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ADC Telecommunications, Inc.
13625 Technology Drive
Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344-2252
(952) 938-8080

ADC TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

January 24, 2006

Dear ADC Shareowner:

You cordially are invited to attend the Annual Shareowners Meeting of ADC Telecommunications, Inc., which will be held in the Auditorium at ADC's World Headquarters on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time. ADC's World Headquarters are located at 13625 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344. Details of the business to be conducted at the annual meeting are given in the attached notice of annual shareowners meeting.

If you do not plan to attend the annual meeting, please complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card promptly in the accompanying reply envelope, or follow the instructions on the proxy card for voting via telephone or the Internet. If you decide to attend the annual meeting and wish to change your proxy vote, you may do so automatically by voting in person at the annual meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

John A. Blanchard III
Non-executive Chairman of the Board

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

In order to ensure your representation at the annual meeting, please complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy card and return it as promptly as possible in the enclosed envelope (for which no postage is required if mailed in the United States). For alternative voting methods, please refer to the information under the captions **Vote by Internet and **Vote by Phone** on the proxy card.**

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL SHAREOWNERS MEETING
TO BE HELD MARCH 7, 2006**

To the Shareowners of ADC Telecommunications, Inc.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Shareowners Meeting of ADC Telecommunications, Inc. will be held at the Auditorium of the World Headquarters of ADC Telecommunications, Inc., 13625 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344, on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, for the purpose of considering and acting upon:

(1) The election of four directors for terms expiring in 2009;

(2) The ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for our fiscal year ending October 31, 2006; and

(3) The ratification of such other business as may come properly before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Shareowners of record at the close of business on January 11, 2006, are the only persons entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

Your attention is directed to the attached proxy statement. If you do not expect to be present at the meeting, you may submit your proxy by voting on the Internet or by telephone by no later than 10:59 p.m. Central Standard Time on March 6, 2006 (as directed on your proxy card), or by completing, signing, dating and mailing the enclosed proxy card as promptly as possible. **We encourage you to vote on the Internet or by telephone in order to reduce our mailing and handling expenses.** If you choose to return the proxy card by mail, we have enclosed an envelope addressed to ADC for which no postage is required if mailed in the United States.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Jeffrey D. Pflaum
*Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary*

January 24, 2006

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PROXY STATEMENT

**ANNUAL SHAREOWNERS MEETING
To Be Held On MARCH 7, 2006**

This proxy statement has been prepared on behalf of the Board of Directors of ADC Telecommunications, Inc. in connection with the solicitation of proxies for our Annual Shareowners Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, and at any and all adjournments of the annual meeting. The cost of soliciting proxies, including the cost of preparing and mailing the Notice of Annual Shareowners Meeting and this proxy statement, is being paid by us. In addition, we will, upon the request of brokers, dealers, banks, voting trustees and their nominees who are holders of record of shares of our common stock on the record date specified below, bear their reasonable expenses for mailing copies of these materials to the beneficial owners of these shares. In addition, our officers and other employees may solicit proxies in person or by telephone or facsimile, but will receive no extra compensation for these services. This proxy statement and the accompanying form of proxy card are first being mailed to shareowners on or about January 24, 2006.

Shareowners of record at the close of business on January 11, 2006, are the only persons entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting. As of that date, there were 116,801,210 issued and outstanding shares of our common stock, our only outstanding voting securities. Each shareowner is entitled to one vote for each share held, and there is no cumulative voting. All share numbers set forth in this proxy statement reflect the 1-for-7 reverse stock split we completed in May 2005.

Shareowners can vote their shares through the Internet or by telephone as an alternative to completing and mailing the enclosed proxy card. The procedures for Internet and telephone voting are described on the proxy card. The Internet and telephone voting procedures are designed to verify shareowners identities, allow shareowners to give voting instructions and confirm that their instructions have been recorded properly. Shareowners who vote through the Internet should be aware that they may incur costs to access the Internet, such as usage charges from telephone companies or Internet service providers, and that these costs must be borne by the shareowner. Shareowners who vote by Internet or telephone need not return a proxy card by mail.

Whether shareowners submit their proxies by mail, telephone or the Internet, a shareowner may revoke a proxy by sending a written notice of revocation or submitting another proxy with a later date (either by mail, telephone or the Internet) at any time prior to the date of the annual meeting or by voting in person at the annual meeting. Unless so revoked, properly executed proxies will be voted in the manner set forth in this proxy statement or as otherwise specified by the shareowner giving the proxy.

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BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table sets forth the number of shares of our common stock that were beneficially owned as of December 31, 2005, by our directors, our executive officers included in the Summary Compensation Table set forth under the caption Executive Compensation below, all of our directors and executive officers as a group and all shareowners known by us to be beneficial owners of more than five percent of our common stock. Except as otherwise indicated, the shareowners listed in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to the common stock owned by them.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Common Stock Outstanding
Alliance Capital Management, L.P. c/o AXA Financial, Inc. 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10104	12,422,379(1)	10.64%
Robert E. Switz	600,196(2),(4)	*
Gokul V. Hemmady	80,241(2)	*
Michael K. Pratt	102,946(2)	*
Patrick D. O'Brien	77,158(2)	*
JoAnne M. Anderson(6)	152,948(2)	*
John J. Boyle III	147,933(3)	*
John A. Blanchard III	61,264(3)	*
John D. Wunsch	38,281(3)	*
Jean-Pierre Rosso	48,124(3)	*
B. Kristine Johnson	50,071(3)	*
James C. Castle	25,189(3)	*
Larry W. Wangberg	24,677(3)	*
Mickey P. Foret	9,582(3)	*
Lois M. Martin	5,714(3)	*
J. Kevin Gilligan	5,714(3)	*
John E. Rehfeld	5,714(3)	*
William R. Spivey	5,714(3)	*
All executive officers and directors as a group (21 persons)	1,689,659(5)	1.45%

* Less than 1%.

- (1) Based on information in a Form 13G for the quarter ended August 31, 2005, filed by AXA Financial, Inc. on behalf of Alliance Capital Management L.P.
- (2) Includes (a) shares issuable pursuant to stock options exercisable within 60 days after December 31, 2005 and (b) shares held in trust for the benefit of the executive officers pursuant to our Retirement Savings Plan, which we call the 401(k) Plan in this proxy statement, respectively: for Mr. Switz, (a) options to purchase 453,648 shares and (b) 7,543 shares; for Mr. Hemmady, (a) options to purchase 63,172 shares and (b) 206 shares; for Mr. Pratt,

options to purchase 80,612 shares; for Mr. O'Brien, (a) options to purchase 57,073 shares and (b) 2,815 shares; for Ms. Anderson, options to purchase 136,714 shares.

- (3) Includes shares issuable pursuant to options exercisable within 60 days after December 31, 2005: for Mr. Boyle, options to purchase 135,460 shares; for Mr. Blanchard, options to purchase 37,038 shares; for Mr. Wunsch, options to purchase 34,139 shares; for Mr. Rosso, options to purchase 42,524 shares; for Ms. Johnson, options to purchase 44,529 shares; for Dr. Castle, options to purchase 22,127 shares;

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for Mr. Wangberg, options to purchase 23,963 shares; for Mr. Foret, options to purchase 9,582 shares; for Ms. Martin, options to purchase 5,714 shares; for Mr. Gilligan, options to purchase 5,714 shares; for Mr. Rehfeld, options to purchase 5,714 shares; and for Dr. Spivey, options to purchase 5,714 shares.

- (4) Includes 30,952 shares of restricted stock issued under our Global Stock Incentive Plan that may be voted by Mr. Switz but are subject to vesting conditions and transfer restrictions.
- (5) Includes (a) 1,360,504 shares issuable pursuant to stock options exercisable within 60 days after December 31, 2005; (b) 19,854 shares held in trust for the benefit of executive officers pursuant to the 401(k) Plan; and (c) 30,952 shares of restricted stock issued under our Global Stock Incentive Plan that may be voted by the holders thereof but that are subject to vesting conditions and transfer restrictions.
- (6) Ms. Anderson's employment with us terminated on November 28, 2005.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND BOARD MATTERS

Governance Principles and Code of Ethics

Our Board of Directors is committed to sound and effective corporate governance practices. The Board has adopted written Principles of Corporate Governance, which govern the composition of the Board, Board meetings and procedures and the standing committees of the Board. The Board of Directors has the following standing committees: Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Governance Committee, and Finance and Strategic Planning Committee. Each of these committees has a written charter. Our Principles of Corporate Governance and the charters for each of our standing committees are available for review on our website at www.adc.com/investorrelations/corporategovernance.

Our Principles of Corporate Governance provide that a majority of our directors and all members of our Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Governance Committee will be independent. Currently, we have a Non-executive Chairman of the Board who is not an officer of ADC. Our Board makes an annual determination regarding the independence of each Board member under the current NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards. Our Board of Directors has determined that all of our directors are independent under these standards, except for Robert E. Switz, who serves as our President and Chief Executive Officer.

During fiscal 2005, our independent directors met in an executive session of the Board without management on five occasions. Under our Principles of Corporate Governance, executive sessions of the Board are led by our Non-executive Chairman, or, in his absence, by the Chair of the Governance Committee. In addition, each of our Board's standing committees regularly meets in an executive session led by the chair of the committee.

We have had a Code of Business Conduct in place for many years. This code sets forth our standards for ethical behavior and legal compliance and governs the manner in which we conduct our business. Our Code of Business Conduct includes a Financial Code of Ethics applicable to all directors, officers and employees. A copy of our Code of Business Conduct and Financial Code of Ethics can be found on our website at www.adc.com/investorrelations/corporategovernance.

Meeting Attendance

Each of our directors is expected to make reasonable efforts to attend all meetings of the Board, meetings of each committee on which he or she serves and our annual meeting of shareowners. All of our current directors were serving on the Board at the time of our 2005 annual meeting and attended that meeting. During fiscal 2005, the Board of Directors held eight meetings. Each of our directors attended at least 75% of the aggregate of the total number of these meetings plus the total number of meetings of all committees of the Board on which he or she served.

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Standing Committees

The Audit Committee has sole authority to appoint, review and discharge our independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee also reviews and approves in advance the services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm, oversees the internal audit function, reviews our internal accounting controls and administers our Code of Business Conduct. The Audit Committee is composed of Ms. Martin and Messrs. Blanchard, Foret, Wangberg and Wunsch, all of whom meet the existing independence and experience requirements of the NASDAQ Stock Market and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Mr. Foret is the Chair of the committee. The Board has determined that each of Messrs. Blanchard and Foret and Ms. Martin may be considered an audit committee financial expert under rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission. During fiscal 2005, the Audit Committee held 10 meetings. The Audit Committee has determined to engage Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2006 and is recommending that our shareowners ratify this appointment at our annual meeting. The report of our Audit Committee is found on page 19 of this proxy statement.

The Compensation Committee determines the compensation for our executive officers and non-employee directors, establishes our compensation policies and practices, and reviews annual financial performance under our employee incentive plans. The Compensation Committee is currently composed of Ms. Johnson and Messrs. Blanchard, Gilligan, Rosso and Wunsch, all of whom are independent under the current NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards. Mr. Rosso is the Chair of the committee. During fiscal 2005, the Compensation Committee held six meetings. The report of our Compensation Committee on executive compensation is found on page 9 of this proxy statement.

The Governance Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding nominees for director, establishes and monitors compliance with our Principles of Corporate Governance and conducts an annual review of the effectiveness of our Board and the performance of our Chief Executive Officer. The Governance Committee will consider qualified director nominees recommended by shareowners. Our process for receiving and evaluating Board member nominations from our shareowners is described below under the caption Nominations. The Governance Committee is currently composed of Drs. Castle and Spivey, Ms. Johnson and Messrs. Rehfeld and Wangberg, all of whom are independent under the current NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards. Dr. Castle is the Chair of the committee. During fiscal 2005, the Governance Committee held four meetings.

The Finance and Strategic Planning Committee assists the Board with respect to corporate and financing strategies, evaluates acquisition and divestiture transactions, and reviews and recommends changes to ADC's capital structure. The Finance and Strategic Planning Committee is composed of Ms. Johnson and Martin and Messrs. Boyle, Foret and Gilligan, all of whom are independent under the current NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards. Mr. Boyle is the Chair of the committee. During fiscal 2005, the Finance and Strategic Planning Committee held five meetings.

Shareowner Communications with Board

The Board of Directors has implemented a process by which our shareowners may send written communications to the Board. Any shareowner desiring to communicate with the Board, or one or more of our directors, may send a letter addressed to the ADC Board of Directors, c/o ADC Corporate Secretary, P.O. Box 1101, Minneapolis, MN 55440. The Corporate Secretary has been instructed by the Board to forward promptly all such communications to the Board or to the individual Board members specifically addressed in the communication.

Nominations

Our Governance Committee is the standing committee responsible for selecting the slate of director nominees for election by our shareowners. The committee recommends these nominees to the full Board for approval. All director nominees approved by the Board and all directors appointed to fill vacancies created between our annual meetings of shareowners are required to stand for election by our shareowners

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at the next annual meeting. In the past, our Governance Committee has utilized the services of a third party search firm to assist in the identification and evaluation of Board member candidates. The Committee may engage such firms to provide such services in the future, as it deems necessary or appropriate.

Our Governance Committee determines the selection criteria and qualifications for director nominees. Minimum standards for director nominees are set forth in our Principles of Corporate Governance. A candidate must possess the ability to apply good business judgment and properly exercise his or her duties of loyalty and care. Candidates should also exhibit proven leadership capabilities, high integrity and experience in senior levels of responsibility in their chosen fields, and have the ability to grasp complex business and financial concepts and communications technologies. In general, candidates will be preferred who hold a senior level position in business, finance, law, education, research or government. The Governance Committee considers these criteria in evaluating nominees recommended to the Governance Committee by shareowners. When current Board members are considered for nomination for reelection, the Governance Committee also takes into consideration their prior ADC Board contributions, performance and meeting attendance records.

The Governance Committee will consider qualified Board candidates for possible nomination that are submitted by our shareowners. Shareowners wishing to make such a submission may do so by sending the following information to the ADC Governance Committee, c/o ADC Corporate Secretary at the above address: (1) name of the candidate and a resume or brief biographical summary; (2) contact information for the candidate and evidence of the candidate's willingness to serve as a director if elected; and (3) a signed statement regarding the submitting shareowner's status as a shareowner and the number of shares currently held by such shareowner.

The Governance Committee makes a preliminary assessment of each proposed nominee based upon the resume or biographical sketch, his or her willingness to serve as a director and other information obtained by the committee. Each proposed nominee is evaluated against the criteria set forth above and our specific needs at the time. Based upon the preliminary assessment, those candidates who appear best suited to be directors of ADC may be invited to participate in a series of interviews, which are used as a further means of evaluating potential candidates. On the basis of information obtained during this process, the Governance Committee determines which nominees to recommend to the Board for submission to our shareowners at the next annual meeting. The Governance Committee uses the same process for evaluating all proposed nominees, regardless of the original source of the candidate.

No candidates for director nominations were submitted to the Governance Committee by any shareowner in connection with the 2006 annual meeting. Any shareowners desiring to present a nomination for consideration by the Governance Committee prior to our 2007 annual meeting must do so by September 25, 2006, in order to provide adequate time for the Committee to duly consider the nominee while complying with our bylaws.

Compensation of Directors

Compensation for nonemployee directors is paid on a calendar year rather than a fiscal year basis. Our President and Chief Executive Officer, who is also a director, does not receive any extra compensation for serving as a director. Compensation for nonemployee directors consists of a combination of cash payments and annual stock option and restricted stock unit awards. In calendar year 2005, nonemployee directors received an annual retainer of \$25,000. Nonemployee directors also received \$1,500 for each Board meeting attended and \$1,000 for each committee meeting attended. In addition, the Non-executive Chairman of the Board received an annual retainer of \$100,000, the Chair of the Audit Committee received an annual retainer of \$7,500 and the Chairs of the remaining Board committees received an annual retainer of \$5,000.

Annual retainers and fees for Board and Board committee participation are eligible for deferral pursuant to our Compensation Plan for Nonemployee Directors. In 2005, directors could elect to defer their cash compensation into a deferred cash account or exchange their cash compensation for restricted

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stock units subject to forfeiture under our Global Stock Incentive Plan. These restricted stock units vest on the first business day of the calendar year following the year for which the cash compensation was deferred. The number of restricted stock units that ADC awards is equal in value to the dollar amount of the deferral divided by the closing price of our common stock on the first business day of the year during which the deferral occurred, rounded to the nearest whole number of shares. The restricted stock unit shares are issuable upon the director's retirement or resignation. Interest is paid on amounts deferred in the deferred cash account based on the prime commercial rate of Wells Fargo Bank, National Association. For calendar year 2005, two directors elected to exchange all or a portion of their fees for restricted stock units. One director elected to defer all or a portion of his fees into a deferred cash account.

In addition to cash compensation, as of the first business day after our 2005 Annual Shareowners' Meeting, each of our nonemployee directors received an annual option grant to acquire 4,100 shares of common stock and an annual grant of restricted stock units with a value of \$25,000 under our Global Stock Incentive Plan. The terms of the restricted stock unit grants are designed to fulfill the Board's requirement of stock ownership by its directors. Each annual grant of restricted stock units vests as of the first business day of the calendar year following the year of the grant. However, distribution of shares does not occur until one year following termination of Board service. This holding requirement provides the minimum ownership interest that each director must have in ADC during the term of the director's service.

For calendar year 2006, retainers and meeting fees will remain the same as for 2005, except that the annual retainer for the Chair of the Audit Committee will increase to \$10,000. Also, the number of stock options granted will change in light of changes in the market price of our common stock. However, the dollar value of the grant will be the same as the calendar year 2005 grant.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

We currently have 13 directors serving on our Board of Directors. The directors are divided into three classes. The members of each class are elected to serve three-year terms, with the term of office of each class ending in successive years. John A. Blanchard III, B. Kristine Johnson, Lois M. Martin, John E. Rehfeld and Jean-Pierre Rosso are the directors currently in the class with a term expiring at the annual meeting. Following the recommendation of our Governance Committee, our Board of Directors has nominated Mr. Blanchard, Ms. Martin, Mr. Rehfeld and Mr. Rosso for election to the Board at the annual meeting for terms expiring at the annual shareowners' meeting in 2009. Ms. Johnson has informed us that she does not wish to stand for re-election to the Board. Her decision was not based upon any disagreement with us or any matter relating to our operations, policies or practices.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the above-named nominees for election as directors. Proxies solicited by the Board of Directors will, unless otherwise directed, be voted to elect these nominees.

In accordance with Minnesota law, directors are elected by a plurality of votes cast. The four nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected. Shares represented by proxies as to which the authority to vote for a nominee has been withheld will be deemed present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining the existence of a quorum and calculating the numbers of votes cast, but will be deemed not to have been voted in favor of the candidate with respect to whom the proxy authority has been withheld. In the unlikely event that the nominees are not candidates for election at the annual meeting, the persons named as proxies will vote for such other persons as the Board of Directors or proxies may designate.

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Set forth below is information regarding the nominees to the Board of Directors and the other incumbent directors who will continue to serve after the annual meeting.

Name	Age	Nominee or Continuing Director and Term
John A. Blanchard III	63	Director and nominee for term expiring in 2009
Lois M. Martin	43	Director and nominee for term expiring in 2009
John E. Rehfeld	65	Director and nominee for term expiring in 2009
Jean-Pierre Rosso	65	Director and nominee for term expiring in 2009
James C. Castle, Ph.D.	69	Director with term expiring in 2008
Mickey P. Foret	60	Director with term expiring in 2008
J. Kevin Gilligan	51	Director with term expiring in 2008
John D. Wunsch	57	Director with term expiring in 2008
John J. Boyle III	58	Director with term expiring in 2007
William R. Spivey, Ph.D.	59	Director with term expiring in 2007
Robert E. Switz	59	Director with term expiring in 2007
Larry W. Wangberg	63	Director with term expiring in 2007

Mr. Blanchard has been a director of ADC since November 1999 and has served as Non-executive Chairman of the Board since August 2003. He served as the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of eFunds Corporation, a provider of transaction processing and risk management services, from June 2000 to September 2002. He continued to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of eFunds Corporation until his full retirement on December 31, 2002. Previously, Mr. Blanchard had served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Deluxe Corporation, a provider of paper checks and electronic banking services, from May 1995 to May 1996 and as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Deluxe Corporation from May 1996 to December 2000 when eFunds Corporation was spun off of Deluxe Corporation. From January 1994 to April 1995, Mr. Blanchard was Executive Vice President of General Instrument Corporation, a supplier of set-top boxes and systems components to the cable and satellite television industry. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Blanchard was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Harbridge Merchant Services, Inc., a national credit card processing company. Prior to that, Mr. Blanchard was employed by AT&T for 25 years, most recently as Senior Vice President responsible for national business sales. Mr. Blanchard also serves as a director of Wells Fargo & Company.

Ms. Martin has been a director of ADC since March 2004. Ms. Martin has been the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Capella Education Company since 2004. Capella Education Company is the privately held parent company of Capella University, an accredited on-line university. From 2002 to 2004, Ms. Martin served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of World Data Products, Inc., an industry-leading provider of server, storage, network and telecom solutions worldwide. From 1993 to 2001, Ms. Martin was employed by Deluxe Corporation and held a number of positions, including Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and Corporate Controller, Vice President and Controller of Deluxe Financial Services Group, Vice President and Controller of Paper Payment Systems Division, Director of Accounting Services, and Director of Internal Audit. Prior to joining Deluxe Corporation, Ms. Martin served as International Controller for Carlson Companies, a privately held, international conglomerate from 1990 to 1993.

Mr. Rehfeld has been a director of ADC since September 2004. Mr. Rehfeld is an adjunct professor for the Executive MBA program at Pepperdine University in California. During 2001, prior to joining Pepperdine, Mr. Rehfeld served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Spruce Technologies, Inc., a DVD authoring software company. From 1997 to 2001, Mr. Rehfeld served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ProShot Golf, Inc., a privately held company providing GPS distance measuring computers on golf carts. He served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Proxima Corporation, a multi-media projector company, from 1995 to 1997 and as President and Chief Executive Officer of ETAK, Inc., a digital map software and content company, from 1993 to 1995. Mr. Rehfeld also serves as a director of Primal Solutions, Inc. and Interchange Corporation.

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Mr. Rosso has been a director of ADC since 1993. Mr. Rosso most recently served as Chairman of CNH Global, N.V., a manufacturer of construction and agriculture equipment from December 1999 to April 2004. He was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CNH Global from December 1999 to December 2000. Mr. Rosso was President and Chief Executive Officer of Case Corporation, a construction equipment manufacturer, from April 1994 to March 1996 and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Case from March 1996 to November 1999. Prior to joining Case Corporation, Mr. Rosso was President of the Home and Building Control division of Honeywell Inc. from 1991 to 1994 and President of Honeywell Europe in Brussels, Belgium, from 1987 to 1991. Mr. Rosso is also a director of Medtronic, Inc., Eurazeo and United Subcontractors, Inc.

Dr. Castle has been a director of ADC since 1994. He has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Castle Information Technologies, LLC, a provider of information technology and board of directors consulting services, since 2001. He was formerly the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of DST Systems of California, Inc. (formerly USCS International, Inc.), a position he held from August 1992 to April 2002. DST Systems of California is a worldwide provider of computer services to the cable industry and a provider of billing services to the cable, telephony, financial services and utility industries. From 1991 to 1992, Dr. Castle was President of Teradata Corporation, until that company merged with NCR Corporation, a subsidiary of AT&T. From 1987 to 1991, Dr. Castle was Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Infotron Systems Corporation. Dr. Castle is also a director of the PMI Group, Inc., Southwest Water Company, Inc., and VeriFone, Inc.

Mr. Foret has been a director of ADC since February 2003. From September 1998 to September 2002, Mr. Foret served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Northwest Airlines, Inc., a commercial airline company. From September 1998 to September 2002, he also served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Northwest Airlines Cargo Inc., a subsidiary of Northwest Airlines that specializes in cargo transport. From May 1998 to September 1998 he served as a Special Projects Officer of Northwest Airlines, Inc. Prior to that time, Mr. Foret served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Atlas Air, Inc. from June 1996 to September 1997 and as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Northwest Airlines, Inc. from September 1993 to May 1996. Mr. Foret previously held other senior management positions with various companies including Northwest Airlines, Continental Airlines Holdings, Inc. and KLH Computers, Inc. Mr. Foret also serves as a director of Nash Finch Company and URS Corporation.

Mr. Gilligan has been a director of ADC since September 1, 2004. In 2004, Mr. Gilligan was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of United Subcontractors, Inc., a nationwide specialty construction contractor. Prior to joining United Subcontractors, Inc., Mr. Gilligan served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Automation and Control Solutions Division of Honeywell International from 2001 to 2004. From 2000 to 2001, Mr. Gilligan served as President of the Home and Building Control Division of Honeywell International. He also served as President of the Solutions and Services Division of Honeywell International from 1997 to 1999 and as Vice President and General Manager of the North American Region of the Home and Building Control Division from 1994 to 1997. Mr. Gilligan also serves as a director of Graco Inc.

Mr. Wunsch has been a director of ADC since 1991. Mr. Wunsch is a Senior Managing Director of Harris MyCFO, a part of the complete wealth management solution of Harris Private Bank. From March 2002 until June 2003, he was Senior Vice President with Harris Trust and Savings Bank and head of their Private Wealth Group. Mr. Wunsch was an independent consultant in the financial services industry from December 2001 to March 2002. He was President and Chief Executive Officer of Family Financial Strategies, Inc., a registered investment advisory company, from January 1997 to December 2001. From 1990 to January 1997, he served as President of Perrybell Investments, Inc., a registered investment advisory company.

Mr. Boyle has been a director of ADC since November 1999. Mr. Boyle was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Arbor Networks, Inc., a company committed to researching cyber threats and developing solutions to prevent network attacks, in June 2005. Prior to joining Arbor Networks, Mr. Boyle

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served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Equallogic, Inc., from 2003 to 2004. From April 2000 to July 2003, Mr. Boyle served as Chief Executive Officer of Cogentrix, Inc., a provider of Web-based solutions. He served as Senior Vice President of ADC from October 1999 to April 2000 following our acquisition of Saville Systems PLC. Prior to joining ADC, Mr. Boyle served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Saville Systems PLC from August 1994 to October 1999 and as Saville's Chairman of the Board from April 1998 to October 1999. Mr. Boyle is also a director of eFunds Corp.

Dr. Spivey has been a director of ADC since September 2004. Dr. Spivey most recently served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Luminent, Inc., a fiber optics transmission products manufacturer, from July 2000 to November 2001. From 1997 to 2000, Dr. Spivey served as Network Products Group President for Lucent Technologies. He served as Vice President of the Systems & Components Group at AT&T Corporation/ Lucent Technologies from 1994 to 1997. Dr. Spivey also serves as a director of Novellus Systems, Inc., Lyondell Chemical Company, Raytheon Company, The Laird Group, PLC and Cascade Microtech, Inc.

Mr. Switz was appointed to serve as a director of ADC in August 2003. Mr. Switz has been President and Chief Executive Officer of ADC since August 2003. From January 1994 until August 2003, Mr. Switz served ADC as Chief Financial Officer as well as Executive Vice President and Senior Vice President. Mr. Switz also served as President of ADC's former Broadband Access and Transport Group from November 2000 to April 2001. Prior to joining ADC, Mr. Switz was employed by Burr-Brown Corporation, a manufacturer of precision microelectronics, most recently as Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Director, Ventures & Systems Business. Mr. Switz is also a director of Hickory Tech Corporation and Broadcom Corporation. Effective February 7, 2006, Mr. Switz will begin service as a director of Micron Technology, Inc. He also has announced that he will not seek re-appointment to the Board of Hickory Tech Corporation where his term as a director will expire in April, 2006.

Mr. Wangberg has been a director of ADC since October 2001. Mr. Wangberg served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of TechTV (formerly ZDTV, Inc.), a cable television network focused on technology information, news and entertainment, from August 1997 until his retirement from these positions in July 2002. Previously, Mr. Wangberg was Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of StarSight Telecast, Inc., an interactive navigation and program guide company, from February 1995 to August 1997. Mr. Wangberg is also a director of Autodesk, Inc. and Charter Communications, Inc.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Committee Report on Executive Compensation

OVERVIEW AND PHILOSOPHY

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for our executive compensation philosophy and major compensation policies. The Committee also is responsible for determining all aspects of the compensation paid to our Chief Executive Officer and reviews and approves compensation paid to the other executive officers. The Committee has access to an independent compensation consultant and to competitive compensation data. The Committee is composed entirely of independent directors as defined in the current NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards.

The primary objectives of our executive compensation program are to:

Provide compensation that will attract, retain and motivate a superior executive team;

Motivate our executives to achieve important performance goals; and

Align the interests of our executive officers with those of our shareowners.

When determining compensation levels, the Committee considers ADC's performance and compensation levels of comparable companies within the communications equipment industry. Some of these

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companies are included in the S&P 500 Communications Equipment Index, an industry index composed of ADC and 12 other communication equipment companies that appears in the table set forth under the caption Comparative Stock Performance below. We believe that our executive compensation program provides an overall level of target compensation and compensation opportunity that is competitive within the communications equipment industry for companies approximating the size of ADC.

The following discussion describes our approach to executive compensation and provides commentary on each major element of the compensation program. The Committee retains the right to consider factors other than those described below in setting executive compensation levels for individual officers.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Our executive compensation program is composed of base salary, annual incentive compensation, long-term incentive compensation and various benefits generally available to all of our full-time employees.

Base Salary

The Committee annually reviews the base salaries of our executive officers. Base salary levels for our executives generally are targeted to be around the average of salaries paid by communications equipment and other manufacturing and high-technology companies of similar size to ADC. In determining salaries, the Committee takes into account individual skills and experience, performance during the preceding 12 months, importance of the executive to the future success of ADC and competitive salary levels for similar positions. Salaries for our executives generally fall within a band of plus or minus 25% from the average salaries paid by comparable companies.

Annual Incentive Compensation

The Management Incentive Plan, which we call the MIP, is our principal annual incentive program for executives. The purpose of the MIP is to provide a financial incentive to help us achieve key company, business unit and geographic region financial and strategic goals. Target MIP award levels are established as a percentage of base salary, and are set at levels for executives that are between the average and the 75th percentile of incentive bonuses offered by comparable companies.

The business performance goals under the MIP are established at the beginning of each fiscal year following approval of these goals by the Committee. For fiscal 2005, these goals for the company as a whole and each of its geographic regions were based on net sales and pro-forma operating income metrics. The performance goals for specific business units are based on net sales and profit contribution margin metrics. For management employees of a specific business unit, a combination of company-wide goals and business unit goals are applied to provide more focused incentive objectives. The MIP also provides for an individual award pool totaling a maximum of 4% of the target payments of the MIP in order for the Committee to recognize exceptional individual performance.

Under the current plan design, actual MIP awards could vary from zero to 200% of the target bonus, depending on actual company performance. No MIP bonuses would be paid unless certain minimum company or business unit goals are met. In fiscal 2005, we exceeded the minimum financial goals under the MIP, as did each geographic region and most business units. Employees not employed by the company as of the last day of the fiscal year are not eligible to receive awards under the MIP. Employees of the FONS business acquired by ADC on August 26, 2005, did not participate in the fiscal 2005 MIP. The FONS employees, however, were made eligible for a special bonus program negotiated at the time of the acquisition for purposes of retaining and providing performance incentives to key FONS employees during the most critical integration period following the acquisition.

For fiscal 2006, the MIP goals will continue to be based upon net sales and pro-forma operating income. In addition, performance targets for free cash flow at the company-wide level and supporting cash flow measures at the regional and business unit levels have been added to the MIP goals to better

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reinforce the importance of strong cash management practices to the achievement of our business objectives.

We also maintain an Executive Management Incentive Plan, which we call the Executive MIP, for selected senior executives who could receive compensation, inclusive of incentive compensation, in excess of \$1 million. The Executive MIP has been approved by our shareowners and is designed so that payments under the Executive MIP, if they cause an executive's total compensation to exceed \$1 million, will be fully deductible for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If an executive participates in the Executive MIP, he or she is not eligible to participate in the regular MIP. For fiscal 2005, the only employee eligible for the Executive MIP was our Chief Executive Officer. The Committee administers the Executive MIP such that the business performance goals are effectively the same as the company-wide goals under the MIP. Accordingly, the award paid to Mr. Switz for fiscal year performance in 2005 under the Executive MIP was the same as if he had participated in the MIP.

We also have a Special Incentive Plan that is intended to provide an opportunity for incentive payments that are based on customized objectives for a limited number of key employees. This plan had no participants in fiscal 2005. The Chief Executive Officer is not eligible to participate in this plan. However, the Committee may approve the inclusion of one or more other executive officers for participation in this plan on a case-by-case basis. This plan is only made available to individuals whom senior management believes are critical to the success of particular key business objectives. This plan provides cash incentive payment opportunities, based on the achievement of individual, objectively measurable goals identified for each eligible participant. Both the participants and the individual objectives are approved in advance. An individual's award under the Special Incentive Plan, when combined with any award under the MIP or Executive MIP, cannot exceed the individual's maximum potential award under the MIP or Executive MIP.

Long-Term Incentive Compensation

Long-term incentives are provided to executive officers through our equity compensation program. The primary purposes of our equity compensation program are to align executive officer compensation directly with the creation of shareowner value and, through the vesting aspect of stock-based awards, to provide a significant incentive for executives and other employees to remain in our employ.

For fiscal year 2005, grants provided to executive officers included a combination of stock option and restricted stock unit (RSU) awards. Guidelines for the size of our grants were set in reference to levels competitive with programs in U.S. telecommunications and high-technology companies of similar size to us. In addition to competitive industry practice data, the Committee took into consideration the costs of the program and the potential shareowner dilution from awards. Stock options have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the date of award. Stock option grants and RSUs provided in fiscal 2005 generally vest over a four-year period as of specified dates, and the stock options generally have a 10-year term from the date of grant. Executive officers will benefit from stock options only if, at the time the options are exercised, the price of our common stock has appreciated over its price on the date the stock option was granted. The RSU awards provide a significant long-term retention incentive over a broad array of economic conditions. We believe that the continued use of a combination of stock options and RSUs are an effective means of providing an appropriate level of long-term incentive compensation to our executives.

Effective in fiscal year 2006, the terms of the RSU awards provided to executive officers will change to add a requirement that the company meet or exceed a pre-established performance metric prior to the payout of any of the shares underlying the RSUs. Generally, three full years of service following the grant date will be required for any of the RSU shares to vest. In addition, vesting will be contingent on achievement of cumulative pre-tax earnings per share equivalent to or higher than the performance requirement established by the Committee for the three-year performance period. Special pro-rata vesting provisions will apply in the case of death, disability, retirement, divestitures or reductions in force occurring after at least one year has elapsed in the normal three-year vesting period.

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The Committee has maintained Company stock ownership targets for executive officers as a means of gaining better alignment between the interests of the executive officers and the interests of our shareowners. The stock ownership targets for executive officers are expressed as a fixed number of shares. For stock option grants beginning with the annual fiscal year 2004 cycle, the Committee instituted a requirement for executive officers that until ownership targets are met, the officer must hold at least 50% of vested restricted stock units and 50% of shares received upon the exercise of options from these grants after reduction for the payment of taxes and the exercise costs.

Benefits

We provide medical and retirement benefits to our executives that generally are similar to those available to our employees. We also provide cash allowances to our senior executives in lieu of certain prerequisites.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION

Effective August 13, 2003, we entered into a three-year employment agreement with Mr. Switz. See the section of this proxy statement captioned Employment Agreement with Robert E. Switz. During fiscal year 2005, Mr. Switz served as President and Chief Executive Officer and was paid \$572,885 in salary and, as of January 1, 2005 had a salary rate of \$575,000. Mr. Switz participated in the Executive MIP that, as administered, provides a target award of 100% of base salary. As a result of company financial performance and an evaluation of contributions of Mr. Switz to that performance during fiscal year 2005, Mr. Switz has received an annual incentive award of \$1,013,460, which is equal to 177.7% of his target award for the year. Mr. Switz received a grant of 142,856 stock options and a grant of 50,000 restricted stock units in fiscal 2005.

SECTION 162(m) POLICY

The Committee intends to continue its practice of paying competitive compensation in order to attract and retain the senior executives necessary to manage our business in the best interests of ADC and our shareowners. Under some circumstances, this practice may require us to pay compensation in excess of \$1,000,000 to certain key executives. Under Section 162(m) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, if we pay compensation in excess of \$1,000,000 to any executive officer named in the table entitled Summary Compensation Table below, we can fully deduct the amounts in excess of \$1,000,000 only if we meet specified shareowner approval and ADC performance requirements. The Global Stock Incentive Plan and Executive MIP contain provisions approved by our shareowners so that the tax deductibility of amounts realized from the exercise of options granted under the Global Stock Incentive Plan and amounts paid under the Executive MIP will not be limited by Section 162(m). Although we intend to maximize the deductibility of compensation paid to executive officers, we also intend to maintain the flexibility to take actions we consider to be in ADC's best interests including, where appropriate, consideration of factors other than tax deductibility.

Members of the Compensation Committee

Jean-Pierre Rosso, Chair

John A. Blanchard III

J. Kevin Gilligan

B. Kristine Johnson

John D. Wunsch

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The following table sets forth the cash and noncash compensation for each of the last three fiscal years awarded to or earned by our Chief Executive Officer and our four other most highly compensated executive officers who served as executive officers as of the end of fiscal 2005.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Long-Term Compensation						
		Annual Compensation			Awards	Payouts		
		Salary(1) (\$)	Bonus(2) (\$)	Other Annual Compensation(3) (\$)	Restricted Stock Award(s) and Units(4) (\$)	Securities Underlying Options(5) (#)	LTIP Payouts (\$)	All Other Compensation(6) (\$)
Robert E. Switz Chief Executive Officer and President	2005	596,977	1,013,460	0	917,000	142,856		64,384
	2004	574,000	723,195	0	0	0	0	14,519
	2003	467,923	0	0	2,322,462	267,713	0	21,320