

## Taking Ownership of Share Ownership Guidelines

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## **Materials Slides**

http://www.sos-team.com/pdfs/share ownership.pdf



## Agenda

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- Common Program Features
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### Share Ownership Guidelines: An Overview

#### **Share Ownership Guidelines**

• Require executives or directors to attain minimum stock ownership levels within a specified period of time

#### **Share Retention Requirements**

- Require executives or directors to retain a specified percentage of "net" shares underlying options, restricted stock and other equity compensation awards
- "Net shares" are the shares remaining after payment of the exercise price (if applicable) and taxes upon exercise, vesting or settlement

#### Can be adopted independently or in tandem



### Share Ownership Guidelines: An Overview

#### Why do companies adopt a share ownership policy?

- Alignment with shareholder interests
  - Promotes focus on long-term shareholder value creation
  - Minimizes short-term profit taking
- Mitigates excessive risk-taking
  - Minimizes incentives to achieve short-term gains at the expense of long-term value creation
- Ensures that employees and directors have "skin in the game"
- Creates a culture of stock ownership among employees
- Generally deemed in line with "good corporate governance"
  - Supported by proxy advisers (ISS) and institutional shareholders



#### Who is Covered?

- Varies by issuer
  - Directors
  - CEO only
  - All Named Executive Officers (NEOs)
  - Executive officers
  - Other senior employees (EVP, SVP, VP)
- May be more appropriate for stock retention requirements (particularly hold into or hold until retirement) to be limited to senior executives



### **Survey Results**

#### NASPP/Deloitte 2011 Plan Administration Survey

- 603 participating companies in a broad range of industries and regions
- Dramatic changes in the number of companies with Stock Ownership Guidelines
  - 78% of companies report having stock ownership guidelines in 2011, up from 54% in 2007
  - Emerging practice; appears to be here to stay



### **Survey Results**

#### Stock ownership guidelines apply to:

Employee Type	Percentage of Employees
CEO	98%
CFO	98%
Other named executive officers	95%
Other senior executives	71%
Other management	12%
Other exempt employees	2%
Non-exempt employees	1%



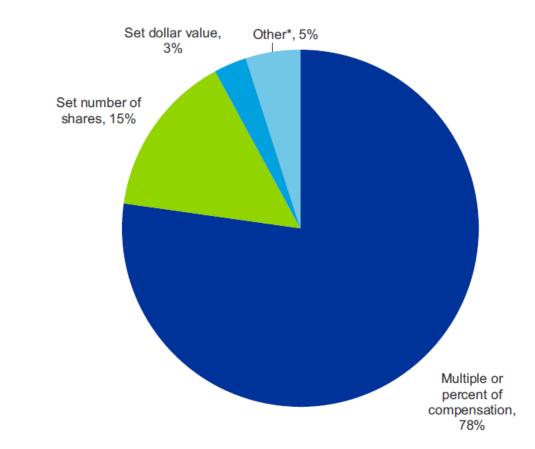
#### What is share ownership based on?

- Varies by issuer
  - Multiple of base salary or annual retainer
  - Fixed number of shares
  - Lesser of multiple and fixed number of shares
  - Fixed dollar value
  - Percent of average shares from prior grants
- Combinations of the above
- Targets generally vary by position



### **Survey Results**

#### Stock ownership guidelines are based upon:



\*Three companies stated that guidelines are based on the lesser of a set dollar amount or fixed number of shares and eleven companies stated that guidelines are based on a combination of a multiple salary and a fixed number of shares (usually the lesser amount).



#### What do companies count towards the guidelines?

- Shares owned outright
  - Acquired in the market
  - Acquired through grants and awards
- Restricted/deferred stock and units
- 401(k), ESOP and ESPP shares
- Options
- Performance shares and units
- Vested v. unvested awards
- Shares held by immediate family members and family trusts
- Best practices

#### - Can be a combination of any of the above

### **Survey Results**

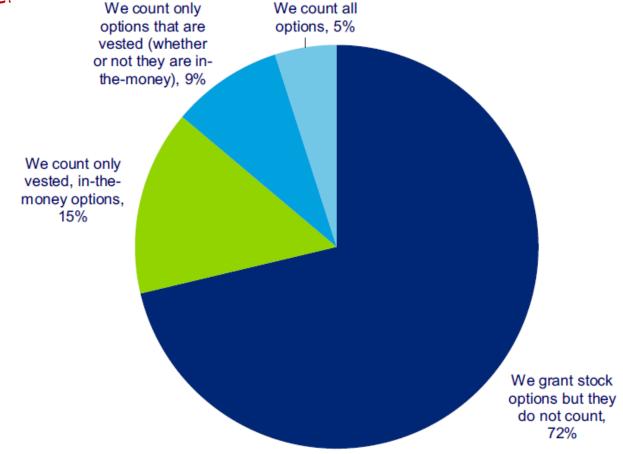
#### The following count towards satisfying guidelines:

Share Type	Not Offered	Offered but do not count toward guidelines	Offered and count toward guidelines
Shares owned outright (including shares purchased on the open market, vested restricted stock, or shares acquired from the exercise of stock options)	N/A	0%	100%
Unvested restricted stock	42%	17%	40%
Unvested phantom stock/restricted stock units	32%	27%	41%
Vested phantom stock/deferred stock units	53%	3%	43%
Unvested performance shares	26%	51%	23%
Vested shares in 401(k) plan	29%	5%	66%
Unvested Shares in 401(k) plan	55%	18%	27%
Other*	NA	4%	96%



### **Survey Results**

# Treatment of stock options in terms of satisfying stock ownership guideline:





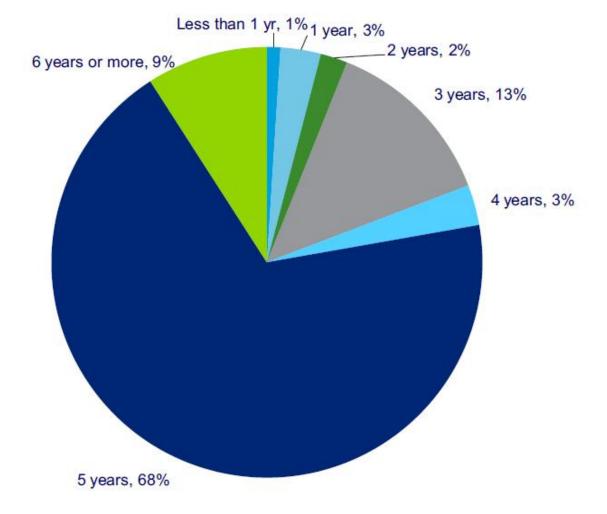
#### What is the time period to satisfy guidelines?

- Generally range from 1-8 years
  - 5 years is most common
- Annual progress requirements or gradual application of guidelines
  - For example, 20% increase each year with 100% of guidelines required to be satisfied by year 5
- Typically no specific time frame if combined with a retention requirement



### **Survey Results**

Timeframe to meet the stated stock ownership guidelines:





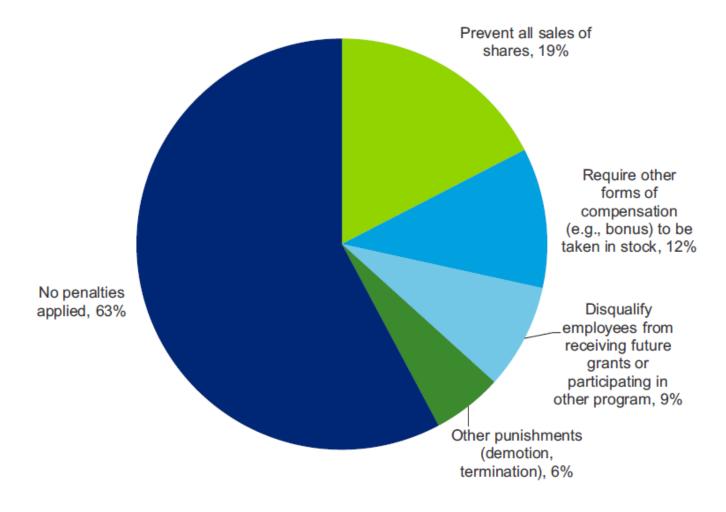
#### What penalties are companies imposing for non-compliance?

- Required retention of all or a specified portion of net shares following exercise or settlement
- Performance or annual bonus paid in stock
- Reduction in aggregate compensation
- Potential adverse disclosure for NEOs
- Internal peer pressure or "embarrassment factor"
- Reduction or elimination of future equity or incentive awards



### Survey Results: Trends

#### Penalties imposed by companies for failing to achieve guidelines:





#### What forms do stock retention requirements take?

- Hold until stock ownership guidelines are satisfied
- Hold for a specified period following exercise or settlement
  - 1 year from exercise/settlement is most prevalent
- Hold until retirement
- Hold into retirement
  - 1 year post-retirement is most prevalent
- Hold until the earlier of a fixed date or retirement
  - For example, upon attaining a specified age or years of service
- NASPP Quick Survey (May 2012): 52.5% of respondents impose retention guideline until guidelines are met

#### Which shares must be retained?

- Percentage of net shares
  - Retaining 50% or 75% of net shares are common formulations
- All equity awards and underlying shares
- In rare instances, applies to all equity held at the time the individual becomes subject to the retention requirements
- Terms may vary among the CEO and other executives
- Holding requirements are not vesting conditions, so executives and directors are not in danger of losing shares



#### **Exceptions to Ownership Policies**

- In certain limited instances, the company may relieve the executives and directors from obligations under the policy:
  - Financial hardship
  - Estate planning; charitable gift
  - Divorce
  - Tuition or other educational needs
  - Extreme market conditions
- Who has the discretion to waive the requirements:
  - Compensation Committee
  - Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee



#### **Anti-Hedging Provisions**

- Prohibit executives and directors from engaging in hedging and similar transactions
  - Application to pledges and margin accounts
- If hedging is permitted, the purpose of the stock ownership policy (particularly the retention requirements) is undermined
- 63 Top 100 Companies in the Shearman & Sterling 2011
  Survey of Director and Executive Compensation Practices
  disclosed that they maintain anti-hedging policies
- We typically see this language in Insider Trading Policies



- Multiple audiences
- Internal
  - Executives, Directors subject to guidelines
  - General employee messaging
- External
  - Shareholders
  - Corporate governance and investor community



- Internal Messaging to Executives/Directors
- Significance of stock ownership policy
- Define share ownership for purposes of policy
  - What counts?
- How will ownership be measured/monitored?

– Explain minimum requirements

- Include timeframe for compliance
- Explain retention aspects
  - Will shares need to be retained for a period of time?



- What happens if guidelines not met?
- Internal messaging to employees
  - Communicate with employee population to highlight executive stock ownership policy
  - Message promotes share ownership culture
    - May aid in employee perception issues during volatile stock periods



- External
  - CD&A disclosure in annual proxy statement
    - Explain whether stock ownership policy exists
  - Assess shareholder and corporate governance watchdog perception
    - Anticipate and address
    - Press release
    - SEC filings and exhibits

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1. Part of Governance Guidelines, which are published on company website

www.Prologis.com/investorrelations/corporategovernance/gov ernance guidelines

2. Discussed in detail in Proxy www.Prologis.com/investorrelations/financialinformation/annu al reports



### Monitoring

- Who is responsible for monitoring
- Who is responsible for communicating
- Know the stock ownership policy
- Know who is subject to the policy
  - Usually board and NEOs, may extend to other levels
    - NASPP Survey says 71% extend to "Other Senior Executives"
    - 12% extend to "Other Management"
- Know when reviews happen schedule them
  - When does review occur for those newly subject to the guidelines?
- Know who does and doesn't meet the guidelines
  - Who needs to know and who will communicate it
  - Know where participants stand so you can enforce when there's a vesting or an exercise or sale.

### Monitoring

- Let management know of administrative issues
  - Are definitions clear?
  - How do those that are newly subject to the guidelines find out?
- See sample spreadsheet and task list for tools



### Sample Calculator

ABC Company			
Share Ownership Guide	lines Compliance		
Interim Review as of M	onth day year		
Guideline Share Price			\$25.00
Jane Doe			Qualifying Shares
Common shares owned	(include ESPP)		100,000
Unvested RSUs or RSAs			50,000
Unvested but Earned Pe	erformance Shares		20,000
Vested Company Stock in 401(k)		5,000	
Non-Qualified Deferred	Compensation Plan (E	xecutive)	10,000
Partnership Units			1,000
Total shares owned tow	ard guidelines		186,000
Average Guideline Shar	e Price		\$25.00
Total Market Value as o	of Review Date		\$4,650,000
<u>Review</u>	<u>Input</u>	<u>Multiple</u>	
Base salary	\$500,000	2	\$1,000,000
Total shares owned toward guidelines Input ^		186,000	
Executive Required Share Count		<u>40,000</u>	
Share Amount over (une	der) guidelines		<u>146,000</u>





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#### Appendix: Ownership Analysis – Checklist

#### A. Preparation Due Date Complete

Review administrative issues regarding the Guidelines and discuss with Legal

Confirm annual review schedule with Secretary

Confirm Board review schedule with Secretary (date of next board meeting)

Confirm current list of all those subject to the Guidelines/Requirements

Ensure that you are on the list to be notified when members change, e.g. "Executive Committee"

#### **B.** Perform Analysis

Obtain Base Salary Information from Payroll

Obtain Market Values (e.g. average closing price for 20 business days prior to review date)

Send email out to those subject to guidelines request for shares owned in brokerage accounts

(For Equity Edge users -- replace other reports if you use other software)

Run personnel summaries or options and awards summaries -

Director = Yes

Officer = Yes

Executive Committee Indicator, if applicable

Obtain balances of sellable shares in ETRADE stock plan accounts

Obtain balances in company stock fund in 401k plans from Benefits Manager

**Open Spreadsheet** 

Update Dates

Change Market Value

Update all balances

Arrange for proofreader to review

Review with compliance director and/or deputy general counsel

Submit to Secretary

Format for board meeting materials



### Appendix: Share Ownership vs. Share Retention

	Share Ownership Guidelines	Share Retention Requirements
Attaining Ownership Threshold	Fixed guidelines, once satisfied no further obligations	Not fixed but directly related to level of equity compensation; retention obligation increases proportionately to increases in equity compensation
Effects of Market Fluctuations	Guidelines based upon a multiple of base salary/annual retainer vary with fluctuations in stock price	Fluctuations in stock price do not affect holding requirements
Equity Subject to Policy	Must determine which equity interests will count towards ownership guidelines	Not necessary, but company may attach different retention requirements to different equity types
Enforcement of Clawbacks	No benefits	Aids enforcement as shares are subject to transfer restrictions



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Individuals Subject to Policy	Appropriate for greater percentage of senior management; greater guidelines higher up the ladder	May be less appropriate for lower- level employees with lower compensation; no applicability to employees who do not receive equity compensation
Effects of Equity Awards	Substantial equity awards make guidelines easy to satisfy	Facilitates alignment of large employee shareholders (with sizable equity awards) with shareholder interests (particularly if there are longer retention periods)
Enforcement	Requires mechanism for enforcement; determine penalties for non-compliance	Generally not necessary as award shares are not transferable and holding commitment is usually set forth in award documentation

