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THE MANITOWOC COMPANY, INC.

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March 20, 2015

Dear Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Manitowoc Company, Inc., which will be held at the Holiday Inn Manitowoc, located at 4601 Calumet Avenue, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220, on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. (CDT).

As set forth in the enclosed proxy materials, the following matters of business are scheduled to be acted upon at the meeting:

1. The election of three directors;
2. The ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015;
3. An advisory vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers; and
4. Such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors of the Company recommends the following votes:

FOR election of the three directors named in the enclosed proxy materials; if elected, each director will serve a one-year term expiring at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in 2016;

FOR the ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015; and

FOR approval of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the Executive Compensation sections of the Proxy Statement.

Whether or not you are able to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting, we welcome your questions and comments about the Company. To make the best use of time at the meeting, we would appreciate receiving your questions or comments, in writing, in advance of the meeting, so they can be answered as completely as possible at the meeting. If you wish to make a comment or ask a question in writing, we would appreciate receiving it by April 24, 2015.

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It is important that your shares be represented and voted at the meeting. You should have already received an Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting with instructions on how to access the proxy materials and vote. As indicated in that notice, you may view the proxy materials online at www.proxydocs.com/mtw and you may also access and complete the proxy card online at www.proxypush.com/mtw. Or if you prefer, you may obtain a copy of the proxy materials, free of charge, including a hard copy of the proxy card, through the website www.investorelections.com/mtw, by phone at 1-866-648-8133, or by email at paper@investorelections.com.

To help us plan for the meeting, please mark your proxy card telling us if you will be attending in person.

Sincerely,

Glen E. Tellock

Chairman and CEO

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

The proxy statement and annual report to shareholders are available at www.proxydocs.com/mtw.

If you want to receive a paper or email copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before April 24, 2015 to facilitate timely delivery.

To the Shareholders of

THE MANITOWOC COMPANY, INC.

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Manitowoc Company, Inc. will be held as follows:

Meeting date:	Tuesday, May 5, 2015
Meeting time:	9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time
Meeting place:	Holiday Inn, 4601 Calumet Avenue, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220
Materials available:	Proxy Statement, Proxy Card and Annual Report
View Materials:	www.proxydocs.com/mtw
Request materials:	Internet: www.investorelections.com/mtw
	Phone: 1-866-648-8133
	Email: paper@investorelections.com

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Manitowoc Company, Inc. will be held for the following purposes:

1. To elect three directors of The Manitowoc Company, Inc., all as set forth and described in the accompanying Proxy Statement;
2. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015;
3. To consider an advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers; and

4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

Shareholders of record as of the close of business on February 27, 2015 are cordially invited to attend and are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. However, whether or not you expect to attend the Annual Meeting in person, you are requested to properly complete the proxy card online at www.proxypush.com/mtw or to obtain, complete, date, sign, and promptly return a hard copy of the proxy card, which can be obtained by request through the website, toll free number or the email address noted above.

By Order of the Board of Directors

MAURICE D. JONES

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Manitowoc, Wisconsin

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SOLICITATION AND VOTING

This Proxy Statement is furnished by the Board of Directors (the Board of Directors) of The Manitowoc Company, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation (referred to in this Proxy Statement as we or the Company), to the shareholders of the Company in connection with a solicitation of proxies for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual Meeting) to be held at 9:00 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at the Holiday Inn Manitowoc, located at 4601 Calumet Avenue, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220, and at any and all adjournments thereof. This Proxy Statement and the accompanying materials are being provided to shareholders on or about March 20, 2015.

Who can vote?

On February 27, 2015, the record date for determining shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, there were outstanding 135,975,631 shares of Company common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the common stock). Each share outstanding on the record date is entitled to one vote on all matters presented at the meeting.

How to vote

Any shareholder entitled to vote may vote in person or by duly executed proxy. Shareholders of record will have the option to vote by written proxy or electronically via either the Internet or a touch-tone telephone. Instructions on how to vote are set forth in the proxy materials sent to shareholders. Shareholders may access and complete the proxy card online at www.proxypush.com/mtw. In order to vote online, a shareholder will need the control number provided to the shareholder along with the Notice of Meeting. Proxy voting through electronic means is valid under Wisconsin law, and the Company is offering electronic services both as a convenience to its shareholders and as a step towards reducing costs. Shareholders not wishing to use electronic voting methods may continue to cast votes by returning their signed and dated proxy card.

How to obtain meeting materials

All proxy materials for the 2015 Annual Meeting, including this Proxy Statement and the Annual Report to Shareholders, are available on the Internet at www.proxydocs.com/mtw. All shareholders have been separately provided an Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials. As indicated in that notice, if you want to receive a paper or email copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request as instructed in that notice on or before April 24, 2015 to facilitate timely delivery.

Proxies

A proxy may be revoked at any time before it is exercised by filing a written notice of revocation with the Secretary of the Company, by delivering a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or by voting in person at the Annual Meeting. Attendance at the Annual Meeting will not in itself constitute revocation of a proxy. The shares represented by all properly executed unrevoked proxies received in time for the Annual Meeting will be voted as specified on the proxies. Shares held for the accounts of participants in the Company Dividend Reinvestment Plan and The Manitowoc Company, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan (for which the proxies will serve as voting instructions for the shares) will be voted in accordance with the instructions of participants or otherwise in accordance with the terms of those Plans. If no direction is given on a properly executed unrevoked proxy, it will be voted **FOR** each of the three director nominees, **FOR** ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year

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ending December 31, 2015, and **FOR** approval of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the Executive Compensation sections of this Proxy Statement.

The cost of soliciting proxies will be borne by the Company. Solicitation will be made principally by distribution via mail and the Internet pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), but also may be made by email, telephone, facsimile, or other means of communication by certain directors, officers, employees, and agents of the Company. The directors, officers, and employees will receive no compensation for these proxy solicitation efforts in addition to their regular compensation, but may be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the solicitation. The Company will request persons holding shares in their names for the benefit of others or in the names of their nominees to send proxy materials to and obtain proxies from their principals and will reimburse such persons for their expenses in so doing.

Required Quorum

To be effective, a matter presented for a vote of shareholders at the Annual Meeting must be acted upon by a quorum (*i.e.*, a majority of the votes entitled to be cast represented at the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy). Abstentions, shares for which authority is withheld to vote for director nominees, and broker non-votes (*i.e.*, proxies from brokers or nominees indicating that such persons have not received instructions from the beneficial owners or other persons entitled to vote shares as to a matter with respect to which the brokers or nominees do not have discretionary power to vote) will be considered present for the purpose of establishing a quorum. Once a share is represented at the Annual Meeting, it is deemed present for quorum purposes throughout the meeting or any adjourned meeting, unless a new record date is or must be set for the adjourned meeting.

Your Broker needs your approval to vote certain matters

We remind you that your broker may not vote your shares in its discretion in the election of directors (proposal 1); therefore, you must vote your shares if you want them to be counted in the election of directors. In addition, your broker is also not permitted to vote your shares in its discretion regarding matters relating to executive compensation (proposal 3). However, your broker may vote your shares in its discretion on routine matters such as the ratification of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm (proposal 2).

Required Vote

Proposal 1: Election of Directors. Directors are elected by a majority of the votes cast by the holders of shares entitled to vote in the election at a meeting at which a quorum is present, assuming the election is uncontested (the plurality voting standard applies in contested elections). For this purpose, a majority of votes cast means that the number of votes cast for a director's election must exceed the number of votes cast with respect to that director's election. Any shares not voted, whether by broker non-vote or otherwise, will have no effect on the election of directors.

Pursuant to the Company's By-laws, any nominee who receives fewer votes cast for his or her election than votes cast with respect to that nominee is required to promptly tender his or her resignation to the Chairman of the Board following certification of the shareholder vote. The Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors will promptly consider the resignation, and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors as to whether to accept or reject such resignation.

Proposal 2: Ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the holders of shares entitled to vote at the meeting at which a quorum is present is required for ratification of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's

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independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, provided that a majority of the outstanding shares of the Company's Common Stock are voted on the proposal. Assuming that proviso is met, any shares not voted (whether by broker non-vote or otherwise, except abstentions) have no impact on the vote. Shares of Common Stock as to which holders abstain from voting will be treated as votes against ratification.

Proposal 3: Advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers. The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal (assuming a quorum is present) is required to approve the advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the Executive Compensation sections of this Proxy Statement. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be included in the votes cast and thus will have no effect other than not providing the Company with your view on the proposal. Although the outcome of this advisory vote is not binding on the Company, the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors will review and consider the outcome of the vote when making future compensation decisions pertaining to the Company's named executive officers.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote: **FOR** the election of the three directors named in the proposal; **FOR** the ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm; and **FOR** approval of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as disclosed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the Executive Compensation sections of this Proxy Statement. Pursuant to the previously disclosed settlement agreement between the Company and Carl C. Icahn, Mr. Icahn and his affiliated entities have agreed to vote their shares of Company stock in favor of these proposals.

1. PROPOSALS REQUIRING YOUR VOTE

PROPOSAL 1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Three directors are to be elected at the Annual Meeting. The nominees to the Board are Mr. Roy Armes and Ms. Cynthia Egnotovich, who are currently directors, and Mr. Dino Bianco, who is not currently a director. Information regarding each nominee and the other directors continuing in office is set forth below. If elected, Mr. Armes, Ms. Egnotovich, and Mr. Bianco will hold office for a one-year term expiring in 2016, subject to the limit discussed in the following sentence, or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. Pursuant to the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines, when a director reaches the age of 72, the director will resign from the Board at the first Annual Meeting held after reaching that age. Because Mr. Packard reached the age of 72, his term will end as of the Annual Meeting on May 5, 2015. The Company expresses its appreciation to Mr. Packard for his many years of dedicated service to the Board.

The election of directors is determined by a majority of the votes cast, if the election is uncontested. Shares represented by proxies in the accompanying form will be voted for the election of the nominees listed below, unless a contrary direction is indicated. The three nominees have indicated that they are able and willing to serve as directors. However, if any of the nominees should be unable to serve, which management does not contemplate, it is intended that the proxies will vote for the election of such other person or persons as management may recommend.

As also explained in the Corporate Governance Committee Report, in identifying candidates for the Board of Directors, the Corporate Governance Committee considers foremost the qualifications and experience that the Board believes would best suit the Board's needs created by each particular vacancy. As part of the process, the Corporate Governance Committee and the Board endeavor to have a Board comprised of individuals with diverse backgrounds, viewpoints, and life and professional experiences, provided such individuals should all have a high level of management and/or financial experience and expertise. In this process, the Board of Directors and the Corporate Governance Committee do not discriminate against any candidate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

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Currently, the Board of Directors is divided into three classes, with each class serving a staggered term of three years. In January 2015, as previously announced and disclosed, the Board amended the Company's By-laws to eliminate its classified board structure on a phased-in basis commencing with the elections occurring at the Company's 2015 Annual Meeting. The directors elected at the 2015 Annual Meeting will each serve a one-year term expiring at the 2016 Annual Meeting, and all other current directors will serve the remainder of their terms and thereafter become subject to election each year by shareholders. As of the 2017 Annual Meeting, all Board members will be subject to annual election.

A description of the particular experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led the Board of Directors to conclude that each of the nominees and each of the directors continuing in office should serve, or continue to serve, as a director of the Company follows the biographical information of each nominee and continuing director below.

The Board of Directors Recommends Election of the Three Nominees Whose Names Follow

Nominees for a One-Year Term Expiring at the Annual Meeting in 2016

All three nominees were recommended to the Board by the Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Armes and Ms. Egnotovich are incumbent directors; Mr. Bianco is not currently a director.

Roy V. Armes, 62, has been a director of the Company since 2010 and currently serves as Chairman of the Company's Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Armes serves as the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (NYSE: CTB). Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, headquartered in Findlay, OH, is a global company that specializes in the design, manufacture, marketing and sales of passenger car, light and medium truck, motorcycle and racing tires. Prior to joining Cooper Tire & Rubber Company in 2007, Mr. Armes was employed for 31 years at Whirlpool Corporation, a manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances, serving in positions of increasing responsibility, including Senior Vice President, Project Management Office; Corporate Vice President and General Director, Whirlpool Mexico; Corporate Vice President, Global Procurement Operations; President/Managing Director, Whirlpool Greater China; Vice President, Manufacturing Technology, Whirlpool Asia (Singapore); and Vice President, Manufacturing & Technology, Refrigeration Products, Whirlpool Europe (Italy).

Mr. Armes brings great experience to the Company's Board with over 40 years of significant senior management experience at two global manufacturing companies. He has extensive experience in engineering, manufacturing, technology, global procurement, sales and marketing and international operations management. He also served as a board member of JLG Industries (2002-2006) and serves as a board member of AGCO Corporation (NYSE: AGCO). This experience, together with Mr. Armes' education and board member experience, qualify him to serve on the Company's Board of Directors.

Cynthia M. Egnotovich, 57, has been a director of the Company since 2008 and currently serves as Chair of the Company's Compensation Committee and a member of the Audit Committee. She served as President, Customer Service of Aerospace Systems of United Technologies Corporation (NYSE: UTX) from 2012 until her retirement in 2013. United Technologies Corporation (UTC), headquartered in Hartford CT, is a diversified company that provides a broad range of high-technology products and services to the global aerospace and building systems industries. The UTC Aerospace Systems Customer Service organization focused on program management of customer long-term agreements, sales, and technical support. Previous to her position with UTC, Ms. Egnotovich was Vice President (2002 to 2012) and Segment President, Nacelles and Interior Systems (2007 to 2012) of Goodrich Corporation. Goodrich Corporation was a leading aerospace manufacturer, located in Charlotte, NC, that was acquired by UTC in 2012. Ms. Egnotovich previously served as Segment President, Engine Systems (2005 to 2007); Segment President, Electronic Systems (2003 to 2005); and Segment President, Engine and Safety Systems (2002 to 2003), all at Goodrich Corporation. Ms. Egnotovich held other positions of increasing responsibility since joining Goodrich in 1986.

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Ms. Egnotovich brings senior management, accounting, and financial controls experience to the Company's Board of Directors. Ms. Egnotovich's financial controls and accounting expertise had their foundation when she served as a financial analyst and then controller of a division of Goodrich. From there she moved to other positions of increasing responsibility, serving as president of various business segments within Goodrich, and until 2013, as President, Customer Service of Aerospace Systems of UTC until her retirement in 2013. Her background and experience in finance, accounting, and senior management in various segments of large manufacturing companies make her well-suited to serve on the Company's Board of Directors.

Dino Bianco, 52, serves as Executive Vice President (2012 to present) of Kraft Foods Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: KRFT) and President of its Beverages business (2013 to present). Kraft Foods Group, Inc., headquartered in Northfield, Illinois, is one of the largest consumer packaged food and beverage companies in North America. Mr. Bianco previously served as Senior Vice President of Kraft Foods Group, Inc. and President of Kraft Canada (2005-2012) and Vice President of Marketing for Kraft's Beverages, Desserts, Grocery and Cereals businesses (2001 to 2005). Mr. Bianco joined Kraft in 1990 as Finance Manager and held several roles in finance, financial planning and analysis, sales strategy and marketing. Mr. Bianco is a Chartered Professional Accountant, and prior to joining Kraft he was employed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. In addition Mr. Bianco is a past chair of Food and Consumer Products of Canada, past member of the Board of The Grocery Foundation, and past member of the Board of Trustees of the United Way of Toronto.

Mr. Bianco would bring extensive relevant experience to the Company's Board of Directors, with 25 years of financial, marketing and senior management experience with one of the largest food and beverage companies in North America. Therefore, the Board believes he is qualified to serve as a director and would be a valuable member of the Board.

Members of the Board of Directors Continuing In Office

Terms Expiring at the Annual Meeting to be Held in 2016

Robert G. Bohn, 62, has been a director of the Company since 2014 and serves as a member of the Company's Compensation and Audit Committees. He served as Chief Executive Officer of Oshkosh Corporation (NYSE: OSK) from 1997 until 2010, and as its Chairman of the Board from 2000 to 2011. Oshkosh Corporation, headquartered in Oshkosh, WI, is a leading manufacturer of access equipment, specialty vehicles, and truck bodies for the primary markets of defense, concrete placement, refuse collection, and fire and emergency vehicles. Mr. Bohn joined Oshkosh Corporation in 1992 as Group Vice President, and also served as its President from 1994 to 2007 and as its Chief Operating Officer from 1994 to 1997. Prior to joining Oshkosh Corporation, he held various executive positions with Johnson Controls, Inc. (NYSE: JCI) from 1985 to 1992. He also serves as a Director of Carlisle Companies Inc. (NYSE: CSL), Parker Hannifin Corporation (NYSE: PH) and Menasha Corporation.

Mr. Bohn's extensive experience in growth strategy development and execution, international market development, acquisitions integration, and maximizing operational efficiency make him qualified to serve on the Company's Board.

Joan K. Chow, 54, has been a director of the Company since 2012 and serves as a member of the Company's Compensation and Corporate Governance Committees. Ms. Chow is the Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer at ConAgra Foods, Inc. (NYSE: CAG). ConAgra Foods, headquartered in Omaha, NE, is one of North America's leading packaged food companies. Prior to joining ConAgra in 2007, Ms. Chow was employed for nine years with Sears Holdings Corporation in various marketing positions of increasing responsibility, having served as Senior Vice President/Chief Marketing Officer of Sears Retail immediately prior to taking the position with ConAgra. Prior to that, she served in executive positions with Information Resources Inc. and Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products, Inc. Ms. Chow currently serves on the Board of Feeding America, a leading hunger-relief charity in the United States and the Board of the Association of National Advertisers (ANA).

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Ms. Chow leads ConAgra's global marketing team, including integrated marketing planning, advertising, digital, social media, consumer insights, brand design, and multicultural marketing. Ms. Chow's extensive leadership experience in marketing, advertising and consumer insight brings a valuable perspective to the Company's Board of Directors.

Kenneth W. Krueger, 58, has been a director of the Company since 2004 and currently serves as Chairman of the Company's Audit Committee. Mr. Krueger was the Chief Operating Officer (2006 to 2009) and Executive Vice President (2005 to 2006) of Bucyrus International, Inc., a global leader in mining equipment manufacturing, formerly headquartered in South Milwaukee, WI (Bucyrus, formerly listed on NASDAQ: BUCY, was acquired by Caterpillar Inc.). Mr. Krueger also was the Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (2000 to 2005) of A. O. Smith Corporation (NYSE: AOS), a global manufacturer of water heaters in Milwaukee, WI, and Vice President, Finance and Planning, Hydraulics, Semiconductor Equipment and Specialty Controls Group (1999 to 2000) of Eaton Corporation, Cleveland, OH (NYSE: ETN). Mr. Krueger also serves as a director of Douglas Dynamics, Inc. (NYSE: PLOW), located in Milwaukee, WI.

Mr. Krueger has extensive financial, accounting and operations experience. He has served as a chief financial officer and chief operating officer of publicly-traded companies and has other significant senior management experience. His experience and background in finance and accounting in a publicly traded manufacturing company bring great focus to the Company's accounting, auditing and internal controls. Mr. Krueger's operations leadership experience in the heavy manufacturing industry, coupled with his experience in accounting and finance, make him a valued adviser as a member of the Company's Board of Directors and as the current Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Terms Expiring at the Annual Meeting to be Held in 2017

Donald M. Condon, Jr., 65, has been a director of the Company since 2010 and serves on the Company's Audit and Compensation Committees. Mr. Condon is President (2012 to present) of IDSM Distribution Services, Inc. (IDSM), a family-owned company providing distribution services to suburban Houston, TX. Mr. Condon previously served as Senior Vice President (2006-2012), Corporate Business Development for Westlake Chemical Corporation (NYSE: WLK), an owner and operator of facilities for the manufacture of petrochemicals, plastics and fabricated plastic products headquartered in Houston, TX. Prior to joining Westlake, Mr. Condon held executive positions in the petrochemical, plastics, oil and gas, and industrial fabrication business with Titan Chemicals Corp. Bhd. (2003-2006), Conoco (1993-2003), and E.I. DuPont De Nemours (1974-1993). While at Titan Chemicals, Mr. Condon was Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, and he led the company when it went public on the Malaysian Stock Exchange (Bursa Malaysia) in 2005, and continued to serve as a director until 2010. Mr. Condon also serves as chairman of the Advisory Board of the Nicholas Center for Finance at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and is a National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Board Leadership Fellow, NACD's highest accreditation for boardroom leadership.

Mr. Condon's more than 40 years of senior executive and board experience in management, finance, operations, strategy, and corporate development in the chemical, industrial, and energy industries make him a valuable contributor to the Company's Board of Directors.

Keith D. Nosbusch, 63, has been a director of the Company since 2003 and serves as a member of the Company's Corporate Governance and Audit Committees. Mr. Nosbusch is the current Chairman (2005 to present), President and Chief Executive Officer (2004 to present) of Rockwell Automation, Inc. (NYSE: ROK). Rockwell Automation, headquartered in Milwaukee, WI, is a leading global provider of industrial automation power, control and information solutions. Mr. Nosbusch is also a director of Rockwell Automation. He previously served as President, Control Systems, a business unit of Rockwell Automation, and as Senior Vice President of Rockwell Automation (1998 to 2004).

As the current Chairman, President and CEO of Rockwell Automation, Mr. Nosbusch brings valuable experience to the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Nosbusch rose through management at Rockwell

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Automation, having served in various positions including president of its control systems business unit. His current position as Chairman and CEO of Rockwell Automation gives him constant exposure to the issues facing leadership of a publicly-traded manufacturing company, including managing, monitoring and assessing enterprise risk and corporate governance. Mr. Nosbusch draws on his background and his real-time experience in advising the Company as a member of its Board of Directors.

Glen E. Tellock, 54, is Chairman of the Board and President and Chief Executive Officer of The Manitowoc Company, Inc. (2007 to present). He has been a director of the Company since 2007. He previously served as Senior Vice President (1999-2007), President of the Manitowoc Crane Group (2002-2007), and Chief Financial Officer (1999-2002) of the Company. Mr. Tellock also serves as an emeritus board member of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Business Dean's Advisory Board, board member and former Chairman of the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM), and a board member of Astec Industries, Inc. (NASDAQ: ASTE); he also serves on Astec Industries' Audit Committee.

Mr. Tellock's day-to-day leadership of The Manitowoc Company provides an invaluable contribution to the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Tellock joined the Company in 1991 as Director of Accounting, was promoted to Controller, then to Vice President of Finance and Treasurer and soon thereafter became the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Mr. Tellock's advancement in the Company continued as he was named President of the Company's crane segment in 2002. He served in that role until he was named the Chief Executive Officer in 2007. Mr. Tellock's over 20-year history with the Company in accounting, financial and operational roles, coupled with his service as a board member of another publicly-traded company as well as his service and leadership with manufacturing/industry associations, qualify Mr. Tellock for his role as Chairman of the Board.

PROPOSAL 2 RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS THE COMPANY'S REGISTERED INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

The Audit Committee and the Board of Directors have appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, and ask that the shareholders ratify that appointment. A representative of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting to respond to appropriate questions and to make a statement if he or she desires to do so. Although ratification is not required by the Company's By-laws or otherwise, the Board of Directors is submitting the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 to its shareholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice and because the Board values the input of its shareholders on this matter. As previously pointed out, a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the holders of shares entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting is required for ratification of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, provided that a majority of the outstanding shares of the Company's Common Stock are voted on the proposal.

If the shareholders fail to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Audit Committee will consider it as a direction by shareholders to consider the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm. Nevertheless, the Audit Committee will still have the discretion to determine whom to appoint as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. Even if the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is ratified, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may select a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.

Table of Contents**PROPOSAL 3 ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF THE COMPANY'S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

As explained in detail in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and Compensation Committee Report sections of this Proxy Statement, through our executive compensation program we seek to align the interests of our executives with the interests of our shareholders and Company performance, as well as to motivate our executives to maximize long-term total returns to our shareholders. In accordance with rules adopted by the SEC, we are seeking an advisory vote from our shareholders to approve the compensation of our named executive officers; the Company currently holds these votes annually. We believe the 2014 actual compensation paid to the named executive officers is commensurate with the Company's 2014 performance and is aligned with the interests of our shareholders. Accordingly, we ask your indication of support **FOR** approval of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as described in this Proxy Statement by voting in favor of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and narrative discussion, is hereby **APPROVED**.

Although the outcome of this advisory vote is not binding on the Company, the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors will review and consider the outcome of the vote when making future compensation decisions pertaining to the Company's named executive officers.

In seeking your support to approve the compensation of the named executive officers, we highlight the following information (which is also included in the Executive Summary of the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement).

Financial Performance was Below Targeted Goals***Total Shareholder Return was -5.2% and Relative Total Shareholder Return was 21.9%***

The Company's financial and operational results in 2014 were disappointing. Consistent with our emphasis on performance-based pay, the majority of our named executive officers' target annual pay opportunity is based on financial results (relative to specific goals) and share price appreciation. Commensurate with the Company's 2014 performance results, the annual incentive awards for the performance period ended December 31, 2014 were zero for Corporate and Cranes segment participants, and well below targeted levels for the Foodservice segment. Total shareholder return (TSR) for 2014 was -5.2% and relative total shareholder return was at the 21.9th percentile of the peer group used for peer group TSR comparisons (using the 20-day trading average price at the end of 2013 and 2014).

Key Business Results

Sales decreased by 4% to \$3.9 billion from \$4.0 billion in 2013

Net Earnings attributable to the Company increased by 2% to \$144.5 million from \$141.8 million in 2013

EPS was flat compared to prior year, with full year diluted EPS of \$1.05

Operating Cash Flow decreased by 70% to \$98.3 million from \$323.1 million in 2013

EV_A in 2014 decreased by \$42.7 million

Aggregate debt outstanding as of December 31, 2014 increased by \$1.6 million compared to December 31, 2013

Impact on Pay Decisions

Short-Term Incentive Plan awards for Corporate and the Cranes segment were zero, and payouts for the Foodservice segment were earned at 11.4% of target, reflecting performance that was significantly below targeted financial performance

The performance share award granted in 2012 for the 2012 through 2014 performance period was earned at 81.4% of the target award, based on relative TSR (50% weighting) for that period at the 65.7th percentile and total leverage (50% weighting) for the period (which was above the maximum permitted leverage for the period).

No base salary increases for the named executive officers in 2014

Table of Contents***Our Executive Pay Program Strongly Aligns Pay-For-Performance and Applies Governance Best Practices***

Our executive compensation program reflects a strong pay-for-performance design and incorporates many governance best practices. Over the past several years, our executive compensation program design and practices have evolved to better support our changing business and talent needs, as well as to reflect market practices and trends. In particular, as summarized below, we have improved the linkage of the pay program to key metrics of our business strategy and shareholder value creation. The Company's approach is to apply a comprehensive perspective in selecting performance measures and setting goals for both the annual and long-term incentive plans. As a result of the foregoing considerations, the performance metrics used in our annual incentive plan and the financial measures in our performance share grants have continued to adapt along with our business strategy from year-to-year to best reflect the direct accountabilities assigned to the management team for a particular year (short-term incentives) and for several years (long-term incentives).

2014 Incentive Plan Design

The incentive plans, collectively, cover a range of key financial measures—operating earnings, cash generated from operations, and sales growth (in the annual incentive plan), and EVA Improvement and relative TSR (in the long-term incentive plan). The performance measures used in the 2014 annual incentive plan (Short-Term Incentive Plan (STIP)) and 2014 long-term incentive grants are as follows:

2014 STIP

Operating Earnings (weighted 40%), which motivates growth in earnings generated from operations

Cash from Operations (weighted 40%), which motivates maximizing net cash provided by operating activities and debt repayment

Sales (weighted 20%), which motivates top-line growth

2014 Long-Term Incentive Grants

For performance shares (60% of the targeted value of the LTI grant) there were two equally weighted measures:

EVA[®] Improvement, which motivates three-year growth in cash earnings in excess of the cost of capital (in 2013 and prior years, this measure was in the STIP)

Relative Total Shareholder Return (TSR), similar design as prior years), which aligns payouts to our relative TSR performance

Stock options (weighted 40% of the targeted value of the LTI grant). The stock options vest in equal annual installments over four years

Incentive Plan Design Changes for 2015

We continually monitor our executive compensation program and consider modifications that will allow us to drive achievement of our business strategy, meet our talent needs, and maintain market competitive plans to maximize long-term stockholder value. In this regard, we made changes to the annual incentives and long-term incentives for the 2015 incentive award opportunities. These changes were designed to better align with our 2015 one-year objectives (annual incentives) and take into account the Company's announced intention to separate its Cranes and Foodservice businesses into two independent, publicly-traded companies by the end of the first quarter of 2016. For the annual incentive, we moved from operating earnings (weighted 40%), cash from operations (weighted 40%), and sales (weighted 20%), as the performance measures in 2014, to operating earnings (weighted 35%), free cash flow (weighted 35%) and return on invested capital (weighted 30%) in 2015. For the long-term incentives, in view of the intended separation of the businesses, the Compensation Committee determined that it would not serve the interests of the Company to grant to executive officers performance shares in 2015, which would have a multi-year performance period. Instead, given the difficulty of goal setting as a

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result of the announced intention to separate into two independent, publicly-traded companies by the end of the first quarter of 2016, as well as the additional retentive value of stock options and restricted stock, in 2015 the executive officers received a grant of restricted stock units (weighted 50%) and stock options (weighted 50%). Collectively, we believe these measures continue to capture our key financial drivers of success, and incorporate more fundamental financial measures with target goals.

2015 Short Term/Annual Incentive

Operating Earnings (weighted 35%), which motivates growth in earnings generated from operations

Free Cash Flow (weighted 35%), which measures liquidity by taking operating cash flow minus capital expenditures

Return on Invested Capital (weighted 30%), which encourages effective management of both income (through the numerator, operating profit) and the balance sheet (through the denominator, invested capital)

2015 Long-Term Incentive

Restricted Stock Units (weighted 50%) with dividend equivalent units, which vest 100% on the third anniversary of the grant date

Stock options (weighted 50%)

Governance Best Practices

Our executive compensation program reflects a strong pay-for-performance design and incorporates many governance best practices, as listed below:

Use multiple performance measures in the annual incentive and long-term incentive awards, without duplicating specific measures

Limit annual incentive and performance share payouts⁽¹⁾ to 200% of target, which are only earned if actual performance results significantly outperform the targeted goals

Annual incentive payouts having varied commensurate with our performance (from 2010 to 2014 the average Corporate payout was 84% of target; the 2014 award did not pay out based on Corporate performance), reflective of the Company's performance versus goals during the respective annual periods

For grants in 2012, 2013 and 2014, we used relative TSR as a metric in the long-term incentive plan (performance share grants except in 2015)⁽¹⁾

For grants in 2012, 2013 and 2014, discontinued granting time-based restricted stock (or restricted share units) to officers⁽¹⁾

Provide long-term incentives to officers solely through equity based awards that are at risk (except for the 2015 long-term incentive award⁽¹⁾, since they are only earned if specific performance goals are achieved or if the stock price appreciates

No change in control (CIC) excise tax gross-ups or single-trigger cash severance provisions; eliminated all excise tax gross-ups and single-trigger cash severance provisions and committed to no new or amended executive officer CIC agreements with excise tax gross-ups or single-trigger cash severance provisions

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Maintain strict stock holding requirements for executive officers, which require that if an officer is not in compliance, the officer must retain all net shares from the exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted stock units or performance shares until the officer is in compliance

Review CEO pay-for-performance analyses and officer pay tally sheets annually, which analyze the alignment of pay to TSR performance and detail recent annual compensation, outstanding long-term incentives, retirement benefits and potential CIC severance payments

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Contact major shareholders on a regular basis regarding our pay practices, which, in 2014, did not reveal any material concerns with any executive compensation practices

Provide a limited amount of perquisites to officers

No officers or non-employee directors pledge or hedge their holdings of Company stock

The Compensation Committee engages an independent compensation consultant, Towers Watson, to assist with the review of the Company's executive compensation program.

- (1) As noted above, in January 2015, the Company announced its intention to separate its Cranes and Foodservice businesses into two independent, publicly-traded companies by the end of the first quarter of 2016. In view of the intended separation of the businesses, the Compensation Committee determined that it would not serve the interests of the Company to grant to executive officers performance shares in 2015 (in addition to stock options), which would have a multi-year performance period. Instead, given the difficulty of goal setting as a result of the announced intention to separate into two independent, publicly-traded companies by the end of the first quarter of 2016, as well as the additional retentive value of stock options and restricted stock, in 2015 the executive officers received a grant of restricted stock units (weighted 50%) and stock options (weighted 50%).

2014 Say-on-Pay Advisory Vote

In 2014, our say-on-pay advisory vote received support from over 97% of shares voted. We believe that this result demonstrates our shareholders' strong endorsement of the executive compensation program design, decisions and policies. Our shareholder vote was one of many factors considered by the Compensation Committee in reviewing the Company's executive compensation program. We continue to maintain an ongoing dialogue with our shareholders to help ensure our executive compensation program is aligned with the interests of our shareholders.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR approval of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the Executive Compensation sections of this Proxy Statement.

2. GOVERNANCE OF THE BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES

Governance of the Company

Composition. Currently the Board is comprised of nine directors. Under the Company's By-laws, the number of directors may not be less than seven or more than twelve. The Board of Directors has determined that none of the current eight non-employee directors has a material relationship with the Company and that each non-employee director (Roy V. Armes, Robert G. Bohn, Joan K. Chow, Donald M. Condon, Cynthia M. Egnotovich, Kenneth W. Krueger, Keith D. Nosbusch, James L. Packard) is independent as defined in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines (which may be viewed on the Company's website at www.manitowoc.com), under applicable law, and the New York Stock Exchange listing standards. In determining whether a director has a material relationship with the Company, the Board has adopted nine criteria. Those criteria may be viewed on the Company's website at www.manitowoc.com. Any director who meets all of the nine criteria will be presumed by the Board to have no material relationship with the Company. All eight current non-employee directors meet all nine of the criteria.

Guidelines. The Company has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines in order to set forth internal Board policies and procedures. A copy of the current Corporate Governance Guidelines may be viewed on the Company's website at www.manitowoc.com.

As set forth in the Corporate Governance Guidelines, all directors are strongly encouraged to attend all annual shareholder meetings of the Company. All of the directors, except Mr. Bohn, attended the annual meeting in 2014.

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Ethics. The Company has a Code of Business Conduct that includes a Global Ethics Policy that pertains to all employees. The Company has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the Company’s principal executive officer, principal financial officer, and controller, which is part of the Company’s Code of Business Conduct and Global Ethics Policy. A copy of these policies can be viewed at the Company’s website at www.manitowoc.com.

Meetings. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, the Board of Directors met seven times. All members of the Board attended at least 75 percent of the meetings held by the Board and the committees on which they served. As required by the Company’s Corporate Governance Guidelines, the Board met in executive session at each regular Board meeting during 2014.

Board Leadership Structure. The Board has determined that the interests of the Company and the Board of Directors are best served by having the same individual serve as both the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Among the many factors considered by the Board in reaching this conclusion are (a) a track record of effective Board and Company leadership while the Chairman and CEO roles have been combined; (b) all Board members other than the CEO are independent; (c) all Committees of the Board consist only of independent directors; (d) the Board has established clear Corporate Governance Guidelines and Committee Charters that appropriately guide and govern the Chairman; (e) a history of successful governance of the Company and the absence of any problematic governance issues while the Chairman and CEO roles have been combined; and (f) the designation of an independent director who presides at all independent director sessions of the Board.

The Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that if the Chairman of the Board is not an independent director, the chairperson of the Corporate Governance Committee, currently Roy V. Armes, will serve as the lead director. If for any reason the chairperson of the Corporate Governance Committee is unable to perform the lead director role on a temporary basis, he/she will designate the chairperson of either the Compensation Committee or the Audit Committee to assume the role of lead director on an interim basis. The lead director has the following duties and responsibilities: (a) preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors at which the Chairman of the Board is not present, including independent director sessions; (b) call independent director sessions; (c) serve as a liaison between the Chairman of the Board and the independent directors; (d) review and approve the agendas for Board meetings, including the schedule of meetings; (e) meet with the Chairman of the Board and CEO after each Board meeting to provide feedback to the Chairman of the Board and CEO regarding the Board meeting and any other matters deemed appropriate by the independent directors; and (f) such other duties and responsibilities as the Board of Directors may request from time to time.

Committees. The Company has standing Corporate Governance, Audit, and Compensation Committees of the Board of Directors, comprised of only independent directors as follows:

Corporate Governance Committee

Roy V. Armes, Chair
Joan K. Chow
Keith D. Nosbusch
James L. Packard

Audit Committee

Kenneth W. Krueger, Chair
Robert G. Bohn
Donald M. Condon, Jr.
Cynthia M. Egnotovich
Keith D. Nosbusch

Compensation Committee

Cynthia M. Egnotovich, Chair
Robert G. Bohn
Joan K. Chow
Donald M. Condon, Jr.
James L. Packard

Risk Oversight

The Board of Directors is responsible for the oversight of risk across the entire Company. This responsibility is administered more directly through the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. As set forth in the Audit Committee Charter, one purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its role in the oversight of the risk across the organization and the management and/or mitigation of those risks. On a regular basis in its committee meetings, the Audit Committee specifically reviews the risk

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factors identified by management that could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, or results of operations of the Company. Additionally, the Audit Committee works to identify the Company's material risks and risk factors through regular meetings and discussions with senior management, the director of internal audit and the Company's independent auditors. Management reviews with the Audit Committee the potential risks and mitigating strategies related to each of the Company's key business areas (*i.e.*, market, financial, operational, reputation, competition, legal and regulatory, environmental, health and safety, product liability, public reporting, information systems, employment and labor, and strategic planning). As specific issues arise and are identified, the Audit Committee reviews with management those issues and the controls that have been put in place, as well as the actions taken to address and mitigate those risks. The management of the risks takes place through the following offices based on responsibility: Chief Financial Officer (market, financial, accounting, information systems, public reporting, reputation, regulatory, and strategic planning risks); General Counsel (legal, regulatory, product liability, and insurance risks); Senior Vice President of Human Resources (employment, labor, regulatory, environmental, health, welfare and safety risks); and the segment Presidents (market, operational, and competition risks).

Transactions with Related Persons

The Company's policies and procedures regarding the review, approval, and ratification of related party transactions are circumscribed in the director independence criteria adopted by the Board and may be viewed on the Company's website at www.manitowoc.com, and in the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Code of Ethics, which also may be viewed on the Company's website at www.manitowoc.com. The Company's Code of Ethics specifically requires that (a) without the prior approval of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer or General Counsel of the Company, no officer or employee will enter into any transaction for or on behalf of the Company with any other person or entity in which the employee or officer has a direct or indirect interest; (b) directors and officers of the Company are required to report annually, on a director and officer questionnaire circulated by the Company, any material interest that such director or officer has in any business enterprise with which the Company conducts business; and (c) any transactions or agreements relating to transactions between the Company and any such business enterprise must be approved by those members of the Company's Board of Directors who have no interest in the business enterprise, which approval may be a continuing approval. There were no reportable transactions with related parties during 2014.

Corporate Governance Committee

The Corporate Governance Committee is also the Company's nominating committee. The purpose of the Corporate Governance Committee is to assist the Board in its corporate governance responsibilities, including to identify individuals qualified to become Board members, to recommend to the Board for the Board's selection director nominees, and to recommend to the Board the corporate governance principles and guidelines. The Corporate Governance Committee conducts an annual assessment of its own performance and it manages the annual evaluation of the Board. The Corporate Governance Committee has a charter that may be viewed on the Company's website at www.manitowoc.com.

All members of the Corporate Governance Committee are independent as defined in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines (which may be viewed at the Company's website at www.manitowoc.com), applicable law, and the corporate governance listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange.

There were five meetings of the Corporate Governance Committee during the Company's fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. For further information see the Corporate Governance Committee Report below.

Audit Committee

The purpose of the Audit Committee, is to (A) assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight of (1) the integrity of the Company's financial statements, (2) the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory

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requirements, (3) the independent auditor's qualifications and independence, (4) the performance of the Company's internal audit function and independent auditors, (5) the risk across the organization and the management and/or mitigation of those risks, (6) the Company's compliance with ethical standards established by law, rule, regulation, and Company policy, and (7) the Company's disclosure processes and procedures; and (B) prepare the report that SEC rules require be included in the Company's annual Proxy Statement. The Audit Committee conducts an annual assessment of its own performance. The Audit Committee has a charter, which may be viewed on the Company's website at www.manitowoc.com.

All the members of the Audit Committee are independent, as defined in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines (which may be viewed on the Company's website at www.manitowoc.com), applicable law, and the corporate governance listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange relating to audit committees. The Board has determined that all members of the Audit Committee are financially literate and has designated Messrs. Krueger, Bohn, Condon, and Nosbusch and Ms. Egnotovitch as audit committee financial experts, as defined in the Company's Audit Committee Charter and in the SEC regulations.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, the Audit Committee met seven times. For further information see the Audit Committee Report below.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee provides assistance to the Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibility to achieve the Company's purpose of maximizing the long-term total return to shareholders by ensuring that officers, directors, and employees are compensated in accordance with the Company's philosophy, objectives, and policies. The Compensation Committee reviews and approves compensation and benefits policies, strategies, and pay levels necessary to support corporate objectives and provides an annual report on executive compensation for inclusion in the Company's Proxy Statement, in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. The Compensation Committee conducts an annual evaluation of its own performance. A copy of the Compensation Committee Charter can be viewed on the Company's website at www.manitowoc.com.

All the members of the Compensation Committee are independent as defined in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines, the Compensation Committee Charter (both of which may be found on the Company's website at www.manitowoc.com), applicable law, and the corporate governance listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange relative to compensation committees. The Compensation Committee is primarily responsible for administering the Company's executive compensation program. As such, the Compensation Committee reviews and approves all elements of the executive compensation program that cover the named executive officers. Management is responsible for making recommendations to the Compensation Committee (except with respect to compensation paid to the CEO) and effectively implementing the executive compensation program, as established by the Compensation Committee. To assist the Compensation Committee with its responsibilities regarding the executive compensation program, the Committee previously retained Pay Governance LLC as its independent compensation consultant. During 2014, the Compensation Committee retained, and currently retains, Towers Watson as its independent compensation consultant. The Compensation Committee considered the factors set forth in the Compensation Committee Charter and in applicable SEC and New York Stock Exchange rules regarding independence, and does not believe that its retention of Pay Governance LLC or Towers Watson has given rise to any conflict of interest.

The Compensation Committee's responsibilities include the following:

Acting on behalf of the Board of Directors in setting compensation policy, administering compensation plans, and making decisions with respect to the compensation of key Company executives, including the review and approval of merit/other compensation budgets and payouts under incentive plans

Reviewing and recommending to the full Board for approval, annual base salary levels, short-term and long-term incentive opportunity levels, executive perquisites, employment agreements (if and when appropriate), benefits, and supplemental benefits of the CEO and other key executives of the Company

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Annually appraising the performance of the chief executive officer and providing developmental feedback to the CEO and, when appropriate, to other key executives of the organization

Annually evaluating CEO and other key executives' compensation levels and payouts against (1) pre-established, measurable performance goals and objectives; and (2) an appropriate comparison group

Reviewing and recommending pay levels for non-employee directors for vote by the full Board

There were five meetings of the Compensation Committee during the fiscal year that ended December 31, 2014. For further information see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the Compensation Committee Report below.

Agreement with Shareholders

On February 6, 2015, the Company entered into a Settlement Agreement (the "Agreement") with Carl C. Icahn, Icahn Partners Master Fund LP, Icahn Offshore LP, Icahn Partners LP, Icahn Onshore LP, Beckton Corp., Hopper Investments LLC, Barberry Corp., High River Limited Partnership, Icahn Capital LP, IPH GP LLC, Icahn Enterprises Holdings L.P. and Icahn Enterprises G.P. Inc. (collectively, the "Icahn Shareholders"). The Icahn Shareholders have disclosed beneficial ownership exceeding 5% of our common stock. See OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES - Stock Ownership of Beneficial Owners of More than Five Percent.

The Agreement provides the Icahn Shareholders with the option, on or after March 1, 2015 and on or before April 15, 2015, to cause the Company to appoint one designee of the Icahn Shareholders to the Board of Directors. As of March 17, 2015, the Icahn Shareholders have not exercised this option. Additionally, in connection with the Company's separation of its Crane and Foodservice businesses into two independent, publicly-traded companies (the "Separation") as previously announced, one designee of the Icahn Shareholders will be appointed to the board of directors of the entity that is spun off ("SpinCo") effective upon the Separation. The Icahn Shareholders' designees are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, which approval may not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. But, shareholders will not have an opportunity to vote upon the election of the Icahn Shareholders' Designee for the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. The Icahn Shareholders' designee for the Board of Directors will be entitled to serve until the 2016 annual meeting of the Company's shareholders (unless the entity ("FoodserviceCo") that owns and operates the Company's Foodservice business is the Company after the Separation, in which case the designee will be entitled to serve until the 2017 annual meeting of shareholders). An Icahn Shareholders' designee to the Board of Directors must promptly resign from that board if the Shareholders cease to own a net long position in the Company's voting securities of at least 6,776,149 or 5% of the Company's voting shares.

The Agreement also requires that, after the Separation, FoodserviceCo will satisfy certain corporate governance requirements. If the Company is FoodserviceCo after the Separation, then the Company will take the necessary actions to comply with these corporate governance requirements, including by seeking shareholder approvals.

The Icahn Shareholders have agreed to vote their shares of Company stock at the Annual Meeting in favor of the nominees of the Board of Directors for election to the Board of Directors, the ratification of the Company's auditors for the 2015 fiscal year, and the advisory vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

The Icahn Shareholders have agreed to certain standstill provisions with respect to the Company and SpinCo during their respective standstill periods. The Company standstill period runs from February 6, 2015 to the later of (x) the day that is 15 days prior to the last day of the advance notice deadline set forth in the Company's by-laws with respect to (A) the Company's 2016 annual meeting of shareholders, if after the Separation FoodserviceCo is SpinCo, or (B) the Company's 2017 annual meeting of shareholders, if after the Separation FoodserviceCo is the Company, and (y) 25 days after the date that no Icahn Shareholders' designee serves on the Board.

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The Agreement provides that the Company is granting a limited approval of the Icahn Shareholders purchasing up to 14.99% of the Company's voting shares for purposes of the Wisconsin business combination statute. If the Icahn Shareholders acquire 15% or more of the Company's voting shares without the approval of the Board of Directors, then the Icahn Shareholders will be prohibited, by contract rather than under the law, from engaging in business combination transactions with the Company for three years. Absent the limited approval, the statute's restrictions would be triggered by the acquisition of 10% or more of the Company's voting shares.

The Company filed the full text of the Agreement as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K that the Company filed on February 9, 2015.

3. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Corporate Governance Committee has adopted the following policies and procedures regarding consideration of candidates for the Board:

Consideration of Candidates for Board of Directors Submitted by Shareholders. The Corporate Governance Committee will only review recommendations for director nominees from any shareholder beneficially owning, or group of shareholders beneficially owning in the aggregate, at least 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Stock of the Company for at least one year as of the date that the recommendation was made (a Qualified Shareholder). Any Qualified Shareholder must submit its recommendation no later than the 120th calendar day before the date of the Company's Proxy Statement released to the shareholders in connection with the previous year's annual meeting for the recommendation to be considered by the Corporate Governance Committee. Any recommendation must be submitted in accordance with the policy in the Corporate Governance Guidelines captioned Shareholder/Interested Person Communications. In considering any timely-submitted recommendation from a Qualified Shareholder, the Corporate Governance Committee shall have sole discretion as to whether to nominate the individual recommended by the Qualified Shareholder, except that in no event shall a candidate recommended by a Qualified Shareholder who is not independent as defined in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines and who does not meet the minimum expectations for a director set forth in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines be recommended for nomination by the Corporate Governance Committee.

The Corporate Governance Committee did not receive, prior to the deadline noted in the foregoing policy, any recommendations for director nominees from any Qualified Shareholder (as defined in the foregoing policy) except pursuant to the previously disclosed settlement agreement between the Company and Carl C. Icahn and his affiliated entities. Subject to the terms of the settlement agreement, Mr. Icahn and his affiliated entities will collectively be permitted to designate one person to the Company's Board of Directors for a term of no less than through the 2016 Annual Meeting of shareholders.

Consideration of Candidates for Board who are Incumbent Directors. Prior to the expiration of the term of a director desiring to stand for re-election, the Corporate Governance Committee will evaluate the performance and suitability of the particular director. The evaluation may include the opportunity for other sitting directors to provide input to the Corporate Governance Committee or its chairperson and may include an interview of the director being evaluated. If the director being evaluated is the chairperson of the Corporate Governance Committee, another Corporate Governance Committee member will be appointed by the Corporate Governance Committee to lead the evaluation. The Corporate Governance Committee will make a recommendation to the Board for the Board's final decision on each director seeking re-election.

Consideration of Candidates for Board who are Non-incumbent Directors. In the event of a vacancy in the Board of Directors, the Corporate Governance Committee will manage the process of searching for a suitable director. The Corporate Governance Committee will be free to use its judgment in structuring and carrying out the search process based on the Corporate Governance Committee's and the Board's perception as to what

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qualifications would best suit the Board's needs for each particular vacancy. The process may include the consideration of candidates recommended by officers, Board members, shareholders, and/or a third party professional search firm retained by the Corporate Governance Committee. The Corporate Governance Committee has sole authority to retain (including to determine the fees and other retention terms) and terminate any third party to be used to identify director candidates and/or evaluate any director candidates. Any candidate should meet the expectations for directors set forth in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines. Strong preference should be given to candidates who are independent, as that term is defined in the Corporate Governance Guidelines and the New York Stock Exchange rules, and to candidates who are sitting or former executives of companies whose securities are listed on a national securities exchange and registered pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Corporate Governance Committee is not required to consider candidates recommended by a shareholder except in accordance with the policy captioned, "Consideration of Candidates for the Board of Directors Submitted by Shareholders" set forth in the Corporate Governance Committee Charter. If the Corporate Governance Committee determines to consider a candidate recommended by a shareholder, the Committee will be free to use its discretion and judgment as to what deference will be given in considering any such candidate.

During 2014 the Corporate Governance Committee conducted a search for additional director candidates. As a result of this search, the Corporate Governance Committee recommended Mr. Dino Bianco as a nominee to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors approved the recommendation and has nominated Mr. Dean Bianco as a director candidate for shareholder approval at the 2015 Annual Meeting. *See* Proposal 1 Election of Directors for more information about Mr. Bianco.

Director Qualifications and Diversity. The Board of Directors appreciates the value that can come from a diverse representation on the Board of Directors. In identifying candidates for the Board of Directors, the Corporate Governance Committee considers foremost the qualifications and experience that the Committee believes would best suit the Board's needs created by each particular vacancy. As part of the process, the Corporate Governance Committee and the Board endeavor to have a Board comprised of individuals with diverse backgrounds, viewpoints, and life and professional experiences, provided such individuals should all have a high level of management and/or financial experience. In this process, the Board of Directors and the Corporate Governance Committee do not discriminate against any candidate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Shareholder/Interested Party Communications. As set forth in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines, which may be viewed on the Company's website at www.manitowoc.com, any shareholder or interested party may communicate with the Board of Directors in accordance with the following process. If an interested party desires to communicate with the Board of Directors or any member of the Board of Directors, the interested party may send such communication in writing to the Company to the attention of the Director of Investor Relations and/or the General Counsel. Such communication must include the following information in order to be considered for forwarding to the Board of Directors or the applicable director:

1. The name, address, and phone number of the interested party;
2. The basis of the party's interest in the Company; for example, if the interested party is a shareholder, a statement to that effect with the number of shares owned by the shareholder and the length of time that such shares have been beneficially owned;
3. The identity of the director or directors for whom such communication is intended;
4. The address where any reply or questions may be sent by the Company, the Board or any Board member;
5. Whether such interested party requests that the Company let the interested party know whether or not such communication has been forwarded to the Board or the particular Board member; and
6. Such other information that the Company may subsequently request in order to verify the foregoing information or to clarify the communication.

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Any communication that the Company's Director of Investor Relations or General Counsel determines, in his or her discretion, to be or to contain any language that is offensive or to be dangerous, harmful, illegal, illegible, not understandable, or nonsensical, may, at the option of such person, not be forwarded to the Board or any particular director. Any communication from an interested party shall not be entitled to confidential treatment and may be disclosed by the Company or by any Board member as the Company or the Board member sees fit. Neither the Company nor the Board nor any Board member shall be obligated to send any reply or response to the interested party, except to indicate to the interested party (but only if the interested party specifically requested such an indication) whether or not the interested party's communication was forwarded to the Board or the applicable Board member.

Corporate Governance Committee

Roy V. Armes, Chair

Joan K. Chow

Keith D. Nosbusch

James L. Packard

4. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

In connection with its function to oversee and monitor the financial reporting process of the Company, the Audit Committee has done the following:

reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 with the Company's management;

discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, those matters required to be discussed by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Auditing Standard No. 16 (Communication with Audit Committees), and SEC Regulation S-X, Rule 2-07 (Communication with Audit Committee); and

received the written disclosure and the letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP required by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, considered whether the provisions of non-audit services by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP are compatible with maintaining PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's independence, and discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP its independence.

Based on the foregoing, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Fees Billed to the Company by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP during**Fiscal 2014 and 2013**

Fees billed or expected to be billed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for each of the last two years are listed in the following table:

Year Ended	Audit Fees	Audit Related Fees	Tax Fees	All Other Fees
December 31,				
2014	\$3,023,143	\$116,486	\$212,022	\$1,800
2013	\$2,614,168	\$102,388	\$159,986	\$1,800

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Audit fees include fees for services performed to comply with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), including the recurring audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements. This category also includes fees for audits provided in connection with statutory filings or

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services that generally only the principal auditor reasonably can provide to a client, such as procedures related to consents and assistance with a review of documents filed with the SEC.

Audit related fees include fees associated with assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements.

Tax fees primarily include fees associated with tax compliance, tax consulting, as well as domestic and international tax planning.

All other fees primarily include fees associated with an accounting research tool.

The Company's policy and procedures for pre-approval of non-audit services to be performed by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm are set forth in Section III of the Audit Committee Charter. A copy of the Audit Committee Charter may be viewed on the Company's website at www.manitowoc.com. All services performed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP that are encompassed in the audit related fees, tax fees, and all other fees were approved by the Audit Committee in advance in accordance with the pre-approval policy and process set forth in the Audit Committee Charter.

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

In accordance with the recommendation of the Audit Committee, and at the direction of the Board of Directors, the Company has retained PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as its independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. As set forth in this Proxy Statement, the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is being submitted to the shareholders for ratification at the upcoming Annual Meeting. A representative of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting to respond to appropriate questions and to make a statement if he or she desires to do so.

Audit Committee

Kenneth W. Krueger, Chair

Robert G. Bohn

Donald M. Condon, Jr.

Cynthia M. Egnotovich

Keith D. Nosbusch

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The following table summarizes, as of December 31, 2014, the number of shares of the Company's Common Stock that may be issued under the Company's equity compensation plans and the number of shares available under such plans pursuant to which grants of options, warrants, and rights to acquire shares may be made from time-to-time.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants, and rights (A)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants, and rights (B)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (A))(C)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders ⁽¹⁾	0 ⁽²⁾	\$0 ⁽²⁾	0 ⁽²⁾
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders ⁽³⁾	714,327 ^{(3(a))(4)}	\$29.08 ^{(3(a))(4)}	7,285,673 ^{(3(a))(4)}
	5,850,245 ^{(3(b))(4)}	\$17.43 ^{(3(b))(4)}	0 ^{(3(a))}
	84,400 ^{(3(c))}	\$22.60 ^{(3(c))}	0 ^{(3(c))}
	0 ^{(3(d))(2)}	\$0 ^{(3(d))(2)}	0 ^{(3(d))(2)}
Total	7,834,992		7,285,673

- (1) Consists of the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan. For a description of the key provisions of the Deferred Compensation Plan, see the discussion contained in this Proxy Statement under section 8 Compensation Discussion and Analysis and Compensation Committee Report under the subsection captioned *Deferred Compensation* under Other Pay Elements and the discussion contained under section 7 Non-Employee Director Compensation.
- (2) Column (A) does not include 233,890 Common Stock units issued under the Deferred Compensation Plan as of December 31, 2014. Each Common Stock unit under the Deferred Compensation Plan represents the right to receive one share of Company Common Stock following the participant's death, disability, termination of service as a director or employee, a date specified by the participant, or the earlier of any such events to occur. Since the Common Stock units are acquired by participants through a deferral of fees or compensation, there is no exercise price associated with the Common Stock units. As a result, the weighted-average exercise price in column (B) is calculated solely on the basis of outstanding options issued under the 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan (the 2003 Stock Plan), the 2004 Non-Employee Director Stock and Awards Plan (the 2004 Stock Plan), and the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan and does not take into account the Common Stock units issued under the Deferred Compensation Plan. The operation of the Deferred Compensation Plan requires the plan trustees to make available as and when needed a sufficient number of shares of Company Common Stock to meet the needs of the plan. Accordingly, since there is no specific number of shares reserved for issuance under the Deferred Compensation Plan, column (C) includes only those shares remaining available for issuance under the 1999 Stock Plan, the 2003 Stock Plan, the 2004 Stock Plan and the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (3) Consists of the Company's: (a) 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan; (b) 2003 Stock Plan; and (c) 2004 Stock Plan. No new awards may be issued under the 2003 Stock Plan or the 2004 Stock Plan other than the actual issuance of shares based on performance share awards made in 2012 and 2013 for which the performance period is not yet completed. However, the two plans continue to govern awards outstanding as of the date they were terminated (May 7, 2013), and the outstanding awards under these plans will continue in force and effect until vested,

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exercised or forfeited pursuant to their terms. For a description of the key provisions of the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan, see the discussion contained in this Proxy Statement under section 8 Compensation Discussion and Analysis and Compensation Committee Report under the subsection captioned *Long-Term Incentives*.

- (4) Includes stock options, performance share awards issued at target and restricted stock units. Does not include restricted shares. The weighted-average price does not factor in performance share awards.

Table of Contents**6. OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES****Stock Ownership of Beneficial Owners of More than Five Percent**

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of each person or entity known by the Company to have beneficial ownership of more than 5% of the Company's outstanding Common Stock.

Name And Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount And Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
FMR LLC ⁽¹⁾ 245 Summer Street Boston, MA 02210 Carl C. Icahn ⁽²⁾	20,328,444 ⁽¹⁾	15.0%
c/o Icahn Capital LP 767 Fifth Avenue, 47th Floor New York, NY 10153 The Vanguard Group, Inc. ⁽³⁾	10,582,660 ⁽²⁾	7.8%
100 Vanguard Boulevard Malvern, PA 19355	8,155,637 ⁽³⁾	6.0%

(1) This information is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC by FMR LLC (FMR) on February 13, 2015. FMR reported that it may be deemed to have sole voting power with respect to 44,079 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 20,328,444 shares as of December 31, 2014.

(2) The information is based solely on a Schedule 13D/A filed with the SEC by Carl C. Icahn and his affiliated entities on January 16, 2015, as amended on February 9, 2015. According to the filing, as of January 16, 2015: (i) High River Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with respect to 2,116,531 shares; (ii) Hopper Investments LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with respect to 2,116,531 shares; (iii) Barberry Corp., a Delaware corporation, has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with respect to 2,116,531 shares; (iv) Icahn Partners Master Fund LP, a Delaware limited partnership, has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with respect to 3,438,929 shares; (v) Icahn Offshore LP, a Delaware limited partnership, has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with respect to 3,438,629 shares; (vi) Icahn Partners LP, a Delaware limited partnership, has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with respect to 5,027,500 shares; (vii) Icahn Onshore LP, a Delaware limited partnership, has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with respect to 5,027,500 shares; (viii) Icahn Capital LP, a Delaware limited partnership, has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with respect to 8,466,129 shares; (ix) IPH GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with respect to 8,466,129 shares; (x) Icahn Enterprises Holdings L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with respect to 8,466,129 shares; (xi) Icahn Enterprises G.P. Inc., a Delaware corporation, has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with respect to 8,466,129 shares; (xii) Beckton Corp., a Delaware corporation, has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with respect to 8,466,129 shares; and (xiii) Carl C. Icahn has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with respect to 10,582,660 shares. Mr. Icahn is in a position indirectly to determine the investment and voting decisions made by each of the affiliated entities.

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- (3) This information is based solely on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC by The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard) on February 11, 2015. Vanguard reported that it may be deemed to have sole voting power as to 92,088 shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 8,075,349 shares and shared dispositive power with respect to 80,288 shares as of December 31, 2014.

Table of Contents**Stock Ownership of Directors and Management**

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of Common Stock by each director and director nominee of the Company, by each executive officer of the Company named in the Summary Compensation Table below, and by the directors, nominees and executive officers of the Company as a group. Unless otherwise indicated, the information is provided as of February 27, 2015. Each of the persons listed below is the beneficial owner of less than 1% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, other than Mr. Tellock, and the executive officers and directors as a group own less than 4% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock. The table also reflects for each person the number of Common Stock units associated with compensation deferred under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan. None of the persons named below has pledged any of his/her shares as security.

Name	Number of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned ⁽¹⁾	Number of Deferred Common Stock Units Beneficially Owned ⁽²⁾
Roy V. Armes	33,636 ⁽³⁾	0
Dino J. Bianco	0	0
Robert G. Bohn	6,825 ⁽³⁾	0
Joan K. Chow	16,936 ⁽³⁾	0
Donald M. Condon	34,696 ⁽³⁾	10,864
Cynthia M. Egnotovich	50,986 ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	12,058
Eric P. Etchart	448,879 ⁽⁵⁾	0
Maurice D. Jones	457,757 ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	8,617
Kenneth W. Krueger	75,474 ⁽³⁾⁽⁸⁾	20,817
Carl J. Laurino	560,816 ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁹⁾	561
Thomas G. Musial	512,088 ⁽⁷⁾⁽¹⁰⁾	8,930
Keith D. Nosbusch	116,986 ⁽³⁾⁽¹¹⁾	31,766
James L. Packard	164,908 ⁽³⁾⁽¹²⁾	42,727
Glen E. Tellock	1,779,542 ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾⁽¹³⁾	10,192
Total of all above-named executive officers, directors and nominees	4,259,529	146,532
Total of all executive officers, directors and nominees as a group (18 persons)	4,393,281 ⁽¹⁴⁾	149,769 ⁽¹⁵⁾

- (1) Unless otherwise noted, the specified persons have sole voting power and sole dispositive power as to the indicated shares.
- (2) The Company has the sole right to vote all shares of Common Stock underlying the Common Stock units held in the Deferred Compensation Plan Trust. The independent trustee of the Trust has dispositive power as to such shares.
- (3) Includes 4,230 restricted stock units granted in February of 2014 and 5,046 restricted stock units granted in February of 2015.
- (4) Includes 2,000 shares that Ms. Egnotovich has the right to acquire pursuant to the 2004 Non-Employee Director Stock and Awards Plan within sixty days following the record date for the Annual Meeting.
- (5) Includes 320,546 shares that Mr. Etchart has the right to acquire pursuant to the 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan and the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan within sixty days following the record date for the Annual Meeting.
- (6)

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Includes 365,328 shares that Mr. Jones has the right to acquire pursuant to the 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan and the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan within sixty days following the record date for the Annual Meeting.

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- (7) For the following current executive officers, includes the indicated number of shares that were held in their respective 401(k) Retirement Plan accounts as of February 27, 2015, as to which they have sole voting power and shared investment power: Glen E. Tellock 17,270; Carl J. Laurino 29,650; Thomas G. Musial 20,967; and Maurice D. Jones 5,576.
- (8) Includes 15,600 shares that Mr. Krueger has the right to acquire pursuant to the 2004 Non-Employee Director Stock and Awards Plan within sixty days following the record date for the Annual Meeting.
- (9) Includes 429,848 shares that Mr. Laurino has the right to acquire pursuant to the 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan and the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan within sixty days following the record date for the Annual Meeting. Excludes 1,200 shares owned by Mr. Laurino's spouse.
- (10) Includes 352,940 shares that Mr. Musial has the right to acquire pursuant to the 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan and the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan within sixty days following the record date for the Annual Meeting.
- (11) Includes 6,800 shares that Mr. Nosbusch has the right to acquire pursuant to the 2004 Non-Employee Director Stock and Awards Plan within sixty days following the record date for the Annual Meeting.
- (12) Includes 15,600 shares that Mr. Packard has the right to acquire pursuant to the 2004 Non-Employee Director Stock and Awards Plan within sixty days following the record date for the Annual Meeting.
- (13) Includes 18,551 shares as to which voting and investment power is shared with Mr. Tellock's spouse. Also includes 1,223,357 shares that Mr. Tellock has the right to acquire pursuant to the 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan and the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan within sixty days following the record date for the Annual Meeting.
- (14) Includes 18,551 shares of Common Stock as to which voting and investment power are shared, and 4,086,578 shares, as of February 27, 2015, held by the 401(k) Retirement Plan (persons within the group hold sole voting power with respect to 75,081 of these shares, and shared investment power with respect to all of these shares by virtue of the Plan's administration by an investment committee of benefit management executive officers). In addition, includes 2,692,019 shares that those executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table have a right to acquire pursuant to the 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan and the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan within sixty days following the record date for the Annual Meeting.
- (15) Includes all shares of Common Stock held within the Deferred Compensation Plan Trust as of February 27, 2015. Certain officers have sole voting power under the Deferred Compensation Plan Trust with respect to 31,563 of these shares.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company's officers and directors and persons owning more than ten percent of the Company's Common Stock to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership of equity and derivative securities of the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange. To the Company's knowledge, based on information provided by the reporting persons, all applicable reporting requirements for fiscal year 2014 were complied with in a timely manner except for an award of 3,170 stock options granted on March 3, 2014 to Ms. Therese Houlahan. The Form 4 for this award was not filed until May 21, 2014.

7. NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The annual compensation package for non-employee directors is designed to attract and retain highly experienced and qualified individuals to serve on the Company's Board of Directors.

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The 2014 compensation package consisted of cash (Board and committee annual retainers and meeting fees) and equity (restricted stock units) awards. Directors are also entitled to reimbursement of their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with their travel to and from and attendance at Board and committee meetings and other Company events. An individual director's actual annual compensation will vary based on committee memberships, committee chair responsibilities, and the number of Board and committee meetings attended. The compensation package is intended to be competitive relative to general industrial companies of comparable size to the Company. The Compensation Committee typically reviews the market competitiveness of the non-employee director compensation program every two years. The Compensation Committee conducted a review in 2014. In reviewing the market analysis as the independent compensation consultant and considering the Company's objectives for the compensation program, the Compensation Committee increased the retainers for the Compensation and Governance Committee chairs and, effective for 2015, the amount of the annual equity award. Given the change to Towers Watson in 2014, the program was reviewed in February 2015. The February 2015 review resulted in no changes to the compensation program for non-employee directors.

The majority of the target annual compensation package is delivered in the form of equity, which is designed to promote a strong alignment of interests between the Company's non-employee directors and its shareholders. In 2014, the equity grant was set based on the guideline value and the Company's approximate recent average stock price ending at the February 2014 meeting. The actual grant price and accounting expense was determined at the date of grant (February 14, 2014). For 2014, the guideline value of the restricted stock unit grant was \$110,000.

Stock awards in 2014 were granted out of the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors may, in its discretion, grant awards from time-to-time in such amounts as it determines and to such non-employee directors as it selects.

The restricted stock units vest on the second anniversary of the grant date. The restrictions provide that, unless the Compensation Committee in its discretion determines otherwise, (i) the restricted stock units will be immediately forfeited if the director ceases to be a member of the Board prior to the vesting date for any reason other than the director's retirement (due to reaching the mandatory retirement age established by the Board), death, or disability; and (ii) the restricted stock units are subject to various transfer restrictions prior to the vesting date.

The following table summarizes the 2014 compensation elements provided to the Company's non-employee directors:

Element	Amount
Annual Board Member Cash Retainer	\$60,000
Board Per-Meeting Fee	\$1,500
Committee Per-Meeting Fee	\$1,500
Audit Committee Chairperson Annual Retainer	\$15,000
Compensation Committee Chairperson Annual Retainer	\$12,000
Governance Committee Chairperson Annual Retainer	\$12,000
Annual Restricted Stock Units Grant ⁽¹⁾	4,230 shares ⁽¹⁾

(1) The award, with a guideline value of \$110,000, was granted on February 14, 2014 to all non-employee directors.

The Board has implemented stock ownership guidelines for non-employee directors, which require each non-employee director to acquire an amount of the Company's Common Stock with a value equal to five times such director's total annual Board member cash retainer (does not include meeting fees or the annual committee chairperson retainers). The guideline requires the stock ownership amount to be met by the end of the fifth full

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calendar year after the director is first elected to the Board. Directors are required to retain net shares upon vesting of equity awards until achieving the stock ownership guideline. As of December 31, 2014 each of the non-employee directors was in compliance, or projected to be in compliance, with his/her respective ownership guideline.

In addition, under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan, each non-employee director may elect to defer all or any part of the director's annual retainer and meeting fees, as well as restricted stock unit awards, for future payment upon death, disability, termination of service as a director, a date specified by the participant, or the earlier of any such date to occur. A director may use the Deferred Compensation Plan as a means of achieving the director's stock ownership guideline by electing to defer a portion of his/her compensation under the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan and investing in stock units (value equivalent to the Company's stock price).

Non-Employee Directors Compensation

The following table sets forth the total compensation earned by non-employee directors during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards ⁽²⁾	Option Awards ⁽³⁾	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings	All Other Compensation ⁽⁴⁾	Total
Roy V. Armes	\$ 91,500 ⁽¹⁾	\$122,966	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 214,466
Robert G. Bohn	\$ 57,000	\$53,726	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 110,726
Joan K. Chow	\$ 88,500	\$122,966	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 211,466
Donald M. Condon	\$ 87,000	\$122,966	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 209,966
Cynthia M. Egnotovich	\$ 93,000 ⁽¹⁾	\$122,966	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 215,966
Kenneth W. Krueger	\$ 96,000 ⁽¹⁾	\$122,966	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 218,966
Keith D. Nosbusch	\$ 87,000	\$122,966	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 209,966
James L. Packard	\$ 88,500	\$122,966	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 211,466
Robert W. Stift ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 39,000	\$122,966	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 161,966

(1) Includes committee chairperson annual retainer in the following amounts: Audit \$15,000; Compensation \$12,000; and Corporate Governance \$12,000. Mr. Armes served as chair of the Corporate Governance Committee; Ms. Egnotovich served as chair of the Compensation Committee; and Mr. Krueger served as chair of the Audit Committee.

(2) Reflects the grant date fair value of restricted stock units awarded in 2014 as computed under the Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 718. The grant date fair value was higher than the guideline value of the restricted stock units due to the stock price at grant being higher than the 20-day average closing price ending on the date of the February 2014 Compensation Committee meeting used to determine the grants. Mr. Bohn did not become a director until May 2014 and thus had a lower stock award for 2014. The restricted stock units vest on the second anniversary of the grant date. At year end (a) each non-employee director, other than Ms. Chow and Mr. Bohn, had 11,710 shares of restricted stock outstanding; (b) Ms. Chow had 7,660 shares and Mr. Bohn had no shares of restricted stock outstanding; (c) all directors but Mr. Bohn had 4,230 restricted stock units outstanding; and (d) Mr. Bohn had 1,779 restricted stock units outstanding.

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- (3) No stock options were awarded to directors in 2014. At year end, the directors had the following options outstanding: Ms. Egnotovich 2,000; Mr. Krueger 25,200; Mr. Nosbusch 6,800; and Mr. Packard 25,200.
- (4) Travel-related expenses of a director's spouse or guest are not included in these numbers. From time-to-time, spouses or guests may be invited to accompany the directors at a Company function at the Company's expense. During 2014, spouses of directors were invited to attend the February Board meeting. Travel, meals, and other expenses reimbursed for those spouses attending the February event averaged less than \$100 per spouse.
- (5) Mr. Stift retired as a director on May 6, 2014.

**8. COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT
COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

Overview

The discussion and analysis below is designed to assist shareholders with understanding the objectives of our executive compensation program, the different components of compensation paid to our named executive officers (the CEO, CFO, and three other most highly compensated executive officers), and the basis for our compensation decisions. This discussion and analysis should be read together with the compensation tables located elsewhere in this Proxy Statement.

2014 Executive Summary

Financial Performance was Below Targeted Goals

Total Shareholder Return was -5.2% and Relative Total Shareholder Return was 21.9%

The Company's financial and operational results in 2014 were disappointing. Consistent with our emphasis on performance-based pay, the majority of our named executive officers' target annual pay opportunity is based on financial results (relative to specific goals) and share price appreciation. Commensurate with the Company's 2014 performance results, the annual incentive awards for the performance period ended December 31, 2014 were zero for Corporate and Cranes segment participants, and well below targeted levels for the Foodservice segment. Total shareholder return (TSR) for 2014 was -5.2% and relative total shareholder return was at the 21.9th percentile of the peer group used for peer group TSR comparisons (using the 20-day trading average price at the end of 2013 and 2014).

Key Business Results

Impact on Pay Decisions

Sales decreased by 4% to \$3.9 billion from \$4.0 billion in 2013

Net Earnings attributable to the Company increased by 2% to \$144.5 million from \$141.8 million in 2013

EPS was flat compared to prior year, with full year diluted EPS of \$1.05

Operating Cash Flow decreased by 70% to \$98.3 million from \$323.1 million in 2013

EV¹ in 2014 decreased by \$42.7 million

Aggregate debt outstanding as of December 31, 2014 increased by \$1.6 million compared to December 31, 2013

Short-Term Incentive Plan awards for Corporate and the Cranes segment were zero, and payouts for the Foodservice segment were earned at 11.4% of target, reflecting performance that was significantly below targeted financial performance

The performance share award granted in 2012 for the 2012 through 2014 performance period was earned at 81.4% of the target award, based on relative TSR (50% weighting) for that period at the 65.7th percentile and total leverage (50% weighting) for the period (which was above the maximum permitted leverage for the period).

No base salary increases for the named executive officers in 2014

Table of Contents***Our Executive Pay Program Strongly Aligns Pay-For-Performance and Applies Governance Best Practices***

Our executive compensation program reflects a strong pay-for-performance design and incorporates many governance best practices. Over the past several years, our executive compensation program design and practices have evolved to better support our changing business and talent needs, as well as to reflect market practices and trends. In particular, as summarized below, we have improved the linkage of the pay program to key metrics of our business strategy and shareholder value creation. The Company's approach is to apply a comprehensive perspective in selecting performance measures and setting goals for both the annual and long-term incentive plans. As a result of the foregoing considerations, the performance metrics used in our annual incentive plan and the financial measures in our performance share grants have continued to adapt along with our business strategy from year-to-year to best reflect the direct accountabilities assigned to the management team for a particular year (short-term incentives) and for several years (long-term incentives).

2014 Incentive Plan Design

The incentive plans, collectively, cover a range of key financial measures – operating earnings, cash generated from operations, and sales growth (in the annual incentive plan), and EVA Improvement and relative TSR (in the long-term incentive plan). The performance measures used in the 2014 annual incentive plan (Short-Term Incentive Plan (STIP)) and 2014 long-term incentive grants are as follows:

2014 STIP

Operating Earnings (weighted 40%), which motivates growth in earnings generated from operations

Cash from Operations (weighted 40%), which motivates maximizing net cash provided by operating activities and debt repayment

Sales (weighted 20%), which motivates top-line growth

2014 Long-Term Incentive Grants

For performance shares (60% of the targeted value of the LTI grant) there were two equally weighted measures:

EVA Improvement, which motivates three-year growth in cash earnings in excess of the cost of capital (in 2013 and prior years, this measure was in the STIP)

Relative Total Shareholder Return (TSR), similar design as prior years), which aligns payouts to our relative TSR performance

Stock options (weighted 40% of the targeted value of the LTI grant). The stock options vest in equal annual installments over four years

Incentive Plan Design Changes for 2015

We continually monitor our executive compensation program and consider modifications that will allow us to drive achievement of our business strategy, meet our talent needs, and maintain market competitive plans to maximize long-term stockholder value. In this regard, we made changes to the annual incentives and long-term incentives for the 2015 incentive award opportunities. These changes were designed to better align with our 2015 one-year objectives (annual incentives) and take into account the Company's announced intention to separate its Cranes and Foodservice businesses into two independent, publicly-traded companies by the end of the first quarter of 2016. For the annual incentive, we moved from operating earnings (weighted 40%), cash from operations (weighted 40%), and sales (weighted 20%), as the performance measures in 2014, to operating earnings (weighted 35%), free cash flow (weighted 35%) and return on invested capital (weighted 30%) in 2015. For the long-term incentives, in view of the intended separation of the businesses, the Compensation Committee determined that it would not serve the interests of the Company to grant to executive officers performance shares in 2015, which would have a multi-year performance period. Instead, given the difficulty of goal setting as a

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result of the announced intention to separate into two independent, publicly-traded companies by the end of the first quarter of 2016, as well as the additional retentive value of stock options and restricted stock, in 2015 the executive officers received a grant of restricted stock units (weighted 50%) and stock options (weighted 50%). Collectively, we believe these measures continue to capture our key financial drivers of success, and incorporate more fundamental financial measures with target goals.

2015 Short Term/Annual Incentive

Operating Earnings (weighted 35%), which motivates growth in earnings generated from operations

Free Cash Flow (weighted 35%), which measures liquidity by taking operating cash flow minus capital expenditures

Return on Invested Capital (weighted 30%), which encourages effective management of both income (through the numerator, operating profit) and the balance sheet (through the denominator, invested capital)

2015 Long-Term Incentive

Restricted Stock Units (weighted 50%) with dividend equivalent units, which vest 100% on the third anniversary of the grant date

Stock options (weighted 50%)

Governance Best Practices

Our executive compensation program reflects a strong pay-for-performance design and incorporates many governance best practices, as listed below:

Use multiple performance measures in the annual incentive and long-term incentive awards, without duplicating specific measures

Limit annual incentive and performance share payouts⁽¹⁾ to 200% of target, which are only earned if actual performance results significantly outperform the targeted goals

Annual incentive payouts having varied commensurate with our performance (from 2010 to 2014 the average Corporate payout was 84% of target; the 2014 award did not pay out based on Corporate performance), reflective of the Company's performance versus goals during the respective annual periods

For grants in 2012, 2013 and 2014, we used relative TSR as a metric in the long-term incentive plan (performance share grants except in 2015)⁽¹⁾

For grants in 2012, 2013 and 2014, discontinued granting time-based restricted stock (or restricted share units) to officers⁽¹⁾

Provide long-term incentives to officers solely through equity based awards that are at risk (except for the 2015 long-term incentive award⁽¹⁾), since they are only earned if specific performance goals are achieved or if the stock price appreciates

No change in control (CIC) excise tax gross-ups or single-trigger cash severance provisions; eliminated all excise tax gross-ups and single-trigger cash severance provisions and committed to no new or amended executive officer CIC agreements with excise tax gross-ups or single-trigger cash severance provisions

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Maintain strict stock holding requirements for executive officers, which require that if an officer is not in compliance, the officer must retain all net shares from the exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted stock units or performance shares until the officer is in compliance

Review CEO pay-for-performance analyses and officer pay tally sheets annually, which analyze the alignment of pay to TSR performance and detail recent annual compensation, outstanding long-term incentives, retirement benefits and potential CIC severance payments

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Contact major shareholders on a regular basis regarding our pay practices, which, in 2014, did not reveal any material concerns with any executive compensation practices

Provide a limited amount of perquisites to officers

No officers or non-employee directors pledge or hedge their holdings of Company stock

The Compensation Committee engages an independent compensation consultant, Towers Watson, to assist with the review of the Company's executive compensation program.

- (1) As noted above, in January 2015, the Company announced its intention to separate its Cranes and Foodservice businesses into two independent, publicly-traded companies by the end of the first quarter of 2016. In view of the intended separation of the businesses, the Compensation Committee determined that it would not serve the interests of the Company to grant to executive officers performance shares in 2015 (in addition to stock options), which would have a multi-year performance period. Instead, given the difficulty of goal setting as a result of the announced intention to separate into two independent, publicly-traded companies by the end of the first quarter of 2016, as well as the additional retentive value of stock options and restricted stock, in 2015 the executive officers received a grant of restricted stock units (weighted 50%) and stock options (weighted 50%).

2014 Say-on-Pay Advisory Vote

In 2014, our say-on-pay advisory vote received support from over 97% of shares voted. We believe that this result demonstrates our shareholders' strong endorsement of the executive compensation program design, decisions and policies. Our shareholder vote was one of many factors considered by the Compensation Committee in reviewing the Company's executive compensation program. We continue to maintain an ongoing dialogue with our shareholders to help ensure our executive compensation program is aligned with the interests of our shareholders.

Compensation Program Administration

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (Compensation Committee) is primarily responsible for administering the Company's executive compensation program. As such, the Compensation Committee reviews and approves all elements of the executive compensation program that cover the named executive officers. This review includes an annual consideration of the Company's business strategy and talent needs and alignment of compensation to performance and shareholder interests. The Compensation Committee engages an independent compensation consultant. During fiscal 2014, the Committee hired Towers Watson to assist the Committee with its duties, including any review of the executive compensation program. Additional information about the role and processes of the Compensation Committee is presented in the *Governance of the Board and its Committees - Compensation Committee* section.

Compensation Program Objectives and Philosophy

Our executive compensation program is intended to align the interests of our executives with the interests of our shareholders as well as to motivate our executives to maximize long-term total returns to our shareholders. For these reasons, the Compensation Committee designs the executive compensation program consistent with market typical/best practices to ensure strong alignment between executive pay and Company performance. A strong element of the design is to provide incentive-based compensation that is directly tied to Company performance. The Compensation Committee annually reviews the key elements of the program considering the Company's business strategy and talent needs. Our executive compensation program seeks to provide competitive total compensation opportunities, at the lowest possible cost to the Company for the opportunities provided, to attract, motivate and retain highly-qualified executives critical to the achievement of the Company's financial and strategic goals.

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Key objectives and elements of the philosophy include the following:

Paying for performance. A significant portion of the compensation paid to an executive is incentive-based and at risk, which can be earned based on the achievement of the Company's financial goals and/or stock price appreciation. (Incentive awards based on achievement of specific goals are capped at 200% of the targeted award opportunity. See also the exception for the long-term incentive award granted in 2015 as noted in footnote 1 to the Governance Best Practices section of this Compensation Discussion and Analysis.)

Providing market competitive compensation. Pay levels are targeted to be, on average, at market median levels based on individual factors (such as experience, length of service, and individual performance), internal structure and internal and external equity, business needs, Company performance, comparable positions at general industrial companies of similar size, and other factors.

Encouraging long service. The Company offers several retirement and savings plans, which are payable after retirement from the Company and provide employees with the opportunity to earn Company contributions or save pre-tax dollars for retirement.

Facilitating executive stock ownership. Long-term incentive awards to executives are solely equity-based, and executive officers are subject to stock ownership guidelines, including a potential retention requirement, to ensure meaningful ongoing alignment with shareholders interests, although comparator groups are used when considering specific components of compensation.

Actual total compensation can vary from target compensation based on the individual's performance and the Company's financial and stock price performance. In accordance with SEC proxy disclosure rules, the Summary Compensation Table shows the grant date fair value of long-term incentive (LTI) grants, which is often very different from the actual realized and realizable/current values (if any amount is even earned) of such awards. The Committee reviews annually officer pay tally sheets detailing the past several years of actual and target compensation, outstanding long-term incentive awards (including the potential realizable value at various stock prices), accumulated deferred compensation balances, and potential change-in-control severance amounts.

In connection with its executive compensation determinations, the Company reviews third-party market survey data among comparable companies and broader market trends/developments, as provided by the Compensation Committee's compensation consultant, currently Towers Watson and previously Pay Governance LLC (until the fall of 2014). Given the range of its businesses, for setting market-based pay levels the Company reviews market data provided from surveys of comparably-sized general industrial companies; a specific peer group is not typically used, although comparator groups are used when considering specific components of compensation. Survey data of comparable positions is analyzed annually in considering adjustments to base salaries and target short-term and long-term incentive award opportunities. Survey data is also reviewed periodically to help maintain the competitiveness of all elements of compensation.

Table of Contents**The Majority of Target Compensation is Performance-Based**

Consistent with Company's pay philosophy, the majority of the named executive officers' target total direct compensation (*i.e.*, sum of base salary, target STIP and LTI grant date values) is only earned if specific financial goals are achieved or, in the case of stock options, if the stock price appreciates over the next several years following the grant date. Specifically, in 2014, performance-based incentive award opportunities represented, on average, 77.2% of the named executive officers' target total direct compensation.

Incentive award opportunities have been provided through a combination of annual and long-term incentive opportunities, covering multiple financial and stock price performance measures. Incentive performance goals are set to directly align to our business strategy and long-term shareholder value creation, with target goals typically set at levels higher than the last year's actual results.

STIP Award Payouts Vary Commensurate With Company Performance

We have a history of Short-Term Incentive Plan (STIP) payouts being commensurate with the Company's performance, as demonstrated over the last five years (including 2014). Specifically, payouts for Corporate performance ranged from 0% to 131.5% of target (an average of 84% of target).

2014 Long-Term Incentive Awards are Tied to Company Performance

Long-term incentive award opportunities for executive officers in 2014 were provided solely through equity-based awards and are at risk, since they are only earned if specific performance goals are achieved or if the stock price appreciates. In order to provide strong pay-performance alignment, the majority of the award opportunity was provided through performance shares, which are only earned based on the achievement of specific, multi-year goals. The 2014 grant mix was delivered as follows:

2014 Award Type (Weighting)	Performance Measure	Performance/Vesting Period
Stock Options (40%)	Stock price appreciation (only have value if price increases)	Four-year graded vesting; expire ten years after grant
Performance Shares (60%)	Two equally-weighted measures: 1. Economic Value Added (EVA)	Three-year performance period (2014-2017)
	2. Relative TSR	

As noted above, the 2015 long-term incentive award mix is different from the design of the previous awards due to the intention to separate into two independent companies. For the 2015 award, performance shares have been replaced by restricted stock units (weighted 50%) and stock options constitute the other 50% of the award. The restricted stock units vest 100% on the third anniversary of the grant date. (*See* footnote 1 to the Governance Best Practices section of this Compensation Discussion and Analysis.)

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CEO Pay Is Strongly Aligned with Company Performance

The CEO's 2014 *target total direct compensation opportunity* was set to approximate market median levels with the vast majority (82.9%) performance-based, which is only earned if specific financial goals are achieved or our stock price appreciates. Since the CEO's pay opportunity heavily emphasizes performance-based pay, *realizable pay* and *actual realized compensation*, as discussed below, vary commensurate with the Company's performance.

In 2014, the Compensation Committee again reviewed the relationship between our CEO's realizable pay, which reflects actual cash compensation and the current value of recent equity grants, and the Company's TSR performance from 2011 through 2013 (three years). At the time of the analysis, this was the most recent three-year period that both pay and performance data were available for 11 companies of comparable size in similar businesses. Key aspects of this analysis are summarized below:

Realizable pay for our CEO and the CEOs at the examined companies is defined as (i) base salary; (ii) actual STIP award earned; (iii) the aggregate current value of restricted stock/unit grants made during the period; (iv) the aggregate in-the-money value of stock options granted during the period; and (v) the actual payouts of performance-based equity and cash awards with performance periods beginning and ending during the three-year period, and the current value of the target number of unvested performance-based equity and cash awards granted during the three-year performance period.

The 11 companies used in this analysis, which are a subset of our Relative TSR comparator group and have revenues comparable to the Company, were the following: Actuant Corporation, Briggs & Stratton Corp., Dover Corp., Harsco Corporation, Kennametal Inc., Lincoln Electric Holdings Inc., Oshkosh Corporation, Pentair plc, SPX Corporation, Terex Corp. and The Timken Company.

The realizable value of equity-based awards was determined using each company's closing stock price on December 31, 2013. As such, this approach is different than analyzing target compensation or the fair value of equity awards at their grant date, which is reported in the Summary Compensation Table.

For the three-year period 2011 to 2013, our relative TSR performance ranked higher than our CEO's relative pay ranked in the comparator group. Specifically, our CEO's three-year aggregate realizable pay was just above the 50th percentile, while relative TSR performance was at the 80th percentile. This outcome reflects the Company's significant emphasis on performance-based pay, particularly equity, and our relatively volatile recent stock price. This analysis was one of many inputs the Committee considered in reviewing the executive compensation program. The chart to the right provides an illustration of this three-year realizable pay TSR performance analysis.

CEO Realizable Pay vs. TSR Performance

The CEO's total actual realized compensation (the sum of salary, annual incentive payouts, vesting of stock awards and option exercises) varies based on our financial results and multi-year stock price performance and timing of equity awards being earned/options exercised, as shown in the table below:

Year	CEO's Total Direct Compensation from SCT ⁽¹⁾ (in millions)	CEO's Actual Realized Compensation ⁽²⁾ (in millions)	Company's 1-Year TSR
2014	\$ 5.1	\$13.9	-5.2%
2013	\$ 5.2	\$6.2	49.3%

2012	\$	5.8	\$5.6	71.6%
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- (1) As reported in the Summary Compensation Table, equal to the Total Compensation minus pay elements that are not salary or incentive awards/payouts (Change in Pension Value & Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings and All Other Compensation columns).
- (2) Equal to the CEO's actual base salary, annual incentive award (STIP Payout), and long-term incentive values realized (stock vesting and option exercises) during the year.

Compensation Elements

We believe the executive compensation program described in more detail below, by element and in total, best achieves our objectives.

Element	Purpose	Characteristics
<i>Base Salary</i>	Establish a certain element of pay for an individual's competencies, skills, experience and performance relative to his/her current job	Not at risk; eligible for annual performance-based merit increases and adjustments for changes in job responsibilities
<i>Short-Term Incentives</i>	Motivate and reward the achievement of annual Company financial goals aligned to the key strategic objectives for the year	Performance-based (variable) cash opportunity; amount earned will vary based on actual financial results achieved
<i>Long-Term Incentives⁽¹⁾</i>	Motivate and reward the achievement of specific financial goals, Relative TSR performance and stock price appreciation over time for the fiscal 2014 award ⁽¹⁾	All of the award opportunity is performance-based with the amount realized, if any, by the executive dependent upon multi-year financial results and stock price performance ⁽¹⁾
<i>Retirement Benefits</i>	Encourage long service with the Company by providing retirement plan contributions that can grow in value over an executive's career	Both fixed and variable aspects; contributions drive growth of funds and future payments
<i>Benefits and Perquisites</i>	Provide additional financial security and other enhanced benefits for executives (perquisites are limited)	Generally fixed; actual cost is based on participation and usage
<i>Change in Control (CIC) Continued Employment and Severance Benefits</i>	Provide continuity of the leadership team leading up to and after a change in control	Contingent component; provides for continued employment upon a CIC and severance benefits if an executive's employment is terminated following a CIC

(1) See the exception for the long-term incentive award granted in 2015 as noted in footnote 1 to the Governance Best Practices section of this Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

In setting total compensation, a consistent approach is applied for all executive officers. Executive officers may also receive base salary and incentive pay increases at the time of promotions. In connection with promotions, the Compensation Committee may increase base salary and target incentive award percentages, and make additional incentive grants. Additional detail regarding each pay element is presented below. Other than the Change in Control Severance Arrangements (Contingent Employment Agreements) described below and the Employment Arrangement with Mr. Etchart summarized below, the Company does not have employment agreements with any of the named executive officers.

Base Salaries. Salaries are reviewed annually, and adjustments, if any, are based on consideration of the Company's overall budget for base salaries for the year, individual factors (competencies, skills, experience, and performance), internal equity, and market pay practice data. At the end of 2013, based on consideration of the

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Company's performance and the above-mentioned factors, except for promotions, the Board did not approve salary increases for the executive officers of the Company for 2014. Based upon the survey data provided by the Compensation Committee's compensation consultant, the base salaries for the named executive officers, on average, continued to approximate the median of base salaries of comparable positions, considering an individual's experience, performance and other factors.

Incentive Plans. The Company provides annual and long-term incentive award opportunities to motivate the achievement of the business strategy by specifying key metrics of success. In order to strongly drive results and align performance and payouts, the incentive plans each:

Include multiple performance measures;

Have target performance goals set based on forecasts/budget, business conditions, prior year's performance, probability of achievement and other factors;

Vary payouts commensurate with performance results (with potential payouts capped at 200% of the target award opportunity for goal-based plans); and

Cover different time periods (annual incentive plan covers one year and long-term incentives typically cover three years (or more for stock options) with an ongoing stock ownership requirement).

In order to best drive success, we believe a combination of performance measures should be used to ensure management is motivated and rewarded for earnings growth, cash flow generation, efficient use of capital and total shareholder returns. As such, the annual incentive plan and performance share component of the long-term incentive plan each use two or more performance metrics (that are not duplicated between the plans), which may change from year-to-year to reflect the critical areas of focus for the respective performance period. The Committee believes that, collectively, the performance metrics used will best drive long-term shareholder value and align management rewards to the Company's business strategy.

Short-Term Incentives. Beginning with the 2014 awards, annual incentive awards are made under the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan. Regardless of the plan, annual incentive awards are referred to in this Proxy Statement as made under a Short-Term Incentive Plan (STIP). The annual or short-term incentives reward eligible participants for maximizing shareholder value.

During 2012 and for prior years, STIP awards were based entirely on EVA[®]. The Compensation Committee believes that other metrics have a strong correlation to shareholder value and will further drive achievement of the annual plan and strategic plan results.

In 2013 the Board of Directors amended the then-existing STIP to allow for discretion to be exercised by the Compensation Committee to reduce the incentive award otherwise earned by a participant in any one year based on individual or other performance factors determined by the Compensation Committee. For the 2013 STIP award, the Compensation Committee exercised that discretion such that the 2013 annual incentive plan awards for executive officers were based fifty percent (50%) on EVA[®] Improvement, twenty-five percent (25%) on earnings per share (EPS), and twenty-five percent (25%) on corporate operating cash flow, provided that the award earned could not exceed what the award would have been if it were one hundred percent (100%) EVA[®]-based.

The 2014 STIP award was based forty percent (40%) on operating earnings, forty percent (40%) on cash from operations, and twenty percent (20%) on sales.

For Business Segment Presidents, the 2014 STIP opportunities also included a portion of the award assigned to the executive's primary operating unit responsibilities. Specifically, the 2014 award weightings for the named executive officers were as follows:

Corporate Officers: awards based 100% on Corporate performance.

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Business Segment Presidents (Cranes and Foodservice): awards are based 50% on Corporate performance and 50% on the applicable business segment performance.

The 2014 target annual incentive award percentages assigned to the Company's named executive officers ranged from 65% to 110% of base salary, based on the position's responsibilities and business impact. Awards earned under the STIP can range from 0% to 200% of an individual's target award opportunity based on actual results versus the target performance goals for the year. Earned awards, if any, are fully paid out after the end of the year.

2014 STIP Awards. The Company's actual 2014 performance was below the threshold performance level for all Corporate and Crane segment measures, resulting in a zero payout for Corporate and Cranes segment participants. Performance for the Foodservice segment was between the threshold and the target levels, resulting in a payout of 11.4% of target. Presented below are the specific threshold, target, and maximum performance levels for the 2014 STIP Corporate and business segment metrics, as well as 2014 actual results (dollars in millions):

Corporate

Measure (Weighting)	Threshold	Target	Maximum	2014 Actual	Resulting Award as % of Target ⁽⁴⁾
Operating Earnings (40%) ⁽¹⁾	\$405	\$460	\$550	\$344.5	0.0%
Cash from Operations (40%) ⁽²⁾	\$383	\$450	\$540	\$202.0	0.0%
Sales Growth (20%) ⁽³⁾	\$4,000	\$4,252	\$4,641	\$3,886.5	0.0%
Total Payout as a Percent of Target					0.0%

Crane Segment⁽⁵⁾

Measure (Weighting)	Threshold	Target	Maximum	2014 Actual	Resulting Award as % of Target ⁽⁴⁾
Operating Earnings (40%) ⁽¹⁾	\$225	\$250	\$310	\$162.9	0.0%
Cash from Operations (40%) ⁽²⁾	\$255	\$300	\$360	\$136.2	0.0%
Sales Growth (20%) ⁽³⁾	\$2,475	\$2,605	\$2,906	\$2,305.2	0.0%
Total Payout as a Percent of Target					0.0%

Foodservice Segment⁽⁵⁾

Measure (Weighting)	Threshold	Target	Maximum	2014 Actual	Resulting Award as % of Target ⁽⁴⁾
Operating Earnings (40%) ⁽¹⁾	\$250	\$280	\$310	\$234.0	0.0%
Cash from Operations (40%) ⁽²⁾	\$275	\$323	\$388	\$250.0	0.0%
Sales Growth (20%) ⁽³⁾	\$1,536	\$1,642	\$1,735	\$1,581.3	11.4%
Total Payout as a Percent of Target					11.4%

(1) Operating Earnings equals earnings before interest, taxes and amortization for the applicable segment and operating earnings for Corporate equals Crane segment and Foodservice Segment earnings before interest, taxes and amortization, minus corporate expenses.

(2) Cash from Operations equals net cash provided by operating activities of the Company or the segment, as applicable.

(3) Sales equals net sales of the Company or the segment, as applicable.

(4) Straight-line interpolation is used for calculating the payout between the specific performance levels.

- (5) Business segment payouts were based 50% on the applicable segment's performance and 50% on Corporate performance.

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The actual incentive award payouts for the named executive officers are presented in the Summary Compensation Table, in the column, Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation. The potential dollar range of the 2014 annual incentive awards, by named executive officer, is presented in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards table.

Use of Discretion. The Compensation Committee did not use discretion to pay awards under the STIP that would not have otherwise been earned. The STIP allows the Compensation Committee to apply discretion in considering potential adjustments (*e.g.*, certain accounting charges such as bad debt and inventory reserve expenses as well as research and development costs) presented by management in order to assess performance of continuing operations. In practice, the Compensation Committee has made a limited number of adjustments, which, for awards to be earned by executives during a particular year, must be determined no later than the Compensation Committee's February meeting. The Compensation Committee reviews the actual results for a year and considers and approves potential adjustments in accordance with the STIP. With respect to the officers of the Company, these adjustments for a plan year must be made no later than the February Compensation Committee meeting of that year.

Long-Term Incentives. Beginning with the 2014 awards, long-term incentive award grants are made under the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan, which was approved by shareholders at the 2013 Annual Meeting and replaced the Company's 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan (the 2003 Stock Plan). Prior to 2014 long-term incentive awards were granted under the 2003 Stock Plan.

Long-term incentive awards are intended to align the interests of executives with those of shareholders by allowing executives to share in the growth and financial success of the Company, as reflected in the Company's stock price and other performance measures. In addition, long-term incentive awards facilitate the attraction, retention and motivation of executives and key employees.

From 2011 to 2014, all of the senior executives' long-term award opportunity has been at-risk requiring achievement of specific multi-year financial goals or stock price appreciation; the executive officers have not received time-based restricted stock grants since 2010. In 2015, as described above, the senior executives were granted time-based restricted stock units which vest 100% on the third anniversary of the grant date. (See footnote 1 to the Governance Best Practices section of this Compensation Discussion and Analysis.)

Stock Options. Stock options align executives' interests with those of shareholders, since options only have realizable value if the price of the Company's stock increases relative to the grant/exercise price. Stock options granted to the named executive officers and other eligible employees during fiscal 2014 have the following terms:

Exercise price is the closing trading price on the grant date;

Vest annually in 25% increments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date and continuing on each subsequent anniversary until the fourth anniversary; and

Expire 10 years after the grant date.

Performance Shares. Performance share award opportunities are provided to executives to directly align the shares earned, if any, to the achievement of specific multi-year goals. The goals and the performance period are established by the Compensation Committee at the time of the award grant.

2014 Performance Share Grant. The 2014 performance share grant can be earned based on performance over the three-year performance period from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 on the following two equally-weighted measures:

3-year cumulative EVA®. EVA is a metric developed by Stern Stewart & Co. that measures the economic profit generated by a business and is equal to the difference between the following:

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Net operating profit after tax (for certain participants who are likely to directly affect improvements in the Company's tax rate) or net operating profit before tax (for participants who are not likely to

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directly affect improvements in the Company's tax rate), defined as operating earnings adjusted to eliminate the impact of, among other items, certain accounting charges such as bad debt and inventory reserve expenses, and research and development costs; and

A capital charge, defined as capital employed multiplied by the weighted average cost of capital.

3-year Relative TSR, which assesses our Total Shareholder Return (TSR) equal to stock price appreciation plus the reinvestment of dividends, provided to shareholders relative to a comparator group of 20 direct peers and industrial companies (listed below). Since the comparator group is used for performance, not pay levels, there are some TSR peers that are significantly smaller and larger than the Company. TSR is calculated using the 20-trading-day average closing price at the start and end of the three-year performance cycle. Awards cannot exceed target if the Company's TSR is negative, as assessed at the end of the three-year performance cycle.

The following is the comparator group of direct peers and industrial companies used for determining Relative TSR performance for the 2014 performance share grants (all of these companies except Joy Global Inc. were also included in the 2013-15 Relative TSR performance cycle):

Actuant Corporation	Harsco Corporation (2013 grant)	Oshkosh Corporation
Astec Industries, Inc.	Illinois Tool Works Inc.	Pentair plc.
Briggs & Stratton Corp.	Ingersoll-Rand plc.	SPX Corporation
Caterpillar Inc.	Joy Global Inc.	Standex International Corp.
Cummins Inc.	Kennametal Inc.	Terex Corp.
Dover Corp.	Lincoln Electric Holdings Inc.	Timken Co.
Graco Inc.	Middleby Corp.	

Consistent with the Company's pay-performance philosophy and current market practices, with pay approximating median levels for median performance, the target award opportunity for the Relative TSR performance shares is earned for Relative TSR performance at the median. The payout schedule for the Relative TSR portion of the performance share grants is as follows:

Performance Level	Manitowoc's Relative TSR Performance	Award Payout (as a % of Target)
Maximum	75 th Percentile	200%
Target	50 th Percentile	100%
Threshold	25 th Percentile	25%

2013 Performance Share Grant. The 2013 performance share grant was based on performance on two equally-weighted measures (Debt Reduction and Relative TSR) over the three-year performance period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015. Debt reduction is the decrease in the balance of outstanding loans and other debt over the performance period and directly reflects our ability to generate cash flow that can be used to reduce our outstanding debt. Relative TSR is defined above.

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2012 Performance Share Grant. The 2012 performance share grant was based on performance on two equally-weighted measures (Total Leverage and Relative TSR) over the three-year performance period from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014. Total Leverage is equal to total debt divided by earnings before interest, tax, and depreciation (EBITDA) and is used to assess performance over the three-year period for growing earnings and reducing debt. Relative TSR is defined above. Based on actual performance, awards were earned at approximately 81.4% of target calculated as follows and were paid in 2015 following certification of results by the Compensation Committee.

Metric	Actual Performance	Payout
Relative Total Shareholder Return (TSR) (50% Weighting)	65.7 th Percentile relative to peers (Target is 50 th percentile and Max is 75 th percentile)	162.8%
Total Leverage (Debt/EBITDA) (50% Weighting)	4.16 (4.16 is above the threshold of 3.0; no payout above 3.0)	0.0%
Combined Payout		81.4%

Grant Guideline Development. The Compensation Committee sets award guidelines for each officer and job classification level based upon survey market median levels and the Company's recent average stock price. The approximate 20-trading-day average closing price ending on the date of the February Compensation Committee meeting is used for determining the grant levels. The actual grant price and accounting expense were determined at the date of grant. The accounting fair value of performance shares based on Relative TSR was determined using a Monte Carlo Simulation in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, which resulted in an accounting fair value that was higher than the stock price at grant. As result of the accounting valuations, the weighting, based on the fair value at grant, is higher for performance shares than the guideline value-weighting of 60%.

The grant date fair value of the 2014 stock option grants and performance share awards is presented in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards table. The ultimate value, if any, which will be realized, is not determinable at the date of grant.

Retirement Benefits. In order to facilitate the long service of highly-qualified executives, the Company provides retirement benefits.

Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP). Executives may be selected by the Compensation Committee to be eligible to participate in the nonqualified Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP). An executive is not eligible to participate in the SERP until the executive has at least five years of credited service with the Company and/or its subsidiaries; additional criteria for participation may be considered by the Compensation Committee. During 2014, of the named executive officers, only Messrs. Tellock, Jones, Laurino, and Musial were participants in the SERP. Benefits provided under the SERP are intended to provide a life annuity equal to 55% of a participant's five-year final average pay (salary plus STIP-related awards). When a participant becomes eligible for a distribution from the SERP, the participant may elect to receive the distribution in a single lump-sum or over a period not to exceed ten years. For any executive who became a participant after 2008, and whose projected total service at his or her target retirement date is less than 25 years, the 55% target retirement benefit will be prorated based on the projected total service years divided by 25. The actuarial change from 2014 in the named executive officers' SERP benefits is presented in the Summary Compensation Table. Detailed information about the SERP is presented in the Pension Benefits Table.

401(k) Retirement Plan. Active, regular, full-time, non-union, U.S.-based employees (including the named executive officers) are eligible to participate in The Manitowoc Company, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan, which allows employees to build retirement savings on a tax-deferred basis. The plan has a tax-qualified defined

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contribution savings component, the 401(k) Savings feature, in which participating employees receive a Company match. In addition, the plan has a Retirement Plan feature, in which the Company provides an annual contribution of from 0% to 4% of eligible compensation to another defined contribution account. There are no employee contributions to the Retirement Plan feature. Contributions under the Retirement Plan feature are based on an EVA[®] formula, subject to a cap, and are reviewed and approved by the retirement committee. The annual Company contribution in the Retirement Plan feature was suspended in 2009 and reinstated for 2013. The value of Company annual matching contributions to The Manitowoc Company, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan under the Savings Plan feature is presented in the Summary Compensation Table.

Eric Etchart Employment Arrangement. In addition to the pay elements described above for the named executive officers, Mr. Etchart is and remains an employee of Manitowoc France SAS and has an employment agreement with that company. As an officer of the Company, Mr. Etchart is on assignment from Manitowoc France SAS, the terms of which are set forth in an assignment letter dated May 1, 2007. Under the terms of Mr. Etchart's assignment, he is entitled to a base salary and participates in the Company's short-term and long-term incentive plans.

Furthermore, during his assignment as an officer of the Company, when feasible, he will continue to receive pension, healthcare, retirement and short- and long-term disability benefits under benefit plans sponsored in his home country of France. Additionally, while on an expatriate assignment Mr. Etchart is entitled to a tax equalization gross-up for any amount of tax to which he may be subject above the amount of tax that he would otherwise be subject as a resident of France. Under the terms of Mr. Etchart's employment agreement with Manitowoc France SAS, Mr. Etchart is entitled to the benefits of a category III C classification under the collective bargaining agreement Convention Collective Nationale de Ingénieurs et Cadres de Métallurgie, which benefits include certain severance benefits as described in the Executive Compensation – Eric P. Etchart Severance Benefits section of this Proxy Statement. Additionally, his employment agreement with Manitowoc France SAS provides in general that (a) all inventions he develops during his employment will belong to the Company; (b) all tools and equipment provided him for use in his employment belong to the Company and may only be used in connection with his employment; (c) he will work exclusively for the Company and will keep Company information confidential and maintain himself free of any conflict of interest; (d) he will agree not to compete with the Company for a period of up to two years following the termination of his employment in consideration for the payment by the Company to him of an amount equal to one-half his monthly base salary for each month during the non-compete period; and (e) either he or the Company may terminate the employment agreement upon three months' notice (but this notice was modified to six months in connection with his current assignment as an executive officer of the Company). As an executive officer of the Company, Mr. Etchart will also be provided with other benefits customarily provided to executive officers of the Company, including reimbursement of relocation expenses pursuant to Company policy and the compensation and employment arrangements described in this Compensation Discussion and Analysis section and in the Executive Compensation section of this Proxy Statement.

Perquisites/Other Benefits. In order to provide a market competitive total compensation package, the Company provides a limited amount of perquisites and supplemental benefits to executives. In 2014, the Company provided the following: supplemental long-term disability insurance, tax preparation, car allowance, spouse/guest travel and limited personal use of aircraft. The value of perquisites and supplemental benefits, in total and itemized, provided in 2014 are presented in the Summary Compensation Table and the All Other Compensation Table.

Change in Control Severance Arrangements. In order to facilitate attraction and retention of highly-qualified executives, the Company has arrangements (Contingent Employment Agreements) with the named executive officers and certain other key executives (including the named executive officers), which provide for the executives' continued employment (for a three-year period for the CEO and for a two-year period for the other executives) upon a change in control. In addition, the arrangements provide for certain severance benefits in the event the executive is terminated without cause (as defined in the agreements) prior to the end of the

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employment period (as such, the agreements have a double trigger). For named executive officers other than the CEO, the severance amount is two years (the CEO is three years) and for all named executive officers there is no excise tax gross-up. Further detail regarding these agreements is presented in the Post-Employment Compensation section.

Stock Ownership Guidelines

The Compensation Committee has established stock ownership guidelines for executive officers. The guidelines provide that within 5 years after the date that the executive officer became an officer (or CEO), the executive officer should hold an amount of stock with a value at least equal to the following:

CEO: 5x s base salary

Other Executive Officers: 3x s base salary

Stock ownership includes shares owned outright, restricted stock (including restricted stock units), and stock equivalents held in deferred compensation/retirement arrangements. Additionally, one-half of the guideline amounts can be met by vested, in-the-money stock options held by the executive. As of December 31, 2014, each of the named executive officers was in compliance.

If an executive does not meet his/her ownership requirement, which is measured as of the end of any given year (or the fifth anniversary of the date the executive officer was named an officer or became CEO), the executive must retain all net shares from the exercise of stock options and the vesting of restricted shares and performance shares until compliance is achieved.

Other Pay Elements

Deferred Compensation. In order to further help in attracting and retaining highly-qualified employees, to facilitate stock ownership and to encourage saving for retirement, executive officers and other key employees are eligible to participate in the Deferred Compensation Plan. Eligible participants may elect to defer up to 40% of base salary and up to 100% of awards to be paid under the STIP.

Credits to deferred compensation accounts for key employees may also include a contribution by the Company. This contribution equals the amount of compensation deferred by the key employee for the plan year (subject to a maximum of 25% of eligible compensation) multiplied by a rate equal to the rate of variable retirement plan contributions that the participant received from the Company for the year under the 401(k) Retirement Plan plus one percent. If the Company does not make a contribution to the 401(k) Retirement Plan, there will not be any Company contribution to the key employees under the Deferred Compensation Plan.

Deferred amounts can be invested into a variety of accounts, which mirror the performance of several different mutual funds offered in the 401(k) Retirement Plan, as well as the Company Stock Fund (which includes only Common Stock of the Company). Transfers between the Company Stock Fund and the other funds are not permitted. Key employee participants are not required to direct any minimum amount of deferred compensation into the Company Stock Fund.

The value of the Company s annual contributions in 2014 to the Deferred Compensation Plan on behalf of the named executive officers is presented in the Summary Compensation Table. As with the Retirement Plan feature of the Company s 401(k) Retirement Plan, the Company s contribution to the Deferred Compensation Plan was suspended in 2009 and reinstated in 2013. Detailed information about the Deferred Compensation Plan is presented in the Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Table.

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Severance Pay Plan. The Company also has a severance pay plan that establishes a discretionary severance program across the Company whereby all severance benefits are provided at the Company's sole discretion and will be designed to meet the specific facts and circumstances of each termination. The Board of Directors has the sole authority to authorize any benefits under the plan to any elected officer of the Company. Other than this discretionary severance pay plan, the Company does not have a formal severance plan for other forms of employment termination, except for the severance benefits that Mr. Etchart is entitled to as an employee of a French company pursuant to the French collective bargaining agreement, as described in the Executive Compensation section of this Proxy Statement.

Other Executive Compensation Policies

Stock Awards Granting Policy. In 2014, based on the approval of the Compensation Committee, the Company granted stock awards to its executive officers and other eligible key employees. In 2014, stock awards to executive officers consisted of stock options and performance shares, and stock awards to other key employees included stock options, performance shares and/or restricted stock units. In 2015, restricted stock units replaced performance shares due to the anticipated separation of the Company into two companies by the end of the first quarter 2016. Stock awards are generally granted in February. Stock awards are also used to attract executives and key employees, and, as such, stock awards are at times made to executives and key employees at the time they become executives or key employees of the Company. In such cases, the grant date would be the date employment commences or the date the Compensation Committee approves the awards. In all cases, the exercise price of stock options is the closing trading price on the grant date.

Securities Trading Policy. The Company maintains an Insider Trading Policy that imposes specific standards on directors, officers and key employees of the Company. The policy is intended not only to forbid such persons from trading in Company stock on the basis of inside information, but to avoid even the appearance of improper conduct on the part of such persons. In addition to the specific restrictions set forth in the policy, which includes limits on pledging shares, the policy requires that all transactions in Company stock by such persons and by others in their households be pre-cleared by the Corporate Secretary's office. The only exception to the pre-clearance requirement is regular, ongoing acquisitions of Company stock resulting from continued participation in employee benefit plans that the Company or its agents administer.

Pay Clawbacks. In addition to any right of recoupment against our CEO or CFO pursuant to Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we intend to recoup executive officer compensation, or a portion thereof, to the extent required under rules to be adopted by the SEC and New York Stock Exchange pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. We will implement a policy that complies with such rules.

Tax Deductibility of Executive Compensation. Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), limits the Company's federal income tax deduction to \$1,000,000 per year for compensation to its CEO and certain other highly compensated executive officers. Qualified performance-based compensation for the CEO and certain covered officers is not, however, subject to the deduction limit, provided certain requirements of Section 162(m) are satisfied. Certain awards under the 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan and the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan are intended to qualify for the performance-based compensation exception under Section 162(m). It is the Compensation Committee's intent to preserve the deductibility of executive compensation to the extent reasonably practicable and consistent with the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.

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COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Approval of Compensation Discussion and Analysis. Management of the Company has prepared the foregoing Compensation Discussion and Analysis of the compensation program for named executive officers. The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis for fiscal year 2014 (included in this Proxy Statement) with the Company's management. Based on this review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors of the Company, and the Board has approved, that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be incorporated by reference in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 and included in the Company's Proxy Statement for filing with the SEC.

Use of Compensation Consultants. Beginning in the fall of 2014, the Compensation Committee engaged Towers Watson, an executive consulting firm, to provide advice on compensation trends and market information to assist the Compensation Committee in fulfilling its duties, including the following responsibilities: review executive compensation and advise of changes to be considered to improve effectiveness consistent with our compensation philosophy; provide market data and recommendations on CEO and executive compensation; review materials for Committee meetings and attend Committee meetings; and, advise the Committee on best practices for governance of executive compensation as well as areas of possible concern or risk in the Company's programs. Prior to the fall of 2014, the Compensation Committee engaged Pay Governance, LLC in a similar capacity.

Towers Watson was directly engaged by and is accountable to the Compensation Committee, and has not been engaged by management for other services, except as discussed below. During fiscal 2014, Towers Watson was paid \$69,714 for executive compensation advice, director compensation advice and other services to the Compensation Committee. During fiscal 2014, Towers Watson was also paid \$131,613 for other human resource services to the Company; Towers Watson was retained by management for these services.

In fiscal 2014, the Compensation Committee selected Towers Watson to serve as its independent compensation consultant after assessing the firm's independence, taking into consideration the following factors, among others:

The Committee's oversight of the relationship between the Company and Towers Watson mitigates the possibility that management could misuse other engagements to influence Towers Watson's compensation work for the Committee.

Towers Watson has adopted internal safeguards to ensure that its executive compensation advice is independent and has provided the Committee with a written assessment of the independence of its advisory work to the Committee for fiscal 2014.

The Committee retains ultimate decision-making authority for all executive pay matters, and understands Towers Watson's role is simply that of advisor.

The absence of any significant business or personal relationship between Towers Watson and any of our executives or members of the Committee.

Based on this assessment, the Compensation Committee has concluded that the engagement of Towers Watson does not raise any conflict of interest.

Risk Assessment of Compensation Practices. During 2013, Pay Governance LLC worked with the Company to complete a comprehensive risk assessment of the executive compensation program, including an evaluation of the governance, philosophy, program structure and mix, and plan design.

In 2014, the findings of the 2013 risk assessment were reviewed by the Compensation Committee and Towers Watson. The 2014 review considered both changes in Manitowoc's incentive plans since the time of the

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2013 review, as well as changes in the external environment for executive compensation plans. The 2014 review found that the Company's compensation policies and practices do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. The risk assessment included various business leaders, including the heads of finance, legal and human resources. The detailed findings, which were reviewed and discussed with the Committee, found that the Company's compensation policies and practices do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. This conclusion was reached based on the Company's governance practices and program design features as detailed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis. In particular, we note the following:

The Board and the Compensation Committee oversee and govern all elements of executive compensation ensuring risk is appropriately incorporated into the philosophy and program structure

Incentive compensation plans have been designed consistent with the Company's business strategy and objectives, as well as market practices, and include limits on the maximum potential payouts for goal-based plans, various performance measures, assessment periods and ongoing stock ownership requirements

Performance metrics reflect risk and use of capital, quality and sustainability of results and employee line of sight over annual and long-term time horizons

Compensation plan governance processes clearly define oversight roles to assure that compensation plans are aligned with business goals and risk tolerances

Compensation Committee

Cynthia M. Egnotovich, Chair

Robert G. Bohn

Joan K. Chow

Donald M. Condon, Jr.

James L. Packard

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The following table sets forth the total compensation earned by the named executive officers during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

Actual payouts are presented in the Salary (before deferrals) and Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (STIP payouts) columns.

The named executive officers did not receive base salary increases for fiscal 2014 as discussed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

The grant date fair value of equity-based grants is shown in the Stock Awards and Options Awards columns. None of this amount was realized during 2014; instead the actual value realized, if any, will be commensurate with our financial and stock price performance over the next several years.

The amounts reported for Stock Awards were delivered solely through performance shares, which are only earned if specific multi-year financial goals are achieved, and the value of shares earned, if any, is based on our stock price at the time of payment.

The actuarial change in the pension value from last year is presented in the Change in Pension Value column; the Company does not provide above-market earnings on nonqualified deferred compensation. The amount consists entirely of the change in the actuarial present value of the individual's accumulated benefit under the Company's Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (e.g., for 2014 this reflects the change from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2014).

For additional context regarding the CEO's long-term incentive compensation, see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and footnote 7 to the Summary Compensation Table below.

Name & Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards	Option Awards	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation ⁽⁴⁾	Change in Pension Value & Nonqualified Deferred Compensation ⁽⁵⁾	All Other Compensation ⁽⁶⁾	Total
				(1)(2)	(1)(3)	Earnings ⁽⁵⁾	Compensation ⁽⁶⁾		
Glen E. Tellock	2014	\$985,000	\$0	\$2,686,782	\$1,433,245	\$0	\$764,528	\$54,616	\$5,924,171 ⁽⁷⁾
President and Chief Executive Officer	2013	\$985,000	\$0	\$2,062,570	\$1,147,500	\$1,044,494	\$1,192,988	\$46,235	\$6,478,787 ⁽⁷⁾
Carl J. Laurino	2012	\$965,000	\$0	\$1,765,965	\$1,636,201	\$1,395,873	\$1,504,847	\$34,324	\$7,302,210 ⁽⁷⁾
Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer	2014	\$457,000	\$0	\$631,961	\$336,819	\$0	\$359,986	\$13,646	\$1,799,412
Eric P. Etchart	2013	\$457,000	\$0	\$494,068	\$274,500	\$330,411	\$282,596	\$14,070	\$1,852,645
President Manitowoc Crane Group	2012	\$450,000	\$0	\$390,107	\$361,519	\$443,813	\$324,609	\$22,189	\$1,992,237
Thomas G. Musial	2014	\$460,000	\$0	\$736,360	\$392,535	\$0	\$0	\$1,684,109	\$3,273,004
Senior Vice President, Human Resources & Administration	2013	\$460,000	\$0	\$565,265	\$314,100	\$328,440	\$0	\$1,684,747	\$3,352,552
Maurice Jones	2012	\$450,000	\$0	\$470,366	\$436,118	\$458,156	\$0	\$440,314	\$2,254,954
Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary	2014	\$420,000	\$0	\$575,421	\$306,684	\$0	\$515,393	\$31,445	\$1,848,943
	2013	\$420,000	\$0	\$418,555	\$232,200	\$263,172	\$472,831	\$40,831	\$1,847,589
	2012	\$408,000	\$0	\$353,369	\$328,045	\$348,738	\$433,796	\$30,720	\$1,902,668
	2014	\$412,000	\$0	\$564,291	\$300,752	\$0	\$198,769	\$31,503	\$1,507,315
	2013	\$412,000	\$0	\$409,925	\$227,700	\$258,159	\$241,409	\$33,405	\$1,582,598
	2012	\$400,000	\$0	\$347,819	\$321,350	\$341,380	\$422,188	\$26,910	\$1,859,647

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- (1) The amounts listed in the Stock Awards and Option Awards columns represent the aggregate grant date fair value of such awards in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 (ASC 718).

- (2) Reflects the grant date fair value of the awards granted in each year shown as computed under ASC 718. The awards represented in this column are performance shares. The value for the grants of performance shares is based on the target number of shares that could be earned if the performance goals are met. The actual number of shares issued at the end of the performance period may be more or less than the target award, depending upon the actual performance in comparison to the target performance goals. For the 2012 grant, the actual award performance was 81.4% of target. The performance periods for the 2013 and 2014 grants are not yet completed. For performance at maximum, each named executive officer may earn up to two times the target number of performance shares.

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- (3) Reflects the grant date fair value of the awards granted in each year shown as computed under ASC 718. The options expire ten years from the grant date. Options granted vest in 25% increments annually beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date and continuing on each subsequent anniversary until the fourth anniversary.
- (4) Consists of cash awards made under the Company's Short-Term Incentive Plan. The amount reflects the amount earned for performance during the year indicated but not paid until the next year.
- (5) Consists of the change in the actuarial present value of the individual's accumulated benefit under the Company's Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (*e.g.*, for 2014 this reflects the change from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2014). The Company does not provide above-market earnings on non-qualified deferred compensation.
- (6) Consists of compensation included in the All Other Compensation Table, which follows this table.
- (7) The CEO's actual base salary, annual incentive award (STIP Payout), and long-term incentive values realized during 2012, 2013 and 2014 are presented below. The actual values realized presented below for long-term incentives are different than amounts in the Summary Compensation Table above, which presents the grant date fair value of such awards.

Calendar Year	Base Salary	STIP Payout	Long-Term Incentive Values Realized		Total Actual Realized Compensation
			Option Exercises	Stock Vesting	
2014	\$985,000	\$0	\$7,035,066	\$5,910,343	\$13,930,409
2013	\$985,000	\$1,044,494	\$0	\$4,137,246	\$6,166,740
2012	\$965,000	\$1,395,873	\$2,429,596	\$ 821,017	\$5,611,486

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The following table sets forth the specific items included in the All Other Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table.

Name	Year	Company	Tax		Car	Other ⁽²⁾	Total
		Contributions to Defined Contribution Plan ⁽¹⁾	Insurance Premiums	Reimbursement Fee			
Glen E. Tellock	2014	\$10,400	\$4,675	\$4,678	\$15,600	\$19,263	\$54,616
	2013	\$10,200	\$4,675	\$7,202	\$15,600	\$8,558	\$46,235
	2012	\$8,127	\$4,675	\$0	\$15,600	\$5,922	\$34,324
Carl J. Laurino	2014	\$0	\$987	\$803	\$10,800	\$1,056	\$13,646
	2013	\$0	\$987	\$1,297	\$10,800	\$986	\$14,070
	2012	\$0	\$987	\$0	\$10,800	\$10,402	\$22,189
Eric P. Etchart	2014	\$0	\$0	\$14,321	\$10,800	\$1,658,988	\$1,684,109
	2013	\$0	\$0	\$13,788	\$10,800	\$1,660,159	\$1,684,747
	2012	\$0	\$0	\$15,530	\$10,800	\$413,984	\$440,314
Thomas G. Musial	2014	\$10,400	\$7,079	\$3,166	\$10,800	\$0	\$31,445
	2013	\$10,200	\$7,079	\$11,514	\$10,800	\$1,238	\$40,831
	2012	\$9,539	\$7,079	\$2,495	\$10,800	\$807	\$30,720
Maurice D. Jones	2014	\$10,400	\$5,532	\$4,771	\$10,800	\$0	\$31,503
	2013	\$10,200	\$5,532	\$5,810	\$10,800	\$1,063	\$33,405
	2012	\$8,047	\$5,532	\$2,495	\$10,800	\$36	\$26,910

- (1) Consists of contributions made by the Company during the year indicated under The Manitowoc Company, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan. As explained in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, this Plan includes both a tax-qualified defined contribution savings component in which the participant receives a Company match, and a retirement plan feature in which the Company provides an annual contribution of between 0 - 4% of eligible compensation to another defined contribution account. The annual Company contribution in the retirement plan feature was suspended in 2009 and reinstated in 2013. Accordingly, compensation earned through the end of 2012 was not considered in calculating the Company contribution for the retirement plan feature for 2012. Thus for 2012, the amounts presented only include the Company match under the savings plan feature of the plan.
- (2) For 2014, includes (a) \$1,655,458 of expat related fees (including tax gross-ups) for Eric P. Etchart and his family; (b) personal use of Company aircraft and officer's family travel on commercial airlines - Glen E. Tellock \$17,724, Carl J. Laurino \$1,012, and Eric P. Etchart \$3,530; and (c) personal use of membership - Glen E. Tellock \$945. As noted in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, while on an expatriate assignment Mr. Etchart is entitled to a tax equalization gross-up for any amount of tax to which he may be subject above the amount of tax that he would otherwise be required to pay as a resident of France. Mr. Etchart's expat related fees in 2014 and 2013 are significantly greater than in 2012 due primarily to the tax equalization gross-up in connection with the exercise and vesting of a greater number of equity awards for Mr. Etchart in 2014 and 2013 than in 2012.
- For 2013, includes (a) \$1,657,307 of expat related fees (including tax gross-ups) for Eric P. Etchart and his family; (b) personal use of Company aircraft and officer's family travel on commercial airlines - Glen E. Tellock \$7,161 and Eric P. Etchart \$2,076; (c) personal use of membership - Glen E. Tellock \$917, and Thomas G. Musial, Carl J. Laurino, Maurice D. Jones and Eric P. Etchart \$772 each.
- For 2012, includes (a) \$413,063 of expat related fees (including tax gross-ups) for Eric P. Etchart and his family; (b) personal use of Company aircraft and officer's family travel on commercial airlines - Glen E. Tellock \$4,639, Carl J. Laurino \$9,492, and Eric P. Etchart \$162; (c) personal use of membership - Glen E. Tellock \$984, and Thomas G. Musial, Carl J. Laurino and Eric P. Etchart \$759 each.

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The following table sets forth the 2014 awards under the Company's 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan. Any STIP awards earned in 2014 will be paid in the first quarter of 2015. Other than the stock option awards and the performance share awards, which are disclosed below, there were no other equity-based incentive awards granted to the named executive officers in 2014.

Name	Award Type	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
			Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)			
Glen E. Tellock	STIP	3/14/2014	0	\$1,083,500	\$2,167,000						
	Stock Options	2/14/2014									
	Performance Shares	2/14/2014				18,105	72,420	144,840	96,645	\$29.07	\$1,433,245
Carl J. Laurino	STIP	3/14/2014	0	\$342,750	\$685,500						
	Stock Options	2/14/2014									
	Performance Shares	2/14/2014				4,259	17,034	34,068	22,712	\$29.07	\$336,819
Eric P. Etchart	STIP	3/14/2014	0	\$345,000	\$690,000						
	Stock Options	2/14/2014									
	Performance Shares	2/14/2014				4,962	19,848	39,696	26,469	\$29.07	\$392,535
Thomas G. Musial	STIP	3/14/2014	0	\$273,000	\$546,000						
	Stock Options	2/14/2014									
	Performance Shares	2/14/2014				3,878	15,510	31,020	20,680	\$29.07	\$306,684
Maurice D. Jones	STIP	3/14/2014	0	\$267,800	\$535,600						
	Stock Options	2/14/2014									
	Performance Shares	2/14/2014				3,803	15,210	30,420	20,280	\$29.07	\$300,752

(1) Reflects the grant date fair value of the awards granted in 2014 as computed under ASC 718. The options expire ten years from the grant date and vest in 25% increments annually beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date and continuing on each subsequent anniversary until the fourth anniversary.

(2) Reflects the grant date fair value of the awards granted in 2014 as computed under ASC 718. The performance shares granted in 2014 are earned based on a three-year performance cycle.

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	8,725	0	\$29.0700	February 28, 2022		
		25,250		February 26, 2023		
	0	20,150		February 14, 2024		
		27,360				
		26,175				
		26,469				
Thomas G. Musial	46,200	0	\$26.1000	May 3, 2016	16,324 ⁽²⁾	\$360,760 ⁽⁵⁾
	23,000		\$29.5150			
	17,900	0	\$39.1300	February 27, 2017	19,400 ⁽³⁾	\$428,740 ⁽⁵⁾
	74,100		\$4.4100	February 15, 2018		
	65,475	0	\$11.3500	February 24, 2019	3,878 ⁽⁴⁾	\$85,704 ⁽⁵⁾
	41,625		\$19.7800	February 11, 2020		
	20,580	0	\$16.2800	February 14, 2021		
	6,450	0	\$18.1400	February 28, 2022		
		21,825	\$29.0700	February 26, 2023		
	0	13,875		February 14, 2024		
		20,580				
		19,350				
		20,680				
Maurice D. Jones	40,000	0	\$26.1000	May 3, 2016	16,068 ⁽²⁾	\$355,103 ⁽⁵⁾
	21,200		\$29.5150			
	17,400	0	\$39.1300	February 27, 2017	19,000 ⁽³⁾	\$419,900 ⁽⁵⁾
	71,900		\$4.4100	February 15, 2018		
	62,925	0	\$11.3500	February 24, 2019	3,803 ⁽⁴⁾	\$84,046 ⁽⁵⁾
	40,275		\$19.7800	February 11, 2020		
	20,160	0	\$16.2800	February 14, 2021		
	6,325	0	\$18.1400	February 28, 2022		
		20,975	\$29.0700	February 26, 2023		
	0	13,425		February 14, 2024		
		20,160				
		18,975				
		20,280				

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- (1) Consists of incentive and non-qualified options to purchase Common Stock of the Company under the Company's 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan and 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan.
- (2) Consists of the performance share awards granted in 2012 under the 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan. The performance period for the 2012 grant concluded at the end of 2014; these were issued after performance was certified by the Compensation Committee in February 2015. Actual performance for the 2012 grant was at 81.4% of target and is reflected in the table.
- (3) Consists of the performance share awards granted in 2013 under the 2003 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan. The performance period concludes at the end of 2015. Current projected performance is between threshold and target; therefore, in projecting performance as of December 31, 2014, the number of shares appearing here is the number of shares that would be awarded assuming target performance (100%) is achieved.
- (4) Consists of the performance share awards granted in 2014 under the 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The performance period expires at the end of 2016. Current projected performance is below threshold; therefore, in projecting performance as of December 31, 2014, the number of shares appearing here is the number of shares that would be awarded assuming threshold performance (25%) is achieved.
- (5) The market value is calculated based on the unvested award amount noted in the preceding column multiplied by the closing stock price on December 31, 2014 of \$22.10.

OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED

The following table presents, for each named executive officer, the stock options exercised and the performance shares vested during 2014. These stock options and performance shares were granted to the named executive officers prior to 2014; consequently, the value realized by the executives was actually earned over several years.

Name	Option Awards ⁽¹⁾		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)
Glen E. Tellock	343,981	\$7,035,066	0	\$0
Carl J. Laurino	0	\$0	0	\$0
Eric P. Etchart	52,502	\$1,230,751	0	\$0
Thomas G. Musial	32,000	\$669,120	0	\$0
Maurice D. Jones	26,332	\$522,954	0	\$0

- (1) The dollar value realized by stock option exercises in 2014 represents the total pre-tax value realized by the named executive officers upon exercise. The realized amount represents the fair market value of the shares on the date exercised minus the exercise price.

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The following table sets forth information with respect to the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan as of December 31, 2014:

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years Credited Service⁽¹⁾ (#)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$)	Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)
Glen E. Tellock	SERP	14.58	\$8,394,838	\$0
Carl J. Laurino	SERP	8.00	\$1,811,762	\$0
Eric P. Etchart	SERP	0	\$0	\$0
Thomas G. Musial	SERP	14.58	\$6,241,982	\$0
Maurice D. Jones	SERP	10.00	\$2,079,392	\$0

- (1) Reflects the number of years since the participant began participating in the plan. The plan was adopted by the Company in 2000. Currently an executive of the Company is not eligible to participate under the plan until the executive has at least five credited years of service with the Company and satisfies other criteria determined by the Compensation Committee. As of December 31, 2014, the named executive officers had the following actual years of service with the Company: Glen E. Tellock 23.98 years, Carl J. Laurino 14.99 years, Eric P. Etchart 31.67 years, Thomas G. Musial 37.42 years and Maurice D. Jones 15.42 years.

Under the Company's Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, eligible executives are entitled to receive retirement benefits which are intended to fund a life annuity equal to 55% of a participant's final average pay at the earlier of normal retirement (age 65) or the first of the month following the date on which the participant's attained age plus years of service with the Company equals eighty (80). A participant's final five-year average pay is computed by averaging the participant's projected base salary (including elective deferrals) and non-equity incentive plan compensation payable for each year for the five consecutive calendar year period when the participant receives or is projected to receive his or her highest average compensation prior to the earlier of normal retirement (age 65) or the first of the month following the date on which the participant's attained age plus years of service with the Company equals eighty (80). Benefits are computed using a straight-life annuity and are not reduced for social security or other offsets. Under the Plan, an account balance is maintained for each participant, which account reflects (a) an annual contribution credit that is determined by calculating the present value of the lump-sum actuarial equivalent of fifty-five percent (55%) of the participant's five-year final average pay payable as a life annuity, at the earlier of (i) normal retirement (age 65) or (ii) the first of the month following the date on which the participant's attained age plus years of service with the Company equals eighty (80); and (b) an annual increase in the account balance at the end of each year equal to nine percent (9%) of the account balance at the beginning of the year. When a participant becomes eligible for a distribution under the plan, the participant may elect to receive his/her account balance in a lump-sum or over a fixed number of years not to exceed ten (10) years. Currently, the Compensation Committee has determined that an executive will not be eligible to participate under the plan until the executive has at least five credited years of service with the Company and/or its subsidiaries and satisfies other criteria determined by the Compensation Committee. Additionally, for any executive who becomes a participant after 2008 and whose projected total service at his or her target retirement date is less than 25 years, the 55% target retirement benefit will be prorated based on the projected total service years divided by 25.

Table of Contents**Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation**

The following table sets forth information with respect to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan, a non-qualified plan, as of December 31, 2014:

Name	Executive Contributions in Last FY ⁽¹⁾	Registrant Contributions in Last FY	Aggregate Earnings in Last FY	Aggregate Withdrawals / Distributions	Aggregate Balance at Last FYE ⁽²⁾
Glen E. Tellock	\$49,250	\$0	\$4,490	\$0	\$654,156
Carl J. Laurino	\$55,891	\$2,017	\$41,440	\$0	\$657,302
Eric P. Etchart	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Thomas G. Musial	\$0	\$0	\$69,535	\$0	\$1,673,833
Maurice D. Jones	\$0	\$0	\$3,811	\$5,695	\$332,476

- (1) Reflects elective deferrals of compensation earned or payable in 2014. These amounts were also included in the Salary and Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation columns in the Summary Compensation Table.
- (2) Of the amounts reported in the Aggregate Balance at Last Fiscal Year End column, the following amounts were previously reported in the Summary Compensation Tables in the Company's Proxy Statements for its prior annual meetings of shareholders: Mr. Tellock \$152,945; Mr. Laurino \$355,926; Mr. Musial \$10,720; and Mr. Jones \$45,174.

Post-Employment Compensation

In 2013, the Company amended and reinstated its Contingent Employment Agreements (the Contingent Employment Agreements) with the named executive officers (and certain other key executives and employees of the Company and certain subsidiaries). The amendments to the Contingent Employment Agreements eliminated single trigger cash severance provisions from any executive officer who previously had this provision (and replaced them with double trigger provisions), and eliminated the excise tax gross-ups from the CEO agreement (they had already been eliminated from the agreements of other named executive officers).

The Contingent Employment Agreements provide generally that in the event of a change in control (as defined in the Agreements) of the Company, each executive will continue to be employed by the Company for a period of time (three years in the case of the CEO and two years in the case of the other named executive officers). Under the Contingent Employment Agreements, each executive will remain employed at the same position held as of the change in control date, and will receive a salary at least equal to the salary in effect as of such date, plus all bonuses, incentive compensation, and other benefits extended by the Company to its executive officers and key employees, provided that the plans and bonus opportunity are no less favorable than those that were available prior to a change in control. After a change in control, the executive's compensation would be subject to upward adjustment at least annually based upon the executive's contributions and the level of increases provided to other officers and employees. Each Contingent Employment Agreement terminates prior to the end of the applicable employment period if the executive voluntarily retires from the Company or is terminated by the Company for cause, as defined in the Contingent Employment Agreement.

In the event the executive is terminated by the Company without cause following a change in control, the executive is entitled to receive a monthly amount equal to the base salary and benefits the executive would have otherwise been paid but for the termination, and the annual incentive compensation the executive would have otherwise been paid but for the termination, through the applicable employment period. Upon a change in control, stock options fully vest, restrictions on restricted stock or similar securities lapse, and each holder of performance shares has the right to receive, in exchange for the performance shares, cash equal to a pro-rated amount of performance shares based on the amount of time that has lapsed during the performance period up to

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the change in control. In the event the executive is terminated by the Company for cause, the executive is only entitled to the salary and benefits accrued and vested as of the effective date of the termination. A Contingent Employment Agreement is terminable by either party at any time prior to a change in control.

If a named executive officer is terminated by the Company without cause within six months prior to a change in control and it is reasonably demonstrated by the employee that the termination (i) was at the request of a third party who has taken steps reasonably calculated to effect a change in control; or (ii) otherwise arose in connection with or in anticipation of a change in control, the employee will be entitled to the severance payment and benefits that he would have otherwise have received if he were terminated by the Company without cause following a change in control.

If any of the payments to a named executive officer would constitute an excess parachute payment under Sections 280G of the Internal Revenue Code and would result in the imposition on the executive of an excise tax under 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Excise Tax), the executive is not entitled to any tax gross up amount; however, the executive would be entitled to receive the best net treatment. Under the best net treatment, if the after-tax amount (taking into account all federal, state and local excise, income and other taxes) that would be retained by the executive is less than the after-tax amount that would be retained by the executive if the executive were instead to be paid or provided (as the case may be) the maximum amount that the executive could receive without being subject to the Excise Tax (the Reduced Amount), then the executive shall be entitled to receive the Reduced Amount instead of the full amount that would have been subject to the Excise Tax.

The Contingent Employment Agreements also provide that if the executive is terminated (i) by the Company without cause prior to the end of the employment period; or (ii) by the Company within six months prior to a change in control in anticipation of a change in control as explained above, the executive will be prohibited from competing with the Company for (y) the lesser of two years or the unexpired term of the employment period or (z) two years in the case of a termination of the Company within six months prior to a change in control in anticipation of a change in control as described above.

Estimated Payments upon a Change in Control

The following table presents the estimated payouts that would be made upon a change in control coupled with an executive's termination of employment (other than for cause or retirement), assuming the change in control occurred as of December 31, 2014. The calculations are intended to provide reasonable estimates, based on the noted assumptions, of the potential benefits payable. The actual amount of severance benefits, if any, would depend upon the executive's pay, terms of a change in control transaction and the subsequent impact on the executive's employment.

Name	Base Salary ⁽¹⁾	Annual Incentive-Based Compensation ⁽²⁾	Stock Options ⁽³⁾	Performance Shares ⁽⁴⁾	Benefits ⁽⁵⁾	Excise Tax Gross Up ⁽⁶⁾	Total
Glen E. Tellock	\$2,955,000	\$2,440,367	\$2,238,988	\$1,541,895	\$67,755	\$0	\$9,244,005
Carl J. Laurino	\$914,000	\$516,149	\$474,471	\$368,783	\$45,170	\$0	\$2,318,573
Eric P. Etchart	\$920,000	\$544,523	\$581,074	\$422,574	\$45,170	\$0	\$2,513,340
Thomas G. Musial	\$840,000	\$407,940	\$463,210	\$314,417	\$33,500	\$0	\$2,059,067
Maurice D. Jones	\$824,000	\$399,693	\$449,099	\$307,964	\$45,170	\$0	\$2,025,926

(1) Represents three times Mr. Tellock's and two times each of the other executive's base salary on December 31, 2014.

(2) Represents three times Mr. Tellock's and two times each of the other executive's average earned incentive compensation under the Company's Short-Term Incentive Plan during the most recently completed three fiscal years (2012 through 2014).

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- (3) Intrinsic value of unvested stock options based on the closing trading price (\$22.10) of the Company's Common Stock at December 31, 2014, the last trading day of 2014.
- (4) Represents the value of unvested performance shares, prorated and based on performance at year-end which for the 2012-14 cycle is at 81.4%; the 2013-2015 performance cycle is currently projected between threshold and target and thus included at target (100%), and the 2014-2016 performance cycle is projected below threshold and thus included at threshold (25%). These projections are based on the closing price (\$22.10) of the Company's common stock on December 31, 2014, the last trading day of 2014.
- (5) Represents three times in the case of Mr. Tellock, and two times in the case of each of the other executives, the value of the annual benefits provided to the executive.
- (6) The Company does not provide officers excise tax gross-ups.

As stated in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the Company also has a formal severance pay plan that establishes a discretionary severance program across the Company whereby all severance benefits are provided at the Company's sole discretion and will be designed to meet the specific facts and circumstances of each termination. The Board of Directors has the sole authority to authorize any benefits under the plan to any elected officer of the Company. Other than this discretionary severance pay plan, the Company does not have a formal severance plan or other forms of employment termination except in the event of a change in control as described above, and except for the severance benefits to which Mr. Etchart is entitled as an employee of a French company pursuant to the French collective bargaining agreement, as described below.

Eric P. Etchart Severance Benefits

As mentioned previously, as an employee of Manitowoc France SAS, Mr. Etchart is also covered by a collective bargaining agreement, Convention Collective Nationale de Ingénieurs et Cadres de Métallurgie. The collective bargaining agreement provides for certain severance payments to which Mr. Etchart would be entitled, determined as follows: 128.6% of the sum of (a) 1/5th of one month's salary and incentive compensation per year of service for the first seven years of service, plus (b) 3/5^{ths} of one month's salary and incentive compensation per year of service for each year of service above seven years. For purposes of the foregoing, one month's salary and incentive compensation is deemed to be 1/12th of the total salary and incentive compensation for the twelve months preceding the severance date. Since Mr. Etchart's employment began in 1983, he has 31 years of service for purposes of calculating his severance. Therefore, assuming a December 31, 2014 termination date, his severance would be \$778,887, which is calculated based on the following formula: $((1/5 \times 7) + (3/5 \times 24)) \times 1.286 = 20.3188$ multiplied by 1/12th of his total salary and incentive compensation for 2014, or $20.3188 \times 1/12 \times \$460,000 = \$778,887$. Additionally under the terms of the collective bargaining agreement, Mr. Etchart is entitled to six months' notice of termination. Mr. Etchart would be entitled to his full compensation and benefits during the six-month notice period.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

Other Matters

Management knows of no business that will be presented for action at the Annual Meeting other than as set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting accompanying this Proxy Statement. If other matters do properly come before the Annual Meeting, proxies will be voted in accordance with the best judgment of the person or persons exercising authority conferred by such proxies.

Shareholder Proposals

Shareholder proposals for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders must be received no later than November 21, 2015, at the Company's principal executive offices, 2400 South 44th Street, P.O. Box 66, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54221-0066, directed to the attention of the Secretary, in order to be considered for inclusion in next year's annual meeting proxy material under the Securities and Exchange Commission's proxy rules.

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Under the Company's By-laws, written notice of shareholder proposals for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company that are not intended to be considered for inclusion in next year's annual meeting proxy material (shareholder proposals submitted outside the processes of Rule 14a-8) must be received not less than 50 nor more than 75 days prior to March 20, 2016, directed to the attention of the Secretary, and such notice must contain the information specified in the Company's By-laws.

Annual Report

A copy (without exhibits) of the Company's Annual Report to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 is available online at www.proxydocs.com/mtw and also through the Company's website: www.manitowoc.com. In addition, the Company will provide to any shareholder, without charge, upon written request of such shareholder, an additional copy of such Annual Report and a copy of any other document referenced in this Proxy Statement as being available to a shareholder upon request. Such requests should be addressed to Maurice D. Jones, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, The Manitowoc Company, Inc., P.O. Box 66, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54221-0066.

Householding Information

We have adopted a procedure approved by the SEC called "householding." Under this procedure, shareholders of record who have the same address and last name and do not participate in electronic delivery of proxy materials will receive only one copy of our Annual Report and Proxy Statement unless one or more of these shareholders notifies us that they wish to continue receiving individual copies. This procedure will reduce our printing costs and postage fees. Shareholders who participate in householding will continue to receive separate proxy cards. Also, householding will not in any way affect dividend check mailings. If you and other shareholders of record with whom you share an address currently receive multiple copies of Annual Reports and/or Proxy Statements, or if you hold stock in more than one account and in either case, you wish to receive only a single copy of the Annual Report or Proxy Statement for your household, please contact Maurice D. Jones, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary (in writing: The Manitowoc Company, Inc., 2400 South 44th Street, P. O. Box 66, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54221-0066, by telephone: 920-652-1741) with the names in which all accounts are registered. If you participate in householding and wish to receive a separate copy of the 2014 Annual Report or this Proxy Statement, please contact Maurice D. Jones at the above address or phone number. We will deliver the requested documents to you promptly upon your request. Beneficial shareholders can request information about householding from their banks, brokers, or other holders of record.

It is important that proxies be returned promptly. Whether or not you expect to attend the Annual Meeting in person, you are requested to complete, date, sign, and return the proxy card as soon as possible.

By Order of the Board of Directors

MAURICE D. JONES
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Manitowoc, Wisconsin

March 20, 2015

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