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FMC Corporation

March 16, 2012

Dear Stockholder:

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the Company's 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. local time at the Top of the Tower, 1717 Arch Street, 50th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement accompanying this letter describe the business to be conducted at the meeting.

During the meeting, I will report to you on the Company's earnings, results and other achievements during 2011 and on our outlook for 2012. We welcome this opportunity to have a dialogue with our stockholders and look forward to your comments and questions.

Your vote is important. **Please vote your proxy promptly so your shares can be represented.** Please see your proxy card for specific instructions on how to vote.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please send written notification to the Company's Investor Relations Department, 1735 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, so that your name can be put on an admission list held at the registration desk at the entrance to the meeting. If your shares are held by a bank, broker or other intermediary and you plan to attend, you must enclose with your notification evidence of your ownership, such as a letter from the bank, broker or intermediary confirming your ownership or a bank or brokerage firm account statement. If you wish to vote at the meeting, please refer to the section of this proxy statement entitled "How to Vote" for specific instructions.

I look forward to seeing you on April 24th.

Sincerely,

Pierre Brondeau

President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board

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Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders
Tuesday, April 24, 2012

2:00 p.m.

Top of the Tower, 50th Floor, 1717 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Dear Stockholder:

You are invited to the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of FMC Corporation. We will hold the meeting at the time and place noted above. At the meeting, we will ask you to:

1.

Elect four directors in Class II, each for a term of three years; and elect one director in Class I with a remaining term of two years.

2.

Ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2012.

3.

Hold an advisory (non-binding) vote on executive compensation.

4.

Vote on a proposed increase in the number of authorized shares of the Company's Common Stock.

5.

Consider and act upon a stockholder proposal, if properly presented at the Annual Meeting.

6.

Consider and act upon any other business properly brought before the meeting.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR ITS NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR AND FOR PROPOSALS 2 THROUGH 4. THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE AGAINST DECLASSIFICATION OF THE BOARD, PROPOSAL 5.

Your vote is important. To be sure your vote counts and assure a quorum, please vote, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card whether or not you plan to attend the meeting; or if you prefer, please follow the instructions on the enclosed proxy card for voting by Internet or by telephone whether or not you plan to attend the meeting in person.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE STOCKHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 24, 2012:

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The proxy statement and the annual report to security holders are available at www.fmc.com.

March 16, 2012

By order of the Board of Directors,

Andrea E. Utecht

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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I. INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING

Solicitation of Proxies

The Board of Directors of FMC Corporation (the “Company” or “FMC”) is soliciting proxies for use at the Company’s 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and any adjournments of that meeting. The Company first mailed this proxy statement, the accompanying form of proxy and the Company’s Annual Report for 2011 on or about March 16, 2012.

Agenda Items

The agenda for the Annual Meeting is to:

1.

Elect five directors;

2.

Ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for 2012;

3.

Hold an advisory vote on executive compensation;

4.

Vote on a proposed amendment to the Company’s Restated Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of the Company’s Common Stock from 130 million to 260 million.

5.

Consider and act upon a stockholder proposal, if properly presented at the Annual Meeting; and

6.

Conduct other business properly brought before the meeting.

Who Can Vote

You can vote at the Annual Meeting if you are a holder of the Company’s common stock, par value of \$0.10 per share (“Common Stock”), on the record date. The record date is the close of business on February 28, 2012. You will have one vote for each share of Common Stock. As of February 28, 2012, there were 69,112,173 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

How to Vote

You may vote in one of four ways:

- You can vote by signing and returning the enclosed proxy card. If you do, the individuals named on the card will vote your shares in the way you indicate;

- You can vote by Internet;

- You can vote by telephone; or

- You can cast your vote at the Annual Meeting.

If you plan to cast your vote at the meeting, please send written notification to the Company's Investor Relations Department, 1735 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, so that your name can be put on an admission list held at the registration desk at the entrance to the meeting. In addition, if you hold your shares through a broker or bank and you wish to vote at the Annual Meeting, you must obtain a legal proxy from them authorizing you to vote at the Annual Meeting. We will be unable to accept a vote from you at the Annual Meeting without that authorization. If you are a registered stockholder and wish to vote at the Annual Meeting, in addition to the above attendance notification, you must provide proper identification as the stockholder of record at the registration desk, but no additional authorization will be required in order to cast your vote.

Use of Proxies

Unless you tell us on the proxy card to vote differently, we plan to vote signed and returned proxies **FOR** the Board nominees for director, **FOR** Proposals 2 through 4, and **AGAINST** Proposal 5.

Quorum Requirement

We need a quorum of stockholders to hold a valid Annual Meeting. A quorum will be present if the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding Common Stock entitled to vote at the meeting either attend the Annual Meeting in person or are represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions, broker non-votes (described below) and votes withheld are counted as present for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

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Vote Required for Action

Effective January 1, 2009, FMC's Board of Directors amended the Company's By-Laws to provide that directors shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast in an uncontested election. These actions reflect FMC's dedication to maintaining the highest quality corporate governance practices and commitment to address stockholder concerns. Because the number of nominees properly nominated for the Annual Meeting is the same as the number of directors to be elected at the Annual Meeting, the election of directors is a non-contested election. As a result, any nominee who receives a majority of the votes cast with respect to his or her election at the Annual Meeting will be elected to the Board (or re-elected, in the case of any nominee who is an incumbent director). Incumbent nominees have tendered a contingent resignation which would become effective if (i) the nominee does not receive a majority of the votes cast with respect to his or her election at the Annual Meeting and (ii) the Board of Directors accepts such resignation. Adoption of Proposals 2, 3 and 5 require the affirmative vote of the majority of shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting, and adoption of Proposal 4 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

Abstentions or Lack of Instructions to Banks, Brokers, or Employee Benefit Plan Trustees

Abstentions will not be counted as votes cast for the election of directors, and thus will have no effect on the election of directors. With respect to Proposals 2 through 5, abstentions will have the effect of a vote against such proposals.

A broker non-vote occurs when a bank, broker or other nominee holding shares on behalf of a stockholder does not receive voting instructions from the stockholder with respect to a non-routine matter to be voted on at the Annual Meeting by a specified date before the Annual Meeting. Banks, brokers and other nominees may vote undirected shares on matters deemed routine in accordance with New York Stock Exchange rules, but they may not vote undirected shares on matters deemed non-routine in accordance with such rules. For this purpose, the ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm is considered a routine matter, but the election of directors, the advisory vote regarding executive compensation, the amendment to the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of the Company's Common Stock and the stockholder proposal are considered non-routine matters. In the event of a broker non-vote in the election of directors or with respect to Proposals 2, 3 or 5 at the Annual Meeting, the broker non-vote will not have any effect on the outcome inasmuch as broker non-votes are not counted as votes cast or as shares present and entitled to be voted with respect to any matter on which the broker has expressly not voted. In the event of a broker non-vote with respect to Proposal 4, relating to the amendment to the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of the Company's Common Stock, the broker non-vote will have the effect of a vote against the Proposal inasmuch as adoption of that Proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

If you are entitled to vote shares held under an employee benefit plan and you either do not direct the trustee by April 20, 2012 how to vote your shares, or if you vote on some but not all matters that come before the Annual Meeting, the trustee will, in the case of shares held in the FMC Corporation Savings and Investment Plan, vote your undirected shares in proportion to the votes received from other participants, and in the case of the Company's other employee plans, vote your shares in the trustee's discretion, except to the extent that the plan or applicable law provides otherwise.

Revoking a Proxy

You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is exercised. You can revoke a proxy by:

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Sending a written notice to the Corporate Secretary of FMC;

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Delivering a properly executed, later-dated proxy;

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Attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person, provided that you comply with the conditions set forth in the section of this proxy statement above entitled “How to Vote”; or

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If your shares are held through an employee benefit plan, your revocation must be received by the trustee by April 20, 2012.

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II. THE PROPOSALS TO BE VOTED ON

Proposal 1 Election of Directors

The Company has three classes of directors, each having a term of three years. Class terms expire on a rolling basis so that, in general, one class of directors is elected each year. The Company's By-Laws require that any increase in the number of directors be apportioned among the classes so as to maintain the number of directors in each class as nearly equal as possible. Further, any additional director of any class elected to fill a vacancy resulting in an increase in that class holds office for a term that coincides with the remaining term of that class.

Nominees for Director

The nominees for director this year are Eduardo E. Cordeiro, Peter D'Aloia, C. Scott Greer, Paul J. Norris and William H. Powell. Messrs. D'Aloia, Greer and Norris are incumbent directors who are members of Class II, each of whose term expires at the 2012 Annual Meeting, and they have been nominated for re-election to Class II. Mr. Cordeiro, who was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2011 to fill a vacancy, has also been nominated for election to Class II. If elected, the Class II directors' next term will expire at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Mr. Powell, who was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2011 to fill a vacancy, has been nominated for election to Class I. If Mr. Powell is elected, his term will expire in 2014, coincident with the expiration of the term of the current members of Class I. Information about the nominees and the continuing directors is contained in the section of this proxy statement entitled "Board of Directors".

The Board of Directors expects that all of the nominees will be able and willing to serve as directors. If any nominee becomes unavailable, the proxies may be voted for another person nominated by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy, or the size of the Board of Directors may be reduced.

Enrique J. Sosa, a director since 1999 and a member of Class I, will retire from the Board effective at the Annual Meeting on April 24, 2012. The Board extends its thanks to him for his counsel and service.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the election of Eduardo E. Cordeiro, Peter D'Aloia, C. Scott Greer, Paul J. Norris and William H. Powell to the respective classes of the Board of Directors as described above.

Proposal 2 Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has approved KPMG LLP continuing to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2012. For the years 2010 and 2011, KPMG's fees, all of which were approved by the Audit Committee, were as follows:

(\$000)	2011	2010
Audit Fees ⁽¹⁾	2,743	2,789
Audit Related Fees ⁽²⁾	297	164
Tax Fees ⁽³⁾	749	714
All Other Fees ⁽⁴⁾	355	280

TOTAL	4,144	3,947
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(1) Fees for professional services performed by KPMG LLP for the integrated audit of the Company's annual consolidated financial statements and review of financial statements included in the Company's Form 10-Q filings, and other services that are normally provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

(2) Fees for services performed by KPMG that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements. This includes employee benefit and compensation plan audits, any acquisition-related audit work, and attestations by KPMG that are required by statute or regulation.

(3) Fees for professional services performed by KPMG with respect to tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning. This includes preparation of original and amended tax returns for the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, refund claims, payment planning, and tax audit assistance.

(4) Fees for other permissible work performed by KPMG that does not fall within the categories set forth above. For the years listed above, this work consists of tax filings for individual employees involved in the Company's expatriate program.

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Pre-Approval of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Services

The Committee has adopted a Pre-Approval Policy with respect to audit and non-audit services performed by its independent registered public accounting firm. The following is a summary of the Policy.

Prior to the commencement of services for a given year, the Audit Committee will grant pre-approvals of expected services and estimated fees, as presented by the independent registered public accounting firm. The independent registered public accounting firm will routinely update the Committee during the year in which the services are performed as to the actual services provided and related fees pursuant to the Pre-Approval Policy.

Unexpected services not captured under the Pre-Approval Policy, or where actual fees exceed pre-approved amounts, will require specific approval before the services may be rendered. Requests or applications to provide such services that require specific approval by the Audit Committee will be submitted to the Chairman of the Audit Committee and to the Company's Chief Financial Officer or his designate by the independent registered public accounting firm.

The request or application must include a statement as to whether, in the view of both the independent registered public accounting firm and the Chief Financial Officer or his designate, such request or application is consistent with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") regarding auditor independence. Authority to grant approval for such services has been delegated to the Chairman of the Audit Committee, subject to a \$100,000 limit for each request, and provided that any such approval would then be reviewed by the full Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Any such request exceeding that amount would require the approval of the full Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has determined that the independence of KPMG LLP has not been adversely impacted as a result of the non-audit services performed by such accounting firm.

We expect a representative of KPMG LLP to attend the Annual Meeting. The representative will have an opportunity to make a statement if he or she desires and also will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2012.

Proposal 3 Advisory (Non-Binding) Vote on Executive Compensation

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act") requires virtually all publicly-traded companies to permit their stockholders to cast a non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation paid to their executive officers named in this proxy statement ("named executive officers" or "NEOs"). This advisory vote on executive compensation is non-binding on the Board, will not overrule any decision by the Board and does not compel the Board to take any action. However, the Board and the Compensation and Organization Committee may consider the outcome of the vote when considering future executive compensation decisions. Specifically, to the extent there is any significant vote against the named executive officer compensation as disclosed in this proxy statement, we will consider our stockholders' concerns and the Compensation and Organization Committee will evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address those concerns.

The Board and the Compensation and Organization Committee believe that the Company's executive compensation programs and policies and the compensation decisions for 2012 described in this proxy statement (i) support the Company's business objectives, (ii) link the interests of the executive officers and stockholders, (iii) align NEO pay with individual and the Company's performance, without encouraging excessive risk-taking that could have a material

adverse effect on the Company, (iv) provide NEOs with a competitive level of compensation and (v) assist the Company in retaining the NEOs as well as other senior leaders.

For the reasons discussed above (and further amplified in the compensation disclosures made in this proxy statement), the Board recommends that stockholders vote in favor of the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the stockholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (which disclosure includes the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the Summary Compensation Table and other related tabular and narrative disclosures set forth in this proxy statement).

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR the above resolution.

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Proposal 4 Increase in Authorized Shares of Common Stock

The Board of Directors has approved a proposal to amend the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of the Company's Common Stock from 130 million to 260 million. The proposed amendment would replace Section (a) of Article Fourth of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation with the following language:

"The total number of shares of stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 265,000,000 shares, consisting of 260,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share, and 5,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, without par value."

The Board of Directors believes it is in the best interest of the Company to increase the number of authorized shares of Common Stock in order to give the Company greater flexibility in considering and planning for future corporate needs, including, but not limited to, stock dividends, grants under equity compensation plans, stock splits, financings, potential strategic transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, and business combinations, as well as other general corporate transactions. The Board of Directors believes that additional authorized shares of Common Stock will enable the Company to take timely advantage of market conditions and favorable financing and acquisition opportunities that become available to the Company without the delay and expense associated with convening a special meeting of the Company's stockholders.

The Company has no current plan, commitment, arrangement, understanding or agreement regarding the issuance of the additional shares of Common Stock that will result from the Company's adoption of the proposed amendment. Except as otherwise required by law or by a regulation of the New York Stock Exchange, the newly authorized shares of Common Stock will be available for issuance at the discretion of the Board of Directors (without further action by the stockholders) for various future corporate needs, including those outlined above. While adoption of the proposed amendment would not have any immediate dilutive effect on the proportionate voting power or other rights of the Company's existing stockholders, any future issuance of additional authorized shares of the Company's Common Stock may, among other things, dilute the earnings per share of the Common Stock and the equity and voting rights of those holding Common Stock at the time the additional shares are issued.

In addition to the corporate purposes mentioned above, an increase in the number of authorized shares of the Company's Common Stock may make it more difficult to, or discourage an attempt to, obtain control of the Company by means of a takeover bid that the Board of Directors determines is not in the best interest of the Company and its stockholders. However, the Board of Directors does not intend or view the proposed increase in the number of authorized shares of the Company's Common Stock as an anti-takeover measure and is not aware of any attempt or plan to obtain control of the Company.

Any newly authorized shares of the Company's Common Stock will be identical to the shares of Common Stock now authorized and outstanding. The proposed amendment will not affect the rights of current holders of the Company's Common Stock, none of whom have preemptive or similar rights to acquire the newly authorized shares.

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR the proposed amendment to increase the number of authorized shares of the Company's Common Stock from 130 million to 260 million.

Proposal 5 Stockholder Proposal Regarding the Declassification of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors expects the following stockholder proposal (Proposal 5 on the proxy card and voting instruction card) to be presented at the Annual Meeting. The Nathan Cummings Foundation, 475 Tenth Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10018, a holder of 138 shares of Common Stock, has submitted this resolution for consideration and action at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Stockholder Proposal

RESOLVED, that shareholders of FMC Corporation urge the Board of Directors to take all necessary steps (other than any steps that must be taken by shareholders) to eliminate the classification of the Board of Directors and to require that all directors elected at or after the annual meeting held in 2013 be elected on an annual basis. Implementation of this proposal should not prevent any director elected prior to the annual meeting held in 2013 from completing the term for which such director was elected.

Stockholder's Supporting Statement

“This resolution was submitted by the Nathan Cummings Foundation. The Harvard Law School Shareholder Rights Project represented and advised the Nathan Cummings Foundation in connection with this resolution.

The resolution urges the Board of Directors to facilitate a declassification of the board. Such a change would enable shareholders to register their views on the performance of all directors at each annual meeting. Having directors stand for elections annually makes directors more accountable to shareholders, and could thereby contribute to improving performance and increasing firm value.

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Over the past decade, many S&P 500 companies have declassified their board of directors. According to data from FactSet Research Systems, the number of S&P 500 companies with classified boards declined by more than 50%; and the average percentage of votes cast in favor of shareholder proposals to declassify the boards of S&P 500 companies during the period January 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011 exceeded 75%.

The significant shareholder support for proposals to declassify boards is consistent with empirical studies reporting that classified boards could be associated with lower firm valuation and/or worse corporate decision-making. Studies report that:

- Classified boards are associated with lower firm valuation (Bebchuk and Cohen, 2005; confirmed by Faleye (2007) and Frakes (2007));
- Takeover targets with classified boards are associated with lower gains to shareholders (Bebchuk, Coates, and Subramanian, 2002);
- Firms with classified boards are more likely to be associated with value-decreasing acquisition decisions (Masulis, Wang, and Xie, 2007); and
- Classified boards are associated with lower sensitivity of compensation to performance and lower sensitivity of CEO turnover to firm performance (Faleye, 2007).

Please vote for this proposal to make directors more accountable to shareholders.”

Board of Directors’ Statement in Opposition

The Company’s Board of Directors has given this proposal extensive consideration and is currently of the view that it is not in the best interests of the Company or its stockholders to elect the members of the Board on an annual basis.

The Board of Directors believes that its classified structure provides enhanced continuity and stability in the Board’s business strategies and policies. The Company’s Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that the Board of Directors is divided into three classes elected to three-year terms. Approximately one-third of the members of the Board of Directors are elected each year and the entire Board can be replaced in the course of three annual meetings of stockholders, all held within approximately two years. Under the current system, after each election, at least two-thirds of the Board of Directors will have had prior experience and familiarity with the Company’s business, which is beneficial for long-term strategic planning and oversight of the Company’s operations. This is particularly true for FMC, where all but one of the directors are independent directors, given the significant period of time that it takes for new directors to learn about the three distinct and diverse business segments of the Company. At the same time, the Company’s stockholders have an opportunity each year to vote on approximately one-third of the members of the Board of Directors and to shape the decision-making of the Board accordingly.

A classified Board of Directors also serves as an important tool for resisting an unsolicited takeover of the Company on terms that are not advantageous to the Company's stockholders. The staggered system permits a more orderly process for directors to consider any alternatives to maximize stockholder value by encouraging those who may seek to acquire control of the Company to initiate such actions through the Board. Absent a classified Board of Directors, a potential acquirer could gain control of the Company by replacing a majority of the Board of Directors with its own slate of nominees at a single annual meeting by a simple plurality of votes cast, and without paying any premium to the Company's stockholders.

The Board of Directors believes that its current classified structure does not come at the cost of directors' accountability to the Company's stockholders. Stockholders have an annual opportunity to express their approval, or disapproval, of the performance of the Board of Directors as each class stands for reelection. Furthermore, the fiduciary duties of directors to the Company and its stockholders do not depend in any way upon the length of their term in office.

Electing directors to three-year terms also enhances the independence of non-management directors by providing them with a longer term of office. The longer term provides a certain amount of autonomy from special interest groups who may have an agenda contrary to the Company's long-term goals and objectives and those of a majority of stockholders. As a result, independent directors are able to make decisions that are in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

Although the Board acknowledges the trend in the declassification of public company boards of directors over the past decade, the Board believes that the arguments in favor of declassification are open to question. The "common wisdom" that a classified board structure is bad for stockholders has been questioned in academic studies.

A recent study conducted by business school professors provides evidence that the existence of a classified board may actually benefit stockholders in takeover situations and reaches the following conclusions at odds with the arguments typically raised against classified boards:

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Stockholders of companies with a classified board that are involved in a takeover transaction receive a larger proportional share of the total value gains relative to the gains to target shareholders of companies with a declassified board;

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Stockholders of companies with classified boards receive the same "cumulative abnormal returns" (CAR) in takeover transactions as do stockholders of companies with declassified boards. CAR is a statistical measurement of the premium received in a takeover transaction after factoring out the change in the broader market indices during the same period;

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By providing a tool to assist the board of directors in resisting an unsolicited takeover, board classification may improve the relative bargaining power of companies on behalf of their stockholders;

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Among companies for which bids have been made, companies with a classified board are acquired at an equivalent rate as companies with a declassified board, demonstrating that classified boards are not systematically used by entrenched managers to defeat takeover bids; and

- The CEOs of companies with a classified board that are acquired wind up working for the acquirer (as a director or manager) at a statistically equivalent rate as the CEOs of targets with a declassified board, demonstrating that board classification does not facilitate self-dealing by incumbent managers in takeover situations.

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See Thomas W. Bates, David A. Becher & Michael L. Lemmon, [Board Classification and Managerial Entrenchment: Evidence from the Market for Corporate Control](#), 87 J.Fin.Econ. 656 (2008) (available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=923408>).

Another more recent scholarly article, Esteban L. Afonso and M. Babajide Wintoki, [Explaining the Staggered Board Discount](#) (October 4, 2011) (available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1927471>), concludes that staggered boards do not cause a loss of firm value after adoption and goes on to provide alternative explanations for a number of additional conclusions reached in the studies cited by the Proponent. This study states in part as follows:

“Empirical analysis that attempts to measure the cross-sectional relationship between firm value and staggered boards, without accounting for the underlying characteristics driving the choice to have a staggered board, will find a negative relationship. Such an analysis will conclude wrongly that staggered boards cause lower firm value when it is actually low firm value causing the presence of the staggered board.

It is even theoretically possible that staggered boards actually create value for shareholders by allowing managers to extract higher premiums from acquirers and preventing hostile bidders who make inadequate offers from successfully taking over the firm (DeAngelo and Rice, 1983; Stulz, 1988). Stein (1988, 1989) argues that anti-takeover provisions may also enhance firm value by making managers less myopic. According to Stein, managers under constant threat of replacement are likely to make choices that boost short-term earnings rather than maximize the long-run value of the firm. Staggered boards align managers’ incentives so that they pursue the latter.”

FMC has delivered a 5-year compound annual growth in diluted earnings per share of 25.2% and a 5-year compound annual total stockholder return of 18.5%. Our classified board provision has been in place for almost 30 years and has served the Company and its stockholders well. Any suggestion in the academic literature that the presence of a classified board is theoretically harmful to firm value has no application to FMC, as demonstrated by our continuing successful performance.

Approval of this stockholder proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal. However, because the proposal is merely a recommendation to the Board of Directors and is not a binding stockholder proposal, its approval would not automatically result in the annual election of all directors. Elimination of the classified structure of the Board of Directors would require the amendment of the Company’s Restated Certificate of Incorporation, which requires the affirmative vote of 80% of all outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote, following a recommendation from the Board of Directors. Although the Board of Directors would consider such an amendment in the event this stockholder proposal is approved, the Board remains subject to its fiduciary duty to consider independently whether it believes the declassification of the Board to be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders generally.

In evaluating this proposal to declassify our Board, stockholders are encouraged to look at the history and performance of the Company, our record of creating stockholder value, the nature of our business and future growth opportunities, and our leadership structure. We believe that maintaining a classified board structure balances the need for stockholders to express their opinion on the Board’s performance, with the need for our directors to focus on the Company’s long-term success and maximize value for stockholders.

For the foregoing reasons, the Board of Directors recommends a vote **AGAINST** Proposal 5.

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III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominees for Director

Class II—New Term Expiring in 2015

Eduardo E. Cordeiro

Principal Occupation: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Cabot Corporation, a global specialty chemicals and performance materials company

Age: 44

Director Since: 2011

Mr. Cordeiro has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Cabot Corporation since 2009. He joined Cabot in 1998 and has held several corporate, business and executive management positions including General Manager of Cabot's Fumed Metal Oxides and Tantalum businesses and Vice President of Corporate Strategy. Prior to joining Cabot, Mr. Cordeiro was a consultant with The Boston Consulting Group and a founding partner of The Economics Resource Group. Mr. Cordeiro brings extensive strategy, finance and chemical industry experience to the Board. He has developed corporate strategy experience working for The Boston Consulting Group and more specifically chemical industry strategy experience leading Cabot's corporate strategy function for the last several years. He also brings deep financial experience having held multiple finance roles at Cabot over the last 12 years, including, most recently, the CFO position. Mr. Cordeiro also brings operational and chemical industry business experience to the Board having been General Manager for two of Cabot's core specialty chemical businesses.

Peter D'Aloia

Principal Occupation: Managing Director and member of the Board of Directors of Ascend Performance Materials Holdings, Inc., a producer of Nylon 66 and related chemicals

Age: 67

Director Since: 2002

Mr. D'Aloia has served as Managing Director and a member of the Board of Directors of Ascend Performance Materials Holdings, Inc. since June 1, 2009. From February 2000 until June 2008, Mr. D'Aloia served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Trane, Inc. (formerly American Standard Companies, Inc.). Prior to that, he was employed by AlliedSignal Inc. (now known as Honeywell), a diversified industrial company, most recently serving as Vice President-Strategic Planning and Business Development. He spent 28 years with AlliedSignal Inc. in diverse management positions, including Vice President-Taxes, Vice President and Treasurer, Vice President and Controller, and Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for the Engineered Materials sector. He is a member of the Boards of Directors of ITT Corporation and Wabco, Inc. Mr. D'Aloia's significant financial and business experience resulting from senior executive and financial roles in large manufacturing operations, and service as a director of other public companies, make him eminently qualified to be a director of the Company and to serve as a financial expert on the Audit Committee.

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C. Scott Greer

Principal Occupation: Principal, Greer and Associates, a private investment management firm

Age: 61

Director Since: 2002

Since June 2006, Mr. Greer has been a principal in Greer and Associates, a private investment management firm. Until June 2005, he was Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Flowserve Corporation, a manufacturer of industrial flow management equipment. He served as Chairman from April 2000 and as its President and Chief Executive Officer from January 2000. Mr. Greer joined Flowserve Corporation in 1999 as President and Chief Operating Officer. In March 2005, without admitting or denying the SEC's charges, Mr. Greer consented to the issuance by the SEC of an administrative order concluding that he caused Flowserve to violate the SEC's periodic reporting requirements and Regulation FD, and he consented to the entry of a final judgment requiring him to pay a related \$50,000 civil penalty. Prior to joining Flowserve, Mr. Greer was President of UT Automotive, a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation, a supplier of automotive systems and components, from 1997 to 1999. He was President and a director of Echlin, Inc., an automotive parts supplier, from 1990 to 1997, and its Chief Operating Officer from 1994 to 1997. Mr. Greer served on the Board of Directors of Washington Group from 2002 to 2007. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of eMedicalFiles, Inc. Mr. Greer's experience in senior executive roles, including as Chairman and CEO of a publicly-traded global manufacturing operation, as well as his service as a director of other public companies, enable him to make a significant contribution as a director of the Company.

Paul J. Norris

Principal Occupation: Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of W. R. Grace & Co., a manufacturer of specialty chemicals

Age: 64

Director Since: 2006

Until May 2005, Mr. Norris served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of W. R. Grace & Co., a manufacturer of specialty chemicals. Mr. Norris was actively engaged in W. R. Grace's businesses for the six years prior to his retirement as Chief Executive Officer. He resigned as a member of W. R. Grace's Board of Directors in February 2010. Mr. Norris joined W.R. Grace as President and CEO in November 1998 and became Chairman in January 1999. W. R. Grace filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in April 2001. Prior to joining W.R. Grace, Mr. Norris was at AlliedSignal Inc. (now known as Honeywell) for nine years and served as Senior Vice President and President, Specialty Chemicals, from 1997 to 1998; President, AlliedSignal Polymers Division from 1994 to 1997; and President, AlliedSignal Chemicals & Catalysts (formerly Fluorine Products Division) from 1989 to 1994. From 1981 to 1989, Mr. Norris served in various executive capacities with Engelhard Corporation (now a part of BASF Corporation), including President of Catalysts and Chemicals, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Catalysts, and Vice President and Business Director for Petroleum Catalysts. Mr. Norris has previously served on the Board of Directors of Borden Chemicals, Inc., Ecolab, Inc. and Nalco Holding Company. He is the Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sealy Corporation, and performs advisory services for Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., currently the major stockholder of Sealy Corporation. As the former Chairman and CEO of a specialty chemical company and with over 30 years in the chemical industry, Mr. Norris has significant business experience relevant to the Company which makes him well qualified to serve as a director.

Class I—Term Expiring in 2014

William H. Powell

Principal Occupation: Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The National Starch and Chemical Company, a producer of specialty polymers, electronic and engineering materials, and specialty food ingredients

Age: 66

Director Since: 2011

Mr. Powell retired as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The National Starch and Chemical Company in 2006. He joined National Starch in 1976 and held numerous management and executive positions in the company. When National Starch was a subsidiary of the UK chemical company ICI PLC, Mr. Powell was an Executive Vice President and a director of ICI PLC. Prior to joining National Starch, he was with Novamont Corporation and Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., and served as an officer in the United States Air Force. He currently serves as a non-executive director for Granite Construction Incorporated and PolyOne Corporation. Mr. Powell's deep background in the chemical industry, his global expansion and innovation systems experience, his extensive public company board service, and his role as a chief executive officer during periods of growth add great value to the Board of the Company.

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Directors Continuing in Office

Class I—Term expiring in 2014

Edward J. Mooney

Principal Occupation: Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Nalco Chemical Company

Age: 70

Director Since: 1997

From March 2000 to March 2001, Mr. Mooney served as Délégué Général—North America, Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux. He was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Nalco Chemical Company from 1994 to 2000. He serves as a director of The Northern Trust Company, FMC Technologies, Inc., Cabot Microelectronics Corporation, and PolyOne Corporation. Mr. Mooney's prior role as Chairman and CEO of a publicly-traded chemical company, as well as his service on a number of other public company boards, have provided him with valuable experience facing issues relevant to the Company.

Vincent R. Volpe, Jr.

Principal Occupation: Chief Executive Officer and President of Dresser-Rand Group, Inc., an industrial equipment supplier

Age: 54

Director Since: 2007

Mr. Volpe is the Chief Executive Officer, President and a director of Dresser-Rand Group, Inc., a leading supplier of rotating equipment solutions to the worldwide oil, gas, petrochemical and process industries. He has served in those positions since his election in September 2000. Previously he served as Chief Operating Officer of Dresser-Rand Group, Inc. from 1999 until September 2000. Since joining Dresser-Rand in 1981, Mr. Volpe has held several diverse management positions. Most recently, he served as President, Turbo Products Division from 1997-1999; President-Europe from 1996-1997; Vice President and General Manager, Turbo Products Division-European Operations from 1993-1996; Executive Vice President, European Operations from 1992-93; Vice President, Marketing and Engineering, Steam & Turbo Products-European Operations. Mr. Volpe is currently a Trustee of St. Bonaventure University and an advisor to the Board of Directors of Archbishop Walsh High School (Olean, NY). In his current role as the CEO of a large manufacturing company and with his significant international experience, Mr. Volpe has the experience necessary to provide valuable oversight to the Company in the conduct of its business.

Class III—Term Expiring in 2013

Pierre Brondeau

Principal Occupation: President, CEO and Chairman, FMC Corporation

Age: 54

Director Since: 2010

Mr. Brondeau was elected Chairman of the Company in October 2010. Before joining the Company as President and Chief Executive Officer in January 2010, Mr. Brondeau served as President and Chief Executive Officer, Dow Advanced Materials Division, until his retirement in September 2009. Prior to Dow's acquisition of Rohm and Haas Company in April 2009, he was President and Chief Operating Officer of Rohm and Haas from May 2008. Mr. Brondeau held numerous executive positions during his tenure at Rohm and Haas from 1989 through May 2008. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of TE Connectivity and Marathon Oil Corporation. Mr. Brondeau's current role as President, CEO and Chairman of the Company and his former senior executive positions in the chemical industry make him an important contributor to the Board.

Dirk A. Kempthorne

Principal Occupation: President and CEO, American Council of Life Insurers

Age: 60

Director Since: 2009

Governor Kempthorne was appointed to his current position with the American Council of Life Insurers in November 2010. Prior to that, he served as the 49th United States Secretary of the Interior from June 2006 until January 2009. From January 1999 until his appointment as Secretary of the Interior, Governor Kempthorne served as the Governor of Idaho. He was also a United States Senator representing the State of Idaho from 1993 to 1999 and was the Mayor of Boise, Idaho from 1986 to 1993. Governor Kempthorne has been Chairman of the National Governors Association, Chairman of the Western Governors Association and President of the Council of State Governments. He also served as a member of the Homeland Security Task Force. Governor Kempthorne is a member of the Board of Directors of Olympic Steel. His lengthy experience in government, both on the federal and state level, makes Governor Kempthorne well qualified to serve as a director of the Company, which interfaces with numerous regulatory agencies in several facets of its operations.

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Robert C. Pallash

Principal Occupation: President, Global Customer Group and Senior Vice President of Visteon Corporation, an automotive parts manufacturer

Age: 60

Director Since: 2008

Mr. Pallash has served as President, Global Customer Group and Senior Vice President of Visteon Corporation, an automotive parts manufacturer, since January 2008. From August 2005 to January 2008, Mr. Pallash was Senior Vice President, Asia Customer Group for Visteon. He joined Visteon in September 2001 as Vice President, Asia Pacific. Visteon filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in May 2009 and exited in October 2010. Prior to joining Visteon, Mr. Pallash served as President of TRW Automotive Japan from 1999. Mr. Pallash serves on the Board of Directors of Halla Climate Controls in South Korea, a majority-owned subsidiary of Visteon Corporation. Mr. Pallash's international experience, particularly in Asia where the Company seeks to grow its business, enables him to bring significant value as a member of the Board.

IV. INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Meetings

During 2011, the Board of Directors held five regular meetings and one telephonic meeting. All incumbent directors attended at least 75% of the total number of meetings of the Board and all Committees on which they served.

Committees and Independence of Directors

The Board of Directors has five standing Committees: an Audit Committee, a Compensation and Organization Committee, a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, an Executive Committee, and a Sustainability Committee.

The Audit Committee, Compensation and Organization Committee, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are all composed of non-employee directors, each of whom has been determined by the Board to be independent on the basis set forth below. With the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Brondeau, no director or nominee is currently, or was within the past three years, employed by the Company, its subsidiaries or affiliates

The Board has affirmatively determined that none of the non-employee directors has any material business, family or other relationship with the Company, its subsidiaries or affiliates other than as a director, and that they all qualify as independent. Specifically, the independent directors are Messrs. Cordeiro, D'Aloia, Greer, Kempthorne, Mooney, Norris, Pallash, Powell, Sosa, and Volpe. In order to be considered independent by the Board, a director or nominee must meet the requirements set forth in the SEC and New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") rules regarding independence.

Messrs. Volpe and D'Aloia are executive officers of businesses that have engaged in transactions with the Company within the past three years. The Board has determined that none of these transactions, individually or in the aggregate,

were material to either the Company or the other entity, and that the transaction amounts involved fall well below the thresholds established by the NYSE for determining independence. FMC's purchases from Dresser-Rand Group, Inc., for which Mr. Volpe served as an executive officer, were \$1,476,891 in 2009, \$404,899 in 2010, and \$373,430 in 2011. There were no FMC sales to Dresser-Rand Group, Inc. during that three-year period. FMC purchases from Ascend Performance Materials Holdings, Inc., for which Mr. D'Aloia served as an executive officer, were \$53,751 in 2009, and there were no other transactions during the period 2009-2011. On that basis, the Board has concluded that Messrs. Volpe and D'Aloia meet the independence standards applied by the Board.

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Audit Committee

The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter that outlines the duties of the Audit Committee, including conducting an annual self-assessment. A copy of the Charter is posted on the Company's website, as described in the section below entitled "Corporate Governance Documents". The principal duties of this Committee, among other things, include:

- Review the effectiveness and adequacy of the Company's internal controls

- Review the annual report, proxy statement and periodic SEC filings such as the Company's reports on Form 10K and 10Q, including Management's Discussion and Analysis, and ensure that the Company's financial reports fairly represent its operations

- Review the effectiveness, scope and performance of activities of the independent registered public accounting firm and the internal auditor function

- Review significant changes in accounting policies

- Select the independent registered public accounting firm and confirm its independence

- Review potentially significant litigation

- Review federal income tax issues

- Review the Company's policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management

- Review with management the Company's earnings releases

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Monitor the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements

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Pre-approve audit and non-audit services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm

Members: Mr. D'Aloia (Chair), Mr. Cordeiro, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Pallash, and Mr. Volpe. The Board of Directors has determined that both Messrs. D'Aloia and Cordeiro meet the SEC requirements for an "audit committee financial expert" and all current members of the committee are "financially literate" as required by the NYSE. The Board has also determined that no current Committee member sits on the audit committee of more than three public companies.

Number of Meetings in 2011: 6

Compensation and Organization Committee

The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter that outlines the duties of the Compensation and Organization Committee, including conducting an annual self-assessment. A copy of the Charter is posted on the Company's website, as described in the section below entitled "Corporate Governance Documents".

The principal duties of this Committee are discussed more fully in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, and include, among other things:

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Review and approve compensation policies and practices for senior executives

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Review as necessary the Company's compensation programs, policies and practices with respect to risk assessment

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Establish the total compensation for the Chief Executive Officer

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Review and approve major changes in the Company's employee benefit programs

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Approve Annual Incentive awards and equity awards and grants made under the Company's Incentive Compensation and Stock Plan

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Review the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and based on such review, recommend to the Board of Directors that it be included in the annual proxy statement

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Review significant organizational changes and management succession planning

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Recommend to the Board of Directors candidates for officers of the Company

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Evaluate the Chief Executive Officer and oversee evaluation of management performance

Members: Mr. Mooney (Chair), Mr. Greer, Mr. Norris, Mr. Powell and Mr. Sosa (retiring in April 2012).

Number of Meetings in 2011: 3

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter that outlines the duties of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, including conducting an annual self-assessment. A copy of the Charter is posted on the Company's website, as described in the section below entitled "Corporate Governance Documents". The principal duties of this Committee, among other things, include:

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Review and recommend candidates for director

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Recommend Board of Directors meeting formats and processes

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Oversee corporate governance, including an annual review of governance principles

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Review and approve director compensation policies, including the determination of director compensation

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Oversee Board of Directors and Committee evaluation procedures

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Determine director independence

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Recommend whether to accept or reject a director resignation or take other action, where a director has failed to receive a majority of votes cast in an uncontested director election

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Members: Mr. Greer (Chair), Mr. Cordeiro, Mr. D'Aloia, Mr. Kempthorne and Mr. Volpe.

Number of Meetings in 2011: 3

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Executive Committee

The Executive Committee acts in place of the Board of Directors when the full Board of Directors is not in session.

Members: Mr. Brondeau (Chair), Mr. D'Aloia and Mr. Mooney.

Number of Meetings in 2011: The Executive Committee did not meet in 2011.

Sustainability Committee

The former Public Policy Committee has been reconstituted as the Sustainability Committee. Although a written charter has not yet been approved, the principal duties of this Committee are intended to include:

- Monitor the Company's sustainability initiatives, including goals and objectives and progress towards achieving same
- Monitor the Company's environmental responsibility, employee occupational safety and health, and process safety programs
- Monitor the Company's programs with regard to the American Chemistry Council's Responsible Care® initiative

Members: Mr. Kempthorne (Chair), Mr. Norris, Mr. Pallash, Mr. Powell and Mr. Sosa (retiring in April 2012).

Number of Meetings in 2011: 1

Director Who Presides Over Executive Sessions

In accordance with the FMC Corporation Statement of Governance Principles, Policies and Procedures, the non-employee members of the Board of Directors meet in regularly scheduled executive sessions without management. The Lead Director, Mr. Mooney, presides over these sessions. See the section below entitled "Board Leadership Structure" for additional information regarding the role of the Lead Director. In addition, see the section below entitled "Communicating with the Board" for procedures for communicating with Mr. Mooney.

Director Compensation

The table below shows the total compensation paid to each non-employee director who served on the Board during 2011.

Compensation Policy

The Company maintains the FMC Corporation Non-Employee Directors Compensation Policy (formerly the FMC Corporation Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors) to provide for the compensation described in the table below. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving director compensation. The Non-Employee Directors Compensation Policy is not applicable to directors who are also employees of the Company. Accordingly, Mr. Brondeau received no additional compensation for his service as a director. For a description of the compensation paid to Mr. Brondeau for his service during 2011 as our CEO, see below under the heading “Executive Compensation”.

Retainer and Fees

Currently, each non-employee director is paid an annual retainer of \$75,000 or a pro rata amount for any portion of a year served. At least \$26,250 of the annual retainer is paid in fully vested restricted stock units. The remainder is paid in quarterly installments in cash, or, at his/her election, the director may be compensated in additional restricted stock units. Restricted stock units paid in respect of the annual retainer are subject to forfeiture on a pro rata basis if the director does not serve for the full year in respect of which the retainer is paid. The forfeiture condition is waived in the event of a change in control of the Company or if the director’s service ceases due to his or her death or disability. Each non-employee director is reimbursed for reasonable incidental expenses. Each director who chairs a Committee is paid an additional \$10,000 per year except the Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Chairman of the Compensation and Organization Committee, each of whom is paid \$15,000 per year. Audit Committee members also receive an additional \$5,000 annual retainer. The Lead Director is paid an additional \$25,000 annual retainer.

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Annual Grant of Restricted Stock Units

Currently, each non-employee director also receives an annual grant of restricted stock units having a value of \$100,000 on the date of grant. These restricted stock units vest at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held in the year following the date of grant or, if sooner, upon a change in control of the Company. In addition, these restricted stock units will vest on a pro rata basis if the director dies before the Annual Meeting at which the units would have otherwise vested.

Payment of Vested Restricted Stock Units

A director is permitted to specify, prior to the year in which the restricted stock units are credited, the date upon which he/she wishes to receive payment in Common Stock of the fully vested restricted stock units. The directors' ability to sell any distributed shares remains subject to the restrictions of the Company's Director Stock Ownership Policy, which policy is described below.

Other Compensation

Non-employee directors receive dividend equivalent rights on all restricted stock units awarded as part of their annual retainers and on any vested restricted stock units awarded as an annual grant. Such dividend equivalent rights are credited in the form of additional restricted stock units equal in value to the cash dividends paid to stockholders. No other remuneration is paid to non-employee directors for services as a director of the Company. Non-employee directors do not participate in the Company's nonqualified deferred compensation plan or employee benefit plans, including, but not limited to, the qualified and nonqualified pension plans. The Company supports the charitable donations of directors under its matching gifts plan that provides a dollar-for-dollar match of gifts up to \$10,000 per year (\$15,000 in 2012), to certain educational institutions, arts and cultural organizations, and conservation and civic organizations.

Director Stock Ownership Policy

The Company has established guidelines setting expectations for the ownership of Company stock by directors. The Director Stock Ownership Policy requires that directors hold a minimum of five times the value of the annual cash retainer, or \$375,000. For this purpose, undistributed shares underlying restricted stock units (both vested and non-vested) are considered "held" by a director. Directors are not permitted to sell shares of Company stock, other than to satisfy tax liabilities triggered by Company equity grants, until they are within 5 years from mandatory retirement (a director's mandatory retirement date is the date of the Company's first Annual Meeting that occurs on or after the director's attainment of age 72). If they have less than 5 years until mandatory retirement but at least 4 years, they may sell up to 20% of their shares of Company stock in excess of the "five times" threshold (their "excess shares"). If they have less than 4 years until mandatory retirement but at least 3 years, they may sell up to 40% of the excess shares they then hold. If they have less than 3 years until mandatory retirement but at least 2 years, they may sell up to 60% of the excess shares they then hold. Finally, if they have less than 2 years until mandatory retirement, they may sell any excess shares they then hold. The policy ceases to apply to a director once he or she ceases to serve as a director, and exceptions may be granted by the disinterested members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee on a case by case basis. One such exception for long-service director Mr. Mooney was granted for sales in 2011 in connection with retirement planning requirements.

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Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards	Option Awards	Non-Equity		Change in Pension	All Other Compensation	Total
				Incentive Plan Compensation	Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings			
(a)	(\$)	(\$) ⁽¹⁾	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$) ⁽²⁾	(\$)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(h)
Patricia A. Buffler ⁽³⁾	8,500	0	—	—	—	—	5,159	13,659
Eduardo E. Cordeiro	24,427	111,913	—	—	—	—	155	136,495
G. Peter D'Aloia	72,917	126,240	—	—	—	—	1,409	200,566
C. Scott Greer	63,208	126,240	—	—	—	—	960	190,408
Dirk A. Kempthorne	56,208	126,240	—	—	—	—	320	182,768
Edward J. Mooney	94,958	126,240	—	—	—	—	2,609	223,807
Paul J. Norris	3,000	175,059	—	—	—	—	7,441	185,500
Robert C. Pallash	8,000	175,059	—	—	—	—	4,033	187,092
William H. Powell	22,343	111,913	—	—	—	—	155	134,411
Enrique J. Sosa	25,500	175,059	—	—	—	—	5,564	206,123
Vincent R. Volpe, Jr.	12,500	175,059	—	—	—	—	3,153	190,712

(1) The amounts in Column (c) reflect the grant date fair value of directors' stock awards for 2011 computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. The grant date for Messrs. D'Aloia, Greer, Kempthorne, Mooney, Norris, Pallash, Sosa and Volpe was May 1, 2011 and the number of shares granted was based on a closing price of \$88.28 as of April 29, 2011; the grant date for Messrs. Cordeiro and Powell was June 1, 2011 and the number of shares granted was based on a closing price of \$81.51. The aggregate number of restricted stock units outstanding at fiscal year-end for each non-employee

director is as follows: Mr. Cordeiro, 1,375; Mr. D'Aloia, 3,926; Mr. Greer, 2,413; Mr. Kempthorne 1,434; Mr. Mooney, 5,998; Mr. Norris, 14,875; Mr. Pallash, 8,800; Mr. Powell, 1,375; Mr. Sosa, 4,485; and Mr. Volpe, 7,169.

(2) This total includes the value of dividend equivalent rights, as well as Company charitable donations under the matching gifts plan, which are limited to \$10,000 per director per year. Such matching gifts included: for Dr. Buffler, \$4,500; and for Mr. Sosa, \$4,000.

(3) Dr. Buffler retired from the Board of Directors at the 2011 Annual Meeting (April 26, 2011) and her restricted stock units were paid out in Common Stock at that time.

Corporate Governance

Communicating with the Board

Stockholders and any interested parties may communicate with the Board of Directors, the Lead Director, Mr. Mooney, or any individual member of the Board as follows: Communications must be in writing, sent care of the Corporate Secretary, FMC Corporation, 1735 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. All communications with the Board, the Lead Director or any individual director will be delivered as addressed.

Director Nomination Process

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and other members of the Board identify candidates for consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. An executive search firm may also be utilized to identify qualified candidates for consideration. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee evaluates candidates based on the qualifications for director described in its Charter. These qualifications include, among other things, integrity, business experience, stature in their field of endeavor, diversity of perspective, ability to reach thoughtful, independent and logical judgments on difficult and complex issues, and whether the candidate meets the independence standard described in the section above entitled "Committees and Independence of Directors". In seeking candidates who possess diversity of perspective, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers candidates whose diversity is based on race, gender, industry experience, type of position held, or other board experience. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee then presents qualified candidates to the full Board of Directors for consideration and selection. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider nominees for election to the Board that are recommended by stockholders, applying the same criteria for candidates as discussed above, provided that a description of the nominees' qualifications for the directorship, experience and background, a written consent by a nominee to act as such, and other information specified in the By-Laws, accompany the stockholder's recommendation. In accordance with the Company's By-Laws, any stockholder nominations for election as directors at the 2013 Annual Meeting must be delivered to the Company at the address set forth below, not later than January 24, 2013. All nominations must be sent to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, care of the Corporate Secretary, FMC Corporation, 1735 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Directors appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy outside of the Annual Meeting are required, regardless of the term remaining in the class to which such director is assigned, to agree prior to such appointment to resign and stand for election by the stockholders at the Annual Meeting following the appointment.

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Attendance at Annual Meetings

The Company's policy is that all directors are expected to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. All incumbent directors attended the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Stockholder Proposals for the 2013 Annual Meeting

Stockholders may make proposals to be considered at the 2013 Annual Meeting. In order to make a proposal for consideration at the 2013 Annual Meeting, a stockholder must deliver notice to the Company at the address set forth below, containing certain information specified in the By-Laws, not less than 60 or more than 90 days before the date of the meeting. However, if the Company provides less than 70 days' notice of public disclosure of the date of the 2013 Annual Meeting, then the deadline for the stockholder's notice and other required information is 10 days after the date of the Company's notice or public disclosure of the date of the Annual Meeting.

In addition to being able to present proposals for consideration at the 2013 Annual Meeting, stockholders may also be able to have their proposals included in the Company's proxy statement and form of proxy for the 2013 Annual Meeting. In order to have a stockholder proposal included in the proxy statement and form of proxy, the proposal must be delivered to the Company at the address set forth below not later than November 16, 2012, and the stockholder must otherwise comply with applicable SEC requirements. If the stockholder complies with these requirements for inclusion of a proposal in the Company's proxy statement and form of proxy, the stockholder need not comply with the notice requirements described in the preceding paragraph.

A copy of the Company's By-Laws may be obtained by writing to the Corporate Secretary, and all notices referred to above must be sent to the Corporate Secretary, FMC Corporation, 1735 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

Corporate Governance Documents

The Company's website is located at www.fmc.com. The following corporate governance documents are posted on the Investor Relations page of the website:

Audit Committee Charter

Compensation and Organization Committee Charter

FMC Statement of Governance Principles, Policies and Procedures (This document includes both the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter and the Company's Corporate Governance Principles.)

Board Leadership Structure

Currently the positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company are combined. Our Corporate Governance principles provide that the Board should consider the issue of separation of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer positions under the circumstances prevailing from time to time. When the positions are not separate, a Lead Director shall be appointed from among the independent directors. The Board has determined that the current Board structure, which combines the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman positions, and includes a Lead

Director, best serves the interests of the Company and its stockholders. Combining the two roles allows for clear accountability, effective decision-making, alignment with corporate strategy, and continuity of leadership, while maintaining full engagement of the independent directors. As set forth in the Corporate Governance Principles, the responsibilities of the Lead Director under this structure include: serving as the liaison between the Chairman and the independent directors, advising on information sent to the Board, approving meeting agendas and schedules, calling meetings of the independent directors, and presiding at all meetings at which the Chairman is not present, including executive sessions. Edward J. Mooney was appointed Lead Director in July 2010 for an initial term of two years.

Board's Role in Overseeing the Risk Management Process

As part of the Company's risk management process, the Board regularly discusses with management the Company's major risk exposures, their potential financial impact on the Company, and the steps the Company takes to manage them. The Board also reviews the designation of the management person or entity responsible for managing such risks, and evaluates the steps being taken to mitigate the risks. The Board's monitoring role is carried out by either the full Board or a Committee that reports to the Board, depending on the risk in question. The Board has determined that a separate Risk Committee is not warranted at this time.

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Code of Ethics and Business Conduct Policy

The Company has a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct Policy that applies to all directors, officers (including its Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Controller) and employees. It is posted on the Investor Relations page of the Company website at www.fmc.com. The Company intends to post any amendments to, or waivers from, the Policy required to be disclosed by either SEC or NYSE regulations on its website.

Compensation and Organization Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

The members of the Compensation and Organization Committee (“Committee”) are: Messrs. Mooney, Greer, Norris, Powell and Sosa (retiring in April 2012). All members of the Committee are non-employee directors, each of whom has been determined by the Board to be independent on the basis described in the above section entitled “Committees and Independence of Directors.” No member of the Committee has been an officer or employee of the Company, and no executive officer of the Company has served on any board of directors or compensation committee of any other company for which any of the Company’s directors served as an executive officer at any time during 2011.

Related Party Transactions Policy

The Board of Directors Statement of Policy with respect to Related Party Transactions sets forth the Company’s position and procedures with respect to review, approval or ratification of related party transactions, including the types of transactions addressed by the Policy, and the corporate function responsible for applying the Policy and related procedures.

Under the Policy, “related parties” are defined to include executive officers and directors of the Company and their immediate family members, a stockholder owning in excess of 5% of the Company, and entities in which any of the foregoing have a substantial ownership interest or control. With respect to any transaction where a related party receives a benefit in excess of a de minimis amount of \$5,000, the Policy requires that the transaction be pre-approved (or, if less than \$120,000, ratified) by the Audit Committee and disclosed where required by SEC rules. The Policy also provides that any related party who is presented with a “corporate opportunity” within the Company’s line of business, must first offer that opportunity to the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an ordinary course of business transaction between the Company and an entity of which a director of the Company is an executive officer or significant stockholder, provided the director does not otherwise have a material interest in the transaction, the Policy provides a different standard for the review and approval of transactions that involve payments in any year to or from the Company in excess of either: (i) 1% of the Company’s annual consolidated revenue or (ii) the greater of \$1 million and 1% of the other entity’s consolidated revenue. If the transaction does not exceed the above-mentioned thresholds (and the director does not have a material interest in the transaction), the transaction will be reviewed by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee as part of its review of director independence. If the director does have a material interest in the transaction, regardless of whether the above-mentioned thresholds are exceeded, the transaction must be approved or ratified by the Audit Committee in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

In the event of an ordinary course of business transaction that exceeds the above-mentioned thresholds where the director does not have a material interest, the transaction is not required to be pre-approved by the Audit Committee. Instead, the Audit Committee will review the transaction as soon as possible and will determine whether to either ratify or disallow the transaction. In the case of any such transaction associated with prospective directors, review and

approval by the Audit Committee must occur prior to the director's election. After approval or ratification, in each case the director will provide updated information at least annually on the aggregate payments involved in the transaction. This information will be reviewed by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in connection with its review of directors' independence. If the aggregate amounts involved in the transaction exceed the thresholds noted above, the Audit Committee shall be required again to review and ratify the transaction.

There were no related party transactions required to be approved or ratified by the Audit Committee under the Policy or disclosed pursuant to SEC rules. Notwithstanding the foregoing, please see information relating to non-material transactions within the past three years between the Company and the organizations of which Mr. Volpe and Mr. D'Aloia are executive officers, in the above section entitled "Committees and Independence of Directors".

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The following table shows, as of December 31, 2011, the number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by each current director or nominee for director, the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table, and all current directors, nominees for director and executive officers as a group. Each director or nominee and each executive officer named in the Summary Compensation Table beneficially owns less than one percent of the Common Stock.

Name	Beneficial Ownership	
	on December 31, 2011	
	FMC Common Stock	Percent of Class
Pierre Brondeau ⁽¹⁾	120,083	*
Eduardo E. Cordeiro ⁽²⁾	288	*
G. Peter D' Aloia ⁽²⁾	26,698	*
W. Kim Foster ⁽¹⁾	119,706	*
C. Scott Greer ⁽²⁾	19,928	*
Dirk A. Kempthorne ⁽²⁾	3,250	*
Edward J. Mooney ⁽²⁾	4,865	*
Paul J. Norris ⁽²⁾	13,742	*
Robert C. Pallash ⁽²⁾	7,667	*
William H. Powell ⁽²⁾	2,288	*
Enrique J. Sosa ⁽²⁾	8,526	*
Milton Steele ⁽¹⁾	161,464	*
Vincent R. Volpe, Jr. ⁽²⁾	7,399	*
Andrea E. Utecht ⁽¹⁾	70,905	*
D. Michael Wilson ⁽¹⁾	100,262	*
All current directors, nominees and executive officers as a group—18 persons ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	786,766	1.1 %

* Less than one percent of class

(1) Shares “beneficially owned” include: (i) shares owned by the individual; (ii) shares held by the FMC Corporation Savings and Investment Plan for the account of the individual as of December 31, 2011; (iii) restricted stock units; and (iv) shares subject to options that are exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2011. Item (iii) includes restricted stock units which the holder has no power to vote or dispose of, but in respect of which the holder is entitled to a cash payment equal to the amount of any dividends paid by the Company on its

Common Stock. These units, first granted in 2008, are: 97,559 for Mr. Brondeau, 15,029 for Mr. Foster, 13,041 for Mr. Steele, 7,916 for Ms. Utecht, 15,381 for Mr. Wilson; and 165,566 for all current executive officers as a group. Item (iv) includes options to purchase 48,960 shares for Mr. Foster; options to purchase 19,132 shares for Mr. Steele; options to purchase 21,498 shares for Ms. Utecht; options to purchase 41,529 shares for Mr. Wilson; and options to purchase 164,377 shares for all current executive officers as a group.

(2) Includes vested restricted stock units credited to individual accounts of non-employee directors (see section above entitled “Director Compensation”). The number of restricted stock units credited to directors included in the table above is as follows: Mr. Cordeiro, 288; Mr. D’Aloia, 2,793; Mr. Greer, 1,280; Mr. Kempthorne, 301; Mr. Mooney, 4,865; Mr. Norris, 13,742; Mr. Pallash, 7,667; Mr. Powell, 288; Mr. Sosa, 3,352; and Mr. Volpe, 6,036.

Directors have no power to vote or dispose of shares represented by restricted stock units until the shares are distributed and, until such distribution, directors have only an unsecured claim against the Company. The holders of these restricted stock units will be credited with additional restricted stock units having a value equal to the amount of any dividends paid by the Company on its Common Stock.

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Other Security Ownership

Based on available information, the persons listed below beneficially own more than five percent of the Company's outstanding shares of Common Stock as of December 31, 2011:

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
Capital World Investors 333 South Hope Street Los Angeles, CA 90071, USA	7,905,000 shares ⁽¹⁾	11.2 %
BlackRock, Inc. 40 East 52 nd Street New York, NY 10022	5,986,011 shares ⁽²⁾	8.5 %
The Vanguard Group, Inc. 100 Vanguard Boulevard Malvern, PA 19355	3,878,081 shares ⁽³⁾	5.5 %

(1) Based on a Schedule 13G filing dated February 10, 2012, as of December 30, 2011, Capital World Investors had sole voting power and sole dispositive power as to all the shares.

(2) Based on a Schedule 13G filing dated February 10, 2012, as of December 30, 2011, BlackRock, Inc. had sole voting power and sole dispositive power as to all the shares.

(3) Based on a Schedule 13G filing dated February 10, 2012, as of December 30, 2011, The Vanguard Group, Inc. had sole voting power as to 99,889 of such shares and sole dispositive power as to 3,778,192 shares.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

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Compensation and Organization Committee

The Compensation and Organization Committee (“Committee”), composed entirely of independent directors, is guided by its charter to review and approve executive compensation policies and practices and to oversee their administration.

Committee Charter

The Committee’s Charter describes its duties, responsibilities and procedures. The Charter is available on-line at www.fmc.com under Corporate Governance. The Committee’s membership is determined by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. In 2011, the Committee met three times.

The Committee establishes total compensation for the chairman, president and chief executive officer (“CEO”) annually at its February meeting. The Committee reviews and evaluates the performance of the CEO and develops base salary and incentive payment recommendations for the review and approval of the full Board of Directors. The CEO does not participate in Committee or Board discussions regarding his own compensation.

The Committee, with the input of the CEO, also establishes compensation for all the other NEOs listed in Column (a) of the Summary Compensation Table. Specifically, the CEO evaluates the performance of the other NEOs annually and makes recommendations to the Committee each February regarding the compensation of those other NEOs. The CEO’s input is particularly important in connection with base salary adjustments, the issuance of “Key Manager Awards” and the determination of Annual Performance Incentive (“API”) ratings as part of our Annual Incentive program, each as further described below. In each of these instances, the process starts with the CEO’s recommendation and that recommendation is afforded great weight by the Committee. The CEO participates in Committee discussions regarding other NEOs’ compensation. The Committee views the CEO’s significant role in the compensation process for other NEOs, and the deference afforded to his recommendations, as appropriate in light of his greater familiarity with the day-to-day performance of his direct reports and the importance of incentive compensation in driving the execution of managerial initiatives developed and led by the CEO. That said, the Committee makes the ultimate determination regarding the compensation of each of the NEOs.

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The Committee Chairman provides a full accounting of the Committee's decisions to the Board of Directors following each Committee meeting. All new Committee members are provided a comprehensive executive compensation guide to facilitate their transition to the Committee by enhancing their understanding of the Company's executive compensation policies and practices.

The Committee recognizes its responsibility to maintain a competitive executive compensation program that will ensure the Company's ability to attract, motivate and retain top talent while at the same time aligning the financial interests of the executives with stockholders. Pay for performance and market-based compensation are important elements of the Company's compensation philosophy. The Company considers several measures of corporate performance, job performance and labor market dynamics in the design and administration of the NEO compensation arrangements described later in this section.

The Committee believes its compensation philosophy and the various components of its executive compensation program, when viewed objectively, ensure the necessary balance between the interests of stockholders and the need to reward executives appropriately for both short and long term financial and operational performance. Stockholders are given the opportunity to have a "say on pay" with an advisory vote, the results of which will be studied by the Board and its compensation consultant. Changes, if any, will be incorporated into the executive compensation program, when feasible to do so.

Consideration of Results of Stockholder Advisory Votes on Executive Compensation

At our 2011 Annual Meeting, we conducted our first advisory (non-binding) stockholder vote on executive compensation, as required by the Dodd-Frank Act. The Compensation and Organization Committee appreciates that over 93% of the shares voting approved the executive compensation discussed and disclosed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the Summary Compensation Table and other related tabular and narrative disclosures contained in the 2011 Proxy Statement. In considering the results of this most recent favorable advisory vote on executive compensation, the Compensation and Organization Committee takes note that the Company's current executive compensation program has been effective in implementing the Company's stated compensation philosophy and objectives. Nevertheless, the Compensation and Organization Committee recognizes that executive pay practices and notions of sound governance principles continue to evolve. Consequently, the Compensation and Organization Committee continues to refine our executive compensation practices in its on-going effort to ensure our executive compensation supports our corporate goals and values. The Compensation and Organization Committee intends to continue paying close attention to the advice and counsel of its compensation advisors and invites our stockholders to communicate any concerns or opinions on executive pay directly to the Compensation and Organization Committee or the Board. Please refer to "Communicating with the Board" on page 19 for information about communicating with the Board.

Also at the 2011 Annual Meeting, our stockholders expressed a preference that advisory votes on executive compensation occur on an annual basis. In accordance with the results of this vote, the Board determined to implement an annual advisory vote on executive compensation until the next required vote on the frequency of stockholder votes on the compensation of executives, which is scheduled to occur at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

The Compensation and Organization Committee believes that our stockholders will agree that its actions taken during and after fiscal year 2011 will only strengthen the effectiveness of our executive compensation programs. This year we are again providing stockholders with an opportunity to express their views on this topic in another stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation. For more information, please see "Proposal No. 3 – An Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation" on page 8.

Compensation Consultant

Meridian Compensation Partners LLC (“Meridian”) has been engaged by the Committee as its expert advisor on matters of executive compensation.

Meridian provided the Committee with advice and counsel on a broad range of executive compensation matters. The scope of their services included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Apprising the Committee of compensation-related trends and developments in the marketplace
- Informing the Committee of regulatory developments relating to executive compensation practices
- Providing the Committee with an assessment of the market competitiveness of the Company’s executive compensation
- Assessing the executive compensation structure to confirm that no design elements encourage excessive risk taking
- Assessing the relationship between executive compensation and corporate performance
- Recommending changes to the executive compensation program to maintain competitiveness and ensure consistency with business strategies, good governance practices and alignment with stockholder interests.

FMC did not engage Meridian for any other consulting work in 2011.

Compensation Philosophy

As previously stated, the Company’s compensation program for NEOs is designed to attract, motivate and retain top talent, to pay for performance and to align the financial interests of the NEOs with those of the Company’s stockholders. In designing compensation arrangements for NEOs, the Committee has considered the importance of:

- Balancing variable compensation components so that appropriate focus is put on achieving both short and long-term operating and strategic objectives
- Motivating the NEOs to achieve desired financial and operational results using sound business judgment and without inappropriate risk taking

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Ensuring that the achievement of key financial goals and strategic objectives is financially rewarding for the NEO.

The Committee believes that subjecting a significant percentage of total direct compensation (“TDC”) to performance conditions helps focus the executive on achieving key objectives that are important to delivering the performance expected by stockholders. The Committee has determined, based on an assessment of the Company’s executive compensation programs by its consultant, that its compensation policies and programs do not give rise to inappropriate risk taking or risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

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Components of Executive Compensation

The components of the Company’s compensation program with respect to NEOs include base salary, an annual incentive and a long-term incentive. Together, these three elements comprise the NEOs’ TDC.

The Company relies on both industry surveys and analysis of proxy statements from peer companies (the “Market”) to benchmark the components of its NEO compensation and to validate TDC, including the appropriate mix of cash and equity, as well as NEO benefits and perquisites. Proxy statement data may not be reported for jobs that are direct comparisons to jobs held by the Company’s NEOs. In such cases, the Company relies more on the broader survey data to benchmark elements of executive compensation. The Company also believes that internal equity is an important and necessary consideration in valuing jobs. The Company benchmarks TDC so that performance at target delivers compensation at approximately the 50th percentile of the Market. The Company may, as a matter of policy, adjust individual components of TDC to align with its general executive pay philosophy as described in the preceding section. However, the Company does not adjust components of TDC based on the amount of compensation earned by an NEO in any prior period.

Below are peer companies from which proxy data was used in the most recent executive compensation study completed in October 2011. The peer group is reviewed for comparability at the time of each biennial executive compensation study. In 2011, the Committee approved the addition of Ashland, Inc., Airgas, Inc., Huntsman Corporation, Celanese Corporation and Sigma-Aldrich Corporation to ensure quality position matching and in recognition of continuing industry consolidation.

Airgas, Inc.	International Flavors and Fragrances, Inc.
Albermarle Corporation	The Lubrizol Corporation
Ashland, Inc.	Nalco Holding Company
Cabot Corporation	Olin Corporation
Celanese Corporation	PPG Industries, Inc.
Chemtura Corporation	Rockwood Holdings, Inc.
Cytec Industries Inc.	Scott’s Miracle-GRO Company
Eastman Chemical Company	Sigma-Aldrich Corporation
Ecolab Inc.	The Valspar Corporation
Grace, (W.R.) & Company	Westlake Chemical Corporation
Huntsman Corporation	

Base Salary

Salary ranges for NEOs are established based on similar positions in other companies of comparable revenue, size and complexity included in the Market. Performance levels from “needs improvement” to “outstanding” are delineated within the salary range structure and provide guidance for the administration of salaries.

The Company establishes base salary range midpoints at the 50th percentile of the Market. Salary ranges are expressed as grades with each grade having a range from 75% to 125% of midpoint. This structure allows the Company to

differentiate in the delivery of base salary in accordance with its pay for performance philosophy.

Base salaries of the NEOs (except the CEO) are approximately 33-35% of TDC for the position. Mr. Brondeau's base salary is approximately 18% of his TDC, at target, reflecting the greater emphasis of his job being placed on long-term strategic priorities and less on day-to-day operational issues. In 2011, the base salary for each NEO was a slightly smaller percentage of TDC than in previous years, reflecting increases in LTI compensation targets, which resulted from a benchmark study of peer group companies conducted by Meridian. This weighting of base salary relative to TDC is consistent with the Company's compensation philosophy mentioned above, which emphasizes pay-at-risk for executives who are chiefly responsible for delivering short and long term financial results for stockholders.

Starting salaries are a function of an employee's skills, experience, expertise and expected job performance. Subsequent salary adjustments for the NEOs (except the CEO) are based on job performance as assessed by the CEO who recommends the appropriate base salary to the Committee for their approval. The Committee itself determines any salary adjustment for the CEO. Base salary reviews are part of the broader compensation review that occurs at the February meeting of the Committee.

In 2011, the Committee approved a base salary increase for Mr. Brondeau of 5.6%. The Committee also approved the CEO's recommendation for base salary increases of 5% for Messrs. Foster, Steele and Wilson and 7% for Ms. Utecht. (Salaries are set forth in Column (c) of the Summary Compensation Table.) These increases reflect the Company's pay-for-performance philosophy. Each NEO's performance in the prior year met or exceeded expectations for their major responsibility areas ("MRAs"). MRAs include, but are not limited to, financial management, customer relations, strategic planning and business development, operational excellence, staffing and talent management, performance management, and litigation management.

Annual Incentive

The Incentive Compensation and Stock Plan ("ICSP"), is a stockholder-approved plan designed to facilitate the grant of both short and long term incentives.

The Annual Incentive is a cash component of the ICSP that rewards NEOs for the achievement of key short-term objectives. It is designed to recognize and reward both individual and team achievement. The Committee reviews and approves the award design, performance measures and objectives. The Committee also reviews and approves the award results and payouts.

Annual Incentive targets are derived from prevailing Market data with consideration for internal equity. The Annual Incentive delivers at target, a cash payout that approximates the 50th percentile of the Market when objectives are met and a maximum of 2x target if objectives are exceeded. Annual Incentive compensation targets vary by position and are expressed as a percentage of base salary. For 2011, the Annual Incentive comprises 17-20% (at target) of the NEOs' TDC. In 2011, the Annual Incentive for each NEO was a slightly smaller percentage of TDC than in previous years, reflecting increases in LTI compensation targets, which resulted from a benchmark study of peer group companies conducted by Meridian. The Committee believes this percentage provides a meaningful incentive for short-term performance. All NEOs received an Annual Incentive payment for performance in 2011 (see footnote (2) to Column (g) of the Summary Compensation Table). For the first 10 months of 2011, Mr. Brondeau had an Annual Incentive Target of 100% and Mr. Foster and Ms. Utecht had Annual Incentive targets of 55%. On November 1, 2011, based on a comprehensive study of executive compensation, the targets were raised to 105% of base salary for Mr. Brondeau and 60% of base salary for Mr. Foster and Ms. Utecht. These changes aligned their compensation (at target) with the Market median. Each of the other NEOs had an Annual Incentive target of 65% of base salary for the entire year.

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The Annual Incentive is comprised of two components, a Business Performance Incentive (“BPI”) and an Annual Performance Incentive (“API”).

The BPI component is focused on key financial measure(s) such as net income, earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) and working capital. The CEO recommends to the Committee appropriate financial measure(s) for the corporation and each business unit. Actual BPI performance for the corporation and each business unit is reviewed and approved by the Committee following its review of year end financial results. Details concerning the specific BPI measures for each NEO in 2011 are provided in the section entitled “Annual Incentive Awards” in the narrative below the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table.

The API generally consists of a set of non-financial objectives specific to each NEO. The API factors may, in part, be subjective and may include measures such as the successful execution of strategy and growth initiatives, assessing and responding to changing market conditions, improving operating efficiency and safety performance, talent management, litigation management, and making timely management changes. An NEO’s performance against each objective is graded on a scale of zero to 2.0 (with performance at target levels yielding a rating of 1.0). The relative importance of each of these factors is then weighted based on the importance of the strategic initiatives and operating requirements of each business or function. The resulting weighted index yields an overall API rating between zero and 2.0. The CEO establishes API measures and objectives for other NEOs and evaluates performance against the objectives. API measures for the CEO are approved, and his performance against these measures is evaluated, by the Committee. At the end of each year, each NEO completes a self-assessment on his or her progress in satisfying each of his or her API objectives. The relevant evaluators (the CEO in the case of the other NEOs and the Committee in the case of the CEO) are provided by management with these reports as well as such other information as they may require to determine the satisfaction of each API objective. The evaluators will consider the self-assessment reports, but they are in no way bound by them. Ultimately, the evaluators will make their own determinations as to the extent to which each API objective is satisfied. Insofar as an API objective is subjective in nature, the evaluators will apply their own judgment in determining the extent to which it has been satisfied. All NEO Annual Incentive awards are approved during the February meetings of the Committee and the Board. Details concerning the specific API measures for each NEO in 2011 are provided in the section entitled “Annual Incentive Awards” in the narrative below the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table.

Long-Term Incentives

Long-Term Incentive (“LTI”) awards are also granted under the ICSP. LTI targets are derived from prevailing Market data with consideration for internal equity. The LTI award is designed to motivate, retain and directly link the NEOs’ long-term compensation with increases in stockholder value. The LTI target is based on position and is designed to deliver compensation at the 50th percentile of the Market. However, for better-than-Market performance, the LTI award can produce results that are above the LTI target. In 2011, the LTI targets for each NEO increased based on the results of a benchmark study of peer group companies conducted by Meridian. The Committee has broad discretion to approve the appropriate type(s) of LTI awards. For 2011, LTI compensation, at target, represents approximately 46-48% of TDC for NEOs other than Mr. Brondeau. Mr. Brondeau’s LTI is weighted at approximately 63% of TDC. This higher percentage for the CEO reflects the importance of his role in developing long-term strategic direction that creates sustainable stockholder value.

The Committee believes that LTI awards should compensate NEOs, in a meaningful way, for delivering sustainable long-term value to stockholders. LTI awards for the NEOs, except for the CEO, are recommended by the CEO and approved by the Committee. The LTI award for the CEO is recommended by the Committee and approved by the full Board of Directors. All LTI awards are approved during the February meetings of the Committee and the Board.

There is no set allocation between equity and cash for LTI awards. The Committee determines the allocation on a year-by-year basis. The Committee believes that a mix of equity and performance-based cash directly aligns the financial interests of NEOs and stockholders. In 2011, the LTI award was made up of one-third stock options, one third restricted stock units (paid in Common Stock when vested), and one third performance-based cash. In authorizing this mix of equity and cash, the Committee created incentives for higher levels of business performance (stock options and performance-based cash), and retention and ownership (restricted stock units) for the Company's key executives. (See the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table and Columns (e), (f) and (g) of the Summary Compensation Table.)

Generally, LTI awards are subject to forfeiture until the applicable vesting conditions are met, and LTI awards require continued Company service for a three year period (or a four year period in the case of a Key Manager Award, as further discussed below). However, participants age 62 and over, who are also eligible for early retirement, will vest in LTI equity awards (except for Key Manager Awards, which are subject to forfeiture upon retirement) on an accelerated basis at age 62 (or immediately upon grant, if the grant is received after age 62). Nevertheless, such participants are not entitled to receive the shares until they would have otherwise vested, except for an amount necessary to satisfy tax liabilities relating to the grant. Further, with respect to cash awards, participants age 62 and over who are also eligible for early retirement will be entitled to receive a pro rata portion of the cash award upon retirement, payable in a lump sum at the end of the three-year period.

Equity Awards

Annual Stock Option Grants

Stock options are granted as part of the LTI awards to NEOs subsequent to the release of the Company's earnings for the previous calendar year. In determining the number of options required to meet the compensation level approved for an NEO, the Company divides that portion of the LTI award value related to stock options by the fair value of the option based on a Black Scholes calculation using a 30-day average stock price for the period immediately preceding the February meeting of the Committee.

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The exercise price of all stock option awards to NEOs is equal to the closing price of the Company's stock on the date of grant.

Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units

In determining the amount of restricted stock or restricted stock units required to meet the compensation level approved for an NEO, the Company divides that portion of the LTI award value related to restricted stock or restricted stock units for that year by a 30-day average stock price for the period immediately preceding the February meeting of the Committee.

Special Restricted Stock Grants (Key Manager Awards)

The Key Manager Award ("KMA") is a restricted stock unit grant designed primarily as a recognition and retention program for outstanding management talent. While the Committee may also authorize the use of a KMA to attract key talent, most KMAs are issued in an effort to retain key management talent. The value of the KMA is established at a level that would be meaningful to the executive based on his/her compensation. Typically, these awards are approved for an executive only once during a four-year period. KMAs are generally subject to vesting over four years with no acceleration upon retirement. However, the Committee may choose to vary the vesting period based on its retention goals for a particular KMA recipient. In all other respects KMAs have the same characteristics as the restricted stock unit used as part of the LTI award, except that they remain subject to forfeiture upon retirement. KMAs are recommended by the CEO. The Committee may recommend a KMA for the CEO for approval by the full Board.

During 2011, no KMAs were granted to any NEO.

Performance-Based Cash

The CEO may recommend a performance-based cash component as part of the annual LTI award. When used, performance-based cash is linked to a multi-year corporate performance measure recommended by the CEO. The measure and corresponding objectives are approved by the Committee (or, in the case of awards to the CEO, recommended by the Committee and approved by the Board). Details of the 2011 and previous performance-based cash awards are provided in the subsection entitled "Long-Term Incentive Awards - Performance-Based Cash" of the narrative following the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table.

Potential Benefits Related to Change in Control or NEO Termination

The Company has entered into an executive severance agreement with each NEO that provides certain financial benefits in the event of a change in control. These are "double trigger" arrangements – i.e., severance benefits under these arrangements are only triggered by a qualifying event (see section of this proxy statement entitled "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control") that also results in the executive's termination of employment within 24 months of the event. Separately, in the event of a change in control (whether or not accompanied by the termination of an NEO's employment), the NEO's unvested LTI and KMA awards vest immediately. The Committee believes that the long-term interests of stockholders are best served by providing reasonable income protection for NEOs to address situations in which they may otherwise be distracted by their potential loss of employment. In addition, the Committee has approved benefit guidelines applicable to the NEOs in the event of the termination of their employment unrelated to a change in control, which are intended to provide reasonable transition assistance. The details of all such benefits are set forth in the section of this proxy statement entitled "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control".

Pension Benefits

All NEOs, except Mr. Brondeau, are eligible for retirement benefits under (i) a qualified defined benefit plan (the “Qualified Plan”) available on a non-discriminatory basis to all employees hired before July 2007 who meet the service criteria; and (ii) a nonqualified defined benefit plan (the “Nonqualified Plan”), which is designed to restore the benefits that would have been earned under the Qualified Plan, absent the limits placed by the Internal Revenue Code. The details of these defined benefit plans are set forth in the Pension Benefits Table 2011 and the narrative that follows it.

Stock Ownership Policy

The Company has established guidelines setting expectations for the ownership of Company stock by executive officers. The guidelines for stock ownership are expressed in multiples of two to five times the executive’s annual base salary.

The CEO ownership target is five times his base salary. The CFO has a target of three times his base salary. The other NEOs have ownership targets of two times their base salaries. These ownership guidelines are reviewed and, if necessary, adjusted every other year in conjunction with the formal market study of executive compensation. The most recent review of ownership guidelines occurred in October 2011, but that review did not result in any change to these guidelines.

Officers of the company, who are subject to ownership targets, have a period of up to five years from the date of their election or appointment to meet the guidelines. All NEOs are in full compliance with current ownership guidelines.

The Director Stock Ownership Policy is on page 18 of this proxy statement.

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Executive Compensation Tables

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE 2011

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Option Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Non-Equity	Change In	All Other Compensation (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	Total (\$)
						Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) ⁽²⁾	Pension Value (\$) ⁽³⁾		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
PIERRE BRONDEAU	2011	950,000	—	4,182,231	1,203,236	2,421,767	—	333,055	6,090,289
	2010	900,000	—	5,549,437	894,152	2,238,556	—	179,956	9,762,101
President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board	2009	—	—	283,824	288,851	835,936	752,796	53,565	2,814,548
W. KIM FOSTER	2010	571,463	—	491,933	255,119	929,348	949,268	55,342	3,252,473
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2009	551,250	—	192,781	194,801	409,941	1,048,926	52,443	2,450,142
MILTON STEELE	2011	516,810	—	224,459	228,464	816,720	779,311	47,201	2,612,965
	2010	492,200	—	437,642	200,190	874,721	856,151	55,734	2,916,638
President	2009	422,931	—	163,450	165,165	187,396	200,522	72,735	1,212,199
Agricultural Products Group	2009	460,000	—	177,538	179,429	459,231	1,047,038	59,200	2,382,436
D. MICHAEL WILSON	2011	451,479	—	206,633	210,317	482,977	328,558	52,816	1,732,780
	2010	429,980	—	662,010	184,265	833,709	236,135	48,879	2,394,978
President	2009	422,931	—	163,450	165,165	187,396	200,522	72,735	1,212,199
Specialty Chemicals	2009	422,931	—	163,450	165,165	187,396	200,522	72,735	1,212,199

Group

ANDREA	2011	403,642	—	183,410	186,682	546,720	316,492	48,556	1,685,502
UTECHT	2010	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Executive
Vice President

General
Counsel and
Secretary

2009

(1) There were no forfeitures of any of these awards during 2011. The amounts in these columns reflect the grant date fair value of stock and option awards computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 for 2009, 2010 and 2011. See Note (14) to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in the Company's report on Form 10K for the year ended December 31, 2011 for the assumptions used in the valuations that appear in this column. The awards in column (e) are comprised of restricted stock units.

(2) For 2011, the totals listed in this column include amounts earned under the Incentive Compensation and Stock Plan as follows: (i) with respect to the Annual Incentive for 2011, for Mr. Brondeau, \$1,843,990; for Mr. Foster, \$629,392; for Mr. Steele, \$626,504; for Mr. Wilson, \$307,841; and for Ms. Utecht, \$410,168; and (ii) with respect to the Performance-Based Cash component of the 2009-2011 Long-Term Incentive Award, for Mr. Brondeau, \$577,777; for Mr. Foster, \$206,544; for Mr. Steele, \$190,216; for Mr. Wilson, \$175,136; and for Ms. Utecht, \$136,552.

(3) For 2011, the amounts listed in this column are attributable to changes in the pension values under the Company's qualified and nonqualified defined benefit plans. Details of these defined benefit plans are set forth in the Pension Benefits Table 2011 and the narrative that follows.

(4) For 2011, the amounts stated in this column include: (i) with respect to the Company's matching contribution to the FMC Corporation Savings and Investment Plan, for Messrs. Brondeau, Foster, Steele, Wilson and Ms. Utecht, \$9,800; (ii) with respect to the Company's matching contribution to the FMC Corporation Non-Qualified Savings and Investment Plan, for Mr. Brondeau \$32,300; for Mr. Foster, \$20,352; for Mr. Steele, \$17,555; for Mr. Wilson, \$15,424; and for Ms. Utecht, \$19,541; (iii) with respect to the Company's core contributions to the Qualified and Nonqualified Savings and Investment Plans, for Mr. Brondeau, \$12,250 for the Qualified Plan and \$119,400 for the Nonqualified Plan; (iv) with respect to dividends paid on unvested restricted stock and restricted stock units, for Mr. Brondeau, \$55,157; for Mr. Foster, \$8,671; for Mr. Steele, \$8,503; for Mr. Wilson, \$10,546; and for Ms. Utecht, \$5,896. The amounts in this column also include the aggregate incremental costs for the following: for Mr. Brondeau, financial planning (\$25,000), personal use of the Company airplane (\$66,220), a golf club membership, and reserved parking; for Mr. Foster, executive long-term disability insurance, a golf club membership, and reserved parking; for Mr. Steele, financial planning and executive long-term disability insurance; for Mr. Wilson, financial planning, executive long-term disability insurance, a golf club membership and reserved parking; and for Ms. Utecht, financial planning, reserved parking and executive long-term disability insurance. The aggregate incremental cost for each of the foregoing perquisites and personal benefits that were quantified was calculated based on the full amount the Company paid for such benefit times the percentage of personal use not reimbursed to the Company.

The Summary Compensation Table lists all 2009, 2010, and 2011 compensation, as defined by the rules of the SEC, for the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and each of the three other most highly compensated executive officers. The base salary, Annual Incentives, and Long-Term Incentives (consisting of stock options, restricted stock or restricted stock units, and a performance-based cash component), paid or awarded to these officers were determined by the Compensation and Organization Committee, as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis. The material terms of the Annual Incentive and Long-Term Incentive awards are described in the narrative to the Grants of Plan Based Awards Table. The material terms of the qualified and nonqualified defined benefit plans, which are the basis for the accruals reported in Column (h) of the Summary Compensation Table above,

are described in the narrative to the Pension Benefits Table.

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GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS TABLE 2011

Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards ⁽¹⁾ (2)			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying	Exercise or Base Price of Option	Awards
	Threshold	Target	Maximum	Threshold	Target	Maximum	Units	Options	Awards	A
(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	
N/A	0 *	957,917 *	1,915,834 *	—	—	—				
2/17/11	451,200 **	1,128,000 **	2,256,000 **							