Peter S. Kirlin was appointed President of the Photronics in September of 2013; he joined the company in August, 2008 as Senior Vice President, US and Europe. Before joining Photronics, Dr. Kirlin was Executive Chairman of Akrion, Inc. from January 2007 to July 2008. Prior to that Dr. Kirlin was Vice President of Business Development at Entegris, Inc. from May 2004 to September 2006. Early in his career Dr. Kirlin was part of the founding team of ATMI where over a 13 year period he rose to Group Vice President; a position which he left in March of 2000 to become the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of DuPont Photomask, Inc.

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