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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**  
**TO BE HELD ON MAY 24, 2017**

To Our Shareholders:

L. B. Foster Company will hold its Annual Meeting of Shareholders at the Duquesne Club at 325 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222 on Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at 8:30 AM, Eastern Daylight Time (the “Annual Meeting” or the “Meeting”), for the purposes of:

1. Electing a board of eight directors for the ensuing year;
2. Ratifying the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2017;
3. Advisory approval of the compensation paid to the Company’s named executive officers in 2016; and
4. Advisory approval of the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation paid to the Company’s named executive officers.

Shareholders will also be asked to consider and act upon such other business that properly come before the Annual Meeting.

Shareholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Only holders of record of Company common stock at the close of business on March 22, 2017 will be entitled to vote at the meeting or at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission rules allow companies to furnish proxy materials to their shareholders over the Internet. This process expedites shareholder receipt of proxy materials and lowers the cost of our Annual Meeting.

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On or about April 12, 2017, we mailed to our shareholders a Notice of Internet Availability containing instructions on how to access our 2017 Proxy Statement and 2016 Annual Report and how to cast your vote. That Notice also includes instructions on how to receive a paper copy of the Annual Meeting materials.

Your vote is important. Whether you plan to attend the Annual Meeting or not, we hope you will vote your shares as soon as possible. Please sign, date, and return your proxy card or voting instruction form or vote by telephone or via the Internet; instructions are included on the proxy card and voter instruction form. If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting in person, please detach the Admission Ticket from your proxy card and bring it to the Meeting. If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in "street name" through a broker, bank, or other intermediary, please contact your broker, bank, or other intermediary to obtain evidence of ownership and a legal proxy, which you must bring with you to the Meeting.

Patrick J. Guinee  
Vice President, General Counsel &  
Corporate Secretary

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
April 12, 2017

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## L. B. FOSTER COMPANY

### PROXY STATEMENT

### GENERAL INFORMATION

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of L. B. Foster Company (the “Company”) to be voted at the May 24, 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and at any adjournment or postponement thereof (the “Annual Meeting” or the “Meeting”). This Proxy Statement, the Notice of Internet Availability, the proxy card, and our 2016 Annual Report to Shareholders were each made available to shareholders on the Internet, free of charge, at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or mailed on or about April 12, 2017.

At the close of business on March 22, 2017, the record date for entitlement to vote at the Meeting (the “Record Date”), there were 10,552,348 shares of common stock outstanding. Only holders of record of our common stock at the close of business on the Record Date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting or at any adjournment or postponement thereof. Such shareholders will have one vote for each share held on that date.

The presence, in person or by proxy, of the shareholders entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes that all shareholders are entitled to cast on a matter to be acted on at the Annual Meeting will constitute a quorum. Where a shareholder’s proxy or ballot is properly executed and returned but does not provide voting instructions, the shares of such shareholder will nevertheless be counted as being present at the Meeting for the purpose of determining a quorum. Abstentions and “broker non-votes” (as described below) will be counted for purposes of determining a quorum.

If your shares are held in “street name” (i.e. held for your account by a broker or other nominee), you should receive instructions from the holder of record on voting your shares. If a shareholder holds shares beneficially in street name and does not provide the shareholder’s broker with voting instructions, such shares may be treated as “broker non-votes.” Generally, broker non-votes occur when a broker is not permitted to vote on a particular matter without instructions from the beneficial owner and instructions have not been given. Brokers that have not received voting instructions from their clients cannot vote on their clients’ behalf on “non-routine” proposals, such as the election of directors and executive compensation matters (for purposes of this Proxy Statement, Proposals 1, 3, and 4), although they may vote their clients’ shares on “routine” proposals, such as the ratification of the independent registered public accounting firm (for purposes of this Proxy Statement, Proposal 2). In tabulating the voting result for any particular proposal, shares



that constitute broker non-votes are not considered entitled to vote on that proposal.

Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of the shares voting in person or represented by proxy at the Meeting. Only votes FOR or AGAINST this proposal count as votes cast. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not considered to be votes cast on this proposal. Our common stock does not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors.

The Audit Committee of the Board has appointed Ernst & Young LLP (“Ernst & Young”) as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for 2017. The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the Company’s shareholders entitled to vote shall ratify this appointment. Only votes FOR or AGAINST this proposal count as votes cast. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not considered to be votes cast on this proposal.

The advisory vote to approve the compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers in 2016 as reported in this Proxy Statement will be determined by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the Company's shareholders entitled to vote. Only votes FOR or AGAINST this proposal count as votes cast. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not considered to be votes cast on this proposal.

The advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers will be determined whereby the frequency (one, two, or three years) receiving a plurality of votes cast at the Annual Meeting will be deemed the action of the shareholders. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not considered to be votes cast on this proposal.

If the form of proxy is properly executed and returned, it will be voted as directed. If no directions are given, the proxy will be voted FOR the election of the eight nominees named herein as directors; FOR the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2017; FOR the approval of the compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers in 2016 as reported in this Proxy Statement; and FOR EVERY ONE YEAR for the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation. The proxy grants discretionary authority to vote on other matters that properly come before the Annual Meeting to Lee B. Foster II, Chairman of the Board, and Robert P. Bauer, President and Chief Executive Officer.

The voting instruction form also serves as the voting instructions for the trustees who hold shares of record for participants in the Company's 401(k) plans. If voting instructions representing shares in the Company's 401(k) plans are received, but no indication is provided as to how those shares are to be voted, the shares will be counted as being present at the Meeting and will count toward achievement of a quorum. If voting instructions as to the shares in the Company's 401(k) plans are not received, those shares will be voted in the same proportion as shares in the 401(k) plans for which voting instructions were received.

The cost of soliciting proxies will be borne by the Company. Officers or employees of the Company may solicit proxies by mail, telephone, email, or facsimile. The Company has retained Laurel Hill Advisory Group, LLC for the solicitation of proxies and will pay its fee of \$5,000 plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

If you are a shareholder of record, you may vote your shares of Company common stock by telephone or through the Internet. You may also vote your shares by mail or in person. Please see the Notice of Internet Availability for instructions on how to access the proxy materials and how to cast your vote.

*Votes submitted via the Internet or by telephone must be received by 11:59 PM EDT, on May 23, 2017. Submitting your vote via the Internet or by telephone will not affect your right to vote in person should you decide to attend the Annual Meeting. You may change your vote or revoke your proxy at any time by submitting a valid, subsequent vote*

*by telephone or through the Internet, by submitting another properly signed proxy which bears a later date, or attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Attendance at the Annual Meeting will not by itself revoke a previously granted proxy; you must also vote your shares.*

If you plan on attending the Annual Meeting in person, please detach the Admission Ticket from your proxy card and bring it to the Meeting. If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in “street name” through a broker, bank, or other intermediary, please contact your broker, bank, or other intermediary to obtain evidence of ownership and a legal proxy, which you must bring with you to the Meeting.

## PROPOSAL NO. 1 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The first proposal item to be voted on is the election of eight directors. The Board of Directors has nominated the following eight people to serve as directors, all of whom are currently serving as directors of the Company. Each director who is elected will hold office until the next annual meeting and generally until the director's successor is elected and qualified. Information concerning the nominees is set forth below with brief descriptions of each nominee's qualifications to serve on the Company's Board of Directors:

### Nominee

**Robert P. Bauer** Mr. Bauer, age 58, has been a director of the Company since February 2012, when he was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer. Since August 2015, Mr. Bauer has served as a director of Alamo Group, Inc., which designs, manufactures, distributes, and services equipment for infrastructure maintenance, agriculture, and other applications, including truck and tractor mounted mowing and other vegetation maintenance equipment, street sweepers, snow removal equipment, excavators, vacuum trucks, and other industrial equipment. Mr. Bauer served as President of Emerson Climate Technologies, Refrigeration Division, a business segment of Emerson Electric Co., a diversified global manufacturing and technology company, ("Emerson") from June 2011 to February 2012. He also served as President of Emerson Network Power, Liebert Division, from January 2002 through May 2011. Mr. Bauer spent a total of 17 years with Emerson in various senior management positions and became a Group Vice President, Emerson in 2004. Prior to Emerson, he held management positions with Rockwell Automation and Westinghouse Electric. We believe that Mr. Bauer is qualified to serve as a director because of his vast experience in global manufacturing, worldwide marketing, and new product development. He also has extensive experience with mergers and acquisitions and strategic planning including investments in new technologies.

**Lee B. Foster II** Mr. Foster, age 70, has been a director of the Company since 1990 and Chairman since 1998. He was the Chief Executive Officer of the Company from May 1990 until he resigned from such office in January 2002, and remained a Company employee until May 2008. Mr. Foster has been a director of Wabtec Corporation since 1999, which manufactures components for locomotives, freight cars, and passenger transit vehicles, and provides aftermarket services. We believe that Mr. Foster is qualified to serve as a director because of his history with the Company and his knowledge of the Company's current businesses, and his corporate governance experience as a member of another public company's board of directors. In addition, Mr. Foster's experience brings additional insight to a variety of our business issues.

**Dirk Jungé** Mr. Jungé, age 68, has been a director since 2015. He is the Chairman of Pitcairn Company, a private Pitcairn family holding company, and Pitcairn Trust Company, a Pennsylvania state-chartered trust company, since 1991. Until 2012, he served as Chief Executive Officer of Pitcairn, a recognized global leader in the specialized family office marketplace, and has overseen investments in oil and gas and drilling partnerships. Since 2000, he has served as a director of Paramount Resources, Ltd., a public Canadian energy company, with assignments on the corporate governance committee since 2003 and the environmental, health & safety committee since 2011. In 2013, he joined the

**Nominee**

Board of Directors of Freeman Company, a privately held company and a leader in face-to-face marketing and currently serves as the Chairman of its compensation committee. Mr. Jungé is also a credentialed Chartered Financial Analyst. We believe that Mr. Jungé is qualified to serve as a director because of his years of business experience, including in the energy sector and in public and private enterprises, as well as his familiarity with strategic planning, risk management, compensation, finance, and governance matters, which enable him to make a valuable contribution to the Board's business and compliance oversight functions.

**Diane B. Owen**

Ms. Owen, age 61, was elected as a director in May 2002. Since June 2014, she has served as an independent Board Member and Internal Control Committee Chair of Elliott Group Holdings, a subsidiary of Ebara Corporation, an international company that manufactures and services industrial equipment. She was Senior Vice President – Corporate Audit of H.J. Heinz Company, an international food company, from May 2010 to June 2013 and was Vice President - Corporate Audit of H.J. Heinz Company from April 2000 to May 2010. We believe that Ms. Owen is qualified to serve as a director of the Company due to her over 30 years of business experience, particularly in accounting and finance. Ms. Owen plays a critical role as Chairman of the Audit Committee and as the Board's audit committee financial expert. In addition, Ms. Owen's extensive international business experience enables her to provide valuable insights to the Company in its international business interests.

**Robert S. Purgason**

Mr. Purgason, age 61, has been a director of the Company since December 2014. Since March 2017, he has served as Senior Managing Director of Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, LLC, a registered investment advisory company. He was Senior Vice President of The Williams Companies ("Williams") from January 2015 through February 2017, leading the Williams operating area that encompasses the assets and operations of Access Midstream, including natural gas gathering and processing. During that period, Mr. Purgason was a director of Williams Partners, and also served as Chief Operating Officer of the general partner of Access Midstream from 2012 to 2015. Prior to joining Access Midstream, Mr. Purgason spent five years at Crosstex Energy Services, L.P. and was promoted to Senior Vice President-Chief Operating Officer in November 2006. Prior to Crosstex, Mr. Purgason spent 19 years with The Williams Companies in various senior business development and operational roles of increasing responsibility. Mr. Purgason began his career at Perry Gas Companies in Odessa, Texas working in all facets of the natural gas treating business. Mr. Purgason's extensive experience in, and keen understanding of, the energy industry brings valuable insight to the Board, particularly with regard to the Company's operations which include pipe threading and coating as well as blending, injection, and custody transfer metering skids for the oil and gas industry. He also brings board experience which contributes to the corporate governance experience of the Board.

**William H. Rackoff**

Mr. Rackoff, age 68, has been a director of the Company since 1996. Since 1994, Mr. Rackoff has been President and Chief Executive Officer of ASKO, Inc., a private international company which manufactures custom engineered tooling for the metalworking industry. We believe that Mr. Rackoff is qualified to serve as a director because his years of experience in the steel industry and his engineering background enable him to understand and develop the factors that drive the Company's performance, including strategy, operations, and finance. Mr. Rackoff,

**Nominee**

as Chairman of the Compensation Committee, has led the creation of the Company's executive incentive programs.

**Suzanne B. Rowland** Ms. Rowland, age 55, was elected as a director in May 2008. Since June 2016, Ms. Rowland has served as Group Vice President, Industrial Specialties at Ashland LLC, a specialty chemical company. Ms. Rowland was Vice President and General Manager in the Industrial Fire Products Division of Tyco International from 2011 to 2015 and was Vice President Business Excellence for the Tyco Flow Control Division from 2009 to 2010. Prior to Tyco, Ms. Rowland spent over 20 years with Rohm and Haas Company in senior executive positions including Vice President Global Adhesives, Vice President Coatings North America, and Vice President of Procurement & Logistics. We believe that Ms. Rowland is qualified to serve as a director because of her broad leadership experience in Fortune 500 global companies. Having served as an operating executive for the last 19 years in chemical, materials, and mechanical and electrical products. Ms. Rowland brings valuable insight into strategic and operational issues important to the Company's success.

**Bradley S. Vizi** Mr. Vizi, age 33, has been a director since February 2016. He is Founder and has been Managing Director of Legion Partners Asset Management since 2012. Prior to founding Legion Partners, Mr. Vizi was an investment professional for Shamrock Capital Advisors, the alternative investment vehicle of the Disney Family from 2007 to 2010. Prior to Shamrock, Mr. Vizi was a member of the private equity group at Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors. Since 2015, Mr. Vizi has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for RCM Technologies, Inc., a public staffing and solutions company, and has been a member of its Board of Directors since 2013, serving on the compensation and governance committees. Mr. Vizi brings to the Board a valuable understanding of capital allocation and public markets, experience in compensation and corporate governance matters, and a shareholder perspective regarding enhancing stakeholder value. Mr. Vizi was initially elected to the Board pursuant to an agreement dated February 12, 2016 (the "Investors Agreement") by the Company with Legion Partners, L.P. I, Legion Partners, L.P. II, Legion Partners Special Opportunities, L.P. II, Legion Partners Holdings, LLC, Legion Partners Asset Management, LLC, Legion Partners Holdings, LLC, Bradley S. Vizi, Christopher S. Kiper, and Raymond White (collectively, the "Investor Group").

Pursuant to the Investors Agreement, effective February 12, 2016, the Board agreed to increase the size of the Board from eight to nine members and appoint Mr. Vizi to the Board for a term expiring at the 2016 Annual Meeting. Additionally, under the terms of the Investors Agreement, the Board agreed, among other matters, to (i) appoint Mr. Vizi to the Compensation and Nomination and Governance Committees of the Board, (ii) nominate Mr. Vizi for election to the Board at the 2016 Annual Meeting and (iii) not increase the size of the Board beyond nine members without the consent of Mr. Vizi for the period commencing on the date of the Investors Agreement and ending ten (10) days prior to the expiration of the advance notice period for the submission by shareholders of director nominations for consideration at the Company's 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, unless extended by the parties (the "Standstill Period"). Under the terms of the Investors Agreement, the Standstill Period could be extended if the Company timely notified Mr. Vizi of its intention to nominate him for election at the 2017 Annual Meeting, Mr. Vizi consented to the nomination, and the Company actually did nominate him. In February 2017, the Board determined to nominate Mr. Vizi for reelection to the Board, and Mr. Vizi consented to such nomination. As a

result, the Standstill Period has been extended and will now terminate on the date that is ten (10) calendar days prior to the expiration of the advance notice period for the submission by shareholders of director nominations for consideration at the Company's 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

The Board nominated the foregoing nominees based upon the recommendation of the Nomination and Governance Committee. The nominees have expressed their willingness to serve as directors, if elected. However, should any of the nominees be unavailable for election, the proxies (except for proxies that withhold authority to vote for directors) will be voted for such substitute nominee or nominees as may be chosen by the Board, or the number of directors may be reduced by appropriate action of the Board.

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" each of the foregoing nominees.**

**PROPOSAL NO. 2 - RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Ernst & Young has served as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm since 1990 and has been appointed by the Audit Committee of the Board as the Company's independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. Although action by the shareholders in this matter is not required, the Board is seeking shareholder ratification of this appointment in light of the important role played by the independent registered public accounting firm. If the shareholders fail to ratify the selection, the Audit Committee will consider whether to retain Ernst & Young going forward. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may direct the appointment of a different firm at any time during the year if the committee determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" ratification of Ernst & Young LLP's appointment as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2017.**

**PROPOSAL NO. 3 - ADVISORY VOTE ON NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' 2016 COMPENSATION**

At the 2011 Annual Meeting, upon recommendation by the Board of Directors, shareholders voted to hold an advisory vote on executive compensation every year.

The following proposal gives our shareholders the opportunity to vote to approve or not approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation paid to our named executive officers in 2016, as described in this Proxy Statement, and is non-binding upon the Company, our Board, or the Compensation Committee of the Board. This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our executive officers and our compensation philosophy, policies, and practices, as disclosed under the “Executive Compensation” section of this Proxy Statement. We are providing this vote as required by Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). Accordingly, we are asking our shareholders to vote “FOR” the adoption of the following resolution:

**“RESOLVED**, that the compensation paid to the named executive officers of L.B. Foster Company (the “Company”), as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables, and narrative discussion in the Company’s Proxy Statement for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the heading entitled ‘Executive Compensation,’ is hereby approved.”



The Company's compensation programs are centered on a pay-for-performance culture and are strongly aligned with the long-term interests of shareholders. The Company's goal for its executive compensation program is to reward executives who provide leadership for, and contribute to, the Company's financial success.

While we intend to carefully consider the voting results of this proposal, the final vote is advisory in nature and therefore not binding on the Company, our Board, or the Compensation Committee of the Board.

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" approval of the named executive officers' compensation in 2016, as reported in this Proxy Statement.**

**PROPOSAL 4 - ADVISORY APPROVAL OF THE FREQUENCY OF THE ADVISORY VOTE ON THE COMPENSATION OF THE NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

In addition to the advisory vote on the compensation of the named executives (Proposal 3), the Exchange Act also requires that we provide an opportunity for our shareholders to indicate how frequently we should hold the advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers. This "frequency" vote is required to be held at least once every six years. We last held a frequency vote at our 2011 Annual Meeting. At that meeting, our shareholders voted in favor of holding annual advisory votes on the compensation of our named executive officers, and we have held annual votes since then.

After careful consideration, the Board of Directors believes we should continue to hold annual advisory votes on the compensation of the named executive officers. In reaching its recommendation, the Board believes that an annual vote will continue to allow our shareholders to provide us with timely input on our executive compensation philosophy, policies and programs.

You may cast your vote on your preferred voting frequency by choosing the option of every one year, every two years or every three years, or you may abstain from voting. Although this vote is advisory and not binding, the Board, the Compensation Committee and the Company highly value the opinions of our shareholders and will consider the outcome of this vote when determining the frequency of future shareholder votes on the compensation of the named executive officers. We expect to hold our next frequency vote at our 2023 Annual Meeting.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote for "EVERY ONE YEAR" on Proposal 4 relating to the advisory approval of the frequency of the advisory vote on the**

**compensation of the named executive officers.**

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**STOCK OWNERSHIP**

The following table shows the number of shares of common stock beneficially owned on the Record Date, or as otherwise indicated below, by:

• beneficial owners of more than 5% of the Company's common stock, based on information filed with the SEC;

• each current director and nominee for director;

• each named executive officer ("NEO") included in the Summary Compensation Table on page 41; and

• all directors and executive officers as a group.

Information concerning the owners of more than 5% of the Company's outstanding common stock is based upon reports filed with the SEC.

Stock Ownership	Number of Shares Owned <sup>(a)</sup>	Percent of Shares <sup>(b)</sup>
More Than 5% Shareholders:		
Legion Group <sup>(c)(d)</sup>	1,450,760	13.8 %
Nominees for Director:		
Robert P. Bauer (CEO)	92,063	*
Lee B. Foster II	200,390	1.9 %
Dirk Jungé	9,516	*
Diane B. Owen	36,563	*
Robert S. Purgason	30,071	*
William H. Rackoff	64,263	*
Suzanne B. Rowland	22,517	*
Bradley S. Vizi	1,450,760	13.8 %
Named Executive Officers (other than CEO):		
David J. Russo	65,113	*
John F. Kasel	49,485	*
Patrick J. Guinee	27,026	*
Gregory W. Lippard	26,649	*

All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (15 persons) 2,136,870 20.3 %

\* Less than 1% of the Company's outstanding common stock.

(a) This column shows the number of shares with respect to which the named person or group had direct or indirect sole or shared voting or investment power. Unless otherwise noted in the footnotes, each director and NEO has sole voting and investment power with respect to their shares. The column also includes the shares allocated to accounts in the 401(k) plan maintained by the Company (5,238 for Mr. Bauer, 1,534 for Mr. Russo, 5,911 for Mr. Kasel, 0 for Mr. Guinee, 1,531 for Mr. Lippard, and 821 for the other executive officers as a group). Mr. Bauer's holdings include 7,000 shares which are held in trust. Mr. Foster's holdings include 22,000 shares which are held in an investment plan maintained by a separate company, and 84,000 shares which are held in trust. Ms. Rowland's holdings include 1,000 shares held in an IRA. Mr. Jungé's holdings include 9,516 shares held in trust. Mr. Vizi's holdings include 1,450,760 shares held by the Legion Investor Group, as further describes in footnotes (c) and (d) below.

(b) For Directors and Executive Officers, the percentages in this column are based on the assumption that any shares which the named person has the right to acquire within 60 days after the Record Date have been acquired and are outstanding. The address of each director and executive officer shown in the table above is c/o L.B. Foster Company, 415 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

(c) Based on the information in the Schedule 13D/A filed on March 14, 2017 by Legion Partners, L.P. I ("Legion Partners I"), Legion Partners, L.P. II ("Legion Partners II"), Legion Partners Special Opportunities, L. P. II ("Legion Special II"), Legion Partners, LLC ("Legion Partners"), Legion Partners Asset Management, LLC ("Legion Asset Management"), Legion Partners Holdings, LLC ("Legion Holdings"), Bradley S. Vizi, Christopher S. Kiper and Raymond White and Forms 4 filed by Mr. Vizi thereafter. Legion Partners I has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to 0 shares and shared voting and dispositive power with respect to 1,012,708 shares. Legion Partners II has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to 0 shares and shared voting and dispositive power with respect to 108,856 shares. Legion Special II has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to 0 shares and shared voting and dispositive power with respect to 318,861 shares. Legion Partners has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to 0 shares and shared voting and dispositive power with respect to 1,440,425 shares. Legion Asset

Management, Legion Holdings, and Messrs. Kiper and White have sole voting and dispositive power with respect to 0 shares and shared voting and dispositive power with respect to 1,450,760 shares. Mr. Vizi has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to 0 shares and shared voting and dispositive power with respect to 1,450,760 shares. As the general partner of Legion Partners I, Legion Partners II and Legion Special II, Legion Partners may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares owned by each. Legion Asset Management, as the investment advisor of each of Legion Partners I, Legion Partners II and Legion Special II, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the shares owned by Legion Partners I, Legion Partners II and Legion Special II. Legion Holdings, as the sole member of Legion Asset Management and managing member of Legion Partners, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the shares owned by Legion Partners I, Legion Partners II, Legion Special II, and Legion Asset Management. Mr. Vizi, as a managing director of Legion Asset Management and a managing member of Legion Holdings, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the shares owned by Legion Partners I, Legion Partners II, Legion Special II, and Legion Asset Management. Each of Messrs. Kiper and White, as managing directors of Legion Asset Management and a managing member of Legion Holdings, respectively, may be deemed the beneficial owners of the shares owned by Legion Partners I, Legion Partners II, Legion Partners Special II, and Legion Asset Management. The address for each reporting person is 9401 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 705, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

Legion Partners I, Legion Partners II, Legion Special II, Legion Partners, Legion Asset Management, Legion Holdings and Messrs. Vizi, Kiper and White (each, an “Investor” and collectively, the “Investor Group”) currently are parties, with the Company, to the Investors Agreement with regard to the shares of common stock held by each Investor. Among other matters, the Investors Agreement requires the Investor Group, during the pendency of the Standstill Period, to vote, or cause to be voted, all shares of common stock beneficially owned by each Investor and their respective affiliates and associates on the Company’s proxy card or voting instruction form in favor of (a) each of the directors nominated by the Board and recommended by the Board in the election of directors (and not in favor of any other nominees to serve on the Board), and (b) except in connection with certain matters, each of the shareholder proposals listed on the Company’s proxy card or voting instruction form as identified in the Company’s proxy statement in accordance with the Board’s recommendations, including in favor of all other matters recommended for shareholder approval by the Board. For additional information on the Investors Agreement, see “Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee – Investors Agreement.”

**DIRECTOR COMPENSATION – 2016**

The following table sets forth our non-employee director compensation for 2016. Directors who are also employees of the Company do not receive any consideration for their service on the Board.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$) <sup>1,2</sup>	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>3</sup>	Total (\$)
Lee B. Foster II	\$115,000	\$75,000	\$190,000
Dirk Jungé	\$ 55,000	\$75,000	\$130,000
G. Thomas McKane <sup>4</sup>	\$ 25,416	—	\$ 25,416
Diane B. Owen	\$ 65,000	\$75,000	\$140,000
Robert S. Purgason	\$ 55,000	\$75,000	\$130,000
William H. Rackoff	\$ 67,500	\$75,000	\$142,500
Suzanne B. Rowland <sup>5</sup>	\$ 58,500	\$75,000	\$133,500
Bradley S. Vizi <sup>6</sup>	\$ 52,250	\$79,928	\$132,178

On May 29, 2015, the Board of Directors approved the following annual director retainer fees: \$115,000 for the Chairman of the Board; \$67,500 for the Chair of the Compensation Committee; \$65,000 for the Chair of the Audit Committee; and \$61,000 for the Chair of the Nomination and Governance Committee; each of the remaining non-employee directors receive an annual fee of \$55,000.

On February 25, 2016, the Board of Directors authorized the non-employee directors to make an irrevocable election for each Board year (commencing on the date of each Annual Meeting of Shareholders through the following Annual Meeting of Shareholders) to receive, at his or her sole discretion, all of such director's annual cash retainer fees in the form of fully-vested Common Stock, which amount is divided by four and issued on each quarterly payment date, with the number of shares determined by dividing the applicable quarterly cash retainer fee by the closing market price of the Company's Common Stock. Messrs. Foster, Purgason, and Vizi elected to receive their cash retainers in common stock. The amounts of retainer fees paid in cash and stock for Messrs. Foster, Purgason, and Vizi are as follows: Mr. Foster received \$28,750 in cash retainer fees and \$86,250 in stock retainer fees; Mr. Purgason received \$13,750 in cash retainer fees and \$41,250 in stock retainer fees; and Mr. Vizi received \$11,000 in cash retainer fees and \$41,250 in stock retainer fees.

<sup>3</sup>On May 25, 2016, each non-employee director serving at that time was awarded an amount of shares of the Company's Common Stock equal to \$75,000 divided by the closing share price on NASDAQ on that date. The awards in the amount of 6,516 shares were fully vested on the grant date, and are reflected in the "Stock Awards" column of the table and computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 (excluding the effect of estimated

forfeitures). Mr. Vizi received an award of 400 shares of Common Stock upon his election to the Board on February 12, 2016, valued at \$12.32 on that date; this award was a pro-rated amount of the 2015 annual director equity award of 2,000 shares made to all other directors on May 29, 2015. For a discussion of valuation assumptions, see Note 15 of the Company's 2016 Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

<sup>4</sup>Mr. McKane did not stand for re-election in May 2016.

<sup>5</sup>Ms. Rowland became Chair of the Nomination & Governance Committee after the 2016 Annual Meeting.

<sup>6</sup>Mr. Vizi became a member of the Board in February 2016.

**INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FEES**

The aggregate fees (including out-of-pocket expenses) for professional services rendered by Ernst & Young for 2016 and 2015 for each of the following categories of services are set forth below:

	2015	2016
Audit fees (includes audits, reviews of the Company's fiscal-year audit, audit reports, related expenses, and statutory audits of foreign subsidiaries)	\$1,306,345	\$1,341,504
Audit-related fees (primarily audits of the Company's various employee benefit plans in 2015)	\$4,000	\$0
Tax fees (includes tax compliance and state income tax project work)	\$207,719	\$215,545
All other fees	—	—
Total fees	\$1,518,064	\$1,557,049

The Audit Committee reviews summaries of Ernst & Young's services and related fees and concluded that Ernst & Young's provision of audit-related services during 2015 and 2016 was compatible with maintaining Ernst & Young's independence. All Ernst & Young services are pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

***Policy for Approval of Audit and Permitted Non-Audit Services***

The Audit Committee's policy is to review in advance, and grant any appropriate pre-approvals of (i) all audit services to be performed by the independent auditor and (ii) all non-audit services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm as permitted by Section 10A of the Exchange Act, and, in connection therewith, to approve all fees and other terms of such engagement, provided that pre-approval of de minimis services shall not be required to the extent provided by, and subject to the requirements of, the Exchange Act. The Audit Committee will consider annually for pre-approval a list of specific services and categories of services, including audit and audit-related services, for the upcoming or current fiscal year. All non-audit services are approved by the Audit Committee in advance in accordance with the policy on a case-by-case basis. Any service that is not included in the approved list of services or that does not fit within the definition of a pre-approved service is required to be presented separately to the Audit Committee for consideration at its next regular meeting or, if earlier consideration is required, by other more expeditious means of communication. If the estimated fees for non-audit services are \$50,000 or less, management may obtain approval from the Chairman of the Audit Committee in lieu of full Committee action. In 2016, all Ernst & Young professional fees were pre-approved in accordance with the Company's pre-approval policies then in place.





## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

### ***The Board, Board Meetings, Independence, and Tenure***

From December 2014 to February 2016, the Board consisted of eight directors. In February 2016, pursuant to the Investors Agreement, the Board increased its size by one and consisted of nine members until the 2016 Annual Meeting, when the Board size was reduced to its current eight members as Mr. McKane did not stand for reelection. During 2016, the Board held seven meetings, two of which were telephonic. The Board has determined that all of the directors, except Mr. Robert P. Bauer, qualify as “independent” as defined by applicable NASDAQ Stock Market (“NASDAQ”) rules, considered the independence criteria set forth in the NASDAQ rules as to compensation committee members before determining the independence of all of the members of the Compensation Committee, and also determined that all members of the Audit Committee qualify as “independent” for purposes of the rules promulgated under the Exchange Act specifically related to audit committee member independence. In making these determinations, the Board concluded that none of its directors (other than Mr. Bauer) has a relationship which, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out a director’s responsibilities. The Company’s Corporate Governance Guidelines do not establish term limits that could deprive the Company of the insight developed by Board members over time, but rather provides for periodic reviews of each incumbent’s performance. Additionally, except for special circumstances as may be determined by the Board, no director may be nominated for reelection to the Board if he or she would be age 72 or older at the time of election.

### ***Board Leadership Structure***

Under the NASDAQ rules, Mr. Foster, Chairman of the Board, qualifies as an “independent” director since his employment with the Company ended on May 27, 2008. The Board has evaluated Mr. Foster’s independence in the same manner as all other directors and strongly believes that he is “independent” and that his economic interests are more closely aligned with those of the Company’s shareholders than with those of management. Although the Board does not necessarily object to combining the roles of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), the Board has chosen not to combine those positions because it believes that Mr. Foster’s depth of experience and his detachment from management make Mr. Foster the best qualified individual to serve as Chairman of the Board. Since the Chairman of the Board and CEO roles are not combined, the Board has determined there is no need for a “lead independent director” position.

### ***Board Attendance***

The Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines include an expectation that the directors regularly attend shareholders' meetings. In 2016, each currently serving director attended the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

All of the directors attended at least 96% of the meetings of the Board and the committees on which they served in 2016 (to the extent such directors were serving on the Board or such committees at the times of those meetings).

***Board's Role in Risk Oversight***

The Board is actively involved in overseeing risk management. Operational and strategic presentations by management to the Board include consideration of the challenges and risks to the Company's business, which are discussed by the Board and management. The Board also reviews and discusses management reports which specifically address risk topics. The CEO, assisted by senior management, is the "risk officer" responsible for managing and mitigating the Company's risks.

In addition, each of our Board committees considers risks that are relevant to the areas within its jurisdiction. For example, the Audit Committee periodically requests that management address critical accounting issues and then considers the impact these issues may have on the Company's financial position and risk profile. The Audit Committee also assesses the adequacy of internal controls. The Compensation Committee develops executive compensation programs with a view toward providing incentives that are aligned with key performance results, without encouraging excessive risks. On an annual basis, the Nomination and Governance Committee oversees risk by reviewing the structure and function of the Board committees.

### *Diversity*

Although not part of any formal policy, our goal is to maintain a diverse Board, with directors possessing complementary skills and experiences who together can address the issues which affect our Company.

### *Communications with Directors*

Shareholders and other parties interested in communicating directly with the Chairman of the Board or with the non-management directors as a group may do so by writing to L.B. Foster Company, 415 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220, Attn: Chairman of the Board or Attn: Independent Directors; such parties may also email the Corporate Secretary at [corporatesecretary@lbfoster.com](mailto:corporatesecretary@lbfoster.com). The Corporate Secretary of the Company will review all such correspondence and shall regularly forward to the Board a summary of all such correspondence and copies of all correspondence that, in the opinion of the Corporate Secretary, deal with the functions of the Board or committees thereof or that otherwise require the Board's attention. Directors may at any time review a log of all correspondence received by the Company that is addressed to members of the Board and request copies of any such correspondence. Concerns relating to accounting, internal controls, or auditing are referred to the Audit Committee Chair who may direct such matters to the Company's internal audit department or handle them in accordance with procedures established by the Audit Committee for such matters.

### *Board Committees*

Historically, the Board has had three standing committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Nomination and Governance Committee, each of which is comprised of independent directors, as defined by applicable SEC, NASDAQ, and Internal Revenue Code rules. Each of the committees has a written charter approved by the Board. In October 2016, the Board created a Strategy Committee and approved a written charter for its operation.

*Audit Committee*

The current members of the Audit Committee are Ms. Owen (Chair), Mr. Rackoff, and Ms. Rowland. The Board has determined that Ms. Owen is an “audit committee financial expert” as defined under applicable rules of the SEC.

The Audit Committee, which held five meetings during 2016, one of which was telephonic, is responsible for overseeing, with management, the work and findings of the independent registered public accounting firm, as well as the effectiveness of the Company’s internal auditing department and the adequacy of our internal controls and the accounting principles employed in financial reporting. The Audit Committee also is responsible for the appointment and compensation of our independent registered public accounting firm and for reviewing and, if appropriate, approving transactions with related persons. The Audit Committee’s Charter is posted on the Company’s website, [www.lbfoster.com](http://www.lbfoster.com).

*Compensation Committee*

The current members of the Compensation Committee are Messrs. Rackoff (Chair), Jungé, and Vizi and Ms. Owen.

The Compensation Committee, which met on six occasions in 2016, two of which were telephonic, is responsible for approving executive compensation programs, officer compensation (and submits the CEO's compensation for ratification by the Board), and equity awards to employees. The Compensation Committee has the authority under its charter to delegate its duties and responsibilities (or functions) to one or more members of the Committee or the Board, or to the Company's officers, when appropriate, but no such delegation shall be permitted if the authority is required by law, regulation, or listing standard to be exercised by the Compensation Committee as a whole or is otherwise prohibited by law, regulation or listing standard. The Compensation Committee has delegated authority to the Company's CEO to grant restricted stock awards under the 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan to non-executive employees in an amount not to exceed 15,250 shares. The Compensation Committee's Charter is available at the Company's website [www.lbfoster.com](http://www.lbfoster.com).

The Compensation Committee currently uses a "Comparator Group" of twenty similarly-sized companies based on the recommendation of the Committee's executive compensation consultant, identified in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement on page 26, and survey data as a tool to establish competitive compensation for the Company's executive officers. The Comparator Group for 2015 consisted of the following companies: A.M. Castle & Co., Accuride Corp., Alamo Group, Inc., CIRCOR International, Inc., Columbus McKinnon Corporation, Furmanite Corporation, Gibraltar Industries, Inc., Lydall, Inc., MYR Group, Inc., NN, Inc., Northwest Pipe Co., Olympic Steel, Inc., American Railcar Industries, Inc., Lindsay Corporation, Orion Marine Group, Quanex Building Products Corporation, Insteel Industries, Houston Wire & Cable Co., Raven Industries, Inc., and Sterling Construction Co., Inc. In February 2016, Furmanite Corporation was acquired by Team, Inc., and was therefore excluded from 2016 analyses.

The Compensation Committee has authority to engage consultants, legal counsel, and other advisors, and retained Pay Governance, LLC ("Consultant") to provide consulting services on the Company's executive compensation practices and appropriate levels of and structures for executive compensation. The use of a consultant provides additional assurance that our executive compensation programs are reasonable, competitive, and consistent with our objectives. The Consultant is engaged directly by the Compensation Committee, regularly participates, as appropriate, in its meetings, including executive sessions of the Committee that exclude management, and advises the Compensation Committee with respect to compensation trends and best practices, plan design, and the reasonableness of compensation awards. In addition, with respect to the CEO, the Consultant prepares specific compensation analyses for the Compensation Committee's consideration. The CEO does not participate in the development of these analyses. The Consultant has served as the Committee's independent compensation consultant since 2007, and the Committee believes that its consultant should be able to advise the Compensation Committee independent of management's influence.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Consultant provided no services to the Company other than executive compensation consulting services to the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee assessed the independence of the Consultant pursuant to SEC rules and concluded that the Consultant's work for it does not raise a conflict of interest. At least annually, the Committee reviews the types of advice and services provided by the Consultant and the fees charged for those services. The Consultant reports directly to the Compensation Committee on all

executive compensation matters; regularly meets separately with the Compensation Committee outside the presence of management; and speaks separately with the Compensation Committee chair and other Compensation Committee members between meetings, as needed.

The Compensation Committee gives significant weight to the CEO's recommendations regarding other executive officers' compensation; such other executive officers are not present when their compensation is being determined. The CEO is not present when his compensation is being finally determined.

#### *Consideration of Risk Within Compensation Arrangements*

In designing incentive plans, the Company attempts to mitigate risk by avoiding unintended compensation windfalls. Attention is devoted to avoiding incentives to engage in excessively risky business behavior.

The Compensation Committee has considered whether other elements of the executive compensation program promote risk taking at levels that are unacceptable to the Company. The Committee considered the following factors related to risk:

Compensation philosophy that targets salaries and incentives at the market median;

The use of a capital-based performance metric, Return on Invested Capital ("ROIC"), which holds executives accountable for the efficient use of Company capital;

Short-term and long-term performance-based incentive awards that are capped;

Long-term equity incentives allocated to two separate vehicles (restricted stock and performance share units) with a performance or time vesting period of at least three years in length;

The use of a mix of performance metrics in our annual and long-term incentive programs, including ROIC, Working Capital as a Percentage of Sales, Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization ("EBITDA") and Compound Annual Growth Rate of Earnings from continuing operations ("Earnings CAGR");

Anti-hedging and anti-pledging policies;

Stock Ownership Policy; and

Incentive compensation recoupment ("clawback") provisions.



The Company believes that the above factors, as well as the overall governance and administration of the executive compensation program, serve to manage risk in a manner that is acceptable to the Company and its shareholders and that such compensation policies and practices do not encourage our executives or other employees to take excessive risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

For more information regarding the Compensation Committee's processes and procedures for setting executive compensation, see the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement.

#### *Nomination and Governance Committee*

The current members of the Nomination and Governance Committee are Ms. Rowland (Chair) and Messrs. Jungé, Purgason, and Vizi.

The Nomination and Governance Committee, which met on five occasions, one of which was telephonic, in 2016, is responsible for overseeing corporate governance, proposing director nominees to the full Board, recommending which directors should serve on various Board committees, and recommending who should serve as Chairman of the Board and chairman of each

of the Board's committees. The Nomination and Governance Committee also recommends to the full Board appropriate compensation for non-employee directors.

The Nomination and Governance Committee endeavors to maintain a diverse Board consisting of individuals who are financially literate and whose experiences and backgrounds will enable the Board to provide meaningful counsel to, and oversight of, management. The Nomination and Governance Committee recommends to the full Board nominees who will create and maintain a Board that satisfies applicable legal and regulatory requirements. In support of these goals, the Nomination and Governance Committee oversees the directors' continuing education, which includes seminars focused on strategic and governance issues and discussions with outside advisors. The Nomination and Governance Committee, with the Chairman of the Board, oversees an annual evaluation of the Board's performance. The Nomination and Governance Committee's Charter is available on the Company's website, [www.lbfoster.com](http://www.lbfoster.com).

In selecting nominees for election to the Board, the Nomination and Governance Committee will consider submissions from shareholders and will consider shareholder-recommended nominees with the same weight as other nominees. A shareholder wishing to recommend a nominee may notify the Corporate Secretary or any member of the Nomination and Governance Committee in writing and provide the information required by Section 2.05 of the Company's By-laws, including the following:

Timely written notice to the Corporate Secretary of the Company. The deadlines for providing notice to the Company of a proposed director nomination at our next Annual Meeting are set forth in the Company's By-laws and summarized in "Additional Information."

The notice provided to the Corporate Secretary must include all information relating to a director nominee that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings, including such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected.

The notice provided to the Corporate Secretary must include a description of all direct and indirect compensation and other material monetary agreements, arrangements, and understandings during the past three years, and any other material relationships, between or among the shareholder proponent and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is made, and each proposed nominee.

The notice provided to the Corporate Secretary must include a completed and signed questionnaire, representation and agreement as provided in Section 2.05(c) of the Company's By-laws.

Such other information as may reasonably be required by the Company to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as an independent director of the Company or that could be material to a reasonable shareholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such nominee.

Submissions should be sent to the Company's principal executive offices, 415 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220, Attn: Corporate Secretary. Please see "Additional Information" on pages 53-54 for the applicable deadlines for

submitting proposals relating to director nominations. The foregoing summary of our shareholder director nomination procedures is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Company's By-laws that has been publicly filed with the SEC and is available at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### *Agreement with Shareholders*

Pursuant to the Investors Agreement described above, the Board agreed to increase the size of the Board from eight to nine members and appoint Mr. Vizi to the Board for a term expiring at the 2016 Annual Meeting, as well as to (i) appoint Mr. Vizi to the Compensation and Nomination and Governance Committees of the Board, (ii) nominate Mr. Vizi for election to the Board at the 2016 Annual Meeting and (iii) not increase the size of the Board beyond nine members without the consent of Mr. Vizi for the duration of the Standstill Period. The Investors Agreement also requires the Investor Group, during the pendency of the Standstill Period, to take certain actions, including to vote, or cause to be voted, all shares of common stock beneficially owned by each member of the Investor Group in favor of (a) each of the directors nominated by the Board and recommended by the Board in the election of directors (and not in favor of any other nominees to serve on the Board), and (b) except in connection with any “Opposition Matter” (as described below) or any Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. (“ISS”) or Glass, Lewis & Co., LLC (“Glass Lewis”) voting recommendation, each of the shareholder proposals listed on the Company’s proxy card or voting instruction form as identified in the Company’s proxy statement in accordance with the Board’s recommendations, including in favor of all other matters recommended for shareholder approval by the Board, and not execute any proxy card or voting instruction form in respect of such shareholders’ meeting other than the proxy card and related voting instruction form being solicited by or on behalf of the Board. Under the terms of the Investors Agreement, in the event that ISS or Glass Lewis has recommendations other than those presented by the Board with respect to any proposal (other than the election of directors), each member of the Investor Group is permitted to vote in accordance with the ISS or Glass Lewis voting recommendation but, notwithstanding such recommendation, only on the proxy card and related voting instruction form being solicited by or on behalf of the Board even if ISS or Glass Lewis recommended that the Investors vote on another proxy card or voting instruction form. For purposes of the Investors Agreement, “Opposition Matter” means any of the following transactions or events, to the extent submitted by the Board to the Company’s shareholders for approval: the sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the Company’s assets in one or a series of transactions; the sale or transfer of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock (through a merger, stock purchase, or otherwise); any merger, consolidation, acquisition of control or other business combination; any tender or exchange offer; any dissolution, liquidation, or reorganization; any changes in the Company’s capital structure (including the issuance of more than 20% of the Company’s then outstanding shares of common stock); change in control transactions; or financings requiring approval by NASDAQ’s shareholder approval rules; in each case, that has been approved by the Board but voted against by Mr. Vizi. The Standstill Period was extended under the Investors Agreement in February 2017 when the Board nominated Mr. Vizi to stand for reelection at the 2017 Annual Meeting, and Mr. Vizi consented to such nomination. The Standstill Period will now expire on the date that is ten (10) calendar days prior to the expiration of the advance notice period for the submission by shareholders of director nominations for consideration at the Company’s 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

### *Non-Employee Director Compensation*

The Nomination and Governance Committee determines appropriate levels of compensation for our non-employee directors by reviewing surveys and data from other publicly-traded companies and conferring with other directors, and

outside advisors as necessary, to obtain information on competitive compensation practices and uses this information as a tool to determine appropriate levels of non-employee director compensation. The Nomination and Governance Committee then makes recommendations regarding non-employee director compensation to the Board for approval.

*Strategy Committee*

On October 26, 2016, the Board created the Strategy Committee, which is currently composed of the following Board members: Messrs. Foster (Chair), Rackoff, Bauer, and Vizi.

The Strategy Committee, which held three meetings in 2016, two of which were telephonic, is responsible for assessing strategy to meet the Company's ongoing goals and objectives. In executing its duties, the Strategy Committee shall have all necessary and appropriate resources to discharge its responsibilities, and while the members may receive compensation for service on the Committee, the members do not currently receive any compensation for such service.

*Additional Corporate Governance Matters*

*Director Education*

The Company is committed to providing to directors opportunities and resources for continuing education for corporate governance and business related issues as may be appropriate, and routinely has third parties provide presentations on current legal, governance, compensation and accounting matters during Board meetings.

*Board Assessment*

The Board assesses the effectiveness of the Board and its committees on an annual basis.

*Code of Conduct and Ethics*

The Company adopted a policy on the code of conduct and ethics that applies to all the Company's directors, officers and employees, including its CEO, chief financial officer and chief accounting officer. We have posted a current copy of the policy, entitled "Legal and Ethical Conduct Policy," on our website, [www.lbfoster.com](http://www.lbfoster.com).

*Ownership Guidelines for Non-Employee Directors*

Within five years of first being elected to the Board, the Company's non-employee directors are expected to own Company common stock valued at least three times their respective annual cash compensation for services as a director. All non-employee directors serving in 2016 were compliant with these Guidelines.

*Rights Agreement*

In October 2016, after the Board's review of the Company's existing corporate governance policies and practices, the Company's Rights Agreement expired by its terms and was not renewed or replaced.

*Transactions With Related Parties*

The Company is not aware of any transaction since the beginning of 2016, or any currently proposed transaction, in which the Company was, or is to be, a participant and the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and in which any of the Company's directors, executive officers, five percent shareholders or certain family members of any of the foregoing persons or business entities with which such persons are affiliated had or will have a material interest, directly or indirectly. The Company's Legal and Ethical Conduct Policy generally addresses the topic of conflicts of interest, which includes transactions qualifying as "related party transactions." In addition, on an annual basis, the Company requires each director, executive officer and salaried employee to disclose in writing any situations which may give rise to a conflict of interest. The Company's Internal Audit Department reviews and summarizes any such disclosures. The Audit Committee Charter provides that the Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing and, if appropriate, approving related party transactions as defined under Item 404 of SEC Regulation S-K.

***Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation***

All members of the Compensation Committee are independent directors, and none are present or past employees or officers of the Company or any of its subsidiaries. No member of the Compensation Committee has had any relationship with the Company requiring disclosure under Item 404 of SEC Regulation S-K. The Company's executive officers have not served on the Board or Compensation Committee (or other committee serving an equivalent function) of any other entity, whose executive officers have served on the Company's Board or Compensation Committee.

***Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance***

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of the Company's equity securities, to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership of such securities with the SEC and NASDAQ. Officers, directors and beneficial owners of more than 10% of the Company's shares are required by applicable regulations to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

Based solely upon a review of the copies of the forms furnished to the Company, or written representations from certain reporting persons that no Forms 5 were required, we believe that all filing requirements applicable to our officers and directors and 10% beneficial owners were met through December 31, 2016.



## **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

### *Compensation Discussion and Analysis*

#### *Introduction*

In this Compensation Discussion and Analysis (“CD&A”), we summarize the compensation awarded to our executive officers listed in the Summary Compensation Table on page 41. We refer to these executive officers as our “named executive officers” or “NEOs.”

For 2016, the NEOs were:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
Robert P. Bauer	President and CEO
David J. Russo*	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
John F. Kasel	Senior Vice President, Rail Business
Patrick J. Guinee	Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Gregory W. Lippard	Vice President, Rail Product Sales

\*Mr. Russo resigned effective April 21, 2017.

#### *Executive Summary*

##### *Our Compensation Principles and Objectives*

The Company’s Compensation Committee (“Committee”) maintains a compensation philosophy that:

Facilitates the attraction and retention of talented and qualified executives; and

Seeks to align executive compensation with Company performance by rewarding initiative and positive financial and operating results, while being mindful of the current business climate.

To this end, the Company's executive compensation program is designed to be balanced and reasonable, and allow the Company to attract and retain the best talent available. Compensation opportunities are determined with reference to the fiftieth percentile of the market for positions of similar responsibility. In designing our plans, we do not use highly-leveraged incentives that we believe drive risky short-term behavior.

### *Our Compensation Practices*

The Committee has implemented the following practices with respect to the Company's executive compensation program:

#### **OUR PRACTICES INCLUDE:**

*Committee Independence.* The Committee consists of independent directors and reserves time at each meeting to meet in executive session without management present.

*Independent Compensation Consultant.* The Committee has engaged its own independent compensation consultant and annually assesses the consultant's performance, fees and independence, including whether any type of conflict of interest exists.

*Goal Setting and Performance Evaluation for CEO and Other NEOs.* The Committee, with the input of the full Board, engages in formal goal setting and performance evaluation processes for both the CEO and other NEOs. The CEO participates in this process with respect to other NEOs.

*Peer Group.* The Committee has established formal selection criteria for its comparator peer group companies listed on page 26 (the “Comparator Group”) and annually evaluates the composition of the Comparator Group to ensure the appropriateness of its component companies.

*Pay for Performance.* Our metrics are reviewed and selected by the Committee from a list of possible metrics authorized by the shareholder-approved 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan and the shareholder-approved Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Plan (the “Annual Plan”).

*Tally Sheets.* In order to make well informed compensation decisions, the Committee reviews tally sheets that include an executive’s current and historical compensation amounts, stock ownership and retirement amounts, as well as amounts owed by the Company upon various termination scenarios.

*Double Trigger Change-In-Control.* We provide double trigger change-in-control protection to our executive officers, which means they may be entitled to severance of up to one or two times base salary and bonus only in the event of both a change-in-control of the Company and a qualifying employment termination. Restricted stock awards granted after 2013 also provide for double trigger change-in-control vesting.

*Share Ownership Guidelines.* We maintain rigorous share ownership guidelines, which are applicable to all executives and non-employee directors.

*Clawback Policy.* We have a recoupment provision that applies to our incentive arrangements in the event that our financial statements are restated due to material non-compliance with financial reporting requirements and the Committee determines that an incentive award recipient is culpable for such restatement.

*Risk Mitigation.* We mitigate undue risks associated with compensation through the use of caps on potential incentive payments; maintaining clawback provisions, anti-hedging, anti-pledging and stock ownership policies and guidelines; retention provisions in equity grants; and multiple performance metrics that focus on profitability and capital efficiency.

*Annual Say on Pay Vote.* Our NEO compensation program is presented to shareholders for an advisory vote on an annual basis.

#### **OUR PRACTICES EXCLUDE:**

*Executive Employment Agreements.* We do not, as a standard practice, provide executives with employment agreements and currently do not have any in place.

*Dividend Equivalents on Unearned Performance Share Unit Awards.* We do not provide dividends or dividend equivalents on unearned performance share unit (“PSU”) awards.

*Tax Gross-Ups on Perquisites or Severance.* We do not provide any tax gross-up payments to cover personal income taxes on perquisites or severance benefits related to a change-in-control.

*Hedging and Pledging.* We do not permit hedging or pledging transactions in the Company’s stock, pursuant to our Insider Trading Policy.

*Elements of Compensation*

Executive officers' compensation includes base salary, annual cash incentive awards, and equity-based long-term incentive awards. The Committee aligns executive officer compensation with the Company's performance relative to pre-established performance goals based on stated Company financial objectives, which are designed to drive the creation of long-term value for our shareholders. The Committee administers both short-term and long-term incentive compensation plans within its executive compensation structure, and the main features of the executive compensation program are as follows:

Base salaries, which represent competitive fixed compensation and reflect the executive's experience, responsibilities and expertise.

Short-term cash incentive awards, issued pursuant to the Annual Plan in which payment is contingent on meeting annual financial performance goals that align with an executive's responsibilities. The Committee authorized two programs under the Annual Plan for 2016, consisting of the 2016 Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Plan (the "2016 Annual Plan") and the 2016 Free Cash Flow Program (the "2016 FCF Program"). The performance criteria used for the 2016 Annual Plan were:

2016 Corporate Return on Invested Capital ("ROIC"<sup>1</sup>);

2016 Corporate and Operating Unit Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization ("EBITDA"<sup>2</sup>);

2016 Corporate and Operating Unit Working Capital as a Percentage of Sales<sup>3</sup>; and

2016 Free Cash Flow<sup>4</sup>.

(Please note that the text of all footnotes is located at the end of the CD&A.)

Long-term incentive awards are heavily weighted toward performance, with 75% of the target long-term incentive opportunity granted in the form of PSUs that are paid, if earned, based on the achievement of pre-determined corporate level performance goals over a three-year period, and 25% of the target long-term incentive opportunity granted in the form of time-vested restricted stock, which vests ratably in one-third installments over a three-year period from grant. All equity awards are made under the Company's shareholder-approved 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

The performance goals used for the 2016 PSU awards were two equally-weighted metrics of 2016-2018 Average ROIC<sup>5</sup> and Compound Annual Growth Rate of Earnings from Continuing Operations (“Earnings CAGR<sup>6</sup>”), each measured over a three-year period.

The 2016 Annual Plan, the 2016 FCF Program, and the 2016 PSUs provide the Committee with the discretion to recoup previously paid awards from individuals whose actions were deemed to have resulted in a restatement or adjustment to the Company’s financial results.

The Company maintains a Key Employee Separation Plan (the “Separation Plan”) that provides officers with severance in the event of both a change-in-control and qualifying employment termination. The Separation Plan does not contain any single trigger payments or tax gross-ups, and severance is capped at one or two times base salary and bonus, depending on the executive.

Annual and long-term performance goals are approved by the Committee at the beginning of each year after consideration of the Company's prior year performance, budgeted performance for the performance period, and anticipated market and economic conditions for the performance period.

### *Realizable Pay Analysis*

As a general process, we use proxy data from a comparator group and the Committee's independent compensation consultant, Pay Governance, conducts an external market analysis. In 2016, this was not performed because the Company did not intend to make any significant increases in executive pay for 2017 and was also executing a global cost reduction initiative. It is likely that this analysis will be resumed in 2017. For 2016, the Company referred to the 2015 Pay Governance analysis as an appropriate reference point, and also performed an internal realizable pay analysis, which indicates that the executive compensation package was reduced as Company financial performance decreased. The focus of the realizable pay analysis was a comparison of actual pay to target compensation, considering base salary, 2016 annual incentive awards, and the long-term equity incentive awards.

The realizable pay analysis revealed that NEOs were paid between 37% and 57% of their target compensation in 2016, as more fully explained below.

### *2016 Internal Realizable Pay Analysis*

NEO	Components of Pay					Realizable Pay as a % of Target
	% of Salary Paid	% of 2016	% of 2016	% of Restricted Shares Paid	% of PSUs Paid	
		Annual Plan	FCF Program			
		Paid	Paid			
Robert P. Bauer	100%	3%	0%	100%	0%	37%
David J. Russo	100%	3%	0%	100%	0%	46%
John F. Kasel	100%	22.5%	0%	100%	0%	53%
Patrick J. Guinee	100%	3%	0%	100%	0%	53%
Gregory W. Lippard	100%	22.5%	0%	100%	0%	57%

### *Results of 2016 Shareholder Vote on Named Executive Officer Compensation*

In May 2016, we held a shareholder advisory vote on the compensation paid to our NEOs, which resulted in the significant approval by shareholders of the 2015 compensation paid to our NEOs, with approximately 91.3% of votes cast in favor of our say-on-pay proposal. Based on this feedback, and as the Company evaluated its compensation policies and practices throughout the remainder of 2016, our Board of Directors chose to make no significant changes to our existing executive incentive programs.

In connection with the Committee's determination of 2017 executive compensation, the Company was mindful of the strong support our shareholders expressed for our pay-for-performance philosophy, which is designed to link the compensation paid to our executive officers, including NEOs, to the Company's financial and share performance in order to ensure that we are delivering value to our shareholders and not merely performing well against our peers.

The remainder of this CD&A is divided into three parts:

1. Summary of 2016 Compensation Arrangements, which provides a brief summary of how the Company determines executive compensation for the NEOs; and



2. Overview of Compensation Framework, which reviews in greater detail overall considerations in determining executive pay, as well as the key elements of 2016 executive compensation at the Company; and
3. Other Compensation Practices, which apply to our NEOs' other compensatory arrangements.

### **Summary of 2016 Compensation Arrangements**

#### *Determining the Chief Executive Officer's Compensation*

The compensation of our CEO, Robert Bauer, consists of three major components: base salary, annual cash incentives, and long-term incentives in the form of equity awards. In 2016, Mr. Bauer's base salary was not increased for a second consecutive year, and remained at \$613,000. The Board of Directors has determined that there will not be a salary increase for Mr. Bauer in 2017 as well.

Mr. Bauer's 2016 annual cash incentive awards were calculated as described under *Annual Plan – 2016 Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Program and 2016 FCF Program on pages 27-31*. As a result of the Company's performance in 2016, Mr. Bauer earned an aggregate annual cash incentive payout of \$16,183, which is included in the Summary Compensation Table on page 41.

Mr. Bauer's long-term incentive equity award for 2016 was reduced from the prior year target of \$915,000 to \$288,272. The Board of Directors determined that the reduced incentive was appropriate based on the financial performance of the company and the associated reduction in shareholder return. Shares were awarded in accordance with the long-term incentive program as further described on pages 31-33.

#### *Determining Compensation for Other Named Executive Officers*

Each of our other NEOs is a leader of an individual business or function of the Company who reports directly to the CEO, with the exception of Gregory Lippard, who is responsible for Rail Products. Mr. Lippard reports to Mr. Kasel, the global leader of the overall Rail Business. The CEO develops the objectives that each individual member of the executive management team is expected to achieve, against which the executive officer's performance is assessed. These objectives are reviewed with the Committee at the beginning of each year and are derived largely from the Company's annual financial and strategic planning sessions in which the other NEOs participate and the Board reviews. The CEO leads the assessment of each other NEO's individual performance against these objectives, as well as the Company's overall performance and the performance of each NEO's business or function. The CEO then makes a compensation recommendation to the Committee for each NEO, in consultation with the Company's VP, Human Resources and Administration. The NEOs, including the CEO, do not participate in the final determination of their

own compensation.

As discussed above, the Company's general process involves using proxy data from the Comparator Group, a compensation survey and, at times, the input of the consultant, to determine competitive compensation levels for the NEOs and the other executive officers of the Company. As with the CEO, the NEOs' compensation consists of three major components: base salary, annual cash incentives, and long-term incentives in the form of equity awards.

Determination of base salaries for the non-CEO NEOs is described further on page 27. As with the CEO, the 2016 annual cash incentive awards for these NEOs were determined in accordance with the Annual Plan and 2016 FCF Program, as described on pages 27-31, and their long-term incentive equity awards were granted in accordance with the long-term incentive program (the “LTIP”), as described on pages 31-33.

### **Overview of Compensation Framework**

The Company seeks to attract and retain talented and qualified executives through the use of compensation programs that are balanced and competitive. The Committee pursues this goal through its approval of executive officer compensation and, in the case of the CEO, recommending that the Board ratify his compensatory arrangements. The Committee’s executive compensation philosophy is to align compensation with Company performance by rewarding initiative and positive financial and operating results, while being mindful of the current business climate.

The Committee generally aligns executive officer compensation with the Company’s performance in order to drive short-term achievement and create long-term shareholder value. Our compensation program reflects the goals of consistent behavior and balancing short- and long-term interests. Due to the Company’s product mix and distinct manufacturing and distribution businesses, our Company does not have “true” peers among publicly-traded companies and, for this reason, the Committee believes that Company-specific performance measures, as opposed to performance goals measured relative to peer company performance, is most appropriate to incentivize management to achieve the business goals of the Company. Further, annual and long-term performance measures include a mix of factors to avoid over-emphasis on any single measure. A significant portion of the executive officers’ potential compensation is variable and earned under incentive plans that are based on the Company’s performance and the value delivered to the Company’s shareholders.

### *The Use of Market Compensation Data*

The Committee’s objective is to pay executives fairly and competitively. Executive pay is measured against a Comparator Group and other market data (described below), to confirm that compensation is within the range of competitive practices.

Each year, to assist in its compensation decisions to determine market rates for overall compensation and each pay component, the Committee reviews market data drawn from the following sources: (i) survey from Willis Towers Watson and (ii) the compensation practices of the Comparator Group.

As stated above, the Committee does not believe the Company has true “peers” among publicly-traded organizations. Accordingly, the Committee reviews the compensation of certain publicly-traded companies that it believes are most comparable to the Company. The Comparator Group was selected based on the following criteria:

Revenues ranging from approximately one-half to double those of the Company;

Assets ranging from approximately one-half to double those of the Company;

Market capitalization of less than \$1.5 billion at the time of review by the Committee;

Less than 4,000 employees;

Gross margin of less than 40% and asset turnover of greater than .90, indicating less asset intensive businesses and likely a distribution business element; and

Industry sector generally composed of materials and industrial companies.

The Committee used the following 20 Comparator Group companies for 2016 executive compensation purposes: A.M. Castle & Co., Accuride Corp., Alamo Group, Inc., CIRCOR International, Inc., Columbus McKinnon Corporation, Furmanite Corporation<sup>1</sup>, Gibraltar Industries, Inc., Lydall, Inc., MYR Group, Inc., NN, Inc., Northwest Pipe Co., Olympic Steel, Inc., American Railcar Industries, Inc., Lindsay Corporation, Orion Marine Group, Quanex Building Products Corporation, Insteel Industries, Houston Wire & Cable Co., Raven Industries, Inc., and Sterling Construction Co., Inc. This Comparator Group is the same as the peer group used for the 2014 and 2015 executive compensation determinations.

As described above, for 2016, the Compensation Committee referenced the 2015 Pay Governance analyses for the Comparator Group data.

#### *Role of the Compensation Committee in Establishing Objectives*

The Company's overall executive compensation program is intended to create long-term value by retaining and rewarding outstanding leaders and motivating them to perform at the highest level. Incentives are designed to reward financial and operating performance. After considering the compensation practices of the Comparator Group and the Willis Towers Watson compensation survey, the Committee exercises its judgment in making decisions on individual executive compensation components, including the amount and allocation of compensation. The Committee annually reviews and, if appropriate, adjusts these compensation components based on market and business conditions.

The Committee believes that a significant portion of an executive's compensation should be delivered through performance-based incentive compensation. Each year, the Committee identifies a variety of financial metrics and establishes rigorous annual and three-year performance goals as the basis for motivating and rewarding executives and aligning compensation with the performance of the Company.

If the Company's performance exceeds our goals and expectations, the incentive plans pay above the targeted level. If the Company's performance falls below our goals and expectations, the incentive plans pay either below the targeted level, or nothing if threshold performance is not met. The 2016 Annual Plan, the 2016 FCF Program, and the PSU component of the LTIP include payout limits to prevent excessive payments and discourage executives from engaging in inappropriately risky behavior that may be contrary to the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.

<sup>1</sup> In February 2016, Furmanite Corporation was acquired by Team, Inc., and will not be a part of the Comparator Group for any future analyses.



In 2016, potential compensation for current NEOs was allocated among each compensation elements as follows:

**Notes:**

Fixed cash base salary includes base salary earned in 2016 as disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table on page 41.

Annual and long-term incentive percentages calculated based on salary disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table on page 41, with the annual and long-term incentives being reflected at target.

The 2016 charts above represent a compensation allocation for the CEO that is very different compared to previous years. While the Board mandates that the CEO's total compensation has a considerable incentive-based component, as the charts above demonstrate, Mr. Bauer's equity opportunity was considerably reduced for 2016. As previously discussed, the Board reduced Mr. Bauer's equity target from \$915,000, which was considered market competitive, to \$288,272 (as shown on the Realizable Pay summary on page 23). The Board of Directors determined that the reduction was appropriate due to the financial performance of the Company and the associated decline in stock price.

*Compensation Elements*

Compensation of our NEOs includes base salary, annual cash incentive awards, and long-term equity awards paid under the LTIP.

*Base Salary*

As with our CEO, in 2016, base salary amounts for each NEO were established after considering each NEO's performance and reviewing compensation data from the Comparator Group and other similarly-sized organizations included in the Willis Towers Watson compensation survey. With respect to the Comparator Group and the survey,

we targeted the fiftieth percentile. Additionally, base salaries are reviewed annually for merit-based increases. Except for the CEO, our NEOs who were serving at the beginning of the fiscal year received merit increases of 8% or less for 2016. The Board has determined that the NEOs will not receive a base salary increase in 2017.

*Annual Plan – 2016 Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Program*

For annual incentive compensation payable under the Annual Plan in 2016, the Committee established two separate programs: The 2016 Annual Plan and the 2016 FCF Program.

The 2016 Annual Plan was designed to provide performance-based cash compensation for the performance period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and align NEO compensation with the achievement of performance goals that support the Company's business strategy. The



Committee determined that the 2016 Annual Plan would be funded by 7% of 2016 Adjusted EBITDA<sup>7</sup>, with fixed percentages allocated to each executive participant, with payouts not to exceed that allocation. The Committee then approved the following 2016 performance measures and goals for the awards under the 2016 Annual Plan:

2016 Corporate ROIC

2016 Corporate and Operating Unit Adjusted EBITDA

2016 Corporate and Operating Unit Working Capital as a Percentage of Sales

To determine a NEO's annual incentive opportunity, a participant's base salary is multiplied by a target percentage to obtain a target award. Target percentages for each participant's position approximate the market median. For this 2016 Annual Plan, each NEO was assigned the following target opportunity expressed as a percentage of base salary:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Target Percentage</b>
Robert P. Bauer	80%
David J. Russo	60%
John F. Kasel	50%
Patrick J. Guinee	45%
Gregory W. Lippard	40%

The table below illustrates the 2016 performance measures and weighting applicable to the 2016 Annual Plan, as assigned to each NEO:

<b>Performance Metric</b>	<b>Robert P. Bauer</b>	<b>David J. Russo</b>	<b>John F. Kasel</b>	<b>Patrick J. Guinee</b>	<b>Gregory W. Lippard</b>
Corporate ROIC	15%	15%	—	15%	—
Corporate Adjusted EBITDA	70%	70%	30%	70%	30%
Operating Unit Adjusted EBITDA	—	—	50%	—	50%
Corporate Working Capital as a Percentage of Sales	15%	15%	—	15%	—
Operating Unit Working Capital as a Percentage of Sales	—	—	20%	—	20%

In February 2017, the Committee determined that the 2016 Annual Plan was funded at approximately \$1.3 million, and payments were calculated based on the actual level of attainment of each performance metric relative to the stated targets. The 2016 performance goals and payout percentage for each metric are summarized below:

**Corporate ROIC Performance and Payout Ranges**

*(Messrs. Bauer, Russo, Guinee, and Lippard)*

<b>2016 ROIC</b>	<b>2016 Payout Range</b>
127.5% and Over	200%
100%	100%
80%	20%
Less than 80%	0%
<b>2016 Actual Performance</b>	<b>2016 Payout as % of Target</b>
3.41%	0%

**Corporate & Operating Unit Adjusted EBITDA Performance and Payout Ranges**

*(Messrs. Bauer, Russo, Kasel, Guinee, and Lippard)*

<b>2016 Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>2016 Payout Range</b>
170% and over	200%
100%	100%
50%	20%
Less than 50%	0%
<b>2016 Actual Performance</b>	<b>2016 Payout as % of Target</b>
<b>Corporate</b>	
47.92%	0%
<b>Rail Products</b>	
62.0%	39.0%

**Corporate and Operating Unit Working Capital as a % of Sales Performance and Payout Ranges**

*(Messrs. Bauer, Russo, Kasel, Guinee, and Lippard)*

<b>2016 Working Capital as a % of Sales Goals</b>	<b>2016 Payout Range</b>
86% and under	200%
100%	100%
121.5%	10%
Greater than 121.5%	0%
<b>2016 Actual Performance</b>	<b>2016 Payout as % of Target</b>
<b>Corporate</b>	
117.3%	22%
<b>Rail Products</b>	
119.7%	15%

**Corporate ROIC and Actual Performance and 2016 Payout**

	<b>2016 Target Performance Goal</b>	<b>2016 Actual Performance</b>	<b>2016 Payout as a % of Target</b>
Mr. Bauer	8.17%	3.41%	0%
Mr. Russo	8.17%	3.41%	0%
Mr. Guinee	8.17%	3.41%	0%

**Corporate Adjusted EBITDA Target and Actual Performance and 2016 Payout**

	<b>2016 Target Performance Goal</b>	<b>2016 Actual Performance</b>	<b>2016 Payout as a % of Target</b>
Mr. Bauer	\$52.7M	\$25.2M	0%
Mr. Russo	\$52.7M	\$25.2M	0%
Mr. Kasel	\$52.7M	\$25.2M	0%
Mr. Guinee	\$52.7M	\$25.2M	0%
Mr. Lippard	\$52.7M	\$25.2M	0%

**Operating Unit Adjusted EBITDA Income Target and Actual Performance and 2016 Payout**

	<b>2016 Target Performance Goal</b>	<b>2016 Actual Performance</b>	<b>2016 Payout as a % of Target</b>
Mr. Kasel	\$50.9M	\$31.5M	39%
Mr. Lippard	\$50.9M	\$31.5M	39%

**Corporate Working Capital as a % of Sales Target and Actual Performance and 2016 Payout**

	<b>2016 Target Performance Goal</b>	<b>2016 Actual Performance</b>	<b>2016 Payout as a % of Target</b>
Mr. Bauer	19.0%	22.3%	22%
Mr. Russo	19.0%	22.3%	22%
Mr. Guinee	19.0%	22.3%	22%

**Operating Unit Working Capital as a % of Sales Target and Actual Performance and 2016 Payout**

	<b>2016 Target Performance Goal</b>	<b>2016 Actual Performance</b>	<b>2016 Payout as a % of Target</b>
Mr. Kasel	18.8%	22.5%	15%
Mr. Lippard	18.8%	22.5%	15%

*Annual Plan – 2016 Free Cash Flow Program*

In February 2016, the CEO discussed with the Committee the importance of preserving and increasing cash flow given challenging market conditions that he expected to continue throughout fiscal year 2016. After discussions with the CEO and Pay Governance, the Committee agreed that cash flow should be a critical incentive goal for 2016 and, to provide clarity and distinguish this goal from other annual incentive goals for the 2016 fiscal year, a separate program solely focused on the achievement of this goal would be implemented for fiscal year 2016 under the Annual Plan.

For each NEO, their annual incentive target pay-out opportunity was approved at 20% of their respective base salaries in effect at March 1, 2016.

The table below provides information regarding the applicable pay-out level for achievement of the free cash flow metric for the performance period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016:

**2016 Free Cash Flow Program Performance Table (000)**

<b>Payout Factor</b>	<b>Actual Results</b>	<b>Payout Factor</b>	<b>Actual Results</b>
10%	\$28,000	110%	\$38,000
20%	\$29,000	120%	\$39,000
30%	\$30,000	130%	\$40,000
40%	\$31,000	140%	\$41,000
50%	\$32,000	150%	\$42,000
60%	\$33,000	160%	\$43,000
70%	\$34,000	170%	\$44,000
80%	\$35,000	180%	\$45,000
90%	\$36,000	190%	\$46,000
100%	\$37,393	200%	\$47,000

In February 2017, the Committee determined that the free cash flow goal was not achieved and, accordingly, there was no payout.

Actual cash incentive awards earned and paid to the NEOs under the Annual Plan in 2016 are included in the Summary Compensation Table on page 41 under the column heading *Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation*.

*Long-Term Incentive Plan*

*2016 Long-Term Incentive Awards*

The LTIP under the 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan provides (i) NEOs with an incentive to remain with the Company, (ii) a means for NEOs to build ownership in the Company, and (iii) alignment with the value of NEOs' awards and the Company's long-term financial performance. In 2016, the Committee approved annual grants of equity to each NEO, consisting of two components: time-vested restricted stock and PSUs.

For each NEO, 25% of the target long-term incentive value was granted in the form of time-vested restricted stock, which vests ratably in one-third installments over a three-year period from grant. The average closing price per share of the Company's common stock during the first 15 calendar days of February 2016 was used to determine the number of shares granted to each executive, except, in the case of the CEO, for whom the Committee approved the same number of shares as the prior year with a limited increase of 35% over the 2015 grant date value since the 2016 current stock price was approximately 60% lower than the prior year. In 2017, the Committee anticipates revisiting this methodology to approach the market median. The Committee believes that restricted stock awards recognize the cyclical nature of the Company's markets, promote executive retention and build ownership in the Company. Restricted stock also aligns our NEOs' compensation and Company performance by conditioning a portion of the incentive opportunity upon appreciation of share value.

The remaining 75% of a NEO's target long-term incentive award for 2016 was distributed in the form of PSUs, with the number of units determined in the same manner as the portion granted in restricted stock for each NEO, including the CEO. The PSUs have a performance period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018, and will be converted into Company common stock

based upon the Company's achievement of two equally-weighted performance goals of Average ROIC and Earnings CAGR, each measured over a cumulative three-year performance period. The PSUs are designed to align compensation and Company performance by making our NEOs' long-term incentive compensation over a three-year performance period contingent upon the Company's 2016-2018 Average ROIC and Earnings CAGR.

In 2016, the Committee approved the following target long-term incentive values for each NEO, to be allocated between restricted stock awards and PSUs:

Name	Target (\$)
Robert P. Bauer	\$288,272
David J. Russo	\$300,000
John F. Kasel	\$230,000
Patrick J. Guinee	\$160,000
Gregory W. Lippard	\$150,000

Based on these target values, the NEOs were awarded the following restricted shares and PSUs:

<u>Name</u>	<b>Restricted 2016-2018 PSUs</b>	
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>(at Target)</u>
Robert P. Bauer	6,213	18,638
David J. Russo	6,465	19,396
John F. Kasel	4,957	14,870
Patrick J. Guinee	3,448	10,344
Gregory W. Lippard	3,233	9,698

The number of PSUs to be earned at the end of the performance period and awarded to a participant in common stock will be determined by multiplying each NEO's PSU grants by the "Percent of PSUs Earned (with respect to the Average ROIC component) and the "Earnings CAGR Award Multiplier" (with of the respect to the Earnings CAGR component) shown below, which corresponds to the Company's achievement of the Average ROIC and Earnings CAGR performance goals over the 2016 to 2018 performance period, as compared to target. For 2016, the target performance levels for the Average ROIC measure were adjusted based on an externally provided Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) that impacted the ROIC calculation and more accurately reflected appropriate targets.

**2016-2018 Average ROIC**

**Level of Performance Average ROIC**

Below Threshold      Below 6.42%

**Percent of PSUs  
Earned**

0%



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Threshold	Equal to 6.42%	25%
Target	Equal to 9.42%	100%
Outstanding	Equal to or Greater than 11.42%	200%

**Earnings CAGR**

<b>Earnings Growth Rate</b>	<b>Earnings CAGR Award Multiplier</b>	<b>Earnings Growth Rate</b>	<b>Earnings CAGR Award Multiplier</b>
<2%	0	9%	1.80
2%	.20	10%	2.00
3%	.60	11%	2.20
4%	.80	12%	2.40
5%	1.00	13%	2.60
6%	1.20	14%	2.80
7%	1.40	15%	3.00
8%	1.60	15%+	3.00

For more information regarding the 2016 PSU and restricted stock awards granted to our NEOs, please see the Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan Based Awards in 2016.

*2014-2016 Performance Share Unit Awards*

The performance goals applicable to the PSU awards granted to our NEOs in 2014 were equally weighted as Corporate ROIC and Earnings CAGR, and were measured over a performance period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016. The formulas applicable to each of the Corporate ROIC and Earnings CAGR metrics are described on pages 25-27 of our proxy statement filed on April 17, 2015.

Actual Corporate ROIC achievement for the 2014-2016 performance period was derived by averaging the actual ROIC in fiscal years 2014, 2015 and 2016 (11.16%, 6.80%, and 0.66%, respectively). The average ROIC over the 2014-2016 performance period was below threshold at 6.21%, which resulted in no PSUs earned as to this metric. As the Earning CAGR achievement for the 2014-2016 performance period was negative, no PSUs were earned pursuant to this metric. As a result, there was no payout under the 2014 PSU awards for the second consecutive year and the awards were cancelled in their entirety.

**Other Compensation Practices***Retirement Plans*

The NEOs participate in the Company's 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan ("401(k) Plan"), a defined contribution retirement plan, qualifying under Section 401(k) of the Code, which is available to a broad segment of the Company's employees. The Company's contributions for 2016 to the 401(k) Plan with respect to our NEOs are included in the Summary Compensation Table (see page 41); the Company made no discretionary profit-sharing contributions to the 401(k) Plan for 2016.

The Company also maintains a Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the "SERP") under which executive officers may accrue benefits unavailable under the 401(k) Plan because of Code limitations. These benefits are also included in the Summary Compensation Table and 2016 Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation table (see pages 41 and 45, respectively).

The Company maintains these retirement plans for retention purposes and to provide a competitive opportunity for the Company's employees to obtain a secure retirement.

*Employment Agreements, Separation Plan, and Change-In-Control Arrangements*

The Company does not currently provide its NEOs with formal employment agreements.

The Separation Plan provides severance in the event of both a change-in-control of the Company and a qualifying termination of a NEO's employment, and includes Mr. Bauer as a participant. The Committee believes that providing severance in these situations is beneficial to shareholders so that executives may remain indifferent when evaluating a transaction that may be beneficial to shareholders, yet could negatively impact their continued employment with the Company. In the event a participant experiences a qualifying employment termination in connection with a change-in-control of the Company, such participant is entitled to receive the participant's base salary plus the average of the participant's annual cash bonuses paid or due and payable over the prior three calendar years multiplied by a "Benefit Factor" (subject to execution (and non-revocation) of a release of claims and compliance with confidentiality and one-year non-compete and customer and employee non-solicit obligations).

The participants' Benefit Factors are as follows:

	<b>Benefit Factor</b>
CEO and Senior Vice Presidents	2
Vice Presidents and Controller	1

Subject to compliance with the obligations in the release, a participant also will be paid \$15,000 for outplacement services, and provided medical, dental and vision insurance for up to 18 months post-employment. A participant will not be entitled to these payments and benefits under the Separation Plan, unless both: (i) a change-in-control has occurred; and (ii) the participant's employment has been terminated (involuntarily without "cause" or for "good reason").

Our PSUs and restricted stock award agreements also include change-in-control provisions. In the event of a change-in-control, the Committee may, in its discretion, determine that PSU awards are deemed earned at a target award level on a pro-rated basis (generally based on the number of months elapsed during the applicable performance period prior to the change-in-control). For restricted stock awards granted to executives prior to 2014, such awards will vest in connection with a change-in-control and, for executive restricted stock awards granted in 2014 and thereafter, such awards will only vest if an executive experiences a qualifying termination of employment in connection with a change-in-control (double trigger).

Any payment to a participant that would constitute an “excess parachute payment” within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code will cause the payment to be reduced to an amount, which maximizes the aggregate present value of the payment, without causing any payment to be subject to the limitation of deduction under Section 280G. See pages 50-51 for estimates on the benefits the NEOs would have received if a participant was terminated on December 31, 2016, in connection with a change-in-control.

*Stock Ownership Policy*

The Company’s Stock Ownership Policy requires our CEO to own stock valued at least 5 times his salary. Senior Vice Presidents are required to own stock valued at least 2.5 times their respective salaries, and Vice Presidents and the Controller are required to own stock valued at least 1.5 times their respective salaries. The Stock Ownership Policy requires executives to retain 100% of the shares that are earned or that vest (net of tax) at any time while the value of current holdings is below the target requirement. Shares that count toward the requirement include unvested

restricted shares, shares acquired through employee benefit plans and shares held outright by the executive. In cases of hardship, the CEO may recommend to the Committee, and the Committee may grant the executive, permission to sell shares even if the Policy requirement has not been met. The Committee believes that such ownership requirements will discourage executives from taking any excessive long-term risks.

### *Tax Considerations*

The Committee has considered the impact of the applicable tax laws with respect to compensation paid under the Company's plans, arrangements and agreements. In certain instances, applicable tax laws impose potential penalties on such compensation and/or result in a loss of deduction to the Company for such compensation.

Section 409A. Participation in, and compensation paid under, the Company's plans, arrangements and agreements may, in certain instances, result in the deferral of compensation that is subject to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. Generally, to the extent that the Company's plans, arrangements and agreements fail to meet certain requirements under Section 409A of the Code, compensation earned thereunder may be subject to immediate taxation and tax penalties. It is the intent of the Company that its plans, arrangements and agreements will be structured and administered in a manner that complies with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code (or an exception thereto).

Section 162(m). With certain exceptions, Section 162(m) of the Code limits the Company's deduction for compensation in excess of \$1 million paid to certain covered employees. Compensation paid to covered employees is not subject to the deduction limitation if it is considered "qualified performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code. While the Committee considers the tax impact of any compensation arrangement, the Committee evaluates such impact in light of our overall compensation objectives. The Committee reserves the right to approve non-deductible compensation if it believes it is in the best interests of the Company and/or its shareholders.

### *Right of Recovery (Clawback)*

The Company has adopted policies regarding the Committee's authority to adjust or recover annual incentive or PSU payments or awards if the Committee finds certain recipients of such awards culpable in connection with an accounting restatement due to material non-compliance with financial reporting requirements.

### *Other Corporate Plans*

At various times in the past, the Company has adopted certain employee benefit plans in which NEOs have been permitted to participate. The Company also provides certain executive officers with life, and long-term disability programs. The incremental cost to the Company of our NEOs' benefits provided under these programs is included in the Summary Compensation Table (see page 41). Benefits under these plans are not directly or indirectly tied to Company performance.

The Company also provides limited perquisites to the NEOs, which may include car allowances or use of a leased car, financial planning services, and membership in athletic or social clubs. The Company's incremental costs for these perquisites are included in the Summary Compensation Table.

**Footnote Definitions for Section: Executive Compensation**

“2016 Corporate ROIC” means, with respect to the Company for the 2016 fiscal year: (a) after tax earnings from continuing operations before interest income and interest expense and amortization charges (all tax affected using the effective corporate tax rate), divided by (b) an average of month end total assets less the sum of cash, marketable securities and non-interest bearing current liabilities, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. ROIC shall be expressed as a percentage and shall be determined without regard to: (i) the effect of changes in accounting principles, (ii) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses attributable to an acquisition, including but not limited to, those related to the negotiation, completion and/or integration of an acquisition, incurred during the 2016 fiscal year, (iii) any costs related to purchase accounting step up in the basis of tangible or intangible assets not classified as amortization, (iv) the impact of all assets and liabilities purchased or incurred as a result of an acquisition, (v) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses (exclusive of employee travel) related to the unsuccessfully attempted acquisition of a business during the 2016 fiscal year, (vi) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses associated with the successful or unsuccessful sale of a business (exclusive of employee travel), (vii) any significant or non-recurring items which are disclosed in management’s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for such period and which would have an adverse effect on the pay-out amount of a Participant’s Financial Performance Award, (viii) the reported results (as well as the results of operations and financial position) of an acquisition completed in the 2016 fiscal year, and (ix) the results and any other impact of IOS Holdings, Inc. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that a business is sold during the 2016 fiscal year, such business’ target and adjusted actual results shall be eliminated from all calculations.

“2016 Corporate and Operating Unit Adjusted EBITDA” (Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization) means, with respect to the Company or an operating unit, for the fiscal year 2016, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, including the applicable LIFO charge or credit: (a) income from continuing operations; (b) plus income tax expense; (c) plus interest expense; (d) minus interest income; (e) plus depreciation expense; and (f) plus amortization expense. Adjusted EBITDA shall be calculated without regard to: (i) the effect of changes in accounting principles, (ii) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses attributable to an acquisition, including but not limited to, those related to the negotiation, completion and/or integration of an acquisition, incurred during the 2016 fiscal year, (iii) any costs related to the purchase accounting step up in the basis of tangible or intangible assets not classified as depreciation or amortization, (iv) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses related to the unsuccessfully attempted acquisition of a business during the 2016 fiscal year (exclusive of employee travel), (v) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses (exclusive of employee travel) associated with the sale or attempted sale of a business in the 2016 fiscal year, (vi) any significant or non-recurring items which are disclosed in management’s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for such period and which would have an adverse effect on the pay-out amount of a participant’s financial performance award, (vii) the costs of the plan for domestic Operating Units, (viii) the impact on any operating unit attributable to any administrative intercompany charges related to transfer pricing compliance where the consolidated impact is zero, (ix) the reported results of an acquisition (as well as results of operations and financial position) completed in the 2016 fiscal year, and (x) the results and any other impact of IOS Holdings, Inc. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that a business is sold during the 2016 fiscal year, such business’ target and adjusted actual results shall be eliminated from all calculations.



“2016 Corporate and Operating Unit Working Capital as a Percentage of Sales” means, with respect to the Company or, as applicable, for an operating unit, for fiscal year 2016, the average monthly balances of inventory and accounts receivable less the average monthly balances of accounts payable and deferred revenue divided by annual net sales, provided however that all the above items, were determined without regard to: (i) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses relating to acquisitions transacted during fiscal year 2016, (ii) businesses reclassified as<sup>3</sup> “Discontinued Operations,” (iii) the impact on any operating unit attributable to any administrative intercompany charges related to transfer pricing compliance where the consolidated impact is zero, (iv) the reported results of an acquisition completed in fiscal year 2016, including the results of operations and financial position, and (v) the results and any other impact of IOS Holdings, Inc. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that a business is sold during fiscal year 2016, such business’ target and adjusted actual results were eliminated from all calculations.

“Free Cash Flow” means with respect to the Company’s consolidated results for the 2016 fiscal year, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities reduced by Net Capital Expenditures. Free Cash Flow shall be calculated without regard to: (i) the effect of changes in accounting principles, (ii) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses attributable to an acquisition, including but not limited to, those related to the negotiation, completion and/or integration of an acquisition, incurred during the 2016 fiscal year, (iii) any costs related to the purchase accounting step up in the basis of tangible or intangible assets not classified as depreciation or amortization, (iv) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or<sup>4</sup> expenses related to the unsuccessfully attempted acquisition of a business during the 2016 fiscal year (exclusive of employee travel), (v) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses (exclusive of employee travel) associated with the sale or attempted sale of a business in the 2016 fiscal year, (vi) any significant or non-recurring items which are disclosed in management’s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for such period and which would have an adverse effect on the pay-out amount of a participant’s free cash flow performance award, and (vii) the reported results of an acquisition completed in the 2016 fiscal year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that a business is sold during the 2016 fiscal year, such business’ target and adjusted results shall be eliminated from all calculations.

“2016-2018 ROIC” means, with respect to any calendar year: (A) after tax earnings from continuing operations before interest income and interest expense and amortization charges (all tax affected using the effective corporate tax rate), divided by (B) an average of month end total assets less the sum of cash, marketable securities and non-interest bearing current liabilities, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

ROIC shall be expressed as a percentage (%) and calculated annually for the Company for each calendar year in the<sup>5</sup> performance period; *provided, however*, that ROIC shall be determined without regard to: (i) the effect of changes in accounting principles; (ii) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses attributable to an acquisition, including but not limited to, those related to the negotiation, completion and/or integration of an acquisition, incurred during the year of acquisition in the performance period; (iii) any costs related to purchase accounting step up in the basis of tangible or intangible assets not classified as depreciation and amortization; (iv) the impact of all assets and liabilities purchased or incurred as a result of an acquisition; (v) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses related to the unsuccessfully attempted acquisition of a business during the performance period (exclusive of employee travel); (vi) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses associated with the successful or unsuccessful



sale of a business (exclusive of employee travel); (vii) any significant or non-recurring items which are disclosed in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for such period and which would have an adverse effect on the number of PSUs earned; (viii) any charges, losses or expenses and the resulting impact to assets and liabilities relating to warranty claims (the "Warranty Matters"); and (ix) the reported results (as well as results of operations and financial position) of an acquisition in the calendar year of such acquisition in the performance period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) in the event that a business is sold during a calendar year in the performance period, the impact of such business' results shall be excluded from the ROIC calculation for such year and (ii) the Compensation Committee expressly reserved the right not to exclude the effect of any of the above adjustments if such adjustments would result in an increase in award pay-out.

2016-2018 Compound Annual Growth Rate of Earnings from Continuing Operations (Earnings CAGR) means the growth rate of income from continuing operations as measured on a cumulative annual rate of growth over the specified three-year period. The growth rate is calculated as follows:  $\frac{\text{Year 3 Income}}{\text{Base Year Income}} - 1$ , where "Year 3 Income" is the income from continuing operations in the final year of the program and "Base Year Income" represents the income from continuing operations for the year immediately preceding the commencement of the Performance Period; *provided, however*, that Earnings CAGR shall be determined without regard to: (i) the effect of changes in accounting principles; (ii) any costs related to purchase accounting step up in the basis of tangible or intangible assets; (iii) any on-going and/or onetime costs and/or expenses attributable to an acquisition, including but not limited to, those related to the negotiation, completion and/or integration of an acquisition, incurred during the year of acquisition in the performance period; (iv) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses related to the unsuccessfully attempted acquisition of a business during the performance period; (v) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses associated with the successful or unsuccessful sale of a business (exclusive of employee travel); (vi) any significant or non-recurring items which are disclosed in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for such period and which would have an adverse effect on the number of PSUs earned; (vii) any charges, losses or expenses and the resulting impact to assets and liabilities relating to Warranty Matters; and (viii) the reported results (as well as results of operations and financial position) of an acquisition in the calendar year of such acquisition in the performance period. The Base Year Income from continuing operations (January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015) shall be \$18,000,000. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Compensation Committee expressly reserved the right not to exclude the effect of any of the above adjustments if such adjustments would result in an increase in award pay-out.

"2016 Adjusted EBITDA" (Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization) means with respect to the Company and operating unit for the 2016 performance period, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, including the applicable LIFO charge or credit (a) income from continuing operations; (b) plus income tax expense; (c) plus interest expense; (d) minus interest income; (e) plus depreciation expense; and (f) plus amortization expense. Adjusted EBITDA shall be calculated without regard to: (i) the effect of changes in accounting principles, (ii) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses attributable to an acquisition, including but not limited to, those related to the negotiation, completion and/or integration of an acquisition, incurred during the 2016 performance period, (iii) any costs related to the purchase accounting step up in the basis of tangible or intangible assets not classified as

depreciation or amortization, (iv) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses related to the unsuccessfully attempted acquisition of a business during the 2016 performance period (exclusive of employee travel), (v) any on-going and/or one-time costs and/or expenses (exclusive of employee travel) associated with the sale or attempted sale of a business in the 2016 performance period, (vi) any significant or non-recurring items which are disclosed in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for such period and which would have an adverse effect on the pay-out amount of a participant's performance award, (vii) the costs of the plan for domestic operating units, (viii) the impact on any operating unit attributable to any administrative intercompany charges related to transfer pricing compliance where the consolidated impact is zero, (ix) the reported results of an acquisition (as well as results of operations and financial position) completed in the 2016 performance period, and (x) the results and any other impact of IOS Holdings, Inc. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that a business is sold during the 2016 performance period, such business' target and adjusted actual results shall be eliminated from all calculations.

*Included in this Compensation Discussion and Analysis are certain non-GAAP financial measures that management and the Board of Directors use to measure the Company's performance for incentive compensation purposes. Management and the Board of Directors believe that these measures, considered along with the corresponding GAAP measures, provide management and investors with useful information in understanding our operating results and related incentive compensation programs, as well as in measuring our operating results against the operating results of other companies.*

## **COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in any of the Company's filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that incorporate other Company filings, including this Proxy Statement, the following Report of the Compensation Committee does not constitute soliciting material and shall not be incorporated by reference into any such filings.

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management and, based on this review and discussion, it has recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement.

### **COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

William H. Rackoff, Chairman

Diane B. Owen

Dirk Jungé

Bradley S. Vizi

**SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE - 2014, 2015 and 2016**

The following table sets forth information regarding compensation of the Company's NEOs for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016:

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Robert P. Bauer	2016	\$613,000	—	\$610,148	\$16,183	\$84,657	<sup>(3)</sup> \$1,323,988
	2015	\$613,000	—	\$941,912	\$334,453	\$107,028	\$1,996,393
President and CEO David J. Russo	2014	\$609,250	—	\$524,058	\$433,406	\$100,524	\$1,667,238
	2016	\$332,108	—	\$634,933	\$6,658	\$47,374	<sup>(4)</sup> \$1,021,073
Sr VP, CFO and Treasurer John F. Kasel	2015	\$308,357	—	\$308,800	\$126,180	\$52,556	<sup>(4)</sup> \$795,893
	2014	\$297,408	—	\$139,719	\$155,151	\$47,364	\$639,642
Sr VP, Rail Business Patrick J. Guinee	2016	\$305,164	—	\$486,799	\$34,553	\$48,645	<sup>(5)</sup> \$875,161
	2015	\$293,171	—	\$267,607	\$112,870	\$54,605	<sup>(5)</sup> \$728,253
VP, General Counsel and Secretary Gregory W. Lippard	2014	\$284,767	—	\$139,719	\$129,569	\$44,575	\$598,630
	2016	\$276,000	—	\$338,621	\$4,150	\$45,136	<sup>(6)</sup> \$663,907
VP, Rail	2015	\$256,563	—	\$154,431	\$78,739	\$44,229	<sup>(6)</sup> \$533,962
	2014	\$213,141	—	\$305,674	\$80,865	\$8,201	\$607,881
2016	\$254,141	—	\$294,419	\$23,091	\$49,702	<sup>(7)</sup> \$621,353	

For 2016, the amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the restricted stock and 2016-2018 PSU awards, computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 (ASC 718) (excluding the effect of estimated forfeitures). For a discussion of valuation assumptions, see Note 15 of the Company's 2016 Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016. The 2016 amounts listed in this table use the closing price of Company stock on February 17, 2016, \$11.60 and for the PSUs, the amounts are based on an expected performance attainment of 0% for ROIC and 80% for the Earnings CAGR. Maximum opportunity for PSUs is \$540,502 for Mr. Bauer; \$562,484 for Mr. Russo; \$431,230 for Mr. Kasel; \$299,976 for Mr. Guinee; and \$243,774 for Mr. Lippard.

<sup>(2)</sup> Amounts represent cash awards paid under the Annual Plan. There was no payout under the FCF Program. For further information, please see pages 27-30.

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For Mr. Bauer, the 2016 amount includes: a SERP contribution of \$27,298; a 401(k) Company match of \$10,600; (3) an auto allowance of \$12,000; Company-paid life insurance premium; Company paid long-term disability premium; club membership of \$18,969; and \$13,000 for financial planning services.

For Mr. Russo, the 2016 amount includes: a SERP contribution of \$7,732; a 401(k) Company match of \$10,600; an (4) auto allowance of \$12,000; Company-paid life insurance premium; Company paid long-term disability premium; medical reimbursement; and \$13,000 for financial planning services.

For Mr. Kasel, the 2016 amount includes: a SERP contribution of \$6,121; a 401(k) Company match of \$10,600; an (5) auto allowance of \$12,000; Company-paid long-term disability premium; a club membership of \$4,950; and \$13,000 for financial planning services.

For Mr. Guinee, the 2016 amount includes: a SERP contribution; a 401(k) Company match of \$10,600; an auto (6) allowance of \$12,000; Company-paid life insurance premium; Company paid long-term disability premium; medical reimbursement; and \$13,000 for financial planning services.

For Mr. Lippard, the 2016 amount includes: a SERP contribution; a 401(k) Company match of \$10,600; an auto (7) allowance of \$10,200; Company paid life insurance premium; Company paid long-term disability premium; \$12,707 for club membership; and \$11,917 for financial planning services.

## GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS IN 2016

The following table provides information on 2016 Non-Equity and Equity Incentive Plan Awards:

NEO	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(1)(2)</sup>			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(3)</sup>			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#) <sup>(4)</sup>	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(5)</sup>
		Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)		
Robert P. Bauer	—	112,792	490,400	980,800	—	—	—	—	—
	—	12,260	122,600	245,200	—	—	—	—	—
	1/25/16	—	—	—	6,523	18,638	46,595	—	185,075
	1/25/16	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,213	61,695
David J. Russo	—	45,831	199,265	398,530	—	—	—	—	—
	—	6,725	67,252	134,504	—	—	—	—	—
	2/17/16	—	—	—	6,789	19,396	48,490	—	246,329
	2/17/16	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,465	82,106
John F. Kasel	—	36,620	152,582	305,164	—	—	—	—	—
	—	6,143	61,427	122,853	—	—	—	—	—
	2/17/16	—	—	—	5,205	14,870	37,175	—	188,849
	2/17/16	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,957	62,954
Patrick J. Guinee	—	28,566	124,200	248,400	—	—	—	—	—
	—	5,589	55,890	111,780	—	—	—	—	—
	2/17/16	—	—	—	3,620	10,344	25,860	—	131,369
	2/17/16	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,448	43,790
Gregory W. Lippard	—	23,381	101,656	203,313	—	—	—	—	—
	—	5,131	51,312	102,624	—	—	—	—	—
	2/17/16	—	—	—	3,394	9,698	24,245	—	123,165
	2/17/16	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,233	41,059



These grants reflect awards issued under the Annual Plan in 2016 as discussed on pages 27-30. Amounts actually  
(1) paid under this Plan to NEOs for 2016 are included in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table.

(2) These grants reflect awards issued under the 2016 Free Cash Flow Program as discussed on pages 30-31. This Program did not have any resulting payouts in 2016.

(3) These grants reflect PSU awards of PSUs granted under the LTIP and the Company's 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended and restated, for 2016 as discussed on pages 31-33.

(4) This column includes restricted stock awards under the LTIP and the Company's 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended and restated, for 2016 as discussed on pages 31-33.

Reflects grant date fair value of PSU and restricted stock awards determined in accordance with ASC 718. For a  
(5) discussion of the valuation assumptions, see Note 15 of the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Please see the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement for a description of our plans and other compensatory arrangements with our NEOs that are reported in the Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards table.

**OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT 2016 FISCAL YEAR-END**

The following table sets forth information regarding outstanding stock options and unvested stock awards awarded to the NEOs as of December 31, 2016:

Name	Option Awards			Stock Awards			Equity Incentive Plan
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#) <sup>(1)</sup>	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (#) <sup>(2)</sup>	Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>
Robert P. Bauer	—	—	—	15,751	\$214,214	32,444	\$441,238
David J. Russo	—	—	—	9,349	\$127,146	23,922	\$325,339
John F. Kasel	—	—	—	7,707	\$104,815	18,792	\$255,571
Patrick J. Guinee	—	—	—	9,551	\$129,893	12,608	\$171,469
Gregory W. Lippard	—	—	—	4,927	\$67,007	12,036	\$163,690

<sup>(1)</sup> This column includes unvested restricted stock awards granted under the LTIP in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. The vesting schedule of these awards is described below:

**Name Grant Date Vesting Date Unvested Restricted Stock****2013 Restricted Stock Awards:**

Robert P. Bauer	02/27/13	4-year cliff vesting; grant vests 02/27/17	2,869
David J. Russo	02/27/13	4-year cliff vesting; grant vests 02/27/17	918

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John F. Kasel 02/27/134-year cliff vesting; grant vests 02/27/17 918  
 Gregory W. Lippard 02/27/134-year cliff vesting; grant vests 02/27/17 574

**2014 Restricted Stock Awards:**

Robert P. Bauer	02/26/144-year cliff vesting; grant vests 02/26/18	3,601
David J. Russo	02/26/144-year cliff vesting; grant vests 02/26/18	960
John F. Kasel	02/26/144-year cliff vesting; grant vests 02/26/18	960
Patrick J. Guinee	02/25/144-year cliff vesting; grant vests 02/25/18	5,000
Patrick J. Guinee	02/26/144-year cliff vesting; grant vests 02/26/18	600
Gregory W. Lippard	02/16/144-year cliff vesting; grant vests 02/26/18	600

**2015 Restricted Stock Awards:**

Robert P. Bauer	03/13/153-year graded vesting; vests 33 1/3% per year over 3-year period	3,068
David J. Russo	03/13/153-year graded vesting; vests 33 1/3% per year over 3-year period	1,006
John F. Kasel	03/13/153-year graded vesting; vests 33 1/3% per year over 3-year period	872
Patrick J. Guinee	03/13/153-year graded vesting; vests 33 1/3% per year over 3-year period	503
Gregory W. Lippard	03/13/153-year graded vesting; vests 33 1/3% per year over 3-year period	520

**2016 Restricted Stock**

**Awards:**

Robert P. Bauer	01/25/163-year graded vesting; vests 33 1/3% per year over 3-year period	6,213
David J. Russo	02/17/163-year graded vesting; vests 33 1/3% per year over 3-year period	6,465
John F. Kasel	02/17/163-year graded vesting; vests 33 1/3% per year over 3-year period	4,957
Patrick J. Guinee	02/17/163-year graded vesting; vests 33 1/3% per year over 3-year period	3,448
Gregory W. Lippard	02/17/163-year graded vesting; vests 33 1/3% per year over 3-year period	3,233

This column reflects the number of unvested PSU awards granted under the LTIP (for which the performance (2) conditions have not been satisfied) as of December 31, 2016 and includes awards granted in 2015 and 2016 as described below:

(2a) the 2015-2017 PSU awards were granted on March 13, 2015. Assuming the achievement of the underlying performance conditions, PSU awards will be settled and paid in shares of the Company's common stock in the calendar year immediately following the end of the performance period on a date determined in the Compensation Committee's discretion, but in no event later than March 15, 2017. The number of shares included for these awards assumes target performance and includes as follows: Mr. Bauer 13,806 shares; Mr. Russo 4,526 shares; Mr. Kasel 3,922 shares; Mr. Guinee 2,264 shares; and Mr. Lippard 2,338 shares. The expected performance attainment for the ROIC portion of this grant as of December 31, 2016 is 0%, the expected attainment of the Earnings CAGR portion of this grant is 0%.

(2a) the 2016-2018 PSU awards were granted on January 25, 2016 for Mr. Bauer and February 17, 2016 for Messrs. Russo, Kasel, Guinee and Lippard. Assuming the achievement of the underlying performance conditions, PSU awards will be settled and paid in shares of the Company's common stock in the calendar year immediately following the end of the performance period on a date determined in the Compensation Committee's discretion, but in no event later than March 15, 2018. The number of shares included for these awards assumes target performance and includes as follows: Mr. Bauer 18,638 shares; Mr. Russo 19,396 shares; Mr. Kasel 14,870 shares; Mr. Guinee 10,344 shares and Mr. Lippard 9,698 shares. The expected performance attainment for the ROIC portion of this grant as of December 31, 2016 is 0%, the expected attainment of the Earnings CAGR portion of this grant is 80%.

(3)Based on the Company's December 30, 2016 closing share price of \$13.60 per share.



**2016 OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED**

The following table discloses the number of stock awards held by our NEOs that vested during 2016. No stock options were exercised in 2016.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>
Robert P. Bauer	—	—	21,965	279,086
David J. Russo	—	—	2,761	45,777
John F. Kasel	—	—	2,694	44,678
Patrick J. Guinee	—	—	251	4,116
Gregory W. Lippard	—	—	1,046	17,327

With respect to restricted stock, Mr. Bauer received distributions of 16,500 shares on February 1, 2016 at \$11.43 (closing price on that day) per share, 3,931 shares on March 7, 2016 at \$16.62 (closing price on that day) per share, and 1,534 shares on March 13, 2016 at 16.40 (closing price on the previous trading day of March 11, 2016) per share; Mr. Russo received distributions of 1,000 shares on March 7, 2016 at \$16.62 (closing price on that day) per share, 1,258 shares on March 7, 2016 at \$16.62 (closing price on that day) per share, and 503 shares on March 13, 2016 at \$16.40 (closing price on the previous trading date of March 11, 2016) per share; Mr. Kasel received (1) distributions of 1,000 shares on March 7, 2016 at \$16.62 (closing price on that day) per share, 1,258 shares on March 7, 2016 at \$16.62 (closing price on that day) per share, and 436 shares on March 13, 2016 at \$16.40 (closing price on the previous trading day of March 11, 2016) per share; Mr. Guinee received a distribution of 251 shares on March 13, 2016 at \$16.40 (closing price on the previous trading day of March 11, 2016) per share; Mr. Lippard received distributions of 786 on March 7, 2016 (closing price on that day) per share and 260 shares on March 13, 2016 at \$16.40 (closing price on the previous trading day of March 11, 2016) per share. No PSUs were earned or distributed in 2016.

**2016 NON-QUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

The following table discloses the contribution, earnings and balances under the Company's defined contribution plan that provides for the deferred compensation on a non-qualified tax basis:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Registrant Contributions in 2016<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Aggregate Earnings in 2016<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Aggregate Balance at December 31, 2016<sup>(3)</sup></b>
Robert P. Bauer	\$27,298	\$2,457	\$195,949
David J. Russo	\$ 7,732	\$1,707	\$136,109
John F. Kasel	\$ 6,121	\$1,084	\$ 86,411
Patrick J. Guinee	\$ 3,590	\$ 100	\$ 7,994
Greg Lippard	\$ 2,526	\$ 367	\$ 29,285

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts represent 2016 Company contributions to the SERP, which are included in the "All Other Compensation" column of the Summary Compensation table as described on page 41.

Amounts represent interest earned in 2016. In accordance with the SERP, the Company applies interest to the benefit amount using the calendar year's rate of return of Fidelity's Managed Income Portfolio as of December 31, 2016 or a one-year annualized Treasury Bill interest rate as of the last Friday of the year, whichever is higher. For <sup>(2)</sup> 2016, these rates were 1.27% and 0.60%, respectively. The interest rate applied to the benefit in 2016 was 1.27%. The amounts are not included in the Summary Compensation Table as they are not considered to be "above market" or preferential.

Amounts represent total SERP balance as of December 31, 2016. Amounts also include Company contributions to the SERP which were reported in the Summary Compensation Table for the fiscal years in which the executive was a NEO: \$45,911 (2015), \$48,710 (2014) for Mr. Bauer; \$11,663 (2015), \$11,087 (2014) for Mr. Russo; \$4,255 <sup>(3)</sup> (2015), \$0 (2014) for Mr. Guinee; \$9,268 (2015), \$7,058 (2014) for Mr. Kasel. For the amounts of the Company's contributions to the SERP for each NEO in 2016 that are included in the Summary Compensation Table, see footnote 1 above.

**Description of Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("SERP")**

The SERP is designed primarily for the purpose of providing benefits for a select group of management or highly compensated employees of the Company and its affiliates and is intended to qualify as a “top hat” plan under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. The SERP is an unfunded, unsecured obligation of the Company, the benefits of which will be paid from its general assets.

We established the SERP in order to attract and retain persons that we consider to be important to our success by providing benefits that are not restricted by the statutory limitations imposed on tax-qualified retirement plans by the federal income tax laws. Executives and other eligible individuals are participants in the SERP.

The Compensation Committee has reserved the right to terminate a participant’s participation in the SERP at any time. Additionally, if a participant’s employment with the Company or its affiliates is terminated, or if the Compensation Committee, in its sole discretion, determines that a participant will no longer be a participant, the participant’s participation in the SERP (and such person’s right to accrue any benefits thereunder) will terminate.

The benefit provided under the SERP equals the supplemental retirement contributions credited to the participant’s account under the SERP, if any, as adjusted for interest credits. For each year or portion of a year in which a participant participates in the SERP, the participant may be credited with a matching contribution and/or a profit sharing contribution. The matching contribution is the difference, if any, between (a) the matching contribution that would have been made under the 401(k) Plan if the participant had made elective contributions to such plan sufficient to generate the maximum rate of matching contribution available under such plan, without imposition of any statutory limits imposed on tax-qualified retirement plans by the federal income tax laws and (b) the

same amount with the imposition of such limits. The profit sharing contribution is the difference, if any, between (a) the profit sharing contribution that would have resulted if the applicable percentage rate had been applied on the participant's compensation without regard to any statutory limits imposed on tax-qualified retirement plans by the federal income tax laws and (b) the actual profit sharing contribution allocated to the participant under the 401(k) Plan. The interest credit is applied by the Company each December 31 to the amounts credited to each participant's bookkeeping account at the greater of (a) a one-year annualized treasury bill interest rate as reported for the last Friday of each year, or (b) calendar year's rate of return of Fidelity's Managed Income Portfolio as of December 31 of such year.

The balance in a participant's bookkeeping account generally becomes distributable, in the form of a lump sum, following the six-month anniversary of a participant's separation from service due to involuntary termination by the Company (other than for cause) or retirement upon attainment of age 65 (or 55 with the Compensation Committee's approval). Distributions may commence sooner for participants who are not considered "key employees" under the federal income tax laws and/or in the event of a participant's death or separation from service due to disability, as defined in the SERP. No benefits are payable under the SERP if a participant terminates employment for any reason other than those specified above.

If a participant is discharged by the Company for cause (i.e., conduct that is injurious to the Company, conduct which intentionally violates either the Company's written policies or the reasonable directives of the Company's CEO, or the commission of a felony), such participant's rights to any benefits under the SERP will be forfeited. If the Compensation Committee determines that a participant is engaged in conduct detrimental to the interests of the Company or has used or is using trade secrets or other confidential information gained while employed with the Company, the Compensation Committee may, upon written notice to the participant, suspend or forfeit the participant's right to any benefit under the SERP.



## POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OR CHANGE-IN-CONTROL

### *Change-In-Control*

As discussed on page 22 and page 34, the Company has established the Separation Plan in order to retain and motivate its executives to focus on the Company's successful operation, regardless of any real or perceived threat from a change-in-control. In certain circumstances, this Separation Plan provides for severance payments to our NEOs only upon a qualifying termination of employment in connection with a change-in-control. Certain of our stock and incentive plans and programs, and certain of our retirement plans also include change-in-control provisions or additional benefits upon termination. The following discussion explains the effects of termination, both within and outside of the context of a change-in-control, under the Separation Plan, our stock and incentive plans and programs, and our applicable retirement plans.

The payments and benefits detailed below are in addition to (i) any payments and benefits under our plans or arrangements which are offered or provided generally to all salaried employees on a non-discriminatory basis, and (ii) any accumulated vested benefits for each NEO, including those set forth in the 2016 Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Table.

### *Termination of Employment - Outside of a Change-in-Control*

#### *Termination Provisions Under Our Equity and Annual Compensation Plans and Programs*

We provide equity-based and cash-based long-term incentive awards for executives. Please see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis for further details of these programs.

Under the terms of the PSU Awards, in the event an awardee's employment is terminated during a performance period by reason of death, disability, or retirement (as defined in the 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan) on or after the one-year anniversary of the commencement of the applicable performance period, the awardee will be entitled to receive a pro-rated payment for any PSU, if earned, based on the number of complete months served by the awardee during such performance period (or the number of remaining months in the performance period, if the awardee commenced employment after the start of the applicable performance period).

The Annual Plan provides that, in the event an awardee terminates employment prior to the actual payment of an award, such awardee generally will not be entitled to any payment except in the event of termination by reason of death, disability, or retirement (as such terms are defined in the Annual Plan), in which case the awardee will be entitled to receive a pro-rated award reflecting the awardee's service during the applicable performance period, subject to the Committee's certification of the achievement of applicable performance goals, among other matters.

*Termination Provisions Under Our Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("SERP")*

We maintain various retirement programs, including the SERP. There are no additional benefits provided to our NEOs in the event of a termination of employment prior to a change-in-control. Additionally, an executive is not entitled to benefits under SERP if that executive is terminated for "cause" or if the executive terminates employment with the Company, other than pursuant to a retirement (including an early retirement approved by the Company), death, or disability.

**Change-In-Control and/or Related Termination of Employment**

*Change-In-Control Provisions Under the Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Plan*

In the event of a Change-in-Control (as defined in the Annual Plan), an awardee will generally be entitled to receive a lump sum cash payment equal to the pro-rated target bonus for the year in which the Change-in-Control occurs, which will be based on the portion of the year that the awardee was employed by the Company prior to the Change-in-Control. The Compensation Committee may, in its sole discretion, determine that an awardee is not entitled to such payment.

*Change-In-Control Provisions Under the Key Employee Separation Plan*

*Cash severance pay.* If a NEO's employment is terminated during the 90-day period prior to, on, or within two years of a change-in-control, either by the executive for good reason or by the Company other than for cause, death, or disability, the executive will receive, in cash as severance pay (in addition to amounts earned by such NEO through the termination date), an amount equal to the product of: the NEO's benefit factor (as noted on page 34 of this Proxy Statement) times the sum of (x) and (y) below:

(x) the NEO's base salary at the annual rate in effect on the termination date, plus

(y) his target annual bonus opportunity under the Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Plan for the year in which the termination date occurs, multiplied by the average percentage of target achievement of the past three incentives paid under the Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Plan or, if greater, the three full calendar years ended before the change-in-control.

*Continuation of medical and welfare benefits.* The NEO will receive the same or equivalent medical, dental and vision benefits (through the payment of the NEO's COBRA premiums) received at the date of termination until the earlier to occur of: (i) the NEO reaching the age of 65, (ii) the date the NEO is provided similar benefits by another employer, or (iii) the period to which the NEO is entitled to coverage under COBRA (generally, 18 months).

*Outplacement Services.* The Company will provide a payment of \$15,000 to the NEO to cover outplacement assistant services.

*Limitations:* To the extent that payments would constitute "excess parachute payments" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code, such payments will be limited to the maximum amount permitted to be paid without causing any payments to be subject to the limitation of deductions under Section 280G of the Code.

Under the Separation Plan, "Change-In-Control" and "Good Reason" are defined as follows:

*Change-In-Control* - shall mean the first to occur, after the effective date of the Separation Plan, of any of the following:

any merger, consolidation or business combination in which the stockholders of the Company immediately prior to (i) the merger, consolidation or business combination do not own at least a majority of the outstanding equity interests of the surviving parent entity;

(ii) the sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets in a single transaction or a series of related transactions;

the acquisition of beneficial ownership or control (including, without limitation, power to vote) of a majority of the outstanding common stock of the Company by any person or entity (including a "group" as defined by or under (iii) Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, but excluding the Company, any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company, and any corporation owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of shares);

(iv) a contested election of directors, as a result of which or in connection with which the persons who were directors of the Company before such election or their nominees cease to constitute a majority of the Board.

Upon the occurrence of a Change-in-Control as provided above, no subsequent event or condition shall constitute a Change-in-Control for purposes of the Separation Plan, with the result that there can be no more than one Change-in-Control under the Key Employee Separation Plan.

*Good Reason* - shall mean the Participant's separation from service by the Participant as a result of the occurrence, without the Participant's written consent, of one of the following events:

A material reduction in the Participant's annual Base Pay (as defined in the Separation Plan) (unless such reduction (i) relates to an across-the-board reduction similarly affecting Participant and all or substantially all other executives of the Company and its affiliates);

The Company makes or causes to be made a material adverse change in the participant's position, authority, duties or responsibilities which results in a significant diminution in the participant's position, authority, duties or (ii) responsibilities, excluding any change made in connection with (A) a reassignment to a new job position, or (B) a termination of participant's employment with the Company for disability, cause, death, or temporarily as a result of participant's incapacity or other absence for an extended period;

(iii) A relocation of the Company's principal place of business, or of participant's own office as assigned to participant by the Company to a location that increases participant's normal work commute by more than 50 miles; or

(iv) Any other action by the Company that constitutes a material breach of the employment agreement, if any, under which participant's services are to be performed.

In order for participant to terminate for Good Reason, (A) the Company must be notified by participant in writing within 90 days of the event constituting Good Reason, (B) the event must remain uncorrected by the Company for 30 days following such notice (the "Notice Period"), and (C) such termination must occur within 60 days after the expiration of the Notice Period.

#### *Change-In-Control and Termination Provisions Under Our Equity Compensation Programs*

*Restricted Stock Grants* - Restricted Stock awards granted prior to 2014 generally will become vested immediately prior to a Change of Control (as defined in the 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan), regardless of whether a participant has been terminated. For restricted stock awards granted in 2014 and thereafter, such awards generally will accelerate and vest only if both a Change of Control occurs prior to the end of the full vesting period and (i) participant experiences an involuntary separation from service by the Company other than due to (A) Cause, (B) death, or (C) Disability, or the participant terminates for Good Reason within the 90-day period immediately preceding a Change-in-Control, or (ii) the acquiring entity in a Change of Control does not assume awards into a substantially comparable award.

*PSU Awards* – In the event of a Change of Control (as defined in the 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan), the Compensation Committee may, in its sole discretion, deem that awardees have earned their respective PSU awards at a target award level; provided that the awardee will only be entitled to a pro-rated portion of shares relating to such award based on the ratio of the number of complete months an awardee is employed or serves during the applicable performance period through the date of Change of Control (or the number of originally scheduled remaining months in the performance period if the awardee becomes an employee after the start of the performance period).



The following tables detail the incremental payments and benefits (above those already disclosed in this Proxy Statement) to which the NEOs would have been entitled under each termination of employment and change-in-control scenario, assuming the triggering event occurred on December 31, 2016:

<b>Robert P. Bauer</b>	Non-Change-in-Control				Change-in-Control	
	By Company without Cause or by Executive for Good Reason	Death	Disability	Retirement	By Company without Cause or by Executive for Good Reason	Without Termination of Employment or Termination for any other Reason
<b><u>NEO - Payments and Benefits</u></b>						
Lump Sum Severance <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		\$ 16,183	\$ 16,183	\$ 16,183	\$ 1,799,278	
Benefits Continuation <sup>(3)</sup>					\$ 30,102	
Equity Awards (Unvested)		\$ 128,564 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 128,564 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 128,564 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 445,785 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 87,992 <sup>(6)</sup>
Outplacement Services					\$ 15,000	
SERP <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 195,949	\$ 195,949	\$ 195,949	\$ 195,949	\$ 195,949	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 195,949</b>	<b>\$ 340,696</b>	<b>\$ 340,696</b>	<b>\$ 340,696</b>	<b>\$ 2,486,114</b>	<b>\$ 87,992</b>
<b>David J. Russo</b>	Non-Change-in-Control				Change-in-Control	
	By Company without Cause or by Executive for Good Reason	Death	Disability	Retirement	By Company without Cause or by Executive for Good Reason	Without Termination of Employment or Termination for any other Reason
<b><u>NEO - Payments and Benefits</u></b>						
Lump Sum Severance <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		\$ 6,658	\$ 6,658	\$ 6,658	\$ 888,799	
Benefits Continuation <sup>(3)</sup>					\$ 30,102	
Equity Awards (Unvested)		\$ 62,224 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 62,224 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 62,224 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 323,521 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 25,541 <sup>(6)</sup>
Outplacement Services					\$ 15,000	
SERP <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 136,109	\$ 136,109	\$ 136,109	\$ 136,109	\$ 136,109	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 136,109</b>	<b>\$ 204,991</b>	<b>\$ 204,991</b>	<b>\$ 204,991</b>	<b>\$ 1,393,531</b>	<b>\$ 25,541</b>
<b>John F. Kasel</b>	Non-Change-in-Control				Change-in-Control	
		Death	Disability	Retirement		
<b><u>NEO - Payments and Benefits</u></b>						

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	By Company without Cause or by Executive for Good Reason				By Company without Cause or by Executive for Good Reason	Without Termination of Employment or Termination for any other Reason
Lump Sum Severance <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		\$34,553	\$34,553	\$34,553	\$780,493	
Benefits Continuation <sup>(3)</sup>					\$31,019	
Equity Awards (Unvested)		\$50,992 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$50,992 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$50,992 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$257,416 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$25,541 <sup>(6)</sup>
Outplacement Services					\$15,000	
SERP <sup>(4)</sup>	\$86,411	\$86,411	\$86,411	\$86,411	\$86,411	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$86,441</b>	<b>\$171,956</b>	<b>\$171,956</b>	<b>\$171,956</b>	<b>\$1,170,339</b>	<b>\$25,541</b>



<b>Patrick J. Guinee</b>	Non-Change-in-Control				Change-in-Control	
	By Company without Cause or by Executive for Good Reason	Death	Disability	Retirement	By Company without Cause or by Executive for Good Reason	Without Termination of Employment or Termination for any other Reason
<u>NEO - Payments and Benefits</u>						
Lump Sum Severance <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		\$4,150	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$350,235	
Benefits Continuation <sup>(3)</sup>					\$31,261	
Equity Awards (Unvested)		\$32,095 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$32,095 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$32,095 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$233,942 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$76,160 <sup>(6)</sup>
Outplacement Services					\$15,000	
SERP <sup>(4)</sup>	\$7,994	\$7,994	\$7,994	\$7,994	\$7,994	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7,994</b>	<b>\$44,239</b>	<b>\$44,239</b>	<b>\$44,239</b>	<b>\$638,432</b>	<b>\$76,160</b>

<b>Gregory W. Lippard</b>	Non-Change-in-Control				Change-in-Control	
	By Company without Cause or by Executive for Good Reason	Death	Disability	Retirement	By Company without Cause or by Executive for Good Reason	Without Termination of Employment or Termination for any other Reason
<u>NEO - Payments and Benefits</u>						
Lump Sum Severance <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		\$23,091	\$23,091	\$23,091	\$320,941	
Benefits Continuation <sup>(3)</sup>					\$31,261	
Equity Awards (Unvested)		\$31,657 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$31,657 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$31,657 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$166,224 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$15,966 <sup>(6)</sup>
Outplacement Services					\$15,000	
SERP <sup>(4)</sup>	\$29,285	\$29,285	\$29,285	\$29,285	\$29,285	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$29,285</b>	<b>\$84,033</b>	<b>\$84,033</b>	<b>\$84,033</b>	<b>\$562,711</b>	<b>\$15,966</b>

<sup>(1)</sup>Under the Separation Plan, the Lump Sum Cash Payment is the awardee's benefit factor multiplied by the sum of (i) base salary plus (ii) the awardee's target bonus under the Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Plan for the year of termination multiplied by the average percentage of target achievement of the past three incentives paid under such Separation Plan. The Separation Plan provides that certain severance payments will be cut back to amounts that do not exceed each named executive officer's respective safe harbor limit, as defined under the golden parachute rules of Internal Revenue Code Section 280G, however, the amounts reflected in the table show full

payout value and assume no cut back.

- (2) The “Lump Sum Severance” amounts under the categories of death, disability and retirement are the payouts related to the Annual Plan.

- (3) Under the Separation Plan, these benefits consist of continued medical, dental and vision benefits as described above. Benefits continuation is the cost of COBRA for the Company based on NEO’s benefit elections as of December 31, 2016.

- (4) Payout of the SERP other than for retirement assumes the following: the NEO was terminated due to involuntary termination by the Company (other than for cause), death or disability. A SERP payout would not be made to a NEO that terminated voluntarily for any reason other than a qualified retirement per definition in the Separation Plan.

- (5) This includes PSU award values that would be calculated in the “Non-Change-in-Control” situations of death, disability and retirement. These values represent the pro rata portion of the anticipated award earned at the end of the performance period compared to target based on the number of complete months served by the awardee during the entire performance period.

- (6) Assumes full accelerated vesting of all unvested restricted stock using the closing price on December 30, 2016 of \$13.60; assumes PSUs vesting at target and pro-rated for months elapsed as of December 30, 2016 for the thirty-six month performance period, using the closing price on December 30, 2016 of \$13.60.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The following Report of the Audit Committee does not constitute soliciting material and should not be deemed filed or incorporated by reference into any other Company filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates this Report by reference therein.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is composed of independent directors and oversees the Company's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board. The Audit Committee is responsible for the appointment, compensation and retention of the Corporation's independent registered public accountants. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with management the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2016. The Audit Committee's Charter is available on the Company's website ([www.lbfoster.com](http://www.lbfoster.com)). The Audit Committee held five (two of which were telephonic) meetings during the 2016 fiscal year.

Management is responsible for the Company's internal controls and for the financial reporting process. With respect to 2016, management advised the Audit Committee that all annual and quarterly financial statements reviewed by the Audit Committee had been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Audit Committee met and held discussions with Ernst & Young, who are responsible for performing an independent audit of the Company's financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and for issuing a report thereon, regarding the audited financial statements, including a discussion of the quality, not just the acceptability, of the Company's accounting principles and Ernst & Young's judgment regarding these matters. The Audit Committee has discussed with the independent registered public accountants the matters required to be discussed relating to the conduct of the audit under the Auditing Standard No. 1301, Communications with Audit Committees, issued by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB"). The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from Ernst & Young required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent registered public accountant's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and has discussed with Ernst & Young its independence. The Audit Committee concluded that Ernst & Young's independence had not been impaired.

The Audit Committee discussed with the Company's internal auditor and independent registered public accountants the overall scope and plans for their respective audits. The Audit Committee meets with the independent registered public accountants, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examinations, their evaluations of the Company's internal controls, and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting. The Audit Committee discussed the results of Ernst & Young's quarterly review procedures with the Company's CEO, CFO and Controller and with Ernst & Young prior to the Company's release of quarterly financial information.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, for filing with the SEC.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Diane B. Owen, Chair

William H. Rackoff

Suzanne B. Rowland

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Management is not aware, at this time, of any other matters to be presented at the meeting. If, however, any other matters should come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof, the proxies will be voted at the discretion of the proxy holders.

Representatives of Ernst & Young are expected to be in attendance at the meeting to respond to appropriate questions from shareholders and will have an opportunity to make a statement if they so desire.

If you wish to present a proposal for possible inclusion in our Proxy Statement for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders pursuant to the SEC's rules, you must send the proposal to: Patrick J. Guinee, Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, L.B. Foster Company, 415 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. Shareholder proposals for inclusion in our Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in 2018 must conform to the requirements of Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act and be received by the Corporate Secretary of the Company on or before December 14, 2017.

Shareholders who wish to bring business before or nominate a person for election as a director at the Company's 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (other than through a shareholder proposal pursuant to the SEC's rules) must notify the Corporate Secretary of the Company in writing and provide the information required by the provision of our By-laws dealing with shareholder proposals. The notice must be delivered to the Corporate Secretary no later than the close of business on the 90<sup>th</sup> day prior to (February 23, 2018) nor earlier than the close of business on the 120<sup>th</sup> day prior to (January 24, 2018) the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the date of the 2018 Annual Meeting is more than 30 days before or more than 60 days after the 2017 Annual Meeting date, notice, to be timely, must be delivered not earlier than the close of business on the 120<sup>th</sup> day and not later than the close of business on the later of (i) the 90<sup>th</sup> day prior to the 2018 Annual Meeting or (ii) the 7<sup>th</sup> day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made.

**A copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 is available to shareholders. A shareholder may obtain a copy of such Annual Report, including the financial statements and the financial statement schedules, free of charge on our website at [www.lbfoster.com](http://www.lbfoster.com) or by writing to the Investor Relations Department, L.B. Foster Company, 415 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 (a copy of any exhibits thereto will be provided upon payment of a reasonable charge limited to our cost of providing such exhibits).**

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries such as brokers to satisfy delivery requirements for proxy statements with respect to two or more shareholders sharing the same address with the same last name by

delivering a single proxy statement addressed to those shareholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as “householding,” is intended to provide extra convenience for shareholders and cost savings for companies. Some brokers household proxy materials, delivering a single proxy statement to multiple shareholders sharing an address unless contrary instructions have been received from the affected shareholders. Once shareholders have received notice from their broker that materials will be sent in the householding manner to the shareholder’s address, householding will continue until otherwise notified or until the shareholder revokes such consent.

If, at any time, shareholders wish to begin, or no longer wish to participate in householding, they should notify their broker if shares are held in a brokerage account. Shareholders of record may request to begin or discontinue householding in the future by contacting our transfer agent, Broadridge, at 1-866-321-8022 (in the U.S. and Canada), 1-720-378-5591 (all other locations), by mail to Broadridge Corporate Issuer Solutions, Inc.; ATTN: IWS; 1155 Long Island Avenue; Edgewood, NY 11717. Upon written or oral request, a separate copy of the Annual Report or Proxy Statement, as applicable, will be sent to a shareholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the documents was delivered. Any such request should be addressed to: Investor Relations Dept., L.B. Foster Company, 415 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220, or may be made by calling the Company at (412) 928-3417.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

April 12, 2017

**VOTE BY INTERNET - [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)**

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

**L.B. FOSTER  
COMPANY**

**415 HOLIDAY  
DRIVE**

**PITTSBURGH,  
PA 15220-2729**

**ATTN:  
INVESTOR  
RELATIONS**

**ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE PROXY MATERIALS**

If you would like to reduce the costs incurred by our company in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to vote using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years.

**VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903**

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

**VOTE BY MAIL**

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS  
FOLLOWS:

**THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.**

KEEP THIS PORTION FOR  
YOUR RECORDS  
DETACH AND RETURN THIS  
PORTION ONLY



**For Withhold For All  
All All Except**

To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark “For All Except” and write the number(s) of the nominee(s) on the line below.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:**

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees**

- |                    |                       |                       |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 Robert P. Bauer | 02 Lee B. Foster      | 03 Dirk Jungé         | 04 Diane B. Owen   | 05 Robert S. Purgason |
|                    | 06 William H. Rackoff | 07 Suzanne B. Rowland | 08 Bradley S. Vizi |                       |

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3.** **For Against Abstain**

2. Ratify appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for 2017.
3. Advisory approval of the compensation paid to the Company’s named executive officers in 2016.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote 1 YEAR on the following proposal:** **1 year 2 years 3 years Abstain**

4. Advisory approval of the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation of the named executive officers.

**NOTE:** The proxies are also authorized to vote, in their discretion, upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

**Yes No**

Please indicate if you plan to attend this meeting

Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Joint owners should each sign

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personally. All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, please sign in full corporate or partnership name by authorized officer.

Signature

[PLEASE SIGN Date  
WITHIN BOX]

Signature (Joint Owners)

Date

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Bring this admission ticket with you to the meeting on May 24, 2017. Do not mail.

This admission ticket admits you to the meeting. you will not be let into the meeting without an admission ticket

or

other proof of stock ownership as of March 22, 2017, the record date.

**ADMISSION TICKET**

**L.B. FOSTER COMPANY**

2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

May 24, 2017

8:30 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time

DUQUESNE CLUB

325 Sixth Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to be**

**Held on May 24, 2017:**

The proxy statement and 2016 Annual Report to Shareholders are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:** The Notice & Proxy Statement, 2016 Annual Report is/are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**ANNUAL MEETING OF  
SHAREHOLDERS  
May 24, 2017  
THIS PROXY IS  
SOLICITED ON BEHALF  
OF THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS**

The shareholder(s) hereby appoint Lee B. Foster II and Robert P. Bauer, or either of them, as proxies, each with the power to appoint his substitute, and hereby authorizes them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse side of this ballot, all of the shares of Common Stock of L. B. Foster Company that the shareholder(s) are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at 8:30 AM, Eastern Daylight Time on May 24, 2017, at the Duquesne Club, 325 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, and any adjournment or

postponement thereof.

**THIS PROXY,  
WHEN PROPERLY  
EXECUTED, WILL  
BE VOTED AS  
DIRECTED BY THE  
SHAREHOLDER(S).  
IF NO SUCH  
DIRECTIONS ARE  
MADE, THIS  
PROXY WILL BE  
VOTED "FOR" THE  
ELECTION OF ALL  
NOMINEES LISTED  
ON THE REVERSE  
SIDE TO THE  
BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS AND  
"FOR" PROPOSALS  
2 AND 3, AND  
"FOR" "EVERY  
ONE YEAR" ON  
PROPOSAL 4.**

**PLEASE  
MARK, SIGN,  
DATE AND  
RETURN  
THIS CARD  
USING THE  
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