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2019 PROXY STATEMENT

Our Company

At A Glance

Stericycle is a global business-to-business services company. We provide an array of highly specialized solutions serving healthcare organizations and commercial businesses of every size. Since our founding in 1989, we have grown from a small start-up in medical waste management into a leader across a range of increasingly complex and highly regulated arenas, such as:

Regulated waste management and compliance solutions

Secure information destruction

Environmental and sustainable solutions

Brand protection solutions

Patient and customer communication solutions

Every organization today must comply with increasingly strict regulatory guidelines and quality controls in the delivery of their core businesses. Large or small, businesses can t always do it on their own. They seek out Stericycle to help them. We have the expertise and passion to take on many complicated and often behind-the-scenes services our clients don t always know how to do well but that ultimately make their businesses better.

OUR PURPOSE:

To help our customers fulfill their promises by providing solutions that protect people and brands, promote health and safeguard the environment.

Letter from the Chairman

DEAR SHAREHOLDERS

At the beginning of 2018, Stericycle announced a comprehensive, multi-year program to transform the Company for long-term sustainability and to drive profitable growth and long-term shareholder returns. As part of this Business Transformation, we are rationalizing our business portfolio and monetizing non-strategic assets, standardizing business processes around the globe and driving a metrics-driven culture. The backbone of this Transformation is an enterprise resource planning (ERP) platform which we expect will achieve efficiencies by reducing the number of information technology platforms, automating workflows, streamlining operations, and providing real-time, actionable data to all levels of the organization.

A similar transformation is underway regarding Stericycle s governance. Over the past several years, the Board of Directors has been executing on a series of purposeful steps to evolve our governance, executive leadership, and financial controls. I d like to take this opportunity to share this progress with you.

Governance Enhancements Aligned with Best Practices

The Board is focused on ensuring that we have the right skills and experience and fresh perspective on the Board to support the Company and provide effective oversight during the Business Transformation. To that end, we have added seven new Directors since the beginning of 2017.

With this continued refreshment and our two recently appointed directors, our Board will have an average tenure of approximately two and half years with no members (excluding the Chief Executive Officer, who has announced his retirement) having served as a director of Stericycle for more than seven years. In comparison, the average tenure for the S&P 500 and Russell 3000 is nine years.

I was appointed as Independent Chairman in 2018 after joining the Board in 2017, and we have refreshed the composition and leadership of all of our Board committees during this time.

Our skills matrix (included with the enclosed proxy statement) highlights the depth and breadth of our Board s diverse skills, experiences and attributes, including significant experience with business transformation and financial controls.

Expanded Stericycle s Leadership Team Breadth of Expertise

In addition to these significant changes to the Board, we have reconstituted the executive leadership team to ensure we have the right expertise and operational experience necessary to successfully drive the Company forward. Earlier this year we announced that Cindy J. Miller, who joined Stericycle as President and Chief Operating Officer in October 2018, will succeed Charlie A. Alutto as Chief Executive Officer, following Charlie s retirement in May 2019. Cindy s appointment as CEO was the culmination of a thoughtful executive leadership development and succession planning process designed to ensure the Company is strongly positioned to execute its Business Transformation and enhance financial and operational performance.

In addition to Cindy s appointment as CEO, since 2017, we have appointed six new, highly-experienced executives to our senior leadership team:

William J. Seward as Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer;

Richard M. Moore as Executive Vice President of North American Operations;

Joseph A. Reuter as Executive Vice President and Chief People Officer;

Michael Weisman as Executive Vice President and Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer;

Kurt M. Rogers as Executive Vice President and General Counsel; and

David W. Stahl as Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer.

Additionally, Daniel Ginnetti, currently Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will transition to the position of Executive Vice President of International upon the appointment of a new Chief Financial Officer.

Strengthening Internal Controls

The Board, and particularly the Audit Committee, has been deeply engaged in overseeing the Company s efforts to improve financial reporting, controls and disclosures, and we ve made substantial progress since 2016. Moreover, following the implementation of the new ERP system (targeted to begin in the U.S. and Canada during 2020 and internationally in 2021), Stericycle expects to benefit from significantly enhanced systems and processes that will streamline and automate financial controls and reporting. Some highlights of this progress include:

Stericycle has upgraded and expanded corporate and business unit finance, accounting and reporting, and information technology teams, and aligned incentive plans with effective internal controls.

With the guidance of industry-leading experts, we ve been working diligently to mitigate material weaknesses and have made significant progress expanding policies, standardizing control processes, segregating duties, formalizing routine financial reviews, and training team members.

We ve expanded our technical accounting team and the use of specialist involvement for non-routine transactions, highly complex areas of accounting, and adoption of new accounting standards to ensure appropriate accounting.

We are leveraging advanced technology to monitor revenue recognition activities and implemented continuous monitoring of global financial reporting controls.

We ve created a robust Disclosure Committee Process led by the General Counsel and Chief Accounting Officer. The Board of Directors believes strongly that Stericycle is an excellent company and we are excited about its future. We enjoy a leadership position in our large and growing core markets. Our business model focused on compliance-based, recurring service needs remains sound. Our customers are loyal and respond with strong satisfaction scores. Our team members are talented industry experts who have a passion for the work they do.

While the Company s growth has been stagnant for the past two years, we believe it is a temporary and transitional phase. Stericycle is in the process of reinventing itself and reimagining its future and the changes are apparent in almost everything we do, from servicing our customers, to leading our teams, to advancing the technology we use, and to oversight and engagement from the Board.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your investment in Stericycle. We ask for your voting support of our recommended actions on the items described in this proxy statement and will continue to work diligently to earn and keep your trust.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Murley

Chairman

Notice of 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

8:30 a.m. Central Daylight Time

Loews Chicago O Hare Hotel

5300 N. River Road

Rosemont, IL 60018

DEAR STOCKHOLDER:

You are cordially invited to attend our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) to be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Central Daylight Time at the Loews Chicago O Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018.

At the Annual Meeting, you will be asked to consider and vote on the following matters:

- 1. the election to the Board of Directors (the Board) of the ten nominees for director named in this proxy statement;
- 2. an advisory vote to approve executive compensation (the say-on-pay vote);
- 3. ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2019;
- 4. a stockholder proposal entitled Special Shareholder Meeting Improvement, if it is properly presented at our Annual Meeting; and
- 5. any other matter that properly comes before the Annual Meeting.
 Only stockholders of record at the close of business on the record date of March 28, 2019 are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

If you plan to attend the meeting in person, please email your request to *Investor@Stericycle.com*. If you are the beneficial owner of shares held in street name, you must also provide confirmation of your stock ownership. All requests for admission must be received by May 15, 2019. Admission is not transferable.

If you do not plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please promptly vote your shares by telephone, via the internet at *www.proxyvote.com*, or, if you received a paper copy of the materials, by signing, dating and returning the accompanying proxy card or voting instruction card. If you return your proxy card and later decide to attend the

Annual Meeting and then vote in person, your earlier proxy (or earlier vote by telephone or Internet) will be revoked. Your attendance at the Annual Meeting, by itself, does not revoke an earlier proxy. If for any other reason you want to revoke your proxy, you may do so at any time before your proxy is voted.

For the Board of Directors

Dated: April 10, 2019

Lake Forest, Illinois

Robert S. Murley *Chairman of the Board*

Cindy J. Miller

President and Chief Operating Officer

Chief Executive Officer Elect

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the 2019

Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on May 22, 2019:

The Proxy Statement, Notice of Annual Meeting and 2018 Annual Report to

Stockholders are available at www.proxyvote.com

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this proxy statement. It does not contain all information that you should consider, and you should read the entire proxy statement carefully before voting. In this proxy statement, we, us, our, Stericycle and the Company all refer to Stericycle, Inc.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Time and Date:	8:30 a.m. o	central daylight time on	Wednesday, M	av 22, 2019
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Place: Loews Chicago O Hare Hotel

5300 N. River Road

Rosemont, IL 60018

Record Date: March 28, 2019

Voting: Stockholders as of the record date are entitled to vote

Attendance: Stockholders who wish to attend the meeting in person should email their request to

Investor@Stericycle.com by May 15, 2019.

Proxy Materials: This proxy statement and our annual report to stockholders (which includes a copy of our Annual

Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018) are first being made available to

Board

stockholders on or about April 10, 2019.

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Board Nominees

The following table provides summary information about the nominees for director. Each director is elected by a majority of votes cast.

Director

Nominee	Age	Since	Principal Occupation	Current Committees
Robert S. Murley	69	2017	Chairman of the Board, Stericycle, Inc.;	None
			Senior advisor, Credit Suisse, LLC	
Cindy J. Miller ⁽¹⁾	56	2019	President and Chief Operating Officer, Stericycle Inc.	None
			Chief Executive Officer Elect	
Brian P. Anderson	68	2017	Former executive vice president of OfficeMax Incorporated	Audit (Chair)
Lynn D. Bleil	55	2015	Former senior partner McKinsey & Company	Compensation
				Nominating and Governance (Chair)
Thomas F. Chen	69	2014	Former senior vice president and president of international nutrition, Abbott Laboratories	Compensation
				Nominating and Governance
J. Joel Hackney, Jr.	49	2019	Chief Executive Officer of nThrive, Inc.	Nominating and Governance
Veronica M. Hagen	73	2018	Former President and Chief Executive Officer of Polymer Group Inc.	Audit
Stephen C. Hooley	56	2019	Former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of DST Systems, Inc.	Compensation
Kay G. Priestly	63	2018	Former Chief Executive Officer of Turquoise Hill Resources Ltd.	Audit
Mike S. Zafirovski ⁽²⁾	65	2012	Former director, president and chief executive officer of Nortel Networks Corporation.	Compensation

Nominating and Governance

(1) Ms. Miller was appointed as President and Chief Executive Officer effective May 2, 2019.

(2) Mr. Zafirovski is expected to be named as Chair of the Compensation Committee at the Board Meeting to be held in May 2019. He will succeed the current committee Chair, Thomas D. Brown, who is not standing for re-election at the Annual Meeting.

Compensation Highlights

Our compensation program is performance oriented and designed to incent our executive officers to improve our operating performance and thereby create value for all of our stockholders. The following table sets forth the 2018 compensation for each named executive officer as determined under the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). See the notes accompanying the Summary Compensation Table herein for more information.

				N		n-Equity ncentive				Total
			Option	Stock		Plan	All Othe	_		
Named Executive Officer	Salary	Bonus	Awards	Awardsn	np	ensationo	mpensatio	rCo	mpens	sation
Charles A. Alutto	\$1,000,000		\$1,289,942	\$ 1,582,185	\$	241,800	\$ 5,69	3 5	4,11	9,620
Cindy J. Miller	156,250		894,995	822,209			33,52	6	1,90	6,980
Daniel V. Ginnetti	550,000		482,280	591,531	\$	99,743	3,00	0	1,72	6,554
Kurt M. Rogers	400,000		244,217	299,529	\$	58,032	3,00	0	1,00	4,778
Ruth-Ellen Abdulmassih	370,000	\$ 327,541	234,438	287,535	\$	58,153	26,68	1	1,30	4,348
Joseph B. Arnold	550,000		482,280	591,531	\$	99,743	1,012,00	5	2,73	5,559
Brenda R. Frank	367,692	\$ 198,616	252,546	309,704			19,57	1	1,14	8,129

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Why Did I Receive This Proxy Statement and Other Materials?

The Board of Directors (the Board) of Stericycle, Inc. is soliciting proxies to vote shares of our common stock at the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) to be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. central daylight time, at the Loews Chicago O Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018.

This proxy statement and our annual report to stockholders (which includes a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018), are first being made available to stockholders on or about April 10, 2019. Although both are made available together, our annual report to stockholders is not part of this proxy statement.

What Will Stockholders Vote on at the Annual Meeting?

Stockholders will vote on following matters at the Annual Meeting:

the election to the Board of the ten nominees for director named in this proxy statement (Item 1);

an advisory vote to approve executive compensation (the say-on-pay vote) (Item 2);

ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2019 (Item 3);

a stockholder proposal entitled Special Shareholder Meeting Improvement, if properly presented at the Annual Meeting (Item 4); and

any other matter that properly comes before the Annual Meeting.

What Are the Board s Voting Recommendations?

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FOR each of the ten nominees for election to the Board (Item 1);

FOR the advisory vote to approve executive compensation (Item 2);

FOR ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2019 (Item 3); and

AGAINST the stockholder proposal (Item 4).

Who May Vote at the Annual Meeting?

Only stockholders of record as of the close of business on March 28, 2019 are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Each outstanding share of common stock as of the record date is entitled to one vote on all matters that come before the meeting. There is no cumulative voting.

As of the close of business on the record date of March 28, 2019, there were 90,771,802 shares of our common stock issued and outstanding.

Why Did I Receive Only a One-Page Notice in the Mail Regarding the Internet Availability of Proxy Materials Instead of Receiving a Full Set of Printed Proxy Materials?

In accordance with the notice and access rules of the SEC, we have elected to provide access to our proxy materials, including this proxy statement and our annual report to stockholders, over the internet, and accordingly, we mailed our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice) on or about April 10, 2019. This Notice contains instructions on how to access our proxy materials over the internet, how to request a printed or

electronic copy of these materials and how to vote by internet, telephone or mail. The voting facilities over the internet or by telephone will remain open until 11:59 p.m. eastern daylight time on May 21, 2019.

The Notice is not a proxy card and cannot be used to vote your shares.

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What Is the Difference Between a Stockholder of Record and a Beneficial Owner of Shares Held in Street Name?

If your shares are registered directly in your name with our stock registrar and transfer agent, EQ Shareowner Services, you are considered the stockholder of record for those shares and have the right to vote those shares directly. You may vote in person at the Annual Meeting or by proxy.

If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank or other nominee (for convenient reference, a broker), you are considered the beneficial owner of those shares, which are said to be held in street name, and the broker is considered the stockholder of record for voting

purposes. As the beneficial owner you cannot vote the shares in your account directly, but you have the right to instruct the broker how to vote them.

As a beneficial owner, you are invited to attend the Annual Meeting, but because you are not a stockholder of record, you may not vote your shares at the Annual Meeting unless you obtain a valid proxy from your broker.

See How Can I Attend the Annual Meeting? below for further information and instructions.

If I Am a Stockholder of Record, How Do I Vote?

You may vote in several ways. You may vote in person at the Annual Meeting, or you may vote by proxy over the internet or by telephone by following the instructions provided in the Notice.

In addition, if you request copies of our proxy materials in printed form, you may vote by completing and signing the proxy card included in the materials and returning it in the postage-paid envelope provided.

If I Am a Beneficial Owner of Shares Held in Street Name, How Do I Instruct My Broker How to Vote?

If you are a beneficial owner of our common stock, the Notice was forwarded to you by your broker. You may instruct your broker how to vote over the internet or by telephone by following the instructions provided by your broker.

In addition, if you request copies of our proxy materials in printed form, you may instruct your broker how to vote by completing and signing the voting instruction card included in the materials and returning it in the postage-paid envelope provided.

What Happens if I Am a Stockholder of Record and Sign and Return the Proxy Card But Do Not Make Any Voting Choices?

The proxy holders (the persons named as proxies) will vote your shares in accordance with the Board s voting recommendations for Items 1 through 4 described in this proxy statement. See What Are the Board s Voting Recommendations? above.

We do not expect that any other matters will properly come before the Annual Meeting. If, however, any other matters do come before the meeting, the proxy holders will vote your shares in accordance with their judgment.

What Happens if I Am a Beneficial Owner of Shares Held in Street Name and Do Not Give Voting Instructions to My Broker?

Under the stock exchange and other rules governing brokers who are voting shares held in street name, brokers have authority to vote those shares at their discretion on routine matters but may not vote those shares on non-routine matters. The ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2019 (Item 3) is considered a routine matter under the relevant rules. All of the other items to be voted on (Items 1, 2 and 4) are considered non-routine matters.

A broker non-vote occurs when your broker returns a proxy card for your shares held in street name but does not vote on

a particular matter because (i) the broker has not received voting instructions from you and (ii) the broker does not have authority to vote on the matter without instructions because the matter is of a non-routine nature. Broker non-votes will not have any effect on the result of the vote when they occur. There will not be any broker non-votes on the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for

2019 (Item 3) because brokers will have discretionary authority to vote on this matter.

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What Is the Quorum Required for the Annual Meeting?

Holders of a majority of our outstanding shares entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting who are present in person or represented by proxy will constitute a quorum to conduct business at the Annual Meeting.

If you are a stockholder of record and vote your shares by proxy, your shares will be counted for purposes of

determining whether a quorum is present even if your voting choice is to abstain. Similarly, if you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name and do not give voting instructions to your broker, your shares will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present if your broker votes your shares on any routine matter.

What Are My Choices in Voting on the Matters to Be Voted on at the Annual Meeting?

On Item 1 (the election of directors), you may vote For or Against each individual nominee or Abstain from voting on the nominee s election.

On Item 2 (the say-on-pay vote), Item 3 (ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2019), and Item 4 (the stockholder proposal), you may vote For or Against the proposal or Abstain from voting on the proposal.

What Are the Voting Requirements to Approve the Matters to Be Voted on at the Annual Meeting?

Item 1 (election of directors): Each nominee for election as a director will be elected by the vote of a majority of the votes cast and therefore must receive more. For votes than Against votes in order to be elected as a director. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not have any effect on the result of the vote.

Item 2 (the say-on-pay vote): This proposal requires for approval the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote. Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote Against. Broker non-votes will not have any effect on the result of the vote.

Item 3 (ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2019): This proposal requires for approval the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote. Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote Against. Brokers will have discretionary authority to vote on Item 3, and therefore, there will not be any broker non-votes on this matter.

Item 4 (the stockholder proposal): This proposal requires for approval the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote. Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote Against. Broker non-votes will not have any effect on the result of the vote.

Can I Change My Vote after I Have Voted?

If you are a stockholder of record, you may change your vote by voting again over the internet or by telephone (before those voting facilities are closed at 11:59 p.m. eastern daylight time on May 21, 2019) or by returning a new, properly completed proxy card bearing a later date than the date of your original proxy card. In addition, you may revoke your proxy by attending the Annual Meeting in person and requesting to vote. Attendance at the meeting in person will

not, by itself, revoke your proxy. You may also revoke your proxy any time before the final vote at the Annual Meeting by filing a signed notice of revocation with the Secretary of the Company at 28161 North Keith Drive, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name, you may revoke your proxy by following the instructions provided by your broker.

How Can I Find Out the Voting Results of the Annual Meeting?

The preliminary voting results will be announced at the Annual Meeting, if available. The final voting results will be tallied by the inspector of elections and reported in a Current

Report on Form 8-K which we will file with the SEC within four business days following the Annual Meeting.

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Who Is Paying for the Cost of This Proxy Solicitation?

We will bear the cost of this proxy solicitation. We have retained Georgeson, Inc. to help us solicit proxies. We will pay Georgeson Inc. a base fee of \$20,000 plus reasonable expenses for its services. Some of our officers and employees may solicit proxies by personal conversations,

telephone, regular mail or email, but they will not receive any additional compensation for doing so. We will reimburse brokers and others for their reasonable charges and expenses in forwarding our proxy materials to stockholders who are beneficial owners of shares of our common stock.

Multiple Individuals Residing in My Home Are Beneficial Owners of Stericycle Common Stock. Why Did We Receive Only One Mailing?

We are sending only one envelope with multiple Notices to you if you share a single address with another stockholder, unless we have received instructions to the contrary from you. This practice, known as householding, is designed to eliminate duplicate mailings, conserve natural resources and reduce our printing and mailing costs. We will promptly deliver a separate Notice to you upon written or verbal request. If you

wish to receive duplicate mailings in the future, you may contact Investor Relations, Stericycle, Inc., 28161 North Keith Drive, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045. If you currently receive multiple Notices, you can request householding by contacting our Investor Relations as described above. If you own your shares through a broker, you can request householding by contacting the holder of record.

How Can I Attend the Annual Meeting?

We encourage our stockholders to attend the Annual Meeting. If you plan to attend the meeting in person, please email your request to *Investor@Stericycle.com*. If you are the beneficial owner of shares held in street name, you must also provide confirmation of your stock ownership (for example, by providing a copy of a brokerage firm statement).

All requests for admission must be received by May 15, 2019. Admission is not transferable and will admit only the stockholder or stockholders to whom it was issued.

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STOCK OWNERSHIP

Stock Ownership by Directors and Officers

The following table provides information about the beneficial ownership of shares of our common stock as of March 28, 2019 by (i) each of our directors, (ii) each of our named executive officers listed in the Summary Compensation Table herein, and (iii) all of our directors and executive officers as a group:

	Amount and Nature of Beneficial	Percent of
Directors	Ownership ⁽¹⁾	Class ⁽²⁾
Charles A. Alutto ⁽³⁾	568,935	*
Brian P. Anderson	6,752	*
Lynn D. Bleil	17,520	*
Thomas D. Brown	56,827	*
Thomas F. Chen	30,094	*
J. Joel Hackney, Jr.		*
Veronica M. Hagen		*
Stephen C. Hooley		*
Cindy J. Miller ⁽³⁾		*
Mark C. Miller	946,620	1.0%
Robert S. Murley	8,500	*
Kay G. Priestly		*
Mike S. Zafirovski	39,493	*
Named Executive Officers		
Daniel V. Ginnetti	155,231	*
Kurt M. Rogers	5,634	*
Ruth-Ellen Abdulmassih ⁽⁴⁾	69,458	*
Joseph B. Arnold ⁽⁵⁾	157,011	*
Brenda R. Frank ⁽⁶⁾	784	*
All directors, named executive officers and executive officers as a group (23 persons)	2,067,396	2.3%

^{*} Less than 1%.

⁽¹⁾ This column includes shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options exercisable as of or within 60 days after March 28, 2019. These shares are held as follows: Mr. Alutto 564,659 shares; Mr. Anderson, 2,933 shares; Ms. Bleil, 14,947 shares; Mr. Brown, 47,279 shares; Mr. Chen, 21,720 shares; Mr. Miller, 753,683

shares; Mr. Murley, 2,933 shares; Mr. Zafirovski, 32,602 shares; Ms. Abdulmassih, 67,339 shares, Mr. Arnold, 152,998 shares; Mr. Ginnetti, 148,581 shares and; Mr. Rogers, 5,296 shares. Also includes deferred stock units (DSUs) allocated to certain of our directors pursuant to our director compensation plan. Such DSUs are as follows: Mr. Anderson, 3,467 units; Ms. Bleil, 2,078 units; Mr. Brown, 4,933 units; Mr. Chen, 3,476 units; Mr. Murley, 4,264 units; and Mr. Zafirovski, 3,476 units.

- (2) Shares of common stock issuable under a stock option exercisable as of or within 60 days after March 28, 2019 are considered outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage of the person holding the option but are not considered outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage of any other person.
- (3) Mr. Alutto and Ms. Miller are also named executive officers. Mr. Alutto will retire as Chief Executive Officer and as a director effective May 2, 2019. Ms. Miller has been appointed Chief Executive Officer effective as of that date.
- (4) Ms. Abdulmassih ceased employment with the Company in January 2019.
- (5) Mr. Arnold ceased to be an executive officer of the Company in September 2018.
- (6) Ms. Frank ceased employment with the Company in November 2018.
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STOCK OWNERSHIP

Stock Ownership of Certain Stockholders

Stock Ownership of Certain Stockholders

The following table provides information about the beneficial ownership of our common stock by each person who was known to us to be the beneficial owner as of the record date (March 28, 2019) of more than 5% of our outstanding common stock:

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
The Vanguard Group, Inc. ⁽¹⁾ 100 Vanguard Boulevard Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355	8,172,270	9.02%
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. ⁽²⁾ 100 E. Pratt Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202	9,181,105	10.1%
BlackRock, Inc. ⁽³⁾ 55 East 52 nd Street New York, New York 10055	7,616,828	8.4%
Baillie Gifford & Co. ⁽⁴⁾ Calton Square 1 Greenside Row Edinburgh EH1 3AN Scotland	5,393,108	5.95%

⁽¹⁾ Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 11, 2019, the Vanguard Group has sole voting power with respect to 41,023 shares, shared voting power with respect to 10,221 shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 8,129,059 shares and shared dispositive power with respect to 43,211 shares.

- (2) Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 11, 2019, T Rowe Price Associates, Inc. has sole voting power with respect to 3,711,270 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 9,161,119 shares.
- (3) Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 6, 2019, BlackRock, Inc. has sole voting power with respect to 7,204,157 shares, and sole dispositive power with respect to 7,616,828 shares.
- (4) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 8, 2019, Baillie Gifford & Co. has sole voting power with respect to 4,610,118 shares, and sole dispositive power with respect to 5,393,108 shares.

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ITEM 1 Election of Directors for a One-Year Term

Our Board is currently composed of thirteen directors. Mr. Alutto, Mr. Brown and Mr. Miller are not standing for re-election at the Annual Meeting. Therefore, effective as of the annual meeting of shareholders, our board of directors has fixed the size of the board at ten. With the exception of Ms. Miller, our current President and Chief Operating Officer and our Chief Executive Officer Elect, all of our director nominees are outside directors (i.e., directors who are neither an officer nor an employee of ours). Mr. Murley, one of our independent directors, was elected as Chairman of the Board in March 2018. The Board has determined that all of our outside directors are independent under the applicable rules of the SEC and listing standards of the Nasdaq Global Select Market (Nasdaq).

Although all of the nominees proposed for election to our board of directors are currently members of our Board, Ms. Miller, Mr. Hackney, Ms. Hagen, Mr. Hooley and Ms. Priestly have not previously been elected by our stockholders. Ms. Miller was elected to our board in connection with her appointment as Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Hackney, Ms. Hagen, Mr. Hooley and Ms. Priestly were identified by the Nominating and Governance Committee as potential directors and were recommended by the Nominating and Governance Committee after it completed its interview and vetting process.

Each director elected at the Annual Meeting will hold office until our 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified.

Voting in Uncontested Director Elections

Under our bylaws, a nominee for election as a director must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected as a director in an uncontested election (an election in which the number of nominees for election is the same as the number of directors to be elected). In other words, the nominee must receive more for votes than against votes, with abstentions and broker non-votes not having any effect on the voting.

If a nominee for election as a director is an incumbent director and the nominee is not re-elected, Delaware law provides that the director continues to serve as a holdover

director until his successor is elected and qualified or until he resigns. Under our bylaws, an incumbent director who is not re-elected is required to tender his resignation as a director. Our Nominating and Governance Committee will review the circumstances and recommend to the Board whether to accept or reject the director s resignation or take any other action. The Board is required to act on this recommendation and publicly disclose its decision and the rationale behind its decision within 90 days from the date that the election results are certified.

Board Refreshment

A number of changes have occurred in our Company s Board of Directors over the past several years as part of our continuing efforts to ensure that our Board has the right skills and experience to best oversee management and the execution of our strategy and the associated risks.

Since the beginning of 2017, Ms. Miller, Mr. Murley, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Hackney, Ms. Hagen, Mr. Hooley and Ms. Priestly have all joined the Board. Mr. Murley, Mr. Anderson and Ms. Priestly all bring substantial experience in finance, accounting and financial reporting.

Ms. Priestly, Mr. Hackney, Ms. Hagen and Mr. Hooley each have broad experience in business transformation. In addition, since the beginning of 2017, several long-tenured directors have stepped down from the Board. The average tenure of the independent nominees for election as a director is less than 3 years. Further, with respect to Board leadership succession, Mr. Murley was elected as independent Chairman of the Board in March 2018 and new Chairs of the Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Governance Committees were elected in 2016 and 2017.

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ITEM 1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM

Board Refreshment

A snapshot of our 2019 director nominees is set forth below.

Snapshot of 2019 Director Nominees

The nominees for Director are overwhelmingly independent. The nominees for Director also represent diverse points of view that contribute to a more effective decision-making process.

Board Independence		Board Tenure	Divers	Diversity of Director	
			Nomin	ees	
10 Directors	All Director nominees	Tenure of independent		Gender, ethnic or	
	are independent	Director nominees	60%	other minority	
	except the CEO Elect	(years of consecutive service)		representation	
		Average			
		2.5 years Tenure			

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ITEM 1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM

Nominees for Director

Nominees for Director

ROBERT S. MURLEY

Director since January 2017

Age 69

Experience: Robert S. Murley has served as our Chairman since March 2018. Mr. Murley is a Senior Adviser to Credit Suisse, LLC, a financial services company. From 1975 to April 2012, Mr. Murley was employed by Credit Suisse, LLC and its predecessors. In 2005, he was appointed Chairman of Investment Banking in the Americas. Prior to that time, Mr. Murley headed the Global Industrial and Services Group within the Investment Banking Division, as well as the Chicago investment banking office. He was named a Managing Director in 1984 and appointed a Vice Chairman in 1998. Mr. Murley is a member of the board of directors of Health Insurance Innovations Inc., of privately held Brown Advisory Incorporated, and of the board of advisors of Harbour Group. He was formerly on the board of directors of Stone Energy Corporation and Apollo Education Group, Inc. Mr. Murley is an Emeritus Charter Trustee of Princeton University, a Trustee and the former Chairman of the Board of the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey, is Vice Chairman of the Board of the Ann & Robert Lurie Children s Hospital of Chicago and Chair of the Board of the Lurie Children s Foundation, is a Trustee of the Museum of Science & Industry in Chicago, Illinois, is Chairman of the Board of the UCLA Anderson Board of Advisors.

Skills & Qualifications: Mr. Murley s existing public company board experience, his deep knowledge of the capital markets and the economy, and his extensive experience leading and advising a range of businesses across multiple industries make him a valuable member of the Board.

CINDY J. MILLER

Director since February 2019

Age 56

Experience: Ms. Miller joined Stericycle as President and Chief Operating Officer in October 2018. She was named President and Chief Executive Officer effective May 2019. Ms. Miller previously served as President, Global Freight Forwarding for United Parcel Service (UPS) from April 2016 to September 2018 and as President of UPS s European region from March 2013 to March 2016.

Skills & Qualifications: Ms. Miller brings to the Board deep knowledge and experience in business transformation and change management, operations management, strategy, logistics, and international business.

BRIAN P. ANDERSON

Director since January 2017

Age 68

Experience: Mr. Anderson served as Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of OfficeMax Incorporated from 2004 to 2005 and as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Baxter International from 1997 to 2004. He joined Baxter in 1991, as Vice President, Corporate Audit, became Corporate Controller in 1993 and then Vice President, Finance in 1997. Before joining Baxter, he spent 15 years with Deloitte in the Chicago office and the Washington, D.C. office as an Audit Partner. He is a member of the Board of Directors of W. W. Grainger, Inc., PulteGroup, Inc., and James Hardie Industries plc. He currently serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee of James Hardie Industries plc, and is the former Chairman of the Nemours Foundation, Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Pulte Group and Lead Director and Audit Committee Chairman of W. W. Grainger, Inc. Mr. Anderson serves on The Governing Board of the Center for Audit Quality and served on the Board of A.M. Castle & Co. from 2005 to 2016, as Audit Committee Chairman (2005-2010) and Chairman of the Board 2010-2016.

Skills & Qualifications: Mr. Anderson brings to our Board his significant experience as a chief financial officer of two large multinational companies, in-depth knowledge with respect to the preparation and review of complex financial reporting statements, and experience in risk management and risk assessment.

LYNN D. BLEIL

Director Since May 2015

Age 55

Experience: Ms. Bleil was the leader of the West Coast Healthcare Practice of McKinsey & Company, a management consulting firm. Ms. Bleil was also a leader of McKinsey s worldwide Healthcare Practice. She retired in November 2013 as a Senior Partner (Director) in the Southern California Office of McKinsey. During her more than 25 years with McKinsey, she worked exclusively within the healthcare sector, advising senior management and boards of leading companies on corporate and business unit strategy, mergers and acquisitions and integration, marketing and sales, public policy and organization. Ms. Bleil also serves as a director of Amicus Therapeutics Inc., a biotechnology company, Alcon AG, Sonova Holdings AG, a global leader in hearing aids and cochlear implants, and Intermountain Healthcare s Park City Medical Center, a non-profit healthcare organization. She was formerly a director of DST Systems, Inc.

Skills & Qualifications: Ms. Bleil brings to the Board significant experience in the healthcare industry, as well as commercial expertise and expertise in corporate strategy, mergers and acquisitions, and financial reporting, compliance and risk management.

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THOMAS F. CHEN

Director Since May 2014

Age 69

Experience: Mr. Chen served as senior vice president and president of international nutrition of Abbott Laboratories before retiring in 2010. During his 22-year career at Abbott, Mr. Chen served in a number of roles with expanding responsibilities, primarily in Pacific/Asia/Africa where he oversaw expansion into emerging markets. Prior to Abbott, he held several management positions at American Cyanamid Company, which later merged with Pfizer, Inc. Mr. Chen currently serves as a director of Baxter International Inc. and an advisor to Cooperation Fund, a partnership between Goldman Sachs and the sovereign fund, China Investment Corporation, to bolster U.S. manufacturers market presence in China. Mr. Chen previously served as a director of Cyanotech Corporation.

Skills & Qualifications: With his extensive international business experience in pharmaceutical, hospital products and nutritionals through his 22-year career at Abbott, Mr. Chen provides our Board with a distinct global perspective resulting from his experience with diverse geographies and healthcare products. He also provides our Board with significant operational, strategy, mergers and acquisitions, healthcare industry, governmental and regulatory, and commercial expertise.

J. JOEL HACKNEY, JR.

Director Since March 2019

Age 49

Experience: Mr. Hackney has been the Chief Executive Officer and a director of nThrive, Inc., a revenue cycle management company providing medical billing and coding, business analytics and advisory services, since January 2016. Previously, he was the Chief Executive Officer and a director of AVINTV from June 2013 to November 2016.

Skills & Qualifications: With more than 25 years of experience leading both private and public companies domestically and abroad, Mr. Hackney brings to our Board deep expertise in driving business transformation and profitable growth.

VERONICA M. HAGEN

Director Since June 2018

Age 73

Experience: From 2007 until her retirement in 2013, Ms. Hagen served as Chief Executive Officer of Polymer Group, Inc. and served from 2007 to 2015 as a Director. She also served as President of Polymer Group, Inc. from January 2011 until her retirement in 2013. Prior to joining Polymer Group, Inc., Ms. Hagen was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sappi Fine Paper, a division of Sappi Limited. She has served as Vice President and Chief Customer Officer at Alcoa Inc. and owned and operated Metal Sales Associates. She is a Director of American Water Works Company, Inc., Newmont Mining Corporation and The Southern Company.

Skills & Qualifications: Ms. Hagen brings business transformation expertise, senior leadership experience, corporate governance knowledge and experience, environmental matters experience and risk management experience. Ms. Hagen s experience as chief executive officer of two global companies allows her to contribute key valuable insights to our Board regarding operations management, customer service and strategic planning.

STEPHEN C. HOOLEY

Director Since March 2019

Age 56

Experience: Mr. Hooley served as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of DST Systems, Inc. from July 2014 to April 2018. He was Chief Executive Officer and President of DST Systems from September 2012 to July 2014 and President and Chief Operating Officer from July 2009 to September 2012. He was previously the President and Chief Executive Officer of Boston Financial Data Services.

Skills & Qualifications: Mr. Hooley brings previous service as a public company chief executive officer and director, deep experience in the financial services and healthcare industries and extensive business transformation and strategy expertise.

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KAY G. PRIESTLY

Director Since June 2018

Age 62

Experience: Ms. Priestly served as Chief Executive Officer of Turquoise Hill Resources Ltd. from May 2012 until her retirement in December 2014. She previously served as Chief Financial Officer of Rio Tinto Copper, a division of the Rio Tinto Group, from 2008 until her appointment as Chief Executive Officer of Turquoise Hill Resources in 2012. From 2006 to 2008, she was Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Rio Tinto s Kennecott Utah Copper operations. She previously spent over 24 years with global professional services firm Arthur Anderson, where she provided tax, consulting and M&A services to global companies across many industries. She is a director of TechnipFMC plc and formerly served as a director of New Gold Inc., FMC Technologies, Inc. SouthGobi Resources Ltd., Turquoise Hill Resources and Stone Energy Corporation⁽¹⁾.

Skills & Qualifications: Ms. Priestly brings to our Board extensive executive management experience as a chief executive offer and senior officer of major organizations with international operations. She also brings substantial business transformation, accounting, financial, risk management, M&A and consulting expertise.

(1) When the Board appointed Ms. Priestly as a director in June 2018, it was aware that Stone Energy Corporation had filed for bankruptcy protection in 2016 while Ms. Priestly was serving as a director. The Board concluded that this event did not impair Ms. Priestley s ability to serve as one of our directors.

MIKE S. ZAFIROVSKI

Director Since November 2012

Age 65

Experience: Mr. Zafirovski is the founder and President of The Zaf Group LLC, a management consulting and investment firm established in November 2012. Mr. Zafirovski has also served as an executive advisor to The Blackstone Group, a private investment banking company, since October 2011. From November 2005 to August 2009, Mr. Zafirovski served as the President and Chief Executive Officer and a director of Nortel Networks Corporation. Prior to that, he was the President and Chief Operating Officer and a director of Motorola, Inc. from July 2002 to January 2005, and remained a consultant to and a director of Motorola until May 2005. He served as Executive Vice President and President of the personal communications sector of Motorola from June 2000 to July 2002. Prior to joining Motorola, Mr. Zafirovski spent nearly 25 years with General Electric Company, where he served in management positions, including 13 years as President and Chief Executive Officer of five businesses in the consumer, industrial and financial services areas, his most recent being President and Chief Executive Officer of GE Lighting from July 1999 to May 2000. Mr. Zafirovski also serves as a director of The Boeing Company and Apria Healthcare Group Inc.

Skills & Qualifications: Mr. Zafirovski provides guidance to the Board on a wide variety of strategic, operational and business matters based on his substantial experience leading enterprises with significant international operations. He also provides business transformation, information technology, mergers and acquisitions, healthcare industry, and government and regulatory expertise.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** the election of these ten Director nominees. Proxies solicited by the Board will be so voted unless stockholders specify a different choice.

Director Qualifications

We believe that our ten director nominees possess the experience, qualifications and skills that warrant their election as directors. Our directors have in common, among other qualities, a breadth of business experience, seasoned judgment and an insistence on looking beyond the next quarter or the next year in directing and supporting our management. From their service on the boards of other public and private companies, our directors also bring to us the insights that they gain from the operating policies, governance structures and growth dynamics of these other companies.

The Nominating and Governance Committee seeks to ensure an experienced, exceptionally qualified Board with deep expertise in areas relevant to Stericycle. When evaluating

potential director nominees, the committee considers each individual s professional expertise and background, in addition to his or her personal characteristics. The committee always conducts this evaluation in the context of the Board as a whole. The committee works with the Board to determine the appropriate mix of backgrounds and experiences that will foster and maintain a Board strong in its collective knowledge and best able to perpetuate our long-term success. To assist in this objective, the Nominating and Governance Committee conducts annual evaluations of the Board and the Board s committees, assessing the experience, skills, qualifications, diversity, and contributions of each individual and of the group as a whole.

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Director Qualifications

The Nominating and Governance Committee regularly communicates with the Board to identify characteristics, professional experience and areas of expertise that will help meet specific Board needs, including:

leadership experience, as directors who have served in significant leadership positions possess strong abilities to motivate and manage others and to identify and develop leadership qualities in others;

business transformation experience, as we are engaged in a multi-year program to transform our company for long-term sustainability and drive profitable growth and long-term shareholder returns;

public company board service and governance expertise, which provides directors with a solid understanding of their extensive and complex oversight responsibilities and furthers our goals of greater transparency, accountability for management and the Board and protection of

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operational expertise, which gives directors specific insight into, and expertise that will foster active participation in the oversight of the development and implementation of our operating plan and business strategy;

financial reporting, compliance and risk management expertise, which enables directors to analyze our financial statements, capital structure and complex financial transactions and oversee our accounting, financial reporting and enterprise risk management; and

healthcare industry expertise, which is vital in understanding and reviewing our strategy.

The following table highlights each nominee s specific skills, knowledge and experiences in these areas. A particular director may possess additional skills, knowledge or experience even though they are not indicated below:

Anderson Bleil Chen Hackney Hagen Hooley Miller Murley Priestly Zafirovski

Leadership experience (public company CEO/COO)

Public company Board service/governance expertise										
Operational expertise (logistics/supply chain or capital intensive industry)										
Business transformation/IT expertise										
Corporate strategy/M&A capability										
Financial reporting, compliance and risk management expertise										
Healthcare industry expertise										
Government/regulatory experience										
Talent management/HR expertise										
Commercial/go-to-market expertise										
International business expertise										
Gender, ethnic or other diversity										
Tenure on Board (years, as of May 2019)	2	4	5	<1	1	<1	<1	2	1	7

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Committees of the Board

Our Board of Directors has three standing committees: Compensation, Audit, and Nominating and Governance Committees. All of the members of each committee are outside directors who are independent under the applicable SEC rules and Nasdaq listing standards.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee determines the structure, award and public disclosure of all elements of compensation and benefits paid to our CEO and other executive officers. The committee reviews and approves financial and strategic performance objectives with respect to our annual and long-term incentive plans. The committee reviews and approves the respective salaries of the Company s executive officers in light of the Company s goals and objectives relevant to each officer, including, as the committee deems appropriate, consideration of (i) the individual officer s salary grade, scope of responsibilities and level of experience, (ii) the rate of inflation, (iii) the range of salary increases for the Company s employees generally, and (iv) the salaries paid to comparable officers in comparable companies. The committee determines appropriate cash bonuses, if any, for the Company s executive

officers, after consideration of specific individual and Company performance goals and criteria and periodically reviews the aggregate amount of compensation and benefits being paid or potentially payable to the Company s executive officers. The committee also has responsibility for overseeing the Company s regulatory compliance with respect to compensation matters. Pursuant to the committee s charter, the committee has responsibility for facilitating a risk review of incentive compensation programs and assessing if those incentives create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our company. At the request of the Board, the committee periodically reviews executive leadership development and CEO succession planning and makes recommendations to our Board of Directors.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to the integrity of our financial statements, the qualifications and experience of our independent accountants, the performance of our internal audit function and our independent accountants, and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

The Audit Committee regularly reviews with the Company s legal counsel any legal or regulatory matters that may have a material effect on the Company s financial statements or operations. The Audit Committee also oversees, reviews and evaluates the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company s compliance program. The Audit Committee reviews and evaluates the qualifications, performance and independence of our independent public accountants. The Audit Committee

also reviews the performance, effectiveness and objectivity of the Company s internal audit function, including its staffing, audit plan, examinations and related management responses.

The Audit Committee reviews our risk management policies and practices and reports any significant issues to the Board. Matters of risk management are brought to the committee s attention by our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, our Executive Vice President and General Counsel, our Executive Vice President and Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, or by our principal internal auditor. Our management reviews and reports on potential areas of risk at the committee s request or at the request of other members of the Board.

Nominating and Governance Committee

The Nominating and Governance Committee develops, recommends to the Board and oversees the implementation of our corporate governance policies and practices. The committee monitors ongoing legislative and regulatory changes and initiatives pertaining to corporate governance principles, SEC disclosure rules and Nasdaq listing rules. The committee identifies and evaluates possible nominees for election to the Board of Directors and recommends to the Board a slate of nominees for election at the annual meeting of stockholders. The committee also recommends to the Board director assignments to the Board s committees.

As discussed above, the Nominating and Governance Committee considers a variety of factors in evaluating a candidate for selection as a nominee for election as a director. These factors include the candidate s personal qualities, with a particular emphasis on probity, independence of judgment and analytical skills, and the candidate s professional experience, educational background, knowledge of our business and healthcare services generally and experience serving on the boards of other public companies. In evaluating a candidate s qualification for election to the Board, the committee also considers whether and how the candidate would contribute to

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the Board s diversity, which we define broadly to include gender and ethnicity as well as background, experience and other individual qualities and attributes. The committee has not established any minimum qualifications that a candidate must possess. In determining whether to recommend an incumbent director for re-election, the committee also considers the director s preparation for and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors and the committee or committees of the Board on which the director serves.

In identifying potential candidates for selection in the future as nominees for election as directors, the Nominating and Governance Committee relies on suggestions and recommendations from the other directors, management, stockholders and others and, when appropriate, may retain a search firm for assistance. In February 2019, the Nominating and Governance Committee retained a leading third-party search firm to assist with identifying potential director nominees. The committee will consider candidates proposed by stockholders and will evaluate any candidate proposed by a stockholder on the same basis that it evaluates any other candidate. Any stockholder who wants to propose a candidate should submit a written recommendation to the committee indicating the candidate s qualifications and other relevant biographical information and providing preliminary confirmation that the candidate would be willing to serve as a director. Any such recommendation should be addressed to the Board of Directors, Stericycle, Inc., 28161 North Keith Drive, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

In addition to recommending director candidates to the Nominating and Governance Committee, stockholders may

also, pursuant to procedures established in our bylaws, directly nominate one or more director candidates to stand for election at an annual meeting of stockholders. A stockholder wishing to make such a nomination must deliver written notice of the nomination that satisfies the requirements set forth in our bylaws to the secretary of the Company not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year s annual meeting of stockholders. If, however, the date of the annual meeting is more than 30 days before or after the first anniversary, the stockholder s notice must be received no more than 120 days prior to such annual meeting nor less than the later of (x) 90 days prior to such annual meeting and (y) the close of business on the 10th day following the date on which notice or public disclosure of the date of the meeting was first given or made.

Stockholders may also submit director nominees to the Board to be included in our annual proxy statement, known as proxy access. Stockholders who intend to submit director nominees for inclusion in our proxy materials for the 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must comply with the requirements of proxy access as set forth in our bylaws. The stockholder or group of stockholders who wish to submit director nominees pursuant to proxy access must deliver the required materials to the Company not less than 120 days nor more than 150 days prior to the one-year anniversary of the date that the Company first mailed its proxy materials for the annual meeting of the previous year.

Process for Selecting Directors

Committee Charters

The charters of the Compensation, Audit and Nominating and Governance Committees are available on our investor relations website, http://investors.stericycle.com.

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Committees of the Board

Committee Members and Meetings

The following table provides information about the current membership of the committees of the Board of Directors.

Director	Compensation Committee	Audit Committee	Nominating and Governance Committee
Robert S. Murley ⁽¹⁾			002222
Charles A. Alutto			
Brian P. Anderson ⁽²⁾			
Lynn D. Bleil			
Thomas D. Brown ⁽³⁾			
Thomas F. Chen			
J. Joel Hackney, Jr.			
Veronica M. Hagen			
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Stephen C. Hooley			
Cindy J. Miller			
Mark C. Miller			
Kay G. Priestly ⁽²⁾			
Mike S. Zafirovski ⁽³⁾			
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Member

Committee Chair

- (1) Mr. Murley serves as the independent Chairman of the Board.
- (2) The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Anderson, the Chair of the Audit Committee, and Ms. Priestly are audit committee financial experts—as defined in the applicable SEC rules.
- (3) Mr. Brown is not standing for re-election at the Annual Meeting, and we expect that Mr. Zafirovski will succeed him as Chair of the Compensation Committee at that time.

Our Board of Directors held 18 meetings in person or by telephone during 2018 and acted without a formal meeting on several occasions by the unanimous written consent of the directors. The Audit Committee held 15 meetings during the year. The Compensation Committee held six meetings during the year. The Nominating and Governance Committee held six meetings during the year. Each director attended 75% or more of the aggregate number of Board meetings and the total number of meetings of all Board committees on which he or she served during his or her term of service.

We encourage our directors to attend the annual meeting of stockholders. Each of the director nominees attended the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and we anticipate that all of our director nominees will attend this year s Annual Meeting.

Board Leadership

Our Company s Board of Directors does not have a current requirement that the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board be either combined or separated because the Board believes it is in the best interest of our Company to make this determination based upon the position and direction of the Company and the constitution of the Board and management team. The Board regularly evaluates whether the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the board should be combined or separated.

As part of the evolution of the Board of Directors, in March 2018, Mr. Murley, one of our independent directors, was elected Chairman of the Board, succeeding Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller is not standing for re-election as a director at the Annual Meeting.

The Chairman confers with our CEO on matters of general policy affecting the day-to-day management of our company s business. The Chairman coordinates the scheduling and agenda of Board meetings and the preparation and distribution of agenda materials. The Chairman presides at all meetings of the Board of Directors and may call special meetings of the Board when he considers it appropriate. In general, the Chairman oversees the scope, quality, and timeliness of the flow of

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Board Leadership

information from our management to the Board and serves as an independent contact for stockholders wishing to communicate with the Board.

Our Board believes that an independent Chairman serves the Company and its stockholders well at this time. The combined experience and knowledge of Ms. Miller and Mr. Murley in their respective roles as CEO Elect and Chairman provide the Board and the Company with a day-to-day focus on the operations of the Company combined with independent oversight of the Board and management. Our non-management directors further facilitate the Board s independence by meeting frequently as a group and fostering a climate of transparent communication. A high level of contact between our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer between Board meetings also serves to foster effective Board leadership.

Corporate Governance

Executive Sessions of the Board

Our Board of Directors excuses our Chief Executive Officer, as well as any of our other executive officers who may be present by invitation, from a portion of each meeting of the Board in order to allow the Board, with our Chairman

presiding, to review the Chief Executive Officer s performance and to enable each director to raise any matter of interest or concern without the presence of management.

Board Evaluation

Our directors annually review the performance of the Board of Directors and its committees and the performance of their fellow directors by completing a confidential evaluation that is returned to the Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee. The evaluations elicit input from our directors with respect to the Company s vision, strategy, and operating performance, our CEO and senior management, and the composition and management of our Board and its committees. The evaluations also seek input from members of the Board committees in such areas as trends and issues affecting the Company, the roles and responsibilities of the committee members, the makeup and composition of the committees, participation and preparation of the committee members and the effectiveness of the committees. Each director also has the opportunity to provide confidential feedback on each other director. At a subsequent meeting of the Board, the chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee leads a discussion with the full Board of any issues and suggestions for improvement identified in the review of the director evaluations.

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Policy on Related Party Transactions

The Board of Directors has adopted a written policy requiring certain transactions with related parties to be approved in advance by the Audit Committee. For purposes of this policy, a related party includes any director, director nominee or executive officer or an immediate family member of any director, director nominee or executive officer. The transactions subject to review include any transaction, arrangement or relationship (or any series of similar transactions, arrangements and relationships) in which (i) we or one of our subsidiaries will be a participant, (ii) the aggregate amount involved exceeds \$100,000 and (iii) a

related party will have a direct or indirect interest. In reviewing proposed transactions with related parties, the Audit Committee considers the benefits to us of the proposed transaction, the potential effect of the proposed transaction on the director s independence (if the related party is a director), and the terms of the proposed transaction and whether those terms are comparable to the terms available to an unrelated third party or to employees generally. There were no such transactions during the year ended December 31, 2018 that required the Audit Committee s approval.

Succession Planning

The strength of our leadership team is critical to our Company s short and long-term success. As such, the recruitment, development and retention of talented executives and senior leaders is a priority for the Company and the Board.

On an annual basis, the Board devotes time during a dedicated session to discuss talent management and succession planning. Lead by our Chief People Officer, this session includes an overview of senior leaders across the Company s service lines, global markets, and functional shared services up to and including the executive officers of the company. The Board is also given exposure to emerging, high-potential leaders through formal presentations to the Board and working groups with Board committees.

Beyond the annual succession planning session, the Board is routinely updated on workforce matters including key workforce indicators, team member engagement, recruiting programs, and talent development programs.

During 2018, Stericycle announced the appointment of Ms. Miller as President and Chief Operating Officer. The Board was heavily engaged in the recruitment and selection process for this role and leveraged the appointment of a

new Chief Operating Officer to build a succession plan for the Chief Executive Officer role. With the announcement of Mr. Alutto s retirement in February 2019, Ms. Miller was named Chief Executive Officer, effective May 2, 2019.

Shareholder Engagement

During 2018 and under the oversight of our Chairman of the Board, Stericycle expanded its efforts for engaging with shareholders. In addition to our Company s previous monitoring and routine shareholder engagement practices, we introduced a proactive Board outreach program which focused on building relationships with our top 25 shareholders.

Our expanded engagement program included outreach during the spring of 2018 and again in the fall to gain a broader understanding of shareholder priorities. During these conversations, our Board members reviewed our corporate governance enhancements, the refreshment of our

Board of Directors, our executive compensation philosophy and program, and the expansion of the leadership team, which have all significantly evolved over the past three years. Additionally, we solicited feedback from shareholders on our progress and responded to their questions and concerns.

The outreach program provided our Board with useful input from our shareholders. Transparency and responsiveness is an important component of our governance commitment to shareholders. We expect to continue to expand our engagement practices in order to monitor the insights of our shareholders and proactively solicit ways to evolve our business.

Risk Oversight

The Board regularly devotes time during its meetings to review and discuss the most significant risks facing the Company, and management s responses to those risks. During these discussions, the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel and other members of senior management present management s assessment of risks, a description of the most significant risks facing the

Company and any mitigating factors and plans or practices in place to address and monitor those risks.

Each Board committee addresses relevant risk topics as part of its committee responsibilities. The committees oversee the Company s risk profile and exposures relating to matters within the scope of their authority and provide periodic

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reports to the full Board about their deliberations and recommendations. The Audit Committee reviews with management significant risks and exposures identified by management, our internal audit staff or the independent accountants, and management s steps to address these risks. The Compensation Committee is responsible for overseeing the management of risks relating to the Company s executive compensation plans and its overall compensation philosophy.

Responsibility for risk management flows to individuals and entities throughout our Company as described above, including our Board, Board committees and senior management. We believe our culture has facilitated, and will continue to facilitate, effective risk management across the Company.

Required Resignation on Change in Job Responsibilities

The Board of Directors has adopted a policy that a director must tender his or her resignation if the director s principal occupation or business association changes substantially from the position that he or she held when originally elected to the Board. The Nominating and Governance Committee

will then review the circumstances of the director s new position or retirement and recommend to the full Board whether to accept or reject the director s resignation in light of the contributions that he or she can be expected to continue to make to the Board.

Director Tenure

In order to assist with Board refreshment and in bringing fresh ideas and perspectives to the Board, in March 2019, the Board revised our Corporate Governance Guidelines with respect to director tenure. The revised Guidelines generally provide that no non-management Director may be

nominated to serve a new term if he or she has already served on the Board for 15 years at the time of election. The Board of Directors may make exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis.

Anti-Hedging and Anti-Pledging Policy

Our directors, executive officers and other designated employees are prohibited from engaging in certain transactions with respect to our common stock including hedging transactions, derivative transactions and short sales. In addition, executive officers and other designated employees are prohibited from holding our common stock in

a margin account or otherwise pledging our common stock as collateral for a loan. In March 2019, our Board amended our policy to also prohibit our directors from holding our common stock in a margin account or otherwise pledging our common stock as collateral for a loan.

Clawback Policy

In order to encourage sound financial reporting and enhance individual accountability, we have adopted a clawback policy that allows us to recover from our executive officers certain performance-based compensation in the event of certain accounting restatements. If we are required to prepare a restatement of our financial statements due to material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement

under the securities laws, the Compensation Committee may seek to recover from a covered officer certain performance-based compensation if the covered officer is determined to have engaged in fraud or intentional misconduct that materially contributed to the need for the restatement or if otherwise required by applicable SEC or Nasdaq rules.

10b5-1 Trading Plan Guidelines

In March 2019, our Board adopted guidelines with respect to trading plans (10b5-1 Plans) adopted by employees or directors pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the 10b5-1 Plan Guidelines). These 10b5-1 Plan Guidelines are in addition to the requirements and conditions of applicable law and other Company policies, including our Securities Trading Policy. The 10b5-1 Plan Guidelines require that 10b5-1 Plans be approved by our General Counsel or his designee and that

they only be adopted or amended while a trading blackout is not in effect. The 10b5-1 Plan Guidelines provide for a cooling off period of at least 30 days before trades can occur after adoption or amendment of a 10b5-1 Plan and before adoption of a new plan after early termination of an existing 10b5-1 Plan. Our 10b5-1 Plan Guidelines also set restrictions on the number of 10b5-1 Plans a covered individual may have in effect, trading outside of an existing 10b5-1 Plan and the length of time a plan may be in effect.

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Internal Controls

Under the oversight of the Audit Committee, we have implemented an Internal Control Transformation Program to address historical material weaknesses. We highlight below significant remediation activities undertaken in 2018.

Financial Reporting Controls:

In connection with our Internal Control Transformation Program, we have continued to focus on improving our overall control environment. Our remediation actions related to improving the controls over our financial statement preparation and reporting process included the following:

The Audit Committee and our company s management have frequent communications regarding our financial reporting and internal control environment.

We expanded our finance, accounting and information technology teams through the addition of experienced and qualified personnel.

We aligned incentive plans with sustained effective internal controls over financial reporting and management continuous control monitoring.

Our company provided additional internal controls training to our employees and standardized policies and controls where feasible.

We re-designed and harmonized our control objectives across all processes and locations.

We re-designed and enhanced our delegation of authority policy and processes, including implementing a systematic enabled work flow.

Our company implemented a central repository for policies and quarterly checklists to confirm adherence with policies.

We instituted monthly legal entity and management reporting reviews of financial statements disaggregated by key business units, regions and functional areas, to evaluate results, observe adherence to policies and agree on necessary actions to be taken before considering the period closed. Management of the respective areas meets with our corporate executives monthly in connection with these reviews.

We expanded our technical accounting group that has responsibility to ensure that the accounting for complex or non-routine transactions is appropriate.

We expanded our use of specialists to assist with highly complex and technical areas of accounting, valuation and new accounting standards adoption.

We enhanced our Disclosure Committee processes and reviews by adding experienced and knowledgeable members to the committee and implementing disclosure surveys to capture input from appropriate areas and levels throughout the organization.

General Information Technology Controls (GITCs):

During the course of 2018, we made progress in advancing foundational elements of our general information technology controls. Our remediation actions related to our GITC environment included the following:

We established policies, trained personnel and implemented policies and procedures over logical access and general information technology controls.

We automated user access reviews.

We implemented policies and mitigating controls over incompatible segregation of duties within our information technology systems.

Monitoring Activities:

Our remediation actions related to monitoring our internal controls over financial reporting included the following:

Enhanced control activities within our process to recognize revenue, including:

Leveraging advanced technology to substantively evaluate and monitor revenue, accounts receivable, cash receipts and other accounts and activities associated with revenue recognition.

Implementing a monitoring control which leverages advanced analytical processes to evaluate the appropriateness of revenue related transactions across key business units.

Implementing systematic segregation of duties through system enabled work flow.

Developing and implementing continuous monitoring of global financial reporting controls.

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When fully implemented and operational, we believe the controls we have designed or plan to design will remediate the control deficiencies that have led to the material

weaknesses we have identified and strengthen our internal controls over financial reporting.

Code of Conduct

The board has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that sets forth standards regarding matters such as honest and ethical conduct, compliance with law, and full, fair, accurate, and timely disclosure in reports and documents we file with the SEC and in other public communications. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applies to all of our employees, officers and directors, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal

accounting officer. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available at our website, *www.stericycle.com*, and is available free of charge on written request to Investor Relations, Stericycle, Inc., 28161 North Keith Drive, Lake Forest, IL 60045. Any amendments to certain provisions of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics or waivers of such provisions granted to certain executive officers will be disclosed promptly on our website.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended requires our directors, executive officers and persons beneficially owning more than 10% of our outstanding common stock to file periodic reports of stock ownership and stock transactions with the SEC. During 2017 and 2018, due to the failure of an investment advisor with discretionary authority to inform Mr. Anderson of certain transactions in our common stock, Mr. Anderson failed to

timely file eleven forms 4 to report eleven transactions. In addition, due to administrative oversight by the Company, Mr. Brown and Mr. Chen each failed to timely file a form 4 to report the conversion of depositary shares into shares of our common stock and Mr. Richard Hoffman failed to timely file a form 4 to report grants of stock options, time-based restricted stock units (RSUs) and performance-based RSUs.

Additional Information

We will provide a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 without charge to each stockholder as of the record date who sends a written request to Investor Relations, Stericycle, Inc., 28161 North Keith Drive, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045. Copies of this

proxy statement and our Form 10-K as filed with the SEC are available in .pdf format on our investor relations website, *http://investors.stericycle.com*. Copies of this proxy statement and our Annual Report on Form 10-K also may be accessed directly from the SEC s website, *www.sec.gov*.

Communications with the Board

Stockholders and other interested parties who would like to communicate with the Board may do so by writing to the Board of Directors, Stericycle, Inc., 28161 North Keith Drive, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045. Our Investor Relations department will process all communications received. Communications relating to matters within the scope of the Board s responsibilities will be forwarded to the Chairman of the Board and, at his direction, to the other directors.

Communications relating to ordinary day-to-day business matters that are not within the scope of the Board s responsibilities will be forwarded to the appropriate officer or executive. Communications addressed to a particular committee of the Board will be forwarded to the chair of that committee and, at his or her direction, to the other members of the committee.

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Director Compensation

For 2018, each outside director s compensation consisted of an annual cash retainer of \$80,000 and an annual equity retainer of \$125,000. Unless deferred, the annual equity retainer was paid entirely in time-based RSU s which vest on the first anniversary of the grant date. We also paid the following retainers to directors with additional responsibilities as the Chairman of the Board or the Chair of a committee:

Chairman of the Board \$50,000 cash and \$50,000 in RSUs

Chair of the Audit Committee \$20,000

Chair of the Compensation Committee \$15,000

Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee \$12,500

Under the terms of the Director Compensation Plan, directors may elect to convert all or a portion of the annual cash retainer to time-based RSUs. Directors may also elect to defer receipt of any or a portion of their annual director compensation and convert such compensation to deferred stock units (DSUs). DSUs are generally payable in the form of shares of our common stock within a certain period after a director s death or other separation from service. We did not pay any other fees or other cash compensation to our directors who served during 2018 or provide them with any perquisites or other personal benefits. Directors are not paid separate fees for attending meetings of the Board or its committees.

The following table provides information about the compensation paid to our directors in 2018. Neither Mr. Alutto nor Ms. Miller received any additional compensation for his or her services as a director. In addition, Mr. Hackney and Mr. Hooley were not directors during 2018 and did not receive any director compensation during that year.

	Fees Earned		
	or Provided		
	in	Stock	
Name	Cash	$Awards^{(1)}$	Total

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Brian P. Anderson	\$ 75,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 200,000
Lynn D. Bleil	46,250	145,000	191,250
Thomas D. Brown		195,000	195,000
Thomas F. Chen	60,000	125,000	185,000
Veronica M. Hagen	32,500	116,000	148,500
Mark C. Miller	40,000	125,000	165,000
Robert S. Murley	85,000	175,000	260,000
Kay G. Priestly	32,500	116,000	148,500
Mike Zafirovski	60,000	125,000	185,000

⁽¹⁾ Stock awards are valued in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, based on the closing price of our common stock on the date of the grant.

Compensation Plan for 2019

The Compensation Committee regularly reviews director compensation to ensure it remains competitive with our peer group. During 2018, the Compensation Committee asked its independent compensation consultant to conduct a market

evaluation of our director pay programs relative to the market and to our peer group. After reviewing the results of that analysis, the Compensation Committee recommended no changes to the director pay program for 2019.

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Stock Ownership Guidelines

Under our Director Compensation Plan, all directors are expected to hold a minimum position in our common stock. We established this program to help align the long-term interests of directors with the interests of our stockholders. Each non-employee director is expected to hold four times the annual cash retainer in our common stock.

Although there is no specific period of time in which directors are required to achieve the applicable ownership threshold, they are expected to make continuous progress

toward that goal. To that end, each non-employee director must retain 75% of his or her stock or option awards until the minimum position requirement has been achieved.

Compliance with these ownership guidelines is measured following the same process as used for confirming stock ownership by executive officers. See Stock Ownership Guidelines under the Other Compensation Matters section.

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ITEM 2 Advisory Vote to Approve Executive Compensation

Pursuant to Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), we are asking our stockholders to approve, by means of a non-binding advisory vote, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement.

This proposal, popularly known as say-on-pay, enables stockholders to express or withhold their approval of our executive compensation program in general. The vote is intended to provide an assessment by our stockholders of our overall executive compensation program and not of any one or more particular elements of that program. The Compensation Committee and the full Board intend to consider and take into account the outcome of this non-binding advisory vote in making future executive compensation decisions. Because this vote is advisory and non-binding, it will not necessarily affect or otherwise limit any future compensation of any of our named executive officers. This advisory vote to approve executive compensation will be held on an annual basis at least until the next advisory vote to determine the frequency of such vote, which is expected to be in 2023.

Our executive compensation program is described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement and the related tables and narrative discussion. Stockholders are strongly urged to read this material in its entirety, and in particular to read the Executive Summary section of Compensation Discussion and Analysis to obtain an informed understanding of our executive compensation program.

We believe that our executive compensation program is firmly aligned with the long-term interests of our stockholders. Our executive compensation program has as its objectives (i) attracting, motivating and retaining highly qualified executive officers and (ii) structuring most of their compensation, aside from their base salaries, to be dependent on our attainment of measurable Company-wide performance targets and the sustained growth in our stock price, so that they benefit only if our stockholders benefit.

We believe that our executive compensation program satisfies these objectives. Our executive compensation program consists of short-term cash compensation and long-term equity-based incentive compensation. For 2018, cash compensation was paid in the form of a base salary and annual bonus and long-term incentive compensation was paid in the form of stock options, time-based RSUs and performance-based RSUs. Annual cash performance bonuses are dependent on Company-wide performance. Stock options and RSUs are linked to the performance of our common stock, and in the case of performance-based RSUs, achievement of pre-established earnings per share (EPS) goals. With respect to 2018, cash compensation represented 30% and equity compensation 70% of our CEO s total direct compensation and cash compensation represented 37% and equity compensation represented 62% of our other NEO s total direct compensation, respectively (we excluded separation payments from calculation of these percentages). Based on 2018 fiscal year performance, our executive officers earned 24.2% of their cash incentive target and 43% of their performance-based RSUs which were tied to 2018 performance.

As more fully discussed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section and the related tables and narrative discussion, the Board of Directors requests stockholders to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, that the stockholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company s named executive officers as disclosed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section, the compensation tables, and the related narrative disclosure in this Proxy Statement.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** the approval of this advisory resolution on the compensation of our Company s named executive officers, as disclosed in this proxy statement. Proxies solicited by the Board will be so voted unless stockholders specify a different choice.

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Our 2018 Named Executive Officers

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis explains our executive compensation program generally and the compensation awarded to our CEO, CFO, our three other most highly compensated executive officers who were serving as executive officers as of the end of 2018, and two additional individuals who would have been included as one of our three most highly compensated executives but for the fact they were not serving as executive officers as of the end of 2018. These executives, referred to as our named executive officers or NEOs, were:

Name	Title (as of December 31, 2018)
Charles A. Alutto	Chief Executive Officer
Cindy J. Miller	President and Chief Operating Officer
Daniel V. Ginnetti	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Kurt M. Rogers	Executive Vice President and General Counsel
Ruth-Ellen Abdulmassih	Executive Vice President, Communication and Related Services
Joseph B. Arnold	Former Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Brenda R. Frank	Former Executive Vice President and Chief People Officer

Stericycle s Executive Compensation Philosophy

Our executive compensation program is developed by the Compensation Committee and approved annually by the Board of Directors.

The compensation program for executive officers has two objectives:

- 1. To attract, motivate and retain highly qualified executive officers; and
- 2. To structure the bulk of executive compensation to be dependent on Stericycle s attainment of measurable Company-wide performance targets and sustained growth in our stock price so that executives benefit only if our stockholders benefit.

Our executive compensation program has three components: base salary, short-term incentive awards, and long-term incentive awards. Base salary and annual performance bonuses are paid in cash, and long-term

incentive compensation is paid in the form of stock options, time-based RSUs, and performance-based RSUs. We generally target our executive officers total direct compensation to be aligned with the median of our peer group. To

ensure appropriate alignment, the Compensation Committee considers experience, individual contribution, and the Company s performance relative to its peer group when setting pay levels.

The Compensation Committee and the Board work to ensure that our executive compensation program is both market-competitive and performance-oriented. Our executive officers earn base salaries, but the majority of their target compensation comes in annual cash performance bonuses, stock options and time-based and performance-based RSUs. As a result, a substantial portion of our executive officers compensation is influenced, either positively or negatively, by Company performance.

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Our Executive Compensation Best Practices

The Compensation Committee regularly reviews the executive compensation program to ensure that it is aligned with our compensation philosophy, our Company objectives, and stockholder interests. Highlights of key elements of and exclusions from our program are noted below.

What We Do:	What We Don t Do:
Deliver significant percentage of target annual compensation as variable compensation tied to performance	No re-pricing of underwater stock options
Align executives interests with stockholders interests through long-term incentive compensation paid in equity	No excessive perquisites or personal benefits
Maintain an executive compensation clawback policy	No employment contracts for NEOs
Cap annual and long-term incentive awards	
Retain an independent compensation consultant to advise the Compensation Committee	
Prohibit officers and directors from engaging in hedging, pledging or short sale transactions involving our securities	
Regular review of proxy advisor policies and corporate governance best practices	
Maintain stock ownership and retention guidelines	
Provide double-trigger vesting of equity awards in connection with a change in control	

Our Executive Compensation Program for 2018

Historically, our named executive officers received salaries significantly below those of comparable executives in our peer group of companies. Beginning in 2015, the Compensation Committee embarked on a four-year plan to move salaries of our executive officers toward the median of our peer group of companies. Subsequent to our acquisition of

Shred-it in 2015, the Compensation Committee determined that this four-year timetable needed to be accelerated to reflect the increased responsibilities of the executives, to preserve internal equity, and to support retention. In 2017, our named executive officer salaries were adjusted upward and annual cash performance targets were adjusted downward moving our named executive officer direct cash compensation toward the median of our peer group companies, which completed the plan approved in 2015. For 2018, no changes were made to the salaries or bonus targets for the named executive officers.

For 2018, our named executive officers annual cash performance bonuses were based upon the achievement of Adjusted EBITDA targets developed from our annual operating plan and adjusted return on invested capital (Adjusted ROIC). Adjusted EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization excluding acquisition-related expenses and other various expenses that do not reflect the ongoing performance of the business. The approach used for Adjusted EBITDA for executive compensation is consistent with that used for communicating the financial performance

of the company and is reviewed quarterly by both the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee.

Adjusted ROIC excludes the impact of acquisitions within the current year. The calculation for Adjusted ROIC is net operating profit after taxes and amortization (NOPATA) excluding acquisition-related expenses and other various expenses that do not reflect the ongoing performance of the business divided by invested capital. In 2018, Adjusted ROIC excluded the impact of acquisition expenses, integration expenses, restructuring and plant conversion expenses, the change in fair value of contingent considerations, contract exit costs, asset impairment charges, litigation expenses, and insurance proceeds. For additional detail and reconciliations, see Appendix A to this proxy statement.

The Board believes these two metrics for the annual cash performance bonus provide strong incentives to our executive officers to improve our operating performance and the return on our capital employed, thereby creating value for our stockholders.

Our executives are also compensated with a long-term incentive program in the form of equity grants. For 2018, the award structure of the long-term incentive plan was equally divided among stock options, time-based RSUs, and performance-based RSUs. These grants of equity were designed to incentivize our named executive officers to focus on long-term value creation.

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The principal elements of our executive compensation program for 2018 are summarized below. These elements are discussed in more detail under 2018 Compensation Program Highlights.

Compensation Element	Form of Compensation	Performance and Vesting Criteria	Purpose
Base Salary	Cash	N/A	Provide fixed compensation to attract and retain key executives and to offset external factors that may impact incentive pay
Annual Cash Bonus	Cash	Annual Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted ROIC objectives	Incentivize executives to achieve annual performance goals and be rewarded commensurately
Long-term Incentives	Stock Options (1/3) Time-based RSUs (1/3) Performance-based RSUs (1/3)		Incentivize long-term value creation and align management s interests with those of our shareholders

For 2018, approximately 82% of our CEO $\,$ s target total compensation and approximately 73% of our other NEO $\,$ s target total compensation was at risk.

The chart below illustrates how these components were allocated in actual total compensation received by our NEOs in 2018 (we excluded separation payments from calculation of these percentages).

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Compensation Committee

Compensation decisions for our executive officers are made by the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors, subject in some instances to approval by the full Board. All of

the Committee s members are independent under the applicable SEC rules and Nasdaq listing standards.

Peer Group

Our peer group is composed of companies that are similar to us in terms of revenue, number of employees, services offered, and industries served. The Companies in the peer group are also representative of the types of companies we compete with for executive talent. The Compensation

Committee refers to information about our peer group primarily for the purpose of benchmarking the NEOs total direct compensation pay levels, pay practices and industry pay trends.

For 2018, the peer group consisted of the following companies:

	2017 Revenue		
Company Name	(\$MM)	Employees	Industry Focus
ABM Industries Incorporated	\$ 5,986	140,000	Business services
Advanced Disposal Services, Inc.	1,540	5,939	Environmental and facilities services
Charles River Laboratories International,			
Inc.	2,022	11,800	Medical laboratories & research

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Cintas Corporation	6,477	41,000	Business services
Clean Harbors, Inc.	3,102	12,700	Waste management
CoreCivic, Inc.	1,774	12,875	REIT Diversified
Covanta Holding Corporation	1,836	3,700	Waste management
Ecolab Inc.	14,376	48,400	Cleaning products
Equifax, Inc.	3,416	10,300	Credit services
Healthcare Services Group, Inc.	1,996	55,000	Business services
Iron Mountain Incorporated	4,060	24,000	Specialized REIT
J.B. Hunt Transportation Services, Inc.	7,921	24,681	Transportation services
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	3,819	14,700	Business equipment
Republic Services, Inc.	10,067	35,000	Waste management
Rollins, Inc.	1,754	13,126	Business services
Tetra Tech, Inc.	2,182	16,000	Technical services
The Brink s Company	3,482	62,150	Security and alarm services
UniFirst Corporation	1,666	14,000	Diversified support services
Waste Connections, Inc.	4,744	15,283	Waste management
Starievela Inc			-

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			Environmental and facility
	3,549	25,000	services
Median	3,416	15,283	

The Compensation Committee reviews the peer group annually and makes adjustments if necessary (for example, to remove companies in the case of an acquisition).

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Decision-Making Processes

The Compensation Committee takes into account a number of factors in setting compensation and incentive award opportunities for our executive officers. These decisions are made with a view to reaching an overall result that the Committee believes is appropriate and fair to each executive officer—both in absolute terms and relative to the compensation of the other executive officers—and fair as well to Stericycle and to our stockholders. The Committee also considers each executive officer—s role, contribution to our performance, and the officer—s compensation history in making compensation decisions.

Compensation decisions are typically made at the regular meeting of the Compensation Committee during the fourth quarter of the prior year based on market study results and year-to-date performance of the Company and the executive officers. The Committee considers these results in determining the executive officers annual cash performance bonuses for the current year and their base salaries and annual cash performance bonus targets for the upcoming year.

Our Chief Executive Officer makes recommendations to the Compensation Committee regarding the compensation of our other NEOs, but management generally does not otherwise participate in the Committee s decisions. The Committee provides a recommendation for the salary of our NEOs, but the Board must provide final approval.

Decisions regarding the annual stock option and RSU grants to our executive officers and to our employees generally are made during the first Compensation Committee meeting of the year, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The Committee determines the annual stock option and RSU grants to our executive officers taking into account (i) our overall operating performance, (ii) each executive officer s individual responsibilities and performance, (iii) competitive market data, (iv) prior stock option and RSU grants, and (v) the goal of limiting stock option and RSU grants to no more than 10% of our fully-diluted shares over a trailing five-year period, thus averaging dilution of no more than 2% a year.

Compensation Consultant

The Compensation Committee has engaged Deloitte Consulting LLP, as its independent compensation consultant, to review our executive compensation philosophy and practices and the composition of our peer

group of companies. After a review of the factors prescribed by SEC and Nasdaq rules and regulations, the Compensation Committee determined that Deloitte Consulting LLP is independent.

2018 Compensation Program Highlights

Base Salaries

The table below illustrates the NEOs base salaries over the past three fiscal years.

	2018 Salary	2017 Salary	2016 Salary
Mr. Alutto	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 585,000
Ms. Miller	625,000	N/A*	N/A*
Mr. Ginnetti	550,000	550,000	380,000
Mr. Rogers	400,000	N/A*	N/A*
Ms. Abdulmassih	370,000	370,000	N/A**
Mr. Arnold	550,000	550,000	380,000
Ms. Frank	400,000	400,000	325,000

^{*} Ms. Miller and Mr. Rogers were not NEOs in 2017 or 2016.

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^{**} Ms. Abdulmassih was not an NEO in 2016.

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With the increases phased in over the 2015-2017 period, base salaries for the majority of our NEOs are in line with the median for our peer group. For 2019, the Compensation Committee engaged its compensation consultant to conduct an independent review of executive officer salaries, as it had been several years since the last such review. After considering the results of the independent review, the

Compensation Committee approved salary increases for two of our executive officers and a cash incentive target increase for one executive officer, to be effective January 1, 2019. See Our Executive Compensation Program for 2019 . The remaining executive officers did not receive increases to base compensation or to cash incentive targets for 2019.

Annual Cash Performance Bonuses

Our annual cash performance bonus program is intended to reward our executive officers for achieving our annual operating plans and budgets. Each executive officer is eligible for an annual cash performance bonus equal to a specified percentage of base salary.

Our executive officers earn annual cash performance bonuses based upon the achievement of Adjusted EBITDA

targets developed from our annual operating plan and budget and Adjusted ROIC targets.

As a result, 70% of each NEO s 2018 annual cash performance bonus was tied to achievement of our Adjusted EBITDA goal and 30% was tied to achievement of our Adjusted ROIC goal.

Performance Goals for 2018

Based upon our annual business plans, the Compensation Committee established minimum, target, and maximum achievement levels for the Adjusted EBITDA portion of the annual cash performance bonus.

For 2018, the Adjusted EBITDA target was \$800 million. There was no payout for this metric if we failed to attain Adjusted EBITDA of \$752 million, and the payout for performance at or above the maximum goal of \$840 million was capped at 200%.

As with the Adjusted EBITDA portion of the bonus, the Compensation Committee fixed minimum, target, and maximum Adjusted ROIC performance goals and related payout percentages. For 2018, the Adjusted ROIC target was 8.00%. There was no payout for this metric if we failed to attain the minimum Adjusted ROIC of 6.96%, and the payout for performance at or above the maximum goal of 9.04% was capped at 200%.

The following table shows how different levels of actual Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted ROIC were designed to affect the payout.

Adjusted EBITDA Adjusted ROIC

Cash Bonus Program for 2018 Cash Bonus Program for 2018

		70	0% Total Cash Bonus	30%	Total Cash Bonus
	Percentage	Percent Adjusted	Adjusted I	Percentage	
	of		EBITDA	of	Adjusted
		EBITDA			
	Award Payout	Attainment	Target (in \$ millions)va	rd Payout	ROIC Target
Minimum	50%	94%	\$ 752	50%	6.96%
Target	100%	100%	800	100%	8.00%
Maximum	200%	105% or more	840 or more	200%	9.04% or more

Both sets of performance targets allow for payout of the annual cash performance bonuses at levels that increase proportionally from the minimum tier (an annual cash

performance bonus equal to the specified percentage of the executive officer s base salary) to the maximum.

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For 2018, the annual cash performance bonus percentages for our named executive officers were as follows:

Cash Performance

		Bonus
	Base Salary	Percentage
Mr. Alutto	\$ 1,000,000	100%
Ms. Miller ⁽¹⁾	625,000	
Mr. Ginnetti	550,000	75%
Mr. Rogers	400,000	60%
Ms. Abdulmassih	370,000	65%
Mr. Arnold	550,000	75%
Ms. Frank ⁽²⁾	400,000	60%

⁽¹⁾ Ms. Miller was not eligible for a 2018 cash performance bonus.

Our Adjusted EBITDA for 2018 for purposes of the annual cash performance bonus program was \$727 million and was below threshold. Our Adjusted ROIC performance in 2018 for purposes of the annual cash performance bonus program was 7.59% or 95.1% of target. These performance results resulted in an annual cash bonus payout equal to 24.2% of target, as illustrated below:

Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards

The Compensation Committee s first step when making long-term equity incentive awards is to determine the desired total grant date fair value of each NEO s award in the manner described above under Our Compensation-Setting

⁽²⁾ Ms. Frank did not receive a 2018 cash performance bonus due to her resignation in November, 2018. **Performance Results for 2018**

Process. For 2018, 1/3 of that total amount was

awarded in the form of stock options, 1/3 of that total amount was awarded in the form of time-based RSUs and the remaining 1/3 was awarded in the form of performance-based RSUs.

Stock Option Grants for 2018

Until 2016, executive officers long-term incentive awards were entirely in the form of stock options. With the addition of time-based RSUs and performance-based RSUs to the long-term incentive program, stock options constituted approximately one third of our NEOs long-term compensation in 2018.

The Compensation Committee believes stock options provide strong performance incentives. Our stock options are always granted at the closing price of our common stock on the date of the grant.

Stock options vest over a period of five years and must be exercised within eight or ten years, depending on the terms of the grant. The value of stock options depends entirely on the growth in the value of our common stock in the years after the options are issued. Accordingly, the executive officers—stock options provide an incentive for sustained levels of superior performance that contribute to our overall success as reflected in the market price of our common stock, which benefits all of our stockholders.

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The 2018 stock option awards for our named executive officers were as follows:

	Number of	
		Grant Date
	Stock	
	Options	Fair Value
Mr. Alutto	76,509	\$ 1,289,942
Ms. Miller	60,391	894,995
Mr. Ginnetti	28,605	482,280
Mr. Rogers	14,485	244,217
Ms. Abdulmassih	13,905	234,438
Mr. Arnold	28,605	482,280
Ms. Frank	14,979	252,546

Time-based Restricted Stock Units for 2018

Time-based RSUs constituted approximately one-third of our NEO s long-term incentive compensation in 2018, and their use is consistent with the pay practices of our peers. The number of RSUs awarded to an NEO is determined based

on the target grant date fair value of the NEO s total equity award. The time-based RSUs granted to executive officers in 2018 vest in equal annual installments over five years, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

During 2018, the Compensation Committee granted time-based RSU awards to our named executive officers as follows:

	Restricted	
		Grant Date
	Stock	
	Units	Fair Value
Mr. Alutto	19,127	\$ 1,186,639
Ms. Miller	11,159	566,654

Time-based

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Mr. Ginnetti	7,151	443,648
Mr. Rogers	3,621	224,647
Ms. Abdulmassih	3,476	215,651
Mr. Arnold	7,151	443,648
Ms. Frank	3,744	232,278

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Performance-based Restricted Stock Units for 2018

Performance-based RSUs are the final one-third of our NEO s long-term incentive compensation and are also aligned with our peer group s long-term incentive pay practices. The number of performance-based RSUs awarded to an NEO is determined based on the target grant date fair

value of the NEO s total equity award. Performance-based RSUs granted to executive officers vest, if at all, in equal installments over three years, depending on achievement during each year of the applicable annual EPS performance goal.

During 2018, the Compensation Committee granted performance-based RSU awards to our named executive officers as follows:

Performance-based

Restricted	Grant	Date
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	Stock Units	Fair Value
Mr. Alutto	19,127	\$ 395,546
Ms. Miller	15,778	255,555
Mr. Ginnetti	7,151	147,883
Mr. Rogers	3,621	74,882
Ms. Abdulmassih	3,476	71,884
Mr. Arnold	7,151	147,883
Ms. Frank	3,744	77,426

The Company began the practice of granting performance-based RSUs in 2017. The first performance period ended December 31, 2017 and no performance-based RSUs were earned for that period. The second performance period ended December 31, 2018 and 43% of the first tranche of the performance-based RSUs granted in 2018 and 43% of the second tranche of the performance-based RSUs granted in 2017 were earned.

Similar to 2017, the Compensation Committee established minimum and maximum achievement levels with respect to the 2018 Adjusted EPS goal of \$4.42 and \$4.65,

respectively. Performance in between these two points is interpolated on a straight-line basis to determine the vesting of shares. No performance-based RSUs vest if we failed to attain a minimum Adjusted EPS of \$4.42, and the payout for performance at or above 98% of the target of \$4.65 is capped at 100%.

Our Adjusted EPS for 2018 for purposes of the performance-based RSU program was \$4.45 or 95.7% of target, resulting in the vesting of 43% for the applicable tranches of the 2017 and 2018 performance-based RSU grants.

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Our Executive Compensation Program for 2019

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We did not make any changes to the base salaries or cash bonus targets for the NEOs with respect to 2018. After conducting a market analysis with our independent advisor during 2018, we made several changes to our compensation programs for 2019. At an individual level, we made salary adjustments for Mr. Rogers and Mr. Ginnetti and a bonus target change for Mr. Rogers to align their pay more closely with the market. These changes were effective January 1, 2019.

We also redesigned our equity program to better align with market practices, including changes in the vesting schedule and grant amounts and the addition of a retirement provision which extends the option exercise period for

employees who leave the company due to retirement. First, the vesting period for our stock option and RSU grants was changed for 2019 awards to three years (compared to our previous practice of five years). Second, because the grants are now vesting more quickly, grant amounts were reduced in order to align with the vesting period and market norms. Third, beginning with the 2019 awards, we added a retirement provision for stock option grants that allows retirees a period of up to 12 months to exercise any vested options upon termination instead of the usual 90 days. Retirees are defined as team members who leave Stericycle at age 65, or age 55 or greater with at least 10 years of service.

We believe these changes made in 2019 are consistent with our compensation philosophy, which stresses that compensation for our NEOs (and for all other employees) must be performance-based, but also aligned with the median compensation amounts and pay practices awarded by our peers to ensure we can continue to attract and retain a consistent pipeline of high caliber talent. The equity awards granted in March 2018 and 2019 also provide for double-trigger vesting in connection with a change in control. Noted below is a summary of the changes for 2019.

Plan Impacted	Key Changes	Reasons
Base salary	Most NEO salaries were unchanged compared	To keep base salaries aligned with the
	to 2018 (two changes were made effective	median of our peer group
	January 1, 2019)	

Annual cash bonus	Most NEO cash bonus opportunities were unchanged compared to 2018 (one change was made effective January 1, 2019)	To keep target cash compensation aligned with the median of our peer group and reflect company performance
	Maintained metric weightings at 70% Adjusted EBITDA and 30% Adjusted ROIC	To maintain the emphasis on key metrics that represent Company performance
Stock options	Maintained the stock option component of the total long-term incentive award at one third	To continue to align management and stockholder interests by providing an incentive, the value of which depends entirely on the growth in the value of our common stock
Time-based RSUs	Maintained the time-based RSU component of the total long-term incentive award at one third	To allow for a balanced long-term incentive mix that is consistent with market norms
Performance-based RSUs	Maintained the performance-based RSU component of the long-term incentive award at one third.	To maintain the rigor and stockholder focus of the long-term equity incentive program by tying a significant portion of the NEOs award to EPS
	Performance-based RSUs vest, or not, in three equal annual installments based on annual EPS performance goals	
Peer group	No changes were made to the peer group	Peer group analysis showed that the current peer group, with changes made in 2017, is an appropriate benchmark for the Company
Vesting period and grant amounts for stock options and RSUs	Changed the vesting period for 2019 stock option and RSU grants to three years (compared to a previous practice of five years) and reduced grant amounts accordingly	To align more closely with market practices and offer an equity program that is competitive with the market without increasing overall expense
Retirement provision for stock option exercise period	Added a retirement provision for stock option grants that allows retirees a period of up to 12 months to exercise any vested options upon termination instead of the usual 90 days	To align more closely with market practices and offer an equity program that is competitive with the market without increasing overall expense

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Currently, performance-based RSUs vest ratably over a three-year period with performance goals for each tranche set annually according to each year s business plan. Due to the business transformation and portfolio rationalization initiatives that the Company has undertaken, the annual goal-setting process has been necessary to achieve alignment between the performance targets and the annual business plan. Beginning in 2020, the Committee expects to recommend that performance-based RSUs vest at the end of a three year period, rather than ratably throughout the three-year period. Further, the Committee intends to change the goal-setting process from an annual

process to an approach which incorporates a three year measurement period for the chosen metric.

The Committee did not implement any changes in executive compensation during 2018 as a direct result of the stockholders advisory vote. The most recent vote regarding say on pay for our executive compensation program indicated that our stockholders support the Compensation Committee s strategy of awarding competitive compensation featuring rigorous performance-based incentive opportunities. During the 2018 say on pay vote, we received 90.0% support (or 89.8%, including abstentions) for the executive compensation program.

2019 Executive Compensation Plans

In order to maintain competitiveness with the market but reflect our company s overall performance, the Committee approved compensation plans for our NEOs that included increases in base salary for Mr. Ginnetti and Mr. Rogers, an increase in the cash performance incentive for Mr. Rogers, and a three-part equity program. The compensation plans for our named executive officers in 2019 are as follows (no information is given for those executives who are no longer employed by the Company):

Cash Performance											
		Bonus	Granted	Granted	Granted						
	Base Salary	Percentage Sto	ck Artifors mand	e-Based RSTisme-l	based RSUs						
Mr. Alutto	\$1,000,000	100%									
Ms. Miller ⁽¹⁾	625,000	90%	41,417	12,005	12,005						
Mr. Ginnetti	575,000	75%	24,654	7,146	7,146						

Mr. Rogers 500,000 70% 16,567 4,802 4,802

(1) Ms. Miller s compensation as Chief Executive Officer has not yet been determined. When such compensation has been finally determined, the Company will make a public announcement, by means of an amendment to a Current Report on Form 8-K or otherwise.

Executive Severance and Change in Control Plan

Upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, the Board of Directors adopted a plan for executive severance, including following a change in control. The plan, which went into effect on September 1, 2016, applies to all the named executive officers. Stericycle introduced this plan in order to be competitive with the market and enhance retention.

Under the plan, named executive officers are entitled to benefits in the event of a termination of employment by us other than for Cause, Death or Disability (as each is defined in the plan). A covered executive will receive the following benefits so long as the executive executes and honors a full waiver and release of claims against Stericycle, as well as non-competition, non-solicitation, confidentiality and other restrictive covenants that we may deem necessary to protect our interests:

An amount equal to the actual annual incentive the executive would have been paid had the executive remained employed on the payment date applicable to then current employees, prorated based on the executive s period of service through the executive s termination date.

An amount equal to the sum of the executives base salary and target annual incentive, each determined as of the termination date, multiplied by the applicable severance multiple.

For the Chief Executive Officer, the severance multiple is two.

For all other executives, the severance multiple is one.

Non-qualified deferred compensation benefits and employee welfare benefits pursuant to the terms of the applicable plans and policies.

Payment of or reimbursement for the cost of COBRA premiums in connection with the executive s medical, vision, prescription and dental coverage in effect as of the date of termination, to the extent such premiums exceed the premiums paid for similar provided coverage by active employees, for up to twenty-four months.

Reimbursement for outplacement benefits up to \$25,000.

For involuntary termination (other than for Cause) associated with a change in control, which includes voluntary termination for Good Reason (as defined in the plan)

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within 24 months after a change in control, the benefits above remain in place but the annual incentive payment and the severance multiple changes, as follows:

An amount equal to the executive s target annual incentive, prorated based on the executive s period of service through the executive s termination date.

An amount equal to the sum of the executives base salary and target annual incentive, each determined as of the termination date, multiplied by the applicable severance multiple.

For the Chief Executive Officer, the severance multiple is three.

For all other executives, the severance multiple is two.

In situations involving voluntary termination other than for Good Reason during the 24-month post-change period or termination for cause, we would only be required to pay accrued obligations to the employee.

Other Compensation Matters

Retirement Plans and Deferred Compensation Arrangements

Our Board of Directors adopted the Stericycle, Inc. Supplemental Retirement Plan effective for deferrals of compensation on and after April 1, 2017. Our named executive officers are eligible to participate in the plan. The Plan is unfunded and designed to be a nonqualified deferred compensation plan in compliance with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code.

Under the Plan, a bookkeeping account will be created for each participant. Each year, we will credit a participant s account with the designated portion of the participant s compensation that the participant elected to defer for that year (the Elective Deferral Contributions) and may credit the participant s account with a discretionary amount declared by us for that year (the Company Discretionary Contributions). Earnings on the credited amounts will be based on the

performance of various investment funds available under the Plan (and as directed by the participant).

The Plan permits participants to elect to receive distributions, which generally become payable upon a

termination of employment or a specified date prior to termination of employment, in either a lump sum or in installments over a period of up to fifteen years. All distributions from the Plan are in cash. The participant will always be fully vested in that portion of the participant s account attributable to the Elective Deferral Contributions, and will be vested in Company Discretionary Contributions, if any, five years from the date the first Company Discretionary Contribution is credited to the participant s account, subject to the participant s continued service. Vesting will be accelerated upon a participant s termination of service due to death or disability or a change in control while the participant is still in service.

The unvested portion of a participant s account will generally be forfeited upon termination of employment. A participant s vested interests under the Plan will be forfeited upon a termination of employment for Cause (as defined in the Plan).

Perquisites and Personal Benefits

We provide limited perquisites and personal benefits to our executive officers. See 2018 Summary Compensation Table All Other Compensation and the related footnotes.

Stock Ownership Guidelines

All of our executive officers and non-employee directors are expected to hold a minimum position in our common stock. We established this program to help align the long-term interests of our executive officers and non-employee directors with those of our stockholders.

	Stock Ownership Guideline
Chief Executive Officer	Four times his or her annual base salary
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Other NEOs	Three times their respective annual base salaries
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Non-Employee Directors	Four times their respective annual cash retainers

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Although there is no specific period of time in which the executive officers and non-employee directors are required to achieve the applicable ownership threshold, they are expected to make continuous progress toward that goal, and to comply with the following retention ratios until such guidelines have been achieved:

The CEO must hold 75% of the net shares acquired upon the vesting or exercise of any equity awards (Net Profit Shares) until the minimum position requirement has been achieved; and

The other NEOs must hold 50% of their respective Net Profit Shares until the minimum position requirement has been achieved.

The non-employee directors must retain 75% of their Net Profit Shares until the minimum position requirement has been achieved.

Shares that will count toward achievement of the stock ownership guidelines include:

Shares owned outright (including employee stock purchase plan shares and securities convertible into shares of common stock on an as-converted basis) by the executive officer or director or any of such person s immediate family members residing in the same household;

Shares held in trust for the benefit of the executive officer or director or such person s family;

Shares held in our employee benefit plans, including the 401(k) Savings Plan;

Shares obtained through stock option exercises and the in-the-money value of vested and unvested stock options; and

Shares of unvested restricted stock and RSUs.

Compliance with these stock ownership guidelines is measured periodically by our internal team responsible for handling executive compensation matters, and the results of such measurement are reported to the Compensation Committee at least once per year. On each measurement date, compliance is measured using each executive officer s base salary then in effect, and the average trailing 180-day trading price per share of our common stock on the Nasdaq Stock Market on such date. Once an executive officer has achieved the applicable ownership threshold, that person will be considered in compliance, regardless of any change in the price of our common stock, so long as such person continues to own at least the number of shares of our common stock and other awards owned at the time of achieving that threshold.

Anti-Hedging and Anti-Pledging; Clawbacks

See Corporate Governance Anti-Hedging and Anti-Pledging Policy and Clawback Policy for a discussion of Company policies with respect to these matters.

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COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with the Company s executive management. Based on this review and discussion, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

Compensation Committee

Thomas D. Brown, Chairman

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Thomas F. Chen

Stephen C. Hooley

Mike S. Zafirovski

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2018 SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table summarizes the compensation paid or earned for the fiscal years noted in the table by our named executive officers:

Name and						Option		N Stock		-Equity icentive Plan	A 1	ll Other	
Principal			Salary	Bonus	A	wards ⁽¹⁾	A	Stock wa Cda n	ens				Total
Position	Year		(\$)	(\$)		(\$)		(\$)		(\$)	POINS	(\$)	(\$)
			\.\/	(,,		(.,		(.,		(,,		(.,	\.,
Charles A.	2018	\$ 1	,000,000	\$	\$ 1	,289,942	\$ 1	,582,185	\$ 2	241,800	\$	5,693	\$4,119,620
Alutto			,000,000		\$ 1	,317,342	\$ 1	,495,299	\$		\$	3,000	\$3,815,641
President and Chief Executive Officer	2016	\$	585,000	\$	\$2	2,136,579	\$	780,840	\$	112,978	\$	2,000	\$ 3,617,397
Cindy J. Miller President and Chief	2018	\$	156,250	\$	\$	894,995		822,209	\$		\$	33,526	\$ 1,906,980
Operating Officer													
Daniel V.	2018		550,000			482,280				99,743			\$ 1,726,554
Ginnetti	2017	\$	550,000		\$	489,363		555,444			\$		\$1,597,807
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2016	\$	380,000	\$	\$	903,940	\$	330,249	\$	48,925	\$	2,000	\$ 1,665,114
Kurt M. Rogers	2018	\$	400,000	\$	\$	244,217	\$	299,529	\$	58,032	\$	3,000	\$ 1,004,778
Executive Vice President and General Counsel													

Ruth-Ellen Abdulmassih	2018	\$ 370,000	\$ 327,541 ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 234,438	\$ 287,535	\$ 58,153	\$	26,681	\$ 1	,304,348
Executive Vice President,	2017	\$ 370,000	\$	\$ 234,882	\$ 266,608	\$	\$	41,579	\$	913,069
Communications and Related Services										
Joseph B.	2018	\$ 550,000	\$	\$ 482,280	\$ 591,531	\$ 99,743	\$ 1,	012,005	\$ 2	,735,559
Arnold	2017	\$ 550,000	\$	\$ 489,363	\$ 555,444	\$	\$	3,000	\$ 1	,597,807
Former Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	2016	\$ 380,000	\$	\$ 903,940	\$ 330,249	\$ 48,925	\$	2,000	\$ 1	,665,114
Brenda R.	2018	\$ 367,692	\$ 198,616(6)	\$ 252,546	\$ 309,704	\$	\$	19,571	\$ 1	,148,129
Frank	2017	\$ 400,000	\$	\$ 254,462	\$ 288,835	\$	\$	18,113	\$	961,410

Former

Executive Vice

President and

Chief

People Officer

(1) The amounts shown represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the awards for fiscal years 2018, 2017 and 2016. We calculated these amounts in accordance with the provisions of FASB ASC Topic 718, utilizing the assumptions discussed in Note 13 to our financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, Note 12 to our financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, and in Note 6 to our financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

2016 \$ 325,000 \$775,000⁽⁷⁾ \$ 279,402 \$ 389,908 \$ 31,383 \$

\$1,800,693

(2) The amounts shown represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the awards for fiscal years 2018, 2017 and 2016, determined in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, based on the closing price of our common stock on the date of the grant. The grant date fair value of time-based RSUs granted in 2018 and performance-based RSUs granted in 2018 are as follows:

Name	Time-Based RSUs Performance-Based RSU							
Charles A. Alutto	\$1,186,639	\$395,546						
Cindy J. Miller	566,654	255,555						

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Daniel V. Ginnetti	443,648	147,883
Kurt M. Rogers	224,647	74,882
Ruth-Ellen		
Abdulmassih	215,651	71,884
Joseph B. Arnold	443,648	147,883
Brenda R. Frank	232,278	77,426

Because the performance-related component of the performance-based RSUs is based on separate measurements of our performance for each year in the three-year performance cycle, FASB ASC Topic 718 requires the grant date fair value to be calculated with respect to one-third of the total performance-based RSUs in each year of the three-year performance cycle. For 2018, with respect to each of the named executive officers other than Ms. Miller, the grant date fair value of the performance-based RSUs, as measured in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, is based on our closing stock price on the grant date of March 1, 2018 of \$62.04 and the probable outcome of target performance of the annual performance-related component for 2018. With respect to Ms. Miller, the grant date fair value of the performance-based RSUs is based on our closing stock price on the grant due of March 12, 2019 of \$48.59. Such grant relates to Ms. Miller s hiring in October 2018. With respect to the performance-based RSUs, target performance and maximum performance are the same.

(3) The amounts shown represent the gross amounts of the named executive officer s annual cash incentive for the applicable fiscal year.

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- (4) With respect to Mr. Alutto, represents \$3,000 for 401(k) matching contributions and \$2,693 spousal travel. With respect to Mr. Ginnetti and Mr. Rogers, represents only our matching 401(k) plan contributions for the fiscal years noted. With respect to Ms. Miller, represents \$18,674 relocation expenses and \$14,852 tax gross up. With respect to Mr. Arnold, represents \$3,000 for 401(k) matching contributions and \$1,009,005 payable pursuant to a separation agreement. With respect to Ms. Frank, represents \$5,007 spousal travel and \$14,564 for commuting and travel expenses reimbursed by the Company. With respect to Ms. Abdulmassih, represents \$3,000 for 401(k) matching contributions and \$23,681 for commuting and travel expenses reimbursed by the Company. With respect to such relocation, commuting and travel expenses, the aggregate incremental cost to our Company is determined by the amounts paid to third-party providers.
- (5) Represents bonuses paid to Ms. Abdulmassih in connection with certain special projects.
- (6) Represents a retention bonus and bonuses paid to Ms. Frank in connection with certain special projects.
- (7) Represents a bonus paid to Ms. Frank as part of the transition from her former employment agreement with Shred-it.
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2018 GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS

The following table provides information about the plan-based awards for our named executive officers during 2018.

	1	Estimated 1	Future Payo	outs K sti dea te	d Futur	e Payouts	s Under A		All		~
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	<u>Non-</u>	-Equity Inc	<u>centive Plan</u>	Awards ⁽¹⁾	<u>Equi</u>	Date					
						A	<u>wards\4\</u> i	imber of A	Awaras: Number	or	Fair Value
										Base	Value
								of StoolS	of ecurities	Price of	of Stock and
									ecuriues derlying (and Option
	CrontT	Threshold	Torget	Maximufihi	ochold	ToraM	aximum		ptions ⁽⁴⁾ A		Awards ⁽⁵⁾
Name	Date	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(#)	(#)	(#)	(#)		S/Share	Awarus ^(*) (\$)
Charles A.	Date	500,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	(π)	(π)	(π)	(π)	(π) φ	/Silai e	(Φ)
Alutto	3/01/2018	300,000	1,000,000	2,000,000					76,509	62.04	1,289,942
Alutto	3/01/2018							19,127	70,309	02.04	1,186,639
	3/01/2018				4,782	19,127	19,127	19,127			395,546
Cindy J.	3/01/2016	281,250	562,500	1,125,000	7,702	17,127	17,127				373,340
Miller	11/01/2018	201,230	302,300	1,123,000					60,391	50.78	894,995
Willer	11/01/2018							11,159	00,371	30.76	566,654
	3/12/2019				3,945	15,778	15,778	11,137			255,555
Daniel V.	3/12/2019	206,250	412,500	825,000	3,713	13,770	15,776				233,333
Ginnetti	3/01/2018	200,250	112,200	022,000					28,605	62.04	482,280
32222002	3/01/2018							7,151	20,000	02.0 .	443,648
	3/01/2018				1,788	7,151	7,151	7,101			147,883
Kurt M.		120,000	240,000	480,000		,,===	,,===				,
Rogers	3/01/2018	,	,	,					14,485	62.04	244,217
S	3/01/2018							3,621	, i		224,647
	3/01/2018				905	3,621	3,621				74,882
Ruth-Ellen		120,250	240,500	481,000							
Abdulmassih	3/01/2018								13,905	62.04	234,438
	3/01/2018							3,476			215,651
	3/01/2018				869	3,476	3,476				71,884
Joseph B.		206,250	412,500	825,000							
Arnold	3/01/2018								28,605	62.04	482,280
	3/01/2018							7,151			443,648
	3/01/2018				1,788	7,151	7,151				147,883
Brenda R.		120,000	240,000	480,000							
Frank	3/01/2018								14,979	62.04	252,546
	3/01/2018							3,744			232,278
	3/01/2018				936	3,744	3,744				77,426

⁽¹⁾ These amounts consist of the threshold, target and maximum cash award levels set in 2018 under the annual cash performance bonus program. Please see Compensation Discussion and Analysis for further information regarding the annual cash performance bonus program.

- (2) The amounts shown at target represent the aggregate number of performance-based RSUs that may be earned under the long-term incentive plan. The performance-based RSUs vest, if at all, in three annual installments based on annual EPS performance goals. The earnout percentage may range from 0% to 100% of the target performance-based RSUs granted, with a range of 25%-100% earned at threshold to maximum performance. See Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards Performance-based Restricted Stock Units for 2018 in Compensation Discussion and Analysis above.
- (3) The amounts represent the time-based RSUs granted under the long-term incentive plan to the named executive officers. The time-based RSUs vest in equal annual installments over five years, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, provided that the executive is still employed by the Company on the vesting date. Please see Compensation Discussion and Analysis for further information regarding these RSU grants.
- (4) These amounts represent stock options granted under the long-term incentive plan to the named executive officers. These options vest in equal annual installments over five years, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, provided that the executive is still employed by the Company on the applicable vesting date. Please see Compensation Discussion and Analysis for further information regarding these stock option awards.
- (5) The grant date fair value of each time-based RSU award was computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 based on the closing stock price on the applicable grant date. Because the performance-related component of the performance-based RSUs is based on separate measurements of our performance for each year in the three-year performance cycle, FASB ASC Topic 718 requires the grant date fair value to be calculated with respect

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to one-third of the total performance-based RSUs in each year of the three-year performance cycle. For 2018, the grant date fair value of the performance-based RSUs, as measured in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, is based on our closing stock price on the grant date and the probable outcome of target performance of the annual performance-related component for 2018. With respect to the performance-based RSUs, target performance and maximum performance are the same. The grant date fair value of each option award was calculated in accordance with the provisions of FASB ASC Topic 718, utilizing the assumptions discussed in Note 13 to our financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

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2018 OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END

The following table provides information about the outstanding equity awards held by the named executive officers as of December 31, 2018.

			Op	tion Awards	Stock Awards					
								Equity		
							Equity	Incentive		
							Incentive	Plan		
							Plan	Awards:		
						***		Market or		
							lumber of	Payout		
	Number	Number				'	Unearned Shares,	Value of		
	of	of			Number of		Units	Unearned Shares,		
	Securities	Securities			Shares or	Market	or	Units or		
	Underlying 1				Units	Value of	Other	Other		
	UnexercisedU	• •	Option		of	Shares or	Rights	Rights		
	Options	Options	Exercise	Option	Stock That	Units ThatI	_	_		
	(#)	(#)	Price	Expiration	Have Not	Have Not	Not	Not		
Name	Exercisablen	2.7	(\$)	Date ⁽¹⁾	Vested ⁽²⁾	Vested ⁽³⁾		Vested ⁽³⁾		
Charles A.		76,509	62.04	3/1/2026		, 0,3000				
Alutto	6,984	,	63.00	7/30/2020						
	31,890		85.00	2/8/2021						
	97,073	23,800	115.69	2/11/2022						
	60,000		86.24	2/13/2022						
	66,000	44,000	130.19	2/6/2023						
	147,671		95.87	2/20/2023						
	1,873		115.69	2/11/2024						
	2,435		130.19	2/6/2025						
	42,163	63,243	111.12	2/5/2024						
	1,007		115.54	2/26/2026						
	13,456	53,824	83.35	2/16/2025						
	341		82.93	2/24/2027	34,108	1,251,423	7,024	257,711		
Cindy J. Mille	r	60,391	50.78	11/1/2026	11,159	409,423				
Daniel V.	12.000	28,605	62.04	3/1/2026						
Ginnetti	12,000		51.55	2/9/2020						
	10,700	2 000	85.00	2/8/2021						
	12,000	3,000	115.69	2/11/2022						
	11,200	1.500	86.24	2/13/2022						
	6,000 27,000	1,500 18,000	116.81 130.19	8/1/2022 2/6/2023						
	14,550	10,000	95.87	2/20/2023						
	17,838	26,757	111.12	2/5/2024						
	508	20,131	115.54	2/26/2026						
	4,999	19,994	83.35	2/16/2025						
	1,222	-2,22	00.00	2,10,2020						

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	147		82.93	2/24/2027	12,934	474,548	2,621	96,164
Kurt M.	2,399	9,596	76.41	7/24/2025				
Rogers		14,485	62.04	3/1/2026	5,541	203,299	1,305	47,880

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	Option Awards					Stock Awards		
Name								Equity
								Incentive
							Equity	Plan
							Incentive	Awards:
							Plan	Market
							Awards:	or
					N. T. 		Number	Payout
					Number		of	Value
					of Change		Unearned	of
	Number	Namelon			Shares	Market		Unearned
	Number	Number			Or Umita	Value of	Units	Shares,
	of Securities	of Securities			Units of	Shares	or Other	Units or
Underlying Underlying					Stock	or Units		Other
Unexercised Unexercised					That	That	Rights That	Rights That
Options Options		Option	Option	Have	Have	Have	Have	
	(#)	(#)	Exercise	Expiration	Not	Not	Not	Not
1	Exercisablen	5.7	Price (\$)	Date ⁽¹⁾	Vested ⁽²⁾		Vested ⁽⁴⁾	Vested ⁽³⁾
Ruth-Ellen	554	Excreisable	55.57	3/1/2020		V CStCu.	CSICU	Vesteu
Abdulmassih	8,700		85.00	2/8/2021				
7 I Dudilliassiii	6,400	3,200	115.69	2/11/2022				
	8,700	2,200	86.24	2/13/2022				
	711		86.89	2/28/2022				
	2,000		85.57	4/11/2022				
	756		97.36	3/7/2023				
	7,200	7,200	130.19	2/6/2023				
	9,700	1,939	95.87	2/20/2023				
	2,000	1,000	111.63	4/22/2022				
	1,192		136.285	3/5/2025				
	1,021		116.01	3/11/2026				
	2,400	9,596	83.35	2/16/2025				
		13,905	62.04	3/1/2026				
	4,217	6,324	111.12	2/5/2024	6,268	229,973	1,269	46,560
Joseph B. Arnold	5,061		46.83	2/10/2019				
	404		47.24	3/2/2019				
	11,500		51.55	2/9/2020				
	792		55.57	3/1/2020				
	11,200		85.00	2/8/2021				
	629		83.88	3/1/2021				
	12,000	3,000	115.69	2/11/2022				