I. Introductory remarks**

Apotheker made some introductory remarks regarding Project Tesla, the potential acquisition of Autonomy Corporation plc, a UK based provider of search and discovery software solutions for the enterprise including pan-enterprise search, eDiscovery and archiving; business process management; audio/video analysis and records management ("Tesla") by the company code named Hercules SPV ("Hercules SPV"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of HP (the "Offer").

**II. Project Tesla**

The Board reviewed and discussed Project Tesla. Hammergren, as chairman of the Finance and Investment Committee (the "FIC"), reported on the special meeting of the FIC regarding Project Tesla which occurred immediately prior to this meeting and indicated that the FIC approved the proposed transaction and recommended that the Board approve such transaction. The Technology Committee confirmed concurrently its recommendation with respect to the technology aspects of the transaction. Among other things, the Board received presentations regarding the terms of the proposed cash offer, including, without limitation, the deal protection, termination and closing condition terms; the status of due diligence and key findings; the anticipated financial impact to HP of the transaction; the expected funding plan; hedging and possible credit ratings impact; and the communications plan. Representatives of Barclays Capital and Perella Weinberg Partners reviewed

and discussed the proposed transaction and each delivered a fairness opinion confirming such firm's opinion that the consideration to be paid by HP to Tesla is fair to HP and presented the underlying analysis.

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### Offer Documentation and Director Responsibilities

The Board reviewed and discussed the offer documentation, including the press announcement (the "Announcement"), the offer document to be dated on or about August 19, 2011 and addressed to the holders of ordinary shares in Tesla and, for information only, to the holders of options pursuant to Tesla's share option schemes and the holders of Tesla convertible bonds, containing the Offer and a letter from the Chairman of Tesla recommending acceptance of the Offer (the "Offer Document"), and the offer agreement setting out details of the non-solicitation, matching rights and inducement fee arrangements agreed with Tesla (the "Offer Agreement"). The Board confirmed that to the best of its knowledge and belief (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such was the case) the information contained in the Offer Document and Announcement (other than information relating to Tesla, its directors and their immediate families), is in accordance with the facts and did not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The attention of the directors was drawn to the statement in paragraph 1 of Appendix IV to the Offer Document that the FIC members and certain other individuals accepted responsibility for the information in the Offer Document and Announcement and that the relevant directors have confirmed that they accepted responsibility in the terms of that statement.

The Board was informed that regular meetings had taken place among senior employees and officers of HP to consider the merits and terms of the Offer, including detailed considerations of the strategic opportunities and synergies that the Offer represented for HP. The Board reviewed and discussed, among other things, the terms and conditions of the Offer, noting, in particular, the regulatory clearances required and confirmed that the due diligence process had not raised any material concern. The Board further considered, among other things, a number of key statements from the Announcement and the Offer Document regarding HP's intentions for the future business of Tesla, HP's strategic plans for Tesla and their likely impact on employment and the locations of Tesla's place of business, and HP's intentions with regard to the continued employment of Tesla's employees and management. The Board considered these statements in the context of HP's and Tesla's business needs for the 12 month period that would follow the Offer becoming unconditional in all respects.

The Board reviewed, among other things, the description of how the Offer is to be financed and the sources of the finance and the statement by Barclays Capital and Perella Weinberg Partners

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as to the availability of the necessary financial resources to enable Hercules SPV to implement the Offer (the "Cash Confirmation"). It was confirmed that Barclays Capital and Perella Weinberg Partners were satisfied that HP had the necessary financial resources to enable it to implement the Offer in full as mentioned in paragraph 10 of Appendix IV to the Offer Document.

**Cash Confirmation**

The Board then considered the terms of the representation letter to be provided to Barclays Capital and Perella Weinberg Partners (the "Representation Letter") in connection with the Cash Confirmation, noting the representations and undertakings to be given by HP.

Weinberg, Varughese, Bern, Carter and Smith left the meeting.

The Board continued its discussion regarding the strategic rationale for the Tesla acquisition, the communications strategy, plan and sequence and the other announcements to be made post-market.

The Board then met in executive session with Apotheker.

Holston and Porrini rejoined the meeting.

After a full discussion of Project Tesla, including the terms and conditions of the proposed cash offer, and, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously adopted and approved resolutions set forth in Attachment A hereto authorizing HP to announce, make and consummate the cash offer to acquire the shares of Tesla for a purchase price of £25.50 per share and all related transactions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.

August 30, 2011

  
Paul T. Porrini