Purpose

The purpose of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of MaxLinear, Inc. (the “Company”) shall be to:

1. provide oversight of the Company’s (and its subsidiaries’) accounting and financial reporting processes, its internal controls over financial reporting, and the audit of the Company’s financial statements (including the engagement of the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm);

2. provide oversight of the Company’s Global Ethics and Compliance Program;

3. assist the Board in monitoring (i) the integrity of the Company’s financial statements; (ii) the Company’s internal accounting and financial controls; (iii) the Company’s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; the organization and performance of the Company’s internal audit function; (v) enterprise risk management and assessment, including the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company’s information security policies and its internal controls regarding information security; and (vi) the independent auditor’s qualifications, independence, and performance;

4. prepare the report that the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) requires be included in the Company’s annual proxy statement;

5. provide the Board with the results of the Audit Committee’s monitoring and recommendations derived therefrom; and

6. provide to the Board such information and materials as it may deem necessary to make the Board aware of significant financial matters that require the attention of the Board.

In addition, the Audit Committee will undertake those specific duties and responsibilities listed below and other duties as the Board may from time to time prescribe.
MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The Audit Committee members will be appointed by, and will serve at the discretion of, the Board. Audit Committee members may be replaced by the Board. The Audit Committee will consist of at least three members of the Board. Members of the Audit Committee must meet the following criteria (as well as any additional criteria required by the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) or the SEC) as determined by the Board:

1. each member must be an “independent director” in accordance with (i) the director and Audit Committee member requirements of Nasdaq and (ii) the rules of the SEC;

2. no member may have participated in the preparation of the financial statements of the Company or any current subsidiary of the Company at any time during the past three (3) years;

3. each member must be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including the Company’s balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement and otherwise comply with any financial literacy requirements of the SEC or Nasdaq; and

4. at least one member must have past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in finance or accounting, or any other comparable experience or background which results in such individual’s financial sophistication, including being or having been a chief executive officer, chief financial officer, or other senior officer with financial oversight responsibilities.

5. No member of the Audit Committee shall simultaneously serve on the audit committee of more than two (2) other public companies (i.e., three (3) public company audit committees, including the Company) unless the Board determines that such simultaneous service would not impair the ability of such member to serve effectively on the Audit Committee and discloses such determination in its proxy statement.

6. The Board may designate one member of the Audit Committee as its chair or delegate the authority to designate a chair to the Audit Committee.

ROLE OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

This charter assigns oversight responsibility to the Audit Committee. Management shall be responsible for the preparation, presentation, and integrity of the Company’s financial statements; accounting and financial reporting principles; internal controls; and procedures designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. The independent registered public accounting firm (sometimes referred to as the “independent auditors”) retained by the Audit Committee shall be responsible for performing an independent audit of the consolidated financial statements
in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

The members of the Audit Committee are not acting as experts in accounting, auditing, or risk management and may rely on the information provided to them and on the representations made by management and the independent auditor.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The authority and responsibilities of the Audit Committee shall include the following:

1. The Audit Committee shall exercise sole responsibility to appoint and oversee the work of the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm, approve their compensation, and review and, if appropriate, discharge such firm. In this regard, the independent registered public accounting firm shall report directly to the Audit Committee, and the Audit Committee shall have the sole authority to approve the hiring and discharging of such independent auditors, all audit engagement fees and terms, and all permissible non-audit engagements with such independent auditors. Further, the Audit Committee shall have sole authority to approve the engagement or employment of any person(s) or entities responsible for or engaged in internal audit functions on behalf of the Company.

2. The Audit Committee shall pre-approve (or, where permitted under the rules of the SEC, subsequently approve) engagements of the independent registered public accounting firm to render audit or permissible non-audit services and/or establish pre-approval policies and procedures for such engagements, provided that (i) such policies and procedures are detailed as to the particular services rendered, (ii) the Audit Committee is informed of each such service, and (iii) such policies and procedures do not include delegation to management of the Audit Committee’s responsibilities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

3. The Audit Committee shall review the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm, including (i) obtaining on a periodic basis a formal written statement from the independent auditors delineating all relationships between the independent auditors and the Company or individuals in financial reporting oversight roles at the Company, consistent with the rules of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") (ii) maintaining an active dialogue with the independent auditors covering any disclosed relationship or services that may impair their objectivity and independence, (iii) presenting this statement to the Board, and (iv) to the extent there are any such relationships, monitoring and investigating them and, if necessary, taking, or recommending to the Board that the Board take, appropriate action to oversee the independence of the outside auditors. The Audit Committee shall set clear hiring policies for employees or former employees of the independent auditors.

4. The Audit Committee shall evaluate, at least annually, the independent auditors’ qualifications and performance as well as their independence, which evaluation shall include a review and evaluation of the lead partner of the independent auditors and consideration of whether there should be rotation of the lead audit partner, the
concurring partner, or the auditing firm. The Audit Committee shall further discuss with management and the Company’s internal auditors (or, as applicable any third party performing the Company’s internal audit function) their respective views of the competence, performance, and independence of the independent auditors. The Audit Committee shall, at least annually, obtain and review a report by the independent auditor describing the firm’s internal quality-control procedures; any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the firm; the published results of any audit of such firm by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; the published results of any inquiry or investigation of such firm by governmental or professional authorities within the preceding five years respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the firm and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and (to assess the auditor’s independence) all relationships between the independent auditor and the Company.

5. The Audit Committee shall review, in consultation with the independent auditors, the annual audit plan and scope of audit activities and monitor such plan’s progress and results.

6. The Audit Committee shall discuss and, as appropriate, review with management and the independent auditors the Company’s annual and quarterly financial statements and annual and quarterly reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q, including the Company’s disclosures under “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and the independent auditor’s reports related to the financial statements; discuss with the independent auditors any other matters required to be discussed by PCAOB Audit Standard No. 1301, including the independent auditor’s judgment with respect to the quality (and not just the acceptability) of the accounting principles applied in the Company’s financial reporting, and recommend to the Board whether the audited financial statements and Management’s Discussion and Analysis should be included in the Company’s Form 10-K.

7. The Audit Committee shall discuss with management and the independent auditors significant financial reporting issues raised and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the Company’s financial statements, including the review of (i) major issues regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentation, including any significant changes in the Company’s selection or application of accounting principles, and major issues as to the adequacy of the Company’s internal controls and any special audit steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies; (ii) analyses prepared by management and/or the independent auditors setting forth significant financial reporting issues raised and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the financial statements, including analyses of the effects of alternative GAAP methods on the financial statements; (iii) the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives, as well as off-balance sheet structures, on the Company’s financial statements; and (iv) the type and presentation of information to be included in earnings press releases, as well as any financial information and earnings guidance to be provided to analysts and rating agencies.
8. The Audit Committee shall receive, review, and discuss quarterly reports from the independent auditors on (i) the major critical accounting policies and practices to be used; (ii) significant alternative treatments of financial information within GAAP that have been discussed with management; (iii) ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments; (iv) any treatments preferred by the independent auditors; and (v) other material written communications between the independent auditors and management, such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences.

9. The Audit Committee shall review and discuss with the independent auditors any Critical Audit Matter (CAM) addressed in the audit of the Company’s financial statement accounts and disclosures that relate to each CAM.

10. The Audit Committee shall review on a regular basis with the Company’s independent auditors any problems or difficulties encountered by the independent auditors in the course of any audit work, including management’s response with respect thereto, any restrictions on the scope of the independent auditors’ activities or on access to requested information, and any significant disagreements with management. The Audit Committee shall resolve any disagreements between management and the independent auditors regarding financial controls or financial reporting.

11. The Audit Committee shall review with the independent auditors, internal audit (or any third party performing an internal audit function for the Company), and management the extent to which the Company has implemented changes or improvements in financial or accounting practices or internal controls that were previously reviewed and/or approved by the Audit Committee.

12. The Audit Committee shall discuss with management and the independent auditors any correspondence with regulators or governmental agencies and any published reports that raise material issues regarding the Company’s financial statements or accounting policies.

13. The Audit Committee shall approve the Company’s investment policy, review and discuss quarterly reports concerning the Company’s investments and financial condition, and discuss periodic management reports relating to financial risk and financial risk management, including an annual report from management concerning levels of insurance coverage and risks covered.

14. The Audit Committee shall discuss policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management, the Company’s major litigation and financial exposures, and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures. In addition, the Audit Committee shall review with management the risk factors set forth in the Company’s periodic SEC filings. In addition, the Audit Committee shall review regular and periodic reports by the Company’s Cybersecurity Committee and management relating to the Company’s information technology infrastructure, its key information
technology systems, and information technology risks facing the Company (including, without limitation, cybersecurity risks and compliance with data privacy regulations).

15. The Audit Committee shall review and discuss, in a general manner, earnings press releases and corporate practices with respect to earnings press releases and financial information and earnings guidance to be provided to analysts and rating agencies, including any proposed use of “pro forma” or “adjusted” non-GAAP information.

16. If appropriate, the Audit Committee shall discuss in executive session with the Company’s General Counsel legal matters that may have a material impact on the financial statements or the Company’s compliance procedures, among other matters.

17. The Audit Committee shall review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company’s financial reporting processes and internal control policies and procedures on a regular basis, including the responsibilities, budget, and staffing of the Company’s internal audit function, as well as any special audit steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies, through inquiry and discussions with the Company’s independent auditors and management as well as those persons performing the Company’s internal audit function. In addition, the Audit Committee shall review the reports prepared by management, and attested to by the Company’s independent auditors, assessing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company’s internal controls and procedures, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls and significant changes in internal controls reported to the Audit Committee by the outside auditor or management, prior to the inclusion of such reports in the Company’s periodic filings as required under SEC rules. The Audit Committee shall review disclosures regarding the Company’s internal controls that are required to be included in SEC reports.

18. The Audit Committee shall review and assess the Company’s annual internal audit plan, the process used to develop the plan, and the status of activities, significant findings, recommendations, and management’s response (for this purpose, where the Company’s internal audit function is performed by a third party, the Committee shall also review such matters with such third party). The Audit Committee shall provide oversight of the Company’s internal audit function and third parties providing such services, including by reviewing and discussing with management reports and other communications prepared by the internal audit function.

19. The Audit Committee shall establish and oversee procedures for receiving, retaining, and treating complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, auditing or federal securities law matters or violations of law or the Company’s Code of Ethics and Employee Conduct (the “Code of Conduct”), and procedures for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding such matters.

20. The Audit Committee shall act as the Company’s Qualified Legal Compliance
Committee ("QLCC") for the purposes of internal and external attorney reporting under SEC rules. The Audit Committee shall establish procedures for the confidential receipt, retention, and consideration of any attorney report to the QLCC.

21. The Audit Committee shall periodically review with management the activities of the Company’s Disclosure Committee.

22. The Audit Committee shall provide overall oversight of the Company’s Global Ethics and Compliance Program (the “E&C Program”), including ensuring that the E&C Program: (1) is well-designed; (2) is properly staffed, adequately resourced (with access to the relevant data necessary to effectively manage the E&C Program), and empowered to function effectively; and (3) is effective in practice. Through regular reports from, and discussions with the Chief Compliance Officer and/or General Counsel, the Audit Committee shall maintain knowledge of the scope, operation, and effectiveness of the E&C Program, including its periodic risk assessments, and shall exercise reasonable oversight over the E&C Program’s implementation and effectiveness. This shall include periodic review of the Company’s policies and procedures with respect to legal and regulatory requirements, including the Code of Conduct, and risk areas including export controls, anti-corruption (including, without limitation, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act) and compliance therewith. On an annual basis, the Audit Committee will review the implementation and effectiveness of the E&C Program with the Chief Compliance Officer, (who shall have the authority to communicate directly to the Audit Committee, promptly, about actual and alleged violations of law or the Code of Conduct, including any matters involving criminal or potential criminal conduct), and, as necessary, review benchmarking of the E&C Program against published standards from leading enforcement agencies and best practices from other leading companies.

23. The Audit Committee shall monitor compliance with the portions of the Code of Conduct applicable to its senior financial officers.

24. The Audit Committee shall review and approve in advance any proposed related party transaction and oversee other related party transactions governed by applicable accounting standards. The Audit Committee shall establish and periodically review policies and procedures for the review, approval and ratification of related person transactions, as defined in applicable SEC rules.

25. The Audit Committee shall oversee compliance with the requirements of the SEC for disclosure of auditor’s services and Audit Committee member qualifications and activities.

26. The Audit Committee shall make regular reports to the Board, which reports shall include the Audit Committee’s activities, any issues that arise with respect to the quality or integrity of the Company’s financial statements, the Company’s compliance with legal or regulatory requirements, the performance and independence of the Company’s independent auditors, or the performance of the internal audit...
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27. The Audit Committee shall review and reassess the adequacy and scope of this Charter annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.

28. At least annually, the Audit Committee shall evaluate its performance.

29. The Audit Committee shall have the authority to engage independent counsel, accountants, experts and other advisers as it determines appropriate to carry out its duties. The Company shall provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee, for payment of (i) compensation to the independent auditors engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit review or attest services for the Company; (ii) compensation to any advisers employed by the Audit Committee; and (iii) ordinary administrative expenses of the Audit Committee that are necessary or appropriate for carrying out its duties.

30. Periodically, the Audit Committee shall meet separately with the Company’s management, with persons responsible for the internal audit function, and with the independent auditors, which may include meetings with management that take place as part of regularly scheduled quarterly Audit Committee meetings.

31. The Audit Committee may form subcommittees for any purpose that the Audit Committee deems appropriate and may delegate to such subcommittees such power and authority as the Audit Committee deems appropriate. The Audit Committee shall not delegate to a subcommittee any power or authority required by law, regulation, or listing standard to be exercised by the Audit Committee as a whole.

32. The Audit Committee shall perform such other functions as assigned by law, the Company’s certificate of incorporation or bylaws, or the Board.

**MEETINGS**

The Audit Committee will meet at least once in each fiscal quarter of the Company and shall have at all times the option to meet more frequently. The Audit Committee or its Chair may establish the Audit Committee’s schedule, which it will provide to the Board in advance.

The Audit Committee will maintain written minutes of its meetings, which minutes will be filed with the minutes of the meetings of the Board. The majority of the members of the Audit Committee constitutes a quorum.

**COMPENSATION**

Members of the Audit Committee shall receive such fees, if any, for their service as Audit Committee members as may be determined by the Board in its sole discretion. Such fees may include retainers or per meeting fees. Fees may be paid in such form of consideration as is determined by the Board.
Members of the Audit Committee may not receive any compensation from the Company except the fees received as a member of the Board or any committee thereof.